



Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Community,

We are deep into the season of Lent, a time of reflection, renewal, and drawing closer to God. This sacred journey leads us toward the hope and joy of Easter, reminding us that even in seasons of challenge, Christ walks with us, bringing healing and new life.

I want to personally invite you to our **Wednesday evening healing services at 7:00 PM**. These services are a time to pause, pray, and receive the gift of God's healing presence in our lives. Whether you seek comfort, renewal, or simply a space to be still, I hope you will join us. There is something powerful about coming together in faith, lifting up our burdens, and trusting in God's grace.

As we look forward to Easter, I find myself filled with gratitude and excitement for all that God is doing in our congregation. This is a season of dreaming—of asking where God is leading us next. As your pastor, I love imagining new ways we can grow in faith and serve our neighbors!

But I also wonder: **What have you been dreaming about?**

Is there a ministry you have longed to start at Our Saviors? Maybe a new outreach effort, a Bible study, a service project, or a creative way to bring people together? What would you like to lead? Who would it serve? I would love to hear your ideas and explore possibilities with you. Let's dream together about how we can continue to share Christ's love in meaningful ways.

I look forward to walking this Lenten path with you and celebrating the resurrection hope of Easter together. I pray this season is one of deep renewal for us all!

Peace!

Pastor Bunny



Lenten Service Schedule- Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm

April 2 – Enjoy this special service completely planned and presented by OSLC confirmation students (come support our youth).

April 9- Please join us as we prepare for Easter by reflecting on Jesus's death and resurrection, repenting sins, and practicing self-discipline.

The Three Days of Holy Week: An Invitation to Worship

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we enter the most sacred time of the Christian year, we invite you to journey with us through the Three Days—Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. These days, known as the *Triduum*, are not separate services but one continuous act of worship that walks us through the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Maundy Thursday: The Night of Love and Service

On this night, we remember Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples, where he gave us the command (*mandatum*, from which we get “Maundy”) to love one another as he has loved us. We celebrate Holy Communion, recalling the gift of Christ's body and blood given for us. The service concludes with the stripping of the altar, symbolizing Jesus' betrayal and abandonment.

Good Friday: The Cross of Christ

Good Friday is a solemn day of remembrance as we stand at the foot of the cross. We hear the Passion according to John and meditate on Jesus' sacrifice for the world. This is a day not only of sorrow but also of deep love, as we witness the lengths to which God goes to redeem us.

Why Worship on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday?

Many are tempted to skip straight to Easter Sunday, but when we miss Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, we miss the depth of the story. Easter's joy is greater when we have walked through the sorrow of the cross. Worshiping on these days helps us fully embrace the mystery of our faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

We warmly invite you to worship with us on these sacred days. Come and experience the fullness of the Passion, the depth of Christ's love, and the hope of the resurrection.

Easter Week Schedule

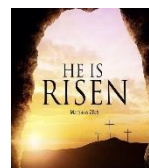


Maundy Thursday Service, April 17, 7pm

Good Friday Service, April 18, 7pm

Easter morning breakfast 8:00am - 9:30am

Easter Sunday Service, April 20, 10am



Phil and Andy's Pantry

In April and May we will be collecting personal hygiene items. So many come to the local missions needing some of the following personal care products like: bath soap, shampoo, towels and wash clothes, deodorant, shaving cream, razors, tooth brushes, tooth paste, toilet tissue, lotion, feminine pads and any others you may want to bring.



Reminder! Sunday School is every Sunday at 9 AM. All are welcome!!

Youth News:

Palm Sunday



Sunday, April 13th is Palm Sunday and the youth will host their annual “Pies for Palms!” Pies will be available whole or by the slice for a free-will offering. Additionally, raffle tickets will be sold for a chance to “Pie Pastor Bunny!” Tickets will be \$1/ticket or \$5/6 tickets. Pie-ing will take place at NOON so please plan to stick around to break Pastor Bunny in for her first Easter at OSLC!

Also on Palm Sunday, the OSLC youth will have the chance to participate in the 10:00 worship service by proceeding with Pastor Bunny and the assisting minister waving palms in celebration of Jesus’ arrival!! Please plan to attend!

Easter Breakfast

What better way to celebrate Jesus’ resurrection than with a delicious breakfast!? Sunday, April 20th, the youth will be hosting the annual OSLC Easter Breakfast from 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM. A free will offering will be collected and will benefit the youth. In order to make an outstanding breakfast, we need the ingredients to do so. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board with all the ingredients needed! Please have all donations at church by 9 AM on Saturday, April 19th. Contact Hannah with questions.



Fellowship Hour after Sunday Service

The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board across from Therese’s office. Pat and Diane have graciously agreed to continue to make coffee so all that needs to be provided is treats. Our Fellowship hour is a very special time where we can catch up with our Christian family and is enjoyed by so many. Please don’t forget to sign up. Sunday, May 25th will be the last Sunday for Fellowship until September.

AED - Automated External Defibrillator

Our Savior's AED is in the back hallway right outside of Pastor Bunny's office. Open the door to the white cabinet to remove the AED front- be prepared that an alarm will sound, this will alert others that the AED is being used- take the AED to the victim immediately. Once you open the lid to the AED, turn it on. The AED will guide you through all the steps you need to take.

We also have 3 people that have gone through AED training – Lori Hayes, Natalie Fiester and Hannah Plummer.

2025 Flower Chart

Thank you to all who signed up to donate flowers to beautify our altar for Sunday service in 2025. Your generosity is very much appreciated!!



2025 Financial Update

Contribution results for the week ending 3/23/2025:

General Giving:	\$1,327.00
Total Giving:	\$1,485.11

Weekly averages through 3/23/2025 (12 weeks):

Average Actual General Giving:	\$4,746.89 (\$56,962.62 YTD)
Average Actual General Expenses:	\$4,149.17 (\$49,790.00 YTD)

The averages reported above are the averages of "actual" general giving and general expenses, not the forecasts.

Free Document Shred Days

Two of our area banks are offering free opportunities for anyone to properly destroy paperwork that contains your personal information!

Saturday, April 12th Cedar Rapids Bank and Trust will be on-site to drop off materials at 5400 Council St NE from 9:00-noon. They may close earlier if truck capacity is reached.

Saturday, May 3rd Corda Credit Union is sponsoring their Community Shred Day from 9-noon at the Kirkwood Community College Linn County Regional Center in Hiawatha. This will be located in the north parking lot at 1770 Boyson Rd in Hiawatha.

Each vehicle is limited to 3 containers weighing no more than 25 pounds each.

Staples and paper clips are allowed but no binders, metals, plastics or media items such as CDs, hard drives, batteries or cell phones.

Readers

April 6 – Dave Sampson
April 13 – Rachel Sindelar
April 20 – Sue Clapp
April 27 – Korver Sindelar

May 4 – Korver Sindelar
May 11 – Rachel Sindelar
May 18 – Sue Clapp
May 25 – Therese Plummer

****Readers can pick up their reading in the
“Reader” mailbox located between the offices in
the back hallway**

Acolytes

April 6 – Korver Sindelar
April 13 – Eric Strottman
April 20 – Evy Fiester
April 27 – Parker Zeien

May 4 – Korver Sindelar
May 11 – Eric Strottman
May 18 – Evy Fiester
May 25 – Parker Zeien

Ushers/Greeters

April 6 – Mark & Suzanne Schmitt,
Ann Larson
April 13 – Fiester’s
April 20 – Sue Clapp, All Johnson
April 27 – Strottman’s

May 4 – Dave Sampson, Marv Houg,
Tom Zuber
May 11 – Mark & Suzanne Schmitt,
Ann Larson
May 18 – Fiester’s
May 25 – Sue Clapp, Al Johnson

Assisting Ministers

April 6 – Sue Clapp
April 13 – Karen Janney

April 17 – Ann Larson (Maundy Thursday)
April 20 – Nancy Greer
April 27 – Sue Clapp

May 4 – Natalie Fiester
May 11 – Hannah Plummer
May 18 – Karen Janney
May 25 – Ann Larson

Prayer for Pastor

April 6 – Nancy Trout
April 13 – Laurene Case
April 20 – Nancy Greer
April 27 – Dave Case

May 4 – Ardy Erickson
May 11 – Derek Sindelar
May 18 – Therese Plummer
May 25 – Diana Emig

Children’s Sermon

April 6 – JoAnn Kohl
April 13 – Hannah Plummer
April 20 – Pastor Bunny
April 27 – JoAnn Kohl

May 4 – Pastor Bunny
May 11 – Hannah Plummer
May 18 – Hannah Plummer
May 25 – JoAnn Kohl

Sunday School Teaching Schedule

April 6 – Natalie Fiester
April 13 – Hannah Plummer
April 20 – Rachel Sindelar
April 27 – Natalie Fiester

May 4 – Hannah Plummer
May 11 – Rachel Sindelar
May 18 – Natalie Fiester
May 25 – Hannah Plummer

Serving Our Congregation

Bunny Dillard – Head Pastor

Hannah Plummer – Children & Youth
Ministries Director

Sue Clapp – Congregation President

Forrest Green – Music Director

David Sampson – Treasurer

Terri Hodge – Bell Choir Director

Therese Plummer – Parish/Financial Secretary

Thrivent Investors

If you haven't already done this, please check your account or call your agent to see if you have Choice Dollars for them to donate on your behalf. This does not affect your investments but Thrivent is willing to send a contribution to a charity or non-profit organization of your choice. Our Savior's is on the list for us to receive these Choice Dollars if you would like. Any donations from Thrivent goes into our general funds. I was notified that my Choice Dollars would expire at the end of March so please check soon.

Thank you,

Sue Clapp

Lutheran Day on the Hill

Dear Friends,

Earlier this month, I had the privilege of attending **Lutheran Day on the Hill**, a gathering of over 150 Lutherans from across Iowa who came together to learn, listen, and advocate for the well-being of our neighbors. Hosted by **Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI)**, this annual event is not about politics as usual but about living out our shared call to love and serve those in need.

We began our day in worship and learning, grounding ourselves in the biblical call to seek justice and care for the most vulnerable. We heard stories of individuals and families impacted by hunger, gaps in healthcare, and the challenges faced by refugees and immigrants working to build new lives in our communities. These are not abstract issues—they affect real people, many of whom are our neighbors, co-workers, and friends.

After our time of learning, we made our way to the **Iowa State Capitol** to meet with legislators, sharing our concerns and hopes for policies that reflect our commitment to caring for others. Our focus was on:

- **Sustainable food access**—ensuring that all Iowans, especially children and seniors, have enough to eat.
- **Strengthening Iowa's healthcare system**—so that essential services remain accessible, especially in rural areas.

- **Supporting refugees and immigrants**—helping those who have fled hardship to find stability and opportunity in our communities.

As Lutherans, our advocacy is not about endorsing parties or candidates. It is about lifting up those in need and working toward solutions that uphold human dignity. We may not always agree on the best policies, but we can agree that **caring for the least, the last, and the lonely is central to our faith.**

I left the Capitol that day reminded of the power of **listening and showing up.** When we take the time to hear one another's stories, to speak with compassion, and to seek the common good, we embody Christ's love in the public square.

Let us continue to walk together in faith, prayerfully seeking ways to serve our neighbors and build a more just and loving community.

Peace,

Pastor Bunny

