

## Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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LIVE on Sundays for our worship at 10:00 a.m.

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# Joyful News



## Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Newsletter

*A message from Pastor Meeker*

***"If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died." (1 Corinthians 15:19-20)***

How delightful our Easter Sunday was and continues through the wonderful Easter season. Easter Sunday is our central worship gathering and the proclamation that marks every Sunday as a "little Easter Sunday." We are an Easter People.

We might remember author Gerhard Frost. He shared about gathering for Easter worship in a Midwest church. He took his place in a pew and happened to recognize a childhood friend sitting in front of him. The service began with the pastor announcing the Easter Acclamation "Christ is Risen!" The congregation responded with an enthusiastic "He is Risen, indeed!" Later in the service came the time for exchanging the peace greeting. Frost eagerly touched his old friend's arm and, as she turned, exclaimed to her, "He is Risen!" To his surprise there were tears running down her cheeks as she responded, "He is Risen, indeed!" and then added in a whisper, "And it had better be true!" After the service she then informed him of her husband's recent death.

There is certainly a lot to be said for the beauty and joyful gathering of people at Easter. A time to gather as families who come together and who enjoy their reunions, the hints of Spring and special efforts we put into this festive and central worship in the Church. Like Christmas, we have memories of Easters long ago. We are mindful with the passing of time, and the shadow of death over many in all our family circles. Many have come to see Easter as the greatest necessity for our everyday lives and living. If hope is to flourish, "It had better be true!"

Theologian Karl Barth, was once asked, "What is the profoundest truth you have ever encountered?" he unwaveringly replied, "Jesus loves me, this I know for the Bible tells me so." Thanks to all for signing and singing the amazing song Jesus Loves Me during many of our children's messages.

One can go deeper than this. All wisdom connects with this affirmation. God is love, and this love has culminated in the greatest event of all time, the resurrection of Jesus as the above scripture reminds us and we believe or are trying to believe. No other answer to death has ever been found. This event is stronger than anything that can be said or done to defeat it. Christ's Easter victory is the only thing that is greater than the cries of people.

As believers and followers of Jesus we are called to live in this "Yes" to life in Christ. We filter everything we know about God through this central event of the resurrection. This is our hope, beyond all lesser hopes and dreams. The Apostle Paul reminds us, if we have hope only for this life, we are most to be pitied. Our human experience teaches us that such hope is not enough. All of us come to the moment when human consolation cannot lift our burdens.

Our prayers for our faith community and the Church world-wide as we live post-Easter is; "Make us every day Easter People Lord! By the promise of your Pentecost Spirit, lead us into being instruments of your transforming power, presence, promise and peace. Help us to be bearers of God's 'Yes' in Jesus through all our living, especially serving others. In him is life. Christ is Risen! He is Risen, indeed! Amen!"

Easter blessings, peace and joy, Pastor Paul Meeker

***We thank God for everyone who helps in the mission and ministry of this congregation through their faith witness of words and actions. Thank you for your faithfulness.***

Bible study offerings information: Sunday mornings, 8:30 a.m. – Library

Pastor Larry Walls is facilitating conversation about Church History: The Reformation Era. Monday mornings 10 a.m. - Fellowship Hall-The Book of Samuel. The third Thursday of this month 10:00 a.m. - Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to participate in our Bible study opportunities.



# SYCAMORE TREE PRESCHOOL



This year's Silent Auction raised approximately \$5110.00! As always, there was a wide variety of items that were donated by preschool families, church members and businesses. THANK YOU for continuing to support our preschool ministry!

**Family Conferences** will be held May 16 - 18. Families will have the opportunity to see what their children are doing at school and will spend 30 minutes or more following their child's lead through the classroom. They can paint a picture together, read a story together, work on puzzles, explore the science table, have a snack together and visit with the teacher. It is a fun-filled developmentally, age-appropriate *conference* time!

Our last preschool board meeting of the 2021-2022 school year is scheduled for May 23. We continue to meet via zoom. Thank you to **Debbie Tertocha**, for her **21 years** of continued guidance, support, and leadership. And thank you to **Barb Crisman** for **29 years** of dedication and commitment to this ministry. Barb has been working as a "volunteer" for the past year and not collecting a paycheck which has helped us recover from the financial downfalls of the pandemic!



We had to cancel our McTakeover (due to ownership changes), but a preschool family has offered to host a **GOLF SCRAMBLE** at Gold Mountain Golf Club on **June 11!** Stay tuned for more information!

Mark your calendars if you would like to help **STUFF THE TRUCK** on **June 17** at 2:30 p.m. The more help we have the quicker the loading process goes **AND** this is a great work out.



*Anyone who does anything to help a child...*

*is a hero to me. -Fred Rogers*

*Andrea Campbell, Program Director*



The Serving Committee is looking for members to help serve the church and local community through various projects. At this time, we fully support The Angel Tree Christmas Program, the Thanksgiving Food Basket Donation Program and the Living Stones Prison Ministry in various ways. Remember the old saying: many hands make light work? True, but it is also a time for fellowship with friendship while doing God's Work. Is it time for you to join our ministry? Please call the office at the church.

# STEWARDSHIP NEWS

## Stewardship News

We continue to support ELCA seminaries. Our goal is to raise \$1,000 by the end of June for Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. As of March 31, \$110 has been donated.

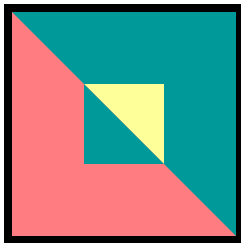
Our congregation's offerings designated for World Hunger this year as of March 31 are also \$110.00. Please consider making a generous gift to help people who live in poverty or whose lives have been disrupted by war or conflict.

## All Church Camp Cook needed

The All Church Camp Committee just recently discovered that our loyal and popular cook will not be available this year from July 30 through August 4 due to family commitments. Without a Cook, we can't starve our campers so we need someone or a team to come forward as the All Church Camp cook or cooks. We have paid the lead cook for a number of years as it is a rewarding but time consuming job. We do have Youth as Kitchen Helpers and they will have a Food Handlers permit. Past menus are available and our past cook is offering her help with menu planning. We would also consider anyone that is not available for the entire time frame if we are able to have others to cover for the remaining time. Please contact Bob Arper via

email ([b.arper@comcast.net](mailto:b.arper@comcast.net)) or cell phone (360-440-0572) to sign up for this rewarding opportunity or for additional information. Thank you!





# Council Meeting Summary

**OSLC**

**Phillip  
Cornish**

## **COUNCIL MEETING April 12, 2022**

Council reviewed and approved the council meeting summary of March 8, 2022, and the amended Treasurer's report for March 2022.

### **Pastor Meeker:**

Pastor will take annual leave on April 7 & 13 and additional leave from April 28 - June 2.

Thank you, Ron Cleveland, and Dennis Busch for recycling/repurposing church items.

New member class is complete awaiting a New Member Reception Sunday to be scheduled.

Working on scheduling Communion class.

Working with Veneta Ave pastor (Ken Hegvedt) to consider doing community activities.

We need Martha/Mary delegates and Lutherhaven board representatives.

### **Sycamore Tree:**

**THANK YOU** to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church members for the wonderful variety of items and services donated for this year's silent auction! Lots of great items were donated by families, church members and local businesses! You helped us raise \$5110.00!

### **Property & Finance Committee:**

The search for the Treasurer's position is on-going.

Dennis Busch has signed a month-to-month contract to provide landscaping services to the church.

There is a water leak which is still being researched and a plan is being developed to fix the leak.

Bob Bishop reported that concrete for the ramp into the sanctuary has been poured and framing will be the next step.

Iron grids for the window wells have been painted and installation is planned.

### **Witnessing/Evangelism Ministry:**

Bibles have been placed into the pews. Thank you, Mark Danielsen.

### **Worship Committee:**

Actively soliciting congregational feedback regarding the Lenten Services.

Cynthia & Ashley are working on Sunday morning bulletins.

Due to Covid concerns, we recommend no Easter Breakfast this year or after-worship fellowship.

Committee will not be meeting in May.

Council approved the week after Easter off for Pastor Meeker and cash bonuses, in lieu of the week off, for Cynthia and Ashley.

Respectfully.

Philip Cornish, Vice President





We have recently completed our first season of Noon-Only Mid-Week Lenten Services. These worship services were conducted in-person at noon during the Lenten season, beginning with Ash Wednesday and concluding with Good Friday, and live streamed for more convenient viewing for those unable to attend.

We, as your Worship Committee, are interested in your opinion. Did this schedule meet your personal needs and/or expectations? Would you prefer to include an evening option for some, or all, of these services? Would you prefer an evening time earlier than 7PM?

Please, speak with members of our committee regarding your questions, concerns and suggestions. We appreciate your input.

Pastor Meeker, Cynthia Rennie, Beth Cornish,  
Connie Rouse.

# SAIL CLASSES

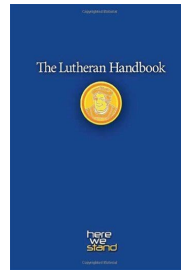
SAIL exercise classes are back!! Classes will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2-3 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall! Please consider joining us!! If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Tertocha at 360-697-2807. It will be good to be together again!



-OSLC is looking to hire a paid Treasurer (part time). Please contact the church office or speak with Phil Cornish if you or someone you know is interested.

-We need a volunteer to help run the Sunday morning worship screen. We would be happy to train you until you feel comfortable! Talk to Pastor, or call the church office to find out more.





Lutheran Handbooks will be available for sale at the church for a donation of \$10.00

**Patty Lent:** *In memory of Bill Johnson*

**George Stuble:** *In memory of Kristian & Amanda Stuble*

**Pat Coogan:** *In memory of Faye Murray*

**Stella Davis:** *In memory of Dick Davis*

**Patty Lent:** *In memory of Doug Lent*

**Barb Crisman:** *In memory of Zach Crisman*

**Georgian Boyson**

## *Easter Azaleas 2022*



## CARING MINISTRY

### BIRTHDAYS:

Beth Cornish 5/1

Jeri Burgess 5/10

Catherine Derry 5/14

Trygger Carter 5/17

Elsie Burgua 5/21

Paul Meeker 5/25

*Please let us know if you are celebrating a birthday too so we can celebrate with you!*

## IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

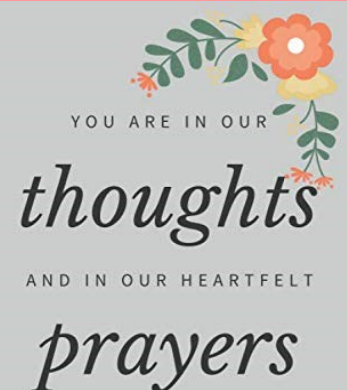
To include someone in the prayers, please speak to Pastor Meeker, or call the church office (479-6374) at any time. Names will be included for at least four weeks. Should you wish, you may submit them again to the Pastor or church office. We encourage you to take this bulletin home and include these people in your daily prayers.

### FOR THOSE WITH HEALTH CONCERNS




















Ron Bright, Don Kiechaefer, Linda, Lisa Rolfe, Debbie Tertocha, Diane, Amy, Kate & family, Lois, Toni, Tony, Mary, Denise, Lynne, Mathew, Marvin Laurilla

### ACTIVE MILITARY

For all of our troops who are deployed



# May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <b>1</b> 8:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Worship	 <b>2</b> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 2:00 p.m. SAIL	<b>3</b> 2:00 SON Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. NA	 <b>4</b> 2:00 p.m. SAIL 5:00 p.m. Choir	 <b>5</b> <i>Cinco de Mayo</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 11:00 a.m. SON Lodge Meeting
 <b>8</b> <i>Mother's Day</i> 8:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Worship	 <b>9</b> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 2:00 p.m. SAIL 6:00 p.m. NA Women	<b>10</b> 9:30 a.m. LWR Quilt Packing 11:00 a.m. SON 12:00 p.m. Ladies Club (SON)	 <b>11</b> 2:00 p.m. SAIL 5:00 p.m. Choir	 <b>12</b> 9:00 a.m. Quilting	<b>13</b>	 <b>14</b> 10:00 a.m. Quilting 2:00 p.m. Private group
 <b>15</b> 8:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Worship	 <b>16</b> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 2:00 p.m. SAIL 6:00 p.m. NA Women	<b>17</b> 6:30 p.m. NA	 <b>18</b> 2:00 p.m. SAIL 5:00 p.m. Choir	<b>19</b> 10:00 a.m. Esther/ Shalom Cir/ Third Thur Bible Study	<b>20</b> 7:30 p.m. Private Group	 <b>21</b> 1:00 p.m. Baumgartner Service 6:00 p.m. Private Group
WORSHIP  WITH US! <b>22</b> 8:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Worship	 <b>23</b> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 2:00 p.m. SAIL 6:00 p.m. NA Women 6:30 p.m. STP Board Meeting	<b>24</b> 6:30 p.m. NA	 <b>25</b> 2:00 p.m. SAIL 5:00 p.m. Choir	 <b>26</b> 9:00 a.m. Quilting	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
 <b>29</b> 8:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Worship	 <b>30</b> <i>Memorial Day</i>	<b>31</b> 6:30 p.m. NA				



# Happy Birthday Pastor Meeker!

