

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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Pastor's Corner

*Shall we gather at the river,
Where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God?*

*Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.*

During the deep freeze of this winter, I've found myself humming more of the dear old hymns than usual. Shall We Gather at the River, the Old Rugged Cross, In the Garden, I Love to Tell the Story....

There is something about those faithful, familiar words that inspires the spirit and calms a troubled mind. God has given us troubles, yes, but he has also given us the gift of song to see us through those trials. He has given us the gift of good folk to sing with, and lively melodies that take root in our heart and stir our souls to sing in the midst of – and even in spite of – the difficulties that we face.

There is a lyrical quality to those old beloved hymns that goes beyond the beautiful melodies and carefully crafted texts. A hymn that endures the test of time surely has both. Where the two meet is where the true miracle occurs. When the vivid imagery of the text is infused with the feeling of joy, calm, pardon or longing; truly we have an experience of the divine.

Take, for example, the hymn whose text is listed in part above. Take a moment to hear the sound of rushing water. See the lush green ferns. Feel the crowd of saints gathering around you as you stand in awe together at the wonder of being in the presence of angels at the base of God's very throne.

As one reads the stories behind these hymns, one is struck by how many were born from pure experiences of the divine's intervention within pain and grief. Amazing Grace was born out of a former slave captain's remorse and subsequent experience of grace. The words to "Rock of Ages" came as a gift to a preacher who was caught in a terrible storm and took shelter in a crevice within a gorge. "Shall We Gather at the River" was written by a Baptist Pastor who experienced a burst of immense joy and saw a vision of the foot of God's throne as he stood by a flowing river. As he began to ponder why there were so many hymns that referenced the river of death but not the referenced the river of life, the words for "Shall We Gather" began to take their shape.

We read of visions and dreams in the Bible and sometimes believe that those were things only of ages past. But the experience of our hymn writers tell us that visions and dreams are still alive and well. God continues to give us strength for the journey in a changing world. He brings us experiences of life, joy and hope so that the pain of death will never overpower us. And so we sing. Just as we live it, we sing God's vision of life that is everlasting, pure, and real. So even though it is below zero, your keys are frozen in their locks, and the snow plow has hemmed you in – sing on. We hear the gushing sound of running water at the river of life as we hum those familiar hymns and wait for warmer weather. Easter is coming. Sing on.

Peace to you always,

Pastor Kristina

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes February 12, 2014

Present: Sandy Rau, Peg Hipsher, Tammy Sipsas, Doug Thyberg, Howard Lehman, Cindy Knapp, Pastor Kristina Jensen.

Peggy proceeded with devotion from 1 Thessalonians, Chapter 1.

Secretary's Report:

- Motion to approve the minutes from the January meeting was made by Doug, seconded by Cindy. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

- Doug made a motion to move \$1500.00 from the Revenue carry-over fund to the general fund for bill paying. Seconded by Cindy. Motion carried.
- Discussion about giving and attendance for January led to the gathering of information about adding an electronic payment option to our web site. Doug will look into this.
- Motion to accept the financial report subject to audit was made by Peggy, seconded by Cindy. Motion carried.

President's report:

- Our church will be hosing bread and soup meal for the area churches on March 12.

Pastor's report:

Pastor will send us her written report at a later date. To note, she has picked up bibles for kids but we do not have a date to present them with yet. She is organizing a 1st communion class this spring. Pastor Stai is interested in doing a joint confirmation retreat. Camp Sunday will be May 5th. Graduates will be celebrated on Mothers' Day - May 12th. Pastor reported that she attended a Winter Theological Conference where the theme was "Your Congregation and the Community". Pastor will be asking the Bishop to our church so we can better get to know him. There is a middle school youth gathering March 29 in Rice Lake.

Committee Reports:

- Finance committee did not meet. Doug is planning to have the Audit done before March meeting.
- Honorarium committee did not meet.
- Evangelism met and planned a Mardi Gras dinner March 2nd. New member Sunday has not been finalized. New members will be invited to an "orientation". Waiting on word from the Synod about our Sister congregation in Malawi.
- Vibrant Faith did not meet.
- Education Committee moved meeting to the 17th.
- Property committee met and will be starting demolition on the men's bathroom soon. Other duties around the church and parsonage were discussed.
- Stewardship did not meet but Pastor reported there will be a meeting on Stewardship at Luther Park Monday, March 24 from 3-5pm.
- Executive committee did not meet.
- Worship Committee met and planned services into March. Sam Knapp will be giving a presentation 2/23 during service.
- Food Shelf no report.
- Landscaping - no report.

Motion by Cindy and seconded by Tammy to accept the committee reports. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Reviewed Our Savior's membership list and the Constitution rules regarding membership responsibility.

New Business:

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Jan-14

	Actual	Budget	Difference
INCOME			
Member Contributions	\$ 5,873	\$ 7,917	\$ (2,044)
All Other	\$ 205	\$ 1,039	\$ (834)
EXPENSES	\$ 7,926	\$ 8,981	\$ (1,055)
	\$ (2,053)		



Prayer for Families

We will continue this year to include three families or individuals in our Sunday morning prayers. I know there are many of you that pray for individuals and the needs that we know of, but there are many times we don't know when someone is in need of a prayer. This is one more way for us to care for each other placing them in God's hands.

March 2

Bobby Jindra
John Johnson
Carolyn Johnson

March 9

Peggy Johnson
Marjorie Johnson
Terry & Maureen
Johnson

March 16

Nancy Johnson
Lloyd Johnson
John & Jeanne Joseph

March 23

Ray Kangas
Dorothy Kangas
Lynette Kesler

March 30

Jim Klinge
Phil & Cindy Knapp
John & Donna Kramolis



BIRTHDAYS this month

Nancy Anderson 1 st	Terry Welty 18 th
Kathy Lahti 2 nd	Harold Danula 19 th
Kylie Niska 3 rd	Jim Klinge 20 th
Merv Maki 4 th	Jeanne Joseph 22 nd
Mellissa Walsh 5 th	Sam Bradley 24 th
Katie Bradley 7 th	Austin Talso 26 th
Jeanette Vetter 7 th	John Swanson 27 th
Dave Hultman 11 th	Shawn Gregerson 28 th
Brittini Walshi 13 th	Sue Thibideau 28 th

Volunteer Schedule March 2014

Date	Coffee	Lector	Nursery
March 2	John & Donna Kramolis	Lynette Kesler	Volunteer Needed
March 9	Mark & Himma Santikko	Linda Pepping	Volunteer Needed
March 16	John Schrock & Mary Berube	Rick Forsythe	Volunteer Needed
March 23	Rodney & MaryAnn Lahti	Linda Hultman	Volunteer Needed
March 30	Tammy Sipsas & Debbie Landgreen	Cindy Knapp	Volunteer Needed
Monthly			
Ushers: Laurel LaBelle & Jane Jensen			
Greeters: Doug & Nancy Thyberg			
Altar Guild: Patty L & Sharron T.			
Acolytes: Mar 2—Luke Drougas Mar 9—Allison Luoma Mar 16—Chloe Sipsas Mar 23—Andrew Hanson Mar 30 ---Shane Sipsas			



Nan & Jim Olson 16th
Tom & Karen Boggess 19th
Ted & Donna Callahan 20th

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

March 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 9:00 a.m. Worship Food Shelf Item — Cereal	3 10:00-3:00 Community Quilting 5:00 Worship 6:30 Education @ the P. Parlor 7:00 Al-Anon	4 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 10:00 Bayfield Co. Family Support Group meeting 5:30 Yoga 6:00-7:00 Scandinavian Mardi Gras Dinner	5 Ash Wednesday 9:30 Bible Study 3:45 Wed. Bible School 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service @ OSLC	6 6:30 Choir	7	1 12:00 Yoga 8 12:00 Yoga
9 9:00 a.m. Worship Food Shelf Item — Can of Fruit	10 10:00-3:00 Community Quilting 7:00 Al-Anon	11 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga 6:30 Council	12 9:30 Bible Study 3:45 Wed. Bible School 6:15 Soup Supper 7:00 Lenten Service @OSLC	13 6:30 Choir	14	15 Food Shelf 9:00-11:00 12:00 Yoga
16 9:00 a.m. Worship Food Shelf Item — Kleenex	17 10:00-3:00 Community Quilting 7:00 Al-Anon	18 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga	19 9:30 Bible Study 3:45 Wed. Bible School 6:15 Soup Supper 7:00 Lenten Service @Peace Lutheran, Poplar	20 WELCA 7:00 Choir	21	22 12:00 Yoga
23 9:00 a.m. Worship Food Shelf Item — Paper towel	24 Newsletter Deadline 10:00-3:00 Community Quilting 7:00 Al-Anon	25 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga	26 9:30 Bible Study 3:45 Wed. Bible School 6:15 Soup Supper 7:00 Lenten Service @Hope Lutheran, Oulu	27 6:30 Choir	28	29 12:00 Yoga
30 9:00 a.m. Worship Food Shelf Item — Toilet Paper	31 10:00-3:00 Community Quilting 7:00 Al-Anon				Pastor's Hours of Availability: Monday- Thursday 9:30-1:00 Call 715-372- 8701 or 715-813- 0442 to reach the Pastor.	Secretary's Hours Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7:30-12:30

LENT

During Lent, we focus on Penitence and Baptism. Penitence is a deep sadness because you have done something wrong. This is a time to lay aside the things that lead us into temptation. Some choose to "Give up something for Lent". Purple is the color of penitence and you will see this color throughout the worship space. Since water can remind us of our Baptism, we are setting up our fountain. So as you see and hear the water, remember that in the rite of baptism our sinful self died with Christ and that we are raised with Christ on Easter.

Scandinavian Mardi Gras Dinner- Here at OSLC on Fat Tuesday, March 4th from 6:00-7:00pm. Live Jazz Music, Swedish Meatballs, Cajun Chicken Gumbo and Mardi Gras cupcakes and Chocolate truffles.

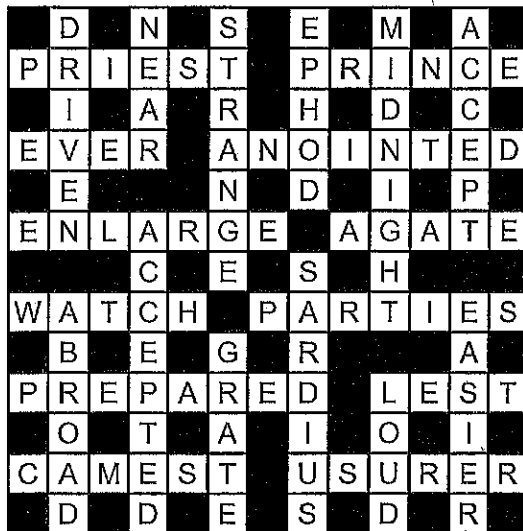
Midweek Lenten Theme: The Seven Last Words of Christ

The seven last words of Christ are phrases that Christ said upon the cross. They have served as a Lenten meditation for many centuries. We will begin our observance of Lent on March 5, 2014 with our Ash Wednesday service. All services below are at 7:00 pm.

A 6:15 pm soup supper will be served before all services except Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday. The location of each mid-week soup supper and service will vary according to the schedule below.

3/5	Ash Wed.	Our Savior's	"Father, forgive them..."
3/12		Our Savior's	"...today you'll be with me in Paradise"
3/19	Peace, Poplar		"...here's your son. Here's your mother"
3/26	Hope, Oulu		"My God, why have you forsaken me?"
4/2	First, Port Wing		"I am thirsty."
4/9	Trinity, Lake Nebegamon		"It is finished."
4/17	Maundy Th.	Our Savior's	"Father, into your hands I commend my Spirit."
4/18	Good Friday	- Our Savior's	(time & theme TBA)

Exodus



Please keep the following men and women serving our country in your prayers:

Continue to watch over Mike Hope, Tieggen Brickson, David Doherty, Kyle Thyberg, Ryan Glau, Peter Bracket, D.J. Bourassa, David Fierner, Darek and Charlotte Reijo, Craig Danula.

Please also pray for their families and those who have returned.

Please pray for the following in need of God's care:

The family and friends of Charlie Gritzner and the family and friends of Ilene Bloomgren. Ken Watters, Robby Maron, Jerry Tapani, Leroy Lahti, Glen Mieritz, Scott Rickaby, Vanessa Lawson, Bonnie Mahocker, Mason Weber, Jonathan Jensen, Shirley Welty, Arlene Crowley, Jennifer Anderson, Connie Sorenson, Ginger Weyandt, Marge Johnson, Pam Hawk family, Jeri Ogren, Myron Knapp, John Hoffman, Doris Perala, Jason Moreau, Al Buhler, Jean Sucha, Herb Buran, Darren Forsythe, and Darrel Ciskie.

Email Evelyn if you would like to add or (joyfully) remove someone from our prayers.



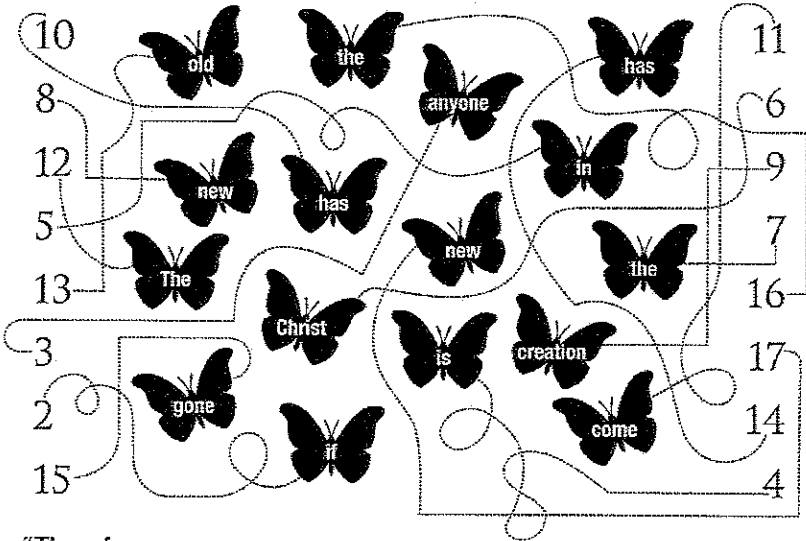


PUZZLE

A new creation

Just as spring brings beauty and renewal,
in Christ we, too, are made new.

Directions: Follow each flying butterfly to its correct number. Then write that word on the line with the corresponding number to read 2 Corinthians 5:17.



Therefore, _____ is here!"

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, NIV

Answer: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV



Just for KIDS

How to Treat Others

How does God want us to get along with other people? Ephesians 4:32 tells us. To find out what it says, use the code to fill in the blanks.

CODE:



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

" 1,2 3 6 5 7,8 2,3 1 7,8 2,3

2 8 7 8,9 1 10 10 5 8 7,8 1 10,11 3

10,11 8 8 7,8 3 1 7,8 8 10,11 4,5 3 9,10

3,4 8 9,10 4 5 11,12 5 7,8 4 3 1 2 4,5

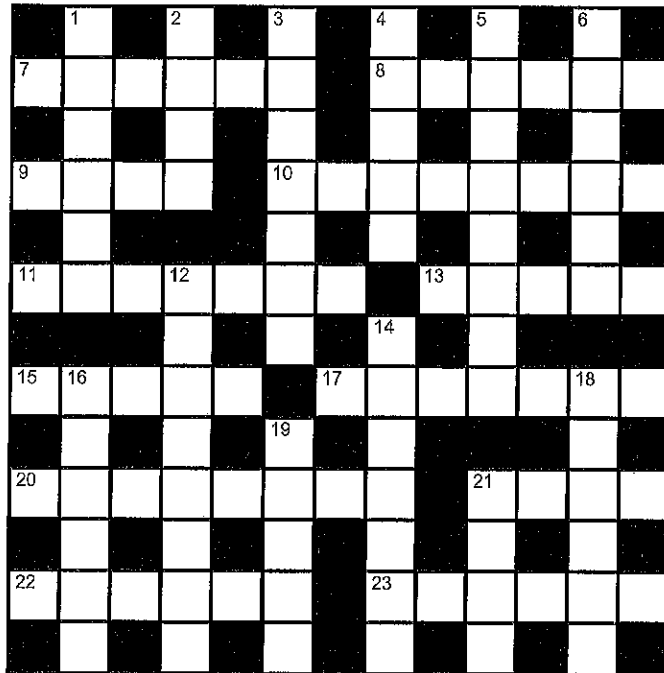
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5 7,8 2 4,5 9,10 5 10 10,11 4 8 2,3

3,4 8 9,10 4 1 11,12 3 13 8 11

Answer: "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

Exodus



Across

- 7 Aaron was this. Ex 28:1 (6)
- 8 The Jews who saw Moses' crime said, "Who made thee a _____ and a judge over us?" Ex 2:14 (6)
- 9 "This is my name for _____." Ex 3:15 (4)
- 10 The garments of Aaron and the priests are to be _____. Ex 29:29 (8)
- 11 God promises to _____ the borders of Israel. Ex 34:24 (7)
- 13 "And the third row a figure, an _____, and an amethyst." Ex 28:19 (5)
- 15 The LORD troubles the Egyptians during the morning _____. Ex 14:24 (5)
- 17 "The cause of both _____ shall come before the judges." Ex 22:9 (7)
- 20 "Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have _____." Ex 23:20 (8)
- 21 The people of Israel wanted Moses to speak to them, rather

than God directly, "_____ we die." Ex 20:19 (4)

- 22 The feast of unleavened bread is celebrated in the month Abib when the Israelites "_____ out from Egypt." Ex 34:18 (6)
- 23 This word describes someone who lends money at an unfair rate. Ex 22:25 (6)

Down

- 1 "And they were _____ out from Pharaoh's presence." Ex 10:11 (6)
- 2 "Come _____ before the LORD: for he hath heard your murmurings." Ex 16:9 (4)
- 3 "Ye shall offer no _____ incense thereon, nor burnt sacrifice, nor meat offering; neither shall ye pour drink offering thereon." Ex 30:9 (7)
- 4 A garment that the priests wore. Ex 28:4 (5)
- 5 The LORD smote the firstborn in Egypt at this time of the night. Ex 12:29 (8)

6 "Then shall an oath of the LORD be between them both, that he hath not put his hand unto his neighbour's goods; and the owner of it shall _____ thereof, and he shall not make it good." Ex 22:11 (6)

- 12 Exodus 28:38 describes what Aaron should wear, "that they may be _____ before the LORD." (8)
- 14 One of the types of stones that was set in the breastplate that the priests wore. Ex 28:17 (7)
- 16 The Israelites were scattered _____ throughout Egypt. Ex 5:12 (6)
- 18 God set up judges for Moses. "So shall it be _____ for thyself, and they shall bear the burden with thee." Ex 18:22 (6)
- 19 "And he made for the altar a brasen _____ of network under the compass thereof beneath unto the midst of it." Ex 38:4 (5)
- 21 Describes the sound of the trumpet. Ex 19:16 (4)