

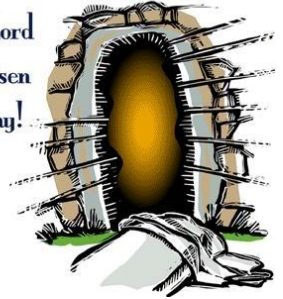
OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

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April 2020

Christ
the Lord
Is Risen
Today!



- April 5 –Palm Sunday Service 10:15 AM
- April 9 –Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 PM
- April 10 –Good Friday Service 7:00 PM
- April 12 –Easter Service 8:00 AM
- April 12 –Easter Breakfast to follow service
No Bible Class
- April 12 –No late service

Midweek Lenten Service

Midweek Lenten Service is Wednesday, April 1,
at 7:00 PM.

Church Council

Church council meets Sunday, April 5, following
service.

Easter Egg Hunt Cancelled

The Eggstravaganza Easter Egg Hunt that was
set for April 4 this year has been cancelled due
to health concerns and state mandated closure of
all events of over 250 people. We hope to pick
back up next year!

Thank you to all who donated candy.

Ladies' Guild

Ladies' Guild meets on Thursday, April 2, at
7:00 PM at the church.

Palms

When Jesus entered Jerusalem days before his
death, crowds welcomed him by waving palm
branches, which were common symbols of
victory and rejoicing. Thus churches continue to
use them in remembrance of that occasion,
knowing that Jesus' crucifixion was ultimately
his triumph over sin and death. As early as
Leviticus 23:40, God commanded Israel to use
palms in a festival of rejoicing. In Revelation
7:9-10, Christian martyrs carry palm branches as
they praise the Lamb before the throne of God.

An Easter message

On Easter Sunday 1544, pastor and church
reformer Martin Luther proclaimed in a sermon:
“The conception and birth of every human
creature ... is no less a miracle and wonder-work
of God than that Adam was made out of a clod
of earth, and Eve out of a fleshy rib. The world
is full of such works of wonder. ...” (“On the
Resurrection,” The Table Talk of Martin
Luther).

That reminder holds yet today, that God brings
life not only from death but from nothing.



Naleigha, Theron & Genesis—safety and protection as they transition back home with bio parents
Samantha Rupley—kidney stones
Roger Sholl—upcoming surgery
David Noriega—healing
Mary Boehk—healing
Diann Muck—healing from surgery
Bernie Reuter—healing
Gloria Spencer—healing of broken arm
Evelyn—strength
John Boehk—healing
Carolyn Myer—broken nose, migraines, fibromyalgia
Julie Rupley—heart problems
Scott Jackson—congestive heart failure

George Bridge—continuing recovery of cancer
Anthony Turowski—congestive heart failure
Dawn Nichols—flesh eating bacteria on her arm
Juanita Kunkle—dementia & physical problems
Grayson Rupley—sensory disorder
Allison Stickel—health & anxiety issues
Jim—dementia
Diane Jackson—blood clots
Pat Waldfogel—broken wrist and knee problems
The safety of the unborn
Our Saviour Lutheran
Missionaries

Paddling through Lent — and life

Lent is a time for restoring balance to our lives. The Eskimos practice balance as they venture into freezing Arctic waters in little boats. If you've ever paddled a kayak, you know how easy they are to tip. Thankfully, kayaks are just as easy to turn back upright.

That isn't a bad image for Lent — or for life as a whole. Whatever spiritual disciplines we adopt, if we succumb to temptation, it's no biggie. One of the lessons of Lent is that, as long as we're traveling light, it takes only a quick twist of the paddle to right us. That paddle twist might take the form of a quick but heartfelt prayer: "Jesus, set me straight again!" Or it might mean some extra time set aside for quiet meditation with God. Don't get worried if your spiritual discipline fails now and then. Just let Jesus help you get upright once more, and keep paddling!—adapted from Carlos Wilton, in *Homiletics*

Spring fever

Four high school students afflicted with spring fever skipped their morning classes. After lunch, the boys told their teacher they'd had a flat tire.

Much to the boys' relief, the teacher smiled and said, "Well, you missed a test, so take seats apart from one another and take out a piece of paper."

Still smiling, she waited for them to sit down. Then she said, "First question: Which tire was flat?"

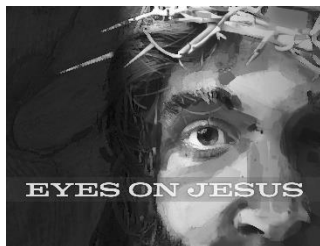
Pastor's Page

The only change I like is what I find in my couch, my truck or the jar secretly hidden in my closet! I have yet to meet anyone who enjoys change in their lives, even the good kind of change. You return from the doctor and because of a medical situation you have to change your diet that usually removes all the ‘fun stuff’...Yuk!! Your spouse may change the arrangement of your kitchen cabinets or the drawers of your dresser that sends you into panic mode. There is something about change that creates anxiety. We are most secure when there is order to our life that gives us a sense that we’re in control and in charge of my life.

There has indeed been a lot of change in the last weeks that we didn’t ask for or want. Change that we want is hard enough but change that is imposed upon us only creates anxiety and tension. First, there was the return to Daylight Savings Time. Gaining an hour of sleep is a welcome change but when it is taken away in the Spring, that’s another story!

No sooner did we get over the effects of the time change; we were confronted with even a bigger change...the coronavirus. What was a distant concern that was impacting people in a faraway land was now knocking on our front door. “Social Distancing” became the new buzz word. School closures, restrictions on the gathering of people, shopping frenzies erupted for items that we probably rarely used in the past. Change was coming like a tidal wave and there was nothing we could do to prevent from being swept away by it

When your life is filled with unexpected change and all the insecurities that come with, turn to the One who never changes. Hebrews 13:8 reminds us that “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” In the storms of life, Jesus is our anchor that keeps us from being swept away so grab hold of the cross during these seasons of change.



Our Lenten focus centers on keeping our eyes on Jesus as he dealt with the change of giving up His place at the right hand of the Father, becoming man and suffering the pain and suffering on the cross so that we would experience the change of no longer being an enemy of God but reconciled to Him.



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Remember, in all the change that is happening around us—EASTER is coming. The victory of sin death and the grave has been secured!

There is great comfort and peace found in the hymns of the church. One of the hymns that is at the top of my favorites list is “*Abide with Me*”, LSB 878. As we maneuver through the changes that have come in the past weeks and the changes that may yet come, either due to the coronavirus or the inevitable changes that life brings, keep this hymn close by and during those times of anxiety and uncertainty, use this hymn as a prayer to bring calm to the chaos of your life.

- 1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
- 2 I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.
- 3 Come not in terrors, as the King of kings,
But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings;
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev'ry plea.
Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.
- 4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.
- 5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!
- 6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Pastor Al



4 Jayme Bujdos
6 Joey Shaffer
7 Paige Butts
 Scott Popejoy
9 Cherie Fowler
13 Lee Ann Minton
14 Bronson Butts

15 Jason Butts
 Sam Klinger
20 Tracy Padden
21 Linda Fleming
24 Emily Daub
 Sue Minton
26 Grayson Rupley
27 Sara Elledge

God's Richest Blessings To All

After the April 2013 suicide of his 27-year-old son, Matthew, pastor and author Rick Warren was often asked how he was able to keep going. His frequent reply? "The answer is Easter."

In the Easter sermons Warren preached the following year, he emphasized that Jesus' resurrection is the answer to discouragement, defeat and devastating trials.

"The death, burial and resurrection of Jesus happened over three days," Warren explained. "Friday was the day of suffering and pain and agony. Saturday was the day of doubt and confusion and misery. But Easter, that Sunday, was the day of hope and joy and victory.

"You will face these three days over and over and over in your lifetime. And when you do, you'll find yourself asking, as I did, three fundamental questions. Number one, what do I do in my days of pain? Two, how do I get through my days of doubt and confusion? Three, how do I get to the days of joy and victory? The answer is Easter."



April 2020

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			1 Midweek Lenten Service 7:00 PM	2 Ladies' Guild meets at 7:00 PM	3	4
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12 The Resurrection of Our Lord 8:00 AM Easter Service Easter Breakfast to follow No Bible Study No late service Coins for Compassion	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Second Sunday of Easter 9:00 AM Bible Study 9:00 AM Kingdom Kids 10:15 AM Worship Service Newsletter deadline	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Third Sunday of Easter 9:00 AM Bible Study 9:00 AM Kingdom Kids 10:15 AM Holy Communion Special One Offering	27	28	29	30		