

Equipper

Equipping God's people as we celebrate, teach, and share God's Grace.

April 2019

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday (with Communion)

April 18

6:30 pm

Good Friday

April 19

12:30 pm

6:30 pm Tenebrae Service (Service of Darkness)

The two Services on Good Friday are both unique and different services -
you are invited to join us for both!!!

April 21

Easter Sunrise

6:00 am

Easter Breakfast

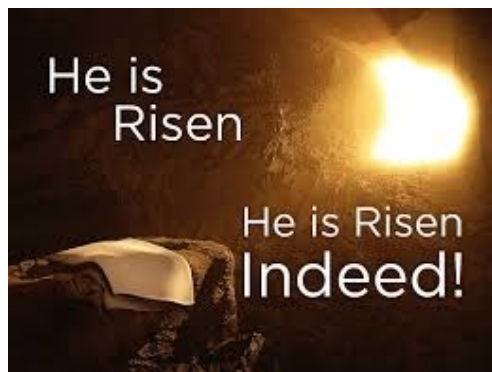
7:00 am – 7:45 am at Church

Festival of the Resurrection

8:00 am & 10:00 am (with Communion)

The Sunrise service is a different service from our 8:00 and 10:00 service.
You are invited to join for both the Sunrise and one of the Festival services.

Easter is the heart of our Christian celebration. Where better to be on Easter than
with your brothers and sisters in Christ, celebrating the resurrection of our Savior,
Jesus!



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Deadline for
May Equipper: April 17th
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THE
LUTHERAN CHURCH
MISSOURI SYNOD

Jesus Submitted for Us

And Jesus said to them, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture Me?" (Mark 14:48)

They must have been the most unnecessary objects in the garden that night -- all those swords and clubs the crowd brought with them to arrest Jesus. As if He were going to resist arrest. As if He were an earthly king, someone climbing to the top over the broken bodies of other people.

Even Judas seems to have known better. After all, he chose the sign so that the crowd would know the right man to arrest. And he chose -- a kiss, a peaceful greeting. It was something that put him well within arms' length of Jesus, in a most vulnerable position -- if Jesus had chosen to fight.

But Judas knew better. Jesus would not harm him -- not even His own betrayer. And Judas was proved right. Jesus took just a moment to heal the ear of the high priest's servant, who had ended up on the wrong side of Peter's sword -- and then He submitted to arrest. But not without an acid comment on the weapons!

He said, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture Me? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize Me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled."

Jesus was no robber, using force to steal glory and power that belonged to someone else. He was and is the real thing -- the Messiah, the King of Israel, the Son of David. And He would climb to the top, yes -- that top position would be on a cross, and the broken body would be His own. No clubs or swords were necessary.

Jesus came to lay down His life of His own free choice. He freely submitted to arrest, to torture, and even to death for all of us. And three days later, He rose from the dead -- not for Himself only, but to share that victory and eternal life with us. Why? Because He loves us.

THE PRAYER: Thank You, Lord, that You gave up Your life for me of Your own free will. Now I ask You willingly, take my life and live through me to the Father's glory. Amen.

Taken from: Lutheran Hour Ministries "Daily Devotions".
Please be sure to check them out online!

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you”
(Isaiah 43:2, ESV).



FLOOD RELIEF

The South Wisconsin District Office of Mission and Human Care will be sending volunteer disaster relief teams to Midwest communities in the coming weeks. More information will be forthcoming, but financial help is needed now to support the many families, towns, cities and churches that have flooded.

We are currently receiving monetary donations to assist in the flood relief efforts happening in Nebraska, Missouri and Iowa. 100% of the donations received by the SWD will be used to provide recovery and restoration supplies, support LCMS distribution centers in impacted areas, give emergency relief grants to families and churches, and send volunteer teams.

Your assistance will help a lot of people so please consider donating to the SWD Disaster Relief/Mercy Care fund through an online donation or mailing your gift to:
SWD Disaster/Mercy Care
8100 W. Capitol Dr.
Milwaukee, WI 53222

If you would like more information, have questions or would like to make a corporate contribution please contact Rev. Jonah P. Burakowski at (414) 464-8101 or at Burakowski@swd.lcms.org.

Call of a Teacher for Grace Lutheran School

Our 1st and 2nd grade teacher, Miss Friesema, will be getting married this summer and moving out of the area. We pray God will richly bless her in all the exciting adventures that lay ahead!

This past month our Voter's extended a call to Aron Loveless to serve. He has declined the call. The call committee is continue to work on bringing another recommendation to the voters in the near future.

April voter's meeting

April 28, 2019

11:30 am @ Church

Approval of 2019—2020 Ministry Budget

Grace Ladies Guild hosts...

Baked Potato Bar Lunch

**Sunday, May 5th
Noon at school**

We are excited to be coordinating this event with the Board of Stewardship's Mission/Ministry Fair!

TICKETS GO ON SALE APRIL 5th & 8th!

Your \$5 ticket for lunch will include a baked potato with a variety of toppings to choose from (sour cream, chili, broccoli, cheese) and beverage.

Extra Potatoes- \$2

Desserts- .50 cents

Money raised from this event will be used for the various missions and ministries Ladies Guild supports.

Thank you to Thrivent Action Team program for assisting with this event!

Tickets will go on sale April 4th
and be available after the
worship services.
See you there!



LCMS Stewardship Ministry

April 2019

“Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your cattle, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out” (Deut 28:3-6).

This is God’s promise to the Israelites as they stood beyond the Jordan outside of the Promised Land. He promises blessing to His people. He will make them prosper, whether they are in the city or the field. He will make their fruit of their work to prosper, whether from the ground or their wombs, their flocks or their herds. He will make them to prosper in all things, whether upon their coming in or their going out.

But there’s a catch. He would do this for Israel only “if you obey the voice of the Lord your God” (Deut 28:2b). If they did that, He would cause that “all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you” (Deut 28:2a).

If they didn’t obey the voice of the Lord, if they didn’t keep the commandments of the Lord and walk in His ways (Deut 28:9), they would be met with curse and woe. The blessings would be replaced with curses. Everything that the Lord promised to prosper and bless would be cursed and fail.

Thanks be to God that our Lord Jesus Christ has come into our flesh, fulfilled the law for us – in our place and for our benefit; died for us – in our place and for our benefit; and is risen from the dead for us – in our place and for our benefit.

By this we have justification before God. We are forgiven, clean, holy, and righteous. The blessing of God is promised to us in Christ Jesus. It depends upon His work and not ours.

All this is ours in Holy Baptism. For in Holy Baptism, God claims us as His own, makes us His children, His heirs, His holy people. And so it is that the work of our hands and its fruit is holy because we are holy in Christ. It is pressed into His service, and thereby it becomes a blessing to us and to our neighbor.

For this great gift, our reception of the blessings of God because of Christ Jesus our Lord, it is our duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is not in order to receive blessings but because in Christ we already have.

It is with this in mind that we sit down on the first day of the week and set aside as He has prospered us to give to His church for His work of blessing in our midst (1 Cor. 16:2).

Ladies Guild

**Tuesday- April 9th-
7pm @ school**

-Bible Study
Please join us!

**LWML South Wisconsin District
Heart 2 Heart Sisters Event**

"Together in One Heart!"

April 6th-9am-2:30pm

Doors open at 8:30am

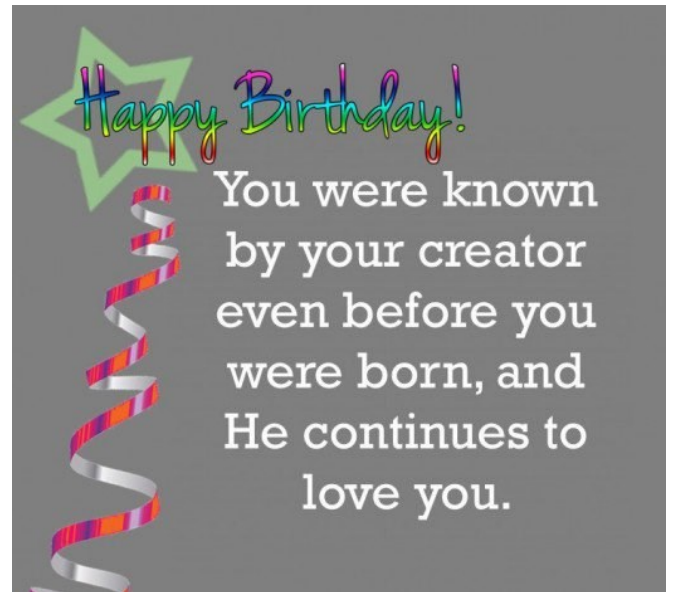
Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Waukesha

Join with our ethnic sisters in worship, fellowship, lunch and entertainment,
all to the praise of our Lord!

More info/registration can be found at www.lwml-swd.org

April Birthdays

Juarez, Amber	4/1
Hundt, Garrison	4/5
Barrett, Janice	4/6
Curran, Patrick	4/6
Lutzke, Jacob	4/6
Flemmer, Hannah	4/7
Vangalis, Kristine	4/7
Willms, Kristen	4/8
Blessinger, Emily	4/10
Rekowski, Michelle	4/13
Lussier, Duane	4/14
Beier, Matthew	4/16
Simmons, Brendan	4/16
Pielsnik, Diane	4/17
Pankow Jr., David	4/18
Edgerton, Samantha	4/19
Urbaniak, Kayleigh	4/20
Kisley, Andrea	4/21
Moeller, Michael	4/23
Stewart, Donald	4/24
Edgerton, Riley	4/26
Huber, Michael	4/26
Klug, Jamie	4/26
Poellet, Amelia	4/26
Durant, Jane	4/27
Mallum, Tracie	4/30



Radio Worship Services

"The Lutheran Hour" can be heard every Sunday Morning at 6:00 AM on WGN 720 AM, Chicago or at 6:30 AM on WTMJ 620 AM or at 11:00 am WRRD 540 AM, Milwaukee.

"The Lutheran Hour," which began in 1930, is the world's oldest continually broadcast Gospel radio program. This weekly half-hour program, now heard on more than 1,200 radio stations, pro-claims the message of Jesus Christ to a world-wide audience.

"Woman To Woman" is a nationally syndicated weekly half-hour radio talk show that nurtures and provides encouragement for women throughout North America. It can be heard on Saturday at 7:00 PM on WGLB 1560 AM, Milwaukee or on Sunday at 11:30 AM at WRRD 540 AM, Milwaukee.

Stimulating conversation between host Phyllis Wallace and her interesting guests explores issues which impact women. ***"Woman To Woman"*** promotes the spiritual growth of its listeners while providing practical lifestyle information. It equips women to live and share the truth of God's Word in their many relationships: friends, spouses, parents and children.

Lutheran TV — "On Main Street"

(WTMJ, Channel 4 Sunday 4:30 AM)

On Main Street is a pre-recorded half-hour weekly television program which shares practical spiritual teaching on today's issues from a Christ-centered, Biblical perspective.

Each On Main Street episode explores a different life problem. Program host, Dr. Dale A. Meyer, is joined by a featured expert guest and select panel members for a candid discussion of the program's topic.

INFORMATION LINKS

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Prayer Hot Line



In order to request prayers by members of Grace, please contact one of the following people. Your request will be made known to all members of our Prayer Line. Prayer requests for worship service should be directed to the church office or Pastor Dummer.

10 AM-3 PM
Carol Thurber — 762-9615

3 PM-9 PM
Chet & Pauline Parker — 764-5574

Internet Prayerline
Pauline Parker
paulinemom@aol.com