



The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour Communicator April Issue



Pastor's Corner



One of the greatest preachers of the last century was the reverend Phillip Brooks, Episcopal Bishop of Massachusetts. On July 4th 1880 he preached a powerful sermon in London's Westminster Abbey. The sermon's theme was built around the candle as a commanding symbol of the Easter life. Human nature, Brooks declared, is like an unlit candle, dim, cold, waxy, and rigid. But when the candle is lit, something happens, bringing warmth and light to the darkness around it.

The message of Easter is this: Human life is a candle to be lit. Christ, the light of the world, has risen from the dead, and calls all people to the resurrection faith that transforms their lives. The resurrection is like a lighted candle burning brightly with a light that guides and cheers them through the darkness of this world. "The human spirit," said the writer in proverbs, "is the lamp of the Lord." (Proverbs 20:27).

The first witnesses to the resurrection were the women who went to the tomb at early dawn. They were perplexed by what they found, the stone rolled away and the body gone. Their perplexity turned to fright when they met two men in dazzling apparel who asked them the best question in all the gospels; "why do you look for the living among the dead?" Luke 24: 5. Suddenly the light began to dawn. Jesus had risen, as he had told them.

When the candle of faith is lit, its fire must first warm the rigid, waxy fears that prevent us from believing. Often, this takes time.

The reaction of the women moved from fear to faith, as does ours when the resurrection is announced. We, too, are afraid to believe what goes against the grain of all human logic. It was the same with the other disciples. The text ends on a note that doesn't surprise us, "but these words seem to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them" (verse 11). But faith soon came, the candle was lit, and the light of the resurrection shone brightly, overcoming the darkness around it.

Each day is a resurrection day when we celebrate the light that God Kindles in each believer, a candle burning brightly with Christ's glory.



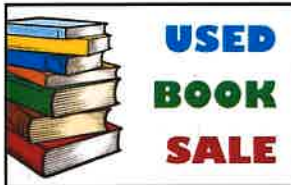
Joachim Wille

WELCA

submitted by Ann Seppa, Secretary



Thank you to everyone who donated food during the Lenten Food Drive for St. Theodore's Food Pantry. Ann & Gordon Seppa delivered the food.



Thank you to everyone who donated and purchased from our "Used Book Sale." Special thank you to Daryl Jarvis and Debbie Frey for organizing this sale. All proceeds go to WELCA.



Thank you to Pam Spencer for presenting the Introduction to the Alpha Course at our meeting on Tuesday, March 14. Pam will be presenting the next session for the Alpha Course, "Who is Jesus" on Tuesday, April 11 at 11:30 am. This course is open to anyone interested in attending. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. Please bring your own lunch. Beverages will be provided.



REMINDER: We chose the book, "Mutant Message Down Under" by Marlo Morgan for review at our May 9, 2023 meeting. All are welcome!

The Genesee Finger Lakes Conference will be having a Spring Communion Brunch at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour on Saturday, April 22, 2023. Please see attached flyer for full details.

All women who are members of Lutheran Church of Our Saviour are members of WELCA. Please continue to pray for everyone's health and safety and we wish everyone a "Happy Easter."



Easter Egg Hunt

submitted by Yvonne Dougherty



Join us for egg hunting, games and snacks at our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 1st from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Rain or Shine. Bring your family and friends. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex.



Evangelism

submitted by Pam Spencer

Alpha Course— will be offered after Easter. You can get some information about the Alpha Course by going to www.alphausa.org.



Thank you

submitted by Mary Pleten



Thank you to Pam Spencer and Deb Ciccone for completing an internal audit of our books in March.



Building Improvements Underway

submitted on behalf of Jerry Stich

- The dishwasher, garbage disposal and new faucets are being installed in the kitchen.
- Discussions are ongoing concerning replacing the entryway doors with accessible keyless entry system.
- Plans for replacing the damaged section of carpeting in the sanctuary are underway.





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YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE GENESEE FINGER LAKES CONFERENCE SPRING COMMUNION BRUNCH ON SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023.

GUEST SPEAKER from the Willow Domestic Violence Center – Rochester, New York

Place: Lutheran Church of Our Saviour
2415 Chili Avenue
Gates, NY 14624

Registration: 10:30 am

Cost: \$3.00

Communion service will begin at 11:00 am by Pastor Joachim Wilck. Program to follow.

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS. DESSERT AND BEVERAGE WILL BE PROVIDED.

Lunch immediately following the program.

Please bring a donation of any size socks or children's underwear for the Willow Domestic Violence Center.

TO REGISTER, PLEASE CALL ANN SEPPA (585) 889-4413 BY FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2023

April Service Schedule

Altar Guild: Cheryl Stone

DATE	TIME	SERVICE LEADER	USHER	LECTOR	Communion Assistant
April 2	8:30 a.m.	Deb Ciccone	Elaine DeVantier	Deb Ciccone	N/A
	10:30 a.m.	Frank Johnson	Charlyne Hickey	Charlyne Hickey	N/A
April 6	7:00 p.m.	Diane Parke/Potter	N/A	TBA	TBA
April 7	7:00 p.m.	Deb Ciccone	TBA	TBA	N/A
April 9	10:30 a.m.	Ed Jarvis	Mary Ellen Saur Patti & Elton Schulz	Steve Brady	Steve Brady
April 16	8:30 a.m.	Diane Parke/Potter	Janie & Larry Hopkins	Rod Potter	N/A
	10:30 a.m.	Lois Dannenberg Ann Seppa	Peggy Hamblin	Brandon Morningstar	N/A
April 23	8:30 a.m.	Ed Jarvis	Daryl Jarvis	Charlyne Hickey	Deb Frey
	10:30 a.m.	Brian Spencer	Pam Spencer	Pam Spencer	Pam Spencer
April 30	8:30 a.m.	Mary Ellen Saur	Elaine DeVantier	Deb Ciccone	N/A
	10:30 a.m.	Frank Johnson	Carol Ransom	Carol Ransom	

Join Zoom Meeting:

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Zoom Worship Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

Here is the log in to follow along with our 10:30 service from home. If you use the Zoom app you will hear the service while viewing the bulletin.

Birthday's in April

Mary Ellen Saur (April 3), Nedra Keller (April 7), Benjamin Yackel (April 7), David Oliver (April 8) Tanner Brightman (April 9), David Cuff (April 9), Elton Schulz (April 10), Linda Richards (April 16) Debbie Wilck (April 17), Elizabeth Specht (April 18), Joseph Scuderi (April 19), James Yackel (April 19) Evelyne Lance (April 21), John Macksamie (April 21), Adam Pehur (April 21), Stephen Brady (April 22) Paul Pehur (April 24), Julianna Gatto (April 26), Madilynn Walberger (April 26), Jacob Foltz (April 28) Reinhold Freimuth (April 28)

Anniversaries in April

Hans & Margaret Witt (30 years on April 3), Larry & Janie Hopkins (48 years on April 12)
Nick & Linda Gatto (27 years on April 13), John & Sally Shannon (50 years on April 13)
Richard & Ruth Pearce (53 years on April 24)

Prayer Concerns

Members in Need of Prayer

Bonnie Hartfiel	Jack Erbeling	Jim Flick	Linda Palmer
Carolyn Hane	Jackie Potter	Meredith Fries	Jeffrey Mitchell
Vera & Joe Scuderi	Bob Snyder	Barb Collins	Gerry Haak
Bev Evans	Irma Sieg	Merlyn Hann	Elly Mahler
Ruth Engelhardt	Krystle Earle	Jim MacBride	

Extended Family in Need of Prayer

Valerie Gingello	Sam Bagdan	Danny Baird	Michael Baird, Jr.
Jeremy Balmer	Shannon Balmer	Dan Burrell	Lynette Clanton
Rick Conley	Annette and Casey Corbridge and family	Stacy Harris	Marlene Denz
Family of Cliff Dilg	Rich Doehl	Nancy Lenox	Ken LaFave
Kyle Hopkins,	Sean Hopkins	Lucy Pilaroscia	Scott Preston
Zoe and John Marshall	John Meisch,	Lois Russell	Mary Anne Schnabel
Marianna Reed	Martha Richenberg	Mark Spencer	Denton Sutphen
Avrie Sinesiou	Tom Smith	Judy Whitney	Clarence Wingate
Glena Sutphen	Kerri Wallenhorst		
Eileen Wood	Sammy Zaffuto		

Special Prayers

Members & Friends Serving Our Country

Alexander McDonough, USCG
Dave Oliver, Sergeant Major of the Army National Guard
LTC Paul Graf, Captain Matthew Wormuth,
Major Scott Moncrief,
Captain Chris Stevenson, Steve Kim, Major Joshua Davis.

We remember those families who have lost loved ones in service to their country.

Happening in April

Saturday, April 1

9:00 a.m. German School
9:30 a.m. Altar Guild Palm Folding
2:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 2 - Palm Sunday

8:30 a.m. Modern Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast (no Sunday School)
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
11:30 a.m. Choir Practice
12:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice

Tuesday, April 4

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Thursday, April 6—Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Agape Service

Friday, April 7—Good Friday

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service

Sunday, April 9—Easter Day

7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Westside Cemetery
10:30 a.m. Festival Easter Service

Sunday, April 16

8:30 a.m. Modern Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Bell Choir Practice
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
11:30 a.m. Choir Practice

Monday, April 17

6:30 p.m. Scouts, BSA
6:30 p.m. Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 18—Tax Day

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, April 22

9:00 a.m. German School
10:30 a.m. Genesee Finger Lakes Conference

Sunday, April 23—New Organist First Sunday

8:30 a.m. Modern Communion Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
10:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Service
11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

Monday, April 24

6:30 p.m. Scouts, BSA

Tuesday, April 25

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, April 29

9:00 a.m. German School

Sunday, April 30

8:30 a.m. Modern Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal



Looking Ahead

Mother's Day—May 14

Pentecost—May 28

Confirmation—June 4 (Trinity Sunday)

Father's Day—June 14

Summer Service Schedule Begins—June 22

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Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday

2 Services: 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.



Maundy Thursday—Agape Style Dinner Service

(a reenactment of the last supper followed by stripping of the altar)

Please RSVP by signing up on the Narthex table.

Special guests—Community Christian Church & Choir

7:00 p.m.



Good Friday

Tenebrae: Service of Shadows

7:00 p.m.



Easter day

7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Westside Cemetery
(one service in church) 10:30 a.m.