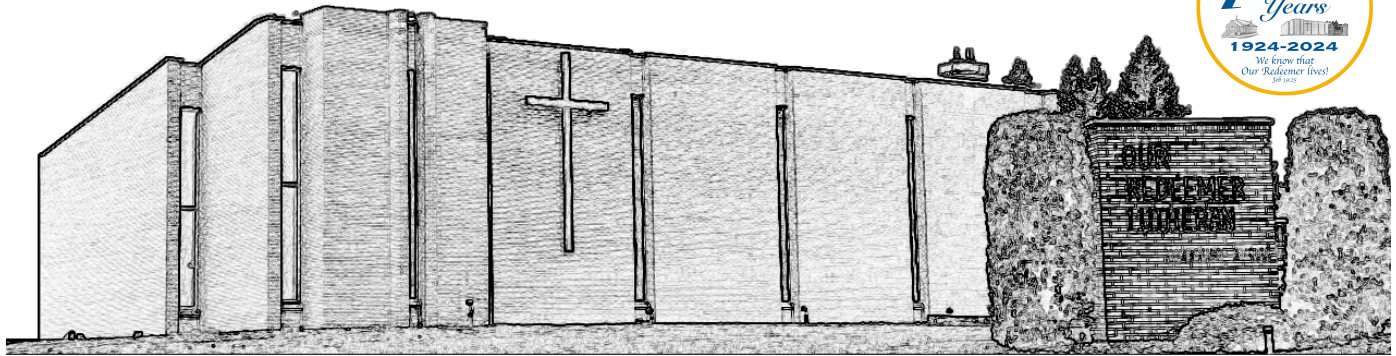


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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me." (1 Corinthians 15:3-8, ESV)

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

When I'm sitting alone in my study working...or driving in my car...one of the things that often occupies my mind is the question: "How do we best reach unbelievers with the Gospel?" Despite having served as a pastor for nearly 19 years with over three of those as a missionary church planter, it's still something I feel like I struggle with. There are so many who don't believe and, naturally, we want them to believe. How do we engage the unbelieving world?

I think there's a little kernel of gold in that Easter greeting we often use that I quoted above: "Christ is risen...He is risen indeed." The Christian believe that Jesus Christ, who was crucified on Good Friday, is truly, really, physically, and historically risen from the dead.

When St. Paul starts his great chapter on the resurrection in 1 Corinthians 15, he roots the resurrection of Jesus in history. It happened... and people saw him. All four of the Gospel writers offer their testimony that Jesus lives.

It's an event rooted in history...and one that begs a person to wrestle with it. If Jesus is indeed risen from the dead, what does that mean about His words and the claims He made about Himself? They simply can't be just brushed aside.

If you find yourself engaged in discussion about your faith with someone who is doubtful or skeptical about the Gospel, invite them to investigate the truth of Jesus' resurrection. And if Jesus is indeed raised, doesn't that validate everything He ever said?

As Paul later says in 1 Corinthians 15, "But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead." (1 Cor. 15:20a) We serve a Lord who has really, truly, and historically conquered death. It's a claim that can't be ignored! And along with being a truth worth sharing with others, it is—of course—the greatest and most stupendous comfort for you. You have a living Lord. You have a Savior who has overcome the grave. "But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep." (v. 20) He is raised so that you will be raised. He is raised and the grave no longer has power over us!

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen **indeed!** Alleluia!

In Christ our Lord,

Pastor Ruesch
Pastor Ruesch



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 A.M. Divine Service
10:30 A.M. Bible Study, Sunday School, & Youth Group

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

5:30 P.M. Catechism Vespers
7:00 P.M. Divine Service

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SAVE THE DATE!!! Sunday, August 4th, 2024

On this date, we will hold our 100th anniversary celebration! Plans are underway for a special service, meal, and fellowship. Follow the newsletter, bulletin, and Facebook page for updates

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OUR DAILY BREAD**



LWML **\$13 A TICKET**
6 & Under FREE

SPRING BANQUET

RECIPE FOR LIFE

6 MAY 2024 **5PM START, 6PM DINNER**

On the Menu!
Meatloaf, Potatoes, Vegetables, Tossed Salad, & Desserts

O taste and see that the Lord is good! - Psalm 34:8

OFFICIAL ACTS

BAPTISMS

- Isaiah Linsmeyer 3/17/2024

AFFIRMATION OF FATIH

ADULT CONFIRMATION

FUNERAL

FIRST COMMUNION

ADDED TO MEMBERSHIP

TRANSFERS IN

TRANSFERS OUT

RELEASES

ATTENDANCE

TOTALS

MARCH 3RD	95
MARCH 6TH	42
MARCH 10TH	77
MARCH 13TH	31
MARCH 17TH	118
MARCH 20TH	42
MARCH 24TH	105

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APRIL



Let's take a trip! The Ark Encounter

The Youth Group will be traveling to Williamstown, Kentucky on June 26th-28th to the Ark Encounter! The Ark Encounter features a full-size Noah's Ark built according to the dimensions in the Bible. Spanning 510 feet long, 85 feet wide, and 51 feet high, this modern engineering marvels visitors young and old.

All are welcome to join us on this trip. Please contact Dave McFarland immediately if you would like to attend.



Check out The Cure on Facebook or on their website for ways to get involved!

For more information or to register go to www.YouMatterTour.org

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 2nd-Scott K.
- 2nd-Muriel W.
- 3rd-Bradley L.
- 6th-Drake H.
- 6th-Garrus K.
- 10th-Sheri V.
- 11th-Chelsea H.
- 11th-Susan R.
- 12th-Anna P.
- 16th-Joanna F.
- 17th-Earl S.
- 18th-Lisa S.
- 19th-Bob R.
- 20th-Matthew G.
- 23rd-Gloria S.
- 23rd-Lillie W.
- 24th-Erin F.
- 25th-Charlie K.
- 25th-Sue P.
- 25th-Rob C.
- 27th-Lynn T.
- 28th-Elloise R.
- 29th-Gary S.
- 29th-Mackenzie T.

ANNIVERSARIES

- 4th-Paula & Joe M.
- 15th-Tony & Sherry C.
- 16th-Matthew & Ann G.

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LWML RECAP & INFO.

“Pray all had a Blessed Easter Service. Sure has been busy with services, suppers & special music. All of us have prepared for the Resurrection of our Lord!

Spring is upon us! Even though it sometimes seems like winter! Hopefully April showers will bring May flowers.

Along with May flowers we celebrate Mother’s Day & also our Ladies Spring banquet. Hope you will SAVE THE DATE - Monday May 6th! Social time is scheduled 5-6PM and dinner will start at 6PM. The menu is planned and will be amazing catered by Patti Ebertsch. Oops - forgot to mention the theme! Our 2024 theme is “Recipes for Life.” We are working on lots of surprises and interesting features for this years program!

Tickets can be purchased starting on April 7th for \$13.00, children under 6 are free.

As President I was unable to attend our March Meeting , so Joan Luhtanen , VP, took over and did a wonderful job. Much was accomplished especially for the banquet. Barb Carlson did the opening prayer and devotion with 8 ladies and Pastor matt Ruesch in attendance.

Thank you was recieved from The Cure for our love offering taken at our Christmas Luncheon. May God continue to bless the work they are doing for our youth!

April 8th meeting er eill be coordinating all the plans for the banquet, please join us if you would like to be involved or would like to share in fellowship with us!

Caren and Gals

STAMPS FOR A MISSION

Our Lutheran women’s Missionary League began collecting used postage stamps in 1993 when The Lutheran Church —Missouri Synod office in St. Louis, Missouri, ended this project. Our North Wisconsin District has worked with many different gentlemen over the years to sell our stamps. We are currently taking our stamps to a gentleman in Green Bay.

Our stamps were sold five different times in 1994 and the total amount sold to help support our missions was \$345.49. The year-to-date total now is \$13,897.66 Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Please continue to collect your stamps within your societies and encourage others from your church to join. Please share with them how to trim the stamps leaving a quarter inch around the stamp. The perforation on the stamp must be intact, if the perforation is missing the stamps cannot be sold.

What a blessing to have the opportunity to collect our stamps and help those in need. Please continue in this mission as we serve the Lord with gladness! In Christ, Shirley H. & Mary S.

Please place the stamps in the LWML MITE box!! Thank so much!

TADYCH’S/SUPERONE RECIEPTS

Have you been saving grocery slips? Have you been turning them into Our Redeemer? There is a large white bucket under the LWML card table labeled for Econo/Super One slips. We receive 1% of each \$1.00 you spend on groceries through their rebate programs. Sherry C. has graciously been tallying them up. The money goes into the Youth Program checking account. We use the money to sponsor our Compassion Child which is \$480 a year. There is also a container for stamps & ink cartridges however, they only accept Inkjets (they DO NOT accept Laser/Toner cartridges). Your support is greatly appreciated.

ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME TO ALL ACTIVITIES

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Life Newsbytes

An excerpt from "A Statement on the Alabama Supreme Court In Vitro Decision":

Lutherans For Life has adopted a position statement on in vitro fertilization which "recognizes the pain of childlessness and that some people, desiring to have children, have used in vitro fertilization without realizing or considering the potential consequences for the embryos involved," but also recognizes that in vitro fertilization often results in the destruction of unused embryos. The position statement therefore concludes that "Lutherans For Life at the present time objects to and opposes the use of in vitro fertilization" but "does not condemn those married couples who have used in vitro fertilization but encourages ministry to them and to all people such that they may receive the comfort of Christ and His redeeming love."

Consistent with our position statement, Lutherans For Life applauds the Alabama Supreme Court's decision and hopes that continued research will develop ways in which those who are unable to conceive children will be able to have families without risking the loss of unborn human life.

You can read the complete statement and find a link to all LFL position statements, at: lutheransforlife.org/article/a-statement-on-the-alabama-supreme-court-in-vitro-decision.

Speaking up For Life

"Our true identity turns us back toward our Creator, the one who not only made us but also defines us in His Word. So, permit me to remind you of that truth once more: You are a created child of God. You are handmade by Him, loved by Him, redeemed by Him, and sustained by Him. The gifts you possess are gifts He's given you; all that is good comes from Him. Your identity and your value are, always were, and always will be, found in Him." *Michelle Bauman, Y4Life*

"Today, we often find lines, divisions, and hate, but we hope to spread a little love and hope. Life is a valuable gift at all ages and all stages of life, and it should be protected." *Kambria Steinhaus, Knights 4 Life*

"I encourage everyone that I meet with to check my words and teaching against God's Word. Ask questions, challenge everything by that Word. I want them to know Jesus and to have that faith which says, "This is what Jesus says: I am forgiven! I am set free! I am serving and living as a disciple of Jesus! I will go into heaven because of Jesus! ... I am part of God's family!" *Pastor Darren Green, Redwood Falls, Minnesota*



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YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

**~SUNDAY SCHOOL - SUNDAYS
AT 10:30 A.M.**

**~CATECHISM VESPERS -
WEDNESDAYS AT 5:30P.M.**

**~BIBLE STUDY - SUNDAY AT
10:30 A.M. & THURSDAYS AT
10 A.M.**



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STEWARDSHIP Whose Is It Anyway?

If you have ever bought or sold a house, you are acquainted with the concept of a “title search.” Before you can sell your house, and before anyone else will feel comfortable putting down the money to buy it, you have to prove that you really own it. So a title company looks through the public records to ensure that you bought it from the person who really owned it, who bought it from the person who really owned it before that, all the way back to the earliest records of your state, including when your state was only a territory or colony of England.

Peak into a preschool classroom during playtime and you’ll see a simplified version of this. A child starts playing with a ball, but another child says, “That’s mine. I had it first.”

You can’t understand the Seventh Commandment without understanding this concept of ownership or title. As the Small Catechism puts it:

You shall not steal. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor’s money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

Your neighbor’s possessions are his: you don’t have a right to take them. And likewise, your possessions are yours. Ownership and property rights are foundational to any functioning society.

But there is something deeper to know about ownership, and that is the question of who has the title and ownership to you? Paul says, “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price” (1 Cor. 6:19–20).

If you yourself are owned by God, then of course everything that you own, you really only possess by God’s leave: all of it, at bottom, belongs to Him since you belong to Him. For you were bought with the blood of Christ.

This notion is the foundation of all Christian stewardship. It all belongs to God. It should all be used for things that bring honor to His name, blessings to our neighbors and the extension of His kingdom.

THIS MONTH’S SCHEDULE

APRIL 3RD

**Elder: Jim Sleik
Alter Guild: Cindy Koller**

APRIL 7TH

**Elder: Bradley Linsmeyer
& Jim Reed
Alter Guild: Cindy Koller**

APRIL 10TH

**Elder: Jim Sleik
Alter Guild: Sue Rochon**

APRIL 14TH

**Elder: Dana Bey & Rob Kuehl
Alter Guild: Sue Rochon**

APRIL 17TH

**Elder: Dana Bey
Alter Guild: Jenna Long**

APRIL 21ST

**Elder: Skip Schoenborn
& Jim Reed
Alter Guild: Jenna Long**

APRIL 24TH

**Elder: Jim Reed
Alter Guild: Debbie Sleik**

APRIL 28TH

**Elder: Rob Kuehl & Bob Roska
Alter Guild: Debbie Sleik**

LOOKING TO SERVE? CONTACT THE OFFICE OR TALK TO PASTOR!

April 2024

April 2024							May 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30					26	27	28	29	30	31	

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mar 31	Apr 1	2	3	4	5	6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Second Sunday of Easter 9:00am Divine Service 10:30am Adult Bible Study, Youth Group, & Sunday School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00pmr Ladies' Guild 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm Board of Elders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30pm Catechism Vespers 7:00pm Divine Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00am Bible Study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pastor's Day Off 	
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28	29	30	May 1	2	3	4
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