



# The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour

## The Communicator—April 2025

### From The Desk of Pastor Wilck



*"We are like members of a choir which is singing together unaccompanied; possibly we do not know each other very well, and we are not used to singing together. Gradually, though we do not hear it, we drop lower and lower, then the choirmaster has to give a little toot on his pitch pipe to remind us of the level at which we ought to be singing.*

*The note on which our lives are being lived is dropping all the time, and we don't notice it. We need a sudden and urgent reminder, pull us up sharply, as the choirmaster does when he sounds his pitch pipe. We need something to pull us together and help us to screw the note of our lives up again.*

*That is why in any period for thought and prayer, such as lent provides, it is far more important to turn our minds to God than it is to consider ourselves. The pitch pipe we shall use will be the consideration of our Lord's passion. When we consider him during this supreme moment of his life on earth, we shall see how far the note of our lives has dropped; at once we shall begin to start afresh and try to sing in tune with him."*

The above is an excerpt from a little essay entitled CONSIDER HIM written by Olive Wyon. I love the image of the pitch pipe because often we can slip out of pitch so easily and not even notice it. Throughout my ministry among you I have sought to blow the pitch pipe when needed to get us back on track. As I am laying my ministry aside in several months I recognize that other people will be blowing the pitch pipe. Of course some of them will be from the upstate New York Synod helping you and directing you to define your mission and seeing where you want to head in the years ahead, that is the blowing of the pitch pipe.

If I were to have one final toot on the pipe it would be to lift up to you the possibility of a ministry that can and should be developed in our congregation. I earnestly believe that one mission would be to move forward with our music ministry as a tool for growth. We have seen some very good advances and our choir and bell choir. To that end the church council has accepted a proposal to pursue the replacement of our piano in the sanctuary and develop a program of music ministry that reaches into our community. I believe this is very doable and should be done as it will open our doors to a variety of opportunities for music and outreach.

Above all, all that we do, should be in praise and worship of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ, without that we simply become another Rotary Club. We are not that, we are the church, and as such we share in our Lord's passion as he seeks to redeem and call us to be his very own. He also sends us out to call others that we might share that good news of life and resurrection with them. Should we fail to do that then my 21 years among you has been for naught.

Indeed, the church council and you as the congregation will have several opportunities to blow the pipe and share your ideas of mission and ministry in this place. That is very healthy and should be done. "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age," (Matthew 28:18-20).

May you continue to teach, preach, reach out with this gospel message to a desperate world knowing that God is with us.

Pastor Wilck

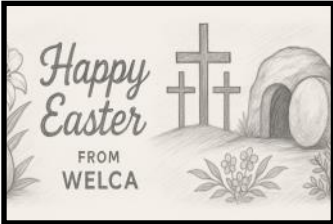
## WELCA

*submitted by Ann Seppa, Secretary*

The Women of the ELCA met in March. Thank you to Pastor Wilck for leading us in a “Bible Study”.

Thank you to everyone who donated mayonnaise for St. Peter’s Kitchen.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 8 at 11:30 a.m. Please remember to bring your lunch. Daryl Jarvis will serve as hostess and provide dessert and beverages.



We are always looking for new members and new ideas for our meetings.



## Veteran Bricks in Honor of Memorial Day

*submitted by Ed Jarvis*



On Sunday, May 25th we will be honoring our deceased military veterans, this will be the day that we can dedicate a veteran brick for a veteran near and dear to us. Requests for purchasing a brick need to be submitted by May 4th. Contact the office or Ed Jarvis.

## St. Theodore’s Food Cupboard April Mission Collection

In January the church council voted to reduce the amount of mission collections down from 5 in 2024, and to focus instead on 2 organizations, Loop Ministry and St. Theodore’s Food Cupboard.

So for the month of April we will be collecting funds from the congregation for St. Theodore’s Food Cupboard.

St. Theodore’s Food Cupboard serves residents in the 14606 and 14624 zip codes. They are open for emergencies, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. till 12:00 p.m. They provide a four of five day supply of food which includes staples, frozen meat and fresh fruits and vegetables based on availability.

In addition, they have a monthly program for families who need help on a regular basis and who qualify following an interview process. The bulk of the food comes from food link and the remainder come from donations made by churches like ours. The organization is entirely staffed by volunteers.

Envelopes will be made available beginning in April and we encourage you to give generously!

## Church & Community Committee Report

*submitted by Ann Seppa, Chair*

Thank you to all the dedicated and amazing volunteers that continue to volunteer monthly making 200 PB&J sandwiches for St. Peter's Kitchen. We continue to meet the second Thursday of each month at 9:30 am in the Augsburg Room. The next batch of sandwiches will be made on Thursday, April 10 at 9:30 a.m. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. It will only take about an hour of your time!



We are now making 25-30 additional sandwiches monthly for the group, "People Helping People," for the Homeless and Homeless Veterans in Rochester, NY. These sandwiches are distributed directly to the

homeless people in Rochester. This month, we plan to make 25 Easter goodie bags filled with water, chips, two PB&J sandwiches, a granola bar and cookies and maybe jellybeans too.

Steve Brady volunteers once a week at St. Peter's Kitchen and he encourages anyone interested to join him in volunteering.

During the month of April, our CHURCH MISSION is for St. Theodore's Food Pantry. We continue to collect food items throughout the year for St. Theodore's Pantry as well.

## A Reminder from the Sunday School

*submitted by Wendy Forrest, Sunday School Educator*

There will be no Sunday School on Easter.

## Loop Ministry Board Member Opening

*submitted by Dave Cuff, Outgoing Board Member*

A member of Our Saviour is needed to fulfill a 2 year term for a member who's term is ending. The board meets via zoom every 2nd Monday of the month. The new board member would be voted on at our Annual Meeting, which will be on the second Monday of May, May 12th. If anyone is interested or has questions please speak to Dave Cuff.

## Thank You To The Bees

*submitted by Cheryl Stone, Altar Guild*

We extend a word of thanks to all those who participated in the Cleaning Bee that took place on March 29th. The Sanctuary looks fantastic and the church is well prepared for Easter.





Pictures from March Baptism  
*submitted by Ann Seppa, Chair*

(Pictures say 1000 words! Congratulations to our newly baptized members!)

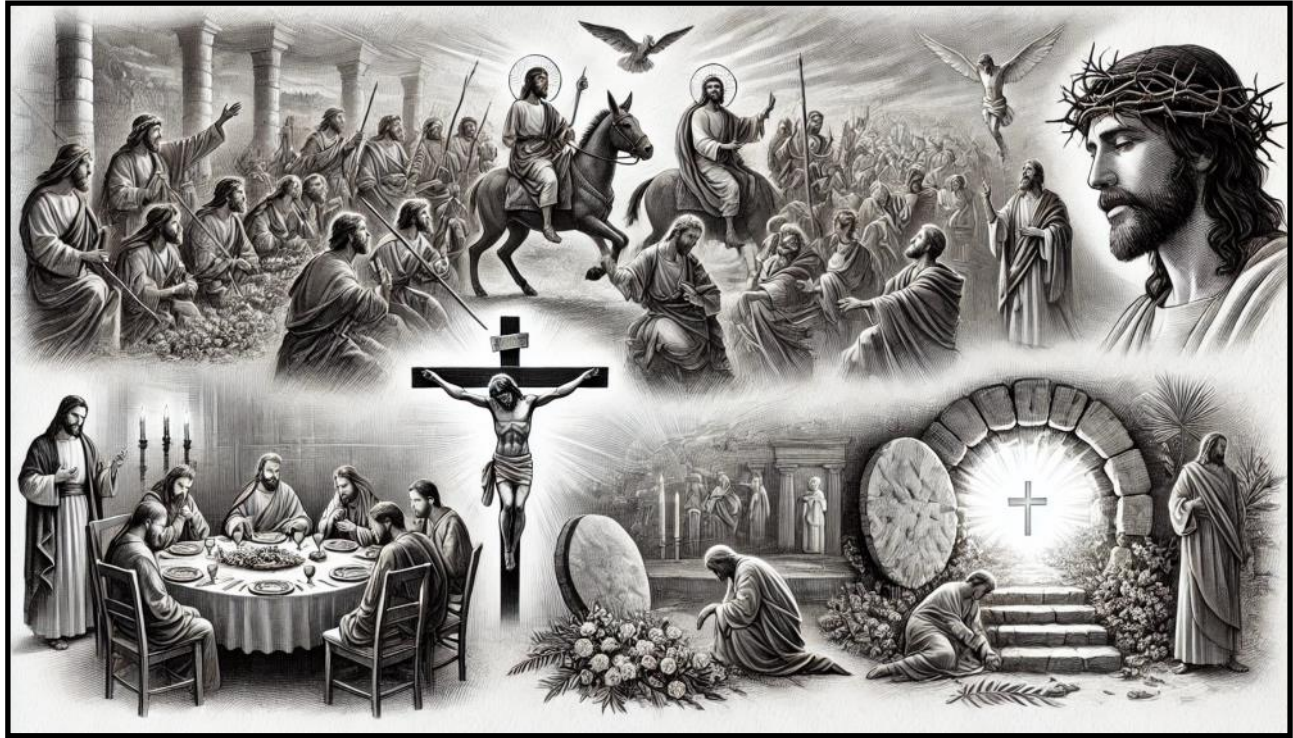




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## 2415 Chili Avenue

### Holy Week Schedule 2025



#### **April 13, Palm Sunday**

10:00 a.m. Communion Service with Palms  
Followed by a Coffee Hour Brunch

#### **April 17, Maundy Thursday**

6:00 p.m. Pot Luck Dinner with our Friends from Community Church  
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Service

#### **April 18, Good Friday**

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae: Service of Shadows

#### **April 20, Easter**

7:30 a.m. *Sunrise Service at Westside Memorial Gardens*  
10:00 a.m. A Festival Service of Holy Communion



## Service Schedule—April

April 6:	Service Leader: Usher: Lector: Communion Assistants: Greeter:	Carol Werth Patti & Elton Schulz Lois Dannenberg Alice Newbury & Steve Brady Ed Jarvis
April 13th (Palm Sunday)	Service Leader: Usher: Lector: Communion Assistants: Cross Bearer: Greeter:	Frank Johnson Jen Large Carol Ransom Wendy Forrest & Deb Macksamie John Macksamie Alice Newbury
April 17th (Maundy Thursday)	Service Leader: Usher: Communion Assistants:	Lois Dannenberg David Nowatka Pastor Price & Steve Brady
April 18th (Good Friday)	Service Leader: Ushers: Bell Ringer:	Carol Werth Patti & Elton Schulz Carol Ransom
April 20th (Easter)	Service Leader: Ushers: Lector: Communion Assistants: Cross Bearer: Greeter:	Diane Parke/Potter Rod Potter & Carol Werth Pam Spencer Pam Spencer & Deb Yackel Luke Coval Mary Ellen Saur
April 27th:	Service Leader: Usher: Lector: Communion Assistants: Cross Bearer: Greeter:	Pam Brady Mary Ellen Saur Carol Werth Carol Werth & Steve Brady Lois Dannenberg? Ann Seppa

## Birthdays in April

Mary Ellen Saur—April 3	Shelby Gear—April 5	Nedra Keller—April 7
Benjamin Yackel—April 7	David Oliver—April 8	David Cuff—April 9
Elton Schulz—April 10	Linda Richards—April 16	Debbie Wilck—April 17
Joe Scuderi—April 19	James Yackel—April 19	John Macksamie—April 21
Steve Brady—April 22	Joseph Rapone—April 22	Margaret Meli—April 24
Julianna Gatto—April 26	Madilynn Walberger—April 26	Jacob Folz—April 28
Reinhold Freimuth—April 28	Virginia San Filippo—April 29	

## Anniversaries in April

Hans & Margaret Witt—April 3 (32 years)

Larry & Janie Hopkins—April 12 (50 YEARS!!!!)

Nick & Linda Gatto—April 13 (29 years)

Jim & Karen Ernisse—April 15 (25 years)

Richard & Ruth Pearce—April 18 (55 years)

Joe Caputo & Rosemary Donohue—April 19 (26 years)

Brad & Ann Morningstar—April 24 (32 years)

## Happening in April

### Regular Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m. Choir Practice

9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study or Confirmation Class

9:15 a.m. Sunday School (Special activity on first Sunday)

10:00 a.m. Communion Service

11:10 Bell Choir Practice

April 1, Tuesday                      10:00 a.m. Bible Study

April 2, Wednesday      Noon Midweek Lent Service

April 3, Thursday              Finance Committee Mtg.

April 4, Friday                      5:30 p.m. German School

April 5, Saturday                  9:00 a.m. German School

April 6, Sunday                      Regular Sunday Schedule  
Special Sunday School Activity Day!

April 7, Monday                      Scouting America

April 8, Tuesday                      10:00 a.m. Bible Study  
11:30 a.m. WELCA  
6:30 p.m. Properties Committee

April 9, Wednesday      Noon Midweek Lent Service

April 10, Thursday                  9:30 a.m. PB & J Making  
10:30 a.m. Worship Committee

April 11, Friday                      5:30 p.m. German School

April 12, Saturday                  9:00 a.m. German School  
9:30 a.m. Palm Folding

April 13, Palm Sunday              Regular Sunday School  
+ No Bell Practice, instead Brunch at 11:00 a.m.

April 15, Tuesday                      No Bible Study

April 17, Maundy Thursday      6:00 p.m. Dinner  
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

April 18, Good Friday              7:00 p.m. Good Friday  
Tenebrae: Service of Shadows

April 20, Easter                      7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at  
Westside Memorial Gardens  
9:15 a.m. Choir, Brass, Bells rehearsal  
10:00 a.m. Festival Easter Celebration

April 21, Monday                      6:30 p.m. Council Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Scouting America

April 22, Tuesday                      NO Bible Study

April 25, Friday                      5:30 p.m. German School

April 26, Saturday                  9:00 a.m. German School

April 27, Sunday                      Regular Sunday Schedule

April 28, Monday                      6:30 p.m. Scouting America

April 29, Tuesday                      10:00 a.m. Bible Study

CHANGE OF SERVICE  
REQUESTED

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Sunday's at 10:00 a.m.



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