



The Messenger

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Pastor's Corner

Nobody's Fool

Last week, we had our final midweek Lenten service before holy week. But another event coincided. On Wednesday April 1st we celebrated, or maybe you didn't celebrate, "April Fool's Day". Where did this goofy day come from?

The origins are a bit cloudy. According to online encyclopedia *Wikipedia*, it may have begun in ancient cultures when May 1st, "May day" was the first day of planting season. Those that started planting too early, on April 1st, were "April fools".

My observance this year was a bit tame. No one tried to put anything over on me. The only trick I pulled was on my wife. She had wanted me to mail a letter. I told her I'd forgot to mail it. She got annoyed. Then I said, "April fools!" I actually did mail it. As brilliant as that elaborate scheme was, I'll have to try a bit harder next year.

Twenty some years ago, my parents would cook us kids a special breakfast. That should have been the first clue. Usually on a school day, it was cereal. But on April 1st, we'd bite into a sausage egg muffin, with a nice piece of cardboard in the middle. Or our orange juice would have a healthy couple tablespoons of salt in it. Those joshing parents!

But what's the point of this day? Why have a day set aside to embarrass the gullible? Well, to be honest, we Christians could use the practice, of watching out for deceit, that is. It's easy for a Christian to be gullible, because our faith leads us to be honest. And so we expect other people to be honest as we are. But many people are not. I recently heard of an elderly woman who got a phone call from her grandson. He told her how he had been injured in an accident, and needed \$1000 wired to him for the medical expenses. She sent him the money, and learned weeks later that her grandson had never been injured in an accident, and that the call was a scam. The criminal and the money were long gone.

Our Lord Jesus has a word to say on this general subject. As he told the apostles in Matthew chapter 10, he tells us. **“I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.”**

You heard him, be as shrewd as snakes. Don't doubt and second-guess everything that everyone around you tells you. But *do* be aware that the devil is the master of lies. He loves to deceive us and make us fall. Isn't the ultimate scam sin itself? It never ends up as pleasant and desirable as it initially appears. Just the opposite, sin ends in bitterness, guilt, damage, and regret. But thanks be to God, it doesn't end in death, not for us. Our Savior makes us shrewd, wise to the evil around us. His blood has made us innocent, cleansed of the evil within us. In Christ, we are nobody's fool, certainly not Satan's.

Pastor Gregory Pope



Message From The President

APRIL QUARTERLY VOTER'S MEETING

The April voter's meeting will be Tuesday, April 28th at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Trinity Family Center. We anticipate being in the midst of demolition and ground removal and will not be able to access the church basement.

We will be discussing the unified budget and probably ratifying the selection of the financial institution.

See you there.

John Smith, Congregational President

CONSTRUCTION INCONVENIENCES

The start of our construction is fast approaching. The construction is going to cause some inconveniences for the members coming to worship. Here are just a few that I know and can think of.

- No front entrance to church. We will be using the small door on the cemetery side of church.
- No main level rest rooms. We will only have the rest rooms in the basement
- No direct access to the rest rooms. To get to the rest rooms in the basement you will have to go outside through the same door you entered church, walk around to the back of church, and enter the basement through the stairway behind church.
- This will also be the only entrance to the church basement.
- It will be crowded around the mailboxes. The door leading to the present Narthex will be boarded up.

These are just some of the issues I can think of now. As things progress I will keep you updated.

John Smith, Congregational President

UNIFIED BUDGET

The council has been discussing setting up a unified budgeting system for our congregation. I know this has been discussed in the past and has had some resistance from the members of Trinity. With our building project and the different commitments and needs that the congregation has, now is the time to address this matter more seriously.

A Unified Budget is needed now because:

- The congregation will now have a loan to repay, instead of almost \$250,000 in different accounts set aside in the bank for this project.
- Due to ever changing and fluctuating energy costs and the economy, watching expenditures against projections is more valuable than ever.
- Accountability of the council, boards, committees, and congregational members.
- This will communicate better to the congregation the operational cost of the congregation.
- It will make the treasurer and council's job easier by tracking contributions to one account instead of many different accounts.
- The congregation will set commitments to Synod, MLHS, and the like at a true budget meeting. This will then be all combined into the Unified Budget for the next fiscal year.
- This follows biblical guidelines of doing everything in an orderly way.

This matter will be discussed at our April voter's meeting. Anyone with an opinion on this matter should plan to attend this meeting.

John Smith, Congregational President

BUILDING EXPANSION CONTRIBUTIONS

I know that I wrote something last month on this subject. I don't want to preach, but it is an important message. The reason I am writing again is that now is a critical time for support of our building expansion project.

If you were one of those who mentioned to me that you will be giving a one time contribution when things start happening, well now is that time, We need the funds up front to prove to the banks that our congregation is behind this project.

If you did not elect to participate in the Capital Campaign but would like to pledge support for the building expansion you can still do so. We have pledge cards and envelopes still available. You can still become part of expanding the Lord's house.

If you were not a member of Trinity at the time of the Capital Campaign we invite you now to become a participant in this project.

You can talk to Pastor Pope or myself about your participation. We can provide the materials you need.

If you don't have the financial ability now, you can still help. Your prayers asking the Lord to bless this congregation and this project are needed. There are and will be ways to participate other than financially.

John Smith, Congregational President

News from the WELS

WELS congregational statistics

From the office of President Mark Schroeder

The latest WELS membership statistics have just been released, and once again they show slight declines. Total baptized membership dropped from 394,241 in 2007 to 389,364 in 2008, a decrease of 1.2 percent. Communicant membership also declined slightly, from 311,283 in 2007 to 308,430 in 2008. Membership in WELS world mission churches, however, increased by 1,151 baptized souls, from 78,976 in 2007 to 80,127 in 2008.

The congregations of the synod experienced a 3.3 percent decline in the number of infant baptisms (from 6,900 to 6,673) and a 2.4 percent decline in adult baptisms and confirmations (from 4,393 to 4,287). On the other hand, there was a 3.8 percent increase (from 2,126 to 2,207) in the number of adults who joined the synod by profession of faith (generally those who come from other Lutheran church bodies not in fellowship with WELS).

Enrollment in WELS elementary schools continued the downward trend of recent years. Total enrollment in 2008 was 19,032 compared with 21,174, a decline of 10 percent. But the enrollment in preschool and early childhood programs grew by 5.6 percent, from 3,285 in 2007 to 3,471 in 2008. Statistics like these can be disappointing, since they portray a continuing trend of lower membership and elementary school enrollment. But they can also serve as an encouragement to every congregation and every member of the synod to rededicate ourselves to our mission of sharing the gospel with as many people as possible. We want to be as faithful and diligent as possible in planting the seeds of the gospel, with the full confidence that results of faithful ministry are in God's gracious hands.

Serving in Christ,
Mark Schroeder

Clarification of statistical information

This week's issue of "Together" reported a number of synodical statistics for 2008. In two cases, those statistics were incomplete, with the result that an incorrect picture was given.

In regard to WELS elementary school enrollment, the president's message stated: "Total enrollment in 2008 was 19,032 compared with 21,174, a decline of 10 percent." These figures were taken from the congregational portion of the WELS *Statistical Report*. But this section of the *Statistical Report* only indicates the enrollment of WELS students in our schools and does not include non-WELS students. The Commission on Parish Schools has provided the complete enrollment information. The correct information on total enrollment is:

2007 total enrollment at WELS elementary schools was 25,712.

2008 total enrollment at WELS elementary schools was 25,289.

This represents a decline of 1.6 percent, not the 10 percent decline previously reported.

The same problem occurred in the statistics for early childhood education. The original report stated, "The enrollment in preschool and early childhood programs grew by 5.6 percent, from 3,285 in 2007 to 3,471 in 2008." Again, these were only WELS children enrolled. The correct information is:

2007 total enrollment in early childhood education was 9,567.

2008 total enrollment in early childhood education was 9,823.

This represents an increase of 2.7 percent, not the 5.6 percent originally reported.

Prange accepts call to be BME administrator

Rev. Paul Prange, president of Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, has accepted the call to be the new Board for Ministerial Education (BME) administrator. The BME administrator coordinates the work of ministerial education throughout the synod.

Prange, who accepted the call March 7, has served as tutor, professor, and president at Michigan Lutheran Seminary—one of the synod's two preparatory schools—and superintendent at East Fork Lutheran High School, Whiteriver, Ariz. He also served as pastor at Risen Savior, Austin, Tex., and St. Martin, Roscommon, Mich.

This was the second call issued to Prange by the Board for Ministerial Education to replace former administrator Rev. Peter Kruschel, who accepted a call to be a home missions counselor. Prange returned the original call issued in October 2008. In February, after two other candidates also declined calls, the board again called Prange, and this time he was led to accept.

"When I received the call last fall, there were some areas of Michigan Lutheran Seminary that I thought still needed attention from me, especially recruitment and mission advancement," says Prange. "In the intervening months, those things have become more stable and secure. During those same months, the synod budgeting process became more urgent."

Prange has already begun carrying out some work as BME administrator, but he will not transition to the position full time until after the school year ends.

Helping the synod's four ministerial education schools improve their work and streamline their operations are Prange's first tasks. "I want to keep our clear focus on the gospel as our only strength and comfort," he adds.

WELS' work in Nepal and Pakistan

Board for World Missions (BWM) Administrator Rev. Dan Koelpin is returning today from a two-week trip to Nepal and Pakistan. Koelpin was joined by Rev. Michael Duncan, pastor at St. Paul, Fort Atkinson, and the new mission outreach coordinator for WELS' work in Nepal and Pakistan. Koelpin introduced Duncan to the Nepalese and Pakistani leaders who are helping WELS distribute Bible-based materials in the native languages of these countries.

In Nepal, Koelpin and Duncan observed WELS-led teaching workshops. These workshops, held twice a year, focus on teaching basic Bible stories with a gospel emphasis to native church leaders, who will return to their villages and share the stories with their neighbors. More than 6,000 Nepalese people have heard God's Word in this way over the past five years.

Koelpin also brought 100 solar-powered audio recorders to Nepal so that native leaders can share God's Word with the illiterate. The recorders contain the entire New Testament in Nepalese, along with a Nepalese version of The Promise, a booklet published by WELS Multi-Language Publications that focuses on teaching basic biblical truths.

"This budding church is committed to being self-sufficient, and the leaders have earned our trust by their hard work," says Koelpin. "We are already working with the Pastoral Studies Institute at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary to prepare top leadership [in Nepal] for further training through technology. Perhaps this church can be a paradigm for other less accessible countries."

The Board for World Missions is committed to using cost-effective alternate strategies to build churches and reach out with the gospel wherever feasible. These alternatives can either supplement or, in some instances, replace the more traditional long-term, resident-missionary approach. Alternate strategies are particularly useful in countries like Nepal and Pakistan, which do not permit traditional Christian missionaries.

The Bible-Book of Job

This month's part of the Bible focus is on the Book of Job.

GENERAL FACTS ABOUT THE BOOK OF JOB

No one knows who wrote the Book of Job. Some guesses have been Moses, Job himself, or Solomon. Neither do we know for sure when the events recorded in Job took place. Descriptions within the book may indicate that the events took place sometime during the time of the Patriarchs. The place of the story of Job is the land of Uz, sometimes regarded to be a part of modern Saudi Arabia. The introduction to Job in chapters 1 and 2 is written in prose. But the rest of the book is recorded in poetry. (See section on "Hebrew Poetry") Even by those who do not accept the inspiration of the Bible, the Book of Job is commonly judged to be one of the world's great masterpieces of poetry. The fact that most of the book is poetry does not mean that it speaks of imaginary things. It is clear from the book itself and from other books of the Bible that events recorded in Job are real historical events. The fact that it is written in poetry only adds to its appeal and beauty. Those who work at translating the Book of Job from the original Hebrew quickly learn that it is one of the most difficult books of the Bible to translate. We can only guess at the meaning of some words and expression. However, the main thoughts that the Holy Spirit has recorded for us come through clearly.

THE MAIN SUBJECT

The subject of the Book of Job is an ancient one but will be of constant interest as long as the earth stands. Stated in a question, the subject is: "If God is just and good, why does he let his people suffer?" That was Job's question when great suffering came to him. Likewise that is our question when a faithful Christian from one of our churches experiences suffering or when disaster comes to us. The answer to the problem of suffering is not completely answered in Job. Job's three friends often gave wrong answers to the question of why Job was suffering. Too easily they assumed that his suffering was God's punishment on him for his sin. The fact is that there is no easy human answer to the problem of believers' suffering. All things are finally in God's hands, and that included the control over the suffering of a believer and the answer to the question, "Why this suffering?" From the New Testament we have this comforting assurance whenever suffering comes to Christians; "**We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose**" ([Rom. 8:28](#)).

THEME AND OUTLINE

"THE PROBLEM OF BELIEVERS' SUFFERING"

1. Disaster Strikes Job (1-2)
2. Job's Three Friends Debate with him about his Suffering (3-31)
3. Elihu Speaks (32-37)
4. God Speaks to Job and At Last Restores Him (38-42)

A SUMMARY OF THE CONTENTS OF JOB

Job is a blameless and upright believer whom God blessed with great wealth, health, and a good family. God allows Satan to take all of this from him. He loses his wealth, his children are killed, and he is afflicted with painful sores from head to foot. Still Job is able to say in faith: "**The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised**" (1:21). Job's three friends, Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar come to debate with him about his suffering. They offer their various arguments about why he is suffering and what he should do; Job responds to them. Next Elihu comes to offer his opinions. Job's faith sometimes seems to weaken in his suffering, but he does not give up his faith. God will not let him suffer more than his faith is able to carry. In chapter 19:25-27 Job makes a beautiful confession of faith in his coming Redeemer: "**I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes - I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!**" Finally God himself speaks to Job. He asks Job a series of questions that show Job his own smallness. Job finds satisfaction when he repents of ever questioning God's ways and throws himself on God's mercy. At last God prospers Job once again and gives him twice as much as he had before.



Announcements

Adult Bible Class

We continue our exploration of the book of Proverbs. Come, drink the wisdom of the Holy Spirit to the full, and gain guidance for your walk of faith! Adult Bible Class starts at 8:15, Sunday mornings.

MANITOWOC LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL DIRECT CHECKS

Support Checks Written Directly to MLHS

If you would like your check to be counted toward the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church annual commitment, please make it payable to MLHS and place it in the church collection plate to be tracked against our monthly commitment totals. The checks will be delivered to the MLHS office.

Capital Campaign Checks for MLHS

Capital campaign checks for MLHS can be sent directly to MLHS or placed in the church collection plate. The checks will be delivered to the MLHS office.

Lenten Meal Schedule

The Lenten season is almost over. On Wednesday, April 1, the Worship Committee served a delicious meal of sloppy joes.

We thank all the committees for all their hard work cooking or bringing food. Another note of thanks to everyone for coming with their appetites!

Sunday School

Is still looking for Superintendent(s) and teachers for next year. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex if you are interested.

Fellowship Committee

Brewers Game

Come along and enjoy the game, on June 28th! The Milwaukee Brewers take on the San Francisco Giants at Miller Park. The cost is only \$ 47.00 per person, which includes a ticket, transportation on a coach bus, lunch from Subway, beverages, snacks and a tip for the bus driver. Please fill out a lunch order form when signing up for the trip. A lunch order needs to be completed for each person in your party. Please write out your check to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church and place it in Chad Knutson's church mailbox.

Easter Breakfast

Celebrate our risen Lord with fellow Christians at Trinity's Easter Church Service and Easter Breakfast on Sunday April 12.

Please consider helping with the Easter breakfast. There is a sign up sheet in the back of church with items needed for breakfast. Helpers are also needed for setup, food preparation, serving and cleanup. Thank you.

Trinity Ladies Circle

The Trinity Ladies' Circle met on Tuesday, March 24. Pastor Pope led a lively discussion on parenting, which will continue next month. Members are asked to watch for news articles on parenting topics and bring their thoughts about those articles to share with the group.

Due to the fact that the voters' meeting will be held immediately after our April meeting, the book club discussion originally planned for April will be held in May. (Just a reminder: the book we chose for our first discussion is "The Choice" by Nicholas Sparks.)

Our next meeting will be held on April 28, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. Members are asked to bring artificial flowers, new or gently used, to make spring flower arrangements for the altar area. All ladies of the congregation are invited to join us!

Spiritual Affairs

The Board of Spiritual Affairs took a survey after worship a few weeks ago, asking members to give their preferred alternate worship date and time. The results were as follows:

51 Saturday - 7:00 p.m.

18 Monday - 7:00 p.m.

12 Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.

2-Either Saturday or Monday

12 of the surveys suggested services be changed to 6:00 or 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays. Also there was a suggestion to have a Wednesday evening Bible Class. These suggestions will all be kept in mind, but for the present time, the Bd. of Spiritual Affairs sees the majority of Trinity members wanting to keep the alternate worship service as is – Saturday, 7:00 pm.

Also remember to check your calendar for Holy Communion. It will be on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the 1st and 3rd Sundays for the month of April and May.

WELS Central Africa Medical Mission

Can you help? The missionaries proclaiming the Word of God in Africa in the 1950's quickly became known as compassionate people who could provide peace for the soul and treat physical illnesses. The ability to handle the physical care, however, became difficult due to the large number of people needing assistance. In 1957 the WELS Convention recognized the need to address the physical needs of the African people by establishing the Central Africa Medical Mission. The women's organizations in the WELS congregations were designated to provide for this program with an annual financial pledge and to promote it. In 2009, the medical mission still operates solely on individual donations and the generosity of women's groups. If you would like to make a donation to support this "mission of love," your check (payable to Central Africa Medical Mission) may be sent to WELS/CAMM, P.O. Box 64064, St. Paul, MN 55164-0064 or given to Cindy Williamson, president of Trinity Ladies' Circle. Thank you.

Confirmation

Confirmation is May 3rd. Remember if you would like to order a Bible, have that information in to the church secretary as soon as possible so that they can be ordered. There will be more information coming out to the confirmands and their parents by notes and e-mail.

Confirmation Social

A social is planned for the confirmation class on Sunday, April 26 right after the church service. Please come and celebrate this special occasion.

Reminder

We are out of keys for the church. We need a list of everyone that has a key. If you are no longer involved with any committees in church we ask that you hand your key in to the church secretary. Also if you have a key, we ask that you tell the church secretary. We need the listing for insurance purposes. Thank you. ☺

Thank you

A letter received from Pastor James Mattek of Wisconsin Lutheran Child & Family Services, regarding our recent special offering to WLCFS:

As we approach spring, the season of Lent is upon us. We as Christians never tire of following Jesus' solemn walk to the cross – from his final supper with his disciples, to his betrayal at the hands of a dear friend, through his trial, and finally, to his ultimate sacrifice on Calvary in the darkness of Good Friday.

The hymn writer reminds us sinners of the ultimate of Jesus' sacrifice; the "pure and healing foundation" that "flows to you, to me, to all"- the "perpetual tide opened when our Savior died."

It is the message of that "healing foundation" that we share with so many people every day through our numerous ministries. And it is shared due to the generous gifts of friends like you. Without your gifts, we could not do the work that we do each day.

May God bless you all as you walk with our Savior to the cross and rejoice in his empty tomb.

With deepest gratitude,
Pastor James Mattek

From the WELS President

For another season of Lent we stand below the cross, marveling at the greatest sacrifice of time. Our sinful pride turns ashes of repentance as we see the terrible price God paid in the body and life of his Son to remove our sins. "There," we say as we view Jesus on Calvary. "There is the punishment I deserved, the death I should have died, the God-forsakenness I earned. Yet already during Lent, the light of the empty tomb beckons us from a distance. No guilt trip for the Christian is ever longer than the distance between his knees and the cross. At the same cross that

terrifies us by horror, we find peace. We remember that by grace of God no Good Friday has failed to be followed by Easter. No sinner has ever been denied access to the mercy seat of God. Our Lenten joy flows through every part of our life. That includes our loving support of the mission and ministry of our church. We thank you for your generous gift of \$671.25 that has been directed to Debt Elimination. Your gift supports the worldwide mission of the Wisconsin Synod. May God bless our contemplation of the cross of Christ, and lead us in faith to rejoice in its declaration of “punishment paid in full.”

Mark Schroeder, President

Community News

Pietroske’s again will be having a free car seat check. This will take place April 15th from 3-6 p.m. No appointments are necessary. Bring your child, car seat and instructions and vehicle to the event. This event is sponsored by the Manitowoc County Safe Communities Coalition/SAFE KIDS Chapter.

Drug Disposal

If you have unwanted drugs and medications you can get rid of them free of charge at the following places. Please block out personal information and keep in original containers.
April 16th –Lakeshore Technical College-10 am -2 pm.
April 18th –UW Manitowoc Campus-10am –2 pm.

MLHS News

MLHS CALL NEWS: Mr. Joel Fenske from St. Mark’s in Green Bay has returned MLHS’ call to fill the James Hahm vacancy as MLHS’ Technical Education teacher. The next call meeting is scheduled for April 4, 9am. All delegates are encouraged to attend.

FITNESS CHALLENGE: Attention runners, walkers, and anyone wanting to get in shape following a long winter – Join the Team and exercise at your own pace! Students, staff & friends of MLHS will also be invited to participate in the Bellin Run. Get some much-needed exercise, enjoy some fresh air, and meet some new friends! Contact MLHS Team Captain Jeanie Hill at 758-5268 or cjhill@lakefield.net to sign up or with any questions.

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF: The MLHS Roundtable will present this classic as its spring musical April 24th – 27th. Tickets can be reserved by calling 682-0215 x.127 from 3:30 – 4:30pm, Monday - Friday.

UPCOMING EVENTS (please mark your calendars now):

Week of 3/30 – 4/5

Sat 4/4 WSMA Solo/Ensemble Music Competition at Mishicot H.S.

Week of 4/6 - 12

Wed 4/8 MLHS Easter Concert; 7pm

Week of 4/13-19

Sun 4/1 MLHS Sunday @ St. Peter, Sturgeon Bay; 7:30 & 10:00am MLHS Band Concert; 2pm
Fri – Sun 4/24-26 MLHS Spring Musical “Fiddler on the Roof”

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Church Attendance for March



Combined Total for Saturday/Sunday

March 2006

Wed.: 74
Week 1: 34/89=123
Wed.: 53
Week 2: 41/130=171
Wed.: 54
Week 3: 40/94=134
Wed.: 60
Week 4: 48/147=195
Wed.: 56

Monthly: 920

March 2008

Week 1: 37/90=127
Wed.: 73
Week 2: 54/95=149
Wed.: 42
Week 3: 26/139=165
Maundy Thurs.: 72
Good Friday: 83
Easter (Early): 53
Easter (Late): 204
Week 4: 141

Monthly: 1107

March 2007

Week 1: 40/111=151
Wed.: 60
Week 2: 43/119=162
Wed.: 62
Week 3: 32/115=147
Wed.: 49
Week 4: 53/116=169
Wed.: 76

Monthly: 876

March 2009

Week 1: 34/201=235
Wed.: 65
Week 2: 39/1104=153
Wed.: 62
Week 3: 34/114=148
Wed.: 74
Week 4: 31/122=153
Wed.: 79
Week 5: 53/91=144

Monthly: 1113

“God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.”



A Happy Birthday and God's Blessings to...

4/1 Kermit Liermann –80 yrs. young	4/11 Christopher Mangin
4/1 Todd Petersen	4/12 Miles Schreiber
4/5 Sarah Hackmann	4/15 Nicholas Smith
4/5 Jeff Knutson	4/19 Marie Knutson
4/5 Mark Knutson	4/21 John Smith
4/5 Greg Buechner	4/25 Janice Wehausen
4/8 Steve Pleuss	4/26 Marilyn Kaufmann
4/8 Hannah Schleis	4/27 Matthew Schreiber
4/9 Earl Glaeser	4/27 Matthew Schreiber
	4/29 Madeline Schleis



Happy Anniversary To...

- 4/2 Harold & Violet Gulikson – 55 Years!
- 4/5 Richard & Helen Isaacson – 34 Years!
- 4/8 Wayne & Elaine Petersen – 48 Years!
- 4/14 Jeff & Krista Tuschel – 2 Years!
- 4/11 Keith & Gail Olm – 39 Years!
- 4/15 Wayne & Elizabeth Otto – 31 Years!
- 4/29 Leonard & Sharon Arnold – 48 Years!

If you have an April birthday or anniversary and it is not listed or it is listed incorrectly, please let us know (758-7500) so we can update your information. Thanks!

Date: _____ Ushers on Schedule: _____

Lenten Worship

April 1st Gary Vetter, Peter Liermann

April 4th Dave Williamson (Server), Warren Lutze (Server), Marty Kiesow

April 5th Keith Petersen (Server), Mark Knutson (Server), Jeff Tuschel, Jim Krim

Maundy Thursday

April 9th John Smith (Server), Warren Lutze (Server), Derrick Krey, Mike Kiesow

Good Friday

April 10th James Ott (Server), Dan Knutson (Server), August Teesch

Easter Sunday SUNRISE SERVICE

April 12th Harold Bratz, Wayne Otto, Eli Kenneke, A.J. Kenneke

REGULAR EASTER SERVICE

David Schultz, Len Arnold, Larry Hochkammer, Brett Glaeser

April 18th James Glaeser (Server), Mark Knutson (Server), Steve Pleuss

April 19th Gary Vetter (Server), Brian Glaeser (Server), Uriah Matznick, Wayne Otto

April 25th Harold Bratz, Mark Kiesow

EXAMINATION SUNDAY

April 26th Keith Petersen, Joseph Nagel, Jeff Tuschel, Elwood Free

If you are unable to make your scheduled service, please call Brian Glaeser @ 775-3941.

Communion Liturgy: Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for you for the remission of your sins.

May this strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto life everlasting. Depart in peace; your sins are forgiven. Amen.

Altar Guild Schedule –April Group 4

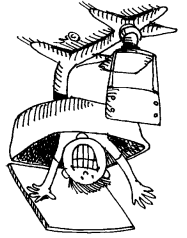
Marie Knutson, Darlene Kiesow, Marilyn Kaufmann, Grace Ott

Our Greeters For March



April 5 Sunday School
April 12 David & Tara Mellstrom
April 19 Earl & Lois Glaeser
April 26 Eileen Pleuss

Kids Corner



Bible Quiz – “Elijah”

1. Who wanted to make three tabernacles when witnessing the appearance of Elijah?
 - a. James
 - b. Peter
 - c. John
 - d. Andrew
2. How long were the heavens shut up for in the days of Elijah?
 - a. 5 years and 2 months
 - b. 103 years and 9 months
 - c. 3 years and 6 months
 - d. 2 days
3. According to James, what was Elijah’s nature like?
 - a. A beast that perishes
 - b. Ours
 - c. God’s
 - d. Grass
4. The Levites asked which man if he was Elijah?
 - a. Jesus
 - b. Peter
 - c. Paul
 - d. John the Baptist
5. What did Elijah pray earnestly for and received an answer to his prayer?
 - a. Food
 - b. Health
 - c. That it would not rain
 - d. Wisdom

Answers: 1.) b [Mark 9:5] 2.) c [Luke 4:25] 3.) b [James 5:17] 4.) d [John 1:19-21] 5.) c [James 5:17]



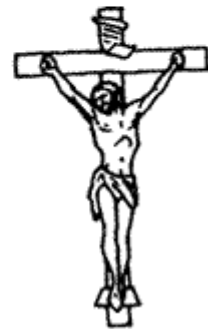
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