

The Announcer

March 24, 2024



Update to Call Process: The call extended to Rev. David Behm has been declined. Following the Special Voter's meeting on Thursday, February 29th, the congregation voted in favor to request a seminary graduate. If the LCMS Placement Committee decides a certain seminary graduate would be a good fit for our congregation, we will be notified that we will be receiving him as a pastor. There is always the possibility that the Placement Committee decides we will not receive a seminary graduate as it wouldn't be the right fit. We appreciate everyone's patience and we will keep the congregation informed when we do officially find out the Placement Committee's official decision (most likely in late March/early April). As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Special Voter's Meeting - Parsonage Basement Updates: The Properties Board will have the congregation discuss and vote after the worship service on Sunday, March 24th regarding if there should be some additional renovations done to the parsonage basement. 1. Do nothing, the parsonage project is complete. 2. Renovate the bathroom and laundry facility. 3. Remove basement paneling and replace with drywall. This includes replacing drop ceiling and insulating walls as needed. 4. Complete options 2 and 3. We will vote by show of hands. Please give this your prayerful consideration.



Holy Week worship services have been scheduled at Our Savior. The Maundy Thursday service with communion will be Thursday, March 28th at 5:00 pm and the Good Friday service with communion will be Friday, March 29th at 3:00 pm. Easter worship service with communion will be at 9:00 am on Sunday, March 31st. There will be a guest pastor on Easter Sunday as Pastor Schewe has 2 services at St. John's that morning.

Pianist for Easter Sunday will now be Jacque as it will work with her schedule. Thank you Jacque!



Easter Lilies: The sign-up for Easter Lilies is on the guest registry table. The deadline is Sunday, March 24th, and the suggested donation is \$23. Please place your donation, marked accordingly, in the offering plate by March 24th. Thanks!

ATTENTION MEN of OSLC: 2024 Elder's Training Workshop will be on Saturday, April 6th from 9:30 am – 2:30 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church in Monticello. "Iron Sharpens Iron – Bettering the Brotherhood of Christ" presented by Rev. W. Max Mons, STM of St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel and University Center. A FREE STEAK LUNCH will be provided. If you are interested in attending this powerful and impactful training, please let Joel know.



Senior ACTs Pancake Breakfast fundraiser will be from 8:00-8:45 am on Easter Sunday, March 31st, before the worship service. The youth will be serving pancakes, eggs, fruit, beverages, and more. It is a free-will offering and proceeds will help pay for their youth gathering in July 2025. Thanks for your support!

Church Properties Contact Person for March is Dave (563-920-4669). Please contact him with any items that need the attention of the Board.



Birthdays this week: March 24: Maebel; **March 30:** Sara; Stephanie; Anne.

Wedding anniversaries this week: March 29: Doug & Madeline.

The April - June edition of the *Portals of Prayer* are available on the guest registry table. Please take a copy.



Congratulations! Doug & Madeline will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on Friday, March 29th. If you want to send them a card or note, their address is 1011 Gales Ave., Manchester, IA 52057. Congratulations and God's blessings to you both!

Relay for Life Fundraiser: The Our Savior Relay for Life team will be helping at Pizza Ranch on Wednesday, April 3rd from 4:30-7:30 pm to raise money for the Relay for Life event on June 28th. Please come and enjoy the meal – pizza, chicken, and all the trimmings. They even have ice cream! Bring your family and friends. Thanks for your support!



Spring Cleaning Duties have been emailed out and also placed in everyone's mailboxes. If you are the head of your area, please contact everyone on your list regarding completing the duties. All cleaning must be finished by Confirmation Sunday, May 12th. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanette. Thanks for taking time out of your schedule to help keep our church and facilities clean and beautiful!



Scrip cards are a wonderful way to support the youth of our congregation. The next youth gathering will be in July 2025 in New Orleans, and it's never too early to start raising funds for this amazing trip. There are lots of different scrip cards on-hand and they make great gifts as well as regular "shopping" cards for groceries, fuel, and other items. Did you know that if most members purchased cards throughout the year for their regular shopping (Kwik Star, Walmart, Fareway, etc.) that the youth would raise enough money to cover their trip??

This Week at Our Savior Lutheran Church

TODAY, March 24:	8:00 am	Worship/Communion (Palm Sunday)
	9:00 am	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
MONDAY, March 25:	6:30-7:30 pm	SONshine Center reserved
	6:00-9:00 pm	Fellowship Hall reserved
TUESDAY, March 26:	9:15-11:00 am	Ladies tie quilts for LWR – Hall Classroom
	11:00 am – 1:30 pm	SONshine Center reserved
WEDNESDAY, March 27:	5:00 pm	Confirmation Class – SONshine Center
	7:00 pm	Senior ACTs – SONshine Center
THURSDAY, March 28:	9:00 am	Bible Study, St. Paul's, Delaware
	5:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship Service/Communion
FRIDAY, March 29:	3:00 pm	Good Friday Worship Service/Communion
NEXT SUNDAY, March 31:	8:00 am	Youth Easter Breakfast Fundraiser
	9:00 am	Easter Sunday Worship/Communion

The Lutheran Hour: "Eucatastrophe" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The top three best-selling books all present visions of hope, but how they hope to achieve it is a much different story. (Mark 16:6-7). Listen to "The Lutheran Hour" next Sunday morning at 9:00 on radio station KMCH 94.7 FM.

Generosity Moment: Zechariah 9:9 – **"Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."** No king ever rode to war like this. But no king had ever come to wage battle by dying. In His Passion, our Lord Jesus gives everything He has and is; He does this to bring us from death to life, to make us His own people, and show us an example of self-giving love that we should follow.

Mission News: The LCMS has 38 partner churches around the world. A partner church is a church body with which the LCMS has full altar and pulpit fellowship. Many LCMS partner churches also are members of the International Lutheran Council, a worldwide association of confessional Lutheran church bodies. Some LCMS partner churches came into existence through LCMS-supported mission efforts, while others have historic roots that pre-date the LCMS or that are sourced in the mission efforts of other Lutheran church bodies. *Remember the centrality of God's Word as you pray for the Synod's generous donors, thanks for those who make it possible for LCMS theological education around the world.*

Life Quote: "So let us be sober, putting on faith and love as our breastplate and the hope of salvation as our helmet, encouraging one another and building each other up as together we faithfully wait, expectantly wait, joyfully wait—for Jesus." Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook, guest speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" ~ *A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Life Thoughts in the Church Year: Palm Sunday – In the midst of the darkness and forsakenness of that Friday we now call Good, we see God "hiding" in it all, demonstrating His love in a way we cannot comprehend but only apprehend by faith. The passion of Christ assures us that God works in our darkness demonstrating His love, bringing good, and promising never to forsake. *Lord Jesus, redeem all our fallenness by Your humility, compassion, forgiveness, and company. Amen.*

Building Healthy Families: As we begin perhaps the most important days of the church year, remember that Holy Week can be a confusing time for young children. Take them with you to all the special services this week but don't assume they know what you know. They may wonder, "What does *Maundy* mean?" "Why does everyone at church seem so sad and quiet?" Read John 18-19 aloud with them. As you reflect on feelings of fear and sadness at Jesus' brutal treatment, crucifixion, and death, share His message of hope and promise from John 14:1-3. Remind them (and yourself!) that while Good Friday is dark and scary, it's not the end - only the beginning of the story. Remind them we're Easter people and Resurrection Sunday is coming! **Lutheran Family Service**, 2550 Middle Road, Suite 602, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722. Phone: 563.359.0696 or www.LutheranFamilyService.org