



# OUR SAVIOR'S NEWS

*Guiding members and friends in faith and service with God's enduring love.*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

No SS on April 5th,  
SS sings in Worship  
on May 3rd

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## BUILDING HOURS

Mon, Thur, Fri: 9 - 1  
Tues, Weds: 9 - 4:30  
Sunday: 8 - noon

### Walk the Labyrinth



Our Savior's will have a prayer labyrinth set-up in the basement during Holy Week. Come, try walking the labyrinth as a spiritual discipline. An instruction sheet will be provided to help you through this self-guided practice.

#### Monday, March 30 - Friday, April 3

9:00am - 1:30pm

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday

9:00am - 8pm

Thursday and Friday



#### Palm/Passion Sunday, March 29

Sunday School Sings in Worship - 9am

Youth Breakfast & Pastor and Friends

Variety Show - 10am

#### Maundy Thursday, April 2

Worship with First Communion - 6:30pm

#### Good Friday, April 3

Worship at Noon and 6:30pm

#### Easter, April 5

Worship at 9am and 11am

Brunch from 10am-11am



Our newsletter is available online on our website and also available by email. If you would like to receive the newsletter in one of these formats instead of having it mailed, please contact the office.

**Rejoice! and Resurrection**

Paul wrote or dictated the earliest surviving Christian manuscripts. Early Christians thought so highly of Paul’s writings that they saved them and distributed them to other Christian communities. The letter to the Philippians, as we have it, was likely at least two separate letters from Paul (3:2-4:9 [4:10-19] and 1:1-3:1), which were saved together as one document and not in chronological order. In the letter to the Philippians as it has been handed on to us, we hear Paul emphasize “joy” or “rejoice” fourteen times, the most notable occurrence is in verse 4:4. This exhortation to joy and rejoicing comes in the face of Paul’s own imprisonment and reports Paul has received about divisions in Philippian community. Paul encourages those in the midst of conflict to seek peace and unity “in Christ”. This unity looks like having the same mind that was in Christ Jesus (see the “Christ hymn” of Philippians 2:1-11), a sacrificial self-giving.



Paul’s words of exhortation and encouragement remain relevant for the community of faith today. The conflicts or brokenness that we experience might be different from the first century community in Philippi, but the joy of the gospel still brings unity and invites us to think beyond our own needs to have the same mind of Christ. This Christ-mindedness is what Paul gives thanks for in verse 4:10-19. The Philippians sent a messenger, Epaphroditus, to Paul with a letter and a financial gift to help Paul continue the work of proclaiming the gospel. (Note: some biblical scholars see these verses as being a fragment of a distinct third letter.) For Paul, the partnership in the gospel, the bonds of peace and unity in Christ, and the sharing of financial gifts are all related. Conforming our minds to that of Christ Jesus is what allows us to endure shame, suffering, and even death - death on a cross. And so, God exalted (raised) Jesus and not only from the dead, but raised his up into heaven.

On Sunday, April 5, we celebrate with joy the Resurrection of our Lord, Easter! The resurrection occupies center space in the life of Christian communities and emphasizes the joy of Christ’s resurrection and victory over death and by faith, we trust that we are ‘in Christ’, being raised. Easter is a season, not just a day. It is a “week of weeks” (7 weeks of 7 days) in which we hear the stories of resurrection and celebrate Christ’s victory over sin, death, and all evil.

This Easter season, SHARE why you rejoice by making one or more 15-30 second cell phone video clips responding to these prompts:

- Why do you REJOICE in the knowledge of the resurrection?
- When have you been able to REJOICE in the midst of struggles?
- How have you seen the people of OSLC REJOICE?
- What things are happening at OSLC that cause you to REJOICE?
- I REJOICE in what God is doing at OSLC through my financial gifts because...



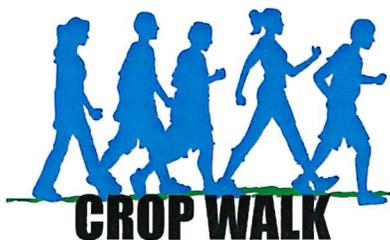
Email Pr. Jared (pastor.oursaviorsvc@outlook.com) and he can give your instructions on how to share your video, so that it can be used on social media, website, or in other video projects.

In Resurrection Joy,  
Pr. Jared Carson

**Pastor Jared Carson**

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The 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Barnes County CROP WALK will be held Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. A planning meeting will be held at noon on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> here at OSLC. All are welcome to help with the planning and are encouraged to walk on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Watch the bulletin and this newsletter for more information. For questions and more information, please contact Sharon Buhr

(840-0973). We are called to care for the sick, the poor and the hungry. The CROP WALK is a wonderful way to help and have some fun visiting and walking. Every day up to 735 million people, nearly 1 in 11 worldwide, go without enough food. A percentage of donations will be given to the Barnes County Food Pantry, the Hi-Liner Food Pantry and the VCSU Food Pantry.

**Capital Campaign Concludes - March 31**



Thank you, Our Savior's Lutheran Church family, for your generous support of the Growing in Grace Capital Campaign. Your faithful gifts have made possible significant improvements, some noticable and some not so noticeable, but necessary:

**new roofing, critical window replacements, new chimes in the bell tower, exterior maintenance (including EFIS, facia, soffit repairs, and paint), west entrance concrete steps and handrails, a beautiful new kitchen, a welcoming gathering room, an inviting youth room.**

All of these improvemetns provide Our Savior's with space where ministry, fellowship, and faith formation will flourish for years to come. These spaces are already becoming hubs of connection and joy in our shared life together. The Congregation Council voted to formally being an end to the Growing in Grace Capital Campaign as of March 31. The Congregation Council would like to express sincere thanks to Bobby Koeplin for coordinating the work with contractors. As we move forward, any remaining projects will be guided by the Property Committee. Financial gifts for the outstanding projects are still being accepted and should be made to the "Building Fund". We give thanks to God for each of you and for the ways your generosity continues to nurture faith in Christ at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.



Our Savior's Congregation Council is moving forward with the hiring process for two staff positions. Please help us spread the word as we seek qualified applicants. We are looking for:

Choir Director, and Office Coordinator/Financial Secretary. Interested persons should visiting the church website, jobs page for more information.

<https://oursaviorsvc.org/jobs.php>

# Christ in Our Home



Christ in Our Home for April, May and June is now available. Please look for both regular and large print copies located around the church.

## Coffee and Conversation

Join Pr. Jared and others for Coffee and Conversation—a relaxed time to gather, share stories, and connect more deeply as a community of faith. Christian community is a gift where we are reminded that we do not walk alone. In fellowship, we encourage one another, bear each other’s burdens, and celebrate God’s work in our lives. These connections help nurture faith, strengthen belonging, and reflect Christ’s love in tangible ways. Whether you’ve been here for years or are new among us, come as you are. Bring your questions, your insights, or simply yourself. “I look forward to meaningful conversation and growing together in faith,” says Pastor Jared.



**Tuesday, April 14  
from 9:30-11am  
in the Gathering Room**

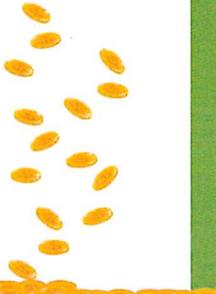


## Congratulations OSLC SENIORS!

Join us to celebrate our High School Seniors with a small brunch April 26<sup>th</sup> following worship services in the large dining room.

**Noisy Offering  
Sunday, April 26**

Bring your coins (and bills) to worship!  
The children of OSLC will be collecting a Noisy Offering after the Children’s Message to benefit the EaND Synod!



# Our Savior's Youth

## Sunday School



PreK - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade - Sundays 10:15-11:00am

April 5<sup>th</sup> - No Sunday School  
April 12<sup>th</sup> - The Empty Tomb  
April 19<sup>th</sup> - The Holy Spirit

April 26<sup>th</sup> - Lydia  
May 3<sup>rd</sup> - Last Day of Sunday School Celebration!  
\*We will also sing at the 9am worship service!

## Confirmation

7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade - Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm

Confirmation Will Meet at Our Savior's Lutheran Church April 1<sup>st</sup>.

April 8<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>, Confirmation Will Meet at Trinity Lutheran Church.  
The last day of Confirmation will be May 6<sup>th</sup> at the Crop Walk.

## Senior High Youth Group

10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade in the Youth Room

Join us for Snacks, Bible Study or Devotion/Discussion, and Activities/Games!

April 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 - 9:30pm

Stay up to date on these activities and more! Join us in the Spond app with the code SSSZZ

## Senior High Lunch

Open to all students in grades 9-12 at 12:10pm each Friday when there is school.  
This month, we will have lunch together April 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> - No School April 3<sup>rd</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>  
Want to know what's for lunch each week? Join us in the Spond app with the code HQIKQ

## Save the Dates!

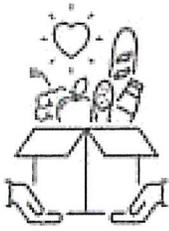
**VBS: May 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Summer Youth Trip: July 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>**

12-5pm each day at OSLC for youth entering grades K-6 in August!  
Registration information coming soon!

Trip to Minneapolis filled with mission work and fun!  
Sign up now on the youth bulletin board!  
Watch for fundraising opportunities!

Contact Kyla Fetsch at [youth.oursaviorsvc@outlook.com](mailto:youth.oursaviorsvc@outlook.com) with questions!



# HI-LINER FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

The Backpack Program/Hi-Liner Pantry is asking for donations of individually wrapped snack items such as granola bars, crackers, cookies and chip - things the counselors can quickly grab, as they have many kids that utilize these snacks at school. They are also planning to add a "snack stash" for Jefferson and Washington Elementary Schools. These items can be dropped off in the tub located in the Gathering Room. The Hi-Liner Food Pantry continues to serve VCHS students and families. Items for the Pantry can also be dropped off in the tub located in the Gathering Room. If you would like to donate financially, please make your check out to Bridges Backpack Program, Inc. 674 10th Ave SW, Valley City, ND 58072.



A big thank you to our Sunday School kids for creating Easter cards to send to our friends who are unable to attend church regularly!

## Radio Broadcast Sponsorship

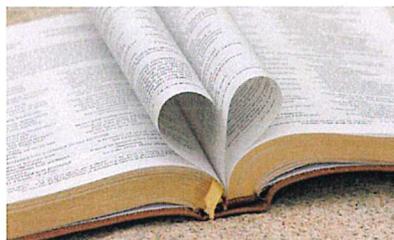


Radio broadcast of the 9:00 am worship is on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. on KOVC 1490 AM.

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.

## Wednesday Bible Study

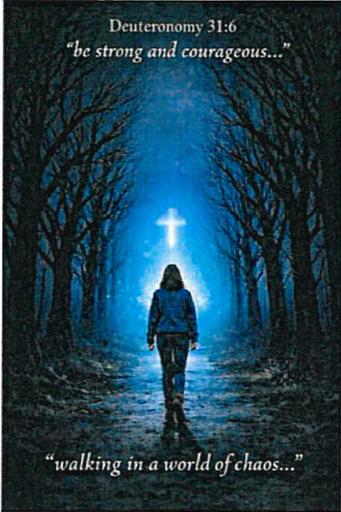
Gathering Room  
9:30am



## Saturday Bible Study

Gathering Room  
7:30am

**WALKING IN THE MIDST OF CHAOS**



Deuteronomy 31:6  
"be strong and courageous..."

"walking in a world of chaos..."

**Saturday, April 18, 2026 • 9am-3pm**  
 Bagg Bonanza Historical Farm  
 8025 169th Ave SE • Mooreton, ND  
 Featuring Speakers, Music, Vendors, Friendships  
 Lunch \$20 - *pre-registration is required by March 28th*  
 Walk-ins welcome, but lunch is not guaranteed

Registration:  
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**SATURDAY  
 APRIL 25, 2026**

**MARTIN'S LUTHERAN  
 CHURCH**  
 502 MARTINS AVE,  
 CASSELTON, ND 58012

**6:00PM SHOW**  
 5:30PM PANEL TIME  
 5:00PM DOORS OPEN

Comedy by  
**KAY DODD**

Music by  
**JAIME JAMGOCHIAN**

Come early and join us for  
 a 15 minute panel time with  
 all 3 ladies based on  
 Hebrews 12:1-2 called  
**"Running the Race"**

**ADVANCE TICKETS**  
 General Admission - \$30  
 VIP/Reserved - \$40  
 Group tickets for 10 or more - \$25  
 VIP/Reserved Groups for 10 or more - \$35  
 Group sales call 480-812-1100

VIP/Reserved and tickets reserved seats  
 and a snack bar.

Purchase tickets at **480-812-1100** or online at  
**ASPIREOPENEVENTS.COM**

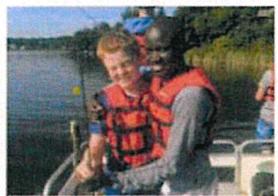
Aspire has been doing ministry for  
 over 18 years and we hope you can  
 join us for a great ladies night out!

Contact LouVay White or Jan Stowman with questions.



**Wear Love**  
 COLOSSIANS 3:12  
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 and more  
 information on the  
 two youth bulletin  
 boards and contact  
 Kyla Fetsch with any  
 questions.**



The WELCA ladies are still looking for your “gently used” treasures for their sale to be held Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> and Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Watch for details in the bulletin. Flyers will be posted in the church later this month. Call LouVay White or Jan Stowman with questions.

## Good Samaritan Quilters are looking for used sheets and fabric.

The quilters are asking, as you clean closets and downsize, to keep them in mind. They are looking for used sheets (no white, please) and fabric (cotton preferred). If you have any questions, please contact Ann in the office or Carol Foth.



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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](http://oursaviorsvc.org), and by following us on our social media pages: Facebook, @OurSaviorsValleyCity



Treasurer's Report:

The following account balances as of February 28<sup>th</sup> were noted.

GENERAL FUND.....	\$71,500.10
BUILDING FUND.....	14,884.29
MISSIONARY SPONSORSHIPS.....	2,851.81
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN.....	5,979.56
FARM FUND (Checking).....	\$197,424.63

Staff Reports:

- a.Pastor Jared Carson- Pastor Jared encouraged council members to invite and encourage congregation members to attend the remaining listening sessions scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, and Sunday, March 22. He also recommended that the council consider voting to request that the Youth Fund currently held by the Foundation be returned to Our Savior's Lutheran Church. This item will be discussed at a future meeting.
- b.Kyla Fetsch-All things continue to move forward with the Palm Sunday youth breakfast in March, VBS in May, and youth trip in July. Senior high lunch has had attendance anywhere between 30 and 70. Sunday School sees about 25 students each week. Senior High Youth Group has about 15 in attendance three times a month.

Committee Updates/Council Action

- a.Lacey (Congregational Life) - The committee is planning Graduation Sunday for the senior students. The celebration will return to being held on one Sunday. The Quilters will present quilts to the graduating seniors. The specific date will be announced at a later time. Ross suggested scheduling it for either the end of April or the beginning of May.
- b.Bill (Property) - The committee noted that mowing season is approaching and inquired whether funds are available for mowing services at both parsonages. Janet shared that a bid may be requested for combined mowing and snow removal services. Funds are available. Bill also reported that the automatic door button needs repair. There was some discussion on whether to fix it right away or wait. Pastor Jared noted that three bulletin boards for community news need to be installed—one near each entrance.
- c.Amelia (Children and Youth) - Amelia shared information about Camp Metigoshe, which Wendi Wilmes is organizing for July 7-10. The cost is \$575 per camper. A \$150 deposit is due on Wednesday, March 18, for confirmation students who plan to attend. Payment can be given to Faith Lutheran. Pastor Jared will discuss with the Foundation on funds to help with camp/student costs.

Old Business

- a. Parsonage Update- Ross provided an update on the parsonage. He showed the home today, March 11, to a potential buyer who appeared to be interested. The listing price has been reduced from \$249,900 to \$240,000. Feedback from prospective buyers indicates three primary concerns: the size of the kitchen (considered too small), the boiler system, and the requirement for flood insurance.
- b.Treasurer (Transition Timeline)- Haley reported that Janet will continue serving as Treasurer through March 31. Haley will assume the Treasurer role on April 1. Janet will continue to provide training and guidance for Haley as needed during the transition.

New Business

- a.Hiring for Choir Director and Office Coordinator (Launch March 16)- Job postings for the Choir Director and Office Coordinator positions will be released on March 16. A job opportunities page will be added to the church website, and the openings will also be shared on social media. The Office Coordinator position is 20-25 hours per week. Pastor Jared noted that one individual expressed interest in the position but inquired about health benefits. It was stated that health benefits are not offered for part-time staff. Council members agreed with the no health benefits for part-time staff.
- b.Capital Campaign Wrap-Up- Discussion was held regarding formally concluding the Capital Campaign. Haley made a motion to end the Capital Campaign effective March 31<sup>st</sup>. The motion was seconded by Ross Powell. All approved. Pastor Jared will follow up with Bobby regarding next steps.

**Spring Into Easter – A Note from the Council President**

As the days grow longer and the world around us comes back to life, spring reminds us that God is always at work—making all things new. If you’re looking for something new this spring, please take a moment to complete the Time & Talent Survey. And if you have questions or ideas, reach out to me or Pastor Jared, we’d love to help you find a place to serve.

To help us celebrate together, please join us in the Gathering Area for a Council Brunch between services on Easter. We’ll have light breakfast snacks and time for fellowship.

And as we move through this spring season, I also have some exciting news to share. We have accepted an offer on the Chautauqua Blvd parsonage, and we hope to have the sale completed by the end of April.

Thank you for the many ways you support our church through your presence, prayers, and service.

*Tara Anderson*



**Archives item:**

The Archives committee is looking for additional members. Do you enjoy learning about our church history? Perhaps you appreciate knowing information about our church’s past is accessible for many types of research? Consider being part of the group that helps maintain our records. Contact Becky Heisie for more information.

**Service Groups update:**

We will be updating our service groups this month; you should hear from your group coordinator by the first part of May. If you have not submitted your postcard survey, please take a minute to fill it out and drop it in the mail! We will assign every household to a service group, and if we haven’t heard from you, we’ll need to call you.

**Care Team:**

Volunteers are needed to visit with members of our church who are unable to attend services regularly. Please consider joining the Care Team! Your visits would mean a lot to those who don’t get out much! You and a partner would be given a few people to visit each month – it’s only a 2-3 hour commitment, which can be completed on a Sunday afternoon, a couple of evenings, or whenever you and your partner find the time. Please see Pr. Jared if you are interested in joining the team!

**April Greetings from your Treasurer**

It feels weird to me that this is my last monthly greeting to all you good people at Our Saviors. I just read through my news from May 2025 and some of this news could almost be a repeat of that message. I mentioned that I had cleaned the garage and moved “stuff” around. This year it’s a bit more serious: I’m still cleaning, but this time the “stuff” is being moved out. Stuff! is such an interesting word! I’m just warning WELCA that I’ll be contributing greatly to their spring treasure sale.

I’m reminded again that I can’t drive a parked car unless I start it and put it in gear. The same is true for all of us. Nothing will get done unless we get started. I’m so glad that I was serving coffee hour on March 22nd because I became a captive audience to all the great discussion that Pastor Jared led in the Listening Session. Thank you to all that participated in both the discussion and listening to what others had to share.

In March the bank account shows a Thrivent gift to Our Saviors that nobody has admitted to giving us. Thank you for that gift, and please let Ann or me know who you are if you want to see that gift reflected on your contribution report. When I don’t know who gifted us Thrivent money it gets listed as an unidentified gift to the General Fund.

This is my final week of working with the finances for Our Saviors. You have been very supportive and gracious to me, and I know that you will also be the same to Haley Jenrich, your new treasurer. Haley and I have been working together this past March to become familiar to all the bits and pieces that this position creates. I will mentor Haley until she tells me enough is enough.

I always conclude my message with news on the home front at Riverview Drive. It is an exciting, scary, and wonderful time here going through memories as I pack to move to the north side of Valley City. I haven’t warned the pets about the move, and George, my night visitor doesn’t know it’s going to happen. He has noticed that his favorite cat tower is no longer here. I know that God is watching over my household and I will wait to see what is in store for us.

Blessings to you all!

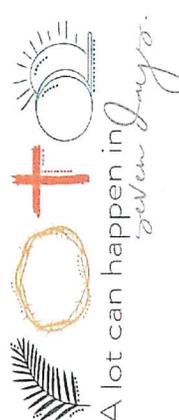
Janet Brown





**OUR SAVIOR'S**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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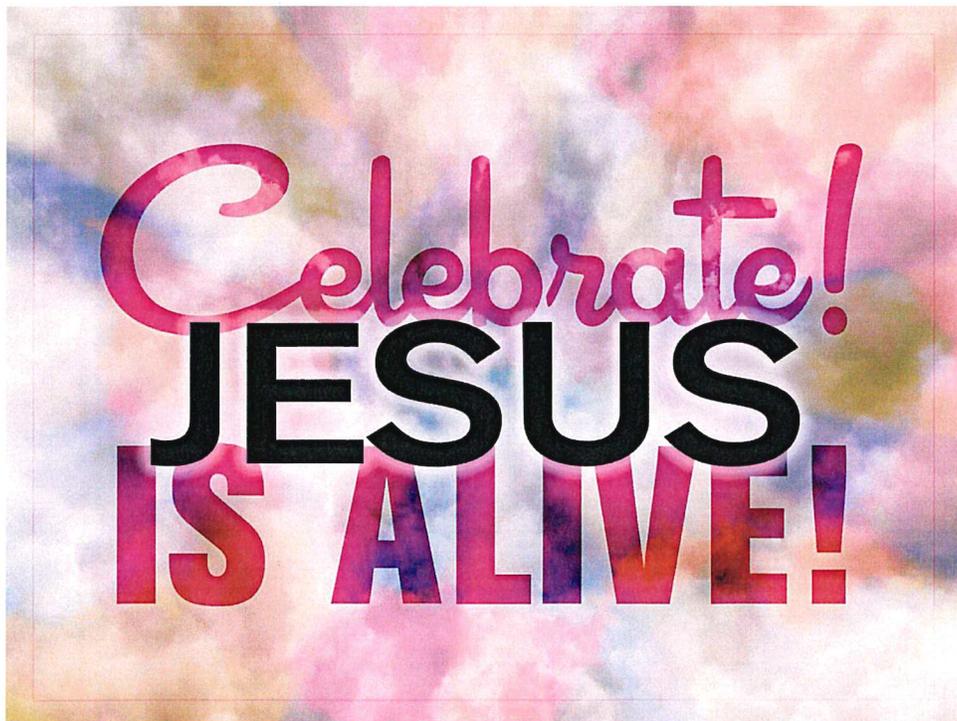


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**April 2026**



**Maundy Thursday,**

**April 2**

**Worship**

**with**

**First Communion**

**6:30pm**

**Good Friday,**

**April 3**

**Worship at**

**Noon and 6:30pm**

**April 5**

**Worship at**

**9am and 11am**

**Brunch from**

**10am-11am**