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2018

APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 1 EASTER w/HC	"It's NOT April Foolishness"	1 Cor. 15:3-4
<i>Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 16;</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8</i>	
April 8 2nd Sunday of Easter	"Rejoice, Reflect, Repent"	John 20:19-31
<i>Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 148;</i>	<i>1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31</i>	
April 15 3rd Sunday of Easter w/HC	"Raised to a New Life"	Acts 3:11-21
<i>Acts 3:11-21; Psalm 4;</i>	<i>1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36-49</i>	
April 22 4th Sunday of Easter	"Confidence!"	Psalm 23
<i>Acts 4:1-12; Psalm 23;</i>	<i>1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18</i>	
April 29 5th Sunday of Easter	"A Blade of Life"	John 15:1-8
<i>Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 150;</i>	<i>1 John 4:1-11 (12-21); John 15:1-8</i>	

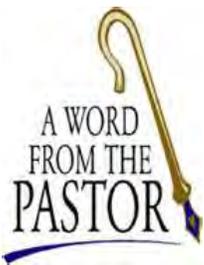
Happy Easter! The word "Easter" comes from Old English, meaning the "East."

The sun, which rises in the East, *"bringing light, warmth and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true light of the world."*

Easter does not end with Easter Sunday: That is only the beginning. The Easter season, is celebrated for 50 days. It culminates with the celebration of Jesus' ascension into heaven at 40 days, and Pentecost, at 50 days, marks the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles and birthday of the Church. This year Easter Sunday is on April 1, Ascension is Thursday, May 10, but since it is a moveable feast, it is transferred to Sunday, May 6. Pentecost Sunday is May 20. The greatest of all liturgical seasons, Easter is a time to rest in the joy of glorified life and the victory over death, expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian: Alleluia!

Fellowship Sunday is April 8th following worship service.

Thanks to Lil Troiden, Diane Volner, and Deb Panning!



Growing Doubts about the Resurrection of the Dead

In his defense before Agrippa, Paul asked his Jewish audience:

“Why is it judged incredible with you, if God could raise the dead?”

(Acts 26:8).

There have always been those who found the concept of the bodily resurrection incredible, i.e., unbelievable, and their modern counterparts are appearing increasingly—even in today’s church. The ancient Greeks disdained the notion that the body could ever be raised. Thus when Paul spoke concerning **“the resurrection of the dead [ones—plural]”** in Athens, his message was mocked (Acts 17:32). During the time of Jesus, the Sadducees denied the resurrection of the body (Matthew 22:23; Acts 23:6-8).

Even some Christians in the primitive church had fallen for this error and so affirmed: ***“There is no resurrection of the dead”*** (1 Corinthians 15:12)—a heresy which Paul attempted to correct. In the late decades of the apostolic age, a sect known as the Gnostics arose, denying the resurrection of the body.

In our own age, atheism, of course, rejects the idea that the human body will be raised from the dead. An article in the *Soviet Encyclopedia* asserts that the concept of the resurrection is in **“decisive contradiction with scientific natural knowledge”** (Smith 1999, 455). Religious modernism repudiates the idea of the resurrection, since, having **“demythologized”** the Scriptures, it rejects any element of the miraculous.

Whether ancient or modern, within the church or outside of it, the denial of the bodily resurrection is a radical error. And in this age of biblical illiteracy, this false doctrine will continue to make its presence felt among the people of God unless gospel preachers return to a teaching of the fundamental principles of the Christian faith, one of which is the resurrection of the dead (cf. Hebrews 6:1, 2).

The Bible clearly affirms the doctrine of the general resurrection of the dead. The concept of the resurrection is found in the Old Testament—though not as vividly as it comes to light in the New Testament (cf. 2 Timothy 1:10). God’s declaration to Moses regarding Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob was an indication of the eventual resurrection (Matthew 22:31, 32). Other Old Testament passages also suggested that man’s body would be raised ultimately (see Job 19:25-27; Psalm 17:15; Isaiah 26:19; Daniel 12:2; Hosea 13:14).

The doctrine of the bodily resurrection is also affirmed abundantly in the New Testament (see John 5:28, 29; 6:39, 40; Mark 12:18-27; Acts 17:32; 26:8; Rom. 8:23; 1 Thess. 4:16; 1 Cor. 15; 2 Cor. 5:1, 2; Phil. 3:21). How any person could read Paul’s great discussion of the eventual disposition of the dead in 1 Corinthians 15 and not believe in the resurrection has to be one of the mysteries of the ages. In that remarkable chapter the apostle develops his line of argumentation in the following fashion:

- (1) Paul persuasively pled for the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ on the basis of numerous eyewitnesses of the risen Lord, which, on one occasion, consisted of more than five hundred people (15:1-11).
- (2) The apostle maintained that the Lord’s resurrection is Heaven’s guarantee that we too shall be raised. Jesus is the “first-fruits” (a figure suggesting a future harvest) of the general resurrection to be effected at the time of his return (vv. 12-34).
- (3) Paul discussed the nature of the resurrected body. It will not be a physical or a corruptible body; rather, it will be spiritual and incorruptible (vv. 35-49). Nevertheless, there will be an identity continuum between the former body and the new one. Only in this light can the term “resurrection” (which means to stand up) have any relevance. Moreover, each body will have its own individuality (v. 38). Further, it is thrilling to reflect upon the fact that our new bodies will be identical in form to the glorious body of our resurrected Lord (see Philippians 3:21).
- (4) Finally, the theological impact of the resurrection is set forth. It is a declaration of victory (vv. 50-57). In view of this great hope, saints are admonished to persevere in their fidelity (v. 58).

The biblical doctrine of the resurrection of the dead is a comforting concept. Those who would rob us of this hope are not friends of the cause of Christ.



EASTER GARDEN

Thanks to all who helped make our altar beautiful for Easter with the gorgeous flowers! Our Easter Garden looked great for Easter Sunday.

Graciously donated in Memory of Our Loved Ones by:

Meridel & Karmon Christopherson, Deb Forsberg, Diane & Pastor Gade, Derald & Chris Hadrath, Shirley & Rudy Holzinger, Angie Huizel, Gwen Johnson, Tom & Patty Lyrenmann, Pam & Al Morelli, David & Danielle Ohnstad, Verlayne Sather, Pat Scott, Bev Svac, Lil Troiden, Sandy Westling

KOA/50+

KOA will be meeting on Thursday, April 19th

We will meet at 11:30 a.m. at the Church to carpool to Country Kitchen in New Hope. There is a sign-up sheet located on the entryway bulletin board. Bring lunch money and a friend if you like.

As always, if you need a ride to church let Verlayne know.



SALVATION ARMY FOODSHELVE

Collection amount for March was 109 lbs!

Thank you so much for making our contribution to Minnesota March Food Share so generous!



Mark Your Calendars for Crest View's Summer Events

Crest View Senior Community in Columbia Heights – 4444 Reservoir Blvd NE

Saturday, May 5 | 11 am – 1:30 pm OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, June 5 | 1:30 – 3 pm ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Tuesday, July 10 | 1:30 – 3 pm ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Tuesday, August 7 | 4 – 5:30 pm BLOCK PARTY



April Showers Bring May Flowers



“Never let the things you want make you forget the things you have.”

-Anonymous

Minnesota South District LCMS Older Adult Ministry

S. A. G. E. S. (**S**aints **A**live, **G**rowing, **E**ver **S**erving)

Presents Gathering XXX Pearls of Wisdom: Entrusting the Treasure to the Next Generation
Psalm 145:4-7

Featured Presenter: Rev. Ted Schroeder | Entertainment: *"Just Friends"*

May 7 & 8: Registration Deadline – April 18, 2018

Country Inn and Suites, 1900 Premier Drive, Mankato, MN

Please note, Country Inn and Suites Hotel reservation must be made directly with the hotel by calling 507-388-8555. The block of rooms is under SAGES or code: 1805SAGESL. Deadline for hotel reservation is April 7, 2018. The room rate is \$89 for two Queen size beds. A studio with a King size bed and sofa is \$94. A 15% tax is added to each room reservation.

Monday, May 7

12:00 – 1:15 pm Registration
1:00 – 1:20 pm Vocal Exercise
1:20 – 1:30 pm Welcome and Opening Prayer – Rev. James Vehling, S.A.G.E.S. President
1:30 – 2:30 pm "Pearls of Wisdom" – Rev. Ted Schroeder
2:30 – 2:40 pm Physical Exercise
2:40 – 3:15 pm Refreshments, Visit Displays
3:20 – 4:20 pm Sages Workshop 1
4:30 – 5:45 pm Wine and Cheese Reception – LCEF and CSP
6:00 pm SAGES Evening Dinner – Entertainment: *"Just Friends"*
Closing Devotion – Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy, President, MN So District

Tuesday, May 8

6:30 – 8:00 am Breakfast – **complimentary for Hotel Guest only**
7:30 – 8:00 am Choir rehearsal
8:00 – 8:15 am Vocal Exercise
8:15 – 8:30 am Business meeting
8:30 – 9:15 am "Pearls of Wisdom" – Rev. Ted Schroeder
9:15 – 9:25 am Physical exercise
9:25 – 9:50 am Refreshments Visit Displays
9:55 – 10:55 am Sages Workshop II
11:00 – Noon Sages Workshop III
12:00 – 12:55 pm Lunch
1:00 – 2:00 pm "Pearls of Wisdom" – Rev. Ted Schroeder
2:00 – 2:30 pm Installation of officers – Rev. David Preuss, Chaplain
Closing Devotion

Workshops Include: **Monday, May 7 | 3:20 – 4:20 pm**

"Gray Matters," "Nutrition on a Budget," "Staying Safe in a Digital World," "Conversations with Corrie"

Tuesday, May 8 | 9:55 – 10:55 am (same workshops are offered **11 am – 12 noon**)

"Armchair View of Cuba," "People Who Inspired a Nation," "An African Healthcare Alphabet,"
"Ministry Can be in a Dog's World"

Registration – Monday and Tuesday (includes Banquet) is \$55/Individual; \$110/Couple

Monday Only (includes Banquet) \$40/Individual; \$80/Couple

Monday (Banquet only) \$30/Individual; \$60/Couple

Tuesday only (includes lunch) \$35/Individual; \$70/Couple

Annual Membership \$5/Individual; \$10/Couple

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

WCCO/830 at 6:05 a.m.

The Lutheran Hour will air each of the following topics during the week beginning with the date listed. Also check www.lhm.org and Real Audio.

Hosted by Rev. Greg Seltz (unless noted)

April 1 (Mark 16:1-8)

"They Were Afraid, You Know?"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

It takes a lot to overcome fear, a lot of words, in fact a lifetime of words. Let this Easter Day be a new beginning of trusting Jesus' words of resurrection and life!

April 8 (1 John 1:1-3)

"It's Really Real"

Speaker Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Here's the deal. If Jesus actually rose from the dead, it would be wise to believe in Him because there will be salvation in no one else. If He didn't rise, we're all toast. Tune in to today's message and hear why you can be confident Jesus' resurrection is really real.

April 15 (Luke 24:36-49)

"Peace to You"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

Christians often say, "The Lord be with you." What does that look like? And how do you know Jesus is indeed with you? Jesus' visit to His first disciples shows us the how and what of confidence in Christ.

April 22 (Acts 1:42)

"What's in a Name?"

Speaker Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

We live in a disposable age. If something wears out, breaks down or is lost, we replace it. But who or what can replace Jesus? Who else can save us?

April 29 (Acts 8:26-40)

"The Answer to Unhappiness"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Michael Newman

What do you really want? What does your heart yearn for most? A blogger recently asked her readers the question: "If you could say in one word what you want more of in life, what would that be?" Can you guess the number one answer? It was happiness.

OFFICIAL ACTS For March -- None



Time For Grace

Sundays	KMSP FOX 9	6:30 am
	Channel 23 Cable 8	9:00 am
	DIRECTV 338	5:30 am
Thursdays	DISH Network 188	5:30 am
	DIRECTV 372	3:30 pm
	DISH Network 260	3:30 pm

www.timeofgrace.org

Straight talk about God's word and real hope for this life. A strong gospel message delivered in an informal Bible study style.

Pastor Mark Jeske,
St. Marcus Lutheran Church Milwaukee, WI

CURRENT FINANCIAL

STATUS as of February 28, 2018

February Total Income	\$ 7,283.00
February Total Expense	\$14,095.55
February Net Loss	\$ 6,812.55

YEAR TO DATE

1st Quarter Net Loss	\$10,414.65
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Recipe for Happiness

- 1 cup of good thoughts
 - 1 cup of kind deeds
 - 1 cup consideration for others
 - 2 cups sacrifice
 - 2 cups well-beaten faults
 - 3 cups forgiveness
- Mix thoroughly; add tears of joy, sorrow and sympathy. Flavor with love and kindly service, fold in 4 cups prayer and faith. Blend well. Fold into daily life. Bake well with the warmth of human kindness and serve with a smile anytime!

Memorial service for Rosalina Ehnes is planned for Monday, May 7th at 10:30 am followed by a luncheon and a private family inurnment at Fort Snelling

Saved by Grace

2018 Christus Chorus Tour Concert
Dr. David L. Mennicke, Conductor
Friday, April 6 | 7:30 PM
Concordia University, St. Paul
Graebner Memorial Chapel
1259 Carroll Ave, St. Paul
Free and Open to the Public!

A German Requiem

Brahm's masterwork conducted by William Mathis, with Deborah Carbaugh, soprano, Steven Hodulik, baritone and a select ensemble from the Mississippi Valley Orchestra.

3 PM Sunday, April 8, First Lutheran Church, 1555 40th Ave NE, Columbia Heights

Tickets \$10 in advance online, \$10 seniors or from chorus members, \$15 at the door. Free for those under 21. More information and tickets: www.choruspolaris.org.

Concordia University, St. Paul Spring Into Dance VI

April 20 & 21 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
April 22 @ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

CSP's annual dance concert featuring original choreography of both faculty and students in a wide variety of dance styles, including, contemporary, modern, jazz, tap, musical theatre, Hmong, hip hop, swing and ballroom.

**E.M. Pearson Theatre, 312 Hamline
Avenue North, St. Paul, 55104**

Tickets 612.343.3390 OR Ticketworks.com

- Adults: **\$10**
- Students, Seniors, Children under 12, CSP Faculty/Staff: **\$5**
- CSP Students: **Free with ID**



Groups needed to test neighborhood cleanup kit

Clean Water Minnesota is looking for 25 pilot groups to test its new Clean Streets, Clean Water Neighborhood Cleanup Kit.

The goal of this tool is to empower community groups to easily plan an event that engages local residents in cleaning up streets and storm drains in their neighborhood. The tool will launch in the fall. Participating organizations will receive free printed outreach materials to plan and promote a neighborhood cleanup in April or early May. In exchange, event leaders commit to participating in a follow-up focus group to provide feedback on what worked well and how to improve the kit.

Info: Jana Larson, jl Larson25@hamline.edu.

TREASURER'S NOTE STREET REPAIR UPDATE

Our assessment for this project is \$18,073.72. Since work was not completed last summer, our assessment was postponed one year. Church Council has decided to pay the assessment in full in November or December to avoid interest charges. This is a large amount for our small congregation. In April 2017, we set up a "Street Repair Fund" to start saving for these repairs. Thanks to a generous contribution by TLWC (Hmong Congregation) of \$1,000, our account balance is now \$2,375. If anyone would like to contribute to this fund, please mark your envelope **Street Repair**. Whatever we can save will help reduce what will have to come out of our general fund.

Thank you in advance for your help!





FARE FOR ALL

Food that makes cents

Fare For All

Pooling Our Buying Power.

The Fare For All program purchases fruits, vegetables and frozen meat in bulk to provide balanced, nutritious options at 31 sites across the metro. By buying in bulk, food is available at up to 40% off grocery store prices. Community-supported and open to everyone, Fare for All's structure means the more people who participate, the more buying power we have, and the lower the overall price. Fare For All sites accept cash, credit/debit cards and EBT.

Fare for All operates a traveling nutritious grocery store, which makes monthly stops at 37 distribution sites across the Twin Cities and greater MN to offer fresh produce and quality meats. They break down barriers for families seeking to stretch their food purchasing power and achieve self-sufficiency by offering discounts up to 30 percent off retail prices.

Their food packages are sold once a month. All the locations are cash and carry—there is no need to register in advance.

NE MINNEAPOLIS LOCATION:

Laborers Local 563, 901 14th Ave NE
Fridays 11 am – 1 pm
April 13, May 11, June 22
Fridley Community Center,
6085 7th Street NE
Thursdays 10 am – 12 pm
April 5, May 3, June 7

64th Annual Pancake Breakfast

No One Goes Home Hungry!

April 29th | Serving 7 am – 1 pm

NE Armory & Community Center
1025 Broadway Ave NE, Minneapolis
(One block off Central Avenue)

IF YOU HAVE A SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST YOU WOULD LIKE PASTOR GADE TO INCLUDE IN THE SUNDAY SERVICE, THERE ARE "PRAYER REQUEST" CARDS IN THE PEWS YOU CAN FILL OUT AND HAND TO THE PASTOR BEFORE THE SERVICE OR GIVE TO THE USHERS OR LEAVE IN THE SECRETARY'S MAILBOX.



Spring High Team Party

2018 Spring High Tea, a fundraiser for Northeast Senior Services. Enjoy 5 courses of savory and sweet treats matched with 3 teas, all while sipping from real tea cups. Wear your special hat or pack a fancy hanky and feel free to bring a friend.

When: April 7, 2018 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Where: Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran

1509 NE 27th AVE, Minneapolis.

Tickets: \$25.00

Reserve your tickets by calling NE Seniors at 612-781-5096.

Northeast Senior Services, Inc. is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization that serves seniors in Northeast Minneapolis, Columbia Heights, St. Anthony Village and New Brighton.

God is not
an option,
He is a
necessity.

LCMS Stewardship Newsletter Article

April 2018

Our Father in heaven sent His Son, Jesus, to be our savior. His atoning sacrifice is the firstfruits of all the dead, a pleasing aroma to His Father – and ours – so that His perfect life and death count for all who believe in Him.

He claimed us as His own children in Holy Baptism. He sustains and strengthens our faith with His Holy Word and His Body and Blood. As new creatures, who have put on Christ, we bear good fruit. We do the good works prepared for us, which He makes known to us in His Word.

By faith then, trusting in the Word of God, we do what he says because He does not lie and always keeps His promises. For “without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him” (Heb. 11:6).

And so the Lord promises: “Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine” (Prov. 3:9-10).

How do we honor the Lord with the wealth that God has given us in His generosity? By giving it generously to those whom the Lord has called us to love and support: your family, your society, and your church. And His promise is that in so doing, you will never lack.

I can almost hear it now: “But that’s from the Old Testament!” But our Lord Jesus Himself gives us similar promises in the New Testament. He says, at the conclusion of the parable of the talents, “For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance” (Matt. 25:29).

And then at the end of the parable of the dishonest manager, he says: “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money” (Luke 16:10–13).

And in His sermon on the mount, he says: “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matt. 6:19–21).

We have become conditioned against these promises because of their misuse by the peddlers of the prosperity gospel – the guys on TV who say you get rich by putting God in your debt. And thus, we miss out on the fact that God does reward temporal faithfulness in temporal matters with temporal blessings.

It’s no quid pro quo. It’s all from God’s grace, His fatherly divine goodness and mercy. But those Bible passages just quoted do in fact say what they say! It’s not the Old Testament’s problem. It’s ours. It is almost as if we have become so jaded against this that we think it a virtue to be stingy with our offerings.

But our Father in heaven still loves to bless those who bless others. He loves to give to those who give freely and generously. In fact, he challenges us to challenge Him: “Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need” (Mal. 3:10).

And so, while we don’t give so that we would get, we do receive from the Lord in order to give, and He will bless your giving with more receiving. For “He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things” (Rom. 8:32)?

April Special Occasions



2nd Dorothy Norback 5th Larry Schlais 11th Diane Volner 13th Robert Kluwe 19th Wenda Schwoch 20th Barney Lindstrom 21st Pam Morelli	1st Bob & Dolores Kluwe 3rd Richard & Diane Volner 11th Al & Pam Morelli 13th William & Dorothy Woll
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APRIL SERVANTS

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Altar Care: Morellis and Lyrenmanns

Fellowship: Lil Troiden, Diane Volner and Deb Panning

Ushers	Counters
1 Panning Family	1 Verlayne Sather and Shirley Slagle
8 Panning Family	8 Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer
15 Panning Family	15 Al, Pam & Aaron Morelli
22 Panning Family	22 Tom & Patty Lyrenmann
29 Panning Family	29 Derald & Chris Hadrath

Candles	Flowers
1	1
8	8
15 Verlayne Sather – Jesus, Our Eternal Light 	15 Bill Woll, Anniversary (72) 
22	22
29	29

If you sign up for flowers or candles after the newsletter is published, be sure to let the office know. We want to make sure that flowers are ordered and you are properly acknowledged in the bulletin notes. Thanks!

Altar Care is still needed for May, July, August and September

APRIL 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 EASTER SUNDAY The Resurrection of Our Lord 8:45 am Education Hour 10 am Worship w/HC 6 pm NA	2 6:30 pm AIAnon 1 8 pm AA/AIAnon 2	3 	4 10 am Bible Study 6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Class	5	6 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 5 pm TLWCC Music Practice 8 pm AA/Alnon	7 10 am TLWCC Worship 6 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
8 Second Sunday of Easter 8:45 am Education Hour 10 am Worship 11 am Fellowship 6 pm NA	9 6:30 pm AIAnon 1 8 pm AA/AIAnon 2	10 6:30 pm All Boards Meetings	11 10 am Bible Study 6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Class	12	13 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 5 pm TLWCC Music Practice 8 pm AA/Alnon	14 8:30 am – 2 pm Leadership Summit South Shore Trinity – WBL, MN 10 am TLWCC Worship 6 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
15 Third Sunday of Easter 8:45 am Education Hour 10 am Worship w/HC 6 pm NA	16 6:30 pm AIAnon 1 8 pm AA/AIAnon 2	17 6:30 pm Council Meeting	18 10 am Bible Study 6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Class	19 KOA/50+ 11:30 meet at Church New Hope Country Kitchen	20 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 5 pm TLWCC Music Practice 8 pm AA/Alnon	21 10 am TLWCC Worship 6 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
22 Fourth Sunday of Easter 8:45 am Education Hour 10 am Worship 6 pm NA	23 6:30 pm AIAnon 1 8 pm AA/AIAnon 2	24 9 am – Noon Pastors' Meeting St. Matthew's	25 10 am Bible Study 6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Class	26 	27 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 5 pm TLWCC Music Practice 8 pm AA/Alnon	28 10 am TLWCC Worship 6 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
29 Fifth Sunday of Easter 8:45 am Education Hour 10 am Worship 6 pm NA	30 6:30 pm Bowling Banquet 6:30 pm AIAnon 1 8 pm AA/AIAnon 2	Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 3014 McKinley Street NE, Minneapolis info@gloriadeilcms.org 612-781-1989 - voice 612-789-9727 - fax		AA – Alcoholics Anonymous AIAnon 1 – Beginners Group AIAnon 2 – Families of Alcoholics NA – Narcotics Anonymous TLWCC – Trinity Living Word of Christ Church		



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

Pray For Us Calendar

TEACHING THE FAITH — APRIL 1-15

This month, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod celebrates the many ways that God’s children are instructed, encouraged and strengthened in the faith. By teaching the faith, we nurture the faithful and reach the lost.

Remember how God works to strengthen the faith of His people as you pray:

- 1.** *with thanksgiving for the gift of faith received at Baptism.* Ask the Lord to continue to strengthen that faith — and the budding faith of our children — until we depart this life and are united with the Lord.
- 2.** *with thanksgiving to God for the gift of His holy and inspired Word, the Sacred Scriptures; and for the Book of Concord and the many teaching aids that help us understand that Word aright and rejoice in its consolation.*

- 3.** *for Christian families, that the Lord would provide the assistance and tools necessary to overcome every challenge — big or small — that might drive them apart.*

- 4.** *for strong Christian marriages, that husbands and wives would cling to each other in the Lord, despite life’s challenges, and raise their children to walk in the way of the Lord.*

- 5.** *for Christian parents, that they would make teaching the faith to their children a priority. Pray that they set aside time to worship together, talk about faith issues, study the Bible and have family devotions.*

- 6.** *that family members would treat each other with kindness and patience, so that each member might be built up in the family of God.*

- 7.** *for our children and young people, who face daily assaults on their Christian beliefs, that God would strengthen and encourage them to stand firm while sharing the Gospel.*

- 8.** *for our churches, that they would provide useful education and programs to help equip people at every stage of life — teens, husbands and wives, parents, caretakers of aging parents and more.*

- 9.** *that God would continue to provide faithful church workers to serve as role models and teach people about their identity as a baptized child of God.*

- 10.** *that church members would eagerly volunteer their time and talents to support the congregation’s educational programs, such as vacation Bible school, Sunday school and groups for young families.*

- 11.** *that LCMS members would eagerly participate in Bible studies, small-group discussions and private study.*

- 12.** *with thanksgiving for faithful parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, teachers and other role models who help to “train up a child in the way he should go” (Prov. 22:6).*

- 13.** *for the Concordia University System and the Synod’s two seminaries, that the Lord would bless their work in training new generations of workers to serve the Church.*

- 14.** *for the Synod’s directors of Family Life Ministry, that God would bless their efforts to support healthy relationships in the families of our congregations.*

- 15.** *that we might have hearts that are willing and eager to serve the Lord in every way.*

MINISTRY TO THE ARMED FORCES — APRIL 16-30

Since the Civil War, LCMS pastors have served as military chaplains. Today, the Synod's Ministry to the Armed Forces (MAF) supports active duty, reserves, National Guard and Civil Air Patrol chaplains. MAF recruits, interviews and endorses all military chaplains and supports them throughout their careers. MAF also provides a network of care for our nation's military members, families and veterans through Operation Barnabas.

Remember God's work through LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces (MAF) as you pray:

16. *that God would bless and guide the work of the MAF director and assistant director.*

17. *for the President of the United States. Ask God to guide our commander in chief to lead with wisdom for the protection of the innocent against evil.*

18. *for LCMS military chaplains serving on active duty for the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard.*

19. *for our LCMS Reserve and National Guard chaplains, especially those who have been mobilized stateside or overseas and taken from their parishes to extended active duty assignments, for those deployed, their families and their home parishes.*

20. *for Operation Barnabas, which is designed to meet the needs of congregations in the event their pastor/chaplain is mobilized. Operation Barnabas also seeks to assist veterans and military families during and after deployment.*

21. *for all congregations that reach out to members of our military through Operation Barnabas, that they would uphold them in prayer as they help to meet their physical, psychological and spiritual needs through the training they have received and the Lord's provision.*

22. *for increasing opportunities for LCMS chaplains to spread Christ's message of salvation, hope and restoration to those they serve.*

23. *for all chaplains returning home, that they would receive a hero's welcome for their*

sacrifice to this country so that in freedom we can continue to openly worship the one true God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

24. *for those who suffer from battle stress and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Pray that God would bring healing and renewal to those who have served or who are currently serving.*

25. *for all chaplains who are sick or have sick family members, that the Father of all mercies and the God of all comfort would look with favor upon them, and as it pleases Him, restore them to health or give them the grace to accept this tribulation with courage and hope.*

26. *for all chaplains in harm's way, that God would not let their hearts despair nor their faith fail them, but sustain, guide and comfort them.*

27. *for all members of the military who were disabled during their duty, that our heavenly Father would mercifully guide, aid and strengthen all*

those with physical disabilities, enabling them to find fulfillment in their lives and encouragement for all their endeavors.

28. *with thanksgiving to God for providing LCMS chaplains to serve members of the armed forces. Please pray that military chaplains would have every opportunity to share the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ with members of the military and anyone with whom they work and live.*

29. *for all military chaplains upon their return, that they would be reunited with their families, find gainful employment and receive all the care they need to heal their minds, bodies and souls. Grant that they would always look to Christ as their rock and their redeemer.*

30. *for those who minister to the armed forces, that by God's gracious working, they may honor Christ and advance the good of those committed to their care, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

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