

GOOD NEWS

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BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The role of the cross



Our congregation celebrates communion at each service.

8:30 a.m. Regular Services

Coffee—Fellowship Hall

9:45 a.m.
Sunday school for all ages

11:00 am Regular Services

If the cross is the place where the worst thing that could happen happened, it is also the place where the best thing that could happen happened. Ultimate hatred and ultimate love met on those two crosspieces of wood. Suffering and love were brought into harmony.

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To be "saved" requires a severance from the former life as clean and sharp as though made by a knife. There must be a wall of separation between the old life and the new, a radical break. That means death — death to the old life, in order for the new to begin. ... This wall of separation, this barrier, is the cross.

—Elisabeth Elliot, A Path Through Suffering

COUNCIL REPORT

The Congregational Council met on March 20, 2017.

Present: Present: Kevin Krallman, Joe Froeschle, David Roulston, Richard Owen, Keith Rosenthal, Tanya Berry, Laurie Dale, Linda Allen, Andrea Schmidt, Greg Hinders, Erich Drochner, and Susan O'Shaughnessy

New Business -

 Discussion on a proposed program to complete our "Policy to Reduce the Risk of Abuse to Youth" was tabled until the April meeting when Cheryl Hall will be available to describe the program proposed in more detail.

Fellowship-

- The Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner raised \$310 for the Helping Hand Fund.
- Lenten Soup & Sandwich dinners are ongoing.
- A March Madness "Game Night" was held on March 17.
- Proposed purchasing a new sound system for use during fellowship activities.

Property-

- We plan to move donated items for the parsonage in the 3rd week of April after construction to the parsonage bathroom is completed.
- Total cost for the renovation to the parsonage bathroom is not expected to reach \$7,000 with an estimated 10 day timeline.
- Our spring clean-up is scheduled for April 8. Lunch will follow.
- We are taking donations for a new storage building.

Social Concerns—God fed 180 people through the food pantry, the sewing group is busy sewing on Monday nights, continued delivery of Meals on Wheels. A committed group continues to provide support to Snack Pack 4 Kids. One ramp was built.

Worship— Thank you to Altar Guild members who are working hard to keep the Sanctuary looking nice each week.

We need people to sign up for serving during our worship services. The sign up sheet is in the hall outside of the sacristy. Finance—Cash equivalent asset balance at the end of February is \$134,314 (\$1,279 increase from the beginning of the year). \$82,925 is allocated to our Dedicated Accounts, the value of which has increased \$5,225 for the year. \$51,389 is available for the General Fund, the value of which has decreased by \$4,887 for the year.

February donations to our General Fund were \$18,030 compared to our anticipated amount of \$24,410 (\$6,380 less than anticipated). Total Year-to-Date income is \$39,485, \$3,232 less than our anticipated amount of \$42,717. Contributions to Dedicated Accounts were \$3,690. Total receipts for February were \$22,120.

Expenses for February were \$20,280 compared to a budgeted amount of \$22,710. Year-to-date Expenditures from the General Fund are \$45,085 compared to a budget of \$45,277, resulting in a \$192 underspend.

General Fund expenditures for February exceeded income by \$1,850 (loss). The budget is a \$2,115 gain, so we lost some ground this month.

LENT

Wednesday, April 5

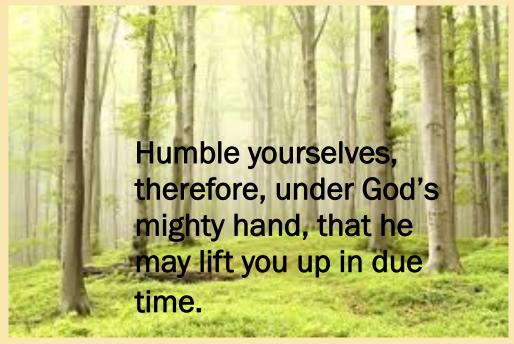
Soup & Sandwich Dinner—6:15 pm (Note: April 5 will be a Mexican Pile-On) Holden Evening Prayer—7:00 pm

Palm Sunday, April 9

Maundy Thursday, April 13—7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 14-7:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY, April 16







To start the prayer chain: Call Marilyn Waugh at 342-0662.

If you would like the pastor to visit or call you or to put your prayer request into the church's prayers in the weekly bulletin, call the church office.

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KEENAGERS Wednesday April 5 at noon

This is a fun group of 55 and older who meet the first Wednesday lunch and fellowship. Anyone 55 or older that wishes to join us, please do so.

Meetings this Month.....

Fellowship meeting between services on April 2

Sewing Group meets Mondays between 4:00-8:00 pm.

Ramp Project meets on Saturday, April 8 at 8:30 am.

Martha Circle meets Monday, April 10 at 9:30 am.

Men's Breakfast is Saturday, April 15 at 8:30 am

Book Club meets Monday, April 17 at 9:30 am.

Council meets Monday, April 17 at 6:30 pm.

Endowment Committee meets Saturday, April 22 at 10 am

PRAYER & THANKS GIVING

We keep in our prayers......

Marsha & Jerry Moller on the death of Marsha's father

Bill Tietgens on the death of his sister, Gloria. (See a complete list of those we are praying for in your Sunday bulletin.)



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Just like any house, our *church* house needs some spring *cleaning*! Come help wash, dust and polish and make sure the *church* shines. Sign up in the narthex.

Afterwards we will enjoy a lunch of smoked pork chops, delicious sides, and drinks. All provided.

Easter Morning!

Make plans to come and enjoy our traditional **Easter Breakfast** between 9:15 and 10:45 am.

Note: We looking for individuals to bake and bring breakfast casseroles. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.



Egg-stra facts

- Although Easter eggs were once part of pagan spring festivals, they've become Christian symbols of new life. A cracked-open shell also represents Jesus' empty tomb on Easter morning.
- The early Christians of Mesopotamia began staining eggs red in honor of Jesus' blood shed on the cross. Red eggs remain part of Greek Orthodox celebrations today.
- For Lent, some families used to give up eggs and dairy, so they prepared a pancake feast on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday. They solved the egg surplus by hard-boiling them in various broths, which led to colored eggs.
- In medieval times, churches held "egg-throwing" festivals. The priest threw a hard-boiled egg toward the choir boys, who tossed it back and forth. When the clock struck 12, whoever was holding the egg got to keep it.
- In some European countries, children go from house to house to collect Easter eggs.

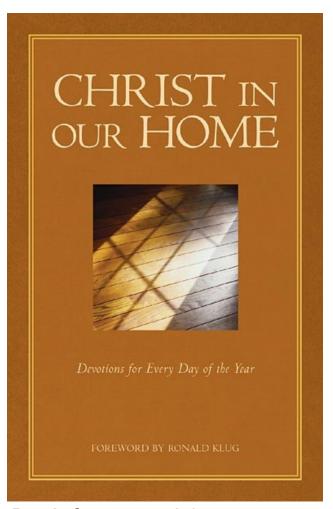
Church Women United

Spring Luncheon/Fund raiser Bake Sale 11:45 am Friday, April 7 at St Stephen United Methodist Church , 4600 S. Western Street

This month's **Martha Circle** meeting will be Monday, April 10 at Karen Herpich's house, 5 Windsor.

We will be discussing reformation studies and fall planning.





Don't forget to pick up your Christ In Our Home devotional booklet for April, May, June 2017. Booklets are located in the church narthex, Mon

Tue

Sun

Sat

April 2017

Wed

Thu

Fri

Acts 3:15 (NLT) 15 You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. And we are witnesses of this fact! 3 4 5 10-12 pm **Food Pantry** Worship Church KEENAGERS Clean up/ 8:30/11:00 Soup/Sand Lunch 9am SS 9:45 4-8pm 7pm Holden Evening 8:30 Ramp **Sewing** Builders 12 9 10 11 13 14 15 9:30 Martha's Palm Sunday 7 pm 7 pm Circle Worship Maundy **Good Friday** 8:30/11:00 **Thursday** Service 4-8pm Service SS 9:45 7 pm Choir **Sewing** 21 16 EASTER 17 18 19 20 22 **Book Club** 8:30 Men's Worship Breakfast 4-8pm 8:30/11:00 10 am **Sewing** Egg Hunt Endowment 6:30 Council Breakfast 7 pm Choir 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 Worship 4-8pm Sewing 8:30/11:00 9-11 am MOPS SS 9:45 7 pm Choir "The sun just touched the morning; 30 Worship The morning, happy thing, Supposed that he had come to dwell, 8:30/11:00 And life would be all spring." SS 9:45 - Emily Dickinson



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Friday, 9:00AM- 12:00 PM

Sunday Schedule - 8:30 and 11:00 AM Worship Services with Holy Communion 9:45 Sunday School for all ages

Staff: Cheryl Hall, Office Manager; Marsha Moller, Music Director;

<u>Church Council:</u> Kevin Krallman, President; Joe Froeshle, VP; Tanya Berry, Education; Linda Allen, Evangelism; Richard Owen, Fellowship; Erich Drochner, Finance; David Roulston, Stewardship; Greg Hinders Social Concerns; Keith Rosenthal, Property; Andrea Schmidt, Youth; Laurie Dale, Worship; Susan O'Shaughnessy, Secretary

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