# **SIDELITES**

### Our Savior's Lutheran Church

April 2024



#### "Christ Is Risen! Christ Is Risen Indeed!"

This is what we proclaim on Easter morning as we begin worship. Death no longer reigns over us. The resurrection of Jesus announces the reign of life for all who believe. What an important and hopeful this message is for our world today. It seems we are surrounded by so many messages of defeat, failure, fear and even death. We long to hear the promise of new life. We

are eager to hear the Good News, that the messages of negativity and loss do not win the day. Our shouts proclaiming that Christ is risen remind us that we are people of hope.

As a church, we are called to be people who proclaim and share the good news of the empty tomb. We cannot do this on our own or by our own abilities, rather we do this together, with God's help. Together. Sometimes I wonder if those of us who have been here a long time forget how much we have to share, or that others need us to share it. We know the value of our faith and our church, and are so used to it that maybe we forget to share all of that with newer members. For example, if you've been strengthened or helped by the prayer chain, maybe someone needs you to share it because they aren't even sure what a prayer chain is. Or someone might need to hear what a mission circle or the men's bible study means to you. Or maybe someone just needs to hear, "I'm glad you're here." When you do these things, you're letting others know that the Easter promise impacts your life and you want others to have that same promise and hope. What a hopeful message we have to share: Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

**Pastor Kathy** 

## **2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans Upcoming Fundraisers:**

## Pizza Ranch Fundraiser Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:00PM - 7:30PM.

Youth attending the ELCA Youth Gathering will receive 10% of the in-house proceeds along with the tips at Pizza Ranch on that night. They will be present at the fund raiser, helping bus dishes and greeting the customers. Take the night off from cooking and help support our youth!



## May Baskets!

The youth are selling May baskets! This is a fun way to let someone know you're thinking of them and in doing so boost their spirits. The baskets will be \$5 for both kids and adults. You can order them on our website or at church. The on-line and in person ordering will begin on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Baskets will be delivered on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The funds raised will go towards sending our youth to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans.



The church office will be closed on Monday, April 1st.



## **Youth Flamingo Fundraiser**

A flock of Flamingos has been spotted and will be arriving in New Ulm in mid-April! The Youth Team and youth going on to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans will be spreading cheer and raising funds by flocking yards with Flamingos.

Every couple of days Flamingos will be moved from yard to yard by volunteers. If you would like to choose where the flamingos go next, you can make a donation to the Youth Fund. There will also be opportunities to buy flamingo insurance to prevent your lawn from being flocked. If you are interested in helping us relocate flocks (*no animal handling experience required*), please get in touch with Pastor Dave or a member of the Youth Ministry Team. Get excited and keep a lookout for flamingos!

## **Wednesday Night Suppers**

We gather on Wednesday evenings for suppers from 5:00PM - 6:15PM! All proceeds from the free will offering go to support Wednesday LinC† programming.

April 3 <sup>rd</sup> :	Pizza	April 10 <sup>th</sup> :	Pancake Supper	WEDNESDAD
April 17 <sup>th</sup> :	Hot Dogs & BBQs	April 24 <sup>th</sup> :	Tacos	Suppers

## Theology on Tap

Join us for Theology on Tap at the Schell's Bier Halle on April 4th at 6:30PM! Event for Adults 21+.

## 9th Grade Milestone - Sunday, April 7th

At 9:30AM, we will have a special Faith Panel in the Lower Level Multipurpose Room. Then at the 10:30AM worship service, we will present you with your Milestone gift. If you have any questions, please email <a href="mailto:Lindsay@oursaviorsnewulm.org">Lindsay@oursaviorsnewulm.org</a>



The Adult Ministry Team is holding another trivia and game night for adults at OSLC on **April 8**<sup>th</sup> **from 5:30PM** - **7:30PM**! Games will be provided, but feel free to bring your own if you would like. There will be a movie in the youth room for kids and we will find Youth helpers to babysit. This will also be a potluck; bring a dish to share! Questions? Contact Pastor Dave! We hope to see you there!



#### Faith & Books

Faith & Books will meet in the church library on **Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30PM**. Our book for April will be "The Book of Lost Friends," by Lisa Wingate. Use this link to see the discussion questions we will use. <a href="https://www.randomhousebooks.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/the-book-of-lost-friends-by-lisa-wingate-book-club-kit.pdf">https://www.randomhousebooks.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/the-book-of-lost-friends-by-lisa-wingate-book-club-kit.pdf</a>. Feel free to bring your supper to the discussion.

## Fire & Ice

## April 14th from 7:30PM to 9:30PM

Games! Bonfire! Ice cream! Need I say more?  $7^{th} - 12^{th}$  graders, we will see you here for a celebration of spring and a fun filled night!

## Applebee's Night for 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Graders

Calling all 10th-12th Graders! Come and get some free appetizers at Applebee's on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:15PM. You buy your own pop, but the church will order some food. Come for the food, stay for the conversation and fun!

#### **New Members at Our Savior's**

We will be welcoming new members at worship on April 21<sup>st</sup>! **We will have a new member orientation on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM**. Children are welcome! If you are interested in becoming a member of Our Savior's, please contact Jen to sign up <u>by April 12<sup>th</sup> at (507) 233-4430 or email jen@oursaviorsnewulm.org.</u>



## Family Fun Day!

Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 1:00PM – 4:00PM at Harman Park

Come celebrate the end of the programming year with us! Stay tuned for more information.

### **Mission Prayer Corner:**

Compassionate God,

We praise you for creating every human in your image. Help us to always see our neighbors of different colors, faiths, and economic levels with empathy through your love and compassion. Help us to be your hands and voices in the broken places of your world. Give us your courage to turn away from discrimination and bigotry. May we thank you always for showing us grace. Amen.



**The Food Library** is a ministry of Our Savior's. We are looking for people who would help keep the food library filled. It is kept full of non-perishable, season appropriate foods. If you would like to help, a sign-up sheet is located in the Social Hall. Questions? Contact Pastor Kathy or a member of the Mission Team.

We are also in need of food to fill the Food Library! Please consider donating non-perishable, and/or single serving foods (pop-tops are a bonus!). Donations can be left in the wooden box outside the church office.

The Church Council made the decision to re-key our doors at the February meeting. If you are part of a committee or group that needs a key, please come to the church office and replace your current key. The key you will receive will work at the front door (circle drive) and the main back door (parking lot).





Thank you to all who have donated to the *Blessed Bottoms* project, either in supplies, February's Noisy Offering, or monetary donations! Pull-ups, diapers, and wipes can be left in the middle (WELCA) box outside the church office. If you would like to make a financial donation to Blessed Bottoms, checks should be made payable to First United Methodist Church. Please write "Blessed Bottoms" in the memo line.



Living Meadows at Luther - Madelia is a nursing home that offers long-term care as well as short-term rehabilitative care. It is a non-profit corporation that was founded by 21 area Lutheran churches. Our Savior's was one of those churches and continues as a corporate church member. Living Meadows recently held their annual meeting and Linda Postel was our delegate. If you would like to see their annual report, it is available in the church office through April. You can also learn more about Living Meadows on their website: www.livingmeadows.com.

You are also invited to the **Living Meadows Spring Luncheon on April 9**<sup>th</sup> **from 11:00AM – 1:00PM** at Trinity Lutheran Church in Madelia. There will be a drawing at 12:30PM. Cost for the luncheon is \$6.00.



Thank you for all the prayers for me when I started into congestive heart failure. It was a very scary time. God gave me the right doctors and right meds to get better. With prayers, God can do anything! Thank you to the pastors and everyone that prayed for me. It is a life long illness, but I know God will help me go through the journey.

Marge Schmidt

"When your best friend is God, you are never alone"

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 7:00am Easter Worship 8:30am Easter Worship 10:00am Easter Worship	1 Church Office Closed 5:00pm Pizza Ranch Fundraiser		3 10:00am Woodstone Communion Service 11:00am WELCA Board Meeting 3:30pm Wednesday LinCt 5:00pm Wednesday Suppers 5:00pm Youth Handbells 5:45pm Adult Handbells 6:30pm 5th & 6th Gr. Youth Group 6:30pm Adult Choir 6:30pm Confirmation 7:30pm Worship	4 10:00am Coffee at Garden Terrace 2 11:00am Ridgeway on 23rd Service 4:00pm Pro Kinship Monthly Meeting 6:30pm Theology on Tap 10:30pm Ridgeway Memory Care Service	5 10:30am MRCI Group 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meetings	6 8:30am Men's Bible Study
7 9th Grade Bible Milestone 8:30am Worship 9:30am Fellowship 9:40am Sunday LinCt 10:30am Worship	8 5:30pm Adult Game Night 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meeting 6:00pm Youth Ministry Team	Meeting 11:00am Living Meadows Spring Luncheon 5:30pm Adult Ministry Team	9:00am Cards of Caring 1:00pm Beautiful Savior Circle 3:30pm Wednesday LinCt 5:00pm Wednesday Suppers 5:00pm Youth Handbells 5:30pm Children's Ministry Team 5:30pm Faith & Books 5:45pm Adult Handbells 6:30pm 5th & 6th Gr. Youth Group 6:30pm Adult Choir 6:30pm Confirmation 7:30pm Worship	9:00am Immanuel Circle 3:30pm Pro Kinship Activity 4:00pm Oak Hills Worship Service 6:00pm Cub Scout Neighborhood Meeting	12 10:30am MRCI Group	13 8:30am Men's Bible Study
14 Camp Sunday Utz Baptism 8:30am Worship 9:30am Fundraiser Breakfast 10:30am Worship 7:30pm Fire & Ice	15	Meeting 5:30pm Deacons Ministry Team 6:00pm Mission Ministry Team 7:00pm Stewardship Team	17 3:30pm Wednesday LinCt 5:00pm Wednesday Suppers 5:00pm Youth Handbells 5:45pm Adult Handbells 6:30pm 5th & 6th Gr. Youth	18 9:30am Conference Rostered Leaders 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting 6:30pm New Member Orientation	19 10:30am MRCI Group 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meetings	20 8:30am Men's Bible Study
21 New Member Welcome 8:30am Worship 9:30am Fellowship 9:40am Sunday LinCt 10:30am Worship	22 Sidelites Deadline 6:00pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	9:00am Church Staff Meeting 9:00am Quilting Group 6:00pm Facilities & Grounds Team 6:00pm Finance Committee	24 3:30pm Wednesday LinCt 5:00pm Wednesday Suppers 5:00pm Youth Handbells 5:45pm Adult Handbells 6:30pm 5th & 6th Gr. Youth Group 6:30pm Adult Choir 6:30pm Confirmation 7:30pm Worship	25 3:30pm Pro Kinship Activity	26 8:30am Sidelites Group 10:30am MRCI Group	27 8:30am Men's Bible Study
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# **Worship Schedule**

Sunday Worship – 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Wednesday Worship – 7:30 PM

## **Television Broadcasts**

(Comcast Channel 14; Nuvera Channel 3) Mon.–7:00 PM; Thurs. – 5:00 PM 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month – 6:00 PM

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Jesus Christ