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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 1 pm First Communion Workshop
2 Palm Sunday 9 am Worship with Holy Communion	3	4 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting	5	6 Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm Worship with Holy Communion First Communion	7 Good Friday 6:30 pm Worship	8
9 Easter 8:15 am Egg Hunt & Breakfast 9:00 am Easter Worship with Holy Communion	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 2nd Sunday of Easter	17	18	19	20	21	22
9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion						
23 3rd Sunday of Easter	24	25	26	27	28	29
9:00 am Worship						
30 4th Sunday of Easter						
9:00 am Worship						

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From the Pastor

"We are the Easter People and hallelujah is our song!"

Jon Paul II

Beloved of God,
In this Easter season, we are reminded of the incredible sacrifice that Jesus made for us on the cross. It is a time for reflection, repentance, and renewal as we celebrate the hope and joy that comes with the resurrection.

Easter is a time of great significance for Christians around the world, as it represents the ultimate act of love and selflessness. It is a time to remember that even in the darkest of times, there is hope and light to be found.

This year, as we continue to navigate COVID-19, another school shooting, and stressed economy, Easter takes on an even deeper meaning. It is a reminder that even in the midst of uncertainty and fear, we can find hope and comfort in the knowledge that we are loved and cared for by our God.

As we come together to celebrate the Risen Christ, let us renew our commitment to living a life that honors and glorifies God. May this Easter season be a time of joy, renewal, and hope for all of us as we celebrate the incredible gift of life that we have been given through Christ's triumph over sin and death.

Join us on Easter Sunday at 8:15 am for the egg hunt and breakfast followed by festival worship at 9:00 am.

Peace be yours,
Pr. Liz

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Church Council Minutes

March 5, 2023

Present: Pastor Liz, Deb Gehrke, Tom Christensen, Jim Grabow, Ginny Grabow, Terri Heimerman, Julie Rogers

Pastor Liz opened the meeting with prayer.

Secretary's report: January council minutes and the minutes of the Annual Meeting were approved.

Election of Officers: President--Deb Gehrke, Vice President--Tom Christensen, Secretary—Ginny Grabow. All members of the council were installed at worship today.

Financial Report: (Brian Block)

- The general fund received gifts of \$20,385.30 versus last year of \$16,666.60, a difference of 3,718.70. The checkbook balance is \$14,087.89. Tom Christensen, motion to approve, Julie Rogers seconded. Approved.

Old Business:

- Soup & Sandwich suppers during Lent--Only one person responded to the query on Lenten soup & sandwich suppers. We will discuss reinstating these Lenten suppers next year.
- Easter—9:00 Easter worship service. 8:15 kids egg hunt and coffee and rolls served before service.
- Synod Assembly, May 6. We have one female volunteer. Still need a male representative.
- Church Events calendar will be finalized. Looking forward to spring outdoor clean-up in April, when the mountains of snow will be melted!
- God Squad is doing a service project this week. These sessions for our children will be done for this year after Easter.
- Daytime Adult Bible Study & conversation will be revisited in the fall.
- Care packages for our college students will be done before end of this school year. A sign up for members of the congregation to supply items needed for the packages will be posted.
- Adopt A Highway clean up should happen before the ditches grow, making it hard to find the litter. Dates and times will be posted in the newsletter and weekly bulletin.
- Additions to our church family--We will be welcoming several new members soon.
- Project List—for the church and parsonage will be prioritized by the council, so that the most pressing items are done first.

New Business:

- Deb shared that there are several adjustments that need to be made to the membership list as it was presented at the annual meeting.
- The February 12 Souper Sunday/games event was a success with many delicious soups and 20+ people who enjoyed this fellowship time.
- Ricoh duplicator is installed and being used weekly.
- Online worship on Facebook didn't work today. There were complications with Facebook. There was a discussion on presenting our worship services online. We have made the investment in equipment and internet access. We discussed other options to carry our services, such as posting it on our website, where we don't have to depend on Facebook to carry it. Scott Lassiter will be invited to our next meeting to participate in the discussion of other options. Tabled until our next meeting.
- Spring Yard Sale—We are planning to host a yard sale on the same day as the Cleveland City-Wide sale. Members are asked to add any clean, usable items they would like to donate in advance of the sale. Watch the newsletter and bulletin for additional information,

Next meeting—April 4, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Ginny Grabow, council secretary

News and Updates

We are called to let our light shine as instruments of the Holy Spirit
so all may know God's love.



Holy Week and Easter

Join us for worship!

6:30 pm Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion

6:30 pm Good Friday

9:00 am Easter Sunday with Holy Communion

Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast

Children ages 0-5th grade are invited to come for an Easter Egg Hunt at 8:15 am before worship on Easter Sunday, April 9th. Bring a basket and hop to it!

Everyone is welcome to the Fellowship Hall for a light breakfast while the kids are on the hunt.

First Communion Workshop

Do you have a child who is interested in taking Holy Communion? Would you like a refresher on the meaning and practices around the Eucharist? (Fancy word for communion) Sign-up for the First Communion Workshop coming up on Saturday, April 1st. Those taking their first communion will do so on Maundy Thursday, April 6th.

Traditionally at OSLC, first communion has been celebrated once a child reaches 5th grade. This year, we are opening up the age requirement to all ages depending on whether the family/child feels ready to participate. It is the Lord's table and all are welcome.

God Squad

God Squad classes are done for the year. A big thank you to all who helped share faith and fun with the children this year!

College Care Packages

We are collecting items to send to our recent graduates, Morgan Mueller and Collin Krenik. There is a list of items to donate located on the front table in the narthex. Please bring in your donations by April 16th.

Did someone say "Yard Sale"?

You may have noticed items collecting in one of the classrooms. That's because we're doing some spring cleaning and plan to have a churchwide yard sale in early May before the city clean up. If you want in on the action, bring your gently used and saleable items to donate to the pile. All proceeds will go to the youth summer camp fund. Contact Pr. Liz or Deb Gehrke for more info.

Spring Cleaning

We need your help! We will be having a Clean-up day at the parsonage after the snow melts. We will be cleaning the gutters, clearing leaves and branches, etc. Pr. Liz will bring coffee and treats! If you are interested in helping, contact Tom Christensen at 507-340-9404 for more information and to sign up.

"Adopt-a-Highway" Annual Cleaning

Our congregation is responsible for 2 sections of county roads for annual cleaning, also referred to as "Adopt-a-Highway". We need volunteers to help lead and serve on the clean-up team! All ages are welcome to participate. If you are able to help plan the event or lead a clean up team, contact Tom Christensen or any member of the church council.

Affirmation of Faith

The Rite of Confirmation will be held on Sunday, May 22nd. Three young people will be asked to affirm the promises that their parents and sponsors made for them at baptism. Now they desire to claim for themselves the free gifts of life and salvation they received in baptism and be a full member in the body of Christ and congregation of Our Savior's Lutheran.

Congratulations to: Samantha Baker, Anna Kawatski-Klein, and Sierra McCabe

Birthdays

3rd Robert Hahn, Donna Meyer
4th Maya Lassiter, Alison Piotter
5th Katie Westman
6th Charlotte Jacoby, Lacey Johnson,
Bryce Ponwith, Jason Seely
7th Doug Starkweather
9th Rita Oliver, Cash Shaw
10th Mya Krenik, Jorden Rossow
11th Nathan McCabe
13th Bill Hensel
14th Reid Johnson, Ethan Wargelin
15th Brady Thomas
16th Justine Goettlicher, Sheila Schafer
17th Claire Bateman, Cindy McCabe
18th Scott Hass
20th Jerritt Piotter
21st Doug Ellickson
24th Alexis Shaw, Dianne Hanson
25th Brandon Koppelman, Kasssi Jo Ziegler
26th Jayne Martin, Lindsay Weber
27th Alissa Brody, Mason Thompson
28th Curtis Anderson, Kole Baker,
Tracy Garrison, Danielle Pankratz
29th Judy Hahn, Max Miller,
Marleen Newbrough
30th Jamal Zishka, Jamier Zishka
31st Alan Zimmerman



Anniversaries

5th Joel & Mary Ann Nore
7th Kevin & Lori Mueller
11th Randy & Micaela Biehn
13th Ross & Holly Baker
Tim & Kelli Fischer
19th Scott & Linda Zuhlsdorf
23rd Dan & Sue Griep
Rob & Michele Kluntz
Brian & Julie Wagner
26th Timothy & Amy Ellickson

Do you have a birthday or anniversary to add to our list?
Contact the church office to let us know!

Preparing for Worship

4/2 - Psalm Sunday
Philippians 2:5-11; Psalm 31:9-16; Matthew 21:1-11

4/6 - Maundy Thursday
1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

4/7 - Good Friday
John 18:1--19:42

4/9 - Easter Sunday
Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; John 20:1-18

4/16 - Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 22-28; Psalm 16; John 20:19-31

4/23 - Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Luke 24:13-35

4/30 - Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; John 10:1-10

Prayer Concerns

Members: Joanna Starner, Kevin Mueller+, Karen Johnson+, Bradley Riba+, Michaela Biehn+,

Non-Members: Susan Wendelschafer, Bob Grey, Chantha Eckman+, Holly Kallestad+, Teresa Griep, Mary Heckman

Those in the military service:

Active Military: Brendon Brown, Alex Garrison, Chris Glassel, Jim Grandaw, Tyler Seitz and Tyler Piotter.

Veterans: We also pray for all veterans who have served in our nation's Armed Forces.

Send your prayer concerns to oursaviorslutheran1@gmail.com or call the church office. We will keep these loved ones in prayer for three weeks. If the concern continues, please let us know to extend your petition.