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A Daily Celebration of Independence

Independence Day, July 4th, is fast approaching. It's a day set-aside for American citizens to celebrate our many freedoms. Many of us will observe that day with family gatherings, picnics, parades, and colorful fireworks displays. But it is really more than just a day of fun and leisure. It's a time for us to remember those who fought and died for freedom from foreign domination and the opportunity to live for the principles on which our nation was founded.

How one measures true independence is often detected in the language that is used. We often hear the refrain "It's a free country" when someone is attempting to assert his or her right to do what ever is desired, regardless of how it might affect others. The mindset of the individual's rights being greater than the community's rights suggests that the early patriots fought for independence so that one might be able to do whatever one pleases, whenever one wants, despite the ending results. This seems to be independence motivated by selfish ambition and conceit. I wonder, is this really freedom?

As Christians our freedom is different. The apostle Paul reminds us that Christians belong to the freest place of all. In Philippians 3:20, Paul says, "Our citizenship is in heaven," and there is no freer homeland than the kingdom of heaven. The Lord Jesus Christ has earned our heavenly citizenship. He fought for our independence from sin and He died for our freedom from eternal death. It was on Calvary's cross where the battle for our greatest liberty, freedom from sin, death and the devil, was fought and won. By God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ we are declared forgiven and this is true independence and freedom!

Our selfish ambition and conceit died on the cross with Jesus, and love takes its place. Selfishness gives way to compassion for others. Therefore, "in humility [we] regard others as better than ourselves; we look not to our own interests, but to the interests of others" (Phil. 2:3-4). Serving others is one of the ways we celebrate our Christian independence.

As we near the celebration of our country's Independence, we also remember our Christian freedom: freedom from sin, freedom to serve Christ, freedom to serve one another. As Jesus said, "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36). By God's grace this freedom is ours and this *is* reason for a daily celebration!

Have a save and blessed summer,

Pastor Marcus Powers

TODAY'S MEDITATION

*Is broadcast weekdays on
WJUB 1420 AM at approx 7:25am*

- Week of June 2 – Rev. Robert Steele
- Week of June 9 – Rev. Richard Bidingger
- Week of June 16 – Rev. Nathan Meador
- Week of June 23 – Rev. Peter Peitsch
- Week of June 30 – Rev. Don Johnson

**Financial Information—
April 2014**

The following information was reported by Linda Fleck, congregational treasurer.



Financial Report

	<u>Apr. 2014</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Income		
Offerings	\$ 23,421.42	\$84,198.03
Building Fund	1,585.75	5,377.75
Other	<u>3,613.83</u>	<u>14,337.65</u>
Total Income	<u>\$28,621.00</u>	<u>\$103,913.43</u>
Expenses		
Missions and Outreach	\$ 5,833.34	\$ 10,241.68
Salaries and Benefits	11,808.15	52,791.59
Mortgage Payments	1,406.55	5,511.25
Christian Education	45.88	1,729.72
Office and Maintenance	2,692.52	15,544.14
Other	<u>3,105.32</u>	<u>15,218.63</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 25,691.86</u>	<u>\$ 101,037.01</u>
Net Income (Expense)	<u>\$2,929.14</u>	<u>\$2,876.42</u>

Loan Progress Report

Principal Balance at 8.10.07	\$ 190,000.00
Less: Principal Pmts to Date	<u>(153,624.87)</u>
Principal Balance at 3.28.14	<u>\$ 36,375.13</u>

·The interest rate is 4.875%, fixed for 10 years and the monthly payment of \$950.
 ·The Church Council has decided that the monthly loan payment should match the monthly contributions whenever giving is greater than \$950.

"We give Thee but Thine own,
 Whate'er the gift may be;
 All that we have is Thine alone,
 A trust, O Lord, from Thee."

"And we believe Thy Word,
 Though dim our faith may be:
 Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,
 We do it unto Thee."
 (LSB 781)

Congratulations to the 2014 Graduates

We would like congratulate our High School graduates as they receive their diplomas. This is truly a milestone in your life, but be prepared for even greater things to happen in the coming years.

You will face many changes in life. As you accept your diploma, you step into a new relationship with parents, friends, and others. But the one thing that will never change is the love that God has for you in Christ Jesus. His love is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Therefore, along with your parents, we commit you to His love and care. God's richest blessings to you now and forever.

We will recognize all graduating seniors at the **9:30 am worship service on June 8th**.

OUR SAVIOR'S MISSION STATEMENT

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, is a family of believers growing together in faith as we joyfully **worship** the Triune God-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
 Empowered by the Holy Spirit we willingly **serve** our Lord Jesus Christ and **share** his love with others.

WORSHIP...SERVE...SHARE



THIS COPY OF OUR SAVIOR'S MESSENGER IS A COMBINED COPY FOR THE MONTHS OF June & July. PLEASE WATCH YOUR WEEKLY SUNDAY BULLETIN FOR ANY OTHER ADDITIONAL AND PERTINENT EVENTS NOT LISTED IN THE NEWSLETTER OR ON THE ENCLOSED TWO MONTHS' CALENDARS.



VOTERS MEET JULY 20th

The quarterly voters' meeting is set for Sunday morning, July 20th after the 9:30 worship service.

The work and business of the Lord's Kingdom continues throughout the year, including the summer season. While some members of our members will be away on vacation at this time, we sincerely encourage all our members to make every effort to attend this regular meeting of the Voters' assembly.

Please set aside **Sunday morning, July 20th** for this summer's voters' meeting - as we work together for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom.

Pastoral acts:

Confirmation: **May 18, 2014**

Cassandra Riley Badtke
Jeromy Thomas Fritsch
Tessa Louise Priebe
Amanda Grace Prusow

Safe Harbor Donations

Our East Sheboygan County Thrivent Chapter, along with our Social Activities Group, has chosen to collect items for Safe Harbor. All local churches have been asked to collect items from the list below. All items must be new. Please place your donation(s) in the blue tote located in the narthex. We will collect items through July 13th.

Safe Harbor Donation List

dry goods (boxed food)
towels (bath and kitchen)
paper goods (paper towels, toilet paper, etc)
bed linens (full and twin)
cleaning supplies
blankets (full and twin)
razors (women's)
comforters (full and twin)
personal hygiene items (women's)
pillows

Thank you in advance for your support. Please direct questions to Jane Woodard at 459-8965.

WORSHIP BY THE SHORE

The Social Activities Group will be sponsoring a worship service and cook-out at Deland Park on July 27th.

Please note: There will be NO worship service at church that Sunday and we will only have a worship service at Deland Park at **10:30 a.m.** with cook-out to follow.

We will begin selling tickets starting Sunday, June 29th and continue through Sunday, July 20th, before and after each worship service. Tickets will be sold at the Thursday, July 10th service only. We ask that you please purchase tickets in advance, so we know how many to plan for. But even if you don't purchase tickets ahead of time, we will have a limited amount of extra food.

Ticket prices are: \$5.50 for a single hamburger or brat meal or \$6.50 for Dbl. hamburger, brat or chicken sandwich meal. All meals include – your sandwich, beans, potato salad and drink. Beer will be sold separately for \$2.00 a can.

We are also asking for donations of bars, cookies, cupcakes or cakes. Please sign up on the pad in the narthex if you're willing to help out.

Why not plan a "fun family day" at the beach and enjoy the fellowship of your brothers and sisters in Christ? Please plan on attending the "Worship by the Shore" on Sunday, July 27th, starting with worship at 10:30 a.m. with cook-out to follow. Also, please remember to bring **a lawn chair** for the worship service.

If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Social Activities Group member:

Robyn Bemowski - 803-0958
Linda Fleck - 452-7484
Gail Hajenga - 457-7561
Marilyn Heling - 458-5336
Nannette Neerhof - 564-2765
Marijo Pitsch - 457-2974
Jane Woodard - 459-8965
Dawn Brauer – 457-5321
Jean Brauer – 918-1119
Kelly Jaeger – 457-5175

VACATIONS, OUR OFFERINGS, HIS WORK:

Vacations are necessary "breaks" from the job and the routine of life. They are important for our well being and they are vital to physical and emotional health.

Most vacations and weekend outings occur during the summer season. During this time of year, worship attendance in most churches declines, along with the offerings to carry out the Lord's Work "in season and out of season."

While on vacations or weekend outing, we'd encourage you to worship with Christians in sister congregations. Because the weekly needs of your home congregation continues when you're absent from church, we'd encourage you to practice the Bible's teaching of weekly giving by giving offerings even when absent from worship.

Christian giving - according to each person's ability and on a weekly basis - is an expression of faith in Jesus Christ, as we yield our hearts in obedience to His Will.

Many of our members continue to worship throughout the year as our Lord commands in I Cor. 16:2. Other members are continuing to provide offerings by either mailing their gifts directly to the church, or bringing them with them before they leave or after they return from vacation.

Thanks for your love and dedication to Him, whose daily, faithful and life-long grace gives us salvation; and the abundant life.

CONGREGATION INVITED TO A SPECIAL VBS GRAND FINALE

Come and hear about this year's Vacation Bible School theme: ***Teach us to pray***. View a power-point presentation of the week's activities. Learn what the children were taught about The Lord's Prayer and what they learned about prayer in general. Join us at 6:30 PM on Friday, June 20 in the gym at Lutheran High School. Hear the VBS children sing and help celebrate the conclusion of another wonderful Vacation Bible School.

Free registration for this year's Vacation Bible School ends June 1. Your child can still attend, but you

must register at Lutheran High on the first day (June 17). It will cost \$12 with no child care option.

Donations will be accepted until June 13. We are looking for 1 inch wide plastic ribbon, paper towels, kleenex, hand sanitizer or wet wipes, any color tissue paper, applesauce or fruit cups, pudding cups, graham or oyster crackers, juice, any flavor frosting, mini marshmallows, jars of Hersey's chocolate spread (not Nutella type), saltines, Ritz crackers, Teddy grahams, goldfish crackers, raisins, and Chex mix. For more information contact Carol Reisinger. Phone 920.458.1604 or email car1954@sbcglobal.net. You can also visit our website: <http://vbs.lutheranhigh.com>.

Food Pantry Update:

4th of July Food Baskets: 9 families from Our Savior's will receive a 4th of July Food Basket on June 28th. The baskets include a selection of food items to have a picnic/celebration (brats, hamburger, hotdogs, buns, pickles, relish, ketchup, mustard, chips, baked beans, onions, crackers, cheese, koolaid mix, smore fixins and a watermelon.) Items purchased for these baskets are paid for by the donations to the Food Pantry Fund and if available, items are taken from the food pantry shelves. Thank you for your contributions to this fund. We thank the volunteers who will assist in delivering these baskets. Any member who is in need of assistance from the food pantry, please contact Pastor Powers or a member of the food pantry (Helen & Janine Bergeron or Kathy Launer).

Coupon Update

Thanks so much to members who are bringing in their manufacture coupons from the Sunday paper. Many of the coupons are used to help fill the shelves in the food pantry and purchase items for the food baskets. To best utilize the coupons, please do not cut them out, as when I'm purchasing multiples of one item, it is more efficient to go through the coupon insert, than look through a pile of cut coupons. If you have any questions about the coupons used for the food pantry, or coupons use in general, please contact Janine Bergeron.

Ink Cartridge Update:

Thank you for bringing in your ink cartridges. To date, the donations of cartridges have exceeded the maximum we can turn in to get credit, and hopefully the program will continue for many years to come (especially with the merger of Office Max and Office Depot).

2014 Rummage Sale

Please continue to sort through your items for the October 17 and 18 rummage sale. Some of you may be planning to have your own rummage sales this summer. The rule in our house was whatever goes into the garage cannot come back into the house. If you are of the same mindset, please bring your leftovers for our church rummage sale.

There is a space in the fellowship hall designated for rummage sale items right now. This is a temporary location in the hall until it is waxed on one side and then it will be moved to the other side. The floor should be waxed by mid-August. But if you need to get items out of the house immediately and do not have an area to store items at home until mid-August, please feel free to bring them down to church.

We had such a tremendous outpouring of items last year that I wonder if there will be anything for this year's sale. The hope is that those of you who meant to sort through the boxes in the attic or garage that you have not looked at in years will choose to tackle the task this year and donate those items that you no longer have a use for. As a reminder, we do not take large appliances like dryers, items that use Freon like humidifiers, computers, or children's car seats. Please check any electrical items like hair dryers or blenders to make sure they are in working order before donating them.

Thanks for your generosity in an effort to reduce the church debt. If any questions arise, please feel free to contact Mike Feudner or Clara Murphy.

Parish Nurse News

Dear Friends in Christ –

Blessed Father's Day to all the gentlemen.

Cataracts

The lens in the eye is generally crystal clear. Protein fibers that are arranged in the lens lose their transparency and light is scattered which prevents sharp, focused images from reaching the retina. The lens then begins to cloud and as it spreads and becomes denser, your vision declines. Cataracts are usually age-related, and develop painlessly and gradually. Vision changes may include: blurred or dim vision, difficulty with night vision, sensitivity to bright light or glare, seeing halos around lights and double vision in one eye.

Surgery is the only treatment, but usually doesn't need to be rushed into!

There have been advances in the lens implant itself. The most common type of surgery is called Phacoemulsification – a big word that means breaking up the clouded lens and removing the pieces by suction. A small incision is made and a probe inserted that vibrates rapidly. The new lens is folded, inserted, unfolded and secured in place. Usually, no stitches are required.

The other is called Extracapsular Cataract Extraction. This is used if the lens cannot be broken up. A larger incision and stitches are required.

You may still need glasses for reading; it all depends on the lens used.

In healthy eyes, cataract removal results in improved vision 95% of the time.

There are rare side effects from surgery which may include infection, bleeding, inflammation, and swelling. Within the first few days, any mild pain or discomfort should lessen and vision should steadily improve. If changes for the worse occur, your eye doctor should be notified immediately.

(Info from Mayo Clinic Health Letter, May 2014)

Prayerfully submitted,

Deb

Blood Pressure – June 1st

Office Hours:

Mondays - 2:45-4:50pm

Thursdays – 4:00-5:55pm

What are You Asking For? by Charlene Friesen

Would you allow your child to cram eggs in his pocket or practice hockey slap shots in a china store? Stuffing eggs in your pockets may be OK if you're running low on entertainment but the china store might be a little extreme.

Children's emotions are as fragile as eggs and fine china. We don't need to jab their feelings with a proverbial hockey stick. Watch your stick handling!

Just when I thought I'd seen and heard it all, bombshells started exploding in our happy home last September. Our oldest son was staring adolescence straight in its evil eye. Over the last six months, I've noticed huge changes in his attitude and outlook. When he descends the stairs each morning, I can actually see his hormones marching two steps in front of him. Those testosterone taunters are plotting their sordid ways: "OK guys, we're all meeting at his mouth this morning. Johnny, yell the first insult and Pete will follow with a zinger."

Although our son's ready to drop the puck for a face off, I must be careful not to become an opposing player but a coach. A good coach knows when to let a player vent his frustration and when to take him aside for a little heart to heart.

Sometimes I need to patiently listen as his mouth rattles like a machine gun. Otherwise, my comments are equally juvenile and hurtful and I don't need another child in our house. Other times, I need to interject.

Oh, to have the wisdom of King Solomon! Thankfully, Jesus is eager to shower the same insight upon you! It's just as easy to ask for parental guidance, as it is to throw your hands in the air in frustration and defeat. Our Heavenly Father

knows a little something about raising kids.

Jeremiah 33:3 practically shouts, "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know." That's a great start! Ecclesiastes 3 reminds us that there is a time for everything. There's a time to enjoy an ice cream date with your child, a time to remove his car keys, a time to lock yourself in the bathroom and count to ten and of course, a time to learn together. A wise heart knows the proper time and procedure. (Ecclesiastes 8:5b, 6a)

Parenthood was designed as a blessing. Really! Those burdensome times allow Jesus to build spiritual character in our families. And character creates stalwart "characters." As we implore for Godly wisdom, we will become more patient, merciful and considerate toward our children, especially during those trying times.

Dig deep for that wisdom. Open the Bible and you'll find some very interesting families. Some parents were extremely diligent and others were dysfunctional with a capital D. Learn from their victories and mistakes!

What are you asking for? Here's what you need to claim today: "But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere" James 3:17 (NIV).

(The above article was reprinted with the author's permission, who is in the midst of raising three children.)

Lutheran Witness Renewal

Renewals and new subscriptions to The Lutheran Witness are due June 22nd. The cost for a year's subscription to the monthly magazine is \$15.96. Place your payment with your name and address and note that it is for The Lutheran Witness either in the offering plate or mail to the office. Your subscription will begin in September.

The Lutheran Witness is the official publication of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. It includes news, informative articles about the past and future, Bible studies and humor.

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1 7:30-9:30am Blood Pressure Check 8:00am Divine Worship with Communion 9:30am Divine Worship 11:00am-2:00pm Sunday School Carnival	2 2:45-4:50pm Parish Nurse 6:30pm Board Meetings	3 12:30pm Mary/Martha meet at Majerle's	4	5 4:00-5:55pm Parish Nurse 6:00pm Divine Worship with Communion	6	7
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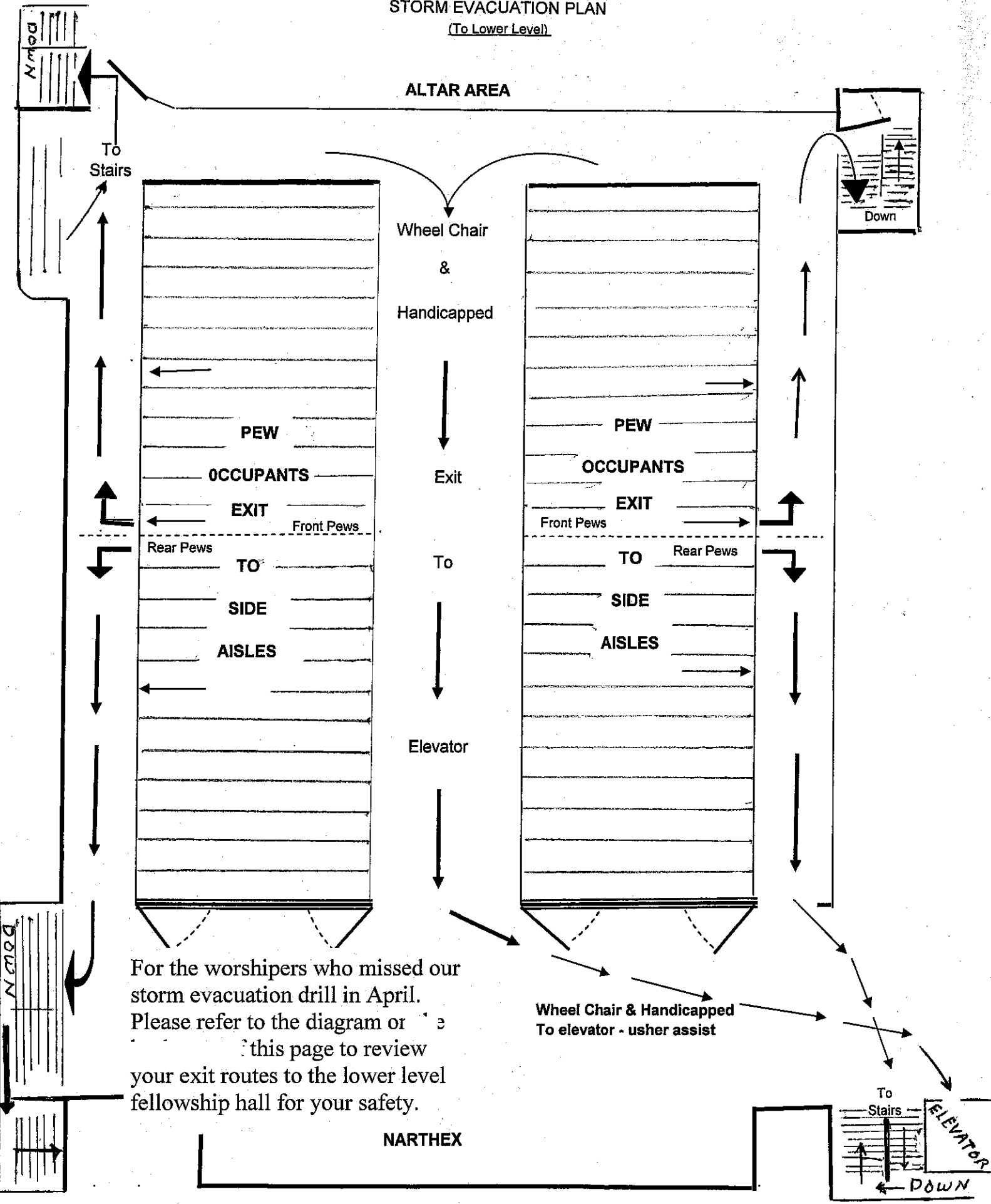
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Our Savior's Lutheran Church
STORM EVACUATION PLAN
(To Lower Level)



ALTAR AREA

Wheel Chair
&
Handicapped

Exit

To

Elevator

Wheel Chair & Handicapped
To elevator - usher assist

For the worshipers who missed our storm evacuation drill in April. Please refer to the diagram or this page to review your exit routes to the lower level fellowship hall for your safety.

NARTHEX

Down

To Stairs

ELEVATOR

DOWN