

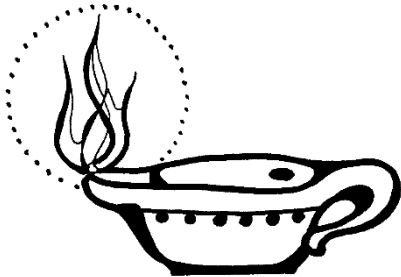


## OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS, EVENTS AND INFORMATION April 30, 2026

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**Today:**

10:30 AM **Sunday Worship**

**Monday:**

9:30 AM **Tai Chi** in Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday:**

9 AM **Quilting** in Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday:**

9:30 AM **Morning Prayer** in Fireside Room

7 PM Choir rehearsal

**Thursday:**

9:30 AM **Tai Chi** in Fellowship Hall

Friday:

**Next Sunday:**

10:30 AM **Sunday Worship**

**Community Use of Building:**

During the week we welcome a number of outside groups into our building: Narcotics Anonymous on Sunday at 7 PM, Tuesday at 7 PM, Friday at 7 PM and Saturday at 6:30 PM; Forever in Motion on Monday at 1 PM; Al-Anon on Monday at 1:30 PM; Alcoholics Anonymous on Monday & Wednesday at 8 PM; Kathy's Tai Chi Tuesday & Thursday at 6 PM & 7 PM; Naranon on Friday at 7 PM.

**Welcome to all those worshipping** with us today. Please come again. You are always welcome! If at some point, you would like to talk to a pastor – to find out about this community of faith, to find a listening ear, or simply to have a friendly visit – please call the church office. Regular office hours are Monday to Thursday 9 AM to noon.

**Scent Awareness: Help us keep the air we share healthy and fragrance-free. Please refrain from using strong scents while in our church. Thank-you.**

## Events

1. **CLWR Friends of Creation Lake Chad Project:** In connection with Our Savior's commitment to being a Greening Congregation, we are collecting funds in support of Canadian Lutheran World Relief's (CLWR) Friends of Creation Lake Chad Project. Climate Change has had devastating consequences in and around the Lake Chad Basin in West Central Africa, and CLWR is supporting and helping farmers and communities to restore the ecosystem one acre at a time. Each acre costs about \$50 to restore, and Our Savior's is hoping to raise enough money to help restore 100 acres of land. **Donations can be made online at [www.clwr.org/oslcregina](http://www.clwr.org/oslcregina) (make sure you are on the Our Savior's page), or via cheque or cash through the regular Sunday offering (please make sure to clearly note "Lake Chad" in the memo line, or use the special envelopes on the Usher's Table).** To learn more about the Lake Chad Project, please see the two displays in the narthex, or visit CLWR online. Thank you for supporting this very important project!
 
2. **Postcard Campaign in Support of Canadian Lutheran World Relief and Nature-Based Solutions:** Before and after worship on Greening Sunday, you are invited to stop by the table in the narthex and join in a postcard advocacy campaign to the Federal Government in support of funding for projects such as CLWR's Lake Chad Project. These types of projects are often carried out in partnership with the Government of Canada, however Canada's funding plan for nature-based solutions has expired and no new plan has been announced. CLWR has asked Lutherans across Canada to send postcards to Ottawa encouraging, supporting, and uplifting continued funding. Postcards are provided—all you need to do is add your name and postal code!
3. **Wednesday Morning Prayer:** We gather, to pray for the needs of the community. We meet in the Fireside Room at 9:30 AM.
4. **Hymn Festival on May 7 at 7 PM at Christ Lutheran Church. All are welcome.** This Hymn Festival is a part of the Worship & Music Symposium.
5. The OSL quilters invite you to this year's Pie Social on **Thursday, May 14 at 6:30 PM.** Please join us – in the Fellowship Hall - for an enjoyable evening of fundraising, fellowship, and delicious pies.
 

**Call for Pie Social silent auction donations.** Since many of us are trying to downsize and/or don't need more items in our homes, we're going to try something a bit different this year with the silent auction. We're asking for donation of "consumable" items or "experiences" e.g. a jar of jam; a plate of cookies; a soup to be delivered when requested; or a lesson. We hope you appreciate this slight twist. If you have something to donate for the silent auction – thank you! – and **please deliver to the church before Tuesday, May 12.**
6. **Adult Fellowship and Games, May 15 from 7 PM to 9 PM** at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 3510 Queen St. For questions or more information, contact Melissa at [melissa.dolff@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.dolff@gmail.com)
7. **M&M (Muffins and Meditations) study Saturday May 23.** All are most welcome.



## News

1. **Bishop Sid Haugen** is our interim pastor to the end of June. He is regularly in the church office Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings and can be reached via email at [BishopSid@oslregina.com](mailto:BishopSid@oslregina.com), by calling the church office, or in case of urgent care, by phone at 306-530-4328.
2. **Save the date!** OSL is offering VBS July 13-17, mornings. Children ages 4-12 years. More information to come.
3. **Middle East Emergency Appeal** – As violence in the region escalates, CLWR, the ELCIC and the Humanitarian Coalition are asking for your help to provide life-saving aid. Please join us in prayer and consider donating today. Give now at [clwr.org/middleeast](http://clwr.org/middleeast) or call **1-800-661-2597** (Mon-Fri 9 AM-4 PM CST).
4. For those wanting to donate flowers for Sunday worship, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please note flowers need to have little or no scent. Write your name beside the date to which you are committing, and optionally the reason why (e.g. In honour of someone's anniversary OR In memory of a loved one).
5. **Calling all bakers.** Please consider bringing cookies and squares that we will all enjoy after Sunday worship. You can drop them off in the downstairs freezers.
6. The **Prayer Shawl Ministry** is looking for knitters who would like to create new prayer shawls. Supplies and instructions can be found on top of the desk and in the top desk drawer, currently draped in a red tablecloth, which is situated near the door when you enter the Fireside Room. For information, contact Donna Ottenson at [dottenson@sasktel.net](mailto:dottenson@sasktel.net).
7. From the **Accessibility and Inclusion Subcommittee: Fidgets** and other **sensory items** are available in a basket on the Ushers Table near the hearing headsets. Also, in the drawer below (the middle drawer) are noise-cancelling headphones, and pink and blue coloured overlays to assist with reading. If there are other items like these that you would appreciate having available at Our Savior's, please talk to Carol Flotre, Marja Hordern, Cindy Leggott, or Wendy McCutcheon.
8. Not on our **e-mailing list**? Let the office know if you'd like to receive a weekly e-mail which includes the upcoming Sunday's Order of Worship and the weekly newsletter.



## Green is the Colour! Care of Creation is Our Game!

It was a wonderful morning at Our Savior's Lutheran Church on April 26, when we celebrated our continued commitment to being an accredited Greening Congregation in the ELCIC's Stewardship of Creation Program.

Worship included blessing quilts made by the Our Savior's Quilters (our congregation's original recyclers!), the choir sounded spectacular, and people wore many many shades of green.

As part of the morning's celebration, we also highlighted some of the numerous ways the Our Savior's community is living out our call to care for creation, such as through Grow-A-Row for the Regina Food Bank, gifting quilts to neighbours and strangers in need of warmth, and supporting Canadian Lutheran World Relief's Lake Chad Project through education, prayer, and financial offerings.

If you would like to make a donation to help Our Savior's reach our goal of supporting 100 Acres in the Lake Chad Project, donations can be made online at [www.clwr.org/oslcregina](http://www.clwr.org/oslcregina) #myELCIC #GreeningCongregation #StewardshipOfCreation





## **Fardous and Family Coming May 7!**

The Regina Refugee Committee is excited to let you know that Fardous Ginawi, her husband Noah and their five children and five orphaned nieces and nephew will arrive in Regina on May 7. The family fled the war in Sudan, lived in refugee camps and have been living in Kampala Uganda for the last year. We are setting up three apartments for the family at Boardwalk, Gladmer Park, close to Fardous's mother and sister. Thank you for your generous donations of non-perishable food items and spices.

We still need curtains and curtain rods, shower curtains and rods, small and large garbage cans and cleaning supplies. If you're able to contribute any of these items contact Sharon to arrange for a pickup. You can call or text 306-552-6649 or email [sharonsolheim@sasktel.net](mailto:sharonsolheim@sasktel.net)

Thank you for your generosity and kindness in helping the settlement committee welcome this family.



## **What's Happening Outside Our Church Community**





Dear Pastors, Rostered Leaders and Friends,

As the crisis in Sudan enters its fourth year, it remains the world's largest humanitarian crisis. The conflict has forced an estimated 14 million people from their homes. Approximately 4.4 million have fled to neighbouring countries, particularly Chad and South Sudan — countries already grappling with hunger and insecurity.

Today I'm grateful to share that the Government of Canada has announced \$8.5 million in funding for the first year of a two-year joint humanitarian response with CLWR in partnership with CARE Canada and Oxfam Canada. The funding will support a coordinated, cross-border response to one of the world's most severe — and most underfunded — humanitarian crises.



*CARE Canada photo*

CLWR, through our partner (LWF), will provide water, sanitation and protection programs in Chad's Ouaddaï and Sila provinces, where LWF has maintained continuous operations since 2007.

CARE Canada will work with local partners to deliver water, sanitation, and essential health services in displacement camps and host communities across South Darfur, East Darfur, and Khartoum states in Sudan. And Oxfam Canada will work with refugee and host communities in Renk, Upper Nile State, South Sudan to deliver critical protection and water, sanitation and hygiene interventions to vulnerable populations.

The Government of Canada's commitment to fund this project as a consortium rather than a grant to a single organization is a new approach in funding that signals that an effective

humanitarian response requires not just generosity, but coordination — organizations working together across borders, pooling expertise and staying present for the long term.

We're grateful for the funding from the Government of Canada to provide life-saving support to families fleeing the crisis. And as always I'm grateful to you for your ongoing support of CLWR that makes this project and all our work possible.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heidi Van Schaik".

Heidi Van Schaik  
*Senior Manager - Church Relations*  
*Canadian Lutheran World Relief*

Please follow the link below to read the full announcement.

**[Joint Canadian Humanitarian Response to Sudan Crisis Launches with \\$8.5 Million in Initial Government Support](#)**

*Three Canadian organizations join forces to deliver coordinated support across Sudan, South Sudan, and Chad as war enters its fourth year*

## Lutheran Organizations Information

1. **Evangelical Lutheran Church In Canada News** can be found here:  
<https://elcic.ca/news/>
2. **Save the Date (May 7- 9)** for the **Worship & Music Symposium 2026**. Workshops and Worship led by Rev. Dr. Dennis Hendrickson, Dr. Joy Berg, Rev. Kristian Wold, Rev. Dr. Larry Kochendorfer, Ben Johnston-Urey and Neil Cockburn. To be held at Christ Lutheran Regina.
3. **ELCIC Day of Action on May 31**: This year marks 40 years in the life of our church! This milestone not only invites us to remember our story, but also to reflect on who we are today and how God is calling us forward as a church *Living out God's grace and unconditional love*.
4. **Luther College Founders' Day Dinner, May 29**. RSVP by May 15 to 306-791-9175 or [alumni@luthercollege.edu](mailto:alumni@luthercollege.edu).



### Our Council:

Ann Marie Melvie, Chair  
Dave Solheim, Vice-Chair (Technology)  
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Barbara Anderson, Secretary  
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Murray Knuttila (Governance)  
Daryl Nelson (Finance)  
Linda Nilson (Children's Ministry, VBS)  
Bert Ottenson (Property Management)  
Ken Stalwick (Youth Ministry)  
Garnet Mang (Worship)



### Thank you to today's

#### Worship Assistants:

Altar Guild: Sharon Solheim &  
Altar Guild: Bernice Casper &  
Donna Achtzehner  
Children's Church: Tamra Button &  
Marja Hordern  
Coffee: Barbara Jones & Robert Lee  
Communion: Bernice Casper &  
Karlee Dorey  
Counters: Tamra Button &  
Steve Button  
Liturgist: Phil Achtzehner  
Musician: Barbara Anderson  
Reader: Isaac Mollison  
Tech Team: Steve Button & Robert Lee  
Tech Script: Mark Anderson  
Ushers: Leona Gooding & Warren Mollison  
Flowers: Wagner Family: In remembrance of  
Geri Wagner