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Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - NALC

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March 2024



*Easter
Sunday
Services*

March 31st

8:30

&

10:45am



Action Items

- **Elected** officers for one year term –
President: Lucas Davidson
Secretary: Lindsay Rigoni
Vice President: Justin Cowen
Treasurer: John Kelm
- Installed Eileen Anderson, David Bradley, Jim Meier & Geoff White as Church Council Members with terms ending in January 2027.
- Reviewed Committee descriptions/responsibilities and tabled any action regarding Committee Representatives until the next Council Meeting.
- Discussed adding an announcement in the next Worship Service bulletin about sound system training & technology volunteer opportunities in which a rotating schedule will later be created (possibly by using Breeze software).
- Ratified Congregational vote regarding FLLC.
- Discussed writing a letter to FLLC regarding the end of our affiliation with the Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Association, as decided by the congregation on January 28th vote of 67-13. Also discussed adding a reminder to the next bulletin that the deadline for Campership applications will be March 31st. It was then decided that once the applications are reviewed, proof of each applicant's receipt of payment to their desired camp will be required and reimbursement to each individual will be made in the amount of 1/2 the total cost, not to exceed \$200. The Church Council will consider creating a formal Campership Policy to refer to in the future as once cannot be found.
- Approved the addition of Kristine Schroeder & Hanna Nord to First National Bank accounts.
- Discussed giving a gift of thanks to Sandy & Terri for their generous volunteering in the office while the positions of Parish/Financial Administrator & Office Specialist were vacant (they also helped train new staff). It was decided that a Fellowship of Thanks & Recognition would be held immediately after the March 10th service and that each Council member will bring a food item. A special gift (most likely a devotional & \$100 gift cards will also be gifted to them.

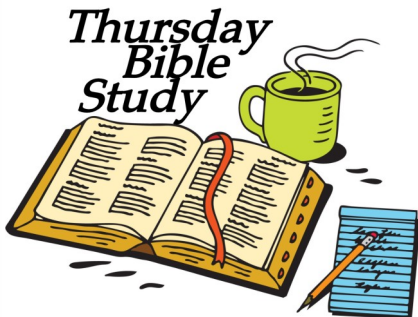
Informational Items

- Ash Wednesday Service - Feb. 14th at 6:30pm
- Congregation wide Lenten Service Project will be Flood buckets for NALC Disaster Response, led by the Church Office.
- Soup Suppers begin Feb. 21st 5:30pm. Midweek Lenten Services begin at 6:30pm,
- Newsletter Articles are due to the office by the 20th of each month.
- Pastoral Acts for January 2024 - none.

Please continue to encourage and pray for our church leaders:

Lucas Davidson
Jason Roell
Bev Wadke
Michelle Carlson
Geoff White
David Bradley

Lindsay Rigoni
Eileen Anderson
Justin Cowen
John Kelm
Jim Meier
Ted Sparapani



Bible Study and Lutheranism/New Member Class will break for the remainder of Lent and will resume in April.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS



Lenten Soup Suppers are in full swing. They begin at 5:30pm.

We are utilizing the Sign Up Genius website to allow volunteers to sign up for bringing soups and sandwiches. You can scan the QR Code, find the link on our facebook page, on our website at oslfamily.org or call the church office.



Special thanks to all who wrote and shared their Lenten devotions for our booklet. It's important to note that for 40 (or so) years we have published a book that has not only been shared with our church family, but has been a witness to the broader community of the faithful lives of our parishioners. And of course we have to give a special thank you to Tracy Husing who faithfully seeks our members out and makes this endeavor possible.



Good Friday Tenebrae A Service of Shadows

March 29th - 7:30pm

The service of Tenebrae, which means “darkness” or “shadows” has been practiced by the church since medieval times. Once, a service only for the monastic community, Tenebrae later became an important part of the worship of the lay people during Holy Week, specifically Good Friday at dusk. We join Christians of many denominations throughout the world in using this liturgy of Tenebrae.

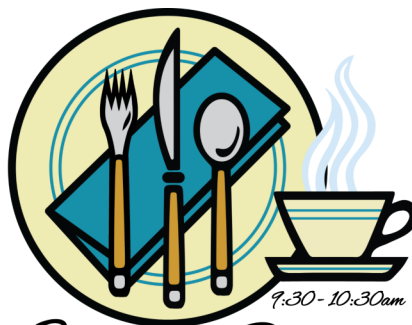
Tenebrae is a dramatic meditation on Christ’s suffering through the eyes and ears of His disciples. Their witness traces the story of Christ’s passion; and the power of silence and darkness suggests the drama of this momentous day. As the disciples abandon Jesus one by one, their lights are extinguished, and we ponder the depth of Christ’s suffering and death; we remember the cataclysmic nature of his sacrifice as we experience the light leaving the world.

This is a profound and moving event which will change the hearts of those involved and bring a deeper understanding of the price paid for our salvation.



Maundy Thursday Worship

March 28th - 6:30pm



Easter Sunday Fellowship

Please join us Easter morning between services for a time of fellowship and delicious treats.



We are in need of someone to tally our grocery receipts from Super One & Econo. This may be done at home and we have a calculator with tape available to use. If you would be willing, please give the church office a call.

LYDIA



A nice-sized group of ladies were blessed with beautiful weather for our February Circle meeting—where we enjoyed good discussion, company, dessert, and planning. Sandy Giordana was our hostess, with two very delicious dessert options.

We had an introduction to our new Bible Study, Walking Together—a Bible Study on the Importance of Fellowship in our lives as Disciples of Christ. Debbie Sleik reminded us of ongoing opportunities and distributed information for a March Meeting Challenge. Members are asked to participate in a 2024 NALC Kitchen Kit Lenten Service Project, with items to be brought in by our March 19th meeting. Thrivent Action Team funds will be used to supplement and complete these kits.

All women are invited to join us in the Gathering Room at **1:00pm on Tuesday, March 19th** for Bible Study, fellowship, prayer, dessert, and a short business meeting. We will begin our new study, Walking Together, Session I, “Trust One Another,” with Sally Karttunen as leader. Terri Shoquist and Molly Gustafson will serve as hostesses. Won’t you please join us?

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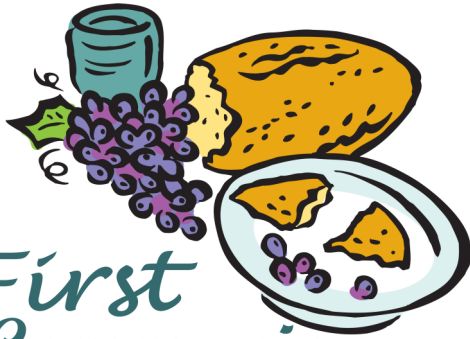


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We are asking for volunteers to serve as Ushers, Lectors and Acolytes during our Easter worship services. Please sign up with QR code or give the church office a call!





First Communion

**Sunday, March 17th
9:00am**

First Communion for our fifth graders will be celebrated on Sunday, March 17th at our morning worship service. A special fellowship will be held in their honor in the Gathering Room following the service.

Those receiving First Communion are:

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

We would also like to thank the instructors, Jan Buckman & Karen Baij, who helped prepare our fifth graders the past several weeks for this special moment in their faith journey.



HOLY WEEK Concert
Tuesday, March 26th - 7:00pm
American Martyrs Church

The Dickinson County Community chorus and Iron Mountain Area Clergy Association will conduct its annual Holy Tuesday Choral Offerings and Readings on Tuesday, March 26th at 7:00pm.

The service, titled "One Solitary Life," will be at American Martyrs Catholic church at 908 W. Sagola Avenue in Kingsford.

The ecumenical service consists of scripture readings and choral anthems based on the Lenten season and the life of Jesus.

A free-will offering will be taken by members the Kiwanis Club to further the work of IMACA. All are welcome!



Meet Our New Staff



Kristine Schroeder
Financial Administrator
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Hanna Nord
Office Specialist
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The month of February has been some crazy weather! We have not been outside as much as we would like but we have made the most of it. We talked about the winter season and everything you can do in winter that you cannot do in summer. While celebrating Valentine's Day this past month we talked about our feelings (happy, sad, excited, angry), and how to be good friends. We are continuing to work on being bucket fillers along with the remainder of our alphabet letters. Preschool is working hard on cutting skills and Pre-K is continuing with beginning word sounds and we have added in sight words!

Our Bible stories were Daniel and the Lions Den, Joseph and His Coat of Many Colors, and Jesus' Childhood.

We learned how God looks at our hearts and what's inside, not what's on the outside. And it's important to remember that God is always with us!





MARCH

Birthdays

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| 1 | John Blomquist
Marge Sparapani
Alan Granquist
Solomon Anys | 11 | Sheila Gedvick
Joan Swartout
Paula Swartout
Nathan Olson | 23 | Brandon Kowalkowski
Doug Hill
Peyton Lindholm
Loni Rochon
Avaree Savage
Audrey Veale
Troy Watt |
| 2 | Joy Carlson
Damian Taff
Jaydee Taff
TJ Gustafson | 12 | Julia Berglund
Meredith Johnson | 24 | Claire Rigoni |
| 3 | Ian Berglund
Jim Mitchell
Kalyn Myllyla
Steven Rigoni | 13 | Mike Holmes | 25 | Kris Cohodes
Will Erickson Jr.
Fred Shoquist
Daniel Willman
Zahlia Rochon |
| 4 | Fred Giachino
Jill Lemke | 14 | Brooke LaFreniere
Scott Ohlsen | 26 | Connor White |
| 5 | Abby Berglund
Naomi Conery
Claire Wenzel | 15 | Raegon Pratt
Mya Watkins | 27 | Kelly Quick
Brittany Rockefeller
Jeffery Tushoski |
| 6 | Ben VanGuilder
David Wadke
Kalen Haglund
Brian Polzien | 16 | Trace Anderson
Macy Holmes
Bryce Plonke
Andrew Tyrcha | 28 | Julia Bradley
Dayna Lacosse
Connor Quick |
| 7 | Baya Buchcuski
Willie Erickson
Terry Reed | 17 | Paula Forstrom
Aurora Poulos
John Rockefeller
Shannon Rosenthal
Emily Strickler | 29 | Cody Buckner
Tom Nemacheck
Donna Tanguay
David Bradley |
| 8 | Heidi Gareau
Derek Krupstadt
Matthew Marchetti | 18 | Kelli Ellis | 30 | Deanna Michaud
Nathaniel Swartout |
| 9 | Amanda Camp
Ray Cerasoli
Jodie Peterson | 19 | Ava Erkkila
Kalie Johnson | 31 | Cherie Cerasoli
Elara Wilber |
| 10 | Justin LaVarnway
Paisley Raiche
Jeffrey Gregory | 20 | Gary Aman
Troy French
Joey Erickson | | |
| | | 21 | Julie LaCost
Jessica Nelson
Katilyn Peterson | | |
| | | 22 | Betty Gerhard
Noah Markell
Taylor Recla
Lori Unger | | |





JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday school exploration of the Old Testament continued during the month of February. We continued our journey through the triumphs and trials of the Israelites. In our first lesson, we traced the footsteps of the Israelites as they faced the daunting prospect of being taken into exile in Assyria. Our second lesson centered around the righteous King Hezekiah, who faced with imminent danger, turned to God in fervent prayer. In our third exploration, we delved into the reign of King Josiah, a leader with a heart for God and a passion for restoring the temple. Our most recent lesson examined the somber chapter of Judah's exile to Babylon.

MARCH Anniversaries

Larry & Joan Swartout
March 17th - 45 Years

Larry & Cheryl Smith
March 17th - 40 Years

Todd & Marci Veale
March 27th - 20 years

Youth Group News

During youth group we focused on how to understand and look at fears, worries, failures, and disappointments. Teens face a lot of expectations in the world and may be struggling to meet them. We pointed to the grace, mercy, love, forgiveness, and identity found in their Savior Jesus; they can be confident in who and Whose they are.

Next, we focused on how coping with stress and hardship connects with the Sabbath and the Third Commandment. We looked to God's Word for how we can be spiritually well and continually be reminded that we are loved, forgiven, and baptized children of God.



SET YOUR CLOCKS

Ahead!

Sunday, March 10th at 2:00am



Thank You From:

Judy Laakkonen
UPHS Regional Blood Center
Son International
Mennonite Disaster Service



Our Sincere Sympathy to:

Patti Menza and Mike Patterson on
the death of their brother, Richard
Patterson.



UP Regional
Blood Drive

**Our Saviour's
Monday, March 18th
1:30pm - 5:30pm**

Help save lives in the Upper Peninsula! All donations made with the UP al Blood Center stay in the UP supplying all 13 UP hospitals.



Confirmation Class

Confirmation is on break during Lent. ALL confirmation students are encouraged to attend midweek services and will be helping with our soup suppers. Confirmation classes will resume Wednesday, April 3rd.



Campership deadline for Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp is March 31st.



Donations for Disaster Victims

Our disaster relief items for the month of March are individually wrapped 3-4oz bars of soap. Items may be dropped off in the marked box in the office.

Pastor's Page



March has just begun, but by the end of the month it will be Easter. During Lent we remember our sin and our sins. During holy week we remember what our sins cost Jesus Christ.

One can read through the passion story in the Gospels and see all the different sins committed against Christ. For example: the twelve's laziness (at Gethsemane), Judas' betrayal, the chief priests' and elders' kidnapping, the high priest's, scribes', and elders' false testimony and assault, the Roman soldiers' mockery and beatings, the crowd's hatred, Pilate's cowardice (he knew Christ was innocent), and Peter's cowardice.

However, the individuals mentioned in Scripture are not the only ones who sinned against Christ. Perhaps this is most obvious in Scripture in Acts 2. There, on Pentecost, Peter preaches a sermon and accuses all who are listening of having crucified Christ. Pentecost was almost 50 days after Christ's death. The crowd listening to Peter on Pentecost was hardly the same crowd that had cheered on Christ's crucifixion many weeks earlier. And yet Peter still accused them of putting Christ to death.

Of course, all sin is against Christ. In Lent we realize that this includes our own sin. Because of our sin, Christ had to come down to save us and die for us.

As we will sing to Christ during Holy Week from the great hymn "O Sacred Head Now Wounded," originally written by Bernard of Clairvaux in the twelfth century and made famous in its current form by perhaps the greatest of Lutheran hymn-writers, Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676), "Mine, Mine was the transgression, But thine the deadly pain."

We will also sing to Christ, from the hymn "Ah, Holy Jesus," "Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus hath undone thee. Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee."

This Holy Week, let us see our own sins nailing Christ to his cross, but let us also see him bearing them away from us. And on Easter (March 31st) let us see our sins and death defeated in Christ's resurrected body; defeated for all eternity.

In Christ,
Pastor Hopman

P.S. My family and I thank Joy and the ladies for organizing the Pastor's Appreciation Reception and for the delicious ice cream. Thank you all for your generous gifts.

Thanks, Pastor

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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Midweek Lenten Services **Wednesdays - 6:30pm**

March 6th - The Lord's Prayer

March 13th - Baptism

March 20th - The Lord's Supper



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