

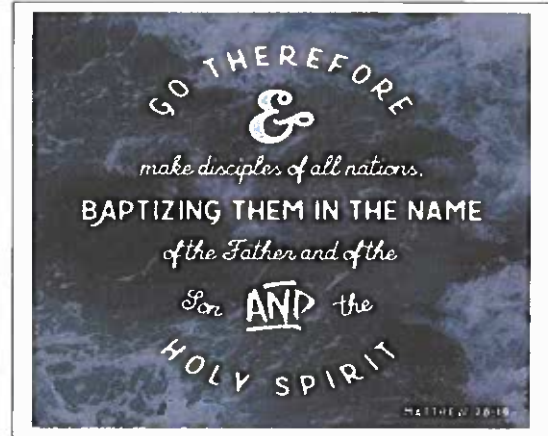
## May 2021 Newsletter

# 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.



### May Memory Verse

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of age.

*Matthew 28:19-20*

### Church Staff:

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### Upcoming Events:

Confirmation  
Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 10:00 Service

New Member Reception  
Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> after the late service

Summer Worship Schedule Begins  
May 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup>  
Saturdays @ 7:00 pm  
Sundays @ 9:00 am



## *From the Pastor's Desk*

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One of the most frustrating things in life is to not be able to fully understand that which you desperately desire to fully understand (Sounds goofy, I know). For example; when we know what is wrong with our car, but have no idea how to go about and fix it ourselves. Or, we know that there is the Holy Trinity, but we also know that our Triune God is not the easiest to understand or explain to someone else.

For two of the disciples walking to Emmaus following the news of Jesus' resurrection, they did not fully understand that which they desperately desired to fully understand. (Luke 24:13-35) They loved Jesus. They believed Him to be the promised Messiah. But His body was gone three days following His brutal crucifixion. Word came to them that He was alive...but it physically made no sense. When a stranger began to walk with them, they tried explaining their frustration of "not getting it" to Him. Even when the "Stranger" began to relate what had happened to the prophetic Scriptures... they still were left scratching their heads.

When it comes to our life in Christ, and we compare our lives to how Christ calls us to live in the Scriptures, there are a lot of things that we do not understand. We struggle with our personal sins and wonder why they don't just go away. We struggle with how to share Jesus with our friend who strongly believes they do not need an active relationship with Him. We struggle with taking the time to learn what the Bible has to say or to find our answers. We struggle to see what is so "sinful" about our life.

It was not until the two disciples were seated to eat with the Stranger and He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them, that their eyes were opened to see that it was indeed Jesus alive and with them. It was not until Jesus revealed Himself to them through the Scriptures that they were able to understand all that had taken place. It was not until Jesus revealed Himself to them, that they believed what the others had said was absolutely 100% true.

There is a lot we do not understand about our life in relation to our Lord. The world and our sinful desires convince us to just give up and not waste our time trying to figure it out. Yet God's Word reminds us to "Seek the Lord while He may be found" (Isaiah 55:5). Our Lord reveals Himself to us through His Word and Sacraments... not in an image on a piece of toast. Therefore it is vital for us as His disciples to be active in studying His Word through devotion, Bible study, and prayer time.

May our risen Lord, reveal to you those things that you have a hard time fully understanding, through His Word and Sacraments, and may He give you the strength to seek Him while He may be found.



## THANK YOU SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY PARTNERS!

Shepherds: Karen Behrens, Rick Behrens, Kim Eggleston, Maleea Eggleston, Jaclyn Halsey, Jennifer Kasmarek, Amy Kufahl, Laura Lorenz, Lynn Parker, Emily Rottier-Douangmala, Linda Stenschke  
Puppeteers: RJ Behrens, Vicki Holewinski  
Openings/Music: Marlene Rieck  
Substitute Shepherds: Katrina Kadlec, Carol Pluedeman  
Bible Buck Store: Sherri Congleton, Linda Stenschke

Would you like to be part of our children and youth ministry? Please pray to see if God is calling you. We want to know, love, and follow Jesus!

*"Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14*



### 2021 Vacation Bible School "The Incredible Race"

**Ages 3 - 12**

**July 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>**

**9 a.m. – Noon**

**To register:**

**[www.oursavioreagleriver.org](http://www.oursavioreagleriver.org)**

**At the Incredible Race, we are 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! We rejoice that we have one Savior, Jesus Christ!**

## God's Draft Choices

Two of the most highly watched sporting events on television are not when teams or athletes are competing against each other; rather they involve the drafting of players for the National Football League (NFL) and National Basketball Association (NBA) teams. For many hours, fans of professional sports will watch intently to see whom their favorite teams will draft.

Most of us won't be drafted by professional football or basketball teams, but, as Christians, we receive a greater calling. We, in essence, are God's draft choices. *"You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit"* (John 15:16). God has made us a part of His team. We are not chosen by God because we are successful in our careers, great athletes, or wealthy. God chooses ordinary people to do extra-ordinary things. *"But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are"* (1 Corinthians 1:27-28).

Through faith, we understand that we are among the foolish and weak through whom God carries on his life-saving work. *"But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us"* (2 Corinthians 4:7). God entrusts us—clay jars—with this treasure—the Gospel. Even though we are frail and unworthy of our tasks, God has chosen us to carry His message of love to the world. As humble people of faith, we are empowered by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. He transforms and molds us. *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"* (2 Corinthians 5:17). It is God Who does the drafting and the changing. Through faith, we will stay on God's team, and we will bear the fruit that He calls us to bear.

The professional athletes who are drafted are expected to perform. They are paid large sums of money to do very athletic things. As God's chosen people, we may not receive large compensation, but our benefits are out of this world! Therefore, we are eager to use our lives and resources in God's service for His glory. Paul wrote, *"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do"* (Ephesians 2:10). What a privilege it is to be part of and serving on God's winning team!

# Evangelism Committee

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**12 April 2021**

**1700 hrs.**

## **ATTENDEES**

- Jim and Gloria Harper, Marlene Rieck Pat & Jan Grosse, Gary Fawcett, Ron Ritzer and Jim Schmidt.

## **AGENDA**

### Old business

- New member recognition. Plan to recognize new members was changed. Now planning to have a small gathering of new members after a second service, with cake and coffee. The reception is scheduled for May 23, 2021.
- The Easter basket project was a huge success with awesome support from our congregation. Also, thanks to the Trig's staff for their work and support on this project.

## **New Business**

- Outdoor worship/church picnic for June was discussed. The Board agreed to table this issue to monitor COVID development. Will revisit this project at the May meeting.
- The Loaves and Fishes project will be combined with the 4th of July parade.
- The Board Director contacted the Eagle River Chamber of Commerce. AS OF NOW, there will be a 4th of July parade in Eagle River. The Board agreed to continue a float and live music for the parade. In addition, the Board will also conduct a food drive/collection of non-perishable food items for the Vilas Food Pantry. Several ideas were discussed, including congregational members/young adults/children pulling wagons in the parade to collect food items enroute. The Pantry trailer will be parked at a designated location for the items collected. The Eagle River Chamber will be contacted again to verify the parade being held and any new guidelines or issues from the CDC/WHO.
- Congregational member attendance has been growing again, so there is again a need for people to work at the Welcome Center for the services. Please contact the church office if you are able to perform this task.
- Confirmation recognition was discussed and the Board agreed to sign confirmation cards and give each conferment.
- **Next meeting is scheduled for May 3rd, 2021, at 1700 hrs.**

- **NEXT Month's AGENDA**

- Church picnic/Outdoor worship follow-up
- 4th of July Parade finalization
- New member reception on May 23rd.

# Martha Society News

## MARTHA SOCIETY

May 2021

**Our next meeting is May 12! April showers hopefully brought May flowers. Our Board meets at 10:30 with a luncheon at 11:30. Pastor has a devotional message. We follow at 12 with our general meeting. It has felt so good to share fellowship with our fellow Martha sisters that it's sometimes past 12 before the meeting actually starts.**

**Our snowbirds are back and it's so good to welcome them with open arms. Carol Johnson and Sue Kurth (year round) will be our hostesses and Donna Liedtke will do Christian life. We all need to hear this for the personal wellbeing of our souls.**

**We have cards for sale in the back of the Fellowship Hall. There are Mother's Day (don't forget your mom!), confirmation and graduation. So, check them out. New cards arrive daily. The ones on the rack are \$1.00 and the ones on the back wall are only 50 cents. There is a box to place your money in. Remember all money received goes to support LWML missions.**

**Separate from Martha Society, Amy Kufahl and Marlene Rieck are co-hosting a bible study about the book of Esther written by Donna Snow. It's held on Thursday mornings from 9-10:30 AM. Some of the ladies from Martha have joined. It's very interesting. Because of the Esther Bible Study, Martha Society decided to start "mini" Bible studies about the different women of the Bible as a small part of our meeting.**

**It's that time of year for scholarships to be available. Martha offers 3 scholarships each year to either high school seniors or college students. To qualify a student should be pursuing a degree in a church related field or volunteer at Our Savior Lutheran Church. For more information, contact Sue Kurth or Marlene Rieck.**

**We decided to hold our Salad Luncheon/Card Party in September so watch for more info to come in the next months. In past years it was held in May, but it will be a little different this year.**

**Remember, every woman of a LCMS church is invited to join our society. We are part of LWML. Please visit and find out what we're all about.**

**God's Richest Blessing,**

**Teri Kressin**

**President**

# May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>25</b> 7:30am Early Service 8:45am Education Hour for all ages 10am Children's Easter Mini-Musical 10am Late Service/Comm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilters 6pm JuBELLation	<b>28</b> 9am Aging with Grace 5:30pm Confirmation Class (8th Grade Only)	<b>29</b> 9am Women's Bible Study 9:30am Quilters	<b>30</b> Office Closed	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> 7:30am Early Service/Comm 8:45am Education Hour for all ages 10am Late Service	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilters	<b>5</b> 9am Aging with Grace 1pm Endowment Meeting 4pm WOW	<b>6</b> 9am Women's Bible Study 9:30am Quilters	<b>7</b> Office Closed	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 7:30am Early Service 8:45am Education Hour for all ages 10am Late Service/Comm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:30am Quilters	<b>12</b> 9am Aging with Grace 10:30am Martha Board 11:30am Martha Meeting	<b>13</b> 9am Bible Study 9am Women's Bible Study 9:30am Quilters	<b>14</b> Office Closed	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 7:30am Early Service/Comm 8:45am Education Hour for all ages 10am Late Service	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilters	<b>19</b> 9am Aging with Grace 4pm WOW	<b>20</b> 9am Women's Bible Study 9:30am Quilters	<b>21</b> Office Closed	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 7:30am Early Service 8:45am Education Hour for all ages 10am Late Service/Comm	<b>24</b> 9am Newsletter Articles Due	<b>25</b> 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilters	<b>26</b> 9am Aging with Grace	<b>27</b> 9:30am Quilters	<b>28</b> Office Closed	<b>29</b> 7pm Saturday Evening/Communion
<b>30</b> 9am Sunday Worship/Communion	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## May Birthdays

2	Carol Smith	17	Carol Pluedeman
4	Diane Schoessow		Chad Smith
	William Weber		Dan Marien
5	AJ Skarbek	18	Addisan Rottier
	Jerry Kurth		Gerald Baerenwald
	Marlene Rieck		Sue Schmidt
6	Colten Wanta		Walter Matthis
	Del Keup	20	Robert Voss
	Jennifer Frank	21	Nancy Hoelz
	Reagan Rezny		Robert Bauer
7	Dolores Schneider	24	Dave Watts
	Joyce Litchfield		Ralph Rothenbach
	Judy Jousma	26	Victoria Forss
10	Tom Timm	27	Jim Schmidt
11	Malachi Ross	28	Roy Herms
12	Gaige Marien	30	John Eggleston
	John Jozwowski	31	Evan Wanta
13	Barb Patterson		Lynn Parker
15	Hannah Brady		RJ Behrens
	Jan Thomas		

## May Anniversaries

1	Terry & Gretchen Tryggeseth	22	Daryl & Mary George
3	Carl & Norda Gromoll		Gerhard & Hilde Becker
6	Donn & Cindy Gauger	23	Ralph & Mara Rothenbach
7	Dennis & Barbara Gauger	25	George & Beverly Brunette
	Ken & Diane Kuntz	28	Richard & Theresa Cherney
17	Rick & Candace Behnke	30	Dennis & Georgia Kolowith
19	Ken & Joan Holdmann	31	Bill & Gail Trosien



<u>Date/Service</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Media Operators</u>
<b>May 2</b> 7:30 AM <i>Communion</i>	Dick Cherney	Dick Cherney Debbie Holewinski Bob Johnson		Vicki Holewinski	
Acolyte: Ashton Boehm					
<b>May 2</b> 10:00 AM	Tim Kadlec	Dave Parker Lynn Parker	Lynn Parker	Jan Toivonen	
Acolyte: Anna Westfall					
<b>May 9</b> 7:30 AM	Jim Bonson	Jim Walker Jean Walker		Bonnie Jozowski	
Acolyte: Cole Crum					
<b>May 9</b> 10:00 AM <i>Communion</i>	Jacob Husing	Pat Grosse Jan Grosse Tim Forss		Diane Kuntz	
Acolyte: Matthew Wilson					
<b>May 16</b> 7:30 AM <i>Communion</i>	Pat Crum	Marv Jarvis Sue Frank Bob Merz		Kris Secord	
Acolyte: Sam Gensler					
<b>May 16</b> 10:00 AM	Pat Grosse	Andy Ellenberger Gerald Yetter	Kris Secord	Priscilla Ellenberger	
Acolyte: RJ Behrens					
<b>May 23</b> 7:30 AM	Art Granat	Del Keup Jim Bonson		Pat Crum	
Acolyte: Matthew Klein					
<b>May 23</b> 10:00 AM <i>Communion</i>	Keith Kentala	Grant Meyer Jerry Gifford Paul Kurth	Diana Sell	Cindy Gauger	
Acolyte: Christian Forss					

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

<b>May 29</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Jim Bonson	Marv Jarvis Dick Cherney		Bonnie Jozwowski
	<i>Communion</i>				
<b>May 30</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	Gary Fawcett	Rick Behrens Karen Behrens R.J. Behrens Denise Riemer	Dawn Shantz	Rick Behrens
	<i>Communion</i>				