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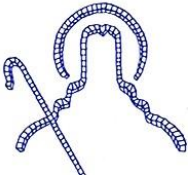
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# OUR SAVIOR'S VOICE

## APRIL 2023

A COMMUNITY TRANSFORMED BY CHRIST TO BE CHRIST IN THE WORLD



**Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** 9:00am Service

**Maundy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

6:30pm with Holy Communion  
and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade First Communion

**Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** 6:30pm Service

**Easter Vigil**

**Good Friday & Holy Saturday**

7:30pm, April 7<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm, April 8<sup>th</sup>

**Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**

9:00am Worship Service

Light Brunch & Fellowship

10:45am Worship Service



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## THE RESURRECTION...

## AND EVERYTHING THAT LEADS UP TO IT.

As I meet the deadline in writing this April *Voice* article to you, I am keenly aware that Holy Week and Easter Sunday are just around the corner (see the front page of the *Voice*), but I am ALSO in the midst of preparing for two funerals; one faithful matriarch, and one faithful patriarch, who have peacefully passed away after living long and faithful lives in this church and in our community.

One cannot help but to be comforted by how closely the funeral liturgy draws from the promises our Lord achieves in his resurrection from the dead. The litany, the prayers, the Creed, the commendation, the committal, the power of these words part the dark clouds of grief and sadness we feel as we sit in the church pew and grieve the loss of a loved one. To summarize...

*Almighty God, by the death and burial of Jesus, your anointed, you have destroyed death and sanctified the graves of all your saints. Keep our brother/sister, whose body we now lay to rest, in the company of all your saints and, at the last, raise him/her up to share with all your faithful people the endless joy and peace won through the glorious resurrection of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Wow! That pretty well sums it up, in nice "churchy" language that we come to appreciate every Sunday that we gather for worship. As I have heard it quoted – and I believe correctly – "every time we come to worship on Sunday morning it's a dress rehearsal for the resurrection."

But getting back to those funeral preparations for that matriarch and patriarch who have lived long and faithful lives on the cusp of Easter Sunday, I firmly believe that EVERY DAY needs to be one where the *promise* of the resurrection has us in dress rehearsal *for* the resurrection.

Of that faithful matriarch, for example, it was said of her that she was "always the host", gathering friend and stranger a like into her home for Bible study, or any other form of Christian fellowship or nurture that was needed. If ever there was anyone who could make deviled eggs sacramental, she could do it!

And of that patriarch, two quotes that summarizes him are, "every day you are writing your funeral obituary, so... live your life accordingly." "Four walls can make a house, but only a family can make a home."

Were these two *saints that we have laid to rest* perfect? Of course not! They were in need of God's grace and forgiveness as much as anybody. But my point, and I do have one, is this, the promise of the resurrection is with us *each* and *every* moment of our lives, with every breath we take, and every move we make.

Easter is NOT a day, nor is it a season, it is a way of life. And we need to live the promise of the resurrection NOW, in the messy, mundane, routine, practical, sacrificial, hardworking, disciplined, and forgiving journey that is called LIFE.

He is Risen! He has Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor Kevin

## NEW MEMBER CLASS

### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER AT OUR SAVIOR'S?

A two-session new member class will be held on Sunday mornings immediately after worship (10:30 am) beginning **Sunday, April 23rd** and **Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**.

Pastor Kevin, together with the Congregational Care & Life Committee, will be facilitating these classes. In addition to good coffee and fellowship, participants will be taught a brief overview of the Lutheran faith, be introduced to ministry and mission opportunities at Our Savior's, and feel welcomed and encouraged over the possibility of making Our Savior's their new church home.

## PASTORAL ACTS

- 3/9 Memorial Service for Earl Lehman
- 3/19 Baptism for Miles Archer Zupan
- 3/25 Memorial Service for Lynn Daniels
- 3/27 Memorial Service for Owen Olson

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Gary Verant
- 6 Tom Koskela
- 9 Sylvia Penn
- 10 Lois Bonacci
- 13 Joyce Schwartz
- 13 Pat Valine
- 14 Norma Minor
- 17 Lowell Stagg
- 21 Arlis Hahn
- 23 Arlene Thompson
- 26 Mary Anne Elmquist
- 29 Carolyn Hammerbeck

### ANNIVERSARIES

Best wishes to Fred and Phyllis Fawkes who will be celebrating their 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on April 2<sup>nd</sup>

LET'S  
*celebrate*



## MUSICAL NOTES

This season I am offering a great variety of music to carry us all the way to Easter. I am impressed with the Lloyd Larson Palm Sunday anthem, "In the Shadow of the Palms." We are given the picture of the procession with the cry of 'Hosanna' with the children lining the streets. Suddenly, we experience the contrast of "evil hands lie in wait. In the shadow of the palms, darkened hearts are filled with hate." Suddenly we are back to the joyful parade!

For Maundy Thursday, April 6, "My Soul Cries Out to the Lord" by Jay Althouse. The cry is to "Free me from sin. Fill my heart with greater joy; make me pure within."

In my mind there is no more profound text for Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, than "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded." This text is beautifully set to music by Gregg Sewell. We sing, "Lord, let me never, never, Outlive my love to thee."

Easter arrives and we sing another Sewell anthem called "Easter Joy." This bright and energetic selection has all the energy an Easter anthem should have with the Alleluias we have been missing through Lent.

Please join us for each and every service if you can! In-person worship is 'alive and well.' Join your church family and certainly stream if away or not able to get to church.

Roy

## AN INTRODUCTION TO THE ORGAN

### IN THE BEGINNING...

Pipes were made of hollow stems in different sizes and strapped together to make an instrument called the Pan Pipes. The pipe organ was invented when someone decided to play a set of pan pipes with a keyboard instead of blowing into each pipe. The pipes were placed into holes on a box called a wind chest.



A bellows was attached to provide the wind. Some of the earliest organs could be pumped and played by the same person. They were called portatives because they could be carried around by a strap over the player's shoulder. According to paintings and stained glass windows, portatives were particularly popular with angels.

## ORGAN FUND

Monetary donations can be made toward the repair and renovation initiative by indicating "Organ Fund" on your contribution envelope.

## MISSION ACTION

As I write this article - it is World Water Day - March 22nd

Our Mission Action Committee is still working toward a goal of \$2500.00 for a water well. The amount raised during Advent was \$910.00 and we are thankful for that. So our new goal is \$1590.00. A simple water well or water point can help as many as 500 families gain access to clean safe water. We are hoping to reach our goal this Lenten season. We hope you can donate towards this worthwhile project. We will work towards this goal until the end of April. Thanks be to God.

## MISSIONARY FOR A DAY

During March the Missionary for a Day Calendar has received gifts:

-In celebration of the birthdays of Sharon and Mitch Cook's daughter Cyndi, sister Janice, granddaughter Kaitlyn and in memory of Sharon's mother, Ione's birthday.

-Doris LaFreniere in honor of each of her grandchildren.

Thank you everyone for your generous support of our missionary, Dr. Friberg in Tanzania. Any time is a good time to sign up and contribute to the Missionary for a Day Calendar. A gift of \$10 in memory or honor of a special friend or loved one will support our missionary for one day.

## PASTY BAKE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to take part in the Pasty Bake! No experience is needed for this range tradition. You will be joyfully welcomed and given on-the-job training. It's a wonderful way to meet and work with other members of Our Savior's family. Please meet in the OSLC kitchen.

**Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 10am we will peel vegetables, prepare and make the crust.

**Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 7am we complete preparations, bake the pasties and prepare them for pick up.

## ORDER YOUR PASTIES TODAY!

We will only be making 400 of our delicious pasties. Ensure you get yours by ordering today.

\$8 Each Pasty          Maximum order of 10 per person

Place your orders by contacting the church office at (218) 263-7422  
Pasty orders can be picked up on Thursday April 20<sup>th</sup> 1-4pm

## FIFTH GRADE FIRST COMMUNION

Fifth graders will have their First Communion experience on the Maundy Thursday Service during Holy Week. This year the Maundy Thursday Worship Service is scheduled Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

## CONFIRMATION NEWS

**5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE** - On Maundy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, those 5<sup>th</sup> graders that have received instruction will receive their First Communion. Blessings to each of you and your families.

**7<sup>TH</sup>, 8<sup>TH</sup> & 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADES** – Thank you for your participation in the midweek Lenten services. Wednesday evening discussions will continue April 12, 19, 26 and May 3.

**10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE** - Watch for notifications regarding establishing a mentor relationship. Now is a good time to catch up on sermon notes and community service.

## CAMP NEWS

OSLC will pay for your camp experience!

Register online at [VLMcamps.org](http://VLMcamps.org)

Use transfer code: **OSLC501**

Register by April 1<sup>st</sup> to get the "Early Bird" rate



## EASTER LILY & MISSION ACTION PROJECT

As is the tradition at Our Savior's, we will be decorating the chancel with lilies for Easter. Lilies are \$20 each and envelopes may be found in the office or narthex.

This year's Lenten Mission Action project is collecting funds for wells and you may contribute to either/or both projects in the same envelope or by noting your wishes on the memo line of your check. Thanking you in advance for thinking of others during Lent.

## FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR SARAH GARNESS, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

We have been blessed with the ministry of Sarah Garness who has served as our Administrative Assistant since January. We are appreciative of the skills she shared with our congregation and she will be dearly missed. We wish the Garness family well as they move to Grand Marais to serve at Wilderness Canoe Base.

Please join us for a farewell reception following the service on April 16<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall.

# MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

## SOUP SUPPERS, SCRIPTURE SKITS AND SONG, OH MY!

Throughout lent, we have had great attendance for our soup suppers and evening services. These events would not be possible without the time and talent of all of our incredible volunteers.

We appreciate each and every volunteer chef and their incredible soup offerings. Special thanks to Lisa Pastika who planned, prepared and donated ingredients for five straight weeks of soup suppers!

Thank you to all who assisted in the preparations, serving and the cleanup of these meals. You are who make the happenings at OSLC run smoothly.

Our confirmands impressed us week after week with their passion and dedication to their roles in the Lenten skits as we took the journey through Once Upon a Time in Jerusalem. Of course, thanks to their HOLYwood director, Smiles Brightly, for his leadership, direction and excitement.

Services were conducted with the Holden Evening Prayer, and as always, the musical offerings of organ and voice were phenomenal.

And finally, thank you to everyone who attended the Lenten services!



## HOSPITAL BABY SHOWER 2023

Thank you for your generous contributions to our Annual Baby Shower. Our donations help meet a critical need and the staff at Fairview Range Hospital are very grateful.



Quilts	22	Sleepers	65	Socks	26 pairs
Blankets	53	Outfits	14	Shoes	7 pairs
Afghans	10	Tops	7	Teddy Bears	20
Swaddles	9	Pants	10	Diapers	424
Pillow	1	Hats	40	Burp Cloths	57
Undershirts/Onesies	98	Sweaters	2		

*Thank you*

## COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS MARCH 14, 2023

- Discussion of Pastor Kevin's Future Sabbatical, and review of Sabbatical Policy to be implemented and overseen by the Sabbatical Steering Committee



- Update on the White Elephant Sale in regards to Hibbing City Council approval and HFD. Additional details for the WES will be published in the April VOICE. Seeking leadership for WES
- Accurate General Fund update will be presented when Financial Secretary, Cindy, returns to the office.
- Scott Jackson was officially elected and approved as Treasurer
- Discussion of funding for future repairs of organ, roof leaks, heat in Education wing
- The next Council meeting is April 11th at 6:30 p.m.

## THE PIPES ARE CALLING AGAIN!

### HOPE COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL

Hope Community Presbyterian Church celebrates their sanctuary's centennial and their 1923 Bennet Pipe Organ on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3pm at Hope Community Presbyterian Church, 212 South 5th Avenue, Virginia, MN.

Vicki Gornick, a world-renowned organist from Chisholm, MN, and Amy Szumal, organist for United in Christ Lutheran Church of Eveleth, will play some of their favorite organ pieces. Please mark your calendars to join for an afternoon of magnificent music!

## HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH CLOSING RECEPTION

### APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup> COFFEE AND CAKE RECEPTION FOLLOWING THEIR 11AM SERVICE

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Hibbing, MN will be closing its doors at the end of April 2023.

Initially established in 1896, Holy Trinity served as the church home for many Finnish people in this community. Holy Trinity has operated in its current location since its dedication 1940. As a church, Holy Trinity has served as a witness to God's presence for over 126 years. It has provided refuge, comfort, and challenges for God's people. We thank God for the worship services, funerals, weddings, baptisms and other milestone events that have taken place in the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church congregation. We share sadness at the close of their ministry.

All are invited to celebrate the life of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church by attending a closing reception on April 16<sup>th</sup> following their 11am service. Current and former members, friends, family and the community are all welcome to fellowship at this time. Coffee and cake will be served at the reception.

The final service conducted at Holy Trinity will take place on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 11am.

Questions should be directed to the Holy Trinity church office at (218) 263-5527 2012 E. 7th Avenue, Hibbing, MN 55746

## WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

We invite you to join us the week of the sale, May 1st - 6th even if you can only help for a short time, because we need you!

**Monday, May 1st** - setup day - Tables and clothes racks will be hauled over and set up according to our new map and under the guidance of the City Fire Marshal.

**Tuesday, May 2nd** - empty the storage units - U Haul trucks are rented and we have a crew from Thistledew Camp coming to load the trucks at the storage unit. So the morning will be unloading trucks and then beginning the initial sorting. Last year's experiment with sorting at the drop off point worked well and we will be expanding on that!

**Wednesday & Thursday May 3 and 4** - Sorting, sorting, and more sorting! Linda Kangas will also need help in the church kitchen making donuts, contact her for all the details.

**Friday May 5th** - Final sorting and last-minute prep work for the sale. In the past starting earlier in the week has made Friday an "easy" day to help everyone rest and be ready for Saturday! Prayers that will continue this year. But if you are able, please stop in and see what last minute help we still need.

**Saturday, May 6th** - The Big Day! Our Schedule for the day is:

7a - Linda Kangas starts setting up Lunch counter, hauling food from church

7a-830a - workers should enter through South West Door

8-830a- Presales

9a-3p - Sale Hours

Noon/1P - Discounts start - up to each department

Noon - 230p - Pick up pre-sale items

3p - clean up starts immediately

315p - Thistledew crew and other crews arrive to distribute unsold merchandise

**Join our planning team!** - We are also looking for someone to help lead the planning in the future. Some of our team members are snowbirds so we are looking for someone to be a leader in the early months of the year. Join the team now to see what it is like and the great support network you will have! To join the team contact the Church Office and leave them your name, phone, and email address.

### **White Elephant Sale Donations**

Call the church office at 218-263-7422 to get on our list for donation pick-ups. Our pick-up team will reach out to you directly to schedule a date and time to collect your donations.

Drop offs are only accepted at the Memorial Building Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> between 10am and 6pm