

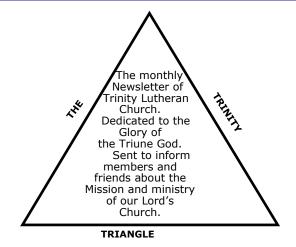
Holy Week Worship Times Maundy Thursday: 6:30pm

Good Friday with Holy Communion: Noon & 6:30pm

Easter Sunday: 6:30am & 9:30am

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## The Cross, The Tomb and The Stone

Neil MacGregor of the British Museum has written a book about the history of the world based on the 100 artifacts found in the museum. Unfortunately the British Museum does not have in its possession the most critical artifacts without which a history of the world cannot be properly written. He doesn't't have the True Cross, the tomb or the stone in his museum. So, he cannot be faulted for the omissions. These 3 objects have never been located. However, these objects describe a pivotal moment in history, which changed its course.

The larger question for us this Easter is to what extent the cross, the tomb and the stone have changed world history and our own personal histories. What difference does it make to us that Jesus died on the cross? Does it matter that he suffered? What difference does it make that Jesus lay dead in a tomb for three days? What difference does it make that on Easter morning the stone was not snug and sealed against the opening on the tomb?

#### The Cross

Prior to Jesus' death, the cross was just a means of executing felons or political dissidents.. Tradition has it that the True Cross was discovered by Saint Helena a few years following her son's, Emperor Constantine, remarkable victory over Maxentius at the Battle of the Milvian Bridge in A.D. 312. Since then, pieces of the True Cross have multiplied like Jesus' five loaves and two fishes, and fragments of the True Cross now reside in reliquaries around the world, including a church in Dickinson, Texas. Another superficial proof of the impact of the cross is its ubiquitous manifestations in jewelry. The cross appears in earrings, cufflinks and on necklaces. The cross is a symbol of a religious impulse so powerful that unbelievers often sue to have it removed — even from private property — deeming it to be offensive.

The meaning of the cross runs deeper. The cross of Christ was a stunning declaration of unconditional love, ultimate sacrifice, and victory over sin, death and the devil. The cross just changed everything. It stands as the hinge-point of history and cannot be ignored, unless you're writing a book about objects in the British Museum.

### The Tomb

Without the tomb, the cross fades to nothing more than a heroic story in which the prophet or the hero is killed and evil wins. Like the cross, the tomb is also important to our faith. The tomb is important because Jesus died. He was dead. And dead people in Jesus' times were put in tombs. If Jesus wasn't dead, then the cross is a sham, and the resurrection is gone, too. For no more than three days, the tomb is where the dead, lifeless body of Jesus lay. It is also the place where the dead Jesus underwent a transformation, for when we encounter the resurrected Jesus, we discover a Jesus not just alive, not just with a body, but with a glorified, otherworldly body.

The tomb is the site where something amazing happened that prefigures our own future transformation at the great day of resurrection at the end of time. "What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. ... the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality" (1 Corinthians 15:42-44, 52, 53).

#### The Stone

Here is the biblical record of the conversation: "The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, 'Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, "After three days I will rise again." Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, "He has been raised from the dead", and the last deception would be worse than the first.' Pilate said to them, 'You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.' So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone" (27:61-66).

The guards posted at the tomb had one job to do. No one, but no one, touches the stone. The tomb is sealed. Keep it that way, or heads will roll. If the stone rolls, your head rolls. And yet, come Easter morning, the stone is rolled away, and those that peered inside saw that it was empty. It's rolled away, not to let Jesus out, but for those to see it was empty. Thee stone signifies the power of God. The stone reveals Easter in all its glory and helps us understand the cross with all of its degradation.

The Gospel authors write their eyewitness account of what happened that first Easter Sunday. Jesus defeated the strong bands of death. His life was taken from him on the cross. His lifeless body was taken down by those whom loved their Rabbi. They hurriedly wrapped His body and placed it in the tomb. On that first Easter, the scared bloodied body rose from dead. Those that came early that 1st Easter did not see the dead body but angels who declared: "He is not here. He has risen from the dead!"

Have a Blessed Easter Pastor and Julie Steele

## Elders Corner

This time of year we all seem to take a little closer look than normal at our own lives and see the weight of our sins on Jesus, as we look at the cross.

Easter is my favorite time of the church year. I love our Lent worship services where we get to hear the Passion History each week. You hear it every year, but each year it seems new, like we never heard it before. Each year we are shocked and appalled what Jesus went through for us because He loves us so much and wants us to live with Him eternally.

It always amazes me how easy it is for us to talk about the weather, sports, kids and grandchildren to other people. Those things are fun to talk about and of course we are interested in what someone is saying, but really, no conversation out there will make a difference in anyone's life like the conversation of Jesus death and resurrection. Do you know someone who needs to hear what the Lord did for us on Good Friday and Easter?

## The Lord says in Isaiah 55:10-11

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

As we approach Easter, Let us pray that God would continue to guide and help us tell others about the wonderful news of salvation. Let's celebrate the Easter message of forgiveness and eternal life. And let us joyfully proclaim, "Christ is risen!" He is risen indeed! Alleluia!





**Making Fruit Loop Rainbows** 

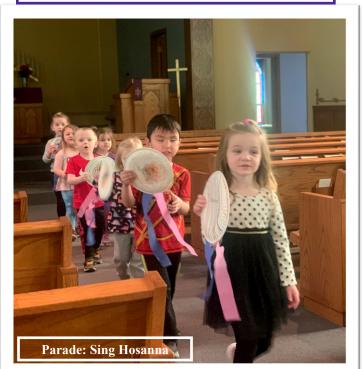


**Doing the Hokey Pokey** 





**Finger-painting Fun** 



## April Special Offering is for Morning Meditations

Morning meditations are daily devotions conducted by local LCMS Pastors.

The devotions are broadcasted on WHBL channel 1330AM at 7:25am & 10:45am.

# **April Birthdays**

April 2

Perry Stange

April 4

Natalie Englebert

<u>April 5</u>

Mary Lou Neuman Vince Shircel

<u>April 6</u>

Kathy Stange

<u>April 7</u>

Al Baumann Edith Plocar

<u>April 9</u>

Dale Bitter Addison Holler Hanna Meidl John Prange Lauren Yinko

<u>April 10</u>

Richard Boje Ryan Schmidt Mark Zimmer

<u> April 11</u>

Dana Grunewald

<u> April 12</u>

Randy Grunewald

<u> April 13</u>

Doreen Luecke

April 14

Mike Butzen Mason Schreurs

April 15

Zachary Elias Allison Kunze

April 16

Tyler Grunewald

<u> April 18</u>

Shannon Beauvais Ashley Liermann Lance Liermann Stacy Milbrath Mark Plocar

<u>April 19</u>

Ireland Webster

April 20

Laura Koening Kevin Kolb Jerry Zeinemann

April 21

Margaret Yonke

<u>April 22</u>

McKenna Kolb Addison Lallensack Peyton Luecke April 24

Alyssa Lallensack

April 26

Piper Beauvais Ava Hahn Adison Zander

April 27

Natalie McCraw

April 28

Jason Zimmermann

April 29

Malachi Polzin Emerson Stange

<u>April 30</u>

McCoy Milbrath



April 11

Doris and James Osterloth-1973

April 12

Ron and Edith Plocar—1958

April 17

Ryan and Stacia Schmidt—2004

April 19

Renee and Richard Bowerman—2008 April 26

Eugene and Nancy Rosenthal—1975

April 27

Dave and Liz Haag—1991

April 29

. Mark and Deb Zimmer—1989 Ben and Jamie Englebert—2000

April 30

Todd and Jodi Berglund—1994

# **April 2022 Schedules**



Acolyte	8:00am	Greyson Reiss, Cooper Schmidt			
April 3	10:30am	Sam Parnitzke, Chloe Grunewald			
April 6	6:30pm	Allison Schobert			
April 10	8:00am 10:30am	Evan Erdmann, Addison Lallensack Mykenna Weigert, Sam Parnitzke			
April 14	6:30pm	Chloe Grunewald			
April 15	6:30pm	Ethan Fenn			
April 17	6:30am 9:30am	Macey Schueler, Dylan Elias Joey Senkbeil, Matthew Schukow			
April 24	8:00am 10:30am	Matthew Koenig, Kaitlyn Koenig Mykenna Weigert			
Greeter	8:00am	Scott and Linda Plocar			
April 3	10:30am	Judy Luecke			
April 6	6:30pm	Joshua Schorer			
April 10	8:00am 10:30am	Dave and Robie Scharinger Mark and Karen Plocar			
April 14	6:30pm	Jan and Deb Grunewald			
April 15	6:30pm	Dick and Lee Schoessow			
April 17	6:30am 9:30am	Nathan and Jennie Cassity			
April 24	8:00am 10:30am	Betty Butler Kathy Schmid			

Video Operators	April 3 April 10 April 17 April 24	Lance Craig Scott Jim			
Altar Guild	April 1-10 April 11-24 April 25-May 8	Linda Hopf, Kathy Franz Donna Wolf, Viki Grunewald Wendy Forward, Debbie Henschel			
April Ushers		8:00am—Team 5 10:30am—Team 2			
April Elders		8:00am—Scott Plocar 10:30am—Dale Hopf			

- We wanted to give everyone an update on the renovations in the parsonage. Please see the highlights of what is happening since the annual voters meeting in January.
- All existing flooring was removed in the living room, dining room, kitchen, and entryway.
- Existing kitchen cabinets and tile backsplash are removed.
- Hot water heater was replaced, plumbing upgraded in basement, new kitchen sink, faucet, and shower heads are being donated by Kohler Co.
- The entire upstairs has been painted, all light fixtures were also replaced upstairs.
- The new kitchen cabinets are being built and will be installed by the end of April.
- Flooring and tile backsplash installation scheduled for early-mid May.
- Work continues on the first floor painting, and various repairs throughout the house as needed.
- The scrip fund, various memorials, and the church improvement fund will be used to cover theses upgrades to the parsonage. If anyone is willing to contribute to the parsonage renovation, please include your donation in the offering plate and reference the parsonage project.
- Since Pastor Fremer does not have any appliances, we will also be purchasing a new refrigerator, stove, dishwasher and microwave for the parsonage.

Thank you for your consideration as we make these changes to the parsonage for Pastor Fremer and his family.



















# Crusader Nation

- Come shadow for a day
- Take a tour of our school
- Talk to friends who go to LHS
- Attend the Spring Pops Concert
- Try a Crusader Summer Camp

# Visit lutheranhigh.com or call (920) 452-3323



# **Sheboygan Lutheran High School Crusade for Bids**

## **Dinner Auction**

Reservations are open for the annual Crusade for Bids Auction Dinner, April 9, 2022 to be held in the LHS Gymnasium. Early-bird prices through April 1.

Register online at www.lutheranhigh.com/auction

## Student Leaders of the Month

Freshman - Bekah Berg Trinity Downtown

Sophomore—Alexia Yang St Paul, Sheboygan

Junior—Amara Feile St. Paul, Sheboygan Falls

Senior- Grant Portenier Bethlehem, Sheboygan Friday, Auction Preview Night, April 8, features booklet pickup, Friday-only opportunities, and light entertainment. All are welcome to stop in on Friday night for FREE and see all we have to offer even if you are not registering for the dinner.

Saturday, Auction Night, April 9, highlights include Locker Wars, a Meat Raffle, Hank Aaron autographed baseball bat, Badger Football tickets, Jimmy Buffet, REO Speedwagon, and Smokey Robinson concert tickets, and more!

View a more complete list of items on our website including sporting event dates and vacation packages at lutheranhigh.com/auction.



LHS Spring Musical

## **A Tale of Two Cities**

Directed by Laurie Dillman
April 29 @ 7:00pm
April 30 @ 7:00 pm
May 1 @ 2:00pm
Visit lutheranhigh.com/
events for tickets and more
information.

## Prayer Calendar—Written by Christian Women's Fellowship

- 1. Psalm 81:3 Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our feast day!
- Give thanks for the pastoral call process and incoming Pastor, Noah Fremer and his family. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!
- 3. Keep Christian teachers in your prayers. Thank those that you know.
- 4. Pray Luther's Evening Prayer tonight.
- 5. Remember your parents—say "thanks" or reminisce.
- 6. Pray for disabled veterans.
- 7. Smile at those who you pass! Smiles are contagious!
- 8. Fast from Worries—have faith and trust in God.
- Include a special prayer for our past, present and future Pastors. We have been blessed with some great fill in Pastors these last months. How greatly the Lord provides.
- 10. Palm Sunday! Hosanna in the Highest!

- 11. Remember, those who walk with God, reach their destination.
- 12. Pray for our congregations shut in members. Call or drop a note??
- 13. Do not be a doubting Thomas! Nurture your faith.
- 14. Maundy Thursday. Commune and remember. Always.
- Good Friday. Reflect on the greatest sacrifice.
- 16. As we await the Resurrection, contemplate and pray. Easter is coming.
- 17. Easter Blessings! Rejoice! He has Risen! Indeed!
- Wherever God Guides, he also Provides.
- 19. As you see signs of spring, give thanks for all seasons!
- 20. Remember our Lutheran Schools in your prayers.
- 21. Pessimist==cup half empty. Optimist==cup half full. Psalmist==cup run-

- neth over. Read Psalm 23:5
- 22. Earth Day, Rejoice in the beautiful world we live in. Give thanks to God for his Creation.
- 23. Pray for world peace.
- 24. Start and end the day with The Lord's Prayer.
- 25. 8 months til we celebrate Jesus' birth. Give thanks
- 26. Call a friend; just to check in. See how their day is going and remind them that you pray for them.
- 27. Administrative Professional's Day! Remember how much they do for all they serve. Thanks, Toni! Your dedication does not go unnoticed!
- 28. As Spring moves on, Are you planting seeds? Pray for a bountiful and beautiful growing season.
- 29. Plant a tree and watch it grow! Nurture and let your faith grow as well.
- 30. Psalm 148:3 Praise Him, Sun and Moon. Praise Him, all stars of light!

### CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

CWF met Monday March 14, 2022, with President Mary Lou Neumann presiding. Kathy had opening devotions "Your Powerful Prayers."

The March LWML Mission Grant Story Supporting Missionaries in Germany and Czech Republic. Light of Christ in Eastern Europe Mission Central \$56,000.

Our monthly collections were put in the proper baskets. Mary Lou had the Federwitz Prayer.

The Dime project for 2021 will go towards our former Vicar, Vicar Berg's Graduation gift.

Our group will put together a Welcoming basket for Pastor Fremers and his Family with gift certificates and products from around the area. Christine B. will chair this project.

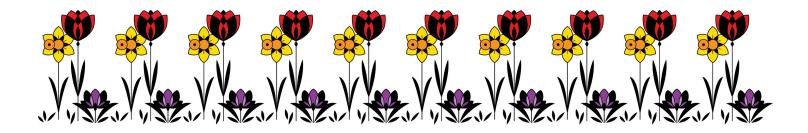
Shelley G. will be putting together Olive oils and specialty Vinegars and dipping oils from Olivada on the Riverfront with decorated Salad bowl for our basket for Lutheran High Auction.

Mary Lou N. attended the Prayer Service for Zone 8 & 9 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church March 5.

Denita Krause volunteered to be our delegate to the 39th Biennial Convention of the LWML SWD 80th Anniversary of LWML," Strengthened through His Spirit." Saturday, June 18, 2022 at St Paul Lutheran Church, 701 Washington St. Grafton, WI. Ingathering will be for Haven of Manitowoc County and Safe Harbor of Sheboygan County. Our group will pay her registration and lunch.

We had two guest at our March meeting Lee Schoessow and Sue Kober. Thank you were share to our Secret Sisters. Kathy F. led us in the closing devotion: "God answers prayers." Bible study "Pest Control, Getting Rid of Spiritual Bugs."

Trinity Calendar April 2028								
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri 1	Sat 2		
3 8&10:30am Family Worship with Holy Com- munion 9:15am Sunday School and Bible Class Voters Meeting following late Worship	4 8:30-11:30am Pre-school 1-4pm Quilting	5 8:30-11:30am Pre-school 10:30am Hands for Hope 6:00pm Sunday School Meeting 7:00pm Men's Club	6 8:30pm Preschool 10:30am Lenten Worship 11:30am & 5pm Lenten Meals 4:00-5:55pm Confirmation 6:30pm Lenten Worship	7 8:30pm Preschool	8 LHS Auction	9 LHS Auction 8:30-11:30am LWML Spring Event		
10 8&10:30am Family Worship 9:15am Sunday School and Bible Class Easter Egg Hunt	11 8:30-11:30am Pre-school 1-4pm Quilting 6:30pm Christian Women's Fellowship	12 8:30-11:30am Pre-school	13 8:30-11:30am Pre-school 4:00-5:55pm Confirmation	14 6:30pm Maundy Thurs- day Family Worship with Holy Commun- ion	Noon and 6:30pm Good Friday with Holy Communion There is going to be Holy Communion on Good Friday this year.	8:00am Spring Clean up 1:00pm Set up for the Easter Breakfast		
17 6:30 & 9:30am Easter Family Worship with Holy Communion Easter breakfast 7:45am There is no Bible Class or Sunday School today.	18 8:30-11:30am Pre-school	19 8:30-11:30am Pre-school 6:00pm Education Com- mittee Meeting 6:30pm Elders Meeting 7:30pm Council Meeting	20 8:30-11:30am Pre-school 4:00-5:55pm Confirmation	21 8:30-11:30am Pre-school	22	23 10:00am Confirmation Pictures		
24 8&10:30am Family Worship 9:15am Sunday School 3:30-6:30pm Spaghetti Dinner	25 8:30-11:30am Pre-school	26 8:30-11:30am Pre-school	27 8:30-11:30am Pre-school 4:00-4:55pm Confirmation 5-6:30pm Confirmation Banquet	28 8:30-11:30am Pre-school	29	30		





The Stewardship Committee is hosting an Easter breakfast on Easter morning beginning at 7:45. If you would like to bring a food item, it would be very much appreciated. There are sign-up sheets on the table in the narthex to sign-up for the breakfast and also a volunteer sheet to help set up, serve, clean up etc...



Would you be able to take a few hours on Saturday, April 16th the help with church grounds clean-up. It will begin at 8:00am. It only takes a few hours. Please bring your rakes. (Weather permitting)





Confirmation Sunday is on Sunday May 1st, at the 10:30am. Worship service.

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Prayer Chain:

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Adults tickets-\$8.50 per person. Children age 5-13— \$5.50

4 and under are free.

April 27th, 3:30-6:30pm

Carry outs are available

For More Information please call the church office at 920 565-3669

