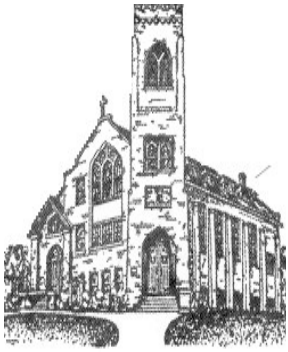


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April 2025



OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - WHITEHALL, WI

Messenger

Hello All,

Lent continues for a few more weeks. Palm Sunday is April 13 and we will celebrate Jesus triumphant entry to Jerusalem. The moment when Israel believed the Messiah was going to “save God’s people” by overthrowing Rome. We know his true mission, to save us from sin and death by his route to, and death upon the cross.

Maundy Thursday, April 17 our worship at Grace 7:00 pm is open to all in our Parish and community. We will ponder the importance of “The Last Supper” at which Jesus tells his Disciples they are eating and drinking his body and blood in remembrance of Him, that one of them will betray him, (Judas) and that Peter, before the cock crows, will deny him three times. Prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane follows. The disciples sleep while Jesus faces what he knows will be a horrific day for him, being arrested, humiliated, beaten, and crucified. It was in this garden that nearly six hundred Roman soldiers and some “other arresting soldiers” very probably Jewish, came to arrest him and take him back into Jerusalem. This very somber service concludes with the “stripping of the Altar”. We are left with no visual reminder of Jesus ministry over the previous 3 years so our focus can be on Jesus alone, literally and figuratively. We leave the service in silent reflection.

Good Friday, April 18 we will worship at Our Saviour’s 5:45 pm, again open to all in our Parish and community. This year we will again visit the Passion of our Lord according to Luke, and will be looking for readers to help with the service. During this Passion play we live, through the readings, as if we are there with Jesus. Only because this was God’s Plan all along can we begin to understand what Jesus had to endure that day for us.

Saturday is their Sabbath and became a day of reflection. Imagine the Disciples hiding in a locked room, thinking about Judas betraying Jesus, Peter thinking about how he truly did deny Jesus three times after saying he never would. Jesus had told them this was going to happen. Now WHAT? The hours must have dragged by from about 3:00 Friday until sunrise Sunday morning.

Sunday April 20 at our regularly scheduled services we will hear: Luke 24:1-12, But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. 2They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3but when they went in, they did not find the body. 4While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. 5The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. 6Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” 8Then they remembered his words, 9and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. 10Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. 11But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 12But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Jesus was clear with his words many times over the past month or so as to what exactly was going to take place. God’s plan carried out by unsuspecting human beings, allows all of the believers in Jesus as our Lord and Savior, to have all of our sins, past, present, and future, forgiven. THANKS BE TO GOD.

God Bless you all.

Scott W. Brown, SAM

Church News



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Council Minutes March 4, 2025

Board Members Present: Dave Anderson, Scott Brown, Marnie Anderson, Kris Dubiel, Ellen Hauser, Karen Witte, Jacob Paulson, and Lori Paulson.

Dave Anderson, council president, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Preparation:

1. **Opening Devotions:** Devotions by Scott Brown
2. **Prayer Requests/Homebound:** Arline Stuve
3. **Communication from Congregation:** none

Communication/Action:

1. **Secretary's Report:** Karen Witte made a motion to approve minutes of February 4, 2025, with a second by Marnie Anderson. Motion carried.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** The following fund balances were presented per February 2025 financial reports:
General Fund: \$106,234.23 On Going: \$11,835.67 Improvement Fund: \$74,416.30.
Ellen Hauser made a motion to approve the treasurer's report with a second by Karen Witte. Motion carried.
3. **Ministry Teams Updates:**
 - a) Music & Worship:
 1. Noisy Offering of \$363.91 for February went to help the victims of the Los Angeles wildfires. March Noisy Offering will go to RIF (Reading is Fundamental).
 - b) WELCA:
 1. WELCA's 2025 budget was discussed
 - c) Men's Brotherhood:
 1. Letters for membership dues and the "No Pancake Breakfast" fundraiser will be going out soon.
 - d) Life & Growth:
 1. Quilt retreat was a success.
 2. The diaper drive will be next month.

Sharing from Scott Brown (SAM):

1. Scott will be attending the Northwest Synod's Walking Together event in Rice Lake on March 22nd.
2. On March 26th Nancy Lyngen will be helping the confirmands make a quilt to donate to someone in need.
3. Scott will be attending the EcoFaith Summit in Duluth on April 5th.
4. Palm Sunday is April 13th; Maundy Thursday service is at Grace Lutheran on April 17th at 7 p.m.; Good Friday service is April 18th at 5:45 p.m. at Our Saviour's; Easter service is April 20th.
- e) The Noisy Offering for May will go to provide gas cards, gift cards etc. to those in need.

Celebration/Affirmation:

1. The next council meeting scheduled for April 1, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. is rescheduled for April 8th because of elections.

Business Items:

- a. Dave Anderson is reviewing the church constitution. This will be added to the April agenda for further discussion.
- b. Karen Witte provided information from Focus on Energy regarding cost assistance for replacement of the church basement lighting should it be necessary. This will be researched further.

Adjournment and Lord's Prayer:

Marnie Anderson made a motion to adjourn with a second by Kris Dubiel. Motion carried.
The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Lori Paulson, Council Secretary



Our Saviour's Members in Nursing Homes



Pigeon Falls Nursing Care Center-P.O. Box 310-Pigeon Falls, WI 54760

Deloris Coburn, Jeanette Gilbertson, Marian Miller,
Richard Eide and Ann Toraason

Assisted Living- Pigeon Falls - P.O. Box 310-Pigeon Falls, WI 54760

Sunrise Manor - 36024 Park Street - Whitehall - 54773

Clinton Larson, Shirley Wozney

Trempealeau County Health Care Center-W20410 WI-#121Whitehall- 54773

James Windjue

Grandview Nursing Home - 620 Grandview Avenue - Blair - 54616

Marilyn Speerstra, Mavis Mitskogen, Donna Oates,
Olin and Jan Feimreit, Norman Norby

Meadowbrook Care Center-1311 Tyler Street-Black River Falls - 54615

Dove Healthcare-51019 Ridge View Road-Osseo-54758

Ralph Johnson, MaryJane Hernes

Oak Gardens Place-342 Twin Oak Dr-Altoona-54720

Clarice Henrikson

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Mavis Olson, Mary Lou Beck, Lisa James, Mavis Mitskogen, Norman Nordby,
Jane Holen, Paula Hentges, Dennis Dubiel, Francis Hilgart, Eric Jordahl,
and Roger Oelrich

In Christian Sympathy

We pray for the family and friends of:

Arline Stuve and Dawn Coburn

If you would like **special prayers** said for yourself or loved one, please
contact the church office at osluthwh@gmail.com



WELCA NEWS



W-ELCA NEWS

The W-ELCA meeting for April will be at Grace in Pleasantville on Thurs. April 3 at 1:30. Come join the Bible study and conversation. Followed by our brief meeting and more conversation over coffee and treats. There is never a lack of great treats and lots of good conversation.

April is Diaper Mission Month

We have not had a diaper mission project for a while, and the need is always with us. The Trempealeau County Social Services department has a room in Berkland Hall for clothing and other needs including the diaper closet. Other local groups help stock the diapers and supplies, but the need is always there. Currently, they need all sizes but especially size 1 and larger sizes 5,6,7 and pullups for toddlers. Diaper wipes are always needed. If you no longer buy baby diapers, you may not know how the price has increase creating a huge need for many families in our area. Please help by purchasing diapers and wipes or making a financial donation to the mission. All donations can be brought to the church office or the church narthex. Place Donations of money in an envelope labeled Diapers. Checks can be made out to OSLC with a memo for diapers.

Thank you and God Bless You.
Life and Growth Team



United in the Fight

Parish Relay for Life Team

Come one come all. Join our relay team. You really don't need to do much just make a donate to the fight to find treatments and God willing, a cure for all cancers. Its not hard to find the ACS Relay for Life web site, click on Trempealeau county relay, find our team (United In The Fight)and make your donation, or just give your donation to one of our team members and we will make the donation for you.

God Bless You and Thank You
Marnie



The Easter season coincides with the beginning of spring, a time of renewal and rebirth. Spring-blooming flowers sing of hope and carry special religious meaning as we celebrate rebirth through Christ's resurrection.

Flowers for the church at Easter

Members of Our Saviour's are invited to bring spring plants to the basement before the Easter morning service. Each plant should have a tag indicating the donor and the person it honors or memorializes.

Easter plants are also available for purchase at \$10.00 each. Orders must be placed by April 13th for delivery and can be submitted to the church office or collected in the Narthex.

Easter Flower Order Form

_____ I am bringing in a plant, please include the dedication below.

_____ I am placing an order.

From: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Easter Lily, tulip, other _____

Will you be taking your plant home? _____ yes _____ no

Order Total: _____

Our Saviour's *faith and* finances

DISBURSEMENT & GIVING RECEIPTS February 1-February 28

Disbursements:			
Administration	\$125.50		
Physical Plant	\$5,655.99		
Salaries & Benefits	\$4,379.33		
Benevolence	\$0.00		
Parish Expense	\$0.00		
Dues and Fees	\$0.00		
Holiday Raffle Exp.	\$0.00		
Total Disbursements =		\$10,160.82	
Giving Receipts			
Simply Giving Total =	\$2,930.00	General Fund Total =	\$12,777.00
On-Going Total =	\$363.91	Improvement Fund - Total =	\$2,240.00
Feb 2025 Giving Grand Total = \$20,0321.64			

April Birthdays

- 1 - Brandon Giebel, Travis Smith, Brody Smith
- 2 - Parker Windjue
- 3 - Keith Johnson, Eric Herman
- 4 - Jeanette Gilbertson, Carter Semb
- 6 - Debra Oates
- 7 - Dale Lyngen
- 9 - Brianna Glanzman
- 11 - Lori Berg, Cody Blaha, Liam Hegge, Shay Olson
- 12 - Nicholas Koxlien, McKenna Pientok, Savannah Rieck
- 14 - Taytum Koxlien
- 16 - Linda Blaha, Brenda Loga
- 17 - Denise Lindberg
- 18 - James Nelson
- 19 - Addison Herman, Wendy Herman
- 22 - Chase Hanvold
- 24 - Sue Kohnert, Adison Pronschinske, Isaiah Gilbertson
- 27 - Mary Speerstra, Ann Toraason
- 29 - David Blaha, Corbin Ehrat
- 30 - Mason Pientok, James Schorbahn



Church News

ATTENTION GRADUATES

The Senior Recognition is scheduled for Sunday, May 18th. We will recognize and honor the Whitehall High School Seniors of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church during the Sunday Worship Service. We would like to display photos of our seniors during the service through a slideshow presentation. We are asking parents of all seniors to email a senior and baby photo of their son or daughter with a brief notation of his/her future plans, to the church office as soon as possible osluthwh@gmail.com. We will also publish pictures of each senior in the next issue of the Messenger.



5:45 pm at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

7:00 pm at Grace Lutheran Church

Again this year we will participate in the Wednesday night, Lenten Round Robin with five other Parishes/Churches in the Dairyland Conference.

Topics this year are: **Great Hymns and their Authors – Lives of Praise and Inspiration**

April 2: Lay Minister Allen Johnson, Little Norway/Spirit Creek

April 9: SAM Steve Aldach, Hixton Parish

Maundy Thursday, April 17th at 7pm at Grace Lutheran Church.

Good Friday, April 18th at 5:45pm at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Easter, April 20th at 9:30am at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The Whitehall Food Pantry is seeing a rise in families in need and is short on the following food items:

- **Toilet tissue**
- **Peanut butter or jelly (no glass containers)**

Donations can be left in the narthex of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church or dropped off at the church office Tuesday mornings or Wednesday afternoon. Any and all donations are very appreciated by all those in need in our community. Thank you for your generosity and God Bless!

The Noisy Offering for April will be designated for Our Saviour's Improvement Fund. Your contributions will help us prepare for repairs and replacements!!



APRIL 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<u>1</u> Quilters 8:30 - Noon Office Hours: 8am-12pm Grace Lutheran Election Dinner from 11:30am-1pm	<u>2</u> Bible Study-9:30 am Office Hours: 1-5pm No Confirmation Lenten Services-OSL-at 5:45 pm Grace at 7:00 pm Lay Minister Allen Johnson	<u>3</u> 1:30pm WELCA meeting at OSL	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
	<u>6</u> Sunday Worship-9:30 am Sunday School-10:30 am	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> Office Hours: 8am-12pm Our Saviour's Council 6:30PM	<u>9</u> Bible Study-9:30 am Office Hours: 1-5pm No Confirmation Lenten Services-OSL-at 5:45 pm Grace at 7:00 pm SAM Steve Aldach	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>
	<u>13</u> Sunday Worship-9:30 am Sunday School participates at Service  Sunday School-10:30 am	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> Office Hours: 8am-12pm Quilters 8:30 - Noon	<u>16</u> Bible Study 9:30PM Office Hours: 1-5pm Confirmation Quilt Making at 3:30pm	<u>17</u> 7pm Grace Lutheran 	<u>18</u> 5:45pm OSL 
	<u>20</u> Sunday Worship-9:30 am  No Sunday School	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u> Office Hours: 8am-12pm	<u>23</u> Bible Study 9:30am Food Pantry - 11: to 1:00 pm Office Hours: 1-5pm No Confirmation	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>
	<u>27</u> Sunday Worship-9:30 am Sunday School-10:30 am	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u> Office Hours: 8am-12pm	<u>30</u> Bible Study 9:30am Office Hours: 1-5pm Class Confirmation at 3:30 p		

***"Sharing God's Love With
All"***

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