

messenger

April 2024



OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - WHITEHALL, WI

Messenger



Greetings to you all,

He is Risen, He is Risen indeed!

Mark 16:5-7 5As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. 6But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. 7But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you."

Jesus had been telling everyone exactly what was going to happen, however, many of his followers did not want him to die, many others did not believe he would die, but God planned for Jesus to do just that. He was to be the "ultimate and final" sacrifice for sin. No more burnt offerings. God also planned to show Satan that He has the power to defeat "death" by bringing Jesus back from His death, "I will destroy this temple and raise it up in three days" to prove His point.

Easter, Pascha or Resurrection Sunday is the "take that Satan" moment Jesus promised everyone who listened to His words. New life, a new beginning, a promise kept for all of us for the forgiveness of sins past, present, and future. All we need to do is repent and believe that Jesus is our Lord and Savior, He will do the rest.

Easter and Spring, what a refreshing time of the year. New growth of flowers and crops, baby animals and birds. Joy spreading in our hearts as we look forward to the unfolding of God's renewed creation. We are entering into five Sundays of Easter, then Ascension of our Lord on May 9 then one more Sunday of Easter May 12. Gospel readings will shift from Mark to both Luke and John in an alternating fashion.

In a short period of time, since Christmas, we experience Jesus birth, a little bit about his three year ministry, and now his death and resurrection. It is a lot to take in over a three month time frame, however, once we move into Pentecost we can spend more time with Jesus and all he accomplished for us.

I personally find a lot of joy and satisfaction, attending Sunday worship and weekly Bible Study. My heart and mind are open to God's word, His Gospel, His Truth, each time I gather with one or more of you to discuss what the message may be. None of us know exactly what is meant by everything God has told us in the Bible, we can only study and believe. 1 Corinthians 13:12 (now is present time, then is when we get to heaven) For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.

May you all find Joy in knowing Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

God Bless you all.

Scott W. Brown, SAM

Church News



Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
March 5, 2024

Board Members Present: Dave Anderson, Scott Brown, Marnie Anderson, Ellen Hauser, Kay Nelson, Barb Mathson, Clarice Laehn, Jacob Paulson, and Lori Paulson.

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

Preparation:

1. **Opening Devotions:** Meeting opened with devotions by Scott Brown
2. **Prayer Requests/Homebound:** none
3. **Communication from Congregation:** Some congregation members have asked if communion needs to be every Sunday. A paper survey to be available to the congregation at Sunday's service was suggested.

Communication/Action:

1. **Secretary's Report:** Barb Mathson made a motion to approve minutes of February 6, 2024, with a second by Kay Nelson. Motion carried.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Barb Mathson presented the following fund balances per February 2024 financial reports: General Fund: \$83,824.17; On Going: \$11,478.91; Improvement: \$36,451.84. Lori Paulson made a motion to approve the treasurer's report with a second by Clarice Laehn. Motion carried.
3. **Ministry Teams Updates:**
 - a) Life & Growth: Working on updating church roster/membership list.
 - b) Music & Worship: February Noisy Offering of \$367.89 will go to Improvement Fund. March will go to solar powered wells in Malawi.
 - c) WELCA: Next meeting is March 7th at Grace Lutheran.
 - d) Finance & Property: Search for congregation members to serve on Finance and Property needs to continue.
 - d) Lutheran Brotherhood: No report
4. **Sharing from SAM:** Scott Brown reported on his visits, services, and meetings.

Celebration/Affirmation:

1. The next council meeting was scheduled for April 2, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.
2. Dave Anderson shared a thank you note received from Trempealeau County Family & Children's Unit for use of the building for their Christmas program as well as all the support received from the church.

Business Items:

1. Barb Mathson reviewed the church's insurance policy/coverage. The church buildings (which includes the organ) and personal property are more than adequately insured.
2. New TCC phone system has been installed.

Adjournment and Lord's Prayer:

Barb Mathson made a motion to adjourn with a second by Kay Nelson. 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 & Arline Stuve
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

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, Donald Dinsmore,

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

Dove Healthcare-51019 Ridge View Road-Osseo-54758
Ralph and Janice Johnson, MaryJane Hernes

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

Please keep the following in your prayers:

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| *Mary Harnisch Johnson | *Arline Stuve |
| *Mavis Olson | *Dawn Coburn |
| *Mavis Mitskogen | *Mary Lou Beck |
| | *Lisa James |
| | *Norman Nordby |



WELCA NEWS



Our Saviours Women-ELCA will meet on **Thursday, April 4, 2024, at 1:30** in our church Fellowship Hall. We will host Grace W-ELCA for this meeting. S.A.M. Scott Brown will lead us in our Bible Study from the Gather magazine of which we do have extra copies.

A short business meeting will be held followed by coffee & dessert. Come join our fellowship for inspiration.

Birthday Boxes

During April we will be collecting items for the Western Dairyland birthday boxes for head start kids in the surrounding area, including cake mixes, frosting, candles, napkins, small toys & books etc. A donation box is in the back of the narthex.



ATTENTION GRADUATES

The Senior Recognition is scheduled for Sunday, **May 19th**. 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.

Members in Service:

Altar Guild -Brenda Loga, Marnie Anderson & Karen Witte

Altar Flowers—Kris Dubiel

Ushers - Jim and Kay Nelson

Power Point—





Easter Flowers



In Loving Memory of

John Witte by Karen Witte

Marv & Ardis Witte by Karen Witte

Janice, Fred & Marilyn Chamberlain by Karen Witte

Stella Witte by Karen Witte

Esther & Alvin Nelson by Jim & Kay Nelson

Willard & Helen Halverson by Jim & Kay Nelson

Marvin & Thelma Olson by Jim & Kay Nelson

Dragan & Anne Pantovich by Barb Mathson

Francis & Hazel Foss; Ruby & Roman Thomas & Roger Thomas by Joanne & Les Foss

Howard & Carolyn Tjoflat by Jeff & Ellen Hauser

Raymond & Alma Loga; Hugh & Alvina Goard; John & Viola Dunham by Dave & Brenda Loga

Bennie & Stella Ringstad; Clarence & Tina Waldera by Rich & Bev Waldera

Fred & Millie Guse by Donna Lindberg

Helmer & Irene Neperud by Donna Lindberg

Helen & Leonard Foss; Victor & Samuel Foss from their family

Mark Siebenaler by Jasen & Heidi Anderson

Gerald Schansberg by Melanie & Jeff Sygulla

In Honor of

Scott Brown S.A.M. by Jim & Kay Nelson

Donna Shepherd by Jim & Kay Nelson

Loved Ones by Barb Mathson

Our Godchildren, Mikayla, Chloe, and Darren by Kris & Duane Dubiel

Elizabeth & Matthew Edwards by Karen Witte

Our Saviour's Senior Choir by Jeff & Ellen Hauser

Our 4 Grandsons: Devin Klomsten, Jackson, Gannon & Bennett Loga by Dave & Brenda Loga

Wyatt Gardner by Donna Lindberg

Lorraine & Bob Nehring by Gail & Steve Radtke

Josie, Leigha, & Greta Sygulla by Melanie & Jeff Sygulla

Thank you for blessing our church with Easter flowers.

You are welcome to take your Easter flowers home after the Easter service

Our Saviour's *faith and* finances

DISBURSEMENT & GIVING RECEIPTS March 1 - March 27

Disbursements:			
Administration	\$3,585.52		
Physical Plant	\$3,109.29		
Salaries & Benefits	\$4,138.46		
Benevolence	\$0.00		
Parish Expense	\$0.00		
Dues and Fees	\$0.00		
Holiday Raffle Exp.	\$0.00		
Total Disbursements =		\$10,833.27	
Giving Receipts			
Simply Giving Total =	\$2850.00	General Fund Total =	\$8,279.40
On-Going Total =	\$899.35	Improvement Fund - Total =	\$205.00
March 2024 Giving Grand Total =		\$12,233.75	

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





APRIL 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> Quilters 8:30 - Noon Our Saviour's Council 6:30PM Office Hours: 8am-12pm	<u>3</u> Bible Study 9:30PM Office Hours: 1-5pm Class Confirmation at 2:30 pm	<u>4</u> 1:30pm WELCA meeting at OSL	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>7</u> Sunday Worship- 9:30 am Sunday School- 10:30 am	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u> Office Hours: 8am-12pm	<u>10</u> Bible Study 9:30PM Office Hours: 1-5pm Class Confirmation at 2:30 pm	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>
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<u>21</u> Sunday Worship- 9:30 am Sunday School- 10:30 am	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> Office Hours: 8am-12pm	<u>24</u> Bible Study 9:30am Food Pantry - 11: to 1:00 pm Bible Study 9:30PM Office Hours: 1-5pm	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>
<u>28</u> Sunday Worship- 9:30 am Sunday School- 10:30 am	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> Office Hours: 8am-12pm				

***“Sharing God’s Love With
All”***

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