



THE Sainly NEWS

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

All services will be held in-person & uploaded later to our Facebook page and our website.

Thursday, April 1 - Maundy Thursday

Communion –Stripping of the Altar

7:00 pm In-person

8:30 pm Online Recording Available

Friday, April 2 - Good Friday Worship

Tenebrae Service

7:00 pm In-person

8:30 pm Online Recording Available

Sunday, April 4 - Easter Sunday Worship with Communion

9:00 am and 10:30 am - No Sunday School

(Please note there will be two services on Easter Sunday.)

If you are planning to attend Easter Sunday Worship in-person, please call the church office or email us to reserve the seats you will need for your family. Please indicate number of people, whether you will be attending the 9:00 am or 10:30 am service, and whether you prefer to be seated in the sanctuary or the Fellowship Hall. Ushers will direct you to your reserved seat. If you forget to reserve your spot, you will be seated as seats are available based on COVID-19 meeting restrictions.

Sunday Worship - Recorded Service
available on our Facebook Page and
Webpage at 10:30 am.

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Dear Partner in Ministry:

As I write this article, it is nearing the one-year anniversary of when COVID shut many things down, including our in-person worship. It seems longer ago than that, to be honest. So much has happened, so many lives lost, so many connections with each other broken, so many adjustments to be made. I remember being appalled last year that we wouldn't be able to have in-person Holy Week and Easter services. How long, we all wondered. How long before we won't have to be afraid to be in each other's presence? How long before we are able to hug, hold our grandchildren, visit people in the hospital or nursing homes, how long O Lord?



Here we are a year later and things have improved. More and more people are getting vaccinated. The weather is warming up so we can begin to gather with friends outside. We are able to be together in worship again, though with restrictions. We still need to mask, remain socially distanced and not sing together or have a coffee hour – but still. I am so glad to be with people on Sundays. We continue with just one service at 9:00 am.

However, on Easter (April 4) we will have TWO services that day at 9:00 and 10:30 am. As explained in another article in this newsletter, we are taking reservations for this day's worship. I have had people tell me that the reason they're not coming to in-person worship is that "they want to make room for others to come." By having two services that day, we should be able to accommodate most, if not all, the folks who would like to be here for in-person worship. The worship service will also be recorded and uploaded to our Facebook page and website for those who don't feel comfortable coming out to worship just yet.

So, how do you make the reservation? Call the church or email the church office and indicate which services you'd like (9 or 10:30), how many people will be coming and if you'd like to sit in the sanctuary or the fellowship hall. Won't it be wonderful to celebrate the Risen Lord together – both in-person and online!

I want to close with two prayers written and distributed by "Illustrated Ministry" marking this one-year anniversary.

Wonder Worker

In this year when everything changed, when we felt worried and weary, when we wailed and we wondered, you gave us a promise... Nothing can separate us from your love. And nothing will be wasted. With you at work, light, life, love, and liberation always win.

God, our loving friend

The seasons keep changing but we remain separated from friends and neighbors. It has been a long year. We miss the comfort of warm hugs, shared meals, and friendly visits. But you sent us a comforter, the Holy Spirit. Wrap us in this cozy comforter today. Amen.

Amen indeed.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Janet Wold

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Deadline for the May Saintly News is **April 16**
Please send articles to
Rebecca Presson

Bible Studies

The Monday Afternoon Bible Study, facilitated by Pastor Janet Wold, is being held via Zoom at 1:30 pm. This is a study and discussion of the following Sunday's Gospel lesson. A link to the Monday afternoon Bible Study is included in the Thursday announcements email. Feel free to join us! If you need a Zoom tutorial, Pastor Janet will help you with that. If you do not have a computer, you can join via telephone at the number included in the announcements email.

The Tuesday Evening Bible Study, facilitated by Steve Reid will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm. They will be studying Biblical Devotions, and how they are related to Christian living for example, "The Apostles Creed Today," "Christ was Betrayed," "Christ's Bitter Cup," "Christ's Arrest," and "Christ Before the Supreme Court."

The Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study, facilitated by Pastor Janet Wold, is being held in-person in the Fellowship Hall at 1:30 pm. Masks are required. In March, our Wednesday Bible study embarked on a new study entitled "***Making Sense of Scripture: Big Questions about the Book of Faith.***" We don't pretend to have all the answers, but we do want to share what the Bible means to us and how it may be able to speak in our lives. Some in this group may have spent a good deal of time with the Bible. Most of us haven't read it as much as we might like. But together we hope to come to it anew, as if opening this book for the first time. We would love to have you join us for this multi-week class. Each class session is unique - come as often as you are able!

The Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study, facilitated by Steve Jones is being held on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am. Currently they are studying the Great Courses Curriculum *From Jesus to Constantine: a History of Early Christianity*.

February Council Highlights

- * Learned there will be two worship services on Easter Sunday – 9:00 and 10:30. Reservations will be required.
- * Blood drive is set for April 8. Jan Sloan will call prospective donors.
- * Authorized the purchase of a new laptop computer for use in Confirmation classes and Worship.
- * Learned Sunday School is thriving with children participating both in person and via Zoom.
- * Stewardship will poll congregation members about their desire to have online giving available to them.
- * Spring Clean-Up day will be held April 24 with a rain date of May 1. Sign up to help by calling the church office.

Sunday Scriptures

April 1

Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 2

Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13--53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25
John 18:1--19:42

April 4

Resurrection of Our Lord:

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Mark 16:1-8

April 11

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1:1--2:2
John 20:19-31

April 18

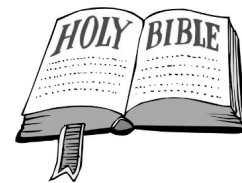
Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

April 25

Fourth Sunday of Easter

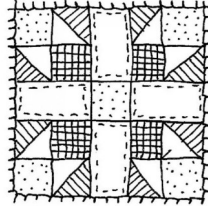
Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18



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Quilters

The Quilters plan to meet on April 8th and 22nd at the church from 9:00 to 11:00 am to work on making quilts for people in need. There are 35 finished quilts filling some of the storage shelves and there is room for many more. Lutheran World Relief gratefully accepts the quilts every fall and sends them to where the need is the greatest. The time we spend in our homes and at the church to make these quilts is a time of service and also a time of fellowship with each other.



Book Club

The Book Club will meet on Tuesday, April 27th to discuss the book, *Miracle at the Higher Grounds Cafe'* by Max Lucado.

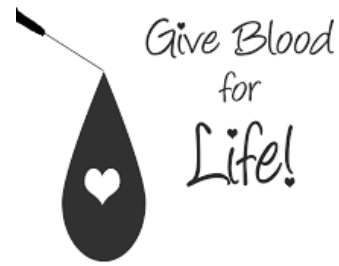
Chelsea Chambers is on her own after a public split from her NFL superstar husband. She buys an old-fashioned coffee shop in dire need of reinvention. But even her out-of-this-world cupcakes cannot pay the bills. She needs a miracle. Then a stranger comes to the cafe' and a curious string of events begin. Customers are flocking to the cafe' where they are able to get answers from God on their internet browser inside the cafe'.

What would you ask if you could ask God anything? How would He answer? And why does Chelsea refuse to use this connection to God?



Library News

Our library is open and waiting for you to visit anytime the church doors are open. If you find a book that interests you, check out is very easy. Add your name and the date to the card inside the book and place it in the tote on the library counter or the tote on the cart near the church's front door. There is no due date. Return it to the large tote in the library when you are finished.



All Saints Spring Blood Drive

Please help others in need and donate to the All Saints Blood Drive. Staff from the Rock River Valley Blood Center will be here on Thursday, April 8, from 1:00 to 7:00 pm. Information about blood donation reservations will be included in the weekly announcements. You need to be 17 years old to donate or age 16 with parental consent. To reserve a time, call Jan Sloan. Walk-Ins are welcome! One in three people will need blood and you never know when you or someone you love might be the one. Please volunteer to give that day!



Worship Totals	Online Viewers	In-Person	Sunday School
Feb. 21	164	34	19
28	290	36	23
March 7	210	45	20
14	98	30	19
21	n/a	42	21
Totals	762	187	102
Average	190	37	20

Finance Report

Budget Items	Item Description	Actual February	Budget February	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Total 2021	
Revenue	General Fund	\$13,250	\$16,489	\$29,129	\$32,978	\$197,868	
	Mortgage	\$1,120	\$2,095	\$3,282	\$4,190	\$25,140	
	Other Giving	\$0	\$834	\$60	\$1,668	\$10,008	
	Total Revenue	\$14,369	\$19,418	\$32,471	\$38,836	\$233,016	
Expenses	1000 Mission Support	\$1,474	\$1,250	\$3,519	\$2,500	\$15,000	
	1000 Other Outreach	\$226	\$511	\$576	\$1,022	\$6,132	
	1000 Total Outreach	\$1,700	\$1,761	\$4,095	\$3,522	\$21,132	
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Non Salary)	\$334	\$1,267	\$1,019	\$2,534	\$15,204	
	2000 Ministries of the Congregation (Salary and Benefits)	\$6,999	\$11,719	\$22,077	\$23,438	\$140,628	
	2000 Total Ministries	\$7,333	\$12,986	\$23,096	\$25,972	\$155,832	
	3000 Total Building (Non Capital)	\$1,855	\$2,600	\$4,375	\$5,202	\$31,200	
	3000 Total Expense	\$10,887	\$17,347	\$31,567	\$34,696	\$208,164	
	3000 Capital	Mortgage Principal and Interest	\$2,094	\$2,095	\$6,281	\$4,190	\$25,140
		Other Building Capital	\$0	\$0	\$796	\$0	\$0
		Total Building Capital	\$2,094	\$2,095	\$7,077	\$4,190	\$25,140
		Total Expenses (Capital Plus Expense)	\$12,981	\$19,442	\$38,644	\$38,886	\$233,304

Spring Clean-Up Day!

April 24 at 9:00 am is the date and time of our Annual Spring Clean-Up Day. Since we were not able to hold one in 2020, we have a lot of work to do! There's work that needs to be done on the inside as well as the outside, so bring your masks for social distancing as we prepare our church to be as beautiful as the spring flowers that will soon be blooming! Please call the church office to have your name placed on the worker's sheet so we know how many will be coming to help. Rain Date will be May 1.



In Our Prayers

Health & Healing

Phyllis Coffman
Kate Danielowski-Cuccaro
George Davis
Jeanine Hayes
John Hetland
Phil Houston
John Kuitgen
Joyce Niehaus
Steve Reid
Kit Reif

Sylvia Richardson

Bill Michaux
 Kirby Middleton
 Sandi Rennick
 Matt Henkel
 Dennis Reid
 Scott Gordon & wife Lu
 Gary Diehl
 Richard McCabe
 Doug Karr
 Gary Wuslich
 Kevin Lyons
 Diann
 Mike Gordon
 Judy Wirth
 Toni Girten
 Francis Stevenson
 Trudy Thompson
 Will Heindrick
 Maria Rogers
 Jan Ekstrom
 Christopher Bowers
 Jason Delacruz
 Oscar Wilson
 Pia Leombruni
 Gage and Crystal

Shut Ins

Lori Pederson
Skip Richardson
Mary Whitmer

Military

David Bishop
Dylan Bishop
 Staff Sgt. Kyle Reif
 Matt Vizer
 Sage Harper
 Wes McGee
 Reggio
 Tyler Peterson

Sympathy

Jerry Moats
 Joel Richards Sr.
 Harvey Linderman



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Summer Newsletter

FYI -We will be combining the June and July newsletters to be mailed at the end of May. If you are a contributor to the newsletter, please keep this in mind when submitting your summer articles.



April 1

Maundy Thursday worship at 7:00 pm

April 2

Good Friday Worship at 7:00 pm

April 4

Easter Sunday Worship at 9:00 am
and 10:30 am

April 8

All Saints Blood Drive

April 24

Spring Clean-up Day (rain date May 1)

Office Hours are Monday through Thursday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Closed on Friday