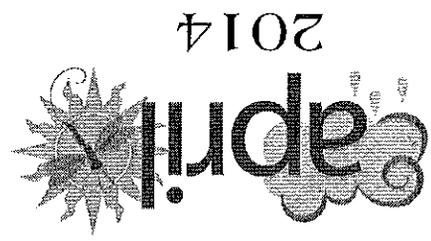


"An Easter bonnet? I thought you were Lady Gaga."



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Create in Me a Clean Heart

It is a familiar story: we are sinners in need of God's grace and mercy. We are God's children, beloved and made new. We are called to be light and salt, beacons of God's love and servants of the cross.

If there is any purpose to Lent, it is this: to allow ourselves to come before God just as we are with the expectation that God loves us too much to let us stay that way. The waters of baptism cleanse us and make us new, and that is our hope and our promise that gives us the courage to look at the parts of ourselves we would rather ignore.

There is a strange relief in admitting our sins. In a world where we are told over and over again to 'be more' and 'do more' without ceasing, the end result is feeling that we can never be enough or do enough to be who we should or want to be. The Gospel goes about defining our identity a different way. The Good News of Christ says: God has made you in his image, filled with wonderful gifts and talents. We mess up. We don't get it sometimes. We fail. We turn the other way when we see need, and we hurt one another. We do it again and again and again. Like Paul, we struggle: "Why is it that I do the very things I ought not to do?" And here is the gift of Lent: we can admit defeat. We come before God asking, as David did in Psalm 51: "Lord, Create in Me a Clean Heart and restore a right spirit within me." Whereas the world says "You are not enough," God says "You are my beloved child and I love you."

As we come to terms with our sin, we are able to see that God wants to fill us with something better. We journey to the cross not to berate ourselves for being miserable sinners, but to let God be the one who puts our sin to death and raise us to new life. There is freedom in asking for God's mercy and grace. There is renewal, hope, and promise.

As a community of faith, let us hold one another in prayer as we journey toward Easter. Let us not be afraid of the silence but make room for it. Let us come before God admitting that there are areas of our lives in which we have failed, there are self-destructive behaviors that we don't want to give up, and there are parts of ourselves that we would rather keep hidden from God and one another.

Why? Because when we stop ignoring our sin and ask for God's renewal and forgiveness, God acts. Jesus took on *all* our sin, *all* our grief and embarrassment, *all* our pain. When we see how far short we are from who he has created us to be, we see how far God reaches into our sin to save us. We see how loved we are, how precious we are in God's sight. We are made new.

This Holy Week, take a look at the offerings. Come to the services. Sign up for a half-hour slot during the prayer vigil we will hold on Thursday and Friday evening between 8:00pm and midnight. Join us for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Enter into the experience of Christ's death so that the full weight of Christ's love for you creates in you a clean heart, restores a right spirit within you, and reminds you once again that nothing can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Peace,

Pastor Kristina Jensen

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Minutes March 11, 2014

Present: Peg Hipsher, Howard Lehman, Rozie Maki, Cindy Knapp, Sandy Rau, Doug Thyberg.

Opening devotion was Thessalonians, Chapter 2.

Cindy made a motion to approve the secretary's report of the February 2014 Council Minutes, seconded by Doug. Motion carried.

Rozie made a motion to approve the financial report for February, subject to audit. Seconded by Cindy. Motion carried.

- President's Report: Motion by Cindy continue to pay pastor during the time Jonathon fills in giving the sermon through April 18th. Seconded by Rozie. Motion carried with 1 opposed.
- Discussed a program on stewardship, March 24, 3:00-5:00 pm, being held at Luther Park. We will request they record it for us.
- There has been a lot of discussion regarding paying the financial secretary position. Howard made a motion to pay the financial secretary \$500.00 per year. Seconded by Cindy. Motion carried.
- Sandy shared a letter from Luther Park requesting donations of quilts, Artwork or gift baskets for their annual fundraiser auction. Announcements for requests will be put in the Sunday bulletins.

Pastor's Report: Pastor's out sick for this meeting.

Committee Reports:

- Finance Committee: Doug reported the audit is scheduled for March 19th. He reported Linda Pepping is willing to be the financial secretary.
- Outreach and Evangelism: Cindy reported Mardi Gras was fun. There were great compliments on the whole project. The event raised \$188 for VBS. The committee will meet after serving breakfast during the food shelf this Saturday. The committee is working on new member orientation event to prepare them for their installation on Sunday, May 5th.
- Education Committee: Peg reported we met briefly after church on February 28. Those teaching Wednesday Bible school have switched over to an old curriculum. Peg is working on an adult education program to start in May or June.
- Property Committee. Howard went over the report sent in by Jim. The bathroom remodel project is slated to start soon, with demolition of the men's bathroom floor. Creative Floor Décor will install the new flooring. The committee wants to replace the lights in the fellowship hall with more efficient fixtures. The discussion resulted in consensus of the Council that this is a maintenance issue and that it should be completed. They are working to re-insulate some repaired plumbing at the parsonage. The furnace room vent needs replaced. Frozen water pipes were thawed by the town crew. Brule Garage Door Service will be called to repair the garage door at the parsonage.

- Worship committee: Sandy sent in report stating the hymns and services were chosen through April 6th.
- Food Shelf Committee: Peg reported the food shelf is currently serving between 51-54 families.

Rozie made a motion to accept the committee reports as given.

Old Business: The updated membership list will be reviewed by council members when they get a copy this month. We further discussed asking the synod if they had someone interested in helping us with the budget presentation for our Annual meeting in May. No action has been taken at this time.

New Business:

- Next Council Meeting will be moved to April 15th at 6:30pm.
- May 18th is the annual meeting date.
- Nominating committee is Peg Hipsher, Doug Thyberg and Rozie Maki.
- We will need a date for reports to be turned into Evelyn.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

January -February	2014		
	Actual	Budget	Difference
INCOME			
Member Contributions	\$ 9,997	\$ 15,833	\$ (5,836)
All Other	\$ 618	\$ 2,079	\$ (1,461)
EXPENSES	\$ 13,677	\$ 17,963	\$ (4,286)
	\$ (3,680)		



Volunteer Schedule April 2014

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.

April 6

Laurel LaBelle
Archie & Kathy Lahti
Rodney & MaryAnn Lahti

April 13

Tim & Debbie Landgreen
Howard & Patty Lehman
Clarence & Marilyn
Leverance

April 20

Ray Levine
Marge Larson
Sue Lindquist

April 27

Chris Lindquist
Merwyn Lovblad
Merv & Rozie Maki

Date	Coffee	Lector	Nursery
April 6	Linda Watters & Karen Wicklund	Lynette Kesler	Volunteer Needed
April 13	Rick & Jody Forsythe	Tammy Sipsas	Volunteer Needed
April 20	Easter Breakfast	John Schrock	Volunteer Needed
April 27	Bonnie Rantala & Donna Kramolis	Cindy Knapp	Volunteer Needed

Monthly

Ushers: Laurel LaBelle & Jane Jensen

Greeters: Doug & Nancy Thyberg

Altar Guild: Sandy Rau & Kari Williams

Acolytes: April 6 – Adrienne Luoma

April 13 -Shane Sipsas

April 20 –Luke Drougas

April 27 –Allison Luoma



BIRTHDAYS this month

Jens Gregerson Jr. -1st
John Kramolis-5th
Dick Berge -5th
John LaBelle -5th
Judy Buran -12th
Rita Collins -12th
Jonathan Jensen -14th

Charles Johnson -20th
Hilary Homan -22nd
Bonnie Brannan -25th
Jack Homan -26th
Karen Wicklund -26th
Jim Nelson -30th



Sam & Katie Bradley— 4th
Darren & Laurie Hanson— 18th
Jim & Carrie DeRosia— 23rd
John & Tammy O'Brien— 23rd
Tim & Debbie Landgreen— 27th

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

April 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga Lily Orders Due	2 9:30 Bible Study 3:45 Wed. Bible School 6:15 Soup Supper 7:00 Lenten Service @First Lutheran, Port Wing	3 6:30 Choir	4	5 12:00 Yoga
6 9:00 a.m. Worship Food Shelf Item — Can of Fruit	7 10:00-3:00 Community Quilting 6:30 Education @ the P. Parlor 7:00 Al-Anon	8 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga 6:30 Council	9 9:30 Bible Study 3:45 Wed. Bible School 6:15 Soup Supper 7:00 Lenten Service @Trinity Lutheran, Lake Nebegamon	10 6:30 Choir	11	12 12:00 Yoga
13 9:00 a.m. Worship Palm Sunday Food Shelf Item — Paper Towels	14 10:00-3:00 Community Quilting 7:00 Al-Anon	15 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga	16 9:30 Bible Study 3:45 Wed. Bible School	17 Maundy Thursday 7:00pm Worship WELCA 7:00 Choir	18 Good Friday 7:00pm Worship Prayer Vigil 8:00pm-12:00 Midnight	19 Food Shelf 9:00-11:00 12:00 Yoga
20 Easter Sunday Sunrise Service, Iron River Cemetery 7:30am Easter Breakfast 8:00am—OSLC 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Food Shelf Item — Can of Peas	21 Newsletter Deadline 10:00-3:00 Community Quilting 7:00 Al-Anon	22 Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga	23 9:30 Bible Study 3:45 Wed. Bible School 5:30 Confirmation	24 6:30 Choir	25	26 12:00 Yoga
27 9:00 a.m. Worship Food Shelf Item — Kleenex	28 10:00-3:00 Community Quilting 7:00 Al-Anon	29	30 9:30 Bible Study 3:45 Wed. Bible School 5:30 Confirmation		<u>Pastor's Hours of Availability:</u> Monday-Thursday 9:30-1:00 Call 715-372-8701 or 715-813-0442 to reach the Pastor.	<u>Secretary's Hours</u> 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.



Easter Lily Order Forms- Each year at Easter we decorate the chancel with flowering plants. These plants can be given as memorials or in honor of a special occasion or simply given by individuals. You may either order a plant through the Altar Guild or bring your own. If you bring your own, please put your name on the plant and if it is in memory of a loved one, let the church office know. Please fill out the form and turn it in to the church office or to Sandy Rau by **Tuesday, April 1st**. Please take your plant home following the 9:00 service.

Thank You- I cannot thank everyone enough for all the prayers, cards and concern for my family and myself. I also want to thank the Pastor for the visits and prayers. The pray quilt (Thank you Sandy) was beautiful and meant a lot to me while I was in the hospital and also since I got home. I cannot tell you how many comments I got from the Nurses and Doctors on how nice it was.
~Thank you Ken and Linda Watters

5th Annual "Heart for Luther Park" Event- This exciting, fund-raising, family event will be held Saturday, August 9, 2014. This is the main fundraiser of the year for Luther Park Bible Camp. They raised over \$22,000.00 last year.

So quilters, do you have a quilt, large or small to donate? Artists, do you have sculpture, metal art, painting, or woodworking item to donate? Congregation groups or individuals, can you put together a theme basket to be auctioned off?

Pick up a donations form from the office and donate by July 26th. This fund-raiser event will include supervised children's activities and a brick oven pizza lunch. Plan to attend to become a bidder and enjoy a fun filled day. For more details ask Sandy Rau.

Come to a concert! UPON THIS ROCK- composed by Pepper Choplin, presented by the **Northwoods Cantata Chorale**, directed by Beverly Steele and Accompanied by Michael O'Bryon. This concert will be presented two times: April 5th at 7:00pm at The Immanuel Lutheran church in Cornucopia and April 18th at Noon at the First Presbyterian Church in Bayfield. Both concerts are free to the public. Donations will be accepted in Cornucopia with the proceeds to go to the South Shore Brick (Food Shelf). There will also be post-concert treats after the Cornucopia concert in the Fellowship Hall catered by the O'Bryon's of the Village Inn. This cantata is presented from the perspective of Peter.



Please keep the following men and women serving our country in your prayers: Continue to watch over Mike Hope, Tiegen Brickson, David Doherty, Kyle Thyberg, Ryan Glau, Peter Bracket, D.J. Bourassa, David Fierner, Darek and Charlotte Reijo, Craig Danula.

Be with their families and those who have returned. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Please pray for the following in need of God's care: Robby Maron, Jerry Tapani, Leroy Lahti, Scott Rickaby, Ken Watters, 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, Cheryl Clark, Jean Sucha, Herb Buran, Charlie Gritzner, Darren Forsythe, and Darrel Ciskie.

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

Mission of the Month- Luther Park Bible Camp.

To All Women of the Church:

Synod Women Organization's Convention
May 2-3, 2014
Plaza Inn & Suites
1202 W. Clairemont Ave., Eau Claire

Theme: Too Blessed To Be Stressed

Bible Verse: "You, Lord, give perfect peace to those who keep their purpose firm and put their trust in you." Isaiah 26:3

Registration Fee: \$50 early or \$60 after April 14

Room Rate (for up to 4 women—includes continental breakfast) \$89

Keynote Speaker: Pati Kachel

Awareness Sessions so far...

The Freedom of Forgiveness, A Lesson From Mary's Story
Too Blessed to be Stressed
Indianhead Legal Assistance for Victims of Abuse
Good News Jail & Prison Ministry
Racial Justice
Teaching Children About God
BEAT IT! Cancer Survivors' Panel
The 2013-14 Bible Study Author

Registration forms are on the bulletin board. Please let Kathy Rewalt know if you want to attend. We can carpool down to share expenses. We will send in the registration forms after April 1st and before the 14th. Please consider attending this year. The Convention is a great place to meet other Christian women from our area and to find out what is going on in our synod. What a great opportunity for sharing.



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We will be placing an Easter Plant in church for Easter.

Plant Selection: _____ 6" pot 5+ bloom Easter lily \$12.99 _____ 6" pot Hyacinth plant \$12.99
_____ 8" pot 10+ bloom Easter lily \$32.99 _____ 7" pot Hydrangea plant \$39.99

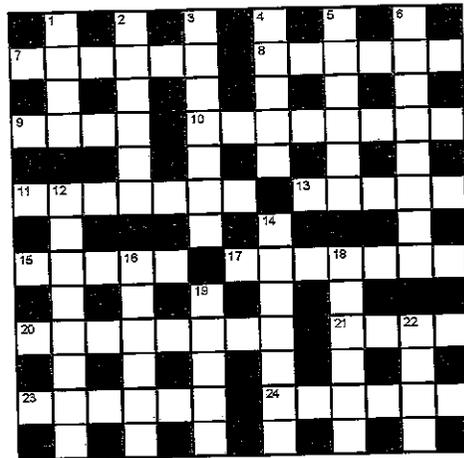
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1 Chronicles



Across

- 7 One of the sons of Helah. 1 Chron 4:7 (6)
- 8 Baalhanan was the son of this person. 1 Chron 1:49 (6)
- 9 One of the sons of Dishan. 1 Chron 1:42 (4)
- 10 One of the people listed in 1 Chron 3:20 (8)
- 11 Benaiah slew an Egyptian who was a man of great _____. 1 Chron 11:22-23 (7)
- 13 "For at that time day by day there came to David to help him, _____ it was a great host, like the host of God." 1 Chron 12:22 (5)
- 15 One of the wives of David. 1 Chron 3:3 (5)
- 17 David did this while Joab fought against Ammon and besieged Rabbah. 1 Chron 20:1 (7)
- 20 Uzza held up his hand to hold the ark when the oxen carrying it did this. 1 Chron 13:9 (8)

- 21 1 Chronicles 3 lists the sons that were _____ to him. (4)
- 23 One of the sons of Jonathan. 1 Chron 2:33 (6)
- 24 The son of Tahath. 1 Chron 7:20 (6)

Down

- 1 The LORD brought this on all the nations because of the fame of David. 1 Chron 14:17 (4)
- 2 A musical instrument used to worship God. 1 Chron 15:28 (6)
- 3 Saul was wounded by one of these. 1 Chron 10:3 (7)
- 4 One of the sons of Ishmael. 1 Chron 1:30 (5)
- 5 The place where Uzza put his hand on the ark. 1 Chron 13:9 (6)
- 6 Shallum was a _____. 1 Chron 9:31 (8)
- 12 "So Saul died, and his three sons, and all his house died _____." 1 Chron 10:6 (8)

- 14 One of the "heads of the house of their fathers." 1 Chron 5:24 (7)
- 16 Asahel and Elhanan were "valiant men of the _____." 1 Chron 11:26 (6)
- 18 A city destroyed by Joab. 1 Chron 20:1 (6)
- 19 "The sons of Shemaiah; Othni, and Rephael, and Obed, Etzabad, whose brethren were strong men, _____, and Semachiah." 1 Chron 26:7 (5)
- 22 "Let the sea _____, and the fulness thereof; let the fields rejoice, and all that is therein." 1 Chron 16:32 (4)



Don Piper-Author of 90 Minutes in Heaven

SATURDAY April 26th 6:00 PM
AmericInn - Ashland WI

Join us for an evening you will never forget

Don Piper is a Baptist Minister, and is the author of the book 90 Minutes in Heaven. In a collision with a semi-truck, Don's car was crushed. Finding no pulse, he was pronounced dead at the scene by three different EMTs and covered with a tarp. Yet 90 minutes later, Don miraculously came back to life. His body was mangled, with his left arm and leg being completely severed. They had to be rebuilt and replaced. He had to be extricated from the car with the Jaws of Life. Looking at his battered and pain-seared body, understandably, all Don wanted to do was to return to heaven, but God had other plans for him.

Tickets to hear Don speak are free, but we are limited to the first 400 people who reserve a ticket for this event. I honestly expect to fill these 400 seats entirely. You must reserve your tickets ahead of time by calling (715) 373-2939. There is no cost for tickets, but a voluntary love offering will be taken to go towards expenses, and an honorarium for Don Piper's ministry.