

March 2022 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.

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

JAMES 1:2-3

March Memory Verse

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds.

James 1:2

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Upcoming Events:

Ash Wednesday ~ March 2, 2022
Worship with Communion @ 4:30pm & 7:30pm

Midweek Lenten Services
March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6 @ 4:30pm

Midweek Lenten Dinners
Each week following the service.
See bulletin board each Sunday for sign up sheets



From the Pastor's Desk

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Everyone enjoys a good story. From the time we were sitting in our parent's laps to sitting in a rocking chair in front of the television, we love a good story with good character development and adventure. In 1950, Charles Schulz created a world of stories that could be told with a few hand-drawn cartoon panels, about a group of children. As the years went by, for 50 years those children stayed the same age. But have you ever wondered what their stories would have been like if Charlie Brown and his friends would have aged?

As we know, Charlie Brown was the loveable "loser" who did not have many things go his way. How would those struggles have shaped him throughout his life? Would he go on to marry the little red-haired girl? Would he finally be able to kick the football? Would he one day get a Valentine or have a "normal" dog? We can only speculate such things.

The same goes for our lives as well. Days pass us by where both good and bad things happen, and we really do not know how they will affect us in the future. But God knows.

The Lord God knows how the choices we make and the things we do can have an impact on not just our futures, but on the futures of those around us. We would like to think that what we do will have a positive impact on people... but what if the things we say or do, do more harm than good? Are there things we regret having done? Are there things we need to change?

What a blessing we have to know that in Christ, we have a future that is safe and secure. It is He who alone can take the bad stuff that happens in our lives and use it for something that will bring about His glory... His rule and reign in the lives of others.

This Lenten season, we invite you to come and join us on Wednesdays for a time of reflection and confession of our past choices; a time to hear once again Jesus' Passion and journey to the cross; and a time to receive what He has done for you, in order that you could have a good future.

In His service,
Pastor Kufahl



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. Lent is a 40-day period of repentance and renewal to prepare to celebrate Christ's resurrection on Easter. Our theme for Lent is "You Meant It for Evil. But God Meant It for Good", a sermon series by Concordia Seminary professor, Dr. Jeffrey Gibbs.

Join us for midweek Lenten services: 4:30 p.m. or online.

Ash Wednesday, March 2nd: 4:30 & 7 p.m.

Join us for supper following the 4:30 p.m. services.

Blessings on your Lenten preparations as we journey to the cross & empty tomb!

Ash Wednesday, March 2 – You Meant It for Evil. But God Meant It for Good.
Genesis

50:15-21 & Luke 22:1-13

March 9 – He was Numbered Among Transgressors Luke 22:14-24-38

March 16 – The Real Battle Luke 22:39-62

March 23 – Blind Ignorance Luke 22:63-23:1

March 30 – Faith for a Complicated World Luke 23:1-25

April 6 – That Day and Today Luke 23:14-23

Maundy Thursday, April 14 – The Eternal Passover Luke 22:14-23

Good Friday, April 15 – Evil Friday is also Good Friday Luke 23:44-56

Easter Sunday, April 17 – The Power of the Easter Promise Luke 24:1-12

LENTEN OFFERINGS:

As we reflect on Jesus' sacrifice for us during this Lenten season, we have the opportunity to love others as He loved us. Our Board of Evangelism will be purchasing and providing Easter meals for families in our area with food insecurity. See the display in the narthex for offering envelopes designated for this project.



We are also gathering offerings for Takenotsuka Lutheran Church located in Japan. We hope to provide much needed funds for them to purchase audio/visual equipment that would help them share the Gospel.

Streaming services and Bible studies is one of their best forms of outreach ministry. Please see the display in the narthex for Lent mission offering envelopes and containers to place your offerings. Once again you can choose an Elder or Andrew, our DCE intern, to take a pie to the face for missions!

Thank you for sharing the hope we have in Jesus!



2022 Vacation Bible School
Children, ages 3-12
August 1st- 4th
9 a.m. – Noon

**At Mystery Island, we will uncover the truth about our Creator God!
There's a sea of confusion about who God is and what He is like, so
we'll track down the one true God and learn how amazing He is
through the pages of Scripture!**

*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.*



Faith and Film Night Fundraiser

The High School Youth invite you to join us on April 2nd from 4-6:30pm to watch the movie blackbird and then discuss Christian (and anti-Christian) values displayed in the movie. We will have popcorn and drinks provided during the movie followed by pizza during the discussion. The movie is rated R, but we will be using VidAngel to sensor out the foul language and other inappropriate content. However, the movie does discuss mature topics such as suicide, so we will also be showing another movie downstairs for the kids. A freewill offering will be taken to support our High School Youth. Please reach out to Andrew Kaufmann with any questions at dceandrew@gmail.com



Elders Meeting – February 9, 2022 @ 7 PM

Agenda:

1. Opening devotion
2. Prior month meeting minutes
3. Lenten schedule, elders coverage and youth readings discussion
4. Elders soup supper discussion
5. Church security and A/V work updates
6. Elders coverage at funerals
7. Shut-in visit update
8. Open discussion/actions needed
9. Closing

Attendees: Pastor, Jacob Husing, Jim Bonson, Art Granat, Pat Crum, Keith Kentala

Notes:

- Pastor opened the meeting with prayer.
- January minutes approved by Jim and Art.
- Ash Wednesday services at 4:30 and 7 PM. Will have a Lenten cross for this year's Lenten services. Confirmation youth will again participate in mid-week service for scripture readings.
- Elders group will host the March 16 soup supper.
- Note to all elders to lock the front church doors from the outside prior to leaving after the late service.
- Church directory pictures are underway.
- Very preliminary discussion around vicarage program at Our Savior was discussed. Much more on this over the coming months.
- Pie in the face fundraiser will happen again this year. Proceeds to go toward an LCMS church in Japan.
- Security system will be installed on the parking lot facing door. Card key entry with doorbell notification system.
- Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

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Board of Evangelism Meeting

07 February 2022 / 5:00 pm

ATTENDEES

Jim and Gloria Harper, Marlene Rieck, Ron Ritzer, Greg Highstrom and Pastor Kufahl.

AGENDA

New Business

Northwoods Community Dinner is being held on Tuesday, February 15th. Meal will be picked up at 4:00 pm. The meal will be served at 5:00 pm. Jim Harper and Greg Highstrom will set up the trays. We expect to serve approximately 140 people.

Easter basket pickup and delivery. Marlene put together an Easter Egg line, for donations from the congregation for the Easter basket/bag outreach. The egg string/line will go up before the congregation on Ash Wednesday. \$30.00 is budgeted for each bag. Last year (2021) we served 150 families.

NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA

Easter Basket/bags

Next month's meeting: March 7, 2022.

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!

Martha Society News

MARTHA SOCIETY

MARCH 2022

Our meeting for March will be Wednesday, March 9. The Board for will meet at 10:30 followed by a luncheon at 11:30 and the general membership meeting at 12 Noon.

Our hostesses for the meeting will be Holly Nier and Sue Kurth. Christian Life will be given by Jan Toivonen.

A reminder for all members that we are hosting the Lenten dinner the same day as our meeting. We will be serving sloppy joes and hot dogs. There will be a sign-up sheet in the hallway between March 2nd- March 9 for items needed for donation. Members have already signed up for the meat including the hot dogs. Sue Kurth is in charge of the dinner.

The updated Mission List for 2021 will be posted in the hallway. We're able to give \$3,420 to the various missions that we have voted on.

The 3 fundraisers we will have in 2022 are the spring card party/salad luncheon, the Harvest dinner in late fall, and the cookie walk in December. Sharon Gifford has agreed to be the new chair for the card party/salad luncheon.

At the March meeting we will discuss and vote on the budget for 2022. Terry and Dick Cherney will be bringing the supplies for the baptism-confirmation banners so we can set up an area to work on them. Terry and Dick have faithfully done these for several years and now Martha will help.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teri Kressin

President

Birthdays & Anniversaries

March Birthdays

1	Dean Gillman	17	Mitch Campbell
2	Alex Gensch Stacey Klein		Nicole Popp Steve Meyer
3	David Sauvola Gretchen Tryggeseth Penny Finger	19	Dave Mohrman
4	Marge Favorite	20	Jon Sell
5	Jane Butler Shele Fawcett	21	Connor Clark Joanne Luebke Julie LaFriske Ryland Kube
7	Barbara Hummel	22	Judy Chaplin
10	Karen Winterkorn Robert Popp	23	Angie Koritz
11	Daisy Campbell Hope Aylward	24	Blaine Welch Brenda Otto Clarence Petzold Kirk Klein
12	Amy Kufahl	25	Sara Olson
14	Bailey Mayo Harper Frank Jim Bonson Scott Koritz Sharon Gifford	27	Christopher Frank
15	Brandon Messner	30	Carolynn Gleisner Christian Behrens Katy Wilson Mary Jo Adamovich
16	Grant Lukas Kathy Greif	31	Paula Hagen

March Anniversaries

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

March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	1	2	3	4	5 7am Men's Bible Study
7:30am Early Service/Comm 8:45am Education Hour for all ages 10am Late Service	5pm Evangelism Meeting	9am Bible Study 6pm JuBELLation 7:15pm Choir	4:30pm Ash Wednesday Worship /Comm 5:30pm Confirmation Class 5:30pm Lenten Dinner 7pm Ash Wednesday Worship /Comm	7pm Youth Group	Office Closed	7am Men's Bible Study
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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 2 4:30 PM <i>Ash Wednesday</i> Communion	Keith Kentala	Jim Harper Paul Kurth			
March 2 7:00 PM <i>Ash Wednesday</i> Communion	Jacob Husing	Tim Forss Jim Bonson			
March 6 7:30 AM <i>Communion</i>	Keith Kentala	Debbie Holewinski Jim Harper		Debbie Holewinski	Vicki Holewinski
Acolyte: Emily Sauer					
March 6 10:00 AM	Brad Anderson	Dave Parker Lynn Parker		Jan Toivonen	Dawn Lauber
Acolyte: Christian Forss					Camera:
March 9 4:30 PM Lent	Keith Kentala	Need Volunteer			
March 13 7:30 AM	Jim Bonson	Bob Merz		Vicki Holewinski	
Acolyte: Cole Crum					Camera:
March 13 10:00 AM <i>Communion</i>	Tim Forss	Paul Kurth Jennifer Kasmarek		Marianne Braun	Jackie Pearce
Acolyte: Alex Gensch					
March 16 4:30 PM Lent	Jim Bonson	Need Volunteer			
March 20 7:30 AM <i>Communion</i>	Pat Crum	Marv Jarvis Sue Frank		Sue Frank	
Acolyte: Matthew Klein					
March 20 10:00 AM	Jacob Husing	Andy Ellenberger		Diane Kuntz	Vicki Holewinski
Acolyte: Naomi Kadlec					Camera:
March 23 4:30 PM Lent	Jacob Husing	Need Volunteer			

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

March 27	7:30 AM	Art Granat	Jim Bonson		Mary Malinsky	
Acolyte: Emily Sauer						Camera:
March 27	10:00 AM	Tim Kadlec	Grant Meyer		Rick Behrens	Jackie Pearce
Communion			Jerry Gifford			
Acolyte: Samantha Aschenbrenner			Paul Kurth			
March 30	4:30 PM	Tim Kadlec	Need Volunteer			
Lent						