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Contemporary Worship Coordinators	Al & Sherri Adams
Council President	Rich Schueneman
Treasurer	Janet Brown
Ministers	All members of Our Savior's

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 9:30am Men's Bible Fellowship
4 8 Pentecost Food Pantry Sunday 8:30am Worship 9:30am Coffee & Fellowship 10:00am Worship 12:15pm Bus Trip	5 9:30am Prayer	6 9:00am Text Study 9:00am-1:00pm Good Samaritans 7:30pm Back to Jesus Bible Study	7 9:30am Bible Study 	8	9	10 9:30am Men's Bible Fellowship Brenna Winter & Collin Schroeder Wedding
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Pre K - 6th Grade News!

- **YOUTH FUN DAY GRADES K-3!** All youth who will be in grades K-3 this fall are invited to a Youth Fun Day at Kyla Fetsch's house on **Wednesday, August 14th from 1-4pm**. We will play water games, do activities and crafts, and have some fun snacks! Please RSVP to Kyla if your child plans to attend.
- **YOUTH FUN DAY GRADES 4-6!** All youth who will be in grades 4-6 this fall are invited to a Youth Fun Day at Kyla Fetsch's house on **Monday, August 12th from 4-7pm**. We will play water games, do activities, and enjoy a campfire grilling hot dogs and s'mores! Please RSVP to Kyla if your child plans to attend.
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL** Kick off is Sunday, September 8th— "Rally Sunday!" Watch for your information letter coming soon in the mail. If you are interested in teaching Sunday School, please contact Rhonda Broadwell.
- **KIDS FOR CHRIST** will kick off on Wednesday, September 11th! All youth entering grades K-6 this fall are welcome to join us after school each Wednesday until 5pm. Parents are responsible for getting their youth there. Please let Kyla know if your child plans to attend by September 9th.

Opportunity for All!

- **RALLY SUNDAY** is coming up on Sunday, September 8th and we will once again be celebrating "God's Work Our Hands" Sunday that day as well! Various volunteer opportunities will be available after the 11am worship service that day. To participate, sign up for the activity you wish to be a part of in advance, or just show up that day! It is a wonderful time to share our hands with others! Contact Kyla with questions or for more details.

Jr & Sr High Update!

- **MOVIE/POPCORN IN THE PARK** I am looking for 2-4 junior or senior high youth who would be willing to help make and serve popcorn for the "Movie in the Park" on Wednesday, August 14th starting at 6pm until the movie is over. If you are interested or have any questions, please feel free to contact Kyla.
- **CONFIRMATION** Families who will have a 7th, 8th, or 9th grade student this fall can watch for information regarding confirmation. We will have a meeting for all of these students, as well as their parents, on Wednesday, September 11th at 7pm. Confirmation Classes will begin on Wednesday, September 18th with supper at 6:00 and class from 6:30-8:00pm. If you have any questions regarding confirmation, please contact the church office or Pastor Emmy.
- **SENIOR HIGH LUNCH** will start up once again on Monday, August 26th at 12:15pm for all youth entering grades 9-12 this fall. We enjoy lunch, prayer, and devotion each Monday that there is school during the school year. Friends are always welcome!

My August office hours are most Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9-11am until the school year begins when it will switch to Mondays and Wednesdays from 9-11am. However, please feel free to contact me anytime at kylaoslc@outlook.com or 840-4540.

God's Blessings, Kyla Fetsch, Director of Youth Ministry

YOUTH DIRECTOR AND YOUTH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

August 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Youth Director Office Hours 9:00-11:00am	7 Youth Director Office Hours 9:00-11:00am	8	9	10
11	12 Kid's Fun Day for Grades 4-6! Join us at Kyla Fetsch's house from 4-7pm for water games, activities, and a campfire! Friends welcome! RSVP if you plan to attend!	13 Youth Director Office Hours 9:00-11:00am	14 Youth Director Office Hours 9:00-11:00am Kid's Fun Day for Grades K-3! Join us at Kyla Fetsch's house from 1-4pm for water games, activities, and snacks! Friends welcome! RSVP if you plan to attend! Youth Serving Popcorn for Music in the Park from 6-8pm	15	16	17
18	19	20 Youth Director Office Hours 9:00-11:00am	21 Youth Director Office Hours 9:00-11:00am First Day of School! Welcome back!	22	23	24
25	26 Youth Director Office Hours 9:00-11:00am Senior High Lunch 12:10-12:40pm	27	28 Youth Director Office Hours 9:00-11:00am	29	30	31



Blood Drive at Our Savior's

on Wednesday, August 14.

11:00am-6:30pm

Contact Liz at 701-840-2439 to donate.

Blood Drive will be downstairs.

Thank you



Do you bake pies?

Pies are needed for a Sheyenne Chaplaincy Council Fundraiser on Sunday, August 11. Please let Pastor Emmy know if you could provide a pie or two.

The **Jamestown Area Grief Support Team** is hosting a **Widow's Retreat** October 4th to 6th of 2019 at Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City, ND. This retreat is an opportunity for any woman who has experienced the death of her husband, whether recently or in the past, to explore and deal with her grief in a relaxing and supportive atmosphere. For more information or to receive a brochure and registration form, please call Eileen at 701-269-4521.



Annual Feed for the VCSU Viking Athletes!

We are again welcoming the VCSU Football and Volleyball Teams to dinner on Sunday, August 12th.

We are doing things a little different this year, so we are only in need of about 6 volunteers to help that evening with serving food and cleaning up from 5:30-8:00 p.m.

If you are interested and willing to help, there will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary. We are looking forward to providing these student-athletes with great food and fellowship!



Want a pew of your very own?

The pews from the main floor chapel are looking for new homes. The pews are 8' long. If you are interested in claiming a pew (or a few pews), please let Pastor Emmy know.



Would you like a free "Our Savior's Lutheran Church, God's Work. Our Hands." T-shirt?

Please let Pastor Emmy know what size you'd like by Friday, August 9th. Rev.emmy@gmail.com

Then, plan to join in God's Work. Our Hands.

Service Activities in on Sunday, September 8th in the afternoon. Watch for more information to come.



We've got a spot for you!

Can you help serve your church community?

- Flower Committee Volunteers water indoor plants and ensure there are flowers for the altar. Sign up for one month during the year.
- Altar Committee Volunteers prepare and clean-up Holy Communion. Sign up for one month during the year.
- Servant Group coordinators work with a partner to arrange hospitality for Sunday mornings and funeral.
- Ushers for the 2nd Service on the 2nd Sunday of the months are needed.
- Volunteers to run the power point for Contemporary Worship on a rotating basis are needed.

These are great opportunities to do with a friend, as a couple or family, or on your own.

Please contact the church office if you are interested in more information. Training is provided for all opportunities.



Women's Retreat

Sponsored by Eastern ND Synodical Women's Organization.

August 17, 2019

Maryvale Retreat Center, 11550 River Road, Valley City

Registration at 9:30 am

Retreat 10:00 am-3:00 pm

Speakers:

Cyndi Skorick, Burning Hearts Church, Fargo – Addiction Counselor

Jan Neslon, Founder HeartSprings Community Healing Center – Holistic Occupation Therapist



Sheyenne Valley Chaplaincy Council

Golf Scramble

Sunday, August 11th, 2019

Bjornson Public Golf Course, Valley City

Registration 1:00-1:45 pm

Tee Off 2:00 pm

Cost: \$35.00 per person/\$140 per team

Get a registration form the information counter
Supports the chaplaincy and spiritual care ministries of the Sheyenne Care Center.



Highlights from the July Congregation Council Meeting

The Community Closet is set to move into the former youth room. A group will work with Kalyn to get items moved. The Executive Committee has created a usage agreement with the Community Closet, in hopes of setting this opportunity up for success.

The Council reviewed a draft of an updated congregation constitution. Questions were gathered and conversation will be continued at the September meeting.

God's Work. Our Hand's Rally Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, September 8th. Ideas for service projects are welcomed.

Deaths: Myron Gene Singer, Jamie Paurus, Dorothy Kjelland, Eric Johnson, Terry Corwin

New Members: Bradley Edin

A copy of unapproved meeting minutes are posted near the information counter.

Apartment for Rent

For Rent: Unfurnished, ~950 sq. ft. two bedroom, 2nd floor apartment with hot water & heat included, stove, fridge, washer and dryer, private entrance with off street parking. Available immediately. (No pets or smoking) References. Call Bobby Koeplin 701-840-0250.



Reminders

During June, July, and August worship is at 8:30 and 10:00 am. Starting in September, worship times resume to 8:30 and 11:00 am.

Contemporary Worship is typically held on the 2nd and 3rd Sunday during the school year.



Back to Jesus Bible Study

Tuesday, August 6

7:30-8:30 pm, Gathering Room

August brings "Back to School" and back to routine for many folks. As you prepare for the fall, come and spend some time with Jesus. We'll explore some of Jesus' instructions from the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). You'll be encouraged and challenged in your faith, while you connect with others.

This is a one session study. No previous Bible Study experience necessary. Come as you are.

Food Pantry Sunday-August 4

There are many items that the Food Pantry is in need of each month. Some examples are: Diapers, soap, shampoo, paper products and snack foods and canned food. These items along with your generous donations each month are greatly appreciated.

Missionary Calendar

2019 Missionary Sponsorship Calendar is on the bulletin board across from the Church Office. For \$25/day you can sponsor a day and faithfully support the work of our ELCA missionaries, Anne and Willie Langdji, who serve as the ELCA Madagascar, West and Central Africa Regional Representatives; and also the work of Global Health Ministries. Thank you for your faithful and generous mission support.



Bible Book Club: Ephesians

August 20 at 1:00 pm – Gathering Room
Read the book and come to listen in or join in conversation.
A reading guide is available on the information counter.

Summary: Ephesians proclaims the unity of Jew and Gentile in one household of God and spells out real-life implications of the gift of reconciliation with God and with one's fellow human beings. After announcing the priority of God's action with the news that "by grace you have been saved through faith," the letter exhorts readers to live mature Christian lives by speaking the truth in love, by separating from pagan influences, and by being subject to one another out of reverence for Christ. From enterthebible.org

Radio broadcast of the 8:30 a.m. worship is on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. on KOVC 1490 AM. To sponsor a broadcast, please contact the church office. The cost is \$100 and may be gifted in memory or in honor of someone or a significant event. Your gift to this ministry is appreciated.



LET US PRAY

In June, we remembered the PAST.
In July, we celebrated the HERE and NOW.
In August, we pray for FUTURE.

Please join in praying together:
"You have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out in good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Red Willow Bible Camp Quilt Bazaar & Silent Auction

9:00am View Auction Items
Quilt Bazaar & Silent Auction
10:00am-Worship in Chapel
11:00-12:30-Buffer Lunch
12:15pm-Silent Auction closes in RC
1:00pm-Live Auction in Chapel
2:30pm-Raffle Drawing
3:00pm-Chapel Silent Auction closes

For Your Information

Church Office Hours

Monday-Friday 8:00am 3:00pm

Church Building Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-5:00 pm

Friday 8:00 am-3:00 pm

Saturday-Sunday 8:00 am-12:00 pm

Phone Numbers

Church Office 845-1328

Pastor Emmy Swedlund Cell-(701)552-2419

Pastor Kyle Symanski Cell-(708)467-8712

If we do not answer, please leave a message so that we can get back to you.



A prayer for all beginnings a new school year:
Almighty God, you give wisdom and knowledge. Grant teachers the gift of joy and insight, and students the gifts of diligence and openness, that all may grow in what is good and honest and true. Support all who teach and all who learn, that together we may know and follow your ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Lutheran World Relief School Kits Include the Following In Each School Kit

Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide-or-college ruled paper, "8X10 1/2 "; no loose leaf paper.

One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeter on one side and inches on the other.

One pencil sharpener

One pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well).

Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band.

One box of 16 or 24 crayons.

One-2 1/2 eraser.

One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, Approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

You may bring your donations of any of these items to the church. The kits will be assembled in September.



Members of the September Our Savior's Servants

Rich & Karen Schueneman 701-840-1733
Scott & Susan Jorissen 701-840-0165

Bruce & Kathy Anderson
Kristen Bear
Mary Creviston
Ken & Ila DeKrey
Harland & Myrna Haugen
Aaron & Natlie Heck
Daryl & Becky Heise
Larry Hetland
James & Andrea Jensen
Jim & Rachel Jensen
Preston & Chelsey Jensen
Nicole Karch
Melvin & Marilyn Olstad
Chad & Keri Ann Lahlum
Sandi Ley
Jeff Nathan
Shirley Nelson
Steve Robertsdahl
Steve & Vickie Ross
Sheryl Solberg
Russell & Lynette Stephens

Thank you to the July Our Savior's Servants and their Coordinators: Wendy McDaniel & Jill Kvilvang

Altar Committee Members:

Cheryl Olson & Jan Olafson

Flower Committee Members:

Beverly Velure & Ethel Gusaas

Thank you to our ushers who serve us every Sunday.



*Each month in 2019, our newsletter will highlight one of the ministries that make up Our Savior's Lutheran Church. This month we celebrate **WORSHIP!***

Worship as Practice

Worship is at the heart of the life of a church. Think about this: NFL football teams practice hard all week for a few hours of play on Sunday. Christians "practice our faith" for one hour a week on Sunday so that we can live it in our daily lives. In worship, we practice singing praise to God. We practice receiving forgiveness in the confession and forgiveness. We practice offering forgiveness in the sharing of the peace. We practice hearing God's leading in our life through listening to scripture and the sermon. We practice bringing our prayers before God. We practicing sharing during offering. We practice being connected with other people as we receive Holy Communion together.

A Space for God

Certainly, God is with us everywhere, but in worship we particularly remember that God is with us. We are so blessed to have a beautiful worship space at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. The stunning stained glass windows tell the story of Jesus. The bold beams remind us of the power of God. The intricate carvings in the chancel point us to the marvel that Holy Spirit brings into our life. In these and other ways, our sanctuary helps us to connect with the living God. Is there more we can do to enhance the space? Are there ways our worship space can be more welcoming?

A Spot for You

God understands that you don't always make it to worship, but your church community sure misses you. You can pray, sing, or read scripture on your own, but there is something different about doing that in community. Isn't it inspiring to sit next to a faithful parishioner who has come to worship week in and week out in the same pew for 50+ years? Isn't it encouraging to hear a small child boldly speak the Lord's prayer? Isn't it humbling to sit across the aisle from someone you disagree with? When we worship together, we more fully come to understand the depth and width of God's love.

There are all sorts of opportunities to provide leadership for the worship life of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Greeters and ushers provide hospitality. Readers proclaim the word of God, each week bringing a different voice. Choir members and contemporary worship leaders enhance our praise of God. Altar Committee and Flower Committee members prepare our space for us. Consider volunteering for one of these or another role. There's spot for you; you will be a blessing to your church community. Fill out a "Connection Card" found in the pew to show your interest.



The Community Closet's New Home

Imagine moving to North Dakota town with nothing but the clothes on your back and it is January. Picture needing to flee your home with only a pillow case full of clothing that you were able to grab when you were not being hit. Think for a moment that you have lost your job and you have five total people in your family to feed, shelter and find clothing until who knows when you can find the next job. These and countless other scenarios can and do happen in our community. They can happen to friends, family, and even ourselves.

Quoting Webster's Dictionary, community means, "a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests and goals." A community is only as strong as the people who live within it. The Community Closet is an organization with a mission to serve those in Barnes County but will help anyone who may need an "extra hand." The Closet provides clothing for all, birth to senior ages. Items are donated to the organization and then distributed, for free, at openings held throughout the year. When the Community Closet is not open, the organizer can open to those in need by arrangement.

I'm sure everyone of us could go into our closets at home and find a couple bags of clothing that we don't wear or use anymore. Particularly with children, who out grow their clothing so fast it looks brand new when they are finished with them. The Community Closet was created with that idea in mind. Valley City already has several clothing options available to our community but imagine again if money is tight and it is difficult to get ready for winter on a limited budget. The Community Closet is another option for people to come and meet their needs.

Starting August 2019, the Community Closet will be moving to its new location-the basement of Our Saviors Lutheran Church. Our organization will accept gently used or new clothing, blankets, towels, shoes, coats, winter gear, and kitchen items. We asked that items are washed since we do not have washing facilities available.

We accept donations by arrangement, so please message me on Facebook. Our page is named Valley City Community Closet. You may also contact me at, 701-840-8850 (cell phone) or at Sheyenne Valley Area Career and Technology Center, 701-845-0256. Please do not leave items at Our Saviors Lutheran Church. Let's make our community strong by helping one another!

Sincerely,
Kalyn Botz
The Community Closet



"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern the will of God..." – Romans 12:2

Romans 12:2...a familiar passage to many of us, and the scripture focus of the camps this year at Red Willow. Kids of all ages, many making the trip from Our Savior's and Valley City, will come together week after week to have fun and hopefully learn a little bit about what God's transformative love is all about.

The work of "renewing our minds" is constant work. It's part of our life long journey of faith and a task that is never completed. That work can take many forms, but while I am at camp, that work is taking the shape of reading, and of listening to and learning from many voices within God's beloved community. These voices tell stories of those who have been forgotten or ignored by the church because of their race, their gender, their sexuality, and their ethnicity, and yet who remind us that God calls us to the transformative work of crossing boundaries, breaking down walls, and quite simply, loving one another.

With what is left of this summer and into the fall, I am inviting you on this transformative journey. Join the work of "renewing our minds" by engaging in dialogue, challenging our views instead of conforming, and seeing just where God might be calling us. This fall, we'll continue the conversation and continue the work together by gathering around these topics and in honest and open conversation, and perhaps be transformed ourselves.

Overheated and being eaten alive by mosquitoes - Pastor Kyle

Below you will find the titles and authors of the books I will be reading while I'm at Red Willow Bible Camp. Each book engages a topic at the center of church transformation today and invites us to welcome new perspectives from a diverse group of neighbors.

Mercy in the City: How to Feed the Hungry, Give Drink to the Thirsty, Visit the Imprisoned, and Keep Your Day Job by Kerry Weber

How I Shed My Skin: Unlearning the Racist Lessons of a Southern Childhood by Jim Grimsley

Fierce: Women of the Bible and Their Stories of Violence, Mercy, Bravery, Wisdom, Sex, and Salvation by Alice Connor

Queer Virtue: What LGBTQ People Know About Life and Love and How It Can Revitalize Christianity by Elizabeth Edman

Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the US by Lenny Duncan

The God Who Sees: Immigrants, the Bible, and the Journey to Belong by Karen Gonzalez