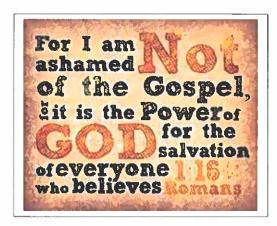
# **April 2022 Newsletter**

# 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.



## **April Memory Verse**

For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.

Romans 1:16

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## **Upcoming Events:**

Lenten Service, April 6, 4:30 pm Lenten dinner to follow

Palm Sunday, April 10, 7:30 & 10:00 am - Children's Musical at beginning of each worship service

Sunday, April 10, 4:00 pm
Faith & Film Night / Youth Fundraiser

Maundy Thursday, April 14, 7:00 pm with Holy Communion

Good Friday, April 15, 1:00 & 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 17, 7:30 & 10:00 am with Holy Communion



#### April 2021 Newsletter

Easter was always a big celebration in our house growing up. Of course there were the church services and the family gatherings, but who could forget the Easter Eggs? On Saturday morning, mom would get out the egg dying kits and my sister and I would watch as the color pellets fizzed their bloom into the vinegar cups awaiting its hardboiled canvas. Then after we went to bed early (because early service was REALLY early), dad (aka – The Easter Bunny), went to work hiding our new artwork throughout the house. And he was good at it. Dad took great pleasure in making those eggs difficult to find. We never really knew if we had found them all. Dad's classic response, "I don't know."

Well, there was one year in particular that we didn't find them all. Dad hid an egg under the back corner of our wood burning fireplace. It was not until that fall when we lit a first fire that we became reacquainted with dad's hidden egg. Ugh. At least dad got a good laugh out of it.

With each passing year, we spend a great deal of time preparing young adults to confirm the faith they were baptized into. Confirmation Sunday rolls around with all its festivities, and then it is back to life as normal. As the following Sunday morning dawns and we gather together as God's family to be fed by His Word and Sacrament, we can't help but look around. Did we find them all?

Yes, life is busy. It's crazy! Things happen. But sadly, "things" can become the norm in our life and life in the church becomes only something to do if there is nothing else that comes along. Necessity and priority becomes skewed. A faith that needs constant feeding with Word and Sacrament can easily be forgotten, grow cold, and stink like a rotten egg.

The writer to the Hebrews encourages his hearers with these words; Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (10:23-25)

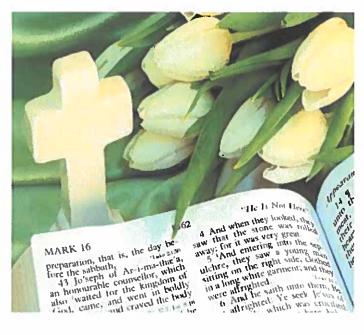
As Christians, the joy of Jesus' Easter resurrection is ours each day of our life. In the midst of a broken and sinful world, the certain hope that is ours in what Jesus has secured for us by His death and resurrection, gives us strength to make it through our darkest days. Yet without Jesus, there is no hope and no future.

Dear friends in Christ, this year we will be confirming five youth in the faith. I encourage you to get to know them. Get to know their parents. And if they are hidden on a Sunday morning and you can't find them, let's get looking before they begin to stink.

In His service, Pastor Kufahl

# Holy Week 2022

#### Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



Lenten Service, April 6, 4:30 pm & online – That Day and Today Luke 23:14-23

Palm Sunday, April 10, 7:30 & 10:00 am — Children's Musical at beginning of each worship service

Maundy Thursday, April 14, 7:00 pm with Holy Communion The Eternal Passover Luke 22:14-23

Good Friday, April 15, 1:00 & 7:00 pm – Evil Friday is also Good Friday Luke 23:44-56

Easter Sunday, April 17, 7:30 & 10:00 am with Holy Communion – The Power of the Easter Promise Luke 24:1-12

## **Lent/Easter Mission Project -**

As we reflect on Jesus' sacrifice for us, we love others as He loved us. Our Board of Evangelism will be providing Easter meals for families in our area with food insecurity. See the display in the narthex for offering envelopes designated for this project. Thank you for your offerings given so far!





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 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. – Noon

To register: www.oursavioreagleriver.org

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.



## **Evangelism Committee**

#### 07 March 2022

5:00 pm

#### **ATTENDEES**

- Jim and Gloria Harper, Marlene Rieck, Ron Ritzer, Greg Highstrom and Andrew Kaufman.
- AGENDA
- Easter Basket Program
- July 4th Parade

#### **Old Business**

Continued\_discussion on the Easter Basket outreach. So far we have Eagle River school with 74, Land-O-Lakes with 10, Phelps with 15 and St. Germain with 10. The amount of baskets is subject to change according to the community's needs.

#### **New Business**

- Discussed the possibility of having an outdoor worship/picnic at the River View park this year. Looking into having a
  worship service, music and games and/or "bouncy house" for the children. Ron volunteered to look into having a
  food service truck to attend. Target date discussed is possibly June 18th.
- Discussed having a new member reception. Will discuss with the Pastor to see if needed.
- Challenged Board members to "put on their thinking caps" and start preliminary plans for the July 4th parade.....new theme?, new outreach.......?
- DCE Andrew presented an outreach idea for a "drive through prayer tent". He attended a seminar where they
  conducted this outreach, and people would drive through and have someone (or more) pray with/for them as to
  their needs. He further suggested that this idea of a prayer tent could be used in conjunction with the Mission
  Outreach tent that was setup at the Eagle River Farmers Market last year.
- Marlene presented a possible training to be conducted at Our Savior. This training would be conducted by the
  Lutheran Emergency Response Team, LERT, to train volunteers for local and/or national emergencies. The training
  will be conducted on a Saturday and would be for the entire day. The date and time is to be determined.

Next Evangelism Board meeting is: **April 4th** at 5:00 pm.

#### Whom Are You Looking At?

The disciples were thrilled. They had their Lord back in their presence once again. Since His Resurrection, He had appeared to them and others several times. They were still a little confused, though, when He talked about "wait[ing] for the gift [His] Father promised" (Acts 1:5), and, then, "He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid Him from their sight" (Acts 1:9).

You can imagine their bewilderment. He had died and been buried and then had risen from the dead! He had walked among them and taught them again, and now . . . He is taken up into the clouds. No wonder they stood there – probably with mouths agape – looking into the sky where they had last seen Him.

It took "two men dressed in white" (Acts 1:10) to bring them back to their senses. "Men of Galilee,' "they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, Who has been taken from you into Heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into Heaven' "(Acts 1:11).

Back they went to Jerusalem. Their eyes were no longer on the clouds, but they were still looking at Jesus. They waited. They prayed. They chose another disciple. And they waited some more – all the while looking at Jesus.

Whom are you looking at? Yes, Jesus has ascended. We can only imagine His joyful, triumphant return as all the hosts of Heaven welcomed back the risen, victorious Savior. Because He is that Savior, because He is the Author and perfecter of our faith, "let us fix our eyes on Jesus" (Hebrews 12:2). Through His Word and Sacraments, He will lead us in His ways; He will teach us obedience and self-sacrifice; He will teach us love for our neighbors. With joyful and generous hearts, we celebrate the new life that Easter brings us by sharing the message of the Cross and the Empty Tomb with all who will listen. Keep looking at Jesus until in Heaven you see him face to face!

# Martha Society News

# MARTHA SOCIETY APRIL 2022

Our April meeting will be held on Wednesday the 13th. The Board meeting will be at 10:30 followed by a luncheon at 11:30 and the general membership meeting will start at 12 noon.

Hostesses for the meeting are Diana Sell and Karla Lokker. Christian Life will be presented by Sue Kurth.

April 28 is the date set for the Spring Rally. It will be held at Rock of Ages in Minocqua. Registration starts at 8:30-9:00 AM. The Christian Life Topic will be "Creation-You and & a New Creation Genesis 1-3". The registration fee is \$10.00 and will be collected at the door. All women and men are invited to attend. We need to know by April 10 how many are planning to attend. Please notify Teri Kressin if you plan on going. Carpooling will be provided. The information is on the board in the Fellowship Hall. The Gift of the Heart is monetary donations for Lakeland Food Pantry.

Our next event is the Card Party/Salad Luncheon to be held on Wednesday, May 18. The chair for this event is Sharon Gifford. More details to follow. Ladies and Gentlemen, mark your calendars and tell all your friends. Everyone is invited.

At our last meeting we voted on our Mission List and the amounts to be given. The list is posted in the Fellowship Hall.

Our next meeting is May 11.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teri Kressin,

President



# April Birthdays

1 **Perry Pokrandt** JD Husing 19 2 Ken Holdmann Wendy Sisavath 3 **Rob Mover** 20 Peter Kufahl 5 **Hunter Behnke** 21 Bill LaFriske Samantha Aschenbrenner Donna Liedtke Woody Eno 23 Levi Olson 7 Payton Mayo 24 Dawn Shantz 8 **Brian Uttech** Gail Trosien 9 Ava Kube 25 Janet Nowers-Meyer Margo Granat Lon Behm Susan Frank Sophia Sisavath 10 Karen Olson Stephen Lind 11 Tobias Kadlec 26 Casey Stenschke Diana Sell Jack Westfall 12 Joyce Rawlins 28 Cindy Gauger Krystal Kasmarek 29 Kristina Aschenbrenner 13 Teri Kressin Ronald Hagen 15 Theresa Cherney 30 Jean Meyer 16 Adalyn Otto Paul Kurth Hilde Becker **Rosemary Strook** 

# <u>April Anniversaries</u>

12	Dan & Janette Marien
16	Donald & Kristy Secord
17	Daryl & Robin Nikolaus

25 Jim & Jacqueline Larsen

28 Richard & Elizabeth Schmidt

# **April 2022**

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Acolyte: Emily Sauer					
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