

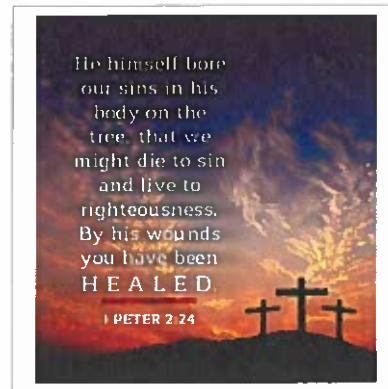
April 2024 Newsletter

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

By his wounds you have been healed.

1 Peter 2:24

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Upcoming Events:

IF:Gathering ~ April 6th 8am - 5pm

Confirmation Retreat @ Camp Luther ~ April 12-13

LWML Spring Rally ~ April 25th @ 8:30 am

Easter Muscial (Grades 1-8) ~ April 28th @ 10am

8th Grade Confirmation ~ May 5th @ 10 am

Children's Ministry Report (Birth-Grade 6) March 2024

Sunday School –

Mission Project Update – Thank you to our students who colored Cards of Hope for Phil's Friends, a non-profit organization that shares the hope of Jesus with those battling cancer. Thank you also for offerings of \$228 (includes \$113 from the Bible reading challenge) that will be sent to Phil's Friends to support their ministry.

Lent Mission Projects - As we reflect on Jesus' sacrifice for us during Lent, we strive to love others as He loves us. Our Board of Evangelism is providing Easter meals for families in our area with food insecurity. See the display in the narthex for offerings envelopes designated for Easter meals. We are also collecting offerings for the Lo family who are missionaries in Southeast Asia. Rev. Dr. Fung and Dr. Kalia Lo were born in Laos to two non-Christian families. By the grace of God, their families immigrated to America and became Christians. Now they have returned to Southeast Asia to share the love of Christ with those who do not know Him. Thank you for your offerings to help spread the Gospel in our community and world!

Bible Reading Challenge – Thank you to our students who participated in our Bible reading challenge in January and February. Our students read a total of 2,260 minutes! Congratulations to the 1st/2nd grade class for winning the challenge with 780 minutes. \$1 for every 20 minutes was given to Phil's Friends for a total of \$113.

Singing for Worship – Our PreK and kindergarten children will sing for worship on Sunday, March 3rd, at the 10 am service. Children, grades 1-8, are singing "Hosanna Processional" with the adult choir for Palm Sunday, March 24th, at the 7:30 & 10 am worship services. We will have a special rehearsal Saturday, March 23rd, from 9-9:45 am.

Upcoming Singing Opportunities – Students in grades 1-8 are invited to participate in our Easter musical on Sunday, April 28th, at the 10 am service. We will have a special rehearsal on Saturday, April 27th, 9-10:30 am. PreK & kindergarten children will sing for worship on Mother's Day, May 12th, at the 10 am service.

Junior Choir/Chime Choir– Our junior choir is preparing to sing for worship on Sunday, March 10th, at the 10 am service. Our chime choir will play for the midweek Lent service on March 13th.

Family Ministry / Cradle Roll –

Chapel for Home School Families – Pastor and I continue to offer chapel for home school families on the last Wednesday of the month at 11 am. Our next chapel will be March 27th.

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.

Worship Bags – I used some of the endowment fund for our nursery director to update our worship bags for children. I plan to add additional books and worship resources to the bags.

College Students – We have an additional \$100 for college ministry from the Martha Society. I'll check if our Wednesday women's Bible study group might like to collect items for care packages again.

Faith Legacy Retreat for 5th/6th/7th grade Girls and Moms – We have four families committed to our mother/daughter retreat for preteen girls and their moms on March 15th/16th at Camp Luther. Laura Campbell will be our speaker and a group of women are helping to make the weekend a memorable one for the girls and their moms. The purpose of the weekend is to strengthen the mother/daughter bond, encourage communication, and discuss upcoming changes and relationships in the teen years. A mom orientation meeting will take place Wednesday, March 6th, at 6:30 pm.

Vacation Bible School –

Registration has begun for the "The Great Jungle Journey" Vacation Bible School which will be held August 5th-8th from 9-noon each day for children ages 3-12. Children will take an epic cruise from Genesis to Revelation to discover that history is centered on His Story, the story of Jesus and God's plan of salvation for us. A closing program and lunch are tentatively scheduled for Thursday, August 8th, at 11:30 am.

Volunteers – We have an amazing team of volunteers gathered for VBS! More group guides are needed as well as junior helpers (6th-8th graders). Coordinators include:

Early Childhood Bible Teacher – Katrina Kadlec; Games – Jill Geoffroy; Crafts – Tori Forss/Holly Nier; Set/Decorations – Carol Litchfield; Drama Director – Laura Campbell; Snacks – Carla Klein; Music – Jessie Westfall; Technology – Mike Rieck

VBS Conference Follow-up – Mike Rieck would like to offer sessions prior to VBS to help adults and teens learn more about the apologetics and Bible accounts that will be covered at VBS. Watch for more information to come.

Supplies - All supplies are purchased (including T-shirts) from Answers in Genesis with a discount and free shipping. Snack, craft, decoration, and game materials/supplies will still need to be purchased or collected.

Board of Christian Education Meeting

Sunday 03/02/2024 after Late Svc @ Church

**In Attendance: Rick Behrens, Lynn Parker, Carol Litchfield, Amber Riener, Sue Kurth,
Marlene Rieck, Pastor Kufahl**

MEETING AGENDA (MEETING MINUTES IN PARENTHESIS)

1. Opening: Prayer/ Devotional (Led by Rick)
2. Review minutes that were emailed to all after last meeting. (Lynn motioned to accept, 2nd by Carol. Passed unanimously.)
3. Financial Report- Rick (Rick presented, and made a motion to accept, 2nd by Carol. Passed unanimously)
4. Children's Report- Marlene (See Marlene's awesome report for more info!)
5. Youth Updates- Youth Leader or Representative (Pastor has been leading the youth. Servant event is coming up and forms are being collected from participants. Confirmation is coming along well and coming together.)
6. Old Business items:
 1. Recruiting new board members is ALWAYS on our minds!
 2. BOE Lenten Supper (A sign up sheet will be put up in the hallway by the narthex and fellowship hall.
7. New Business items:
 1. Youth Leadership (Pastor presented and the board made a motion to move forward on bringing a proposal to the Church Council and vote.)
 2. NYG 2025- (July 19-23rd 2025 is on the radar for decisions from our board. We will be talking about that more at our next meeting.)
8. Next meeting: April 7th After Late svc
9. Close with a Prayer (Pastor Led our closing prayer)

Evangelism Board Meeting
March 4, 2024

Attendance: Jim Harper & Marlene Rieck

The meeting did not happen as there was a lack of attendance and interest.

Old Business: Easter basket delivery is scheduled for March 21 st. We will meet at Triggs at 8:00 am to place Christian materials in the bags and then deliver them to the schools. Greg and I will deliver to Eagle River Elementary (50); Carol Pluedeman will deliver to Land O' Lakes (13). Someone is needed to deliver eight (8) bags to St. Germain Elementary.

New Business: There is a new member reception tentatively scheduled for April 21st. We have 25 new families that have joined our congregation.

Would someone PLEASE take on this event and make it happen!! There is a need for the rest of the board members to step forward and accept some responsibility for our outreach events.

Our next scheduled meeting is:

April 8, 2024, at 5:00 pm at the Our Savior Church, same time, same place.

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 2024

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 10. The board will meet at 10:30 followed by a luncheon at 11:30. The membership meeting will start at noon. Hostesses for the luncheon are Carol Johnson and Lois Parnitzke. Christian Life will be given by Marianne Braun.

A large part of our meeting will be finalizing our plans for the LWML Spring Rally that we are hosting on Thursday, April 25. The cost is \$10 which includes registration, continental breakfast, and lunch. Our guest speaker is Kent Kohn whose talk is on Northwoods Share-Esther's House. The Gift of the Heart will be monetary donations for Esther's House. All members of our congregation are invited to attend. Christian Life will be presented by Teri Kressin and Donna Liedtke on "Forgiving When you are Hurt". Sign up sheets will be available for food donations.

Our first large fundraiser of the year will be held on Wednesday, May 15. This is our annual Card Party/Salad Luncheon. Sharon Gifford is the chairperson. More details to follow.

We have discussed doing some kind of memorial for Sally Gibbs. She was truly our kitchen lady. If anyone has any pictures of Sally in the kitchen, please contact me. It would be greatly appreciated.

We always extend an open invitation to any lady of our church to join Martha. Come to a meeting and find out what we're about. Questions contact our membership chair Sue Kurth. At our March meeting we were blessed with three guests.

Teri Kressin

President

April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 7:30am Early Service/Comm 10am Late Service/Comm Easter	1 Office Closed	2 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting 6:00 pm JuBELLation 7pm Choir	3 9am Women's Bible Study 4pm 5th/6th Grade W.O.W. 4:30pm Jr. Choir 5pm Chime Choir 5:30pm Confirmation 7pm HS Youth Group	4	5 Office Closed	6 7am Men's Bible Study 8am IF:Gathering for Women
7 7:30am Early Service/Comm 8:45am Education Hour for all ages 10am Late Service	8	9 9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting 7pm Choir	10 9am Women's Bible Study 10:30am Martha Board 11:30am Martha 4pm 5th/6th Grade W.O.W. 4:30pm Jr. Choir 5pm Chime Choir 5:30pm Confirmation 7pm Elders Meeting 7pm HS Youth Group 7pm Praise Team Rehearsal	11	12 Office Closed 6:30pm Confirmation Retreat @ Camp Luther	13 6:30pm Confirmation Retreat @ Camp Luther 7am Men's Bible Study
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<p>28</p> <p>7:30am Early Service 8:45am Education Hour for all ages 10am Late Service/Comm</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9am Bible Study 9:30am Quilting 7pm Choir</p>	<p>1</p> <p>4pm 5th/6th Grade W.O.W. 4:30pm Jr. Choir 5pm Chime Choir 5:30pm Confirmation 8th Grade Only 7pm HS Youth Group</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7am Men's Bible Study</p>

<u>Date/Service</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Media Operators</u>
April 7 7:30 AM <i>Communion</i> Acolyte: Connor Clark	Art Granat	Debbie Holewinski Jim Harper	Debbie Holewinski Kris Secord	Kris Secord	Jackie Pearce
April 7 10:00 AM Acolyte: Tirzah Kunze	Jake Campbell	Bryan Kube Sonya Kube	Dawn Shantz	Rick Behrens	Camera:
April 14 7:30 AM Acolyte: Izzy Stenschke	Jim Bonson	Chuck Healy Karla Healy	Kris Secord	Mark Olson	Camera:
April 14 10:00 AM <i>Communion</i> Acolyte: Kamryn Boehm	Tim Forss	Christian Forss Grant Meyer	Holly Nier	Diane Kuntz	Sharon Gifford
April 21 7:30 AM <i>Communion</i> Acolyte:	Pat Crum	Jim Harper Sue Frank	Bob Arndt Rhonda Arndt	Vicki Holewinski	Jackie Pearce
April 21 10:00 AM Acolyte: Blake Joslin	Brad Anderson	Andy Ellenberger Gerald Yetter	Priscilla Ellenberger	Sarah Guenther	Camera:
IF YOU CANNOT BE THERE WHEN SCHEDULED, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE TO GET A REPLACEMENT!!!					
April 28 7:30 AM Acolyte:	Art Granat	Bob Arndt Rhonda Arndt	Phil Hartman	Mary Malinsky	Camera:
April 28 10:00 AM <i>Communion</i> Acolyte: Kayden Halsey	Bob Olson	Jennifer Kasmarek Paul Kurth	Hilda Rozga	Cindy Gauger	Shele Fawcett