



OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD
TO KNOW CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN

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The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the glory of God by Jon & Jan Olson, in celebration of their wedding anniversary. God's blessings!

THIS WEEK

Bible Class: District President Rev. Randy Sturzenbecher will host a pre-Call meeting today between services. Please join us!

Youth Catechesis will **NOT** meet this Wednesday, October 21, since Pastor is out of town.

Pastor Simek is out of town from today, Sunday, until Friday. Please contact the church office if you are in need of emergency pastoral care.

MINISTRY INTERESTS SURVEY

A Ministry Interests Survey is being conducted as part of our "pre-Call" process. Please take a moment **by November 1** to rank the ministry areas of Our Redeemer according to how important and interested you are in our involvement in them. Completion should only take a minute or two.

Paper copies of the survey are available in the narthex. Digital surveys are available [HERE](#) or with this QR code.



SERVING THE LORD TODAY

Organist:

Jeff McQuistan

8 AM Acolytes:

Eversyn Ehlers

10:30AM Acolyte:

Elder

Philippians Conference

A Philippians Conference will be hosted by Our Redeemer on November 21 from 8:30am-2pm. This one-day conference facilitated by the Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador is for pastors and people to look at the theology and practice of stewardship and to ground congregational stewardship on the solid foundation of Scripture and the Confessions. It will investigate a congregations local stewardship culture and aims to give congregations a fresh perspective on stewardship with action items to put into practice.

While there is no cost to participate, we do ask everyone to sign up so we can make arrangements for accommodations and food for the day at this QR code or on the counter in the narthex.



Adult Information Classes

Pastor Simek will begin classes on **Tuesday, October 27 at 6 pm**. To cover the material thoroughly and in a timely manner, we will aim to meet for two hours each time, roughly every two weeks, for about 8 classes. Exact class duration, dates, and number of sessions will depend on schedules, holidays, and the questions you have as we dive into God's Word together.

Sign up in the narthex if you are interested in adult information classes, **even if you are unable to make it on October 27.**

Blanket-Making Party!

Join the youth group on Saturday, October 24 from 10AM-1PM to make tie blankets for Project Warm-up!

We are collecting donations of tie blanket kits until then. Place donations in the bin in the narthex.

Want us to do the shopping? Monetary donations can be put in the offering plate earmarked, "Project Warm-up."

Sign Making Party

Our Redeemer invites you to a morning of fun and fellowship on Saturday, November 14, 9am-12pm at Our Redeemer as we make beautiful 22inch door hangers. We have 3 winter/Christmas hangers and 2 All Season hangers for you to choose from!

The cost is \$58 per person, which includes the supplies you will need to make your sign. A light breakfast will also be provided.



SIGN UP HERE!

THANK YOU to all the ORLC family for your kindness, prayers, hugs, gifts, and support over the last couple years, but especially the last month following the death of my dear husband, Larry Sroufe. You are a wonderful church family showing the love of Christ in what you have done for us. We sincerely appreciate it. May God bless all of you. — Rose Marie Sroufe and Family



KDLT / NBC

This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit:
www.mainstreetliving.com

Sunday, October 25

10:00am - "The Sexton" - A pastor and a sexton (church caretaker) with magical powers fight an eerie duel in a church.

10:30 AM - Rev. Jordon Andreasen, LCMS missionary serving in Brasov, Romania, presents a message titled "The Good News: An Offense". The sermon is based on John 8:31-36.

October 25
Reformation Sunday

Sermon
The Word First
John 8:31-36

Organist
Rev. Howard Shane

8AM Acolytes
Zander Voss

10:30AM Acolytes
Jacob Rieck

November 1
All Saints' Day

Sermon
Holy Union
Revelation 7:9-17

Organist
Rev. Howard Shane

8AM Acolytes
James Lafrentz
Lydia Lafrentz

10:30AM Acolytes
Joel Simek
Elijah Simek



**SIOUX FALLS
LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

World Ready. Faith Secure.

- **Thanks for Supporting the Marching Eagles!**
Sincere thanks to everyone who attended, financially supported, and baked pies for the Marching Eagles' first-ever indoor marching band show. Your support and encouragement of our students' God-given musical gifts raised \$5,788.25 toward our new high school marching percussion equipment, and an anonymous matching gift brought the total to more than \$11,000! We are so grateful for your generosity.
- **Volunteer at SFLS:** Volunteers play an important role in supporting our students, strengthening our school community, and nurturing the Christ-centered environment we value. Whether you have an hour to give each week, enjoy helping at special events, or simply want to find a way to serve, there are many opportunities to get involved. Visit our website to learn more and get involved:
www.siuoxfallslutheran.com/volunteer.
- **Fall Festival:** Join us from **5:30-7:30pm on Thursday, Oct. 29**, for an indoor treat trail, cookie walk, dance, photo booth, games, kettle corn, walking tacos (free will donation), and a family-friendly mystery maze (\$5 admission). Prefer to volunteer? Visit bit.ly/sfls26-fall-festival-volunteer to sign up.
- **High School Youth Night:** Join Concordia University St. Paul for a circuit-wide youth event at Sioux Falls Lutheran School from 6:00-8:00pm on Wednesday, November 4. The evening will include pizza, games, God's word, and a Bible study for parents. Sign up: bit.ly/2026-hs-youth.
- **Work at SFLS:** We're hiring an Accounting & Lunch Program Assistant, After School Eagle Care Workers, and several basketball and track coaches for the 2026-27 school year. Learn more and apply: www.siuoxfallslutheran.com/careers.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Hymn of the Month:

656 - A Mighty Fortress is Our God

3rd – 5th Grade

Ananias and Sapphira Lie to the Holy Spirit

- Bible Story: Acts 5:1-16
- Learn by Heart: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism:
 - Which of these words and promises are God?

6th – 8th Grade

- Ten Commandments – Review
- Verse of the Week: Romans 6:23 – The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord

9th – 12th Grade

Chapter 4 - Judaism: Foundation for the Christian Faith, but Still Looking for the Messiah

P.A.S.S. IT ON!

Family Discipleship Training

Saturday, November 7, 2026
9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Zion Lutheran Church
620 E. 3rd Ave. – Mitchell, SD

Who should attend? Parents, teachers, pastors, church workers, and laypeople who want to help families grow as lifelong disciples of Jesus.

Sign Up Here:

<https://sddlcms.org/event/family/>

Led by Rev. Dr. Todd Biermann, Executive Director, Concordia Center for the Family.
<https://www.concordiafamily.org/>

PARISH NURSE

Sciatica

Back pain, again. But this feels different with sharp and shooting pain down your leg, rather than the dull ache. It could be sciatica.

The sciatic nerve is the longest and largest nerve in the body. It travels from your lower back to your feet. Sciatica is a common symptom that occurs when this nerve becomes compressed or irritated. Sciatica pain often radiates from the buttocks down one or both legs. Herniated disks and bony growths that develop along the spine are common causes of sciatic nerve irritation. As you age, your risk of developing sciatica may increase. Wear of spinal disks due to aging is referred to as degenerative disc disease.

With healthy movement and other forms of care, effective pain relief for sciatica is possible. While sciatica pain may tempt you to stay in bed, Mayo Clinic experts say that isn't usually a good approach. Although a day or two of rest may help during severe pain, prolonged bed rest is generally discouraged. But gentle movement, including changing positions frequently, can help prevent stiffness, muscle weakness and delayed recovery.

Clinical guidelines recommend that you remain as active as pain allows. Walking is one of the safest and most beneficial forms of exercise for sciatica pain. Swimming is another great option because water's buoyancy reduces stress on the spine.

Most sciatica improves within about 10 days. But seek medical care if pain persists, worsens or continues to radiate down the leg or if weakness continues.

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Sunday School Parents

*We would like all of the Sunday School children to sit together while they sing the hymn of the month **next Sunday, October 25**. Please check your email and/or church mailbox for complete details.*

UPCOMING AT OUR REDEEMER

Sunday, October 18

Pastor Simek Out of the Office 10/18-10/23

Communion Worship	8 AM
Sunday School & Pre-Call Meeting	9:15 AM
Communion Worship	10:30 AM
Oromo Group	1 PM

Monday, October 19

Weigh-2-Go	9:30 AM
S.A.I.L. Class	1:30 PM
Trail Life	6:30 PM

Tuesday, October 20

Parish Nurse Hours: 10AM-1PM	
Senior Saints Bible Study	1 PM
Discipleship Meeting	6 PM
Handbell Choir Rehearsal	6:45 PM

Wednesday, October 21

No Catechesis Class

Church Family Meal	5 PM
Youth Group and Adult Bible Class	6 PM
Vocal Choir Rehearsal	7 PM

Thursday, October 22

TOPS Group	9 AM
S.A.I.L. Class	1:30 PM

Friday, October 23

Pastor Simek's Personal Day

Saturday, October 24

Blanket-making and Bundlet Pick-up	10AM-12PM
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Sunday, October 25

Reformation Sunday

Communion Worship	8 AM
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	9:15 AM
Communion Worship	10:30 AM
Oromo Group	1 PM

Monday, October 26

Weigh-2-Go	9:30 AM
S.A.I.L. Class	1:30 PM
Trail Life	6:30 PM

Tuesday, October 27

Parish Nurse Hours: 10AM-1PM	
Staff Meeting	10 AM
Senior Saints Bible Study	1 PM
Adult Information Class	6 PM
Handbell Choir Rehearsal	6:45 PM

IN OUR PRAYERS

* - Homebound Member

** - Active Military

MEMBERS

Betty Berry*	Mary Muchow
Dorene Cink	Dorothy Oleson*
Dan Clauson*	Maxine Owens*
Mary Clauson*	Linda Spoo
Dorothy Dueis*	James Streyle
Mavis Fritz*	Rhoda Thomas
Cib Gaffer*	Jeanne Toay*
Duane Genzlinger*	Kendra Voss
Duane Hartmann	Mariea Warns*
Don Hennies	Mary Warns
Ella May Kelly*	Jim Wosje
Jordy Martinez**	
Roberta Mathiason*	

LOVED ONES

Mike, Brother of Pam Berg	Pat, Friend of Bob Graham	Dennis, Son of Phyllis Joyce
Joshua Bohling**	Cindy, Family Friend of Kathy Haar	Jeff, Father of Trevor Lee
Glenda, Mother of Jason Consoer	Dan, Brother-in-Law of Kathy Haar	Susan, Daughter-in- Law of Dave Olson
Nicole, Aunt of Ashley Consoer's	Frankie, Cousin of Kathy Haar	Bernice, Mother of Nathan Sandbulte
William East**	John, Husband of Kay Hamersma	Susie, Daughter-in-Law of Helen Schauer
Bonnie Ellis, Former Member	Chuck, Family of Ed & Jean Harmdierks	Tyler VanTassel**
Matt, Son of Barb Ewoldt	Ruby, Sister of Ed Harmdierks	Berniece, Grandmother of Dawn Ver Hoeven
Curtis Furry**	Dan, Son-in-Law of Duane & Helen Hartmann	Deb, Friend of Karl & Mary Warns
Cassie, Daughter of Tim Goettsch	Mike, Cousin of Pamela Herman	Jim Wegehaupt, Former Member
Mark, Son of Bob Graham	Jimmy, Friend of Guy & Pamela Herman	Barb, Sister-in-Law of Sandra Weissenburger