

*The Announcer*  
March 31, 2024

## The Call

We are still waiting to hear from the LCMS Placement Committee to decide if a certain seminary graduate would be a good fit for our congregation. 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 early-mid April). As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

**Parsonage Basement UPDATE:** The congregation voted in favor of doing no additional projects to the parsonage basement at this time. The Properties Board has suggested some other improvements that should be considered in the near future which includes installing new windows in the church, especially the church office as that window blows open during windy days, and updating the men's restroom. The window project will be discussed in more detail at a future voter's meeting.



**Scholarship Applications** are due on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please place them in the Church Office mailbox. This is for all current college students and graduating high school seniors who will be attending college in 2024/2025. Thanks!

**Easter worship service** with communion will be at 9:00 am on Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Rev. Daniel Krueger will be our guest pastor, as Pastor Schewe has 2 services at St. John's that morning.



**Senior ACTs Pancake Breakfast** fundraiser will be from 8:00-8:45 am on Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 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!

**Women of Our Savior** will meet on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 pm. Devotions will be led by Lou Ann. Janet will be the guest speaker and she will share her hobby. There will also be a business meeting and mites. We hope to see you there!



**ATTENTION MEN of OSLC:** 2024 Elder's Training Workshop will be on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Church Properties Contact Person** for April is Ed (563-920-6775). Please contact him with any items that need the attention of the Board.



**Birthdays this week: March 31:** Tye; **April 6:** Rusty.

**Wedding anniversaries this week: April 5:** Dr. Tim & Tricia.

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

**Relay for Life Fundraiser:** The Our Savior Relay for Life team will be helping at Pizza Ranch on Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:30-7:30 pm to raise money for the Relay for Life event on June 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 12<sup>th</sup>. 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!

**Easter Lilies:** Thank you to everyone who purchased Easter lilies to beautify our sanctuary. All glory be to God!

**Parish Planning Council** will meet via email correspondence beginning on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Please watch for emails and correspond accordingly for your specific board. If you have questions, let me know. Thanks!



**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

<b>TODAY, March 31:</b>	8:00 am	Youth Easter Breakfast Fundraiser
	9:00 am	Easter Sunday Worship/Communion
<b>MONDAY, April 1:</b>	5:00-9:00 pm	SONshine Center reserved
<b>TUESDAY, April 2:</b>	1:00 pm	Women of Our Savior
	4:00-5:30 pm	SONshine Center reserved
<b>WEDNESDAY, April 3:</b>	4:30-7:30 pm	OSLC Relay for Life Fundraiser – Pizza Ranch
<b>THURSDAY, April 4:</b>	9:00 am	Bible Study, St. Paul's, Delaware
	5:30-7:00 pm	SONshine Center reserved
	6:30 pm	Parish Planning Council Meeting
<b>NEXT SUNDAY, April 7:</b>	8:00 am	Worship
	9:00 am	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class

**The Lutheran Hour: "Raise the Flag"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Learn how the followers of Christ are raising God's flag in the world. (Acts 1:1-11). Listen to "The Lutheran Hour" next Sunday morning at 9:00 on radio station KMCH 94.7 FM.

**Generosity Moment: John 20:1** – "Now on the first day of the week ..." All is made new by the resurrection of Jesus! Even the day of worship has transitioned from the Old Testament's Sabbath (Saturday) to the Lord's Day of the New Testament (Sunday). For the Lord has made all things new: In rising from the dead as the new Adam, He has begun a new week for a new creation. We are also made new in Him — a new heart, a new life, new desires, a new outlook toward God. All this comes from our risen Lord's grace. Especially after the sort of year we've had since last Easter, it sure is good news to hear that the Lord makes all things start afresh!

**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 all who listen to those who receive theological education, that the Gospel might take root and produce fruit.*

**Life Quote:** "The disciples and the first century Christians may have felt like they were on the losing side. They had their doubts and fears. Maybe you do, too. They may have lost some earthly things. You may, too. But Jesus takes away the fear and the doubt. You have hope in His resurrection. You have hope even through the trials of life. You have a living hope in your living Lord." *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota ~ A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**Life Thoughts in the Church Year: Easter Sunday** – The resurrected Jesus first appeared to a very sinful, formerly demon-possessed woman, Mary Magdalene. The hope of the resurrection is for those hopelessly lost in their sins. In one sense, we could say that this hope is especially for those who are—like the rest of us—hopelessly lost! Thanks be to God! *Heavenly Father, draw me into rejoicing in Jesus' resurrection and the value it gives to all humankind. Amen.*

**Building Healthy Families:** Here are bold and true words for you to remember today or any day when you are worried or overwhelmed with life's challenges and temptations: "Know ye then - sin, death, devil, and everything that assails me - that you are missing the mark. I am not afraid of you. For Christ, my dear Lord, has presented to me that triumph and victory of His by which you were laid low. And from this very gift of His I derive my name and am called a Christian. There is no other reason. My sin and death hung about His neck on Good Friday, but on the day of Easter they had completely disappeared. This victory He has bestowed on me. This is why I do not worry about you." (from Luther's Easter Sermon, 1530) A blessed and happy celebration of Easter to you and your family from the Board of Directors and staff of Lutheran Family Service! **Lutheran Family Service**, 2550 Middle Road, Suite 602, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722. Phone: 563.359.0696 or [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)