

Our Savior Lutheran Church

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Our Mission...

...is to equip and encourage followers of Christ to share the love of Jesus with people in our community and in the world so that all may have eternal life.



March Memory Verse

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Psalm 51:10

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Upcoming events:

Jr High Quake in Minneapolis March 16-18

Midweek Lenten Services, March 7, 14 & 21
at 4:30 & 6:30

Lenten Dinners at 5:15

Palm Sunday - March 25

Maundy Thursday - March 29

Passover at 5:45 pm

Service at 7:00 pm
with Holy Communion

Good Friday - March 30, 1:00 & 7:00 pm

Easter - April 1, 7:30 & 10:00 am

with Holy Communion

Easter Breakfast 8:45 am



From the Pastor's Desk

March '18 Newsletter

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Colossians 3:12-15

March madness is here! Although Wisconsin has had a rough season on the basketball court, many people still get excited about the NCAA tournament. We give it our best guess as to which school will win it all as we fill out our bracket. And then there is the competition of the games, as two teams go head-to-head in heated battle to see which team will advance to the next round.

Although our best days on the basketball court may be far behind us (further behind if we have no basketball skills whatsoever), we still can get all wrapped up in competition. Sports don't even need to be a part of it. It doesn't matter who it may be: spouse, kids, siblings, family members, coworkers, congregational members, or strangers, the game is on when someone is standing in our way. How bad do you have to win?

When that need to win resides in our hearts, Satan may not be too far off. For it is within that drive to win, all it takes is a little encouragement to view those who stand in your way as your mortal enemy. They are not just your enemy, but their plans can be viewed to be pure evil compared to your own. And when it is good versus evil, then evil must be destroyed at all costs! Who cares about the person? "I. Must. WIN!!" Cue the diabolical laughter and foaming at the mouth.

Now you may not take your competition to that level, but how easy can it be for us to succumb to such temptation that we feel anger towards others? That's the devil's goal. This bugger doesn't want to see us getting along. He wants to see us destroying one another!

That is why St. Paul urges the followers of Jesus to remember how to dress: with compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, and love. It is we who choose how to respond to others. They may do things that upset us, but we alone are in charge of how we respond. So as Christians, respond in a Christ-like manner. For there is something already in our hearts; the peace of Christ.

Once again, that devil wants Jesus out of our life. Therefore he likes to create any opportunity for us to push Christ out. It is here where the real competition lies. We are stuck fighting with the temptations of the devil before we even get to those who have different opinions than us! And when we fight that devil, we are going to lose.

But for us fights the Valiant One, whom God Himself elected! As Christ is the only one who defeated the devil, it is to Jesus alone we flee. In Jesus we find our security as He conquered that old satanic foe by His death and resurrection. We look with Jesus at those who stand in our way, and we can see them as someone for whom He died for. And when you look at someone with those eyes... do you want to see them destroyed in order to get your way?

And so my brothers and sisters in Christ, let us keep our competitions respectful in the light of Christ.

Lent & Holy Week 2018



We continue our Lenten journey of contrition, repentance, and renewal to prepare to celebrate Christ's resurrection on Easter. Jesus did not just appear, do His job, and go home. Rather, Jesus interacted with people on the way to the cross. Our theme for Lent is **"People of the Passion"**.

Our midweek Lenten services are offered at 4:30 & 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Suppers begin at 5:15 p.m.

March 7 - The Palace of the High Priest: Caiaphas

March 14 - The Praetorium: Pilate

March 21 - Calvary: Simon of Cyrene

Palm Sunday, March 25 – 7:30 & 10 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, March 29 – Judas

Passover 5:45 p.m.

Worship with Holy Communion at 7 p.m.

Good Friday, March 30 - The Executioner

Worship 1 & 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 1 - The Gardener

Worship with Holy Communion 7:30 & 10 a.m.

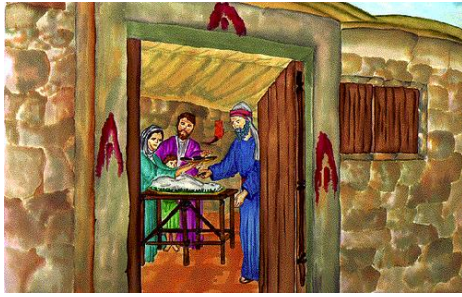


Lenten Offerings

As we reflect on Jesus' sacrifice for us during this Lenten season, we have the opportunity to love others as He loved us. At Trinity Lutheran Church in Mountain Lake, Minnesota, and Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Stockbridge, Georgia, congregations have reached out in love to their neighbors who are from the country of Laos. With the goal that these neighbors can come to know the personal love of Jesus, members reach out to help those in need with food, home repairs, and other expenses, and as a result many have come to have a saving faith. One Lao gentleman expressed that receiving the Good News of Jesus is like possessing a priceless jewel. Our offerings this Lenten season will help to provide means and grant opportunities to

share Jesus with people who have never known Him. You are invited to use the special offering envelopes located at the welcome center for this ministry. Thank you!

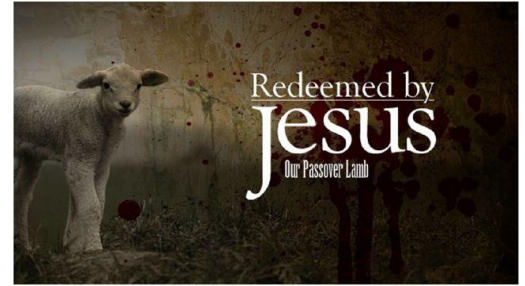




Passover 2018

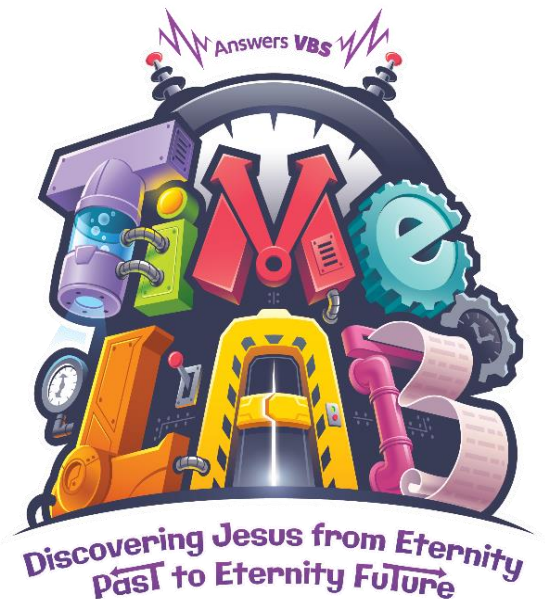
Our Board of Christian Education invites you to a Passover experience on **Maundy Thursday, March 29th, at 5:45 p.m.** prior to worship with Holy Communion at 7 p.m.

Taste the foods and learn about the first Passover in Egypt the night before the Israelites are released from slavery. Jesus is celebrating the Passover with His disciples before releasing us from sin, death, and the devil by His death and resurrection. Experience again Jesus' great love and sacrifice for us.



Please eat supper at home before attending the Passover as we will be tasting foods only.

Vacation Bible School July 30th-August 2nd 9 a.m. – Noon



At Time Lab kids will imagine traveling through time to meet **THE** most important man ever- a man who was not just a man but who was also God. They will meet Jesus, our forever faithful, loving, caring, **promise-keeping Lord, who exists outside of time.**

We will enjoy Quantum Leap Games, Bits & Bytes Snacks, Inventors' Science & Crafts, and the Simulation Station where we will travel through time and discover Jesus throughout all the pages of the Bible. We will also have the much anticipated daily drama to add to the exciting week!

Kids, age 3-grade 6, don't miss this awesome week of summer! Tell your friends!

Volunteers are being gathered now!

Please contact Marlene Rieck (715-891-0991) to join the VBS team.

Stewardship Program

THE LORD'S GENEROSITY AND OUR OBEDIENCE TO HIM

Hudson Taylor, a nineteenth century British missionary to China, is reported to have said, "God's work, done in God's way, will not lack God's supply." To know God's way, we need to know His Holy Word. Or to say it another way, you need to know your Bible.

St. Paul wrote that every thought is to be taken captive to the obedience of Christ (2 Cor. 10:5).

Doctrine matters. And doctrine matters because the Scriptures matter. And the Scriptures matter because this is where we learn the teaching of Christ. Our thoughts must be brought into line with the teaching of Scripture so that our work is what God wants done and so that we do this work in His way.

A good tree bears good fruit. A bad tree bears bad fruit. We have been made good trees in holy baptism. We are fertilized and pruned for bearing good fruit by constantly hearing God's Word preached and taught in sermon and Bible Class and in receiving the life-giving, faith-sustaining food of the Lord's Supper. Remember your doctrine, hold on to the Lord's teaching, and your thoughts will be taken captive to the obedience of Christ.

Bringing every thought captive to the obedience of Christ is recognizing that God does provide. The Lord's Prayer teaches us to pray for daily bread. Praying this day in and day out reminds us that the Lord is the giver of our daily bread, and that we are to give thanks for His daily provision of it.

God is rarely early and never late in His work, as Abraham learned, "on the mountain of the Lord it will be provided" (Gen. 22:14). The Lord's generosity forms our generosity in return. Thus, we set aside for the work of God a generous, first-fruits, proportion of the daily bread that God has given to us. This act of trust in the Lord's provision is the working out of our faith in Him.

When budgetary discussions pop up, our natural reaction is to point fingers. But remember your doctrine, and what your mother taught about pointing fingers. Our first natural reaction is not always right. In fact, when our thoughts are brought into captivity of Christ, our first reaction should be repentance.

It should raise questions in our own lives. As good trees in Christ who are to bear good fruit, we should ask whether our thoughts are taken captive by obedience to Christ. Have we given generously? Have we given our first-fruits? You know. And God knows. "For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth, to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him" (2 Chron. 16:9).

God will provide. He always has and He always will. He gives His meat in due season. He has not left you as orphans, but has grafted you into His own family. You belong to Him. Remember this, letting this thought dwell in you richly. And you will then be rich toward others.

Board of Stewardship

Scrip



A big thank you to those of you that have continued to use SCRIP cards for your purchases. Please encourage your church friends to also try it. The total sales for January were \$4012.50.

Sales Hours:

Sunday mornings..... between services in the narthex

Monday thru Thursday..... 9 am to 3 pm in the church office

Total January rebates: \$139.98

YTD rebates: \$139.98

YTD sales: \$4012.50

**MARCH NEWSLETTER
MARTHA SOCIETY**

The Martha Society meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 14. The board meeting starts at 10:30 followed by a lunch at 11:30. The general meeting starts at 12:00 with devotions led by Pastor Kufahl. Our hostesses will be Dawn Shantz and Carol Smith. Christian life will be presented by Linda Cook.

Jan Toivonen is the chair for the collection of stamps. She wants me to remind you to please continue to save your used stamps for our ongoing mission efforts. The guidelines for these stamps to be valid for re-sale are to make sure there is at least a ¼ inch border on all sides of the stamp. Also, stamps that are no longer acceptable for re-sale are the American Flag, Christmas, and non-profit ones. Please continue to share what you have in acceptable stamps for our Martha Society mission efforts. Please put the stamps in our Martha Society mail box or give them to Jan or any other Martha member.

Our zone President asked our Martha Society if we would be interested in making and donating a quilt for veterans. We decided to do this and the quilters are working on this.

Mission Possible is set for June 9 at the VFW Hall in Eagle River. In the next few months we will be setting up committees for this event.

Martha Society wants to welcome all ladies to join Martha. Come visit our meeting in March.

**Teri Kressin
President
Martha Society**