



# The Carillon

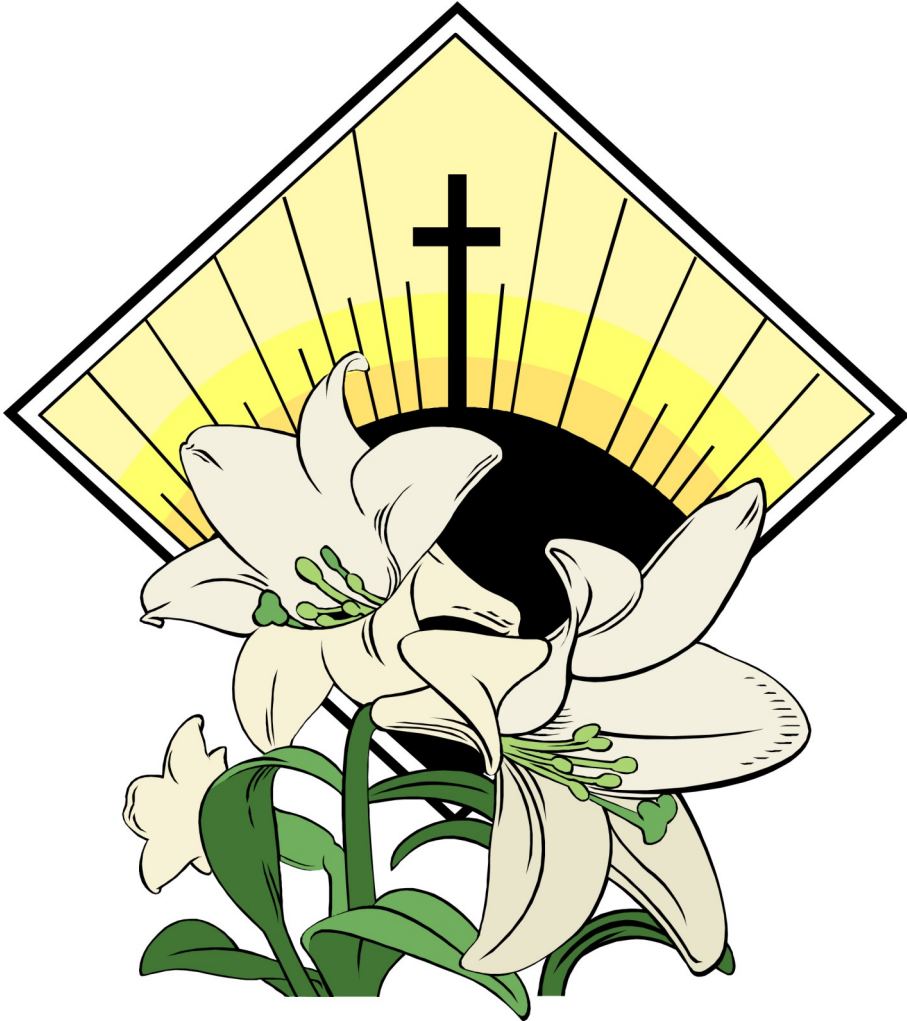
**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - NALC**

*connecting families to Jesus*

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*April 2024*





## A Note from the Church Office

We've settled into our new jobs over the last couple of months. So many of you have offered your help, appreciation and encouragement. Thank you!

Over the coming months we will be implementing some positive changes. While we welcome your guidance and suggestions, we invite you to raise any concerns during regular business hours via email or phone rather than when you see us at worship.

In Christ,

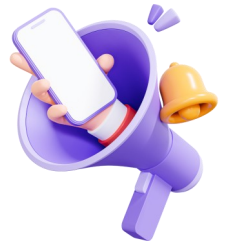
Kristine & Hanna



A new updated prayer request form has been added to our website! This is an efficient way to get your prayer request

to us as accurately and as quickly as possible!

## Sign Up to Get The Carillon by Email!



We're changing the format of **The Carillon!**

Starting in May, our newsletter will be easier than ever to be read from any of your devices:

Computers, Tablets, and Phones!

We invite you to sign up to get the full-color, mobile friendly version of The Carillon via email!



Our Saviour's has a new system for scheduling worship assistants. It's easier than ever to view the schedule and make changes!

Take a look at our website:

<https://www.oslfamily.org/worship-assistants-calendar.html> to see when you're scheduled.

Need to change a date? Call the church office! Thank you for your dedication to volunteering your time to our church!

Our service is live streamed every Sunday at 9:00 am on 94.3 FM radio.



Current service bulletin and link to our YouTube channel live stream can be found on our website, [oslfamily.org](http://oslfamily.org)!

A new and updated Facebook page has also been set up. All of this is in an effort to improve how we can connect as a part of God's family.



### Donations for Disaster Victims

Our disaster relief item for the month of April is shampoo. We are collecting regular sized bottles, or two travel size bottles. Please no hotel size. A collection box can be found in the church office.



### Missing Something?

We've established a lost & found box in the church office. Stop by if you're looking for a lost item.



Pastor Nick will be out of town after Easter for continuing education. We will have guest pastors for two services this month! Pastor Thomas Reiff will

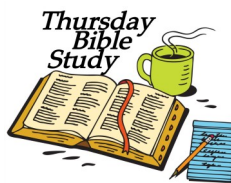
lead church service on April 6th & 7th and Pastor Steve Cowen will lead service on April 13th & 14th !

Confirmation class is cancelled for April 3rd and will resume April 10th.



Don't forget that Our Saviour's has an online scheduled offering option to make your giving even more convenient.

Visit our website and click "Give Now" on the home screen!



Bible Study and Lutheranism 101/New Member Class with Pastor Nick will resume this month after Pastor's return.



## **Action Items**

### **Approved Council Representatives for each Committee**

- First Fruits: Lindsay
- Stewardship: Lucas/Jim
- Technology: Justin
- Building & Property: Ted
- Music: Geoff
- Endowment: Lucas
- Youth Ministry/Education: Bev
- Fellowship: Lucas
- Worship: Eileen/Geoff
- Finance: John
- Visitation: Pastor
- Mutual Ministry: Michelle/John
- Alter Guild: Eileen
- Safety/Security: Dave/Jim
- Companion Congregation: Justin

Discussed developing a process for maintaining an inventory of keys for incoming/outgoing employees, council members, etc.

Reviewed Sound Tech schedule update - Several members of the congregation have volunteered to help & are currently being trained by Kris Kreh.

Reviewed concerns of office equipment issues & Justin Cowen volunteered to audit &/or fix equipment & report back with recommendations.

Approved a letter to be sent to FLLC regarding the end of our affiliation with their Association.

Approved the request of the Quilters to utilize the upstairs Senior Youth Room (to avoid constantly moving "longarm" sewing machine) as well as their request for permission to conduct a silent auction to raise funds for a new machine.

### **Please continue to encourage and pray for our church council members:**

Lucas Davidson	Justin Cowen
Lindsay Rigoni	Michelle Carlson
Jason Roell	John Kelm
Eileen Anderson	Geoff White
Bev Wadke	Jim Meier

**For a copy of the full minutes, please contact the church office.**



Do you or someone you know need a bible? The bibles in the pews are provided for you to take home if you are in need.

## LYDIA



A large group of ladies gathered for our March Circle meeting – where we enjoyed much good discussion,

fellowship, dessert, prayer, and planning. Molly Gustafson and Terri Shoquist served as hostesses, with two most delicious dessert options. Sally Karttunen led us in the first session of our new study, *Walking Together* – a Bible Study on the Importance of Fellowship in our lives as Disciples of Christ. Members brought in items for a 2024 NALC Kitchen Kit Lenten Service Project. Debbie Sleik has secured Thrivent Action Team funds to supplement and complete these kits. Options for supporting the Quilters of Grace were discussed – with further action to be taken. Church cleaning opportunities will be charted and shared at our April meeting.

All women are invited to join us in the Gathering Room at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> for Bible Study, fellowship, prayer, dessert, and a short business meeting. We will continue our new study with Session 2, “Forebear One Another.” A leader is still needed. Deb Sleik and Cris Hamlin will serve as our hostesses. Won’t you please join us?

Hey Church Ladies!

It has been a tradition for the ladies of the Lydia Circle to schedule a Spring Cleaning Bee – often concentrating on the kitchen area of the church. This year, rather than giving up one of their precious monthly meetings, you are invited to help



## How about a Church-Wide Cleaning Bee?

**ALL LADIES AND MEN** are invited to come into Our Saviour’s, at your Convenience (individually or in small groups), to clean/spruce up an area of the church. A long list of kitchen cleaning options is posted in the kitchen, and the church office also has a list of other possibilities, so you can choose your area of interest – or add more to the list. Perhaps youth or families might also serve in this way. Any and all help would be greatly appreciated.

**Don’t forget...  
Many hands make light work.**

Together we can make our church shine!

# BAPTISMS

We welcome to the family of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism:

Zach Elijah Nord	3/10/2024
Myles Abram Nord	3/10/2024
Jace Isaac Nord	3/10/2024
Halle Moriah Hope Nord	3/10/2024
David Earl Shogren	3/23/2024



We celebrate with our 5th graders who received their First Holy Communion on March 17th, 2024:

Avery Baij	Zuri Rochon
Carter LaFave	Katelyn Strickler
Jaylynn Marchetti	Anastasia Taylor
Parker Pietrantonio	
Madison Raiche	Tanner Veale



## Faith Stepping Stones Program

Some of you are familiar with our Faith Stepping Stones program, but for those who aren't or just need a refresher, this is for you. During First Communion our 5th graders receive a wooden cross with 3 beads. By the time they graduate they will have a total of 6 beads. Each bead represents a milestone in their faith life. Below is a list of what each bead represents, along with the cross symbolizing

- ~First Communion.
- ~ Baptism
- ~Entering Sunday School
- ~Receiving your 2nd Grade Bible
- ~Beginning Confirmation
- ~Confirmation Day
- ~Graduation



## The Shepherd's Preschool News



March was an exciting month in our classrooms! We celebrated reading month and Easter. For the first half of the month we focused on new stories and projects to go with each one. Our Pre-K students invited family members to come in and share their favorite books with us. It was fun to have them join us for a small part of our day. The second half of our month was spent learning the real reason we celebrate Easter. Not just for baskets filled with candy, but because it celebrates Jesus rising from the dead 3 days after his death. During our chapel time with Pastor Nick, he showed us a statue of Jesus in the church that represents Jesus' death, that also helps us remember why we celebrate Easter. After a wonderful spring break, we are getting back

to our routine and getting ready for our spring program on Thursday, May 2nd at 5:30. Our last day of school will be Friday, May 24th.

Registration is now open for the upcoming 2024-25 school year! Please email [shepherdspreschool@gmail.com](mailto:shepherdspreschool@gmail.com) for registration papers.

Miss Mandy & Miss Kaye



Hello, my name is Merry Esp, and I am the new Hospice Liaison and Volunteer Coordinator for OSF. OSF Hospice- Escanaba is a non-profit agency who has a team of clinicians and non-clinicians that provide a holistic approach to end-of-life care. And we are looking for volunteers. We rely on our volunteers. Our volunteers do not do hands-on care or nursing duties inside homes or facilities. We have need for both direct care (reading, playing cards, simple presence, errands, helping around the house, etc.) and indirect care (office work, telephone calls, making items to give to patients, etc.) Anyone interested in volunteering or just information on hospice, can call me at (309) 877-1174 or email me at [mjesp23@osfhealthcare.org](mailto:mjesp23@osfhealthcare.org).

### OSF Community Grief Group Meetings:

When: First Wednesday of every month

Time: 1-3pm CST

Where: Dickinson County Library

Main Branch

401 Iron Mountain St.

Iron Mountain, MI

# Worship Assistants

## **Sun Apr 7, 2024**

Acolyte - Baya Buchcuski  
Acolyte - Jake Buchcuski  
In Charge - Bev Wadke  
Lector - Steve Faust  
Usher - Brent Buchcuski  
Usher - Bruce Buckman  
Usher - Krista Buchcuski  
Usher - Sandra Bale

## **Sun Apr 14, 2024**

Acolyte - Hayden Grunlund  
Acolyte - Brodie Daffron  
In Charge - Jim Meier  
Lector - Praise & Worship  
Usher - Kristina Kreh  
Usher - Nicole Kreh  
Usher - Sally Yuds  
Usher - Steve Faust

## **Sun Apr 21, 2024**

Acolyte - Inga Hopman  
Acolyte - Solveig Hopman  
In Charge - Lindsay Rigoni  
Lector - Heidi Gareau  
Usher - Jim Menza  
Usher - Ken Marchetti  
Usher - Mark Moraska  
Usher - Patti Menza

## **Sun Apr 28, 2024**

Acolyte - Bryce Johnson  
Acolyte - Weston Jarski  
In Charge - John Kelm  
Lector - Donna Westphal  
Usher - Chuck Vercoe  
Usher - Doreen Olson  
Usher - Lynne Reed  
Usher - Terry Reed

## **Sun May 5, 2024**

Acolyte - Kristina Kreh  
Acolyte - Nicole Kreh  
In Charge - Michelle Carlson  
Lector - Jim Meier  
Usher - Bill Wagner  
Usher - Dodie Wagner  
Usher - Marge Sparapani  
Usher - Ted Sparapani

## **Sun May 12, 2024**

Acolyte - Jaycie Marchetti  
Acolyte - Jayda Marchetti  
In Charge - Geoff White  
Lector - Praise & Worship  
Usher - Donna Westphal  
Usher - Kalie Johnson  
Usher - Michele Johnson  
Usher - Steve Westphal

## **Sun May 19, 2024**

Acolyte - Alayna Pietrantonio  
Acolyte - Kaitlyn Peterson  
In Charge - Lucas Davidson  
Lector - Joy Nasi  
Usher - Doug Luoma  
Usher - Jason Roell  
Usher - Julie LaCost  
Usher - Mike Patterson

## **Sun May 26, 2024**

Acolyte - Brodie Daffron  
Acolyte - Zayden Rochon  
In Charge - Justin Cowen  
Lector - Sally Yuds  
Usher - Dennis Veale  
Usher - Fred Shoquist  
Usher - Terri Shoquist  
Usher - Todd Veale



## **Sun Jun 2, 2024**

Acolyte - Caylee Shogren  
Acolyte - Landri Rossler  
In Charge - Jason Roell  
Lector - Doreen Olson  
Usher - Blanche Wilimaa  
Usher - Caryl White  
Usher - Geoff White  
Usher - Jon Wilimaa

## **Sun Jun 9, 2024**

Acolyte - Emily Strickler  
Acolyte - Jocelyn Taylor  
In Charge - Ted Sparapani  
Lector - Praise & Worship  
Usher - Brett Baij  
Usher - Eileen Anderson  
Usher - Jason Anderson  
Usher - Karen Baij

## **Sun Jun 16, 2024**

Acolyte - Baya Buchcuski  
Acolyte - Jake Buchcuski  
In Charge - Eileen Anderson  
Lector - Bonnie Pietrantonio  
Usher - Brent Buchcuski  
Usher - Bruce Buckman  
Usher - Krista Buchcuski  
Usher - Sandra Bale

## **Sun Jun 23, 2024**

Acolyte - Eli Slade  
Acolyte - Hayden Grunlund  
In Charge - David Bradley  
Lector - Colleen Holmes  
Usher - Kristina Kreh  
Usher - Nicole Kreh  
Usher - Sally Yuds  
Usher - Steve Faust

## **Sun Jun 30, 2024**

Acolyte - Inga Hopman  
Acolyte - Solveig Hopman  
In Charge - Lindsay Rigoni  
Lector - Jonathan Ringel  
Usher - Jim Menza  
Usher - Ken Marchetti  
Usher - Mark Moraska  
Usher - Patti Menza



# April

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

	1 Pastor out of town until the 15th	2	3 Confirmation Cancelled
7 Pastor Thomas Reiff 9am Worship 10am Sunday School	8	9 4:30 Executive Council 5:30 Church Council	10 8:30 Sewing Bee 1:00 Quilters of Grace Confirmation cancelled
14 Pastor Cowen 9am Worship 10am Sunday School	15 5:30 Girl Scouts 6:00 PEO	16 1:00 Lydia Circle	17 8:30 Sewing Bee 1:00 Quilters of Grace 6:30 Confirmation Class
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# 2024

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Pastor Thomas  
Reiff

5pm Worship

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12

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5:00 Worship

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4:00 Baptism  
5:00 Worship

25

Shepherd's  
Preschool Board  
Meeting

26

27

5pm Worship

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5:30 Shepherd's  
Preschool Spring  
Program

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4

5pm Worship



# APRIL

## Birthdays

- |          |   |           |   |           |  |
|----------|---|-----------|---|-----------|--|
| <b>1</b> | Jeb Hasenjaeger<br>Bonnie McMorrow  | <b>10</b> | Caleb Bray<br>Doreen Olson<br>Emily Rotter  | <b>22</b> | Brad Sleik<br>Patrick Tanguay  |
| <b>2</b> | Timothy Nasi<br>Diane Ohlsen  | <b>11</b> | Macy Edwards<br>John Giordana<br>Ann Mattson  | <b>23</b> | Susan Cecconi<br>Mark Modolo<br>Bryanna Recla  |
| <b>3</b> | Ron Johnson<br>Amy Pratt<br>Madelyn Yake<br>Sally Yuds  | <b>12</b> | Stella Coplan<br>Mya LaFreniere   | <b>24</b> | Joseph Dumais  |
| <b>4</b> | Sharon Opolka<br>Karen Swanson  | <b>13</b> | Daniel Swartout   | <b>25</b> | Howard Beaulier<br>Brenda Benbow<br>Brodie Daffron   |
| <b>6</b> | Austin Blomquist<br>Kenneth Marchetti<br>Deborah Wenzel   | <b>14</b> | Cindy Bradley<br>Jaxtyn Hazen<br>Kristen Janousek<br>Nolan White                                    | <b>26</b> | Kassondra Nelson   |
| <b>7</b> | Teri Bolan<br>Hayley Buchcuski<br>Lauren Czerwan<br>Gerald Pirkola<br>Sarah Pirkola<br>Tracie Watts | <b>15</b> | Anna Bortolini<br>Taylor Tushoski<br>William Wagner   | <b>27</b> | Samuel Chartier<br>Brett Haelterman<br>Gideon LeMire<br>Elsie Metras<br>Jennifer Plonke<br>Aviana Wilber |
| <b>8</b> | Zachary Ceello<br>Sandra Edgar<br>John Hiller<br>Ellery Olson<br>Herb Samme'<br>Dominic Schinderle  | <b>16</b> | Brett Baj<br>Alyssa Charette<br>Gregg Erickson<br>Shawn Greenleaf<br>Madelyn Holmes<br>Debra Phelps | <b>28</b> | Nathan Czerwan<br>Ginger Moore   |
| <b>9</b> | Morgan Bessolo<br>Kim Londo<br>Lena Roell<br>Perry Shulstad   | <b>17</b> | Bruce Buckman<br>Andilee Conery<br>Charlie Mendina  | <b>29</b> | Jason Anderson<br>Marissa Cevigney<br>Sharon Fredrickson<br>Peggy Heczko<br>Mary Hiltonen<br>Alex Taff   |
|          |   | <b>18</b> | Gavin Moore   | <b>30</b> | Kent Brock<br>Alea Grunlund<br>Marcella Martonen   |
|          |   | <b>19</b> | Mark Klossner   |           |  |
|          |   | <b>20</b> | Alyssa Englund<br>Paige Olsen<br>Kristin Unger  |           |  |

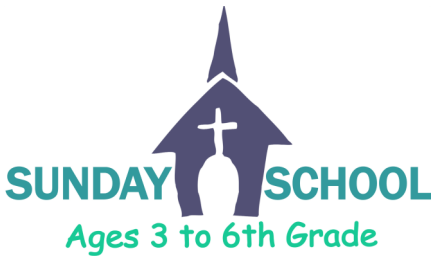
# APRIL

Anniversaries

## Wedding Anniversaries this Month:

Matt & Tracy Tregillis  
5 Years

Brian & Rhonda Watt  
20 Years



During the month of March, Sunday school students continued learning about the Babylonian captivity of the Jewish nation. Daniel, despite facing the threat of death, remained steadfast in his devotion to God, refusing to compromise his faith. Through God's miraculous intervention, Daniel emerged unscathed from the den of hungry lions, demonstrating God's faithfulness. Next, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego courageously stood firm in their refusal to bow down to King Nebuchadnezzar's idol, even in the face of a fiery death. Miraculously, they were preserved by God's power within the furnace, emerging unharmed and glorifying God's name.

Sunday School resumes April 7th!

Last Day of Sunday School is May 5th !



This month's youth group Bible study focused on mental health and the Gospel. We learned that Jesus' Death and Resurrection covers ALL sin - including those that may be unseen, yet are very real: mental health concerns. We also focused on the reality that our bodies are gifts from God. We can rejoice in the body we have and can take our feelings of inadequacy, embarrassment, guilt, and shame to Jesus. We have a God who loves and forgives all through the suffering, death, and resurrection of His Son!

We Love  
Our  
VOLUNTEERS

We appreciate our dedicated volunteers who give of their time and talents to help our Church flourish! Special thanks to Sandy Meier, Terri Shoquist, Eileen Anderson, Joy Nasi and Lynn LaVigne.

A special thank you to everyone who made soup and the volunteers who helped serve, set-up, and clean up for our Lenten Soup Suppers.



Thank you to those who organized, cooked for, and cleaned up the Easter Fellowship Breakfast!



We extend our sincere sympathy to Karen Swanson, along with Larry and Joy Nasi, on the death of their son, Brian Paul Nasi.

Heartfelt sympathy to the family of Violet Schettler who recently passed away.

Deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Don Nurmela who went to be with the Lord on March 29th.



### **The Cure – Iron Mountain Life Coaching, Mentoring and Life Skills Workshops for Teens**

The Cure™- Iron Mountain is a program of Live Life Loud Resources, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. L3 Resources was founded in 2020 by national speaker, author, and life coach, Heather Ruesch.

The mission of Live Life Loud Resources is to offer compassionate mediation, guidance, and mentorship that leads students to develop a stronger sense of self-awareness, healthy boundaries, and the practical tools they need to live their lives with overall physical, and mental, emotional, social, and spiritual health and wellness.

Through our programs, we advance our educational reach through school assemblies, retreats/conferences, teen mentorship/life coaching, and weekly workshop opportunities that incorporate healthy habits into daily life for the benefit of balancing whole body health and wellbeing.

Youth from all area schools are invited to participate in programming at The Cure. For more information, visit the website at [youmattertour.org/the-cure](http://youmattertour.org/the-cure). You can also speak to Kristine in the office!

## Christ's Easter Victory and "The Emperor Has No Clothes"



Easter is Christ's victory over death, hell, and the devil. It is also his victory over the sins that put him on the cross: Judas' sin, the chief priests' sins, Pontius Pilate's sin.

Furthermore, it is his victory over the sins that cannot be traced by reference to historical cause and effect. Peter's sin of denying Christ three times cannot be cited as an historical cause of Christ's death. Jesus had already been arrested and accused before Peter denied him. And yet Christ certainly bore Peter's sin on the cross. In the second chapter of Acts, having been forgiven by Christ, Peter preaches a sermon that accuses the whole crowd, indeed all of Israel, of having crucified Jesus (Acts 2:36). This was on Pentecost, long after Jesus' death, and those whom Peter accuses can hardly be assumed even to have been in Jerusalem at the time of Christ's death.

This is just one early biblical example of what the church's proclamation of Christ has always been: all sins tormented Christ on the cross/Christ bore the world's sins on the cross. John the Baptist preached then same thing years before Christ was crucified: "Behold, the lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." (John 1:29)

In his resurrection Christ triumphs over all these sins. He also, as I said, triumphs over those who played a historical role in his death and the powers that stood behind them. This certainly includes Pontius Pilate and the Roman Emperor and his government, who provided Christ's legal death sentence.

The Roman Empire ruled Israel, Judea, the whole Mediterranean Sea, and beyond. They were the superpower of the first century AD. In his war against Rome, Christ was more of an underdog than Gene Hackman's team in Hoosiers. And yet Christ destroyed the Empire's death sentence against him in three days. Christ triumphed over Rome. Tiberius, the Roman Emperor when Christ died, and all his ilk have long since turned to dust, but Jesus of Nazareth lives. The Roman Emperors, who forced their subjects to worship them as gods, and who often persecuted Christians, most notably Diocletian (d. 311 AD), have a day of reckoning coming when every knee bows to Christ and he judges the living and the dead. Christ disobeyed the Roman government's death sentence when he rose from the dead.

We thank God for the suffering and death of Christ for our sake, and for Christ's resurrection for our life. And we thank God for the Word of Easter, that God has maintained the pure teaching of the gospel and resurrection among us to the present day despite all the devil's and the world's attempts to silence this good news.

Happy Easter,  
Pastor Hopman

Saturday 5:00pm Service  
Sunday 9:00am Service  
Our 9:00am Service is broadcast  
live each week on WZNL94.3  
FM radio and on our YouTube  
Channel

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