A Note from the Pastor…

He is Risen – No Fooling!

This year Easter falls on April Fools Day. It hasn’t happened since 1956, so this is something new for all of the people born since then. And the scenario we had this year – with Ash Wednesday falling on Valentine’s Day and Easter on April 1st hasn’t happened since 1945 (think Leap Year in 1956). As to the future, the first of April will coincide with Easter again in 2029, 2040 and 2108. It happens after that, but it is of no concern to the majority of us. This could be an exciting (and cheap) year for parents. They could get away with hiding plastic Easter eggs with nothing in them and say: “April Fools!”

There actually are some April Fools overtones to the Easter story – though most of the time people pull April Fools pranks in an effort to be funny. For the women who first came to the tomb, and for Peter and John who ran to the tomb, and for Mary Magdalene who wept outside of the tomb – the emptiness of the tomb wasn’t really a laughing matter. They saw it as a continuation of the tragedy of Good Friday.

However, what they will eventually learn is that the message of angel is indeed true. And with a flesh and blood, scar-marked, food-eating Jesus standing in front of them, what they come to understand is that the mistaken notions they harbor about Easter morning (that the body was stolen) are intimately tied to their mistaken notions of Good Friday – that this is a tragedy. In a sense, there’s the April Fools of the Easter story – that the events of Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday have appeared to be one thing to the followers of Jesus, but in reality, all has been planned and that this has been and is the will of God and that in all of this, the love of God for mankind is revealed. Their tears and their fears are swallowed up in the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

My brother Phillip related a story from Dr. Herb Hoefer, fellow faculty member at Concordia University here in Portland and we have had Dr. Hoefer teach here for our Bible Class hour as well. “A few years ago Herb Hoefer, one of my colleagues at Concordia had a guest presenter in one of the courses he teaches on World Religions. Herb was our district’s coordinator of outreach to Muslims and spent a number of years as a missionary in India. He has known this presenter for many years and they have a respectful relationship with one another. After the presentation the man turned to his friend, Herb, and asked him: “Herb, what would it take for you to become a Muslim?” Herb was taken aback by the question as he had not really considered it. “If Jesus did not rise from the dead” was his almost gut-level response. It came almost unbidden to his lips, he said.”

The resurrection of Jesus is the absolute center of our faith. The resurrection of Jesus changes everything of every moment of every day – not just on certain years when the spring equinox and moon align in a certain fashion. The resurrection of Jesus speaks to all our fears and our tears. Both our fears and our tears are real, but the resurrection of Jesus speaks to both in ways that no one and no other religious system can match.

He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor Brandt
New this Easter …

CONTINENTAL EASTER BREAKFAST
(Pastry Potluck!)
Sunday, April 1 - Easter
9:45 - 10:45 am
Fellowship Hall

The Sr. Youth are providing coffee, tea, juice, pastries, and fruit. Everyone is invited to contribute some kind of pastry to the mix (sweet rolls, donuts, coffee cake, etc.). You may drop off your potluck item to the church kitchen on Saturday, March 31, or bring with you Sunday morning.

Questions? Call the church office!

Save the Date

Spring Tea Party
Saturday, May 12, 2018
2:00 to 4:00pm
Fellowship Hall

- Hosted by LSLC Women’s Group along with the young women of the congregation
- For all women of our faith family, regardless of age
- Invitations will be sent by email (or mail for those with no email)
- Detailed information will be published in the May Living Logos
- Read upcoming Parish notes for ways that you might become involved
Easter is April 1st and the last day of Spring Break for preschool. The children will return to preschool with Spring on their minds. The days are longer, and God’s creation is in full bloom! All the new growth and change reminds us of the wonderful gift we receive at Easter. Through Jesus’ death and resurrection, we receive forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.

This April the children will hear how Jesus appeared to His disciples and friends after His resurrection. The second week they learn about Jesus’ ascending into heaven and the job He left for the disciples and us to tell others about Him. Next, the story of Pentecost and how the Holy Spirit came to help the disciples share the good news of Jesus with people who spoke other languages. The last two weeks of the month the children hear about what happened to some of Jesus’ disciples as they spread the good news of Jesus.

Secular topics this month include spring and growth. These topics will be learned through seed planting, stories, art projects, and observations outside.

For dramatic play this month, the children will continue to enjoy the church for a week. Then the drama corner will be a house. Children will be able to cook, dress up, and take care of babies. The last two weeks they will get to play school. They will get to experience being the teacher, singing songs, leading group time, sharing Bible stories, prayers, and reading to the “class”.

April 29, 2018 at 11:00a.m. Service
To all who attend the second service you’ll see our precious preschoolers when they sing for you on PRESCHOOL SUNDAY. We will also honor our preschool staff. Please help us greet and chat with our preschool families to make them feel welcome. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Alleluia! He Is Risen!
from
Denice and the Preschool Staff
In John 15:12, Jesus says, “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” Loving and caring for one another is not just the pastor’s job - it’s something Jesus calls us all to do! Stephen Ministry is a ministry in which people with special gifts for caring ministry can put those gifts to use in an organized way, bringing Jesus’ love and care to those who most need it. The newly commissioned Stephen Ministers pictured above were commissioned on March 4 and are prepared to serve the congregation. Pictured above: Front (Left to Right): Chris W., Michelle W., Pat B., Gea C.. Back (L to R): Andrew W., Pastor Phil Alexander, Cheryl A., Brian M., Roberta R., Pastor Nathan Brandt.

Along the rural roads in India, shelves are built on top of posts at shoulder height. These are called soma tonga. People who walk the roads, carrying loads on their backs, can stop at a soma tonga, place their load on the shelf, and rest for a while before continuing the journey. At some time each of us needs help in dealing with a heavy load – overwhelming grief or sadness, an unexpected crisis. A Stephen Minister can be a soma tonga for you. If you want to experience the caring, Christian presence of a Stephen Minister in your life, please contact the church office and they can get you in contact with one of the Stephen Leaders.

We invite you to connect with others at Living Savior who are giving care or have given care to a loved one. Those who are in the midst of care giving could greatly benefit from those who have gone before them. We usually meet the third Saturday of the month, 9:00am to share resources, encourage one another and fill our spiritual cup. Please join us! Friends of Living Savior Lutheran are welcome to join us as well. You may know someone in the work place or community who would benefit from our group. Please call the church office with any questions.

Saturday, April 21, 9:00 am
Library
Living Savior Lutheran
Stewardship Update

Year to Date Contributions, as of 03/18/2018 are as follows:

General Fund:
- Received: $136,575
- Budget: $120,577
- Variance: $15,998

Building Fund Contributions: $15,002

Thank you for your faithful giving! (We are grateful to those who give the majority of their annual gifts early in the year, giving us a head start on our annual budget goal.)

Debt Update:
The current balance on the Building Loan is $1,403,752. All gifts to the Building Fund are applied directly to the loan balance.

If you have questions, please contact the church office.

Thank you.

Lynette W.

Church Safety and Security

The Spiritual Life Board subcommittee for safety and security has updated the usher duties with improved guidelines which will be implemented in April. Two new teams have been formed, one for medical and the other for non-medical situations to assist as needed during worship services with emergencies and to keep the church safe and secure. If you have questions or suggestions or would like to assist as a building monitor, please contact Arnie at the church office.

For the security of the staff, preschool and others in the building outside of worship times and sanctioned events, the entry doors are to be kept locked. As always, be aware of others in the building as you are leaving. If you are the last to leave, please turn out all lights and be sure all outside doors are locked and then set the alarm.

It is our desire that the building is never left unsecured.

Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of our Lord

Easter Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11:00am
Pastry potluck 9:45 - 10:45am
Easter Egg Hunt 10:15am

All children Pre-K through 6th grade are welcome to attend. Bring baskets for gathering eggs.

Come Check Us Out!

DID YOU KNOW?............
- That we have a book shelf dedicated for books that the Book Club at Living Savior has read?
- That we have a book shelf of puzzles for you to check out?
- That we have reference material, Bible studies, children’s craft & learning idea books?
- That we have devotions that you may take home and use for as long as needed?

The library is located on the second floor, next to the Upper Room (arched entries). There is self-check out.

April 1
The Amazing Grays meet April 5th at 1:00pm at the Church. We will have a special speaker for our meeting. Dr. Gilbert Lee M.D. is a retired internist on a mission to clarify the truth about the American Diet and how knowledge and with mindful application, people can improve what they eat for the betterment of their health. He is the author of “Mindful Eating: You Are What You Eat”. We will discuss how the modern classic American Diet can be modified by applying some basic knowledge regarding starches, sugars, oxidation and the immune response that are responsible for most of the chronic disorders that impair quality of life as we age. Plan to attend this informative and interesting meeting. See you there. -Dave C.

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Do the Amazing Grays need more culture and refinement? Yes they do! Keep open the date of April 17 as we travel to the Portland Art Museum. This is a Tuesday, a different day from most of our outings.

We will leave from the Tualatin WES station at 8:50am, and attend an art lecture at the museum from 10:00 to 11:00am. After the lecture we are admitted free into the museum. We have free time from 11:00am to 2:00pm to explore the museum. At that time we will walk 3 blocks for lunch, arriving back in Tualatin by 4:30. The entire outing will cost the price of your lunch. The MAX train is free and the museum is free. Things to bring: walking shoes, a watch, cell phone and a snack if 2:00pm is late for your lunch. I have no idea what the weather will be like so dress accordingly. See you there. - Dave C.

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News from Bethesda

...the Auxiliary

You are invited to attend Bethesda Auxiliary’s Annual Celebration on April 21, 2018, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hillsboro. The celebration begins at 9:30am. Speakers will be James Arciniega, Regional Director, along with Ministry Consultants Rev. Philemon Ngare and Rebecca Lindsley. The traveling Gift Table will be there so you can shop for gifts to give for Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Graduation or weddings (or just something for yourself). There will also be an oral auction of gift baskets. Lunch will be provided by the host congregation. Come and be a part of this day of thanking God for His blessings on this ministry.

Fifty-nine Bethesda Auxiliary members from Living Savior renewed their membership recently with four new members which brings our membership up to 63 for this year. Thank you for your interest, your prayers and your support.

-Sylvia S.

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...Group Home

SAVE THE DATE April 29th
The Spring Fling fun event is for all. More information will be in Parrish notes and on the monitors in the Narthex after Easter.

-Kathye G.

On a personal note:

Thank you to all our church friends for praying and all your love for our Grandson Charles. Baby is doing well and our family also. We appreciate you all and thank our Lord for this beautiful Baby and all our Blessings. Michael & Kathye G. and family.
Free Family Concert at Living Savior

FAMILY CONCERT
Sunday, April 15, 2018
3pm
Living Savior Lutheran Church
8740 SW Sagert St, Tualatin, OR 97062

Sergei Prokofiev
Peter and the Wolf
Andrew Poole Todd
Foxbridge
Anne E. McKennon
Ollie the Alligator

Plus:
Music from film and television
Musical Instrument “Petting Zoo”
Art Exhibit by local Portland artist, Jahna Vashti
("Spring Jubilee" below)

"Spring Jubilee" by Jahna Vashti

www.tvsymphony.org

This concert made possible in part by a grant from the Cultural Coalition of Washington County

Party Time!
A retirement party for Heidi Frank is being planned. Her last official day at Living Savior will be June 3. Watch Parish Notes and future issues of the Living Logos for information from the planning committee.

Concordia University
Department of Music
Spring Concert:
Sunday, April 18
3:00pm
St. Michael’s Lutheran Church

Featuring all performing ensembles of Concordia University. Directed by Kurt Berentsen, Zeke Fetrow, Dr. William Kuhn, and Katherine Schultz.

For more information please visit www.cu-Portland.edu/music
Or call 503-280-8511.

Admission is free. A free-will offering will be received.

New Directories will be distributed soon.
Marriage Encounter

Have a great marriage? Take it to the next level. A strong, loving, and lifelong relationship doesn’t happen by chance. It takes effort and dedication to keep the fun and romance alive.

Research by the Marriage and Family Foundation shows that in healthy marriages, couples:

- Have a more fulfilling love life.
- Have better health & live longer.
- Have less stress in life.
- Children do better in life.
- Have better income.

See what a Marriage Encounter weekend can do for you. For more information or to schedule yourselves for a weekend together, visit the Lutheran Marriage Encounter web site www.GodLovesMarriage.org or contact the church office.

Weekend dates are April 13-15 at the Red Lion in Renton, Washington.

Community Warehouse

Many thanks to those who have been contributing items in the purple bag in the corner of the entrance into the Fellowship Hall.

For those who are new to the Community Warehouse, it is like a food bank – only they focus on household goods and furnishings. They are located in Tualatin:

8380 SW Nyberg Street
503-612-0020
M-F, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Sat.-Sun. 10:30 am – 4:00 pm

We will continue to collect smaller items that will fit in or next to the purple bag. If you are looking for a worthwhile organization to donate furniture that truly serves needy people in our community, this is a great place. You can either drop it off yourself or they will pick up large items at your house for $30.

For information about Community Warehouse go to: www.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, 5ft. or smaller
- Sleeping Pillows Free from stains & tears
- Blankets No electric, no stains & tears
- Alarm Clocks Working condition

Tualatin School House Pantry

Top needs right now for donations are: canned fruit and canned ready to eat meals (hearty soups, chili, canned pasta etc.) We also could really use your empty paper grocery bags!! Donations hours and top needs are listed frequently on our Facebook page: Tualatin School House Pantry.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support and care for those in need in your local community!!

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, 2019!

Tualatin School House Pantry
The book for April is *The Girl Who Wrote in Silk* by Kelli Estes. The Goodreads website describes the book; *Inara Erickson is exploring her deceased aunt’s island estate when she finds an elaborately stitched piece of fabric hidden in the house. As she peels back layer upon layer of the secrets it holds, Inara’s life becomes interwoven with that of Mei Lein, a young Chinese girl mysteriously driven from her home a century before. Through the stories Mei Lein tells in silk, Inara uncovers a tragic truth that will shake her family to its core — and force her to make an impossible choice.*

*Inspired by true events, Kelli Estes’s brilliant and atmospheric debut serves as a poignant tale of two women determined to do the right thing, and the power of our own stories.*

We meet the second Saturday of each month, 10:00-11:30am, September-May. A lively discussion of the book occurs, fellowship is experienced and we are refreshed with morning goodies, coffee and tea. Please consider joining the group when you can and invite a friend! There is no obligation to attend every month and no pressure to have the right answers because there are NO right answers. The following is a listing of the books that will be read and discussed:

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Books for reading beginning next September will be chosen at the May gathering so bring your suggestions at that time.

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**Lutheran Women in Mission**

Lutheran Women in Mission is also known as Lutheran Women’s Missionary League or LWML which is the official women’s auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. For 75 years, 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. 2017-2019 Primary focus points include Nurturing Faith in Christ, Making Our Faith Meaningful and Sharing Encouragement.

Our Mite offerings go directly towards accomplishing these goals, especially as mission grants are funded for furthering God’s kingdom on earth. The Mission Grant featured for April is NOLA 4H: Hearts for the Hungry, Homeless and Hurting. Christian Families United for Progress, $100,000.

Hurricane Katrina was the largest residential disaster in United States history. Twelve years later there is no more federal aid and many communities are still hurting. New Orleans has the third highest homeless rate in the nation with 1,700 homeless persons every night, much of this due to the hurricane and loss of homes. Entire neighborhoods were wiped out. Many residents lost friends and family and still suffer from loneliness and depression. Six inner-city LCMS churches, their pastors, leaders, and members have come together to serve Christ by serving their neighbors and providing food and shelter. The NOLA 4H churches work closely with other organizations to support various outreach ministries such as food banks, clothing, toiletries, Bibles, prayer books, counseling, and clinics. Funds will go towards these ministries and equipping each of the fellowship halls in the six churches to serve more people.

For more information about LWML and also mite projects, go to [LWML.org](http://LWML.org) or [ORLWML.org](http://ORLWML.org). And keep those mites coming. You may place full mite boxes in the large box and take an empty one from the book shelf by the church entrance doors.
Shut In Ministry

“You are those who have stood by me in my trials.” -Luke 22:28

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, contact the church office.

- **DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WE CAN VISIT?**

  Contact the church office.

Spring into Scrip

Have you heard about Scrip but don’t understand what it is? It is a simple way to raise funds to bring down the church’s mortgage. They are just gift cards that we are able to purchase at a discount that can range from 1.5% to 41%. You buy a gift card to your regular grocery store, department store, restaurant or many other vendors at full value, and the discount associated with the merchant goes to the church.

It is so easy and doesn’t cost you a thing. It is just changing your regular spending to using Scrip instead. Check out the forms at the Scrip mailbox or counter. We place orders every week and your order is available the following Sunday. We also carry some stock to purchase each Sunday as well.

Any questions? Please call the church office.

Give it a try or stop by the Scrip counter for more info.

Washington County is suffering a housing crisis for low wage earners and single parents. You can help by attending the best fundraiser of the year!

Homeward Bound dinner, auction, author event: Friday, April 20, at the Oregon Zoo from 6 –10pm.

Community Partners for Affordable Housing is a nonprofit that builds affordable housing units in Washington County. For more information on the authors attending this year, go to https://cpahinc.ejoinme.org/authors2018

To purchase tickets to this great event, go to https://cpahinc.ejoinme.org/HWB2018

For additional information, contact the church office.

Puzzles!

The church library is offering puzzles for lending. We use the honor system so please return a borrowed puzzle in a timely fashion so others may use them. If you have quality puzzles, no pieces missing, that you would like to share with others, place them in the plastic tub under the clock in the library.
Easter is not just one Sunday we celebrate during the church year. Easter Sunday is the first of five Sundays we will celebrate before the Day of Pentecost which begins the next season. This year the Feast of Pentecost falls on May 20. So we have all of April and most of May to focus on the resurrection of Jesus, our Savior and the results which immediately followed as Peter and John spoke about the resurrection and defended their faith. After Pentecost we will see the explosion of the Christian Church as it spread throughout the world as the apostles and disciples were bold in proclaiming Christ crucified and resurrected for the salvation of all who would believe.

I recently came across a book called *Stories of Beautiful Hymns* by Kathleen Blanchard. It is very old, with a 2nd edition print date of 1942, and it was signed as a gift to an aunt and uncle as a Christmas gift in 1946.

This book gives the history of some of our familiar hymns, and I was interested to read about the Easter Hymn, *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*. This hymn is found in our Lutheran Service Book (LSB) as #469. It was written by John Wesley who found that the church of England would have none of his preaching, so he determined to build a place for his own people. The author continues, “After looking about for suitable quarters, he found just the place to suit him, near the city of London at Upper Moorfield, an old disused government iron foundary.

“He bought the place and built upon it the first Wesleyan chapel. It was called ‘The Foundry Meeting House.’ The first service was held in 1739. It was for the Foundry Service that Charles Wesley wrote the hymn, *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today.*”

Although the words printed in Blanchard’s book appear in our LSB with only a couple of very minor changes, our hymnal includes two additional verses:

Lives again our glorious King!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Once He died our souls to save;  
Where thy victory, O grave?

Soar we now where Christ has led;  
Foll’wing our exalted Head.  
Made like Him, like Him we rise;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

I think these are beautiful verses which describe the victory we celebrate not only on Easter Sunday, but on every day, especially as we look at our own earthly life and look forward to eternal life with God, our Father.

A little more about John and his brother, Charles Wesley who was a more prolific hymn writer:

“Charles Wesley was a great believer in hymns, which enter the heart softly and to comfort. Indeed, he found that hearts were touched many times by the singing of a single hymn.

In a few years time the Wesleys decided to bring out their own hymnbook. They did so, and in 1742 there appeared the “Foundry Collection” which contained between forty and fifty hymns and a Psalm supplement.”

The Lutheran Service Book contains 11 hymns written by these brothers. This a great testament to the gospel of God going our through word and song to the whole Christian Church. We are grateful for the ability to sing God’s praises at Easter and all the days of our life.
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**Sunday Morning Worship Schedule:**

Traditional Worship ........................................... 8:30am
Education Hour ................................................ 9:45am
Celebration Worship ......................................... 11:00am

Secretary’s office hours: Monday: 9:00am - 11:00am
Tuesday through Friday: 10:00am - 2:00pm

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**April**

1   Easter Sunday
12  Holocaust Remembrance Day
13-15 Stephen Ministry Retreat
15  Tualatin Valley Symphony Family Concert
17-19 Oregon Pastor’s Conference - Bend
23-27 Preschool Teacher Appreciation Week
29  Group Home Spring Fling
29  Preschool Sunday

**May**

3   National Day of Prayer
5   Preschool Mother’s Tea
12  Spring Tea Party for all women
20  Confirmation Sunday
27  Summer Worship Schedule begins
28  Memorial Day

**The Mission of Living Savior Lutheran Church:**

*Alive in Christ, we share the love of Jesus—we serve, care for, support and nourish each other, our community, and the world!*