

March 2021 Newsletter

Our Savior Lutheran Church

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Our Mission...

...is to equip and encourage followers of Christ to share the love of Jesus with people in our community and in the world so that all may have eternal life.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (ESV)

March Memory Verse

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1 Corinthians 15:3-4

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Upcoming Events:

Lenten Services @ 4:30 pm
Wednesday March 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th

A Capella Choir & Chamber Ensemble
Sunday March 28th Palm Sunday



From the Pastor's Desk

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How weary are you? This month we approach the one-year anniversary of the Corona Virus lockdowns. So much of our lives has been on a rollercoaster since this all started. The passions around wearing a mask. The fears of going to places where other people gather. The hoarding of toilet paper (remember those days?!?). Finding new ways to support local businesses and learning the reality of virtual meetings. Looking at loved ones through a window because hospitals and nursing homes have to protect people from infection. These have all been realities for us over the past year.

Are you sick of it all? I would assume that your answer would be a resounding YES. It was one thing to be mindful of these things for a few weeks, but now that we have been wrestling with this stuff for a year... when will it all come to an end? When will we be able to go to concerts and festivals again? When will we return to walking around without wearing a facemask? Will we forever be fearful that the next person who comes up to us may be carrying the virus?

In Revelation chapter six, there is an odd scene where below the altar of the Lord, are His martyred saints crying out, *"O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before You will judge and avenge our blood on the earth?"* The mundane of the wait was getting to them too. From the dawn of time, the wait for the bad to get over and done with gets the best of us.

So when there appears to be no end in sight and more and more rules are added to how we are to "safely" live in our society, what are we to do? Comply? Grumble and complain? Fight against it all? Or turn to someone who can do something about it?

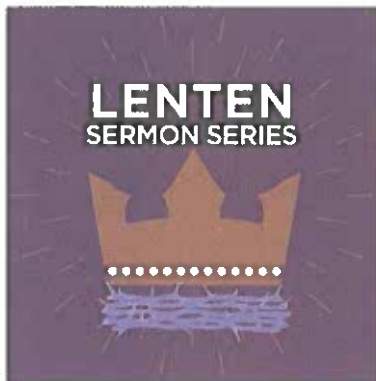
In the Lenten hymn, "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary" (LSB 423) we sing to our refuge in all things... and in this case, when we are weary from all the things of the broken world around us. We sing to Jesus, the blest Redeemer, whom we love. For in the barren desert where there appears no hope of things to get better, Jesus offers a fountain of hope that there will be a restoration and a rescue from this valley of sorrow and frustration, to Himself in heaven where brokenness caused by sin cannot exist.

The hymn also reminds us that we are not alone in our weariness. For "Often have Your eyes, offended, gazed upon the sinner's fall." How weary Christ Himself must be as He who knows our every thought, word, and deed, knows how corrupt and sin-filled we are. Wouldn't Christ be frustrated as to how easily we fall into temptation time and time again? Would He not have a breaking point where enough is enough and abandon us for good?

But there... "upon the cross extended, (Jesus) has borne the pain of all." Though weary He was from the weight of all our sins, Jesus endured the cross and all of its shame for us, that we may have a life free from sin's curse. It is from His enduring love for us that He has won for us a place apart from the shame of our sin to place by our blessed Savior's side, forever.

This is the hope that is ours. This is what is there to grant us endurance through the weary and mundane days of pandemics, political trials, hospital stays, and the like. Christ Jesus has borne the full brunt of sin's curse that when He comes again, we will NEVER have to deal with such brokenness ever again.

Lent & Holy Week 2021



We continue our Lenten journey of contrition, repentance, and renewal to prepare to celebrate Christ's resurrection on Easter. Our midweek Lenten sermon series is "The Gospel in Seven Words". We have been working on personal confessions of faith and are challenged to confess our faith in seven words or less. Let us boldly confess the hope we have in Jesus, our Savior and Lord! **Join us Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. and online.**

- February 24 – Preparing to Confess *Psalm 78:1-7 & 2 Corinthians 5:17-21*
- March 3 – "Captivity and Freedom" *Psalm 102:18-22 & Luke 4:16-21*
- March 10 – "Death and Life" *Psalm 118:1-9, 14-17 & John 11:17-27*
- March 17 – "Isolation and Community" *Psalm 68:4-6a & 1 Corinthians 12:12-27*
- March 24 – The Gospel in Your Words *Psalm 145:1-9 & Matthew 16:13-17*

Palm Sunday, March 28 - Special music by Living Word Lutheran High School & our Sunday school children

Maundy Thursday, April 1 – "Jesus Comes to Feed My Hungry Soul" Worship 7 p.m.

Good Friday, April 2 – "Jesus is Lord, Even Over My Death" Worship 1 & 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 4 – "Christ Is Risen! In Him We Rise!" Worship 7:30 & 10 a.m.



Lent Mission Project -

As we reflect on Jesus' sacrifice for us during this Lenten season, we have the opportunity to love others as He loved us. This year our Lenten offerings will be given to Mission Central, whose purpose is to support LCMS missionaries throughout the world. During the pandemic our missionaries definitely need our prayers. Financial support is also appreciated. Go to www.missioncentral.us for more information about this ministry.



To give to our mission project, consider putting money in containers located at our display table in the narthex. Please indicate who you would like to have a pie to the face! You can choose from Pastor Kufahl, Elder Tim Kadlec, or Elder Jacob Husing. Thank you for your gifts of love!



2021 Vacation Bible School “The Incredible Race”

Ages 3 - 12

July 26th - 29th

9 a.m. – Noon

At The Incredible Race, we’re off on a race around the world as we discover that no matter where we live, what language we speak, or what we look like, we are all part of the same family! Kids will enjoy singing, crafts, games, snacks, and time in God’s Word as they discover that we are all part of the same race, the human race. We will rejoice that we have one Savior, Jesus Christ!

*Kids, don’t miss this awesome week of summer! Tell your friends!
Grade 6+ and adults are needed as volunteers. Please contact
Marlene Rieck if interested.*



Do Not Be Afraid!

“A young man dressed in a white robe . . . said, ‘You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, Who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter . . .’ ” (Mark 16:5-7).

“Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid” (Mark 16:8).

Who wouldn't tremble and be afraid! You go to anoint a body to prepare it for a proper burial, but the body is missing. Then some ethereal creature tells you the body isn't there because it is no longer dead but alive. Who could take it in? *“Don't be alarmed”* the man in white said. Yeah, right!

Yet, looking back, perhaps the women remembered the thousands He had fed with only two fish and five loaves of bread (Matthew 14:15-21). Maybe they thought again about the raising of Lazarus from the dead (John 11:38-44). After all, He was the one who had stilled the raging sea (Mark 4:35-41).

Somewhere, sometime, that trembling and bewilderment turned to joy and faith, for they did go tell His disciples and Peter (Matthew 28:8). And Jesus met them and greeted them, and they worshipped Him. *“Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brothers . . .’ ” (Matthew 28:9-10).*

Jesus' last command is the same as this one: Don't be afraid. Go and tell. We can understand the fear of the women at the empty tomb. What are we afraid of? Trouble? Or hardship? Persecution? Or famine? Nakedness? Or danger? Or sword? There is no fear in these things! *“No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him Who loved us” (Romans 8:35, 37).* We have the benefit of history. The women at the tomb couldn't fathom the outcome, but we have God's Word that assures us of our victory in Christ. We have His promise, *“And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Matthew 28:20).* So don't be afraid! Go and tell!

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Our Savior Lutheran Church

Board of Evangelism Meeting

01 February / 1700 hrs

ATTENDEES

Pat and Jan Gross, Jim and Gloria Harper, Marlene Reick, Gary Fawcett

AGENDA

Last Meeting Follow-up

1. Northwoods Community Dinner. (see attached report from Marlene)
2. Volunteers needed to distribute meals to cars and apartments.
3. Easter basket pickup and delivery. Pat Gross reported that Mike N. from Triggs is willing to do the "shopping" for the meals again this year. Volunteers needed to pick up meals at Triggs and deliver to Eagle River, St. Germain and Land O Lakes elementary schools, on March 25th. Carol will call with a final tally as to how many meals will be needed.
4. New member recognition pending report from Ron.

New Business

Volunteers needed to collect monetary donations during services for the Easter Basket program. Volunteers seem to get more donations, rather than placing an unattended basket in the narthex. Donations need to be collected prior to the 25th, if possible.

New member recognition in May?

Loaves and Fishes Food Collection ... in May?

NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

Church information pamphlets will be assembled at the next meeting for the Easter Basket meals.

See Monthly Events

Discussion.

Next Board of Evangelism meeting is: March 1st at 5:00 p.m.

Our Savior Lutheran Church Endowment Fund

It's Grant Proposal Time!!

“The purpose of the Endowment Fund shall be to receive, to manage, and to distribute funding or scholarships, improvements, and/or missions in support of the mission of Our Savior Lutheran Church of Eagle River.”

As a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church of Eagle River, can you think of a project, improvement, or a mission that could benefit from grant money within the congregation? Please read further.....

It is that time of year again when individual congregational members and/or organizations of Our Savior Lutheran of Eagle River can complete a proposal for an Endowment Fund grant. This grant money is intended for the use of projects/missions that would not normally be funded by the church's operating budget.

An informational letter was sent out to all members via the church's email list, and it is also posted to the church website along with the application form and guidelines by which to follow. A copy of the letter and application can also be picked up in the church office.

To apply for a grant, please use the designated application form and return to the church office no later than March 31, 2021.

For access to the website download, visit www.oursavioreagleriver.org Click on the home page and the tab “connect”. Click on “GIVING”.

Prayerfully consider your application request and know that up to \$4100.00 is available for grant disbursement this year.

Yours in Christ,

The Endowment Committee of Our Savior

Becky Pokrandt – chairperson

Al Barden, Rick Steinke, Barb Patterson, Pat Grosse, Pastor Kufahl, and Tim Kadlec

Martha Society News

MARTHA SOCIETY

March 2021 Newsletter

Our March meeting will be held on the 10th. The Board will meet at 10:30 with a luncheon at 11:30. Our general membership meeting will start at noon. The hostesses for our meeting are Kathy Greif and Hilde Rozga. Giving Christian life will be Susan Kurth.

We're hoping to have the final decision about hosting the Spring Rally for our LWML zone churches. If we don't have it on April 22, we will postpone it until October. There is discussion about holding a half day rally, but our society is not in favor of that.

Judy Jousma presented our society with 50 cross bookmarks in the LWML colors to be given as a favor at the rally. Connie Plisch is also donating notecards. Everything is planned except an actual date!

As a reminder for the congregation, we have cards for sale in the back of the fellowship hall. The ones on the rack are a \$1.00 and the rest are 50 cents. You will find cards for every occasion. The money box is located on the shelf. We appreciate all business because your money will go to support missions.

Jan Toivonen has put an article with this newsletter regarding stamp saving and why we ask that people do it.

One of our members, Lois Pietz turned 100 years old on February 19. Martha Society sent individual cards to her and a few of our members went down to Weston to spend her birthday with her. The Lord has granted her a long and amazing life.

Teri Kressin

President

STAMPS for MISSIONS

How does this work? Is it worthwhile to save cancelled postage stamps? Here are some facts tracking this lowly stamp.

The North Wisconsin District LWML saw an opportunity to raise funds for missions and recycle at the same time, and so the Stamps for Missions program was born in 1994. Since that time over \$11,000.00 has been raised, with all proceeds going to LCMS Missions.

Each individual zone collects stamps turned in by the various members churches at either our Spring or Fall Rally. They are then forwarded to the District Office who serves as the collection agency.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SAVING STAMPS:

- Save all types of stamps, including foreign, but no flag or Christmas stamps.
- Trim (not tear) stamps from envelopes. Leave at least 1/4" border around the stamp. Perforations must be intact. If they are damaged the stamp dealer will not accept them.
- Do not pull or take stamps off the envelope.
- Since they are usually worth more, do not remove stamps from stamp albums or first day issued.
- Foreign stamps on post cards may be sent intact or trimmed.
- Save old stamps, usually considered 1930 or prior.

The above information is the procedure for the cancelled stamps collected for the Lutheran Women Missionary League. This will give us more insight for this fundraiser.

Jan Toivonen is our Martha Society liaison who gets the stamps, trims those which are not and then bags them for delivery to whatever representative is present at the Spring and Fall Rallies held each year at one of the Zone 5 churches. Please place stamps in the "Martha Society" mailbox located across from Marlene's office.

P.S. ~ Please join the Martha Society the second Wednesday of each month at noon. We need YOU!

Martha Society



March Birthdays

1	Dean Gillman	17	Mitch Campbell
2	Alex Gensch		Nicole Popp
	Stacey Klein		Steve Meyer
3	David Sauvola	19	Dave Mohrman
	Gretchen Tryggeseth	20	Jon Sell
	Penny Finger	21	Joanne Luebke
4	Marge Favorite		Julie LaFriske
5	Shele Fawcett	22	Judy Chaplin
7	Barbara Hummel		Steve Heck
10	Karen Winterkorn	23	Angie Koritz
	Robert Popp	24	Blaine Welch
11	Daisy Campbell		Brenda Otto
	Hope Aylward		Clarence Petzold
	Jamie Sauer		Kirk Klein
12	Amy Kufahl	27	Christopher Frank
13	Rebecca Schutt	30	Carolyn Gleisner
14	Bailey Mayo		Christian Behrens
	Jim Bonson		Jack Klotz
	Scott Koritz		Katie Wilson
	Sharon Gifford		Mary Jo Adamovich
15	Brandon Messner	31	Paula Hagen
16	Grant Lukas		
	Kathy Greif		

March Anniversaries

4	Curtis & Christine Hare	21	Willie & Debbie Lorenz
12	Buzz & Susan Getzel	26	Adam & Susan Schmidt

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 7:30am Early Service 8:45am Education Hour for all ages 10am Late Service/Comm	1 5pm Evangelism Meeting	2 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilters 6pm JuBELLation 7pm Choir	3 9am Aging with Grace 4pm WOW 4:30pm Lenten Service 5:30pm Confirmation Class	4 9:30am Quilters	5 Office Closed	6
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<u>Date/Service</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Media Operators</u>
March 3 4:30 PM	Pat Crum	Need Volunteer			
March 7 7:30 AM <i>Communion</i>	Dick Cherney	Dick Cherney Debbie Holewinski		Debbie Holewinski	
Acolyte: Sam Gensler					
March 7 10:00 AM	Tim Kadlec	Dave Parker Lynn Parker		Jan Toivonen	Camera:
Acolyte: Evan Wanta					
March 10 4:30 PM	Dick Cherney	Need Volunteer			Vicki Holewinski
March 14 7:30 AM	Pat Crum	Jim Walker Jean Walker		Vicki Holewinski	Jonah Walker
Acolyte: Matthew Klein					Camera:
March 14 10:00 AM <i>Communion</i>	Jacob Husing	Jerry Gifford Tim Forss		Marianne Braun	
Acolyte: Anna Westfall					
March 17 4:30 PM <i>Lent</i>	Jacob Husing	Need Volunteer			
March 21 7:30 AM <i>Communion</i>	Jim Bonson	Marv Jarvis Sue Frank Bob Merz		Sue Frank	Vicki Holewinski
Acolyte: EJ Apfel					
March 21 10:00 AM	Tim Kadlec	Andy Ellenberger Gerald Yetter		Diane Kuntz	Camera:
Acolyte: Matthew Wilson					
March 24 4:30 PM <i>Lent</i>	Jim Bonson	Need Volunteer			
March 28 7:30 AM	Art Granat	Del Keup Jim Bonson		Mary Malinsky	Camera:
Acolyte: Ashton Boehm					
March 28 10:00 AM <i>Communion</i>	Jacob Husing	Grant Meyer Jerry Gifford Paul Kurth		Rick Behrens	
Acolyte: RJ Behrens					

IF YOU CANNOT BE THERE WHEN SCHEDULED, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE TO GET A REPLACEMENT!!!