

April 2023 Newsletter

Our Savior Lutheran Church

223 Silver Lake Road, Eagle River WI 715-479-6226 (office) 715-479-7890 (fax)
Website: www.oursavioreagleriver.org + Email: oursavioreagleriver@gmail.com

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

(Jesus says,) "I am with you always".
Matthew 28:20

Church Staff:

Peter Kufahl, Pastor
715-479-6226 (Church Office)
507-822-3606 (Cell)

Marlene Rieck, Director of Music &
Children's Ministry
715-479-7466 (Office)
715-891-0991 (Home)

Jean Walker, Office Administrator
715-479-6226 (Church Office)

Jackie Pearce, Choir Director

Vicki Holewinski, JuBELLation Director

William & Alicia Jackson, Youth Leaders

Brad Anderson, Congregational President

Upcoming Events:

Palm Sunday, April 2, 7:30 & 10:00 am

**Maundy Thursday, April 6, 7:00 pm
with Holy Communion**

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

**Easter Sunday, April 9, 7:30 & 10:00 am
with Holy Communion**

Easter Breakfast served between services

**Sunday, April 30, 10:00 am
Grades 1-8, Easter Musical**

Children's Ministry Report (Birth-Grade 6) March 2023

Sunday School –

Mission Projects – March 12th will be the last day to give offerings to purchase Bible books for families in Ukraine through the Lutheran Heritage Foundation. One book costs \$5. Thank you for your offerings!

Lent Mission Projects - As we remember Jesus' sacrifice for us during Lent, we have the opportunity to share His love and mercy locally and throughout the world. See the offering envelopes located in the narthex for two projects: the pastel envelopes are for purchasing Easter meals to local families struggling with food insecurity and designated Lent offerings for the LC-MS World Relief and Human Care. Our Board of Evangelism will deliver Easter meals to local schools during Holy Week where they will then be given to families to enjoy on Easter. The LC-MS World Relief and Human Care meets needs and shares the Gospel in the U.S. and around the world through various ways including Disaster Relief and Mercy Medical Teams. To learn more go to LCMS.org/mercy. Thank you for sharing your blessings to bless others!

Bible Reading Challenge – Many of our Sunday school students are doing a great job on our Bible reading challenge! After every 20 minutes of reading, students receive a Bible buck. \$1 is donated to our current mission project for every 20 minutes that is read. **Total for mission project: \$122**
We are having a boy/girl competition to see who will take a pie to the face in May! **Totals so far: BOYS 1320 minutes GIRLS 1120 minutes**

Winter Craft Fair/Mission Sunday – Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who helped make our winter craft fair a success on February 26th! Children enjoyed a variety of crafts and made beautiful bookmarks and Easter cards for our shut-ins. Families also put together resurrection eggs for at-home devotions during Holy Week.

Thank you! – Thank you to our junior choir and chime choir for the special music they provided on February 12th. Thanks to our young children who sang for worship on February 19th. Thanks also to the junior choir who sang for our midweek Lent service on March 1st!

Singing in Worship – Grades 1-8 are invited to sing with the adult choir at both services on Palm Sunday, April 2nd. We will have a special rehearsal on Saturday, April 1st, 9-9:45 am. Grades 1-8 are also invited to share an Easter musical on Sunday, April 30th, at the 10 am service. More details to come!

Family Ministry / Cradle Roll –

Lent "Promised Treasures" – Each week during Lent we will see, smell, touch, and taste a number of things that will remind us of God's eternal love for us in Christ! Midweek Lent worship services are available at 4:30 pm followed by supper. Services are also available online. Devotion books and family calendars are provided to help families journey through Lent toward our Easter celebration.

Chapel for Home School Families – Our first homeschool chapel was held on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, at 11 am. We had four families attend. It went well and families enjoyed lunch together. We will meet on the last Wednesday of each month so our next chapel will be March 29th at 11 am. If any board members would like to help or join us, please let us know!

Family Resources – Each Monday I send an email to families to review our Sunday school lesson and to share the Family Activity Page (families with 5K-8th grade) and the God Talk sheet (families with 2-3 year olds). I also share reminders and upcoming events.

IF:Gathering – Our local IF:Gathering will be Friday, March 3rd, 5:45-9:30 pm and Saturday, March 4th, 8:45-4 pm. We have 29 registered so far. The cost is \$10 per person through our RightNow Media account. The host committee is: Amy Kufahl (leader), Brenda Husing, Karla Healy, Carol Litchfield, Holly Nier, and me. Please pray for our women and all the women gathering around the world that we are strengthened through the God's Word and we encourage and support one another with the love of Christ.

Vacation Bible School –

"Keepers of the Kingdom" Vacation Bible School will be held July 24th-27th from 9-noon each day for children ages 3-12. Registration is open and can be accessed on our website. I'm including a link in each weekly email and postcard invites will be sent soon.

At Keepers of the Kingdom VBS, children will learn how they are part of God's kingdom through the death and resurrection of Jesus, God's Son. God equips us with His armor to become Keepers of the Kingdom who stand strong in today's battle for Truth. Throughout the week we will focus on each piece of the Armor of God from Ephesians 6.

The VBS conference I attended the end of January was outstanding. The first day Mike and I attended sessions on apologetics, especially those pertaining to this VBS. Sessions included leaving a legacy, dinosaurs and dragons in the Bible, social issues and the Bible, and more. The second day I attended sessions on the VBS Bible lessons, hosting a sensory VBS, director tips for smaller congregations, involving the whole congregation in VBS, a drama overview, and decorating tips. Mike learned more about the VBS software, crafts, and follow-up ideas. We were able to learn about snacks, music, decorations, and other general tips for this great theme throughout the day.

Volunteers are needed! I've started talking to past volunteers. All volunteers can sign up on our church website.

A closing program and lunch are tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 27th, at 11:30 am.

Board of Christian Education Meeting

Wednesday 3/1/23 – 6:45pm @ Church

In Attendance: Rick Behrens,

MEETING AGENDA (MEETING MINUTES IN PARENTHESIS)

1. Opening: Prayer/ Devotional
2. Review minutes that were emailed to all after last meeting. (Rick motioned, Lynn 2nd. Passed unanimously)
3. Financial Report- Rick (Rick Motioned, Carol 2nd. Passed unanimously)
4. Children's Report- Marlene (See Marlene's awesome report for more info!)
5. Youth Updates- Youth Leader or Representative (Pastor updated on his meetings with Will and the goings on with our youth. July 7th -20th is the Asheville Servant Event. Sounds like a full crew will be attending this year.)
6. Old Business items:
 1. Recruiting new board members is ALWAYS on our minds!
 2. Lenten Supper- Opportunity to serve after 4:30pm svc, serving supper at approx 5:15, and cleanup at 6pm. Our Board decided to take 3/22. We decided on all of the extras to go and made our sign up sheet to post.)
7. New Business items:
 1. Pastor brought to our board that Luke (Trigger) from Camp Luther would like to do more with the church, and expand his horizons. Retreats, connections, etc...
8. Next meeting: Thursday April 13, 2023 5:00pm @ Church
9. Close with the Lord's Prayer

Our Savior Lutheran

Evangelism Committee

02 March 2023

5:00 pm

ATTENDEES

- Jim Harper, Marlene Rieck, Pastor Kufahl and Guest Speaker Mandy Rottier
- **AGENDA**
- Easter Basket event

Old Business

Northwoods Share Dinner went well. Special thanks to confirmation students and parents for helping serve our guests. Thanks again to Trig's deli and bakery for a great meal. New member reception went well.

New Business

Easter Basket delivery is scheduled for April 6th. We have a total of 71 baskets to deliver. Hopefully there will be members available to help with the delivery.

Our Guest Speaker, Mandy Rottier gave a presentation on a program called Embrace Grace. She is asking for the Evangelism Committee to accept and sponsor this program. No decision or vote accrued, as there was no quorum in attendance.

Next Evangelism Board meeting is: **April 3, 2023** 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 2023

The meeting for April will be held on the 12th. The hostesses are Nancy Steinhage and Holly Highstrom. Christian Life will be presented by Sue Kurth. The executive Board will meet at 10:30. A light luncheon will be served at 11:30 and the general membership meeting starts at noon.

I would like to give a special Thank You to every Martha lady who helped at the memorial luncheon for our dear friend, Jan Toivonen, and then stayed for the Lenten Supper that evening. Thank you for all the food donations for both.

We also presented checks to the various missions on our meeting day and Sharon Gifford put the picture in our local paper. They were also invited to stay for lunch.

This April meeting will be a very busy planning one. We are finalizing plans for our Card Party/Salad Luncheon for May 17th. Again, price for admission is \$15. Sharon Gifford is the chairperson for the fundraiser. Remember that men are also invited. It will be a great luncheon and a fun afternoon. Remember, you can play any game or just sit and visit with your friends. This is one of our major fundraisers for the year. All money raised through our fundraisers goes to support missions.

On April 20 is our Spring Rally at Peace Lutheran in Arbor Vitae. Cost is \$8 which covers the cost of refreshments and lunch. Donna Liedtke and I will be presenting the Christian Life Topic titled "Holy Communion". We would like a good turnout and there will be carpooling available. All members of our congregation are invited. If interested, please contact Teri Kressin.

Teri Kressin

President

April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 7:30am Early Service/Comm 8:45am Education Hour for all ages 10am Late Service	27 5pm Evangelism Meeting	28 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting 5:45pm JuBELLation 7pm Choir	29 9am Women's Bible Study 4pm W.O.W. 4:30pm Jr. Choir 5pm Chime Choir 5:30pm Confirmation 5:30pm Women's Bible Study 7pm HS Youth Group	30 7pm Maundy Thursday Service/Comm	31 Office Closed	1 7am Men's Bible Study 9am Grades 1-8 & Adult Choir Rehearsal
9 7:30am Early Service/Comm 10am Late Service/Comm Easter	10	11 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting	12 9am Women's Bible Study 10:30am Martha 11:30am Martha 4pm W.O.W. 4:30pm Jr. Choir 5pm Chime Choir 5:30pm Confirmation 5:30pm Women's Bible Study 7pm HS Youth Group	13	14 Office Closed	15 7am Men's Bible Study
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

<p>16</p> <p>7:30am Early Service/Comm 8:45am Education Hour for all ages 10am Late Service</p>	<p>17</p> <p>5pm HCPA Meeting</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting 7pm Choir</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9am Women's Bible Study 4pm W.O.W. 4:30pm Jr. Choir 5pm Chime Choir 5:30pm Confirmation 5:30pm Women's Bible Study 7pm Council Meeting 7pm HS Youth Group</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7am Men's Bible Study</p>
<p>23</p> <p>7:30am Early Service 8:45am Education Hour for all ages 10am Late Service/Comm</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting 7pm Choir</p>	<p>26</p> <p>11am Homeschool Chapel 4pm W.O.W. 4:15pm MS Youth Group 4:30pm Jr. Choir 5pm Chime Choir 5:30pm Confirmation 7pm HS Youth Group</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7am Men's Bible Study 9am Grades 1-8 Rehearsal</p>
<p>30</p> <p>7:30am Early Service/Comm 8:45am Education Hour for all ages 10am Late Service/Comm</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>

<u>Date/Service</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Media Operators</u>
April 2 7:30 AM <i>Communion</i>	Art Granat	Debbie Holewinski Jim Harper	Debbie Holewinski Kris Secord	Vicki Holewinski	
Acolyte: Emily Sauer					
April 2 10:00 AM	Jake Campbell	David Parker Lynn Parker	Lynn Parker	Priscilla Ellenberger	Sharon Gifford
Acolyte: Hannah Forss					Camera:
April 6 Mauandy Thursday <i>Communion</i> 7:00 PM	Brad Anderson	Bob Merz Sue Frank			Camera:
April 7 Good Friday 1:00 PM	Jim Bonson	Paul Kurth			XXX
7:00 PM	Tim Forss	Christian Forss			XXX
April 9 7:30 AM <i>Easter Communion</i> Acolyte: Connor Clark	Jim Bonson	Chuck Healy Karla Healy		Kris Secord	Vicki Holewinski
					Camera:
April 9 10:00 AM <i>Easter Communion</i> Acolyte: Jessica Kadlec	Tim Forss	Christian Forss Jennifer Kazmarek	Dawn Shantz	Marianne Braun	
April 16 7:30 AM <i>Communion</i> Acolyte: Izzy Stenschke	Pat Crum	Bob Merz Sue Frank		Bonnie Jozwowski	
April 16 10:00 AM Acolyte: Adalynn Kufahl	Brad Anderson	Andy Ellenberger Gerald Yetter	Priscilla Ellenberger	Rick Behrens	Dawn Lauber
					Camera:
IF YOU CANNOT BE THERE WHEN SCHEDULED, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE TO GET A REPLACEMENT!!!					

April 23	7:30 AM	Keith Kentala	Jim Bonson		Mark Olson	Vicki Holewinski
Acolyte: Emily Sauer						Camera:
April 23	10:00 AM	Tim Kadlec	Grant Meyer Gerry Gifford Paul Kurth	Hilda Rozga	Cindy Gauger	
Acolyte: Bristol Parling						
April 30	7:30 AM	Jim Bonson	Chuck Healy Karla Healy	Dawn Shantz	Kris Secord	Camera:
Acolyte: Connor Clark						
April 30	10:00 AM	Brad Anderson	Jennifer Kasmarek Paul Kurth		Sue Kurth	Camera:
Acolyte: Jack Westfall						