

The Announcer
April 13, 2025

The Maundy Thursday worship service with communion will be April 17th at 6:30 pm and the Good Friday worship service will be April 18th at 6:30 pm. We hope you can join us as we continue through the Lenten season.



Baked Potato Bar Fundraiser: The youth who are attending the National Youth Gathering in July will be having a baked potato bar supper before the Maundy Thursday worship service on Thursday, April 17th at 5:30 pm. They will have baked potatoes, butter, sour cream, cheese, broccoli cheese soup, chili, and taco soup. You can put the toppings on a potato or you can have a bowl of soup, or both! This will be a free-will donation fundraiser. Thank you for supporting the youth as they prepare for their trip!

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

Easter Sunday: The youth in middle school and high school will be presenting an Easter program at 8:00 am on Sunday, April 20th. The pancake breakfast fundraiser will follow that service at approximately 8:45 am. Then the regular Easter Sunday worship service with communion will be at 10:00 am. We encourage everyone to come to the youth's early service, stay and enjoy a delicious breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit salad, and beverages, and then attend the Easter service.



Spring Cleaning Duties have been emailed and a copy has also been placed in your mailboxes. Please take a moment to read what area you are assigned to clean at church or the SONshine Center. The head person for each area is marked with an asterisk, and they are the one who will reach out to the members in their group to get all the tasks completed by May 4th. If you have questions, please reach out to Gloria or Cindy, thanks!

Easter and Confirmation greeting cards are available in the card cabinet in the Narthex for \$1 each. The ladies appreciate everyone who purchases cards throughout the year. There are lots of special occasion cards to choose from including birthdays, anniversaries, get well soon, new babies, weddings, etc. Thanks for your support!



The Easter Lily sign-up has been placed on the guest registry table. Suggested donation is \$25. Please sign-up and place your money in the offering plate (marked accordingly) by Sunday, April 13th. Thank you for beautifying our sanctuary.

Church Properties Contact Person for March 23rd – May 31st is Ed (563-920-6775). Please contact him with any items that need the attention of the Board.



Birthdays this week: April 14: Opal; Kennedy; April 15: Owen; Morgan; Emilie; Paul; April 17: Kyle; Makenna; April 18: Randy; Jessica; Paxton.

There are no wedding anniversaries this week.

Vacation Bible School will be held June 2nd – 6th from 9:00 am to noon. A volunteer sign-up sheet is on the guest registry table. Please sign up to help if you are available, even if it is only for 1 or 2 days. There are registration forms on bright yellow paper on the guest registry table, which also has a QR code so you can register your kids electronically. The code is also on page 3 of the Announcer. Thanks!



New Scrip App on Phones: We recently found out you can get the RaiseRight scrip app on your smartphone and can set-up an account linked to Our Savior so you can purchase scrip anytime, anywhere! You need to set-up your own RaiseRight account by going to www.raiseright.com, and click on the 'Sign Up' button in the upper right corner. The enrollment code for Our Savior is **2192CC663845**. This code will link your RaiseRight account to our church account so that the rebates (percentage back) goes to the church. After you enter the enrollment code, you just follow the prompts to complete setting up your account. Then you can download the RaiseRight app on your phone, and sign in using the same user name and password you set up on your RaiseRight account.



Scrip cards are a wonderful way to support the youth of our congregation. 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. Please purchase scrip after worship on Sundays or from Sara during the week in the office. Let's all try to purchase more scrip this year to benefit the youth of our congregation – we always welcome more members to participate! As always, thank you so much for your continued support of our youth!



Vacation Bible School

(for ages 3 through completed 6th grade)

Our Savior Lutheran Church

116 Guetzko Ct., PO Box 247

Manchester, IA 52057

Phone: 563 • 927 • 4860



Online Registration form

“RESTORED IN CHRIST”

June 2nd – 6th, 2025

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Please register online with the QR code by May 23rd!

The Lutheran Hour: "A Risen Christ and a Clean Room" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The risen Christ has folded Death up and put it in its place. Now Christ invites you to trust in Him and find place and purpose in His new creation. (John 20:5-7). Listen to “The Lutheran Hour” next Sunday morning at 9:00 on radio station KMCH 94.7 FM.

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 how God works to strengthen the faith of His people as you pray that LCMS members would eagerly participate in Bible studies, small-group discussions, and private study.*

Life Quote: “Commit to seeking opportunities to be a light to those living in darkness. Do not place that responsibility on the full-time leaders of the Church. This is your mission in life. God has uniquely placed you in the exact situations, locations, and relationships to make the Light of the world visible and concrete. You are the look of Christ’s face. You are the tone of His voice. You are the touch of His hands. You are the physical representation of His light in a dark world (Ephesians 5:8). How bright will you shine this year?” *Paul David Tripp, author and speaker ~ A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Life Thoughts in the Church Year: Palm Sunday/Passion of Our Lord (Palmarum) – Sinful nature prizes popularity, property, and power. It despises dependence and discards aging or gestating neighbors because of it. But Jesus proves that God has designed humankind to rely on Him and each other. His salvation comes about by humbly and happily entrusting oneself to an Almighty Father (Philippians 2:6-8). We need not take life and death into our own hands when we can rest upon His.

Building Healthy Families: Parents, grandparents and pew buddies – when we think about what we can do to welcome and encourage young kids in worship, it can be helpful also to consider what not to do. For instance, “shushing” is a natural response to noise, but often only brings about embarrassment and distraction (99.9% of parents are aware of kids making noise and are actively addressing it). Rather, look for ways to build relationships over time and gently ask parents if there’s anything you can do to help their young family, following their lead. Another option is to say a simple prayer that God would grant the child(ren) and parents what He knows they need and allow you to keep your focus on Jesus and His good gifts! Recall Jesus’ words, “*Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven,*” and rejoice that He has made us all God’s children! **Lutheran Family Service**, 2550 Middle Road, Suite 602, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722. Phone: 563.359.0696 or www.LutheranFamilyService.org

Scrip Gift Cards & Increments

(** local cards)

~ All proceeds benefit the youth group! ~

Retail/Grocery/Fuel:

Amazon: \$25, \$50, \$100
American Eagle: \$25
Barnes & Noble: \$10 and \$25
Bath & Body Works: \$10
Best Buy: \$25
Buckle: \$25
Cabelas: \$25
** Casey's: \$25 and \$100
** Castle Theater: \$5
Claire's: \$10
Dick's Sporting Goods: \$25
** Fareway: \$25, \$50, \$100
I-Tunes: \$15 and \$25
JC Penney: \$25
Kohl's: \$25 and \$100
** Kwik Star: \$25, \$50, \$100
Menards: \$25
Old Navy/Gap: \$25
Scheels: \$25
Target: \$25, \$50, \$100
** Walmart: \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100

Restaurants:

Applebees: \$25
Buffalo Wild Wings: \$25
** Burger King: \$10
Caribou Coffee: \$10
Chili's: \$25
Chipotle: \$10
** Chuong Garden: \$10
Cold Stone Creamery: \$10
Cracker Barrel: \$25
** Dairy Queen: \$5 and \$10
** Dolce Vita: \$10 and \$20 (can also get whatever denomination you want, just let Sara know)
Dunkin' Donuts: \$10
** Hardee's: \$10
McDonald's: \$10
Noodles and Company: \$10
Olive Garden/Cheddar's: \$25
Outback Steakhouse: \$25
Panera Bread: \$10
** Pizza Ranch: \$5
Red Lobster: \$25
Red Robin: \$25
Starbucks \$10
** Subway: \$10
** The Tea Company: \$10
Texas Roadhouse: \$25

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so if you are getting new tires, or purchasing new furniture –
they both will give a percentage back to our church from your
purchase! Please talk to Sara if you will be spending money in
either of those places!