

# Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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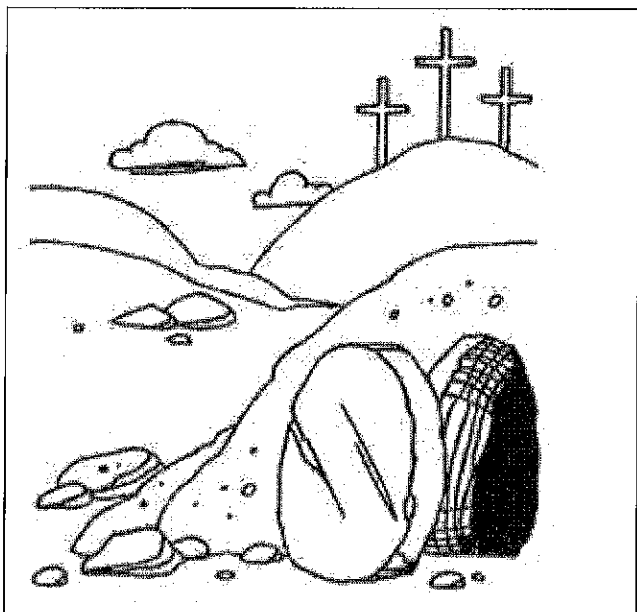
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## *“Easter’s Timely Word of Hope”*

Just when it seemed it couldn’t get any worse for Jesus’ disciples, who should appear, but Jesus. Easter caught them by surprise. They hadn’t been counting on Easter, but there was Jesus. It was as he had said. He was put to death and on the third day rose again.

Into their remorse, their regrets, their failings and their fears Jesus spoke to them a timely word of hope, “Peace be with you!” He spoke it more than once. It was the word that needed to soak into their souls, this word of hope.



We, too, need Jesus’ timely word of hope, Jesus’ Easter word—for our church, our families, our own lives, and for our world.

How precious this Easter season is in the life of the Church. In April alone we have four Sundays to soak in Easter’s timely word of hope from the Gospel of John. On Apr. 3 we read the account of the disciples

locking themselves in a room for fear that those who killed Jesus would be after them, too. This is the scene where Jesus appeared among them and spoke the word of peace. But it was more than peace to calm their fears. It was also peace as a word of forgiveness for their having deserted him before he was crucified.

On April 10 we read how Jesus appears to his seemingly lost band of disciples who have gone back to their fishing. At the same time he forgives and restores Peter, who denied him three times. Their faith is revived with these Easter words of hope.

On April 17 we are reminded that Jesus is our Good Shepherd, and on April 24 we are reminded that we are loved by Jesus and are called to love others in the same way.

God reminds us during Easter that we are not abandoned, or left on our own, or without hope. On the contrary, the risen Jesus is with us; speaking the words we need to hear for forgiveness, and for the renewal and strengthening of our faith, so that we, like his disciples, may follow him.

*“O God of life, you reach out to us (Our Savior’s Lutheran Church) amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit’s breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen”* (Prayer of the Day for April 4, 2016.)

In Christ,

*Pastor John*

Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
Council Minutes – March 6, 2016

Present: Peg Hipsher, Howard Lehman, Kathy Rewalt, Nan Olson, Tammy Sipsas Excused: Cindy Knapp, Lynette Kesler  
Pastor John Peterson, Finance: Doug Thyberg

Meeting was called to order by President Howard Lehman at 10:30 am.

Secretary's report was reviewed. Motion by Peg and seconded by Nan to approve minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was presented by Peg and Doug. Insurance has been paid thru March. All bills paid, but again remember, we are only paying for a part time pastor. Motion made by Kathy and seconded by Tammy to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried. It will be filed for audit.

#### President's report

- Howie asked us to keep praying for the positive attitude he is seeing in the congregation. Informational meeting went very well and all members should have the notes taken from that meeting. We will be having the 3<sup>rd</sup> IM meeting in April, probably the 3<sup>rd</sup> week.
- We have the flyers from Luther Park Camp and we have monies to help many of our children go to camp this summer. Flyers have been given to families and we will promote camp with a Camp Sunday in April.
- Howie will start looking for pastor coverage for April 3 (Pastor John not here) and possibly Maundy Thursday.
- The first conversation between the three churches (Our Saviors, Peace, Hope) will take place on March 12. Doug, Lynette, Dick and Howie will attend. This meeting is about building friendships and building trust.

#### Pastor's Report

- Third IM Meeting will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of April. This meeting will be looking at "Who and Where We Are Now" This will provide more info for the Ministry Profile Committee.
- Pastor John's last Sunday will be May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Greg Kaufman from the synod has contacted Pastor and told him about a retired pastor from Minong who is interested in being our Bridge Pastor for the summer. After discussion it was agreed that we should go with the synod's suggestion. A motion was made by Nan and seconded by Tammy to have the synod proceed with the Bridge Pastor. Pastor John will contact Greg Kaufman who will in turn contact Howie.
- Because of the three way conversations between churches, our call process may be moved to later in the year. This will also include the formation of a call committee. We also need to contact the synod to get directions on contracting for services of a pastor of a sister church vs the call of a new pastor.
- We need to continue with our Care Committee. More info on this later.

#### Committee Reports

- Education Committee – Sunday School children will sing for Good Friday and Easter Sunday.
- Finance/Stewardship/Memorial – Thrivent choice dollars must be spent this month or members will lose them. Info will be emailed/sent to all members so they can make their selections.
- Food Shelf Committee No report
- Mutual Ministry – No report
- Outreach & Evangelism – No report
- Property/Landscaping Committee –
- Worship Committee – Planned services for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. Need a supply pastor for April 3.
- Executive Committee – No report

Motion made by Tammy and seconded by Nan to approve the committee reports.

#### OLD BUSINESS

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Ken and Lois Tanula are transferred members. They will be joining us for worship when they come up for summer vacation time.
- Synod's Walking Together Event on March 12 in Eau Claire will be attended by Pastor, Dick and Kathy Rewalt, and Howie Lehman.
- We will need to set our date for the Congregational meeting in May and we will also need 3 people to be elected to council. Lynette, Cindy and Tammy will have completed their terms.

Tammy made a motion, seconded by Nan, to adjourn the meeting. We ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting: Sunday, April 3 at 10:30 am following worship.

April devotions and communion assistant: Lynette Kesler

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Rewalt, Secretary

Article for April newsletter

What's New at Luther Park?

Spring is almost here, and with it comes clean-up at camp. The **spring work retreat** is scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. Several work projects have been identified. Among them are: Construct new steps down to the amphitheater area; Split and haul firewood; Deep cleaning cabins and sanitize beds; Yard clean up at camp and The Farm; Work on the swimming pool; Wash windows in cabins and Dining Hall; Install new deck boards on boat dock; Install new roof over extended Canteen area – and the list goes on. For any questions about these and other projects, call camp (715-859-2215) or email [Keith@lutherpark.org](mailto:Keith@lutherpark.org).

**Camp Recharge Dates are:**

**October 14-15, 2016**

**November 4-5, 2016**

**January 6-7, 2017**

**March 3-4, 2017**

**Quilt Retreat Dates are:**

**September 15-16, 2016**

**October 20-23, 2016**

**November 10-13, 2016**

**February 2-5, 2017**

**Please also keep these dates in mind:**

June 4 - Way Club Banquet

August 13 - Heart for Luther Park

*We are so thankful for the ministry at Luther Park, for the camp staff, volunteers, and summer staff, for parents/churches who send their children to camp, and for the lives that have been changed and will be changed after attending Luther Park Bible Camp. Thank you for your continued prayers.*

*Kay Moen-Urseth*

*Member of the Board of Directors*



# Volunteer Schedule April 2016

## 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 3

Merv & Rozie Maki  
Karen Maron  
Olivia Mieritz

### April 10

Reen Modeen  
James & Judy Nelson  
John & Tammy O'Brien

### April 17

Chris & Shelly Olson  
Eric & Tracy Olson  
Jim & Nan Olson

### April 24

Pirkko Olson  
Beverly Patterson  
Charles & Beverly  
Patterson

Date	Coffee	Lector
April 3	John Schrock & Mary Berube	John Schrock
April 10	Doug & Nancy Thyberg	Linda Hultman
April 17	Karen Wicklund & Tammy Sipsas	Linda Pepping
April 24	Sue Thibedeau & Reen Modeen	Eileen Bentzen



## BIRTHDAYS this month

Jens Gregerson Jr. -1<sup>st</sup>  
John Kramolis -5<sup>th</sup>  
Dick Berge -5<sup>th</sup>  
John LaBelle -5<sup>th</sup>

Rita Collins -12<sup>th</sup>  
Jonathan Jensen -14<sup>th</sup>  
Charles Johnson -20<sup>th</sup>  
Karen Wicklund -26<sup>th</sup>

Monthly
<b>Ushers:</b> Merv & Rozie Maki
<b>Greeters:</b> Ken & Linda Watters
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Sandy Rau



Darren & Laurie Hanson— 18<sup>th</sup>  
Jim & Carrie DeRosia— 23<sup>rd</sup>  
John & Tammy O'Brien— 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Tim & Debbie Landgreen— 27<sup>th</sup>

# Our Savior's Lutheran Church

## April 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2  12:00 Yoga
3  9:00 a.m. <b>Worship</b> 10:30 Council 6:00 Confirmation & Sunday School  Food Shelf Item — Peanut Butter	4  9:00-3:00 Community Quilters  Worship  7:00 Al-Anon	5  Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga	6  9:30 Bible Study	7  Choir	8	9  8:00am OSLC, Hope Luth. and Peace Luth. meeting  12:00 Yoga
10  9:00 a.m. <b>Worship</b> Pot Luck & China Mission Presentation 6:00 Confirmation & Sunday School  Food Shelf Item — Cereal	11  9:00-3:00 Community Quilters  7:00 Al-Anon	12  Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga	13  9:30 Bible Study	14  Choir	15	16  <b>Food Shelf</b> <b>9:00-11:00</b>  12:00 Yoga
17  9:00 a.m. <b>Worship</b> I.M. Meeting- Moving Forward by Faith 6:00 Confirmation & Sunday School  Food Shelf Item — Kleenex	18  9:00-3:00 Community Quilters  <b>Newsletter</b> <b>Deadline</b>  7:00 Al-Anon	19  Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga	20  9:30 Bible Study	21  WELCA  Choir	22	23  12:00 Yoga
24  9:00 a.m. <b>Worship</b> Camp Sunday 6:00 Confirmation & Sunday School  Food Shelf Item — Cans of Fruit or Veggies	25  9:00-3:00 Community Quilters  7:00 Al-Anon	226  Office Closed 9:00 TOPS 5:30 Yoga	27  9:30 Bible Study	28  Choir  Produce Distribution	29	30  12:00 Yoga  1:00 Funeral for Charlene Billingsley

### **Pastor John's Contact Information-**

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### **Pastor John's April Schedule**

First Weekend--April 2-4 (Vacation days)  
Second Weekend--April 9-11 (Sat. 3:30pm-Mon. 4:00pm)  
Third Weekend--April 16-18 (Sat. 3:30pm-Mon. 4:00pm)  
Fourth Weekend-- Apr 23-25 (Sat. 3:30pm-Mon. 4:00pm)

**CPR Training Opportunity-** If you are interested in CPR/Defibrillator training there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. The date is pending.

**Not receiving a newsletter?** Either by email or regular mailings? Let the church secretary know that you would like to be added to either the email list or the regular mailing list and one will be sent right to you. You can also access our newsletters and other church information on our website [ironriverlutherans.org](http://ironriverlutherans.org)

### **SUNDAY APRIL 17 I.M. MEETING III: "MOVING FORWARD BY FAITH"**

On this Sunday we will continue our interim ministry small group sharing series dealing with our church's past, present and future. On April 17 our attention will turn to Our Savior Lutheran Church's future. As in the past we will be preparing questions that we will post and share with you before the meeting. The current talks about possible cooperation between Our Savior's, Hope, and Peace Lutheran churches will be brought up in this meeting, as will the February 28 financial report from the Sunday morning information meeting. Please come and lend your voice and ears to this special sharing time. Please pray that the Lord will use this time to help clarify our thinking as we seek to move forward. The schedule for this meeting is as follows:

- 9:00 Worship
- 10:00 Get refreshments and get settled in the Fellowship Hall Begin Small Group Sharing
- 10:40 Large Group Time with reporting by small groups
- 10:55 Summary and Closing Prayer
- 11:00 Close meeting

### **Let's Grow Our Own Soup**

There is a piece of property here in Iron River that was formerly a garden. It has since grown over and is vacant. There is a group of us that would love to make a community garden in that spot. There are many different options for how to create and run a community garden and we believe that it would be up to those who are involved to decide how best to create such a garden. If you are interested in participating in this project please join us on Sunday, March 20th at 11:00 AM at Our Savior's Lutheran Church for an informational meeting. If you can't attend, but are interested in being a part of this project please contact Nancy Thyberg at 715-372-5249 or email [nthyberg@hotmail.com](mailto:nthyberg@hotmail.com).



**REGISTER EARLY FOR LUTHER PARK!** Have you taken time to look at the summer camp programs offered at Luther Park and Luther Woods? While June and July may seem a long way off, the staff at Luther Park is already gearing up for another exciting summer filled with fun and spiritual growth. Luther Park offers a variety of programs for campers who have completed Kindergarten through 12th grades. Whether you are a first-time camper or a veteran senior high, there is something for everyone at Luther Park! If you register and pay in full before May 1st you will receive the Early Bird Discount. Also, through the very generous donations from the Philby family, Our Savior's has monies available to help with the cost of the camp registration. If you would like more information and/or would like to register for camp, please contact either Nancy Thyberg or Cindy Knapp.



### **Pot Luck and China Presentation-**

On Sunday, April 10 please join us for a Church potluck and China mission presentation by Pastor John following the worship service. As you may know

Pastor John works part-time with China Service Ventures, a Christian non-profit organization based in St. Paul, MN. This coming June to August he will be directing CSV's Boundless Love Summer Camps in Henan, China for his seventh summer. The OSL Church Council invited him to make this presentation and introduce us to what CSV is doing in China.

**Camp Sunday-** We will have Camp Sunday on April 24. Luther Park Lutheran Bible Camp in Chetek, WI will be sending Jacquie Scoates, the camp program director, to give us a temple talk during worship to fill us

in on the upcoming summer program. She will also remain for the fellowship time to answer questions and to pass out camp information. Plans are underway to include one or two camp songs in the worship service. Fun!





