

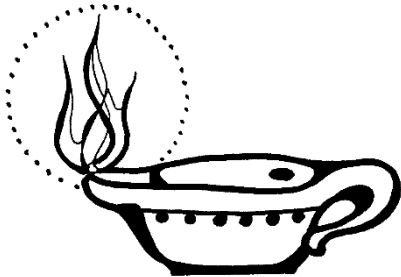


OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS, EVENTS AND INFORMATION April 23, 2026

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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 (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. **Group Photo:** On Sunday, April 26, we celebrate **Earth Day** as part of **Greening Sunday**. After worship everyone is invited to come to the front of the sanctuary for a group photo in celebration of Greening Sunday. Following the photo, please join us in the Fireside Room for cake and coffee.

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. 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.**

5. M&M (Muffins and Meditations) study Saturday May 23. All are most welcome.

News

1. **Pastor Brenda Nestegaard Paul** is our three-quarter time interim pastor to the end of April 2026. She is regularly in the church office Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings and can be contacted via e-mail at PastorBrenda@oslregina.com, by calling the church office, or in case of urgent care, by phone at 306-530-4328.
2. We welcome Dan Coggins, Carol Schick and Pastor Brenda Nestegaard Paul as new members of the OSL faith community. May their faith journey be blessed among us.
3. Beginning May 1, **Bishop Sid Haugen** will be interim pastor to the end of June.
4. **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 or call **1-800-661-2597** (Mon-Fri 9 AM-4 PM CST).
5. 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).
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.
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.



2. Climate Justice Updates and Events

Earth Week 2026: Turning Faith into Action for Climate Justice



Earth Week 2026 Together for the Love of Creation

From **April 19-26**, faith communities across the country are invited to join together in a shared week of prayer, learning, and action for climate justice during Earth Week 2026. This is a moment to move from awareness into hope-filled action. Across Canada, congregations are stepping forward in creative and practical ways that reflect care for creation and commitment to a more just future. Every action, large or small, helps build momentum and reminds us that change happens when we act together.

We encourage you to explore ideas on the Earth Week 2026 webpage and consider how your community might participate. You can also add your event to the national map, helping to inspire and connect others across the country. As a thank you for leading the way, the first 50 groups to register will receive a special discount code for two free [For the Love of Creation Earth Week t-shirts](#).

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



CLIMATE + PEACE

PLANTING SEEDS OF PEACE



Madame Kirna speaks passionately about her work © Marie Renaux/LWF

In Logone Birni, Cameroon, the land has always sustained life—but in recent decades, it has also become a source of conflict. As weather patterns shift, rain becomes unpredictable, and floods and droughts grow more common, the natural resources that people rely on—land, water, grazing areas—have grown scarcer. This has led to rising tensions between farmers and herders, and more violence within families, especially as the struggle to grow food and earn income puts extra pressure on households.

[CLWR.ORG/FOC-CHALLENGE](https://clwr.org/foc-challenge)

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In response, the community came together to form a peace committee, supported by CLWR's Nature Based Solutions project, implemented through Lutheran World Federation (LWF). The committee builds on existing local groups and emphasizes the importance of including everyone—especially women and youth—in the work of restoring peace.

Madame Kirna, president of the women's group within the committee, helps lead these efforts. Under her guidance, women now play an active role in resolving disputes, preventing violence, and building trust between neighbours. They've received training on leadership and important awareness topics like positive masculinity, which encourages respect, support, and shared responsibilities at home and in the community.

A youth group within the committee is also working to address issues facing the next generation. Together, these groups are tackling conflicts not only between farmers and herders, but also between different ethnic groups, helping people move beyond fear and blame toward understanding and cooperation.

The peace committee doesn't just solve problems—it brings people together. One of its most powerful efforts has been organizing community meals, where families share dishes from their own traditions and sit side by side to eat. These meals are simple, but they're helping to rebuild something deeper: a sense of belonging.

In a place where both the climate and community have been under strain, the trust these neighbours are rebuilding is more than strong—it's life-giving. And like a seed planted in good soil, peace here is starting to take root.

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.



Our Council:

Ann Marie Melvie, Chair

Dave Solheim, Vice-Chair (Technology)

Bev Tastad, Treasurer (Finance)

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 &
Katie Achtzehner

Children's Church: Ann Marie Melvie &
Donna Achtzehner

Coffee: Gloria Wittal

Communion: Donna Ottenson &
Bert Ottenson

Counters: Jonathan Achtzehner &
Katie Achtzehner

Liturgist: Phil Achtzehner

Musician: Lynn Cavanagh

Reader: Alanna Manz

Tech Team: Mark Anderson & Gord Grant

Tech Script: Mark Anderson

Ushers: Carol Michel & Bernice Casper

Flowers: sign up today!

