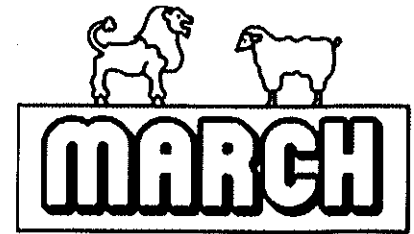


WORSHIP WITH US!

Thursdays at 6:00pm w/Communion
Sundays at 8:00am & 10:30am
(Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday at 8:00am & 2nd & 4th Sunday at 10:30am)
9:15am Sundays - Family Bible Hour for ALL ages



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Who's In Charge?

If I've learned anything over the years it's the fact that there's very little of which I'm in charge or control.

In *John 11:45-57* we read about the religious leaders and their plot to kill Jesus. Caiaphas, the high priest, thought he was in charge—in truth God was in total control. To say that Jesus was a hapless victim of human evil is to miss the point; rather he was God's appointed agent to carry out the plan of salvation from eternity. And with a sense of irony in this text Caiaphas has no idea how truthfully he speaks when he says, **"It is better that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish."**

Caiaphas' statement is the most profound truth. God's divine plan is to use the evil scheme of Caiaphas for the salvation of the world. Jesus dies, not simply for a nation, but for all people. Yes, His death is better, not in a political sense but in a spiritual sense. Caiaphas thought he was in charge—but in fact he was merely an instrument in working out the will of the heavenly Father.

When we find ourselves struggling and we wonder—"who's in charge?" Let's remember this biblical account in the life of Christ and how God worked for our good, even though Caiaphas intended it for evil. Yes, **"in all things God works for the good of those who love him"** (*Romans 8:28*). He is in charge! Therefore we praise and worship our glorious

God, who through His Son, Jesus Christ, so powerfully and graciously guided human history to achieve His will *and* our eternal salvation.

Blessings and peace in Jesus,

Pastor Marcus Powers

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday

March 20

8:00 & 10:30

Sunday School students sing at 10:30

Maundy Thursday

March 24

10:00am & 6:00pm

Good Friday

March 25

1:30pm

Easter Vigil

March 26

6:00pm

Easter

March 27

8:00 & 10:30am

Communion at both services

Ironies of the Passion

Irony is a figure of speech in which words are used in such a way that their intended meaning is different from the actual meaning of the words. It may also be a situation that may end up in quite a different way than what is generally anticipated. In simple words, it is a difference between the appearance and the reality. Ironies are evident throughout the Scriptures and we will explore some of these ironies during Lent.

- Midweek 4, Thursday, **March 3rd** at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. *He Had Been Wanting to See Jesus*
- Midweek 5, Thursday, **March 10th** at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. *We Have No King But Caesar!*
- Midweek 6, Thursday, **March 17th** at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. *Don't You Fear God?*
- Maundy Thursday, **March 24th** at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. *Do This in Remembrance of Me*
- Good Friday, **March 25th** at 1:30 p.m. *He Said, "I Will Rise Again"*
- Easter Sunday, **March 27th** at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. *Why Do You Look for the Living Among the Dead?*

Have you missed a service due to illness or other emergency?

We do have CDs available of our Sunday morning 8 A.M. service.

Call Kory at the church office and she will mail you a CD of any of those early services. We will also have CDs available of the Ash Wednesday and special Lenten services such as Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

Brat Fry

CEP STUDENTS & PARENTS

DATE: Sunday, March 13, 2016

TIME: 11:00am-2:00pm

The annual CEP Brat Fry is fast approaching on March 8th. Can't you smell the aroma of the brats, steaks and chicken breasts? Doesn't it make your mouth water? We hope that you will make plans to join us for this Brat Fry.

This Brat Fry is supports the Christian Education Program at Our Savior's.

Many thanks to the CEP students and parents for volunteering their time to make this a success.

This year we will also have a silent auction. Come and bid on various items from free games of bowling to an autographed Packers football!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Sunday, March 13th is the annual CEP Brat Fry and we need your donations of baked goods. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex on the small table to sign up. Please sign up by Sunday, March 6th, so we know how many baked goods to expect and can make other arrangements if necessary. There is NO need to prepackage or even precut your baked goods. We will take care of that. Baked goods may be dropped off at the church on Friday, March 11th from 9-noon in the office or 4:00-7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. You may also drop them off prior to 11:00am on Sunday, March 13th. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT of the CEP BRAT FRY!**

LENTEN SOUP & SANDWICH

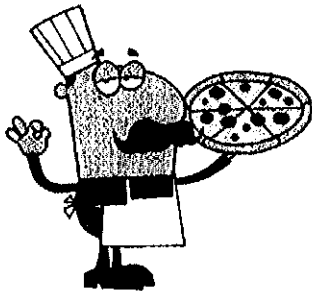
Lenten Soup & Sandwich started on February 18th with Ash Wednesday. Join us starting at 5 pm up till 5:50 on February 26, March 5, 12, 19, and 26 for soup, sandwiches and dessert. Everyone is invited to join us. Contact Helen or Janine Bergeron for more information.

Palm Sunday Luncheon March 20

The Social Activities Group will be sponsoring a Palm Sunday Luncheon on March 20th in the Church Fellowship Hall following the late worship service. The meal will include: **BBQ Pulled Pork, Cole Slaw, Red Potato Salad, Chips, Veggies & Dip, Fruit Salad, Dessert, Coffee & Milk.** A Free Will offering will be taken. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex at the end of February; please sign up so we can get a count of people that will be attending. Also, we are looking for donations of desserts and you will find that on the sign-up sheet. Come and celebrate the start of Holy Week and enjoy the fellowship with your brothers & sisters.



Questions please contact Robyn @ 918-6165 or any committee member: Linda Fleck, Gail Hajenga, Marilyn Heling, Marijo Pitsch, Kelly Jaeger, Clara Murphy & Jane Woodard.



PIZZA BY FRANK MARZANO

Back by popular demand!
Pizza by Frank Marzano.
Mark your calendar for
April 23rd at 6:00pm in

the Church Fellowship Hall – Look for more information coming in the March Newsletter.

Up Coming Events:

- April – Family Movie Night "God is Not Dead"
- Summer – TimberRattlers Game

EASTER FOOD BASKETS will be delivered on March 26th. Delivery volunteers should meet at church at 10 am. If there are individuals or families (who are members of Our Saviors) in need of an Easter food basket, please contact Janine Bergeron (457-0516) or Pastor Powers.

Pastoral Acts:

Funerals:

Mr. Richard Hurley
Age: 86
Died: February 16, 2016
Laid to Rest: February 18, 2016

Mr. Glenn Lorfeld
Age: 88
Died: February 20, 2016
Laid to Rest: February 26, 2016

Baptisms:

Zachariah Cody Diedrich
Son of Zachariah Diedrich
January 31, 2016

Ada Mae Diedrich
Daughter of Zachariah Diedrich and Rachael
Holbrook
January 31, 2016

Isabelle Audrey Knoebel
Daughter of Brian and Alissa (Roe) Knoebel
February 14, 2016

Memorial Gifts:

\$500 in memory of Gene Paulson
\$55 in memory of Richard Hurley

Congratulations to the Youth Group

Our Savior's Youth Group received the United Way Spirit Award for Youth Volunteers for their work at Bridgeway throughout this year and in the past. Bridgeway helps homeless single mothers and their children to become safe and self-sufficient.

In next month's newsletter, the students will report on their recent time at Bridgeway, helping to prepare a meal.

Parish Nurse News

Dear Friends in Christ:

This & That

Women with Type 2 diabetes are twice as likely as diabetic men to develop coronary heart disease – with early and more deadly heart attacks. At least two hours of weekly exercise and medication when needed may help lower the risk.

New Way to Relieve Nausea? People who went to the ER for nausea or vomiting and smelled isopropyl alcohol pads were much less queasy after 10 minutes than those that sniffed saline pads. Volunteers held wipes an inch from their noses, breathed normally for up to 60 seconds and repeated 2 and 4 minutes later. Researchers are unsure why it works.

Less Calories in Walnuts. Walnuts are packed with polyphenols and omega-3 fatty acids, fiber, protein, and potassium and are now 21% lower in calories than previously believed. According to a study, a 1 oz. serving (approximately 14 halves) contains 146 calories, not 185. The body may not absorb all the fats as some oil may be trapped in the plant's cell wall.

Quiet Meals, Healthier Choices. Turn down the volume. Families who ate as a vacuum cleaner roared nearby consumed 34% more cookies than those that dined in a more peaceful setting.

(Info taken from Consumer Reports on Health. Vol. 28 Issue 3, March 2016)

Prayfully submitted,

Deb

BP Sunday, March 6th

Office Hours

Mondays 2:45-4:45pm

Thursdays 3:45-5:50pm

LCMS National Convention

The 65th Annual Convention of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod will be held July 9-14, 2016, in Milwaukee at the Wisconsin Center.

The national convention of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod shall afford an opportunity for worship, nurture and inspiration, fellowship, and the communication of vital information. The convention is the principal legislative assembly, which amends the Constitution and Bylaws, considers and takes action on reports and overtures, and handles appropriate appeals. It establishes general positions and policies of the Synod, provides overall program direction and priorities, and conducts business in order to provide responsible service for and on behalf of its members.

Since this important even will be held in Milwaukee, our South Wisconsin District will be called upon to help make it a convention we can be proud of! We need at least 300 volunteers to come and help! Can we count on YOU?

Any amount of time that you can commit to this exciting event will be a great experience for you and a huge help to convention committee! You will have an opportunity to see your synod at work. The "job descriptions" for each of the volunteer categories will be given on the District website. You can look at what opportunities are available and sign up to volunteer by visiting <http://swd.lcms.org/volunteers-needed-for-lcms-national-convention/>

Feel free to call the District office (414-464-8100) if you have further questions about anything.

THANK YOU

As part of our ministry at Our Savior's, we participated in recording the devotion and prayer for 452-Pray also known as Dial-A-Prayer. The Elders would like to thank Tim and Lin Zallar and Mark and Kathie Rammer for lending us their gifted voices for this important part of our ministries.

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