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When I think of April, I think of clear, fresh air; flowers; outdoor activities; garden preparation; a new awakening. We recognize that this awakening follows a period of sorrow and death. A time when seeds lay dead in the earth awaiting the warming of the earth and the renewal of life. During this time, the outer layer of the seed dies and falls away and the embryonic new life begins to form. Lent has been that time for us. We were called to pray, reflect on our sinful natures, and repent so that Christ could call us forth in new life.

April 1 is Maundy Thursday when we reflect on the Lord's Last Supper and his fervent prayers in the Garden of Gethsemane. We witness the interrogation, cruel treatment, journey to the cross and crucifixion of Jesus on Friday, "Good Friday." For those who lived through this time with Jesus, confusion, outrage, sorrow, disbelief might be some of the words to describe their feelings. For us, we travel these last steps with Jesus knowing that they lead to Easter.

On Easter Sunday, April 4, we will rejoice and sing Hallelujah, praising God for Jesus' death and resurrection, for the forgiveness of our sins and the promise of eternal life through Him. After the long season of Lent, Easter lightens our hearts and reminds us of Jesus' never-ending love for us. We will again shout, "Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!"

May God awaken our hearts and minds to accept His gift of forgiveness, mercy and love. May we open our hearts to His call and share the good news with others. May we see all people through the eyes of our Lord and love them as God commands us to do.

Your sister in Christ,

Congregation President

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2021

9:15 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

(See enclosed insert for details.)

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Call Committee met again recently to organize and plan for a second, in-person interview of a potential pastoral candidate. The candidate will be visiting the area for several days. Activities, in addition to the face-to-face interview, include a church tour, a little socializing and a tour of the city. We greatly appreciate your support continued prayers for guidance and discernment in this very important decision.

The call committee includes Bruce Schierstedt, Char Bohnsack, Ruth Duquaine, Joanne Talaska, and co-chairs Bob Martin and Dan Fee. Jackie Whitenack and Christine Carew are alternates.

WELCA NEWS

The Women of the ELCA Board meeting for April will be held on April 5th at 1:30 p.m. on Zoom. Let Mary Arthur know if you would be interested in joining in on the discussion with the Board.

TABITHA CIRCLE will meet on April 20 at 1:00 p.m. on Zoom. Connie Newman will be the study leader and they will be using the "Living Lutheran" magazine for their study. Copies of the magazine are available at church for anyone who would like a copy. This meeting is held on Zoom and the connection is available on the e-News and Notes sent out each week.

LYDIA CIRCLE meets on April 27 at 1:30 p.m. using Zoom. Carol Desing will lead the Bible study found in the "Gather" magazine. Let Sue Schierstedt know if you would like to join the meeting.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILT KIT MATERIALS will be collected through the month of April. We need cotton material, used sheets, blankets, mattress pads, cotton drapes or curtains. There are packages of quilt squares for pick up at the top of the stairs at church for anyone who wishes to sew them into quilt tops at home. We are always eager to have new people join us on Tuesday mornings from 9 to noon in Stecker Hall to help assemble quilts. We need people to iron material, cut squares, sew back, middles and quilts, tie quilts and help box up the completed quilts.



Conversations
10:30 AM
SUNDAY
BYOC HOUR
BRING YOUR OWN COFFEE

SUNDAY FORUM

10:30 A.M. - ROOM OPENS ON ZOOM

10:45 A.M. - FORUM FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION

The Sunday morning coffee hour/forum will continue to be held on Zoom during the month of April. We will take a break from meeting on Easter Sunday. In the following weeks we will begin a new Bible study based on the appointed gospel reading for the same Sunday.

Please call the office (920-922-0020) or Jill Bjornstad (920-922-1556) if in need of prayers. You can request them to be in the Prayers of the Church, Prayer Chain or both.

BOOK STUDY

Mondays • Noon – 1:30 p.m. on Zoom

We are currently reading The Last Lecture, a book based on the final lecture Professor Randy Pausch gave before he lost his battle with cancer, entitled "Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams." Newcomers are welcome! The Zoom link is included in eNews & Notes every weekend.

FINANCIAL REPORT - YR TO DATE (2/28/2021)

General Fund Income	\$38,379
General Fund Expenses:	\$36,009*
Loan Principal Payments:	\$ 3,168
Total Gen. Fund Expenditures:	<u>\$39,117</u>
Net Gain/Loss, YTD:	-\$ 798

*Expenses include an additional \$10,000 transferred to Pastoral Contingency Fund for calling a new pastor. Total in fund: \$20,000.

Addl. Qtrly. Principal Payments:	\$ 0
MIF Loan Balance as of 02/28/2021:	
	\$158,144



WORSHIP AT CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

MAUNDY THURS. ▸ APRIL 1

12:00 p.m. Pastor Jerry Groth
6:30 p.m. Pastor Bryan Schmidt

On this day we will hear our Lord's commandment to love one another as he has loved us. Maundy is derived from the Latin word for "command" or "mandate." We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of feet, following the example our Lord gave us on the night before his death.

GOOD FRIDAY ▸ APRIL 2

12:00 p.m. Pastor Jerry Groth
6:30 p.m. Pastor Bruce Falksen

These will be tenebrae worship services - meaning "darkness" and a gradual extinguishing of candles. The message will focus on the seven last words of Christ.

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD EASTER SUNDAY ▸ APRIL 4

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Pastor Jerry Groth
*Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has
swallowed up death forever.*

CROSSWAYS CAMPING MINISTRY

Family programs with Crossways provide memory-making quality time in a faith environment. Come, experience camp amongst generations where talking about Jesus happens alongside a kickball game or time at the lake. You will enjoy the neighborhood feel of Family Camp, or the special culture of GrandparentKid Camp. With Piece Together camp, we offer connection for families with children on the Autism spectrum. Visit CrosswaysCamps.org/family

PRE-REGISTRATION

As our attendance approaches 25% capacity, we need to be more vigilant about pre-registration to ensure we are following the health guidelines.

As we plan ahead, it will be especially helpful for you to pre-register for Easter services. Beginning with Easter, we are planning to go back to our regular worship schedule, 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. At that time, please be sure to let Kay know how many will be joining you for worship and which service you will be attending. Pre-register by contacting Kay at 920-517-9024 or office@oursavioursfdl.org.

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is included during each Sunday in-person worship service. Drive-thru communion is available on Sundays from 9:15-9:45 a.m. and will also be available on Maundy Thursday, April 1, from 1:15-1:45 p.m.

TWO WORSHIP SERVICES!

Beginning Sunday, April 4, we will be returning to our regular Sunday worship schedule of having two services each Sunday at 8:00 and 10:30. Sunday School will meet at 9:15 a.m. This will be in effect from April 4 – May 23. We are looking forward to seeing you back in church!

USHERS, GREETERS, LECTORS, ASSISTING MINISTERS, CANTORS!

There are several opportunities to serve at the Sunday mornings worship services. Please consider volunteering to be an usher, greeter, lector, assisting minister, and/or cantor! Training will be provided, if needed. If interested, please contact Janet Radke 920-979-3416 or music@oursavioursfdl.org.

FIRST COMMUNION

Two students will celebrate their First Communion on Sunday, April 18 at the 10:30 worship service. They have been receiving instruction from Pastor Jerry Groth. We welcome **Lizzie Karls** and **Natalie Paul** to The Lord's Table at Church of Our Saviour.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

The next Confirmation classes on ZOOM will be on Wednesday, April 7 and Wednesday, April 14. Please have your Bibles, notebooks and Small Catechisms with you. Confirmands and their parents will meet on Sunday, April 18 at 11:45 in the church parlor. We will be taking part in the household collection for Riverside School, so please check out the separate article and bring your donation along on April 18.

YOUTH SERVICE EVENT

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

On April 18th from 9:00-10:00 a.m., the youth will listen to speakers from different groups within our church to learn more about what these groups do, how it impacts others, and how they can become involved based on their interests.

The speakers and their topics will include Joanne Talaska, the Riverside Kids ministry; Ramona Bennett, quilting; Bruce Schierstedt, technology; Janet Radke, music ministry; and Beth Arthurs, Sunday School opportunities.

Other interested parties are welcome to attend.

CARING AND SHARING WITH RIVERSIDE KIDS

Families at Riverside School need our help. As the pandemic goes on, it has come to the attention of the school staff that some families are in need of household items. Please bring the following gifts to the tote in the hallway near the elevator by Sunday, April 18.

toilet paper	paper towels
dish soap	plastic cups
laundry detergent	dryer sheets
plastic silverware	paper plates

We are also in need of clothing for young girls, especially shirts and tops, sizes 4 through youth med. Anything you offer will be put to good use. Please put your clothing in the tote near the elevator. New volunteers are always welcome to help out. If you have questions, please speak to Char Bohnsack or Joanne Talaska. Thank you for helping with this ministry.



Loaves & Fishes has resumed serving meals in our community, and once again we are being asked to assist on the dates that our sister congregation, Immanuel-Trinity, is scheduled to provide the meal. The 2021 dates are April 19, June 21, and October 18.

Pans with recipes for the April 19 meal will be available at church on Sunday, April 11. Participants are asked to prepare the recipe at home and deliver the food to the Church of Peace distribution site on Monday, April 18.



The youth were hard at work cleaning the church kitchen and Stecker Hall on March 14 for their March Service Project. Thank you to all who helped, and to the adult leaders who organized and recruited to get the job done! The congregation is grateful for your participation!