



Immanuel-Trinity Lutheran Church

The Beacon April 2024



Pastor's Message

Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb. Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. The angel spoke to the women.

“Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there. Remember what I have told you.” Matt. 28:1-7

Dear Partners in the Gospel,

The first time I visited the Garden Tomb in Jerusalem, I stood in silence inside that empty cold tomb. I kept thinking about the two Mary’s, who on Good Friday stood at the foot of the cross huddled close together, weeping and watching. They witnessed it all Jesus’ pain, his cry of abandonment, drawing his last breath, the piercing of his side, watching his lifeless body be lowered from the cross, and finally following Joseph of Arimathea to the tomb where Jesus’ lifeless body was laid on that stone slab in Joseph’s own newly hewn tomb.

The women knew that they had one more need of his to fulfill, one more way to show their love, by going back to that stone cold tomb on Sunday morning to finish preparing his dead clay shell for burial.

Then one more time Jesus turned the tables, this time he turned the tables on sin and death itself. The tomb was empty, the angel announced that he was resurrected, and invited them to see the empty tomb for themselves and then go and tell the disciples the good news.

Standing in the empty tomb, I really grasped the reality that without resurrection there would be no Christian faith. The Resurrection is the keys to our faith because it demonstrates God’s ultimate power over sin, death and the power of the Devil.

The power of God that brought Jesus from the dead, will us bring us back to life also. Jesus’ death was not the end. His resurrection is the beginning of eternal life for all who believe in him.

And now it’s our responsibility to break the good news that Jesus has risen, even to people who may not receive or believe this good news. May our prayer be: Jesus, help us leave the tomb behind us, leave the guilt of sin and failure. And send us where we’ are needed most- to the lost, the least, the bewildered, and to love one another as you have loved us.

Blessed Easter,
Pastor Tom

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday



**Services with
Communion
Thursday, March
28
10:30am & 6pm**



**Good Friday Services
Friday, March 29
10:30am & 6pm**



**Easter Services with
Communion
Saturday, March 30
at 5:30pm &
Sunday, March 31
at 9:30am**



Easter Lily Dedications

- To the Glory of God given by Sherry & Jim Albert
- To the Glory of God given by Vicki Huth
- To the Glory of God given by Don and Martie Schmalz
- To the Glory of God given by Dave and Nancy

Hackbarth

- To the Glory of God and in Memory of Beatrice (Boots) Shepherd by Jim Shepherd
- In Memory of our Parents given by Bob and Audrey Greenwood
- In Memory of Raymond and Kelly Wifler given by Carla Wifler
- In Memory of Judy Hari given by Lyle Hari
- In Memory of Ray Schwarze given by JoAnne Schwarze
- In Memory of Marie Olrich given by Scott and Pam Olrich Family
- In Memory of Ron Auchtung given by Ron's family
- in Memory of Ben Rentmeister given by Peggy Rentmeister
- in Memory of Wayne Brennan given by Susan Brennan
- In Memory of Wilmer and Betty Krueger given by John and Debbie Kehrmeyer
- In Memory of Harold and Alice Veith given by Susan Giese
- In Memory of Sara Kozisek given by Dana and Pam Kozisek
- In Memory of James Gokey given by Faye Gokey
- In Memory of Shelly Beaver & Richard Bahr and Melvin and Edythe Ollernan given by June Bahr
- In Memory of Charles Von Rotz, Tim Plout and Judy Von Rotz given by Jane Von Rotz, Pat Plout & Robert Von Rotz
- In Memory of Paul Kunz given by Sandi Kunz
- In Memory of Robert Swanson (son) given by Arlene Ward
- In Memory of Wilmer and Betty Krueger given by Donna Krueger
- In Memory of Donald Meyer given by Helen Meyer & Family

Thank you for sharing a gift of Spring for our Easter services.



A memorial gift was given by Bob and Audrey Greenwood for Robert Kopf.

A memorial gift was given by Kelly Towey for Barbara Bigsby.

Loaves and Fishes News

Our date for serving is Monday, April 8, 2024. Pans with recipe and sign up will be in the Church narthex. The casseroles do not need to be hot when dropped off at IT church. If you want to bring them to service the weekend before and place in the refrigerator, they will be heated up and taking downtown. You can also drop the casseroles off directly at Church of Peace, 158 S. Military by 4:00 pm. Again, thank you for all you do!!



Many Blessings,
Ray and Tess Schwartz
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A Picture Follow-Up from the Red Bag food collection in February 2024

These photos show how 708# of groceries for the Fond du Lac Food Pantry were packaged by the Confirmation students, transported and delivered by Ray and Tess Swartz and helper, Mike.





WELCA News

The Appleton and Oshkosh are joining together for their Annual Spring Conference on Saturday, April 20 from 9am - 1pm at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Oshkosh. We are located at 1860 Wisconsin Street.



We are excited to share that our theme is "Good Neighbors", based on the experience we have had over the past year of sponsoring a Syrian family. The main speaker will be Tara Koji, an Oshkosh North High School teaching assistant, who has a classroom of refugee students.

The conference will run 9:00 am-1:00 pm with registration from 8:00am-9:00am. The price for material and lunch this year will be \$20.00.

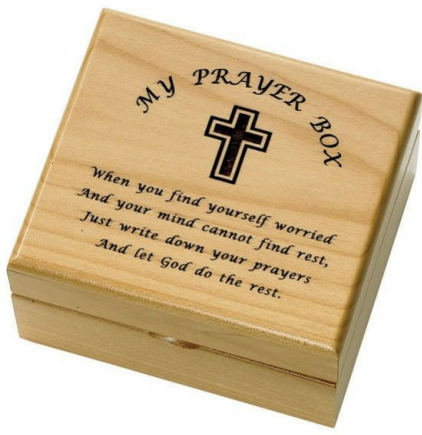
We have the pleasure of having Just Fare from Fond du Lac with us, with merchandise from their store, and Susan Schnoor will speak on the history of Just Fare and the countries they work with.

The in-kind gift this year will be divided between the Oshkosh North classroom and Birdies Box, which our church supports. Some suggested items are: hygiene products, toothpaste and toothbrushes, body wash, deodorant, sanitary napkins and tampons along with snack and grocery items. Any grocery items for Birdies Box should not be in glass containers.

Any questions call Martie, Deborah Circle President, at 920-251-3221

Prayer Box

Are you in need of prayers for yourself or others? Add your request to the prayer box located in the narthex of the the church. We will



confidentially add your concerns to our prayers which can be general or more specific. We know God hears us. If you prefer not to attend the prayer group, we can still pray for your needs, persons or concerns.



CROSSWAYS

CAMPING MINISTRIES

Bible Camp Registration

It is getting to be that time of the year when we begin to think and make plans for summer vacation activities. One of those maybe attending Bible and/or Family camp. Crossways has three sites that offer different experiences. Help you and your kids discover and deepen their faith while learning kindness, confidence, and responsibility. If you are interested in getting more information, check with Pastor Tom or go online www.crosswayscamps.org

~ April 2024 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6p Champions of FdL 6p Buildings and Grounds Meeting	2	3 6:30p Prayer Group	4 1pm WELCA Deborah Circle Bible Study	5	6 5:30p Worship w/ Communion
7 9:30a Worship w/ Communion 10:30a Adult Ed 10:30a Littles Spark	8 4p Serve at Loaves & Fishes 6p Champions of FdL	9 6:45p Church Council 7pm Boy Scouts	10 6:30p Spark, Connect, Confirmation, SHYG	11	12	13 5:30p Worship
14 9:30a Worship 10:30a Adult Ed 10:30a Littles Spark	15 9a-10a Yoga on the Mat w/Kristi 10:15a-11:15a Chair Yoga w/Kristi 6p Champions of FdL	16 7pm Boy Scouts	17 8:30a Dorcas Quilting 6:30p Prayer Group 6:30p Spark, Connect, Confirmation, SHYG	18 Items Due for Newsletter	19	20 5:30p Worship w/ Communion
21 9:30a Worship w/ Communion 10:30a Adult Ed 10:30a Littles Spark 3:00p Champions of FdL Fashion Show	22 9a-10a Yoga on the Mat w/Kristi 10:15a-11:15a Chair Yoga w/Kristi 6p Champions of FdL	23 7pm Boy Scouts	24 6:30p Spark, Connect, Confirmation, SHYG	25	26	27 5:30p Worship
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April Birthdays

April 1
Pearl Bauman
Amy Mathys

April 3
Connie Hall

April 16



Marguerite Steinke

April 6

Maia Hamburg

April 7

Carolyn Diedrick

Alexandra Pagel

Carolyn Zar

April 8

Richard Hegnerr

April 9

David Hackbarth

April 10

Kyle Kahl

Gabriel Tollefson

April 11

Tim Baumhardt

Sharon Soukup

April 12

Jordan Boyke

April 13

Debra Kehrmeyer

Ryley Solamita

April 14

Connie Waldschmidt

Dominic Gonzalez

April 18

Robert Bruni

April 19

Daniel Skorik

April 23

Laura Kahl

Sierra Mathys

April 25

Carol Dorn

Jayla Meyer

Tyler Stobb

April 27

Christopher Dalton

April 28

Eric Jackowski

April 29

Kobe Taylor

April 30

Susan Giese

Tim Reehl

Beckham Boyke

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