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9:15am Sundays - Family Bible Hour for ALL ages



APRIL 2017

OUR SAVIOR'S MESSENGER

No. 4

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The Easter Vigil

A Vigil is an evening service of Scripture readings, psalms, and prayers in which believers vigilantly and eagerly wait and watch for the celebration of the Savior's deliverance. Old Testament believers waited through the night of Passover for God to deliver them from the Egyptians. The midnight worship reported in Acts 20:7-12 is another example of late-night waiting and watching. Today's Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve services are modern-day vigils. Coming together for a vigil helps believers practice waiting patiently for God to reveal his will in his own good time.

History of the Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil is the most well-known and historic of the Church's vigils. In its general structure, it is one of the most ancient rites of the Christian Church. Early records indicate it may have been celebrated in Jerusalem already by the second century, and it soon spread to the rest of the church.

From its beginnings, the Easter Vigil was closely connected to Holy Baptism. In the pagan world, a conversion to Christianity meant making a clean break from a former lifestyle. It also meant facing difficult times, perhaps even death. The instruction of adults was, therefore, intensive and thorough, practical as well as intellectual. The instruction intensified during the season of Lent, as catechumens pondered not only the Savior's battle with evil, but also their own battle with Satan and his forces. The instruction culminated with their baptism at the Easter Vigil. The timing was in keeping with the theology of Baptism: "All of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. We were therefore buried with him

through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life" (Romans 6:3-4).

As adult conversions declined in Europe and infant baptism became the norm, the purpose and understanding of the Vigil faded. Eventually, virtually all baptisms took place at times other than the Vigil. By the time of the Reformation the Vigil had fallen into disuse, although the Vigil continued uninterrupted in the Eastern Orthodox Church and remains a high point of Easter worship to this day.

Easter Vigil in the 20th Century Church

In an age of computers and cell phones, more Christians are longing to return to the quiet and contemplative worship forms of the early Church. They desire worship which communicates God's transcendent majesty rather than trivializing him with folksy familiarity. For this and a number of other reasons, the Easter Vigil is enjoying a comeback in the 20th century Christian Church. With its slow-paced movement and symbolic communication, the Easter Vigil is attractive to many Christians who are seeking a deeper and more thorough spirituality. Especially in churches which take the Church Year seriously, the Easter Vigil marks the high point of Holy Week and the turning point of the Christian Year.

The Easter Vigil Liturgy

The Easter Vigil liturgy consists of four parts: the Service of Light, the Service of Readings (which is the actual vigil), the Service of Baptism, and the Service of Holy Communion. The service begins in the evening of Holy Saturday. Often the

congregation assembles outside the church and follows the paschal candle in procession into the church. Ideally the Vigil lasts through the night, with the baptisms taking place at dawn. For practical reasons, however, an all-night Vigil is seldom held today.

The Service of Light focuses the entire Vigil on Christ, the Light of the world (symbolized by the paschal candle) who overcame the darkness of sin and death by his resurrection. The first song of the Vigil, the Exsultet, links our paschal feast with the first Passover and with God's deliverance of Israel at the Red Sea. The song introduces the theme of God's saving acts in history, a theme that runs through the Service of Readings.

There are 12 readings appointed for the Easter Vigil. Most congregations use between four and seven, although Exodus 14:10-15:1 is usually read. Unhurried periods of silence and songs for reflection follow each lesson and help identify the service as a vigil.

When no baptisms take place in the Vigil, the Service of Holy Baptism identifies Baptism as one of God's great acts of deliverance that has been applied to each individual Christian, connects baptism with Christ's resurrection, and gives believers an opportunity to publicly confess the faith into which they have been baptized.

An atmosphere of solemn anticipation and meditation (as well as relative darkness) is maintained until the proclamation, "Alleluia! Christ is risen," which marks the dramatic transition from darkness to light. This is reflected in the pace of the service and in the music. The tone for the rest of the service is one of joy. In the Service of Holy Communion we receive the true body and blood of the risen and victorious Christ and the assurance of his once-for-all deliverance. The Vigil Communion is relatively simple in form and style, since the chief celebration of Easter takes place on Easter morning. The highest festivities of Easter are usually reserved for the service on Easter Day.

I hope you will join us for the Easter Vigil at Our Savior's on April 15th at 6:00 p.m. Weather permitting, we will gather outside the 10th street entrance to the church for the beginning of the service.

Pr. Schulz +

Members of Our Savior's:

Brief Update on the Call Process:

Last week, we sent out a church membership mailing. We hope by now you have received this letter with a brief update on the call process. Also included in the mailing was the list of pastoral candidates. The Call Committee met Saturday morning to review the list of candidates. We like to thank those who nominated a candidate. Out of the eleven candidates, we have narrowed the list down to just three that we feel would be good fit for Our Savior's.

The three candidates are:

- 1) Rev James Schulz
- 2) Rev David Totsky
- 3) Rev Joel Howard

Pastoral Call Committee Recommendation:

We are seeking the congregation's approval to extend a call to Pastor Schulz who has been unanimously recommended by the call committee and recommended by many other church members. Pastor Schulz is currently serving as our vacancy pastor for the last seven months. We have all had a chance, by now, to hear him preach and have one-on-one conversations with him. These seven months has been like a long interview. Pastor Schulz ministry has taught us the importance of the "Word and Sacraments."

Special Pastoral Voters Meeting:

The President of the Congregation has called a special voters meeting for Monday, April 3, 2017 at 6:30pm. We realize that some of our member do not like to drive at night. We ask if this is a concern, please contact Kory in the church office to be put on a list. We will then make arrangements to provide transportation for you that evening.

In Closing:

This truly is an exciting time at Our Savior's! It has been 24 years since we've had to call a pastor. As we move forward with this process, we need your continued support and prayers as we extend a call for our next pastor. We trust that the Holy Spirit has worked through us, and has given us the strength and guidance we have prayed for in this call process.

Daryl J. Jaeger
Board of Elders – Chairperson

VOTERS' MEETING ON THE 23rd OF APRIL

The spring quarterly meeting of Our Savior's voting assembly will be held on Sunday, April 23rd between the early and late service. All confirmed members, 18 years and older, are automatically members of the voting assembly.

We encourage involvement from **all** our members, both men and women, old and young. It is only as we all work together, and actually get involved in the Lord's work, that we can fully experience blessings, and the personal satisfaction of knowing that God is working through you to accomplish His purposes.

MARY MARTHA NEWS

We opened our March meeting with Pastor Schulz giving a devotion on the free gift and the importance of hope. After a business meeting, we had coffee and dessert and socialized. We then made jelly bean treats for our Sunday School children in celebration of Easter.

Committee Member

Pastoral Acts:

Baptism:

Micah John Cleveland
Son of Benjamin and Jill (Jung) Cleveland
March 5, 2017

Memorial Gifts:

\$1,185 in memory of Glendoris Hofschield
\$10 in memory of Victor Guenther
\$25 in memory of Rosemarie Hurley

CEP BRAT FRY

Many thanks to the numerous members that volunteered their time to running the fry and especially to those who enjoyed a good meal for a good cause. All proceeds will go towards the advancement of the CEP Program here at Our Savior's. If you have any suggestions or comments on the Fry, feel free to speak with either Eric or Dawn Brauer or Brett or Manda Meulbroek. See you at next year's Fry!

Rummage Sale 2017

Hope you are saving your goodies for the rummage sale in October! We are looking forward to working with you. So now is the time to clean out your closets, jewelry boxes, basements, and attics of unused items. We will be taking gently used furniture items too which can be dropped off the Sunday before the sale in October. So if you can hold those items until then that will be appreciated.

Many have asked where the money will be going. It will be determined by the congregation at a quarterly business meeting. Some possible projects have been suggested, but ultimately the congregation can make that decision.

You have always been so generous with your time, talents, and goods. Thank you. If you have any questions/suggestions, please feel free to contact Clara Murphy or Mike Feudner.

NOTES FROM THE PARISH NURSE

Dear Friends in Christ:

Magnesium is a nutrient that is lacking in the American diet. Cells need the mineral to produce ATP, a compound known as the body's energy currency. Cells draw on it to power their functions. Magnesium is also involved in regulating blood pressure, blood sugar, heart rate and nerve transmission. Women should get 320 mg per day, men 420 mg.

Older people are at risk as they tend to consume less, and may absorb less than they eat, and their kidneys may excrete more of it. Crohn's disease or celiac disease can also affect absorption.

To get sufficient amounts, food is best. High doses from supplements may cause diarrhea, nausea, abdominal cramps and may prevent some drugs from working well.

Best sources are dark, leafy greens, legumes, nuts and whole grains. Foods that supply 50 mg per serving include 1/2 cup cooked quinoa, 2 tablespoons pumpkin seeds, 1/4 cup almonds, 3/4 cup cooked chickpeas, 2 heaping cups raw spinach, and 1 oz. 70 to 85% dark chocolate.

Supplements may be appropriate if you have a digestive disorder or diabetes. Long term use of proton pump inhibitors (PPIs) may also lead to deficiency.

'Mag' Up Your Meals

Here's a daily menu that supplies just over 420 mg of magnesium, the amount a man should consume per day. Women need 320 mg.

Breakfast

Nutty Banana Oatmeal

1/3 cup rolled oats prepared with water (27 mg), 1/4 cup sliced almonds (62 mg), 1 small banana, sliced (27 mg).

Lunch

Veggie Taco Bowl

3/4 cup brown rice (64 mg), 1/3 cup black beans (40 mg), 1 cup sliced zucchini and yellow squash, cooked (19 mg), 1/2 medium avocado, cubed (20 mg)

Snack

Yogurt with Raspberries

7 ounces lowfat plain Greek yogurt (22 mg), 1/2 cup raspberries (14 mg)

Dinner

Salmon, Spinach, and Potato

3 ounces wild salmon, broiled (31 mg), 3 cups raw spinach, sautéed with garlic and oil (71 mg), 1 small baked potato (39 mg)

(info from Consumer Reports on Health, April 2017)

Prayerfully submitted,

Deb

Blood Pressure Check, April 2, 7:30-10:30am

Office Hours

Mondays – 9:00-11:00am

Thursdays – 3:45-5:50pm

Simply Giving Program

Thank you to all of our congregation members who have switched to Simply Giving, an electronic option for making regular offerings.

Contributions are debited automatically from your checking or savings account. The program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

Automatic contributions can be set-up for weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly debits. An authorization form is available from an usher or the church office.

Notes from Other Lutherans

Job Opportunity – Director of Worship Ministry

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Sheboygan Falls is looking to fill the newly created position of Director of Worship Ministry. St. Paul is a congregation of over 2700 members with four established praise bands, a choir, and a bell choir that are looking for leadership and guidance. We also have a need to develop another praise band and youth choir along with dance and drama teams. If you possess a passion for music and believe you have the ability to motivate others to "Connect People to Christ," please visit www.stpaulfalls.com for the complete description of the position or call 920-467-6449. Applications will be accepted until April 7. Help us to wrap the love of the Lord around the heart of all of his children.

Grace Lutheran Movie Night

Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, W1264 CTH FF, Haven will be holding a showing of the Movie "The Passion" on Sunday April 9th at 6:00 p.m. We encourage you to join us as we receive more insight on what Jesus has done for us for our forgiveness.

Good Shepherd Rummage Sale

It's the sale you have been waiting for! The 21st Annual Rummage Sale and Brat Fry at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1614 S. 23 Street in Sheboygan, will be held on Saturday, April 22nd from 7am to 2pm. There will also be a bake sale and craft and quilts available for purchase. Proceeds from the sale will be used for "A Work In Progress".

Lutheran High Spring Musical

Step back into 19th century Thailand with Sheboygan Lutheran High School's production of "The King and I." Performances are 7 p.m. Friday, April 28 & Saturday, April 29; and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 30 in the LHS gymnasium. Tickets are \$10 for reserved seating; \$5 for bleacher seating. Stop by the LHS Office to purchase your tickets in advance or buy them at the door before each performance. Any questions, contact the LHS Office at 920-452-3323.

HighLites

"Preparing Christian Leaders—One Student at a Time"

A Monthly Newsletter

April 2017

A very important decision indeed.

Parents have an important decision as to where their children are educated. The 5th - 8th graders thinking about where they will attend high school are influenced by many factors, and parents should be heavily involved in that decision process. As a school, our job is to educate, our mission is to prepare Christian leaders, and our position is that private schools are not only for "rich kids". The idea behind the Parental School Choice program is to offer parents an opportunity to choose the best fit for their child, not limit the option to one; the only public school in the area. The voucher opens the door of opportunity to families who would love their children to attend a parochial school but would be financially out of reach.

There are several area schools in the program. Trinity, Immanuel, Bethlehem, and St. Paul K-8 in Sheboygan, St. John Lutheran K-8 in Plymouth, and Lutheran High School are options for your children to benefit from a Christian-based education. These schools meet the WPC program qualifications of being solvent, viable schools, nationally accredited with teachers who all have Bachelor's degrees or higher, and these schools feel that it's worth it to be in the program.

The enrollment period for the program is Feb. 2 - April 20 for parents apply who meet the income and residency requirements. One other stipulation is the program is that there are certain entry points for private school students; entering 9th grade, or entering 3K, 4K or Kindergarten. However, public school students or homeschooled children can enter the program at any grade level. Our hope is more parents will plan on Lutheran High School in the future for their children. And as families use a voucher, it will allow money that was allocated for financial aid to be available to another family, and used for program improvements. We can grow our student population and make parochial education more affordable.

Additionally, we incorporate Jesus Christ into our everyday curriculum, and we will not waiver from that. We know students benefit from being in God's word as much as possible. Our teachers utilize biblical principles whenever possible, students hear references to Jesus in the hallways, and we have created a culture here where Christianity is lived daily. We hope parents can embrace that and keep their children close to that. Our hope is more families will be able to attend Lutheran High School and that the Choice program will help that happen. It's a parent's choice.



Please pray for Lutheran High School and all of our families who are making decisions about education. We appreciate your prayers and gifts to LHS and we want to continue ***Preparing Christian Leaders - One Student at a Time***. This world needs Christian leaders more than ever!

Have a blessed Easter. In Christ,

Paul W. Gnan, Executive Director

Crusade for Bids Dinner & Auction

Friday, April 7 - Preview Night

Preview night is free! This is a great opportunity to check out the auction even if you are not able to go on Saturday. Stop in for fellowship, enjoy live entertainment by the Good Hope Road Praise Band, and view the auction items. Join us from 5:30 - 8 p.m. in our gym for a few Friday-only opportunities to win a basket or see the auction puppy. Cash bar available.

Saturday, April 8 - Auction and Dinner

Silent & Live auction, dinner buffet, and fun!
Doors open at 4:30 p.m.

Early reservations are \$68 per person before March 29, \$80 after March 29.

Awesome lineup of auction items include:

- * Houston Rockets t-shirts, balls, and youth items all autographed by Sam Dekker, #7.
- * Spring break '18 vacation to Myrtle Beach, SC.
- * Robin Yount autographed framed Brewers jersey.
- * A summer trip to Granby, Colorado, off the SW side of the Rocky Mountain National Park.
- * Wine tasting, personal tour, wine blending, and gourmet dinner event for 10 at SoLu Winery.
- * Hall of Fame Brett Favre autographed items.
- * Tickets to see "Beautiful" the Musical, "Jazz on the Vine" in Elkhart Lake, the STC musical production of "The Full Monty", and more!
- * An adorable apricot male cockapoo puppy.
- * Half-day Charter Fishing package on Lake MI.
- * A girls Brush 'n' Board DIY night with Laura Adameak, wine included.
- * Handcrafted items, jewelry, artwork.
- * Chocolate, wine, cigars and more!

Donations greatly appreciated

Donate sporting event tickets, theme baskets, gift certificates, or even cash toward the purchase of an item for the auction and your donation can be tax deductible.

If you have any questions or would like to donate, please call the Lutheran High office at 920-452-3323.

Check out the LHS website for a detailed listing of items at www.lutheranhigh.com, Dinner Auction under the "Activities" tab.



Lutheran High Student Leaders of the Month

have been chosen based on their service, behavior, leadership, attitude, & academic achievements.

Senior - Alese Steinhardt

St. John Lutheran - Plymouth

Junior - Xinyi "Sally" Feng

Trinity Lutheran - Downtown

Sophomore - Shae Holzheimer

Bethlehem Lutheran - Sheboygan

Freshman - Max Leonhard

St. John Lutheran - Plymouth

Lutheran High's Spring Musical and Student Art Fair Weekend

Save the date for

RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S

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Tickets on sale in the LHS office now!

Public Performances:

Friday, April 28 at 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 29 at 7 p.m.

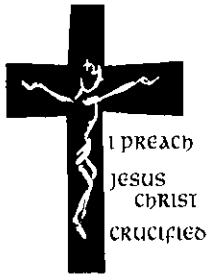
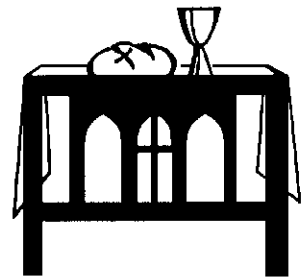
Sunday, April 30 at 2 p.m.

HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion
8:00 & 10:30a

Maundy Thursday
10:00a & 6:00p



Good Friday
1:30 & 7:00p Tenebrae service of darkness

The Great Vigil of Easter

6:00p



Easter Day
8:00 and 10:30a

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