A Note from the Pastor...

May Is Upon Us

Thank you for your patience through the Albrecht Dürer series. As I mentioned in my sermon on April 23rd, I foresee us utilizing three more that belong to the series: 1. The Ascension of our Lord (May 25); 2. The Day of Pentecost (June 4); 3. The Last Judgment (November 26).

As I write this, I am in a small quandary. I am going to propose to the Spiritual Life Board that we add an Ascension Day Service to the calendar this coming month on May 25th, not just because of the Dürer picture that accompanies that day, but because it is a good thing to do — but I don’t have their approval yet. The Ascension marks a significant change in the life of the Church and its people. It always falls on a Thursday. So, my proposal will be that we meet at our regular evening time of 7:15pm on Thursday, May 25. It would be appropriate to celebrate that sacrament that evening and it will give us the opportunity to reflect upon the Word of God and the work of the Church. If the Spiritual Life Board observes that it is not in our best interest, we will still have the opportunity to cancel the service.

The month of May has other important events. May 14th is held in high regard in our country as Mother’s Day. And while the commandment will not let us honor our mother (and our father) on just one day of the year, we too can certainly reflect upon that which God has given to us through the gift of our parents.

The month of May is also important to us as four young people will participate in the Rite of Confirmation on May 21. It is good for us to know their names: James Freitag, Ryan Gutierrez, Faith Hermann and Roberta Rinderknecht. The month closes with a national day in memory of those who have given their lives for the freedoms we enjoy on a daily basis. It is an opportunity to remember those from within our church body. Oddly enough, the director of our church body’s ministry to those who serve in the armed forces is Rev. Craig Muehler in Retired Navy. He is held in high regard in our country as it’s a small Synod!). Charlotte and I give thanks for your prayers for our son Micah, whom we prayerfully will greet in person on May 6 as he will be given a post-deployment leave.

Finally, the month closes with a national day in memory of those who have given their lives for the freedoms we enjoy on a daily basis. It is an opportunity to remember those who currently serve in the armed forces of our country and to pray for our ministry to them from within our church body. Oddly enough, the director of our church body’s ministry to those who serve in the armed forces is Rev. Craig Muehler – Retired Navy Captain (also the brother-in-law of my brother Benjamin – it’s a small Synod!). Charlotte and I give thanks for your prayers for our son Micah, whom we prayerfully will greet in person on May 6 as he will be given a post-deployment leave.

It seems as though many other things occur in May – will the garden get planted in there somewhere? We entrust ourselves to the Lord and pray for His will to be done among us.

Pastor Brandt
It’s hard to believe we begin the final month of preschool for the 2016-17 school year, where did the time go! The teachers spent the year telling many Bible stories and especially the good news of Jesus’ life: His birth, His many miraculous works, His death and Alleluia! His resurrection, so that we can be forgiven because He loves us!

In May we continue the Easter story to hear how Jesus ascended into Heaven. We will then learn about the work the Holy Spirit did on Pentecost. The last three weeks we will review Bible stories we have learned throughout the school year, including Jesus’ miracles, highlights of the Christmas story, creation, and Adam and Eve.

Secular topics this month include the ocean and travel/summer. Dramatic play will include two things we all like to enjoy during the summer… the beach and camping. Children will explore the beach with blankets for lounging and buckets and shovels for digging in the sand. The last three weeks, children will be able to go camping, complete with a tent, sleeping bag, campfire, and fishing.

We have a few more spots to fill in the afternoon 3’s program for 2017-18 school year. Our morning classes; afternoon 4’s preschool and Pre-K are full. Do you know of family, friends or neighbors with preschoolers? They need to be (Age 3 by September 1, 2017) who are looking for a wonderful Christian environment to start their child in.

Contact the Church office for more information and a tour.

Thank You!

The staff and I appreciate all the congregation’s prayers and your support this past year, through our pie fundraiser and your encouraging words. We always feel so blessed when looking back on another year of joy working with each other, the growth of our preschoolers, and from all the support from our preschool families and congregation. We are blessed to work in such a wonderful environment with these precious children the Lord sends to us.

Have a wonderful summer! Denice & the Preschool Staff

May Devotion

Easter Afterglow

I know that my Redeemer lives. Job 19:25

Just a few short days ago, Christians all around the world celebrated Easter—the Festival of the Resurrection of our Lord. I’m sure many of the worship services included the singing of the hymn, I Know that My Redeemer Lives. This great hymn of faith was written by Samuel Medley who lived from 1738 to 1799, but the words to the hymn’s title go back much further than that. Surprisingly, the man who is most known for having a great deal of patience, gave this Old Testament declaration of a belief that God would vindicate him in the face of the false accusations brought on him by his friends.

Job 19:25-27: I know that my Redeemer lives, And that in the end he will stand upon the earth, And after my skin has been destroyed, Yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him With my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

The resurrection of the dead was not a doctrine that was believed by many of the Old Testament Jews, and is not taught with the same clarity that we see in the New Testament. However, Job is adamant in his belief that his death was not the end of his existence and he would some day see God with his own eyes.

Samuel Medley took the doctrine of redemption and added wonderful words of confidence, comfort, praise, and grace.

Read through the verses of this hymn (or sing them) and look for words that describe God’s character and the blessings we receive as we are members of his family. See if you can understand why this song is found in the “Christian Hymn” section of the Lutheran Book of Worship.

1. I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives, he lives, who once was dead; He lives, my every-living head.

2. He lives triumphant from the grave He lives eternally to save; He lives all glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.

3. He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above; He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.

4. He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with His eye; He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul’s complaint.

5. He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears; He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.

6. He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly friend; He lives and loves me to the end; He lives, and while He lives, I’ll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

7. He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death; He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.

8. He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives; I know that my Redeemer lives!

As we bask in the afterglow of Easter, we remember that Jesus’ resurrection from the dead is the culmination of His work on earth which guarantees our own resurrection. His shed blood paid the required penalty for sin. All who believe in Him have been redeemed. His resurrection was the ultimate victory over Satan who had determined to keep this from happening. Because Christ lives, we, too have eternal life with Him.

Every Sunday is a celebration of Easter Sunday. In fact the first Easter Sunday—the day of Jesus’ resurrection—is the reason we now worship on Sundays instead of the Old Testament Sabbath (Sundown Friday night to sundown Saturday night). Perhaps we should sing this hymn of hope (confidence) more often that once a year during our Easter celebrations as we celebrate the life of blessing we have through our faith in our Savior, Jesus.

Denise & the Preschool Staff
LET’S CELEBRATE!
The Living Savior Choir invites you to our annual concert on Sunday, June 4, at 7:00pm. We will be singing anthems that we have sung for Sunday services through this last year plus some surprises. We will also feature several other musicians who will join us.

I am thrilled to direct this group of almost 40 singers whose aim is to touch your heart with a message that you can take home for the following week. So - mark your calendars. Please support your fellow members on June 4th at 7:00pm. Refreshments will be served.

Thank you to the congregation for the amazing level of participation in the recent “Sunday Morning Worship Survey.”

The Spiritual Life Board hopes to present a summary of the survey results at the June Voter’s Meeting.

Thank you for  MAY!

SR. YOUTH
WEDNESDAYS 5/3 - Mission Trip Meeting #1
5/10 - No Sr. Youth
5/17 - Bible Study
5/24 - BUNCO with our new Confirmands!
5/31 - GRAD Party for our high school seniors!

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS 5/7 - Reducing the Risk Refresher (all Sr. Youth invited)
5/14 - Assist with Sunday School Singing Time, then Bible Study (last one!)

SATURDAY, MAY 20 Confirmation Dinner hosted by Freshman Families
SUNDAY, MAY 21 Confirmation Reception hosted by 6th & 7th Grade families

Sneak preview ...
SUNDAY, JUNE 4 - Jr. and Sr. Youth CAR WASH (during worship services)

Are you a Living Savior volunteer working with our Children’s and Youth Ministries? That includes Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, the Nursery, Jr. Youth, Sr. Youth ... all Living Savior events with children 0 - 18 years of age.

If you took our Reducing the Risk Training prior to 2015, you need to attend our ...

Reducing-the-Risk “Refresher” Session
Our first Refresher session is SUNDAY, MAY 7 9:45-10:45 AM Fellowship Hall

If you have any questions, please contact the Church office.

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 rack 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.
LSLC Board of Christian Education Ministries

Chair: Kathleen F.

Youth Scholarship Committee
To coordinate the youth scholarship promotion, selection, and awarding through an essay competition titled, "What my Christian Faith Means to Me."
Coordinator: Cathy Dexter
Service Needed: 3 Evaluators (35+ years)
Service Time: Jan.-May, 2.5 -5 hours per month

Reducing the Risk
To provide all adults with training and education in giving our youth, leaders, and church members a Christ-centered safe space inside or outside our church home.
Coordinator: Jay Scroggin
Service Needed: Committee volunteers
Service Time: 2 hours per month

• Lead adult leaders of youth through reducing the risk training materials.
• Promote Christ centered safe space through getting to know our new and seasoned youth leaders.
• Get to know our youth leaders and reduce the risk for everyone!

Vacation Bible School (VBS)
To provide families of all ages with an opportunity to gather in fellowship and to hear themed lessons each day of a week long program in the summer.
Coordinator: Charlotte Brandt
Service Needed: Volunteers
Service Time: 3-5 hours per month (APR - JUN), 15 hrs (JUL)

• Serve all ages in a week long program during a week of summer.
• Promote Christian education through Christ themed lessons and activities.
• Food, Games, Music, Crafts, OH MY!

LWML Surpassed the Mission Goal for the 2015-2017 Biennium
The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) announced the 2015-2017 Mission Goal of $2 million was met and has been surpassed. President Patti Ross shared, “Praise and thanksgiving to God! Through Mite Box offerings and generous responses to our Lord’s blessings, LWML will be able to fund all 19 grants chosen by the Des Moines Convention in 2015. In humble adoration and with praise to our faithful God, we dedicate these dollars to Him for the work of missionaries and ministries around the world who work to spread the saving message of Christ's love and forgiveness.”

Lutheran Women in Mission — The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) is the official women’s auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman’s relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries, and to support global missions.

Plan Ahead: The Oregon District will be hosting a women’s retreat this fall. Mark your calendar for September 29-October 1. The theme is “Above All Else, Guard Your Heart” and will be held at the Macheay Christian Retreat Center just east of Salem. More information will follow, or check out the Oregon Leaguer in the tract rack.

Contact the Church office for more information.

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Thursday, May 4, 2017, 1:00 PM Pastor Brandt and Amazing Grays Meeting.

Thursday, May 18, 2017, Oregon Rail Heritage Center, 2250 SE Water Ave, Portland, OR 97214, 503-233-1156. We plan to meet at the LSLC parking lot at 11:00 AM and drive to Applebee’s in Tualatin for lunch. After lunch we will leave for the Oregon Rail Heritage Center. The Center opens at 1:00 PM. We will have a special guide to show us the Center. This place gives a fantastic display of what the railway trains looked like and the work they performed in building this country. Not only can you view real historic trains, you can walk alongside one to peek inside. There is a caboose included in the guided tour, exactly like it used to look when it operated. The Heritage Center and parking are free. They will offer you the opportunity to give a contribution. We should be home by 3:00pm.

Directions: Take OMSI exit off of I-5 going north. Right on Water Street, pass OMSI and drive to Caruthers Street, turn left and then left for the free parking under MLK-Grand Avenue (99E) Viaduct off of SE Caruthers Street.

Scholarship Presentation Sunday, May 7

The applications are in and the Scholarship Review Board is evaluating the essays to determine this year’s winners of the Living Savior Lutheran Church Scholarships! The $1,000 and $500 scholarships will be presented May 7, during both services.

Community Warehouse

This Truth That’s Changing Me
Vacation Bible School—Summer 2017
Save the dates! July 9-13, 2017 – 6:00-8:00pm

In anticipation of our summer VBS, stop by the Ministry Fair this Sunday, April 30 and pick up “Flat Martin.” Color him. Cut him out. Take selfies with Flat Martin at all the places you visit between now and July 9th. Share your selfies on Living Savior’s Facebook Page.

Have you met a prince? Have you made pretzels? Have you traveled to Germany? Have you ridden in an ox cart? Learn the arts and crafts of the times of Martin Luther.

Travel back 500 years with us at our VBS this summer to the sights, sounds, smells and tastes of the year 1517 and discover the truth that is still changing. Registration opens April 30 at the Ministry Fair and continues until July 9th.

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 empowered, 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.

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

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

Most needed items, no missing parts:

- Pots & Pans Clean; no excessive wear
- Baking Pans & Dishes Clean; no chips, cracks or broken parts
- Toasters/Toaster Ovens Working condition
- Can Openers
- Dressers 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
Stephen Ministry

There are 3 ways to register to become a donor: at DMV, online, or with a paper form (you will find forms in round tract display in narthex.) For more information and how to become a donor go to: donatelifenw.org

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Greeting Card Ministry, Senders Needed!

Thank you to Randi B. for sending out greeting cards for special anniversaries and birthdays, births, get well and sympathy from Living Savior over the last 8 years. She is ready to pass this privilege and ministry on to someone else. Maybe there are several of you who would like to share this task. Please contact the Church office if you would like to know more about this ministry.