A Note from the Pastor.

The Voice of the Lord

It seems as though we have been climbing a mountain this winter, steadily moving through the weeks and with each week the temperature climbs about as slow as I climb a mountain. From the 30’s of January to the 40’s of February and the 50’s of March. Will we see 60 or 70 in the days to come? The voice of the Lord assures me that the seasons will not cease. “While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night shall not cease.” Genesis 8:22

Perhaps the disciples did not realize just how deep was the valley that they were in until the events following the arrest of Jesus in the Garden. Falling helplessly out of control, they watched this situation tumbled from terrible to horrific as Jesus suffered before their very eyes. The death of Jesus presented them with a mountain that no man had ever climbed by himself. Dead men do not rise. Jesus was dead. Was this not insurmountable?

So insurmountable was this mountain that the message of the women was not to be trusted. They had to go and see for themselves. So much so that even as they saw the empty tomb they still did not believe what they were seeing. So much so that Mary can only weep outside the tomb. So much so that when she see him, she surmises that he is a ghost. So insurmountable that as they talked with one another on the road they could only speak of him in the past tense.

But with a loving voice He calls that woman by her name and she hears Him. With a confident voice He walks them through the scriptures and their hearts catch fire. With a calm and familiar voice, He holds out his hands and his feet for them to see and to touch and they – all of the sudden they find themselves at the top of the impossible. He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

More and more – way too late in my ministry – have I studied the Psalms. There you will find the voice of the Lord.

1Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. 2Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, the LORD makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD makes the wrinkled mountains shake the wilderness.

The voice of the LORD makes the Deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, “Glory!”

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever. The LORD gives strength to his people!

May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Pastor Brandt

The Mission of Living Savior Lutheran Church:
Alive in Christ, we share the love of Jesus—serve, care for, support and nourish each other, our community, and the world!

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The good news of Easter and Jesus’ love for us shines through in April as all the rain brings us flowers in bloom assuring us that spring and some sunshine is on its way.

In April our Bible stories help prepare us for Easter as we learn about Jesus’ love for us and His forgiveness of our sins. We start with Palm Sunday when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. Then we will learn about the Last Supper, the last meal Jesus spent with His disciples. The next week we’ll hear about Jesus’ death and resurrection. We end the month hearing about Jesus appearing to Mary and Martha and his disciples.

We will be learning about Easter, spring and growth this month. We reinforce the concept that new life begins at Easter time, such as eggs hatching, the appearance of flowers and new growth. Children will plant seeds and watch them grow. We will read stories about how plants grow. The children will do lots of art projects that incorporate these themes.

The drama corner will transform into a school the first part of the month. Children can be the teacher and students as they gather for group time, read stories, and practice letters on the chalkboard. To celebrate the coming of Easter we’ll transform the drama corner into a church for the second two weeks. Dress-up is again available, along with songbooks, flowers to decorate the altar and opportunities to preach the Good News to the entire congregation.

Do you know any families in need of a preschool for the 2017-18 school year? We are full in the morning classes and Pre-K but have room available in the afternoon 3’s and 4’s classes. Children need to be 3-4 years old on or by September 1 to attend school. Please pass the word along and have them call for more information and a tour. Word of mouth is still the best way we enroll new students.

Have a Happy Easter! Alleluia! He Is Risen! from Denice and the Preschool Staff

The spiritual Life Board at Living Savior is conducting a survey about worship opportunities “that draw participants into the presence of Almighty God and nurture one’s relationship in Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Although the survey focuses on Sunday morning worship services, I have been thinking about worship in general.

According to Webster’s Dictionary:

Noun 1 (a) reverence or devotion, for a deity; religious homage or veneration (b) a church service or other rite showing this.
2 extreme devotion or intense love or admiration of any kind.

Transitive Verb. To show religious devotion or reverence for, adore or venerate as a deity. 3 to have intense love or admiration for, adore or idolize.

Intransitive Verb. To engage in worship, or perform an act of religious devotion; specifically, to offer prayers, attend church services, etc.

The word is derived from worth & -ship. God is worthy of our praise and adoration—our exaltation.

In a recent devotion from Max Lucado (taken from his book Just Like Jesus), he asks, “Exactly what is worship?” And then provides an answer, I like King David’s definition: “O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together.” Psalm 34:3

According to this verse, worship is the act of magnifying God. To magnify is to enlarge. Worship enlarges our vision of God. As we draw nearer, God seems larger. Max Lucado asks, Isn’t that what we need? A big view of God? Don’t we have big problems, big worries, big questions?

And the answer to those questions is, “Yes!” When we have a big view of God, we have the answer to the big problems, big worries and big questions. To exalt God is to raise on high, elevate, lift up. To raise in status, dignity, power, honor, etc. To praise; glorify; extol. To heighten or intensify the action or effect of.
**Pilgrims on a Mission!**

**West Hills Spring Zone Rally**
Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 5650 SW Hall Blvd., Beaverton
Registration at 9:00am.

**Saturday, April 29**
Lunch following.

**Speakers:** Jean Marie Herkamp and her Granddaughter, Andrea, will share their experiences teaching Vacation Bible School in Kispiox, B.C.

**Gathering items will be posted on the LWML section of the Fellowship Hall bulletin board.**

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**Women’s Evening Bible Study**

**12 Women of the Bible**

Learn spiritual lessons from twelve women in the Bible. From Eve in the Old Testament to the Syrophoenician woman in Matthew’s gospel, they all have important stories to tell. Cathy Dexter has space for five (5) women to join the Bible study in her home on Tuesday evenings beginning April 19, from 7:30 to 9:00pm. We will have a video session followed by discussion and a book to read during the week. Cost is $10 for the book. Call the Church office for more information or to sign up.

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**REMINDER TO RETURN DVDs**

As many of you know, a Sunday Worship service and Educational Hour and some other events usually get video recorded and are made available to check out. To maintain an archive and availability to others it is very important to please return these “master DVD recordings”.

It has come to our attention that some DVD recordings have been checked out from Church but not returned for others to check out. There is a project underway to make easier access to older archived DVD videos.

Please support the Church’s effort by returning checked out DVDs, thanks.

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**Scholarship Presentation**

**Sunday, May 7**

The applications are in and the Scholarship Review Board is evaluating the essays to determine this year’s winners. The $3,000 and $500 scholarships will be presented May 7, during both services.

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**Oregon Al-Anon and Alateen**

As a part of Stephen Ministry’s continuing education, we were privileged to have a representative from the local Al-Anon group speak to us about the program. Stephen Ministers desire to have resources available to offer to care receivers in need. Al-Anon is a trusted and valuable resource for those who have an addicted loved one.

Al-Anon has been offering hope and help to families and friends of alcoholics for over 50 years. It is estimated that each alcoholic affects the lives of at least four other people...alcoholism is truly a family disease. No matter what relationship you have with an alcoholic, whether they are still drinking or not, all who have been affected by someone else’s drinking can find solutions that lead to serenity in the Al-Anon/Alateen fellowship. Visit the website for more information: oregon-al anon.org

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**For those who have suffered a loss or who are going through a difficult time, Easter can be a time of painful loneliness and emptiness. If you are smiling on the outside, but full of pain on the inside and the joy of Easter seems far away, help is available. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care. They will listen, care, encourage, and pray with and for you. Stephen Ministers have been specially trained to meet your emotional and spiritual needs; male Stephen Ministers are always matched with men, and female Stephen Ministers are matched with women. If you or someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders.**

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Greetings. I would like to spend a moment to talk to you about helping our youth.

There are many activities for the youth such as overnight lock-ins, Bible studies, fundraisers and mission trips. Both my wife and I are active with the youth. We have become mentors as such, in that we participate in several gatherings. We have hosted meetings at our house and chaperoned on trips. This allows us to spend time with the youth. We get to share our life stories with them and learn of what their lives are like.

As a father of three girls, I had opportunities to be involved with their activities, through the years. Most of their activities centered on school music. I drove my kids to practice, attended concerts and video-taped performances. When it came to church activities, they often preferred us to not be involved.

As a member of the Living Savior Youth Board, I am well aware of how often the youth are in need of willing adults to help with driving, chaperoning, Christian education and fun activities. I am here to suggest that you each consider working with our youth. Often, the workload for adults falls upon the parents. It is great that there is participation with whole families. Parents can be involved from the early years all the way through high school. And of course if they have multiple children, their involvement spans many more years. But as the youth move out, the parents take a deserved break.

I would ask that those of you who either have no kids yet or your kids have moved on, to consider taking an interest in the youth. Get involved, by serving as a second adult for classes, offer to drive to local events or be a chaperon for a weekend trip. Please consider what gift you may have to share. I have had the pleasure of sharing my joy of drumming with the youth on several occasions. I bring in enough percussion instruments for everyone to play. Maybe you have a favorite party game or craft that would be good to share. We recently taught the kids how to play a card game called “Nerts.” Maybe you have a life story or testimony to share. The youth would welcome hearing what you share with them.

It has been a blessing for me to share what Christ as done in my life. I have often pointed out to the kids that I was not raised in the church. I became a believer in my senior year of high school. I appreciate the connections I now have with the youth. It is great to say “hello” to them on Sunday mornings. For me, it is a blessing to have them greet me as well.

We are all part of the Body of Christ. By involvement, we solidify that bond that brings us together as believers, young and old alike.

If you are at all interested, feel free to talk to me, Heidi or Julie Inberg. Your contribution of time and talents can be as little or often as you want. It will be a blessing to the youth of our church and to you as well.

Thank you,

Bob D.

Bob is a Youth Board member, involved with the youth and is an active member of the contemporary worship bands.

Thank you to all hosts of the Dinners of Eight. We had a wonderful turnout for each dinner and thank all those who participated. Dinners of Eight will be back next January, 2018!

“Shut In Ministry”

You are those who have stood by me in my trials.”


Living Savior has an active team of people who have a heart for those who are unable to attend church because of illness or disabilities. As a visitor to shut ins, they have an opportunity to make a positive difference in someone’s life by visiting and bringing to them fellowship and love from the congregation.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO VISIT SHUT INS?

Volunteers are trained for this ministry. If you would like to be a part of this ministry or have questions, please contact the Church office.

DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WE CAN VISIT?

Contact the Church office.

Book Club

Spring is here and we only have two meetings left before our summer break. We will meet on Saturday, April 8th at 10:00am to discuss “The Mapmaker’s Daughter” by Laurel Corona. We had a really good discussion on “The Wright Brothers” in March and if you didn’t have an opportunity to read this book it is worth reading. Everyone got a lot out of this book and we hope to read more from the author, David McCullough.

May 13th will be discussing “The Plum Tree” by Ellen Marie Wiseman and make suggestions for the upcoming year’s reading. Please begin thinking of books you’d like to read and discuss.

Thank you ladies for this great fellowship and to all those who haven’t enjoyed this group we’d like to invite you to join us, whether you read all the selections or none. If you have any questions contact the Church office.

-Serving in Youth Ministry

A Call to Serve

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-Marie Wiseman

Marriage Encounter

The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekend is scheduled for May 19-21, 2017, at the Red Lion in Kelso, Washington. For more information or to sign up see GodLovesMarriage.org or obtain a brochure in the narthex.

Whether you have been married for two years or 52 years, this weekend is for you. Don’t miss it!

-Brent and Sandy B.
Regular meeting: Thursday, April 6, 2017, 1:00 PM, Pastor Brandt

Thursday, April 20, 2017, Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm, 33814 S. Meridian Rd., Woodburn, OR., 503-634-2243. It will cost $5 per person or $20 per car to enter the Farm. Meet at LSLC parking lot at 9:00 AM. Leave by driving south on I-5 to exit 271, Woodburn. The Farm is about 8 miles East and South of Woodburn. (Follow directions to Events.) You will receive a copy of a printed map of the Tulip fields for your guide, location of the parking and gift shop when you pay your entrance fee. We will be at the Farm until 11:30 am and head for the Country Cottage Restaurant at the Sr. Golf Estates in Woodburn for lunch at 12:00 noon. After lunch we will have dessert at the Walcott’s home near the restaurant at 2139 Camellia Way, Woodburn, OR. Driving directions for each of the events is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. (Please call the Church office if you have questions.)

Concordia University’s Department of Music

Annual Spring Concert
Sunday, April 23, 2017
3:00 pm
St. Michael’s Lutheran Church
For more information please visit www.cu-Portland.edu/music or call 503-280-8687

In keeping with the Easter season at Living Savior, members and friends are invited to place memorial lilies to enhance the sanctuary on the Festival of our Lord’s Resurrection.

The flowers may be placed in memory of loved ones or in honor of the Risen Savior. Acknowledgement will be made in our Easter bulletin. Plants may be taken home after the 11:00am Easter worship service.

To order a lily: The altar guild will purchase and place in the church at a cost of $10.00. Complete the form found in the weekly Parish Notes. Make checks payable to LSLC.

“Where in the World Is Pastor Alexander?”

I’m so glad you asked! I have been asked by Trinity LCMS (Sheridan) to lead worship during Holy Week, Easter Morning and the following Sunday, April 23rd.

They are currently without a Pastor, hence the request. Cheryl and I will greatly miss worshiping with you, most especially on Easter Morning when you shout out “HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!”

I’m honored to serve here at “home” which is where my heart is. Cheryl and I thank The Lord for each and every one of you!

Pastor Phil
Notes from Bethesda Auxiliary

Welcome to My World Classes

The “Welcome to My World” Sunday School classes have been going well. The students have experienced what it feels like to be mentally challenged, blind, have only one hand and upper extremity challenged. In the next class they will experience having a speech challenge and not having the use of lower extremities. We will complete the classes learning how it feels to be deaf or hard of hearing. We will discuss other challenges like autism and having a learning disability. There will be time to discuss feelings and talk about how we as Christians respond to the people we will meet with various challenges. We all have some type of challenge and know that Jesus is with us in our life and He will always support and love us.

During our March meeting we continued our study of Prayer and had an Easter theme in the group homes. Everyone enjoyed a ham casserole dinner. Anyone interested in joining us is always welcome. The dates vary, so call me, Kathye Greene, 503.692.1307. I will need some casseroles for future dinners.

SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 23 for EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP.

Annual Celebration

At a recent Bethesda Auxiliary meeting, one of the ministry consultants said a client asked, “Does Jesus love us too?” Robert and Liz know Jesus loves them. What about the others living in the four homes in Tualatin?

This year Bethesda Auxiliary has pledged $15,000 for religious life resources for the homes. An example of the material can be seen at BethesdaLutheranCommunity.org/news/trent-finds-Christ-connected.

Everyone is invited to the Annual Celebration on Saturday, April 22 at Christ the Vine Lutheran Church, 18677 SE Highway 212, Damascus. Please join in this day of inspiration, information and fellowship as we thank our Heavenly Father and celebrate His blessing of our ministry of sharing Jesus Christ in Word and deed with those who have developmental disabilities. Opening devotions begin at 10:00 am. There will be special guest speakers as well as some of the people that Bethesda supports who will have opportunity to share their stories. There will also be an oral auction, a silent auction and the traveling gift table.

A list of in-gathering items is posted on the Bethesda section of the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Easter Worship Schedule

| April 9 | Palm Sunday Worship | 8:30 & 11:00am |
| April 13 | Maundy Thursday Worship | 7:15pm |
| April 14 | Good Friday Worship | 7:15pm |
| April 16 | Easter Sunday Worship | 8:30 & 11:00am |
| Easter Breakfast | 9:45-10:45am |
| Easter Egg Hunt | 10:15am |

Easter Egg Hunt

An Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, April 16 at 10:15.

Children Pre-K to 6th grade are welcome to participate.

This will be lots of fun and we’re looking forward to seeing everyone there.

GREETING CARD COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations of greeting cards over the last few months. The Shut-In ministry will sort these according to categories. We will continue to collect until after Easter. We have been able to place two file boxes, one at the Tualatin Marquis and Riverwood Assisted Living in Tualatin. There is a basket in the narthex marked GREETING CARDS that you may drop your donated cards into.

For more information about Community Warehouse go to: communitywarehouse.org

If you have useable used items in your home that you would like to donate, please drop them into the blue Community Warehouse drop bag in the entrance into the fellowship hall or drop off your item at:

Community Warehouse
8380 SW Nyberg St, Tualatin
503-612-0020
M-F, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Sat-Sun, 10:30 am – 4:00 pm

Most needed items, no missing parts:
- Pots & Pans Clean; no excessive wear
- Baking Pans & Dishes Clean; no chips, cracks or broken parts
- Toaster/Toaster Ovens Working condition
- Can Openers
- Dresses Good condition; 6 foot or smaller
- Mattresses 15 yr. or newer; stain free
- Kitchen Tables/Chairs Good condition; 5 ft. or smaller
- Sleeping Pillows Free from stains & tears
- Blankets No electric, no stains & tears
- Alarm Clocks Working condition

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Come Check Us Out!

DVD’s and books are plentiful in our church library. We have some wonderful books and DVD’s about Easter for both children and adults. Please take a minute to browse through our inventory. The library is located on the second floor, next to the Upper Room (arched entries). There is self-check out.

Fifteen years ago, Community Warehouse began with a clear intention: to provide household goods and furnishings to local families in need, so they could turn empty housing into homes. With each day, it is better understood how significant furnishings are in the lives of families and children. Community Warehouse helps people create homes that nourish dignity and encourage empowerment, self-sufficient community members.

Furniture is their currency, but what Community Warehouse really provides is happiness, housing security, stress relief, and improved quality of life for our neighbors in need.

Community Warehouse uses resources that already exist in our community. The answer to the problem of empty housing is here, circulating through our homes. They can redistribute furnishings and housewares that each of us have in our own homes.