

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
138 3rd Street Northwest
Valley City, ND 58072

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Valley City, ND
Permit #39

April 2021



Maundy Thursday – April 1st, 2021

In Person Worship – 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
1st Communion Celebration – 6:30 p.m.
Facebook Live at 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday – April 2nd, 2021


In Person and Facebook Live Worship – 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday – April 4th, 2021

In Person Worship – 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Facebook Live at 8:30 a.m., uploaded to YouTube
and broadcast on Radio KOVC at 11:00 a.m.
Outdoor Easter Proclamation and Communion Service – 9:45 a.m.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Maundy Thursday 10:30am In-Person Worship 6:30pm In-Person & Facebook Live Worship with First Communion Celebration	2 Good Friday 5:00pm Community Worship on-Radio, & Facebook Live 6:30pm In person & Facebook Live Worship	3 7:30am Men's Bible Fellowship
4 Easter Sunday 8:30am In person Worship w/Holy Communion 8:30am Facebook Live 9:45am Outdoor Easter Proclamation & Communion Service 10:30am In person Worship w/Holy Communion 11:00am Radio broadcast	5 Office & Building Closed	6 9:00am Ministerial 9:00am Good Samaritans Quilters	7 3:00pm Kids for Christ 6:30pm Confirmation-7th Grade	8	9	10 7:30am Men's Bible Fellowship
11 8:30am In Person & Facebook Live Worship 9:45am Sunday School 10:30 In Person Worship 11:00am Radio Broadcast	12	13 9:00am Good Samaritans Quilters 9:30am Text Study 11:00am Prayer & Holy Communion	14 3:00pm Kids for Christ 6:30pm Confirmation-8th Grade 7:00pm Committees 8:00pm Council	15	16	17 7:30am Men's Bible Fellowship
18 8:30am In Person & Facebook Live Worship 9:45am Sunday School 10:30 In Person Worship 11:00am Radio Broadcast	19	20 9:00am Good Samaritans Quilters 9:30am Text Study	21 3:00pm Kids for Christ 6:30pm Confirmation-9th Grade	22 9:30am Pastor's Conference	23	24 7:30am Men's Bible Fellowship
25 8:30am In Person & Facebook Live Worship 9:45am Sunday School 10:30 In Person Worship 11:00am Radio Broadcast	26	27 9:00am Good Samaritans Quilters 9:30am Text Study	28 3:00pm Kids for Christ 6:30pm Confirmation TBA	29	30	

Pre K - 6th Grade

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL** Now through the end of the year, Sunday School will run from 9:45-10:15am. Please remember to sign up for Remind to receive Sunday School announcements and updates via text. Simply text @oslcsund to the number 81010. All updates and last minute info and reminders will be sent this way so please sign up! If you have any questions regarding Sunday School, please contact SS Superintendent, Katie Sather at oslcsundayschool@outlook.com.
- **KIDS FOR CHRIST** We are having a blast meeting in person each Wednesday, after school until 5pm. You are responsible for transportation. Snacks are provided. Masks, hand sanitizer, and distancing continue to be a part of our routine. **There are currently a few more spots available**, so if you are interested in having your student, grades K-6, join us, please contact Kyla at kylaoslc@outlook.com.
- **VBS** Mark your calendar for **June 9-11!** We are SO excited to be teaming up once again with Red Willow Bible Camp! **Youth entering grades 1-6** will run from 9am-3pm the 9th and 10th and from 9am-12pm with a closing program at 11:30am on the 11th. All lunch and snacks will be provided. **Youth entering Kindergarten in 2021 and 2022** will run from 9-11:30am the 9th and 10th and from 9am-12pm with a closing program at 11:30am on the 11th. Snacks will be provided all three days. Lunch will be provided on the last day. Watch for registration forms to be mailed home in April! Registration deadline is May 10th!

Thank You!

- Our "Palm Sunday Drive Through Breakfast" event was a change from our traditional youth Easter breakfast, but it was a wonderful success! All donations received will help to support youth activities throughout the summer. Thank you for your continued support of the youth of Our Savior's!

Jr & Sr High

- **CONFIRMATION** Confirmation will resume our small group meetings each week. 7th grade will meet on the 1st Wednesday, 8th grade on the 2nd Wednesday, and 9th grade on the 3rd Wednesday. The 4th Wednesday will be an optional adventure night with more details given closer to the time. Youth should be working on their At Home Activities (Flipgrid) each month as well as their sermon notes (need 9 total). Links to both of these can be found on the church website on the youth page. If you have any questions regarding confirmation, please contact the church office, Pastor Emmy, or Pastor Kyle.
- **TASTY TUESDAY** We are still enjoying our Tasty Tuesday event! Each Tuesday, youth in grades 9-12 are invited to grab a fresh baked brownie and a bible verse or inspirational message from Kyla in the OSLC parking lot from 12:10 until gone. :-). It is so fun to see these amazing kids each week, even briefly, and provide a sweet treat for them. We are still making 18 boxes of brownie mix serving 135 youth each week! God's love and presence is here!!! Drive by and check it out sometime!
- **SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP** Senior High Youth Group will be meeting on April 7th and 21st from 7:30-8:30pm! We get together in the youth room, hang out, enjoy snacks and time together, and have some great discussion. All 10-12th graders are invited to join us!

My office hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10am-12pm. 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**

April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Maundy Thursday Worship 10:30am and 6:30pm	2 Good Friday Worship 6:30pm	3
4 No Sunday School Happy Easter! Worship at 8:30 and 10:30am and Outdoor Gospel and Communion at 9:45am	5	6 Youth Director Office Hours 10:00am-12:00pm Tasty Tuesday! Students grades 9-12 are invited to grab a treat from Kyla in the OSLC parking lot, 12:10 until gone! :-)	7 Youth Director Office Hours 10:00am-12:00pm Kids for Christ 3:30-5:00pm 7th Grade Confirmation 6:30-8:00pm Senior High Youth Group 7:30-8:30pm	8	9	10
11 Sunday School 9:45-10:15am	12	13 Youth Director Office Hours 10:00am-12:00pm Tasty Tuesday! Students grades 9-12 are invited to grab a treat from Kyla in the OSLC parking lot, 12:10 until gone! :-)	14 No Youth Director Office Hours No Kids for Christ 8th Grade Confirmation 6:30-8:00pm	15	16	17
18 Sunday School 9:45-10:15am	19	20 Youth Director Office Hours 10:00am-12:00pm Tasty Tuesday! Students grades 9-12 are invited to grab a treat from Kyla in the OSLC parking lot, 12:10 until gone! :-)	21 Youth Director Office Hours 10:00am-12:00pm Kids for Christ 3:30-5:00pm 9th Grade Confirmation 6:30-8:00pm Senior High Youth Group 7:30-8:30pm	22	23	24
25 Sunday School 9:45-10:15am	26	27 Youth Director Office Hours 10:00am-12:00pm Tasty Tuesday! Students grades 9-12 are invited to grab a treat from Kyla in the OSLC parking lot, 12:10 until gone! :-)	28 Youth Director Office Hours 10:00am-12:00pm Kids for Christ 3:30-5:00pm Optional Adventure Night— More details to come!	29	30	

A Message from the Good Samaritan Quilters



What the Quilters Completed this Month:

14—Children's blankets to go to Path in Fargo

- 7— Mission quilts
- 5—Quilts for sale
- 5—Graduate quilts
- 6—Lap robes

Thank you for the donations for Personal Care Kits. So far we have put together 40 kits. Our goal is 100 personal care kits.



Thank you for your generous support of our shared ministry.

- An offering plate is in the back of the sanctuary at our in-person worship opportunities.
- Offerings may be mailed to the church office at 138 3rd St NW.
- You can also give on our website at www.oursaviorsvc.org. Scroll down and click the blue "Give Online" button. You can give a one time gift or set up monthly or weekly giving.

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.

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday | 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Church Building Hours

Monday – Friday | 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday – Closed

Sunday 8:00 am – Noon

Contact Information

Church Office 845-1328

oslcvalleycity@msn.com

Pastor Emmy Swedlund

Cell – (701)552-2419

rev.emmy@gmail.com

Pastor Kyle Symanski

Cell - (708)476-8712

klsymanski@gmail.com

Youth Director, Kyla Festch

Cell—840-4540 kylaoslc@outlook.com

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

Website: www.oursaviorsvc.org

Facebook: Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Valley City, ND

YouTube: OSLC Valley City

Apartment For Rent: Unfurnished, ~950 square feet, 2nd floor apartment with hot water & heat included, two bedroom (carpet), hardwood floor hallway/living room, stove, fridge, shared washer and dryer, private entrance with off street parking. (No pets or smoking) Call Bobby Koeplin 701-840-0250.



Our Savior's Lutheran Church March Council Meeting Highlights:

Flat Roof Update/Capital Campaign: A & R Construction has been back to work on the flashing. A few small items still remain left on the project.

In-person Worship: Beginning Sunday, March 28, there will be two in-person worship opportunities on Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 10:30 am. The 8:30 am service will continue to be shared on Facebook Live and at 11:00 am on the Radio.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion: The Council has been invited to think about what the church's role might be in providing educational opportunities in the areas of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Resources that the ELCA provides were lifted up.

Transitions in the Congregation:

New Members: Alexander & Megan Jorgensen, Noah, Elise, Theo; Laura Becker.

Red Willow Bible Camp registration is now open! Some camps do fill up quickly so I suggest signing up as soon as you know the camp and dates you would like your student to attend.

Please do not let the cost of camp deter you from signing up as financial options are available. Also, OSLC has our own way of registering so please contact Kyla before completing the online registration form at kylaoslc@outlook.com.

To register, go to www.redwillowministries.com. Early bird registration deadline is March 31st!

Please feel free to reach out to Kyla with any questions!



Volunteers are always needed for home delivered meals through the Barnes County Senior Center. Monday-Friday at 11:15, Saturday at 11:45, and Sunday at 12:00. If you or someone you are interested in sharing an hour or two a week contact the Senior Center at 845-4300.

Donations for the Barnes County Food Pantry may be left in the back of the worship space. Items that are particularly helpful are shampoo/conditioner, diapers, wipes, canned fruits & vegetables, peanut butter, and macaroni & cheese.

The Community Closet is housed at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. If you would like to make a donation or need items, please contact Kalyn at Valley City Community Closet on Facebook. You can also call the church office to get her phone number. **A Community Closet opening will likely be scheduled this spring.** *If you may be willing to volunteer for an hour to help set up, please email Pastor Emmy at rev.emmy@gmail.com, so that we can be in touch with details.*



Missionary Calendar

The 2021 Missionary Calendar is located above the information counter. Donations of \$25 a day support our missionaries, Willie and Anne Langdji, serving as ELCA Representatives in Western Africa. They provide support to churches, schools, and medical centers in that region, including our partner synod in the Central African Republic. Donations also support Global Health Ministries, a Twin Cities based organization that supports medical centers around the world, through shipping supplies, sharing expertise.



In March, Global Health Ministries sent a 40' container to Cameroon and the Central African Republic! The container sends medical equipment and supplies to 4 hospitals, 24 health centers, a dental clinic, and an eye clinic in Cameroon, and Emmanuel and Bohong Health Centers in CAR. So many important items, including a new surgical table for Ngaoundere Protestant Hospital, 21 hospital beds and mattresses, a refurbished, anesthesia gas machine, and Hospice Kits, Newborn Kits and Rolled Bandages.



In-person Sunday morning worship is at 8:30 and 10:30 am. If you are ready to be back at in-person worship, there's a SPOT for YOU! Those who gather are encouraged to continue wearing masks and practice physical distancing by sitting every other pew.

Worship from Home will continue at 8:30 am on Facebook Live and the 11:00 am Radio Broadcast.

A Short Service of Prayer & Holy Communion will be held on Tuesday, April 13th at 11:00 am. If you're not quite ready to be back to in-person worship, but would like to receive Holy Communion in the building with a very small group of people this is for you!

Holy Communion in your home is available. By mid-April, your pastors will be fully vaccinated. If you wish for us to come to your home to share Holy Communion, please contact the church office to set up a time.

Together, we are called to look for the risen Christ's presence deeper and deeper in our own lives, but also to ponder where the Spirit of the risen Christ might be pushing us deeper into the world.

Looking for Devotion Volunteers

During this past year, your pastors have shared a Midweek Devotion video with you through email and on Facebook. Now, it's your turn! Would you be willing to share a Bible story and a prayer to share? Pastor would work with you to create content and record the video. Our goal is that over the summer, twelve volunteers from Our Savior's will share a devotion with the congregation.

CROP Hunger Walk EVENT

May 5, 2021

Start anytime between 6:30-7:00 pm. Ends at 8:00 pm.



Walk the mile sidewalk route around the Jefferson Elementary & Athletic Fields area.

Start your walk at any of the four corners of the route, by signing in, dropping off a donation, and picking up a walk passport. Then, walk the route and stop at four education stations to learn about hunger issues around the world. All ages welcome!

Donations may also be dropped off at your church prior to May 5th. Please clearly earmark all gifts for CROP Hunger Walk. **Donations can be given online at** <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/donate-here-valley-city-crop-walk>

20% of funds raised go to the Barnes County Food Pantry and the rest go to support hunger ministries throughout the world through Church World Service.

.....



Roniel loves his family's piggy bank even though it doesn't look - or sound - like your average one. For starters, it's loud. Really loud. And it comes with a...unique smell. You see, Roniel's piggy bank holds actual pigs. And just like their plastic counterparts, these pigs represent change!

Roniel's grandma, Ramona, invested in this change several years ago. She grew up seeing hunger hurt her community in the Dominican Republic. It's not a future she wanted for her children her grandchildren...anyone. So she asked for one small pig. CROP Hunger Walkers helped put that pig in Ramona's care. Now, she has dozens of healthy pigs - meaning food, income and nutrient-rich soil! With the money she's earned, she's even opened a grocery shop so her community has local access to affordable food.

Ramona is sharing her gifts with Roniel and her neighbors. She knows that ending hunger takes hard work, compassion and some investment. And she knows that a healthier future for kids like Roniel only comes when someone steps up. Will you step up alongside her, Roniel and so many others who are ready for thoughtful, long-lasting solutions to hunger?



200 baby fish for a fish pond



A pig for a family farm



Coffee beans for a resilient crop



Construction of a fish pond



Draw closer to Jesus in these Holy Days. Worship in-person or at home:

Maundy Thursday, April 1

10:30 am In-Person Worship

6:30 pm Facebook Live & In-Person Worship with First Communion Celebration

Good Friday, April 2

5:00 pm Community Good Friday Service on KOVC 1490 am & Facebook Live

6:30 pm In-Person and Facebook Live Good Friday Service of Lament: We offer our prayers to God as we look to the cross of Christ.

Easter Sunday, April 4

8:30 am In-Person & Facebook Live Worship

9:45 am Outdoor Easter Celebration with Holy Communion in the Bridge City Dentistry Parking Lot- (corners of 3rd St NW & 2nd Ave NW)

10:30 am In-Person Worship

11:00 am Radio Broadcast



We do not lose heart.
2 CORINTHIANS 4:1

April Bible Reading Challenge:

2nd Corinthians

Continue to explore Paul's letters to the people of Corinth.

From enterthebible.org:

Second Corinthians offers a real-life window on a strained relationship between a church leader and the people whom he loves. In this letter, we see an anxious apostle hoping to restore the relationship he had with churches he founded, even as he tries to avoid being drawn into a contest with other teachers over who has the most impressive skills and credentials. To do this, he discloses much about his own devotion to the Corinthians, his hardships in ministry, and the reconciliation God has accomplished for them all in Christ.



We, Our Savior's community of believers, welcome all to share Christ's love, grow in faith, and live a life of service glorifying God.

"The Lord supports all who fall and raises up all who are bowed down." – Psalm 145:14

Dear friends,

As I write this, news stories and social media posts remind me that we have lived in this pandemic season for more than 365 days. Somehow we have made it this far, but not without our fair share of challenge. Zoom and distance learning burnout levels are high. Stress levels are high. We're carrying tension from our work and relationships. Spring is close but we wish it was closer. And though we hope the end of all of this is near, it's not quite yet in sight.

Through it all I have admired your resilience, dear people. Whether out of courage, faith, or necessity, you have amazed me with the ways you have and continue to "roll with the punches", even though it has been exhausting, often thankless work. So I pray you hear these words today:

You are valued. You are appreciated. And above all, you are a beloved child of God.

The Easter story in the gospel of Mark that we draw from this year ends with uncertainty and fear, but also a radical hope for what could be. This year, maybe more than usual, we understand those first witnesses of the resurrection standing in the cool shadow of an empty tomb, not knowing what would come next. And so like them, we lean on the undying love of God to give us strength to take the bold and hopeful steps into a still uncertain future. In good courage,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Kyle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "K" and a stylized "Kyle" following.

Pastor Kyle

"For Resilience"

From *Ordinary Blessings* by Pr. Meta Herrick Carlson

My strength is no accident.
It was planted deep in my rich soil
long before I thought to need it.

This life has already stretched me
until sore muscles tore.
I have been made to feel so small I almost disappeared.
Almost.

But I keep rising toward the sunshine.
I am deep roots and sharp thorns
and wide leaves catching light.

I hope on to this slope where rocks slide,
the earth corrodes, seasons change, but I remain.
I take up space against all odds.
The stubborn, savage beauty of one who will not fade away.