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Pastor Wilck is normally in his church study Monday - Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. He is available to meet you at church or at other mutually arranged times. You may also contact him or leave a message on 269-9086. Friday is Pastor's day off, but he is available for pastoral emergencies.

We ask that you use Pastor's updated church email:
pastor@oursaviourrochester.org

Please inform Pastor whenever there is an illness or hospitalization in your family. He appreciates your help. When you are admitted to a hospital, please list your religious preference as "Lutheran Church of Our Saviour" and contact Pastor or the church office.

**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR
MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the members of the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, as baptized followers of Jesus Christ, will foster a living, expressive relationship with our Lord and our neighbors.

We will do this in a way that seeks to serve all segments of our congregation and community by:

- ◆ Providing a welcoming environment for youth and young adults.
- ◆ Strengthening the family unit.
- ◆ Involving the elderly and recognizing their special needs.
- ◆ Making Christ visible through worship.

Recommended by the Long Range Planning Committee on October 27, 2010.

Pastor's Page

AN EASTER REFLECTION

The tomb of Jesus is still empty. Even if some archaeologists were to discover it, there would be nothing in it, nothing to hold onto. We don't, after all, have Jesus walking among us in the flesh, inviting us to place our fingers in his wounds, so we will not be faithless, only believing. We find ourselves perplexed by the gospel, perplexed like those women long ago, seeing the stone rolled away, discovering that the body is gone, but not entirely sure what to make of these tantalizing facts.

Some have tried over the years to prove the resurrection. They've pointed, for instance, to those early apostles, as a sinful, self-centered bunch of Scalawags as any you could name. Those 12 all heaved together against the immovable wall of the Roman empire and watched it collapse into a heap. Could they have done that if the resurrection were an idol tale?

Such observers have raised the question, why would any person, let alone 12 common, ordinary people, risk life and limb for a lie? Why would Peter persevere until he was hung upside down on the cross, and Paul until he laid down his head on the executioners' block, the pillow of the martyrs?

They did it because of an empty tomb. Hallelujah!

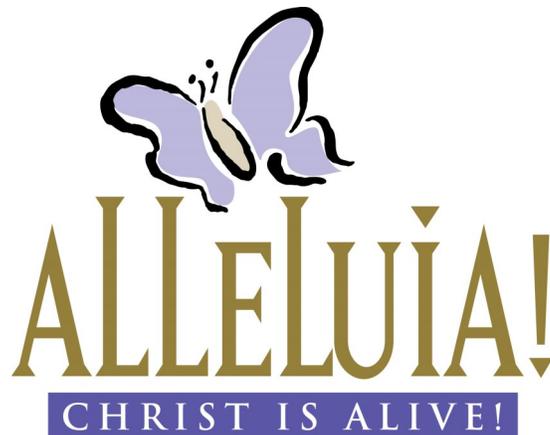
Gracious God, we come to Easter to celebrate. You have defeated sin and conquered death through the resurrection of your son, Jesus Christ. We recognize that without the cross, we would have no reason to live; we would have no hope. Thank you, Father, for giving us hope! We do not know what it was like to watch your Son die, but we know you endured it because of your great love for us. We are full of gratitude and worship. He is risen! Amen.

Holy week schedule:

April 1: Maundy Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Service of Holy Communion with the stripping of the altar.

April 2: Good Friday, 7:00 p.m. The service of shadows (Tenebrae).

~~Pastor Wilck





MAUNDY THURSDAY is the beginning of the Three Days – the ancient observance of the mystery of our salvation, which plunges the faithful into the death of Jesus and brings them with Him to resurrection life. The Three Days are really one liturgy extending from Thursday evening through Easter Sunday.

The Maundy Thursday liturgy focuses on three significant actions. First, the confession of sins and announcement of forgiveness brings to conclusion the Lenten discipline of repentance that began on Ash Wednesday. Second, the Church obeys Jesus' command (in Latin, *mandatum*, from which this day receives its name) to follow His example and serve one another. And third, we celebrate our meal of deliverance, taking our place at the supper Jesus shared with His disciples on this night.

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE: SERVICE OF SHADOWS

In the ancient church, the chanting of psalms on Thursday and Friday of Holy Week became a part of the congregational worship. In its original form at the conclusion, the fifteenth candle, representing Christ, was placed behind the altar leaving the church in darkness. In its amended form, the Christ Candle is returned to the altar, signifying that, even this day, “nothing can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord”.



*Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord.
The life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE WILL REMAIN THE SAME FOR 2021:

* Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

* Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

* This schedule is subject to change based on the COVID pandemic.

- ⇒ Please note that you may come indoors for both days' services or remain outdoors (drive-in). We will continue to broadcast the service through your car radio (on the 87.9 station).
- ⇒ We are set up with social distancing for indoor services.
- ⇒ Please wear your mask appropriately covering the nose and chin.
- ⇒ Please remain seated at all times during indoor worship.
- ⇒ Please do not congregate inside before or after the services. Please socialize outside.
- ⇒ We ask that the first two rows in the parking lot be left for drive-in attendees to park there.

Thank you for your cooperation to help our church family stay safe.

**William Shortz Scholarship for Lutheran Youth
Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church
131 West Main Street, Webster, New York 14580**

Please share with the high school seniors of your congregation information about the William Shortz Memorial Scholarship for Lutheran youth. William Shortz was a beloved pastor of St John's Lutheran Church in Irondequoit, New York from 1976 through 1994. The scholarship was established in his memory and honor in 1996 to support Lutheran youth in the Rochester area as they begin college.

Scholarships in the amount of \$500 will be issued to the winning candidates. The number of awards is based on the value of the scholarship fund. Since the scholarship's inception, over 150 scholarships have been given to an impressive group of Lutheran youth. Please print the attached application guidelines in your newsletter, announce it in your bulletins and share a copy with the seniors of your church. As COVID 19 has necessitated changes in our gatherings, please let eligible youth know, in any way possible, that the Shortz Scholarship will still be awarded this spring.

Because this scholarship is funded fresh each year, if your congregation, or individuals in your congregation would like to make a contribution to the William Shortz Memorial College Fund, please send it to Immanuel Lutheran Church, 131 W Main Street, Webster, New York 14580, with a memo or note indicating "William Shortz Memorial Fund." If you wish to send a memorial in memory of a loved one, please send both their name and address and your information for an acknowledgement.

We appreciate your continued support of the William Shortz Memorial Scholarship for Lutheran Youth. If you have any questions please call or e-mail Barbara Mittak, Secretary (bbmittak@yahoo.com or 315-946-4759).

Sincerely,

Barbara Mittak

Barbara Mittak

Secretary, Shortz Scholarship

The William Shortz Memorial Scholarship for Lutheran Youth

Guidelines

Purpose: To aid Lutheran students as they graduate from high school in pursuit of their college education.

Eligibility: Lutheran high school seniors in the Greater Rochester area which includes the counties of Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Steuben, Wayne and Yates.

Application Criteria: There is not an application document; in place of a single application students will need to meet the following criteria:

1. Each applicant is a member of a Lutheran congregation in the Greater Rochester area as defined above.
2. Each applicant is attending an accredited high school and will attend an accredited college beginning in the Fall of 2021.
3. Each applicant will write an essay about their area of study in college, explaining why the chosen education path is important to the applicant.
4. Each applicant will submit an outline of his/her academic and extracurricular accomplishments in high school.
5. Each applicant will submit a copy of his/her high school transcript.
6. Each applicant will submit an outline of church and community activities.
7. Each applicant is required to have his/her pastor submit a letter of recommendation directly to the selection committee. If there are any special needs, the committee asks that they be included in the letter of recommendation from the pastor.

Amount: Scholarships are issued in the amount of \$500. The number of scholarships is based on the value of the scholarship fund.

Questions: Call or e-mail Barbara Mittak, Secretary, Shortz Scholarship (315-946-4759 or bbmittak@yahoo.com).

Application Deadline: April 12, 2021

Announcement of Winners: In May, 2021

Mail applications to: Shortz Scholarship Fund
% Barbara Mittak
98 Catherine St
Lyons, NY 14489

or send electronically to:
bbmittak@yahoo.com

Please note the above change (due to COVID - 19) in where to send completed applications. Thank you.



Monday
April 5

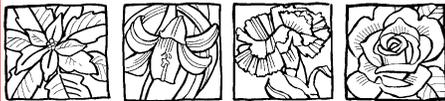
Prayer Requests



- ◇ Please contact the church office if you have prayer requests.
- ◇ In addition, please let the office know if prayer requests can be removed from the Prayer List.

ALTAR GUILD

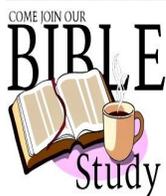
• FLOWER CHART •



The 2021 flower chart is posted on the Narthex bulletin board. The Altar Guild invites you to indicate the date on which you wish to place flowers on the altar as an expression of devotion to the Lord, in memory of a loved one, as an expression of joy and thanksgiving on an anniversary or birthday, or other special occasions in life.

The cost for the flowers is \$30.00. There are plenty of dates left to sign up for. We encourage and appreciate your participation.

Continue praying,
Cheryl Stone



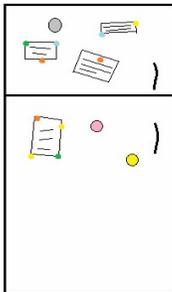
Bible Study resumes on **April 13** at
10:00 a.m.

REFRIGERATOR/FREEZER USE

A notice to anybody who stores food and drinks in the church's refrigerator and freezer: you must date and identify everything that goes into the refrigerator and freezer especially if you want to stay the owner of such items.

Periodically we will check and purge any unmarked items if they look bad or spoiled. Also, it is very important that we keep the top three shelves cleared for supporting future events.

Thank you for your cooperation.



CARING AND SHARING

We all have loving hearts and stressful lives during this pandemic. To make life easier for you to show others you care, we are providing a CARD BOX.

Help yourself to cards and envelopes. Our LCOS Directory is there to help you find addresses. You can write your notes and address the envelopes now while you are thinking of it. Just add a stamp and drop it in the mail.

The card box is located on the small round table next to the lift/elevator.



CHURCH AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

The "food drive" sponsored by the Church & Community Committee was very successful. Thank you to all who donated food. A special thank you to Ed and Deb Housel for delivering the donated food to St. Theodore's Food Pantry in Gates.



The Spring Adopt-A-Highway will be on **May 15** at 9:30 a.m. Please help clean up the 2.6-mile section of Chili Avenue from Route 204 to Chili Center. Children 12 to 18 years old must have parent permission. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex and on the cart at the church entrance (during the drive-in services). We will meet at Dell Hall that Saturday and start the highway pickup at 9:30 a.m. For more information, contact Jerry Stich.

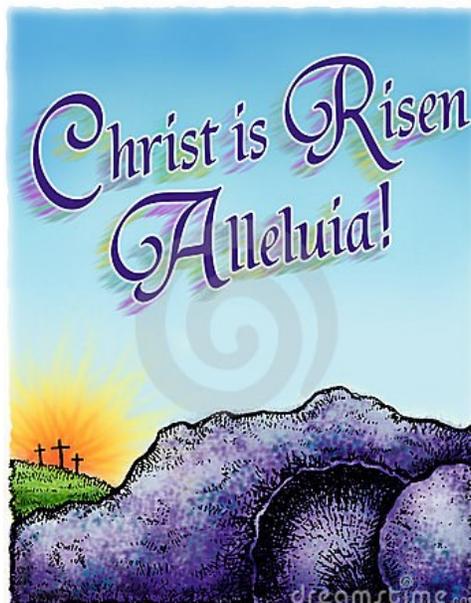
The Church & Community Committee hopes to meet in the near future.

~~Ann Seppa, Committee Chair

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

The Evangelism Committee plans to hold a Christian Movie Matinee, **April 10** at 2:00 p.m. We will be watching the movie "Risen." Risen details a Roman soldier's search for Yeshua's body following his resurrection.

~~Pam Spencer, Committee Chair



Celebrations This Month



19—Joseph Scuderi
20—Jack Greeley
20—Amelia Susan Lee Edwards
21—John Macksamie
21—Adam Pehur
21—Evelyne Lance
23—Landyn Averie Farrell
26—Julianna Gatto
26—Madilynn Walberger
28—Jacob Foltz

HAPPY BIRTHDAY and BEST WISHES to these members of Our Saviour who celebrate birthdays during this month. We pray for your continued growth in God's grace.

3—Laura Schwach
3—Mary Ellen Saur
5—Shelby Gear
5—Linda Loughlin
7—Nedra Keller
9—Christopher Chapin
9—Tanner Brightman
10—Elton Schulz
11—Todd Pearce
11—Robert Sihto
16—Linda Richards
17—Debbie Wilck
19—James Yackel



Anniversaries

CONGRATULATIONS and BEST WISHES to these members of Our Saviour who celebrate Wedding Anniversaries during this month. May God continue to bless you and increase your love for one another!

3—Hans and Margaret Witt
12—Larry and Janie Hopkins
13—Nicholas and Linda Gatto ♥♥HAPPY 25TH ANNIVERSARY♥♥
13—John and Sally Shannon
18—Richard and Ruthann Pearce
24—Brad and Ann Morningstar



LYO/YOUTH

The youth continue to journey forward grounded in the Word and growing in faith and fellowship.

Bi-monthly youth night meetings continue the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. April meetings will be **April 1 and April 15**.

In February, we were able to come together for our annual Murder Mystery party. This year we opened our event up to family members. We stepped back into the 80's for a *totally tubular* time! The youth have expressed a desire to have another murder mystery event before the summer starts. We will be looking into the possibility of a second whodunnit.

Last year in March with the onset of the pandemic, we were unable to present the youth-led worship service which they had written and prepared. We have come around full circle. Usually during the Lenten season our youth prepare and lead a service. This year, we will have a youth-led service. It will not be during the Lenten season. We are looking over our previously prepared service and tweaking it to accommodate the pandemic/post pandemic times in which we live. We will look at leading our youth-led service in the early summer or early fall.

In regard to our annual youth hosted Palm Sunday breakfast, it is with a heavy heart that I announce that we were not able to host it during the 2021 Lenten season. We look forward to the 2022 Lenten season and the continuation of a long-standing church and youth tradition.

Pastor Wilck and I continue to be in communication in regard to our acolyte ministry which has been on hold throughout the pandemic. As we move into September, it is my hope we can begin to get our acolyte ministry back in motion. Keep posted for future details.

Upcoming Events:

I am excited to announce that in conjunction with our traditional Sunday School sponsored candy hunt, we will be offering The Great Egg Escape which is an escape room styled event for our youth. The event will be held outside utilizing the church grounds on **April 3** at 2:00 p.m.

We hope to hold our annual youth garage sale traditionally held in the spring this fall. We are planning on early/mid-September. Stay tuned for details. We are currently accepting donations.

We are still looking at holding our annual 30-Hour Famine Youth event. I am currently working through the logistics and how it can be held while making safety considerations due to the pandemic. We are looking to hold that event sometime in May.

Grace and peace,
Janeen Oliver

BOTTLES AND CANS

Tired of bringing your bottles and cans with a 5 cent deposit to the grocery store? Bring them to Flower City Bottle & Can Retrieval Center across the street from church. They are open Sundays from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., so bring your cans to church and drop them off after.

DID YOU KNOW? You can designate Lutheran Church of Our Saviour Youth Group to receive credit for your returns. Just drop off the bottles and cans, and they will credit Our Saviour's account.

Every little bit helps!

- ♥ *Mary Ellen Saur for continuing to change the message on the sign.*
- ♥ *Daryl Jarvis for continuing to care for the plants in the Narthex.*
- ♥ *Thrivent for their continued support, sponsorship, and contributions.*
- ♥ *Ed Jarvis and Larry Hopkins for continuing to maintain and sanitize the church.*
- ♥ *Jerry Stich for continuing to record the services and updating them on our website.*
- ♥ *Cheryl Stone, and Daryl and Ed Jarvis for maintaining the Altar care.*
- ♥ *Mary Ellen for updating the attendance and communion logs.*
- ♥ *Alice Popen for continuing to coordinate weddings held during the pandemic.*
- ♥ *Mary Ellen Saur and Sharon Yackel for assembling the weekly bulletins.*
- ♥ *Jennifer and Connor Large for continuing to fill the oil in the Altar candles.*
- ♥ *The CLC/Caring and Sharing members for continuing to provide meals to various members.*
- ♥ *Our Saviour Sunday School teachers for doing a great job with the children and keeping them engaged and safe.*
- ♥ *Mary Ellen Saur, Jean Lombard, Daryl Jarvis, Ann Marie MacBride for assembling the March newsletter.*
- ♥ *All the parents who bring the children to Sunday School and Youth activities.*
- ♥ *Jerry Stich and Ed Jarvis for working on the new sound system.*



The commitment and dedication of all members of Our Saviour are important to the congregation's mission and ministry. We want to recognize the tasks done by members. Committee Chairs and others are asked to share these names with the Office Manager, Simone Harter, for inclusion in future issues of the Communicator.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

We are very happy the winter months are behind us. A big thank you to Jerry Stich for keeping up with the snow removal. Our heating systems performed well during the cold months.

Now that spring has arrived, we direct our attention to outside work such as repair and general cleanup. Very soon we will be into our grass cutting time. All of these activities require volunteers which will save expenses to our church. Please contact the church office or Ed Jarvis if you would like to volunteer a few hours a week.

Veteran Bricks: On **May 30**, we will be remembering all our deceased and living military veterans. Presently we have 54 bricks: 37 deceased and 17 living veterans, at the base of the Richard W. Mitchell Memorial Flagpole. If you would like to sponsor a brick for a veteran, then you need to submit a request no later than **May 2**. Contact the office or Ed Jarvis for more information.

Ed Jarvis, Committee Chair

WOMEN OF THE ELCA



Due to the Pandemic, there is not much to report from the Women of the ELCA. We are hoping to meet sometime in the spring, possibly outdoors, weather permitting.

Please continue to pray for everyone's health and safety.

~~Ann Seppa, Secretary

IMPORTANT DATES



SPECIFIC TO OUR SAVIOUR

- † 2021 Worship Schedule,
Indoor and Drive-in
Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.
Sundays, 10:00 a.m.
- † Congregational Meeting (Church Officers Election),
April date TBD
- † Worship & Music Committee will NOT be meeting in
April—resumes on 5/13 at 10:15 a.m.
- † LYO/Youth Meeting, 4/1 and 4/15, 6:00 p.m.
- † Maundy Thursday Communion Service, 4/1, 7:00 p.m.
- † Good Friday Service, 4/2, 7:00 p.m.
- † LYO The Great Egg Escape, 4/3, 2:00 p.m.
- † Easter Communion Service, 4/4, 10:00 a.m.
- † Church Office Closed on 4/5
- † Evangelism Christian Movie, 4/10, 2:00 p.m.
- † Bible Study resumes 4/13, 10:00 a.m., Tuesdays
- † Church Council Meeting, 4/19, 6:30 p.m.

*Lamb of God, pure and sinless,
once on the cross an offering,
patient, meek, though guiltless,
forsaken in your suffering!
You died our guilt to banish
that none in sin need perish!
Grant us your mercy, O Jesus.
Amen.*

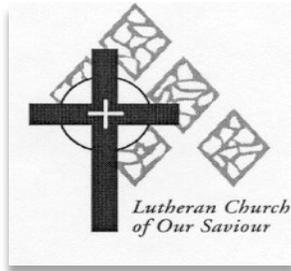
SPECIFIC TO OUR SAVIOUR

- † LYO 30-Hour Famine TBD, May
- † Veteran Bricks Request due 5/2,
Bricks Dedication, 5/30, after the Worship Service
- † Church & Community Adopt-A-Highway,
5/15, 9:30 a.m.
- † LYO Murder Mystery TBD, before summer starts
- † LYO/Youth-led Service TBD, early summer/early fall
- † LYO Garage Sale TBD, early/mid-September
- † Confirmation Class resumes in the fall (TBD)
- † First Communion Class resumes in the fall (TBD)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- † William Shortz Memorial Scholarship,
Application deadline by 4/12





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