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April 2023

2023 Holy Week and Easter Schedule

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Sunday School Egg Hunt – 9:30 a.m.
Worship (In Person) – 10:30 a.m.

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UNFINISHED

DISCOVERING GOD'S CALL
IN THE NOT YET

Dear Friends,

April begins with Palm Sunday and Holy Week. For all the pomp and circumstance that often surrounds these days, it's a time when we simply let the biblical story speak for itself – we tell the old, old story, of Jesus and God's love. It is the simplicity of these holy days that also make it an *extraordinary* time in our life of faith when we get to celebrate and remember that Jesus and God show up in the *ordinary*. In the coming days we will hear familiar stories of ordinary things like religious festivals, parades, bread, wine, prayers, betrayal, court proceedings, despair, and even death itself. Through all of this, God is never absent. And from these stories we trust that in our own unfinished, ordinary lives, God is present too, perhaps especially in the places and circumstances we least expect.

On Easter, Jesus back from the grave, risen to die no more, goes on ahead of us – giving us the assurance that there is indeed nowhere we will go where Jesus is not there and that there is indeed nothing we will experience that Jesus will not experience too. No longer does death have the final word! With this hope and this promise, we live our unfinished lives trusting that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of God, so too shall we walk in newness of life, day in and day out, until the “not yet” is no longer and all will be as God has promised. Alleluia!



Pastor Kyle

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OSLC YOUTH

Pre-K - 6th

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School will celebrate Easter early with an Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 2nd and will **NOT MEET** on April 9th. Contact Sunday School Superintendent, Katie Sather, with any questions at oslcsundayschool@outlook.com

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS): Please hold June 28th – 30th on your calendars for our 2023 VBS! VBS is **FREE** for all kids because of your amazing congregational support and because of our partners at Faith Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran, and Red Willow Bible Camp! Registration and information forms will be distributed this month, so be on the lookout!



BIBLE CAMP REGISTRATION: Registration for all ages is now open for summer camp at Red Willow. Our Savior's has a special code for registration, so be in touch with Pr. Kyle before you register. For more information or to register, visit redwillowministries.com

CONFIRMATION FOR 7th – 9th GRADERS: In lieu of regular class during Holy Week, Confirmation Students are expected to participate in Maundy Thursday (4/6) and Good Friday (4/7) Worship. During that time, students should be completing their **2023 Lent Passport** either during or after worship. Passports are due back to Pr. Kyle before or during regular confirmation class on 4/12.

Regular class will return on Wednesday, April 12th from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church (499 4th Ave. NW). A full calendar for the year can be found on our website oursaviorsvc.org. Make sure you are following through with your worship leadership opportunities and worship note expectations.

SENIOR HIGH LUNCH: Senior High Lunch will wrap up its 2022/2023 School Year on Monday, April 24th. Thank you to those who participate in and support this amazing ministry. We'll be back in September for our 2023/2024 run!

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP (10th – 12th Grade): Senior High Youth Group for grades 10th – 12th will generally gather on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 8:00 p.m. in the OSLC Youth Room. To stay connected, join our Remind App group by texting @oslcsyhg to the number 81010. By signing up, you'll get reminders about when we're meeting and the fun planned for that night.

"Hurry Open Dates"

Radio Broadcast

Call or stop in and get your Radio Broadcast dates before they are filled. Some dates are going fast. Sponsor a broadcast in memory of or in honor of your anniversary.



Contact the Church Office
845-1328 to reserve a date.



Coffee & Fellowship

We need of Volunteers to host coffee from 9:30-11:00am. Make coffee for 50 people along with a treat. Clean up afterwards. Don't know how to make coffee we would be glad to teach you. Sign up either on www.oursaviorsvc.org or the sign up sheet is on the family gathering room counter. Thank you for volunteering.



The 2023 Missionary Calendar is up! For \$25 a day you can show your support of our Missionaries Willie and Anne Langdji, who support the work of the Lutheran Church in Western Africa. They walk alongside of medical centers, schools, churches, food ministries to support and encourage local efforts. The calendar also supports the work of Global Health Ministries that ships medical supplies and supports medical facilities all over the globe.

Sign up on the calendar and earmark your donation for "Missionary Calendar."

Please considering holding Willie & Anne, Global Health Ministries, and our partner church in the Central African Republic in regular prayer. We are church TOGETHER!

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday | 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Contact Information

Pastor Kyle Symanski

Cell - (708)476-8712

klsymanski@gmail.com



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845-1328

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



Barnes County Food Pantry

Donations may be left in the basket in the near the family gathering room entrance. Items that are particularly helpful are shampoo/conditioner, diapers, wipes, canned fruits & vegetables, peanut butter, and macaroni & cheese.

Connect with us:



@OurSaviorsValleyCity



@oursaviorsvcnd

Be sure to stay up to date with all the most current OSLC information and updates by connecting with us on our website, oursaviorsvc.org, and by following us on our social media pages.

On Facebook, @OurSaviorsValleyCity, and on now on TikTok, @oursaviorsvcnd.

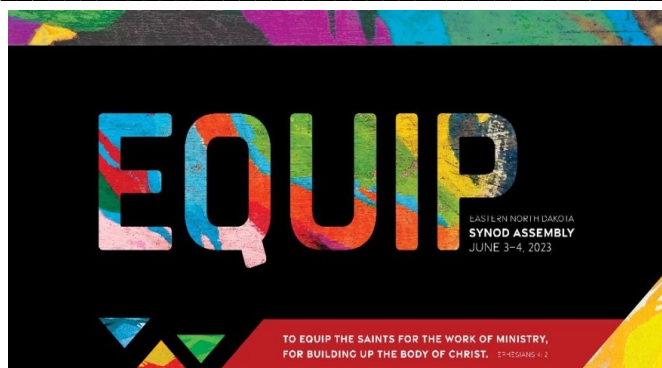
OUR SAVIOR'S COUNCIL UPDATES

Growing in Grace Projects: Updates on ongoing and upcoming projects were given. With work nearly completed on the conference room, spring and summer work will focus on the youth room and surrounding spaces. Generous donations continue to keep the Growing in Grace Fund robust.

Call Process: The Council officially voted to accept the Call Committee's work on the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) and submitted the paperwork to the synod to formally begin the call process for another staff member. The Call Committee will meet with the Synod on March 26th to go over the next steps.

Deaths: Marian Koering

Next Meeting: April 12th @ 8:00 p.m.



Three Synod Assembly Voting Members Needed!

OSLC is still in need of three (3) individuals to serve as church representatives at the Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly held Saturday, June 3rd - Sunday, June 4th in Fargo. Synod Assembly will begin at approximately 8:30 a.m. on Saturday and end after lunch on Sunday (approximately 1:00 p.m.) Travel and hotel costs are covered. Be in touch with Pr. Kyle by Sunday, April 30th if you are interested.



CALL COMMITTEE

Your OSLC Call Committee, comprised of eleven members (Brenda White, Judy Karch, Ross Powell, Dennis Gumke, Karen Kringlie, Pat Edinger, Travis Peterson, Janna Kohler, Kyle Gregerson, Pat Johnson, and Kyla Fetsch) submitted the congregations Ministry Site Profile (MSP) on March 8th. The MSP will serve as the church's 'want add' of sorts for prospective candidates. On March 26th, Dn. Laura Carson from the Synod Office met with the Call Committee to lay out next steps.



“Building an Inclusive Church” Online Training + Saturday, May 6th + 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

As we grow in our capacity to Love Neighbors Better, you are invited to participate in an online training on how we as Our Savior's might build a more inclusive church. **“Building an Inclusive Church” will be held on Saturday, May 6th from 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at Our Savior's as we join with folks from around the country in real time on Zoom.** This training will equip us a church together with ways to create dialogue and deepen relationships throughout our faith community rather than sparking debate and division. This is not only a great resource for us as a church but will also help us as individuals explore our own Christian call to hospitality, welcome, and evangelism. Lunch will be provided.

Those interested in registering should contact Pr. Kyle no later than Sunday, April 30th.

To read more about this opportunity, visit <https://www.reconcilingworks.org/trainings/bic/>



ITS TIME!

To start finding your treasures for the

OUR SAVIORS TREASURE SALE

Friday April 28 2-6

Saturday April 29. 8:30-Noon

Your unwanted items of household, decorating, seasonal, furniture,

Children’s clothes and toys just may be someone else’s treasure! We’ll take

really anything but adult clothing. If you have

questions, you can call or text

Jan Stowman—701-840-1808

\$\$Notes from your Treasurer April 2023

I am a procrastinator! Google has some interesting definitions and descriptions of a procrastinator – and the images are a hoot! I wondered if one of those images was actually of me.

I put off doing things that I think I’m not good at doing or think that whatever I’m supposed to do won’t go well. Here is a great example of this: Updating programs on my computer. I’ve been using a 2010 version of Microsoft Office. I was happy with it and I thought it was happy with me. That was until I was sent new Excel Capital Campaign spreadsheets that wouldn’t jive with my old version of Excel. Frustration finally led to action. Downloaded the new version. Clicked a button and let it happen. It wasn’t so bad after all.

I’m sharing this with you because I hate worrying and I bet you do too. I knew I could turn to God about the really big things: family health, job changes etc. But what peace of mind to share everything with God – even downloading new computer programs or should I really be traveling to Jamestown on a day with interesting weather predictions. The best part is that every morning when I ask God to direct my day, I don’t have to worry and I don’t have to procrastinate. I know I’m in great hands! What a marvelous feeling!!

Janet Brown



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Spring Shipment of Quilts and Kits is in May

Always needed.

Bath and hand towels (dark colored preferred)
Soap—Ivory for baby kits and other for personal care kits

Flannel sheets for Baby Care Kit diapers

Flat sheets for Quilt backs

Baby sleepers, sweaters or jackets, t-shirts or onesies, socks, blankets

Items may be left in the baskets by North Door entrance.



Thank you for your ongoing support of our Growing in Grace Capital Appeal! As you prayerfully consider your 2023 support, you can find Appeal materials and pledges cards on the table in the back of the sanctuary. You can also make a one time or recurring donation to our Capital Appeal by visiting oursaviorsvc.org and clicking the “GIVE” button.

\$846,180.00

Total Pledged By 125 Households through March 5, 2023

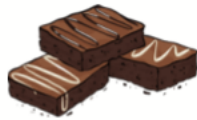
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VBS 2023

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BE A SENIOR HIGH LUNCH SUPPORTER!

THANK YOU to all who supported our 2022/2023 Senior High Lunch with your amazing desserts. SHL will come to an end this April as the school year begins to wind down and rest up before returning in September for our 2023/2024 run.

Upcoming Commemorations

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian, died 1945

Bonhoeffer was a German theologian who wrote profoundly, yet in an accessible manner. In the Second World War, he became a leader of the Confessing Church in Germany that resisted the Nazi movement. Linked to a plot to kill Hitler, he was hanged shortly before the end of the war.



April Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday Bible Study | 9:30 a.m. in the Gathering Room – We gather for study, reflection, questions, and laughter each week in the Gathering Room. Come for the conversation and stay for the coffee and treats!

Men's Bible Fellowship | Saturdays at 7:30 a.m. in the Gathering Room – Walk through the bible one book at a time, grow in your faith, and develop deep and meaningful relationships. All are welcome.



April is both Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Prevention Month. You are invited and encouraged to join **Valley City Green Dot**, on Tuesday, April 18th, from 9 a.m. – 12 noon at the Grand Stay Hotel on Winter Show Rd. to learn and develop bystander intervention and prevention skills to help us end violence in Valley City. To register or with any questions, call (701) 840 – 6270, email vcgreendot@gmail.com or visit vcgreendot.com/upcoming-events.