

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Newsletter

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HEAR IT, FEEL IT, LIVE IT, SHARE IT – GOD'S LOVE

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

“If we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.” So Paul wrote to the Romans to reassure them of the certainty of hope in the resurrection. He was addressing the misunderstanding and fear that surrounded those who had died before the return of Christ. So in the joyful spirit of Easter, let's talk about resurrection.

Christ's resurrection was God's definitive defeat of death. Sometimes we talk about the afterlife in terms of our souls leaving our bodies behind to go off to heaven, but this isn't what happened with Jesus. He was raised and he was right here on earth! His resurrection didn't mean that forever after we would *avoid* death, but that death was *defeated*. He didn't come *back* from death, he went *through* it and came out the other side!

When Christ was raised from the dead (alleluia!), he was raised bodily. As in, flesh-and-blood. He even said to the Apostles that he isn't a ghost in Luke, asking for something to eat to show them that he was there, touchable, real. But, unlike the body he died with, this body after the resurrection could pass through doors and cover hundreds of miles in moments. We are promised “a resurrection like his,” so we, too, look forward to a new body. A body not broken by the sinfulness of the world. A body perfectly molded to how God has called us to be.

What does that look like, exactly? Well, we don't know. It's a mystery. The only body of the resurrection that's ever been was Jesus' body, so we can get a couple hints from there. But, as Paul says, in the end it's a mystery. It's a mystery, but it's also a deep and abiding hope. Because if we are raised in the body, and not just souls escaping death to go to heaven, then that means death is really defeated and not merely avoided. It means that, in the resurrection at the end of days, death won't be lurking out there for us, but that it will be over and done with forever.

So if we have the promise that we will be raised in the body, just as Christ was raised bodily, then doesn't that mean God values bodies? And if God values bodies, then doesn't that mean this world is worth something to God? How can we start reflecting on that love God has for this world that God will redeem here and now? What ways can we show respect for each other's bodies—bodies that will be redeemed in the resurrection—that reflects the respect that God has for our own bodies?

We may not know exactly what the resurrection will look like, but we know that it's a complete victory for God. All the foes of goodness and wholeness and peace will be defeated, ended forever so that the perfect wonder of God's reign can be made complete. We celebrate this hope with Easter, shouting for joy at the first fruits of the new creation in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, saying:

He is risen! Alleluia!

In Christ,
Pastor Lucas

God calls us to the waters of baptism, and as we enter the months ahead, keep in mind the following dates that are open for baptisms.

April 22nd, May 13th, June 17th

Call the Office if any of these dates would work out for your family. 715-273-4570



In Need of Prayer

Bev Radkey, Colleen Johnson, Larry Young, Ron Wilkins, Trudy Owen, Laurine Baker, Sam Kittleson, Kenny Hansen, Bill Hines, Judie Goodwin, Wayne Peterson, and Kristen Anderson. If you know of anyone that should be on our prayer list please contact the office.

Dear Saints of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin,

This week I was honored to preach at the funeral of a 37 year old pastor who died too young and left behind a wife and a two year old daughter. It was an honor, but also just plain hard work. Not just for me, but everyone who sat in the overflowing sanctuary. But what would have been inestimably harder would have been doing that work without Easter... doing that work without Jesus. But I was able to stand in that pulpit and proclaim as clearly, and with as much certainty as I could muster, that death does not have the final say. I said these words: "Jesus died, and Jesus rose again, for a day just like this." Yes he did.

I often tell pastors, deacons and Synodically Authorized Ministers: "There are three high holy days in the year - Christmas, Easter and Mothers' Day. And don't ever forget Mother's day!" All three of these days celebrate the gift of new life. Each, in its own way, celebrates Jesus bringing new life into a world that can be dragged down by the fear and the reality of death.

So, what about Easter? First of all, I hope that everyone who reads these words takes/makes the time to go to church on Easter. Secondly, as you sit there in the lily scented church, surrounded by light and the sound of beautiful hymns, try to imagine your most difficult collision with death without the belief that Jesus really did rise from that tomb. Imagine burying a parent, or a child, or a spouse or a friend without that promise. Imagine. I cannot.

I cannot imagine, because I don't remember a day in my entire life when I didn't have that promise folded into me. It has strengthened me on days when it was all I had. The promise that "Jesus died, and Jesus rose again, for a day just like this." It is an awesome gift and one for which I am grateful.

This Easter, go to church. But don't just go there. Imagine someone who hasn't received the gift of that promise. If you can't think of anyone, well, you may need to get out and make some new friends! Because what you have been given, is too precious to hang onto by yourself. All of us, if we live long enough, will experience a "day just like this." It is inevitable. And we have a promise that will make a difference to someone who just cannot do that plain hard work by themselves.

They need Jesus. They need the promise of Jesus. They need the hope of Jesus. They need what you have been given. Please...share it. It is an honor.

Bishop Rick Hoyme
Northwest Synod of Wisconsin-ELCA



**Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
March 6, 2018: 7PM**

Attendance: Pastor Lucas, Tom H, Debbie P, Brenda W, Jill R, Lynette P, Bruce P, Randy W, Norris B, Mike A. Tom called the meeting to order. Pastor led us in devotions and prayer.

Audit committee gave a report. Need to find key to safety deposit box. Sunday School account needs to be updated. Question to combine money market and designated accounts-no

AT&T and MCI phone plans are high-change plan to save money. Mike made a motion to allow Patricia and Lynette to call phone companies to reduce rates. Brenda 2nd. Motion carried.

Secretary report: Given at annual meeting. Bruce made motion accept report. Norris 2nd. MC

Treasurer's report: Debbie made a motion to change timing of Pastor's salary to twice a month. Randy 2nd. MC
Need to start looking for a new place to bank since Associated Bank bought out Bank Mutual. Mike made a motion to accept report. Norris 2nd. MC

Pastor's report: Shrove Tuesday was successful—would like to make it annual.

Committee reports: None

Conflict Detection: None

Old Business: None

New Business: Money counters Sign-up sheet passed around

Committee liaisons: LPBC-Jill, Stewardship-Mike, Property-Bruce, Personnel-Norris, Nominating-Norris, Endowment-Debbie, Evangelism-Brenda, Education-Mike

Easter schedule: Easter Vigil-7PM, Easter Sunday-10AM

Look into having a council member "on duty" each month to help with any last minute things on Sunday morning. Were we going to give money to David Edin from disaster fund for his loss of his hand? Debbie made a motion to pay David Edin \$500. Bruce 2nd MC.

Next meeting will be April 3rd. Pastor Hoy will be here two Sundays in April.

Adjournment. Debbie moved to adjourn meeting. Brenda 2nd MC. Pastor led us in closing prayer.



Rachel Mann



Young Adults in Global Mission



Serving in: Madagascar

From: Lino Lakes, MN.

Places I call home: Our Savior Lutheran Church in Circle Pines, MN., Camp Wapo (Lake Wapogasset Bible Camp) in Amery, WI., and Camp Emmaus (Pathways Lutheran Outdoor Ministries) in Menahga, MN.

Blog: www.rachelmannyagn.weebly.com

YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE! HERE'S HOW TO GIVE:

By credit or debit card: Find Rachel's name in the dropdown menu at <https://community.elca.org/yagn/give>. Or, call 800-638-3522 and specify "Rachel Mann GCS3356".

By check: Make payable to "ELCA Global Church Sponsorship" with "Rachel Mann GCS3356" in the memo line. Give through your synod office or mail your check to: ELCA Gift Processing Center, P O Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Women of the ELCA
St. Croix Valley Conference

2018 Morning of Renewal

WE are CALLED ... to recognize the image of God in every person. Jesus Christ calls the whole church to love and show compassion to all individuals. We strive "to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God."

Micah 6:8



Mikayla Swanson, the Domestic Violence Services Coordinator, has worked for Turningpoint for 4.5 years and will be guiding us through the ins and outs of Domestic Violence through statistics and client stories. Mikayla will also share how Turningpoint helps victims and what services they have to offer.

REGISTRATION/COFFEE 8:15—8:45am. Session begins at 8:45 a.m. and concludes by noon.

OFFERING: 1/2 will go to the Synodical Women's Organization, 1/4 to Turningpoint, and 1/4 to the Hudson Outreach Meals for Everyone (HOME).

BRING IN KIND GIFTS for Turningpoint: *Hygiene supplies* (new and unopened) body wash, toilet paper, toothpaste, mouthwash, baby wipes, diapers sizes 4 & 5, deodorant, body and hand lotion, hair conditioner *cleaning supplies* all purpose cleaner, bleach, dish soap, paper towels, laundry detergent, disinfectant wipes

Hear about the Second Chances Thrift Store, SWO Convention and news, and conference news.

COME... LEARN how we can bring healing and hope to victims of Domestic Violence.

Saturday, April 7, 2018

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church

505 13th Street, Hudson WI 54016

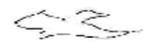
Registration and coffee: 8:15-8:45

Cost: \$5.00 at the door



"Transformed Anew"

Be renewed in the Spirit
Ephesians 4:23



Come... join us for fellowship, worship, learning opportunities, inspiration and more at the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin Synodical Women's Organization Convention, April 20-21, 2018 at Bethany Lutheran Church, 35 W Messenger St, Rice Lake WI 54868.

Registration fee: \$35 (includes lunch) until April 7th. \$40 late registration and same day registration
Two Scholarships per conference - \$35 - Deadline March 15, 2018

Friday evening: Every church in our synod with a W/ELCA unit (group) is entitled to send a voting member to the Friday evening business session which begins at 7:00 p.m. and will include adoption of the SWO budget, election of SWO Officers and election of voting members (delegates) to the 2020 Triennial Convention to be held in Phoenix, Arizona.

Saturday: Our speakers, awareness sessions, and closing worship will be on Saturday, so put April 21st on your calendar now and plan to attend this one day transforming event.

Convention Offering: ½ to church wide Women of the ELCA, ¼ to ELCA Disaster Response, ¼ to Benjamin House (homeless shelter in Rice Lake)

Saturday Morning Keynote speakers:

- **Deacon Amy Hartman** – founding director of **Cherish All Children** - Amy advocates for the prevention of sexual exploitation of children. As people of faith, we are called to be educated on this issue and to work in our community/church to prevent sexual exploitation of children.
- **Reverend Laurie Skow-Anderson** – "**180 Degrees**" – Laurie, an Assistant to the Bishop in our synod, will challenge us to face the future of our organization with transforming ideas.

Awareness sessions:

- **Doctrine of Discovery** – Gail Lando and Mary Meierotto – Our Synod and the ELCA have repudiated this doctrine. What it is? What does this mean for me? What's next?
- **Water Quality** issues in our area/test kits – Kate Beaton
- **Human Trafficking** in our area - Fierce Freedom, Eau Claire, recognize signs of trafficking
- **Domestic Violence** in our area – Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald
- **Benjamin House** - homelessness in the Rice Lake – Laurie Bowman
- **Conversation with Bishop Hoyme**, Bishop of the NW Synod of Wisconsin

Faith in Action Tables:

- **Bring In kind gifts** for Benjamin House – homeless shelter for men, women, and children (toiletries, towels, cash, gas cards, gift cards, Kleenex, paper towels, toilet paper, socks, etc)
- **Test your water** – take home a water testing kit
- **Sign letters** to our legislators to ratify the UN ban against corporal punishment of children
- **Hotline numbers** for trafficking and domestic violence - kits to take home and post at church
- **Bold Generosity brochures** – information/support of the NW Synod of WI capital campaign



His Spirit In Us

PRESENTED BY

The Pierce County Ecumenical Choir

The public is welcome.

Join us as we celebrate the Fire of the Spirit and the River of Life
that comes to us through our living, loving Savior, Jesus Christ!

2018 Concert Schedule

Sunday, April 8 at 3pm	Deer Crest - Ebenezer Red Wing, MN
Sunday, April 15 at 3pm	Crossroad Community Church Ellsworth, WI
And 7pm	Sabylund Lutheran Church Stockholm, WI
Sunday, April 22 at 3pm	Seventh-Day Adventist Church Red Wing, MN
And 7pm	Sacred Heart Of Jesus Catholic Church Spring Valley, WI
Wednesday, April 25 at 7:30pm	Rush River Lutheran River Falls, WI
Sunday, April 29 at 3pm	Svea Lutheran Church Hager City, WI
And 7pm	St. John's Catholic Church Plum City, WI

2018 Atrium Post Acute Care & Preferred Living combined Schedule for Our Savior's

May 23rd 2:30pm Atrium Post Acute Care

June 6th 1:30pm Preferred Living, 2:30pm Atrium Post Acute Care

July 18th 2:30pm Atrium Post Acute Care

August 22nd 2:30pm Atrium Post Acute Care

October 3rd 1:30pm Preferred Living, 2:30pm Atrium Post Acute Care

December 12th 2:30pm Atrium Post Acute Care

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT & SERVE

BACKPACKS FOR THE WEEKEND:



During the month of April we will be collecting a variety of desserts; Jello, pudding, fruit cups, or canned fruit. Thank you for continuing your generous support for this much needed program.



Men In Mission Annual Pancake Breakfast: Mark your calendar and join us on **Sunday, April 22nd** immediately following church. We will serve until all the Sunday school children have eaten. Once again we will be raising money for camper registrations at Luther Point. Your generous donations are appreciated. **Menu:** pancakes, real maple syrup, sausages, scrambled eggs, fruit, coffee and milk. This is a Thrivent Action Team event and Thrivent provides \$250.00 for our expenses. As before, all left-over money will be divided up and applied to the canteen accounts of campers registered at Luther Point by the date of the breakfast. Camper sign up for the **CANTEEN CREDIT** must be done on the date of the breakfast. Pancake flour once again is donated by Sturdiwheat of Red Wing.



Coats for Kids Drive: During the month of April, we will once again be collecting kids winter gear: coats, snowpants, boots, hats, mittens/gloves, scarves. You may bring in your gently used items, or it's also the perfect time to purchase new winter wear on clearance. Beginning on April 8th, we will have a collection box located in the narthex throughout the entire month of April. Articles must be clean, no rips or tears, with working zippers. These items, donated to "Basics for Local Kids", will be stored until fall when they will be given to needy families right here in Pierce County. These families really do appreciate your WARM donations!



Spring God's Work - Our Hands:

Save the date: on April 29, 2018 we will be conducting another spring GWOH Morning of Service. Similar to our past events we will have a condensed worship service beginning at 9:00 AM here at Our Savior's, after which we will disburse to complete a variety of projects, returning to the fellowship hall for a noon lunch. Everyone is invited and encouraged to take part, doing God's Work with YOUR hands. Please join us. *And I said, "Here I am. Send me!"* Isaiah 6:8



REMINDER TO ALL LUTHER POINT CAMPERS:

The Men In Mission will pay half of the registration cost for all campers and their friends. Register online at lutherpoint.org. Pay only the required down payment. Luther Point will bill you for the remaining amount after your discounts and the MIM half has been deducted.

REGISTER BEFORE APRIL 1ST TO GET THE EARLY BIRD \$15 DISCOUNT.

NOTE: Friends of campers (who are not members of Our Savior's) must indicate on the registration form that they are attending with a camper from OS to receive the half-price registration from the MIM. Questions? Call Clair Severson

April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Guild Mary Halls Peggy Hoyer	Money Counters Brenda Winger Jill Rosenberry					
1 Easter 10am Worship No SS Hour	2	3 7pm Council Meeting	4 7pm Aftershock Outing	5	6	7 Morning of Renewal 8:15am Hudson, WI
8 9am Worship (Pastor Dan Hoy) Cinnamon roll Sunday 10:15am SS Hour 10:30 Adult Forum	9 5pm Women's Bible Study	10	11 6pm Confirmation Banquet	12	13	14
15 9am Worship Affirmation of Baptism 10:15 SS Hour 10:30 Adult Forum	16	17	18 4-5:30pm SOS Kids Crew	19	20	21 8am MIM Meeting Synod Women's Convention in Rice Lake, WI
22 9am Worship (Preacher/Luther Point) Wesser & Sebion Baptism 10am MIM Pancake Breakfast 10:15 SS Hour	23	24	25 8:30am Quilting	26	27	28
29 9am Worship (GWOH) 10am Fellowship 10:30 Adult Forum 10:15 SS Hour	30					

April 2018

	Greeters	Ushers	Acolyte	Reader	Bell Ringer	Communion Server
April 1 Easter 10:00am	Jess/Josh Erlandson Family	Ann/Dennis Kiefer Jill/Don Rosenberry	Desirae Peterson Payton Lawler	Kay Baker	Shelby Lawler	Rhoda Foley
April 8 9:00 am	Jackie/John Schroeder	Helen/Clint Anderson Leah/Paul Frandsen	Tyler Schroeder Leo Parneter	Sue Peterson	Alison Laughnan	Tom Holdorf Gene Ostendorf
April 15 9:00 am	Janelle/Brock Rasmussen	Jeanette/Warren Schade Randy Wing./Brian Johnson	Shane Johnson Rhett Rasmussen	Heather Johnson	Warren Schade	Belinda Foley Mary Halls
April 22 9:00 am	Jackie Johnson Sandy Ruikka	Stacy/Kerry Hansen Paula/Jim Chisholm	Megan Hansen Meredith Hansen	Kay Berg	Anthony Madsen	Tom Holdorf Peggy Hoyer
April 29 9:00 am	Arianne/John Halverson	Pam Hines/Brad Taplin, Lori Coulson, Jeff Taplin	Raelyn Rasmussen Shelby Lawler	Rachel Mancuso	Colton Halverson	Ann Young Jill Rosenberry

Assisting Minister: April 1 - Rhoda, April 8 - Tom, April 15 - Belinda, April 22 - Tom, April 29 - Ann.

Thank you for your participation in our worship service. Each ministry participant is greatly appreciated. If you cannot serve on the date assigned, please trade with someone. Instructions for each ministry position are posted in the narthex. If you have any questions, please call Rhoda Foley at 273-4865.