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Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - NALC

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May 5th

Affirmation of Baptism for our Confirmands

8:30am

A Pancake Breakfast will follow in their honor.

Happy Mother's Day! - May 12th

Spring Congregational Meeting - 9:30am

May 19th

Baccalaureate Sunday

8:30am

Fellowship will be in honor of our graduates!

MAY 2019



Confirmation

On Sunday, May 5th at the 8:30am service our 16 eighth graders will affirm their baptismal vows. As a congregation, we can keep their faith walk in our prayers. Each confirmand will receive a Teen Life Application Bible & highlighter, a Thrivent metallic wall cross, along with a bead for their cross, representing their completion of Confirmation.

Confirmands are:

Ian Berglund	Elaina Bortolini
James Chartier	Alyssa Englund
Paige Janousek	Gabe LaFreniere
Marcella Martonen	Cole Myllyla
Bryce Plonke	Mackenzie Primeau
Brett Ramme	Autumn Sleik
Galen Sleik	Ellie Smart
Troy Watt	Samuel Yake

These students have completed a three year program that led them through the Old and New Testaments of the Bible, Luther's Small Catechism, and a Discipleship Unit of Prayer, Scripture, Worship and Stewardship. They also participated in a variety of service and other small group

activities. We welcome and encourage them to become active in the adult mission and ministry of our church.

The Sunday School will be putting on a Pancake Breakfast in their honor following the service. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.



We recognize the achievements of each of our high school seniors as they continue on with college or career plans. We wish God's blessings on each of them and pray that He will guide and direct them in the years ahead.

The graduates will have displays set up and be available to chat with you during the Fellowship Time. Please join us in wishing them well.

Our graduates are:

Matthew Berglund	Hanna Bowles
Connor Edwards	Colin Erickson
Austin Hirthe	



Bible Study Is Back

Thursday, May 2nd

Pastor Paul's Bible Study is back. Join him On Thursdays at 10:30am or 6:30pm. The Coffee is on and you're invited to dig into God's word.



Sunday, May 12th
9:30am

Please join us for our Spring Congregational Meeting. Along with voting in new Council members, we will also be looking at 2 resolutions to our Endowment Bylaws and one change to our Constitution.



Spring Work Bee
Saturday, May 11th
9am to 5pm

Please help us get our camp ready for the season and make some necessary upgrades. All ages, stages and abilities are welcome! There will be work for those with construction skills, cleaning prowess, and everywhere in-between. Many willing hands make work light. Come rain or shine! Coffee and snacks will be served in the morning, and lunch will be provided at noon.

Please RSVP to the Fortune Lake office at (906) 214-2267 or officemanager@fortunelake.org so we can best prepare. Please let us know how many people you're bringing and what type of work you'd prefer. Bring work gloves, closed toed footwear, rakes, and a positive attitude. We'll provide the rest! Come when you're able and report to the Dining Hall to check in.

If someone wants to help on a different date, just call the camp office. Willing workers are welcome anytime!

Senior Day - Mon., May 13th (10am - 2 pm) - Robert Handler from Michigan Tech. University will talk about emerging environmental issues and how we can promote local awareness and develop local responses to these issues. Please make lunch reservations by Thurs., May 9.



A great big THANK YOU to the Lydia Circle for cleaning the church kitchen. The results were well worth the effort and is truly appreciated. The kitchen is sparkling and everything is back in its rightful place. Way to go ladies!



Former member Richard L. Hosking passed away March 27, 2019. Pastor Richard Lehto, nephew to Richard, would like to extend an invitation to members of Our Saviour's to his graveside service on Wednesday, May 1st at noon at Cemetery Park in Iron Mountain.



**UP Regional
Blood Drive**

Our Saviour's

**Monday,
May 6th
2:30 - 6:00pm**

All donations stay in the UP.



Brent, Krista, Jake & Baya Buchcuski

Brent is the director of Foundry sales for United Refractories based out of Pittsburgh, PA. Krista is a special education teacher for Breitung Township schools. They enjoy spending time with family and friends, going to camp and traveling. Jake is 9 and Baya is 7. They love to play sports and their parents enjoy watching them.

Mark Moraska

Most of us are familiar with Mark as he has been our faithful custodian for the past 3 and 1/2 years. Mark enjoys fishing, hunting & trapping and also having coffee with the sewing ladies.



Light at the Inn Rotating Shelter Statistics 2018 – 2019 Season

- The Shelter was open for 21 weeks or 147 nights, November 4, 2018 to March 31, 2019
- The Shelter was occupied all 147 nights - minimum 5 guests, max 14
- Total individual guests : **33** -- 24 males, 9 females, 6 of these were veterans
- Total bed nights: **891** (*number of guests per night x number of nights*)
- Average age: 17 guests were 18 to 40 years; 16 guests were 40 years or older
- Length of stay per guest ranged from 1 night to 75 nights
- 21 guests stayed more than 1 week; 13 guests stayed more than 1 month
- 11 of our guests were able to secure their own apartments, 1 gentleman returned to his own home
- 5 guests chose to move to the Abundant Life Mission in Menominee, MI either during the season or at the close

HOST Churches: Our Saviour's Lutheran, Trinity United Methodist, Redemption Hill, First Covenant of Iron Mountain, Norway Covenant, St. Mary/St. Barbara of Norway, Bethany Lutheran/Grace Methodist of Norway.

THANK YOU to all our wonderful intake workers, overnight volunteers, food prep, laundry, set-up & take down or who monetarily gave. It takes many hands to make this happen and we are very appreciative of our church family.

Coordinators:

Jim Meier & Terri Shoquist



Congratulations to Everett Anderson who took first place in MIG welding out of 30 other MIG welders in Michigan. Everett qualified for the state finals after placing in the regional competition in Escanaba. Three other young men from our area placed as well.

Church Council



Pastor Paul Strom, Sonya Nelson, John Kelm, Eileen Anderson, Larry Swartout, Dave Bradley, Steve Faust, Joy Nasi, Nancy Buchcuski, Mark Klossner, Kris Kreh, Ted Sparapani, Recording Secretary – Terri Shoquist & Financial Secretary - Christina Maki

Action

- Change #1 to Endowment Resolutions under 2. Distribution of Funds
- Change #2 to Endowment Resolutions under 2. Distribution of Funds
- Constitution change to Article B3.02 Congregational Meetings
- Approved the date & agenda for the Spring Congregational Meeting, May 12th
- Approved the 16 8th grade Confirmands
- Redirected \$1,000 of First Fruits, originally earmarked for lift chair for VA, to go towards the purchase of an electronic communication tablet for patients with ALS

Information

- Holy Week Schedule for Council in Charge
- Church Insurance - looking at quotes
- Defibrillator demonstration given by Dr. Toby Carlson
- Security Committee looking to meet soon

- Committee Updates given by Finance, Technology & Fellowship
- Pastoral Acts for March

DCH VOLUNTEERS

Needed



Operating Room/Patient Waiting Area

Hours are 6am - 10:00am

Monday - Friday No Holidays

Serve as the communication link between the Operating Room and the patient's family/friends. Requires excellent communication skills, professionalism, must be courteous and exhibit diplomacy.

Mail Room

Hours are 8:30am til done

Mondays & Tuesdays only

Sort incoming mail & deliver to various departments throughout the hospital building. Bring patient mail to their rooms. Requires confidentiality, accuracy and good people skills.

Wheelchair Maintenance

Any day of the week between 7am & 5pm Gather and relocate wheelchairs to their appropriate departments (as labeled). Fix as needed, find & reattach legs/parts.



Eighth Grade:

Joy Bortolini, Monica Chartier,
Jennifer Plonke

Seventh Grade:

Eileen Anderson, Lindsay Richer,
Doreen Olson

Sixth Grade:

Jason Anderson
Karen Baij

These adults are a wonderful blessing as they give so much of themselves throughout the three year confirmation journey.

Thanks also to Nancy Buchcuski and Sonya Nelson for their dedication to teaching our 6th and 7th graders. And of course, Pastor Paul with our eighth graders.

May God continue to work in and through us all as we live and grow in our faith through the summer break!

May 8th - 6:30pm

Closing Celebration for 6th & 7th

Our Confirmation Food Drive for First Lutheran Food Pantry was a success! 712 items were collected along with \$152 in cash & gift cards. Jason Anderson's group took the prize for most items. Members are encouraged to add to the collection that lines our hallway across from the church office.



Our Easter Ministry Fund raised approximately \$800 for Fortune Lake Camperships. Thanks to all who supported this wonderful ministry.

Faith Stepping Stones



I'm sure 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 six beads. Each bead represents a milestone in their faith life.

Below is a list telling what each bead represents, along with the cross symbolizing First Communion.

- Baptism
- Entering Sunday School
- Receiving your Third Grade Bible
- Beginning Confirmation
- Your Confirmation Day
- Graduation

It is our hope that this cross will be a constant reminder of God's love for them as He guides and directs them through their life.

Keryx Weekend

Keryx is a Greek word meaning "herald". In the ancient world, a herald was one sent by his master to proclaim in public the master's message. He dared not change the announcement because it was not his own. His responsibility was only to proclaim it accurately. That is how Paul understood his gospel ministry. We, in Keryx, as Paul are mere servants proclaiming our Master's Good News.

Bruce Buckman & Jim Meier are on team for Keryx #50, May 2nd - May 5th at Marquette Branch Prison. They are requesting support from our Ultraya and Emmaus 4th Day communities in the form of palanca/agape, treats, prayer vigil participation, and even an opportunity for a group apostolic endeavor. Please review the important palanca/agape instructions below.

Palanca/Agape Instructions:

Please note that all agape/palanca must be written expressions on paper **ONLY**, and with **NO stickers of any kind** on them. Please address your letters, "**Dear Brother in Christ**", and write of your support and God's love for the candidates. **Do not include any identifying information such as your last name, address, phone number, etc. Use only your first name - no exceptions.**

All agape/palanca for each individual prisoner will be placed in one large envelope and mailed at the end of the weekend. Therefore, it is not necessary for you to put your letters in envelopes. All letters are read by our volunteers for acceptability and are screened again by Department of Corrections personnel after their arrival at the prison via U.S. Mail. There will be as many as 28 men attending the Keryx. Please drop off your letters by 9am on Thursday, May 2nd at Our Saviour's. Thank you for

taking the time to be a blessing and write to these men. Your notes are very powerful following the weekend and help to show Christ's love for them does not end after the weekend closing.

Treats:

Donations of home-baked treats are gratefully accepted for Keryx weekends. They would like to bring as many dozen treats as possible into the prison as a gift to the many corrections officers who go out of their way to allow them to come into the prison on these weekends. They bring in 300-350 dozen treats during the weekend. Please help them out by dropping off your home-baked treats (in disposable packaging please) by 9am on Thursday, May 2nd at Our Saviour's.

Prayer Vigil:



Vigil begins at 2:00pm on Thursday, May 2nd and runs through 3:00pm Sunday, May 5th. They ask that you commit to at least 1 hour of prayer during this time. Please pray for the prison population, prison staff, Keryx candidates and the Keryx Team that will be at Marquette Branch Prison. You do not have to go anywhere to join this Prayer Vigil. Pray at home, at work, in your car or wherever you are at the time that you sign up to pray. **Please ask your friends and family to pray too. Please submit your names, town, and time slot to Bruce Buckman via email at mail.buckman@charter.net.** Only your first name and town will be written on the Prayer Vigil Poster and placed where the candidates can see and know that you are praying for them during their weekend. It is very powerful when the candidates see that many people on the outside are praying for them.

Thanks you for your support and God Bless!

The Men of Keryx #50



May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:30 Confirmation Communion Service 9:30 Pancake Breakfast 10:45 Communion Service <i>Sunday School & BASIC ends today</i>	8:15 Preschool 4 & 5's 2:30 UP Regional Blood Drive 4:45 Girl Scouts 6:00 Support Group 6:00 PEO	8:30 Preschool 3 & 4's 10:00 UPCAP Class in GR 5:00 Council Executive 5:15 Bible Study 7:00 Ulireya	7:00 Men's Breakfast 8:30 Sewing Bee 8:15 Preschool 4 & 5's 5:30 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 Confirmation Closing for 6th & 7th	<i>Kyrex Begins</i> 8:30 Preschool 3 & 4's 10:00 Prayer at the Altar 10:30 Bible Study 11:30 Bay West Meal 6:00 Preschool Board 6:30 Bible Study	8:15 Preschool 4 & 5's	5:00 Evening Communion Service
<i>Happy Mother's Day!</i> 8:30 Communion Service 9:15 Praise Practice 9:30 Fellowship 9:30 Spring Congregational Meeting 10:45 Communion Praise Service 4:00 Special Needs Service	8:15 Preschool 4 & 5's 6:00 Girl Scouts	8:30 Preschool 3 & 4's 10:00 UPCAP Class in GR 2:00 ManorCare 5:00 Church Council 5:15 Bible Study	7:00 Men's Breakfast 8:30 Sewing Bee 8:15 Preschool 4 & 5's 5:30 Choir Rehearsal	8:30 Preschool 3 & 4's 10:00 Prayer at the Altar 10:30 Bible Study 6:00 Preschool Spring Program 6:30 Bible Study	8:15 Preschool 4 & 5's	5:00 Evening Communion Service
<i>Baccalaureate</i> 8:30 Baccalaureate Communion Service 9:30 Fellowship in honor of grads 10:45 Communion Service	<i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 8:15 Preschool 4 & 5's 4:45 Girl Scouts	8:30 Preschool 3 & 4's 1:00 Lydia Circle 5:15 Bible Study	7:00 Men's Breakfast 8:30 Sewing Bee 8:15 Preschool 4 & 5's 5:30 Choir Rehearsal	8:30 Preschool 3 & 4's 10:00 Prayer at the Altar 10:30 Bible Study 6:30 Bible Study	8:15 Preschool 4 & 5's 5:00 Metras/Gregg Rehearsal	1:00 Metras/Gregg Wedding 5:00 Evening Communion Service
<i>Memorial Weekend</i> 8:30 Communion Worship Service 9:15 Praise Practice 9:30 Fellowship 10:45 Communion Praise Service	<i>Memorial Day Office Closed</i>	5:15 Bible Study	7:00 Men's Breakfast 8:30 Sewing Bee 5:30 Choir Rehearsal	10:00 Prayer at the Altar 10:30 Bible Study 6:30 Bible Study		

MAY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Ushers	Lector	Acolytes	Nursery
May 5 Confirmation Sunday School Closing	8:30 am	Jaeme Kaski Klossner Family	Kellie Klossner	Lexi Stanley Mya Grunlund	Ali Bray Gabe Celello
	10:45 am	Wade & Connor Edwards Bruce Buckman	Bob Williams	James & Sammy Chartier	Kayla Johnson Macy Edwards
May 12 Mother's Day P&W Spring Meeting 9:45	8:30 am	Larry & Barb Partanen Larry & Joy Nasi	Steve Faust	Gabe LaFreniere Geno Schinderle	Ali Bray Lexi Stanley
	10:45 am	Deb Jump Sandra Bale Jason Roell	Doug Luoma	Sam Yake Adyson Shogren	Mandy Shogren Morgan Sleik
May 19 Baccalaureate	8:30 am	Fred Shoquist Doreen Olson Molly Gustafson Debbie Sleik	Tania Taff	Troy Watt Hailey Greenleaf	Ali Bray Josie Scott
	10:45 am	Jon & Blanche Walimaa	Jan Buckman	Ellie Smart Connor Watts	Mandy Shogren Dominic Schinderle
May 26 Memorial Day P&W	8:30 am	Brett & Karen Bajj Ken Marchetti Troy French	Chuck Vercoe	Garrett & Audrey Veale	Ali Bray Mya LaFreniere
	10:45 am	Doug Luoma Julie LaCost Jim & Monica Chartier	Geoff White	Nolan White Matt Richer	Kayla Johnson Abby Richer



June 2	9:00 am	Steve Faust Tania Taff Damian Taff Kory Pontbriand	Vicki Faust	Clara Anderson Cole Bajj	Mandy Shogren
June 9	9:00 am	Todd Veale Dennis Veale Ernie Larson Pam Larson	Doreen Olson	Wyatt Scott Alyssa Englund	Kayla Johnson
June 16 Father's Day	9:00 am	Steve Westphal Donna Westphal Verna Hower	Cris Hamlin	Jared Johnson Cole Myllyla	Mandy Shogren
June 23	9:00 am	Brent, Adam, Hayley Buchuski	Gretchen Strom	Ellie Smart Connor Watts	Kayla Johnson
June 30	9:00 am	Jason Anderson Family	Linda Westman	Brett Ramme Madison Jungles	Mandy Shogren
JULY 7	9:00 am	Hallenbeck Family Charles Vercoe	Bev Wadke	Paige & Eden Janousek	Ali Bray

THANKS



To all the wonderful volunteers who made our Soup Suppers so great.

- Carol Christesen & Joanne Reid for setting up each week.
- Molly Gustafson for picking up the groceries.
- For all that made delicious soup & sandwiches.
- To the Confirmation groups & guides who served and cleaned up each week.
- And to all who came and took part in the meals & time of fellowship.

Sunday School

We are approaching the end of our Sunday School year. Hard to believe that another year is almost over. We have been learning about the Great Commission. We have been learning how God wants us to make followers for Jesus by spreading his word to those around us. We will finish up that lesson next week.

Our last day of Sunday School is May 5th. We will celebrate with our 8th grade confirmation students by putting on a Pancake Breakfast in their honor. Everyone is invited!! Have a safe summer and we will see you again in the fall.

In Christ's Love,
Your Sunday School Ministry Team

Senior High Youth Group

Anyone who wants text notifications on Youth Group events, dates, and activities is encouraged to join the remind: Text @687fc9 to 81010. We meet every other Wednesday, from 6:30 to 8:00pm. Students attending YG continue to be a blessing to each other, as they discuss current events, lift each other in prayer and enjoy Christian fellowship. All high school students are invited to attend, and they are encouraged to invite a friend.



As we wind down the school year, we have a special invitation for all 8th graders and 9th graders: We'll be hosting a cookout special for you in May. Watch for the date/time to be announced. We'll be calling you with a personal invitation to attend.

We are incredibly grateful for our Senior High Youth and for our prayerful and supportive congregation. God's blessing are abundant!



- 1 Jennifer Holmes
- 2 Chris Hallenbeck
Sarah Harris
Madison Jungles
Adam LaFave
Rachel Schroeder
Edward Theisen
Dodie Wagner
- 3 Jeff Plonke
Izabella Roell
- 4 Barb Hill
Nolan LaVarnway
- 5 Kristine Schroeder
Susan Tousignant
- 7 Jean Hill
- 9 Matthew Opolka
- 10 Milton Hill
- 11 Bryce Conery
Evan Kruppstadt
Don Nurmela
Danielle Theisen
Karen Usitalo
- 12 Wyatt Jungles

- 13 James Chartier Jr.
Alison Metras
Brandon Mitchell
Elijah Reed
- 14 Danielle Conery
Christina Englund
Glen Johnson
Phyllis Laurila
Brandon Lindholm
Peggy Watt
- 15 Anja Bradley
- 16 Ranee Monette
Abbey Ohlsen
Zuri Rochon
Shane Swanson
Kathy Wilson
- 17 Nikki Bowers
Wyatt Caylor
Spencer Slade
Luke Theisen
Luke Truscott
Olivia Truscott
Ron Weide

- 18 Dr. Toby Carlson
Robert Edgar
Berta Rigoni
Michelle Savage
Kent Schroeder
- 19 Elliette Cowen
Mike Fox
Donna Ohlsen
Jamie Richer
Lois Outcelt
- 21 Jaedyn Pratt
- 22 Hayden Grunlund
Caryl White
- 24 Clara Anderson
Avery Baij
John Giguere
Daniella Kreh
- 26 Brandon Jump
- 27 Ila Calvi
Carsen LaFave
- 28 Paul Johnson
Cheryl Smith
Amber Theisen
Sue Veale
- 29 Peggy Pontti
Patricia Rowell
- 30 Staci McNelis
Donna Mitchell
Cheryl Pietrantonio
- 31 Leah Carlson
Bryce Johnson
Sandy Lindholm
Shelly Myllyla



God Club

The theme of our first April God Club gathering was Let **Your Light Shine**. **Matthew 5:14-16** says: **“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”**

We talked about how we sometimes want to act like the cool kids around us for a while, so we just turn our light off and we act like the world. When we feel like doing something for Jesus, we turn it back on again. When we don't stick up for someone that others are making fun of, we turn our light back off again.

We prayed for God to help us to let our lights shine ALL the time -- not just when it's easy. It's sometimes hard for us to do the right thing – but, He is always there to help us.

We made “stained glass” lamps from pretty glass punch cups to use in prayer and remind us to do good works to glorify God's name.

The next week's lesson was **“The Real Easter Egg.”** There are many things that

remind us of Easter. There are flowers, chocolate Easter bunnies, and pretty Easter baskets. One thing that all of us think of when we think of Easter is Easter eggs.

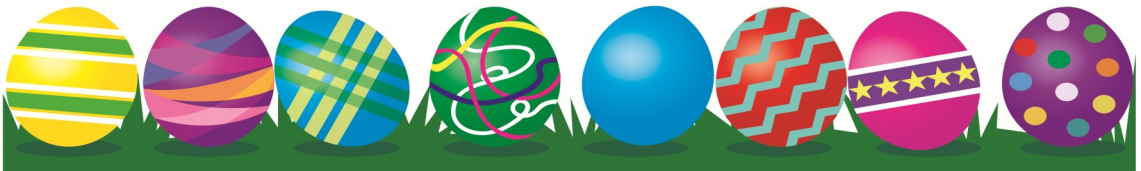
Miss Joy brought in an egg with the insides blown out. When she cracked it, we saw that it was empty. It reminded us that on Easter Sunday, when Jesus' followers went to His tomb, the tomb was empty. An angel was there to tell them, **“He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.”** **Matthew 28:6** Jesus is alive, and because He is alive, we too can have a new life in Him.

Miss Terri, from the church office, gave us many pretty spring-colored beads and ribbons to which we added crosses to make beautiful necklaces -- reminding us of the Easter message.

Our third April gathering was our last for this school year. It is our tradition to celebrate our year with pizza and games. This has been such a delightful group of God Club Kids! We thank God for them and are so very grateful that their parents have made it possible for them to join us each Wednesday at church to learn about, practice, and celebrate God's love. We also want to express our appreciation to all at Our Saviour's for supporting us in this important ministry.

God's blessings!

Miss Joy, Mrs. Poupore, and Mrs. Shulstad





may anniversaries

Every wedding anniversary is a special one and we wish that God's rich blessing and love will continue to sustain and fill each marriage.

55 Years - May 2nd
Ron & RoseAnne Aman
35 Years - May 5th
Doug & Paula Forstrom

Thanks Received:

First Lutheran Food Pantry
Breitung Township Schools
Brenda Kelly



The May donation for our Lutheran World Relief Health Kits will be:

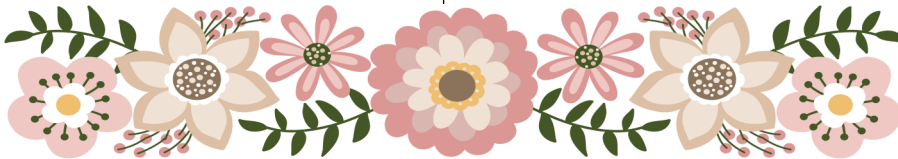
Dark colored, lightweight bath-size towels
52 X 27



The Lydia Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 21st at 1:00pm at church.

Sincere Sympathy to:

- ** Vicki Casanova on the death of her sister, Elizabeth LeBeau
- ** Gary Poupore on the death of wife, Donna Poupore



Financial Report

March Receipts	\$ 31,934.00
March Expenditures	\$ 27,248.00
Balance	\$ 4,686.00

Monthly Benevolence	\$ 300.00
Disbursed	\$ 861.90

Attendance

April 7	175
April 14	271
April 21	460
Easter	

Alpha Omega	Local
AGAPE Fund	



***We are currently enrolling
for the 2019-20 school year.***

***Our Spring Program will be held on
Thursday, May 16th at 6:00pm in the
church sanctuary.***

April started with a week off for both classes for spring break. When the Pre-Kindergarteners and preschoolers came back to school the second week of April we got right to work learning about the Easter story. We placed much of our focus on Holy Week and the events leading up to Jesus' death and resurrection. We read the stories of Palm Sunday, Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane and his trial before Pilate, Jesus on the Cross, and of course, His resurrection Easter morning! We made several projects to go along with the Easter story and both classes had a celebration with an egg hunt to celebrate.

For the remainder of the month the pre kindergarten class learned about seeds, how plants grow and what they need to live, and the parts of plants. We planted bean and carrot seeds and are currently watching them as they sprout and grow into little seedlings. We also did an experiment with

carnations and food coloring to demonstrate how the stems of the flower carry water and nutrients to the other parts of the plant. The preschool class started a unit on weather, beginning with clouds and will continue this unit for the remainder of the year with lessons about rain, sunshine, wind, and rainbows. They will also learn about Noah's Ark during this time.

Fortune Lake Annual Meeting

Sunday, May 5th



2:00pm brief Flame meeting

2-2:50pm Registration in the Chapel with
Optional Camp Tours

3:00pm Annual Meeting

4:00pm Worship Service with Installation of
Amanda Rasner as Camp Director

5:00pm Dinner in the Dining Hall

All are welcome to attend! Please have two
voting delegates from your congregation.



**Climate! On Earth Day
Wednesday, May 1st
12:00 - 7:00pm**

**Peter White Public Library -
Heritage Room - Marquette**

Catch up on climate with video shorts, info tables, handouts and zippy stickers. Write to congress! Check out community readiness! This event is sponsored by the Superior Watershed Partnership. There is no admission fee.



**The Truth About Trafficking
Bay West College
Tuesday, April 30th - 5:15pm**

Come out to Bay West for a free viewing of the movie *Chosen*. This documentary will change everything you thought you knew about Human Trafficking. This is a must see film with the stories of two young girls and their experience with Human Trafficking. If your child has a presence on social media they are not too young for this event. There will be refreshments and door prizes.



Pastor's Link

A few years ago, one spiritual authority summarized America's cultural religion as "Moral Therapeutic Deism" – wow! What in the world did that mouthful mean? Or as a good Lutheran would ask: What does this mean? It means that the general spiritual beliefs of Americans are as follows:

1. A god exists who created and ordered the world and watches over human life on earth.
2. God wants people to be good, nice, and fair to each other, as taught by most world religions.
3. The central goal of life is to be happy and to feel good about one's self.
4. God does not need to be particularly involved in your life except when you need him to resolve a problem.
5. Good people go to heaven when they die.

In other words, most Americans believe in a distant 'deity' who wants us to be nice to each other, and that will ultimately help us fulfill or attain the highest life goals of wealth, happiness and good self-esteem, and of course, heaven if you have been good enough. When you listen to most of the modern day 'oracles' (televangelists) you will often hear this belief system. Of course missing is any thought of sin, the need of forgiveness and the person and work of Jesus Christ as the sole means of life and salvation i.e. the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

First, our culture is absolutely fascinated by spirituality, and yet they seem to seek it everywhere except in church. The irony is that we in the church run everything on the Living and Abiding Word of God; the very means that the One True Living God comes to us in order to restore us back into His image. Next, our culture is captivated by mystery as a reaction to the cold and clinical scientific age. Again, we have the grandest mystery of the Holy Sacraments where God attaches Himself through the Word to earthly elements in order to give the forgiveness of sins won for us on the Cross of Christ. The God of the universe contains Himself and dwells with us in those means of Grace, assuring us of forgiveness and salvation which is truly the greatest mystery of all time. Our culture also wants the participatory, the experiential. We have the liturgy. We come together every week, hearing His Word proclaimed to us and joining our voices in speaking back to Him His very Words of life in the Divine Service.

Our culture is also starved for concrete connection with solid realities. There is nothing more “real” than Jesus Christ; and it is in the Divine Service where we come into the very Real Presence of the One True Living God, Who comes to us under the Means of Grace and serves our true needs of forgiveness, grace and eternal life. You can never be more “connected” to the Real God than participating in the One Who gives you His very Incarnate Body and Blood under the bread, wine and Word of His Supper. Here is where we are

reminded of the reality of our sinful conditions and the joyous truth of our salvation through Jesus Christ alone. Our culture is fragmented and lost, needing a sense of family and community. We have the Unity that comes with being brought into the Body of Christ, the One True Christian Church through the faith that God the Holy Spirit creates and sustains in us. In this fellowship of the community of Christ we enjoy and are strengthened as we come together around His Word every Sunday morning.

Our culture seems to be without moral direction and substance. We have the baptismal life in Christ. We who have been reconnected through that blessed sacrament to the Living Vine of Christ, and have also been restored in the image of God and enabled to begin reflecting the will and ways of God to the people that God has placed around us. Our culture has questions and needs; in Christ, we have the only true answers. God grant us the grace to grow in our knowledge of Jesus Christ, and focus on Him, that we will be moved to share these answers with the people we interact with in our daily lives.

God is real! God is good! All the time!
Pastor Paul



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Saturday Evening: 5:00pm
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(Broadcast live on WZNL 94.3 FM)

Summer Fellowship & Coffee
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