



MESSIAH MESSENGER

April 2023



GREETINGS FROM PASTOR DAN

Blessings Facing the Storms of Life

After the last Fish Fry on Friday, March 31st, six attenders were huddled in our storm shelter at Messiah, as the Tornado Sirens were blaring in Beloit.

I was among the people there and I thank God. If I would have risked going home during the storm, I would have encountered a tornado coming within 15 feet of my house. At our home, the twister took out by the root a 60 foot, 100-year-old oak tree and pushed it into the power lines next to our house knocking out power. The twister also took out two power poles.

The tornado then made a beeline toward our next-door neighbors' oak tree twisting it like a pretzel, dropping the tree on their garage, demolishing it, and severely damaging their home. Thank the Lord no one was home.

All this reminded me of how quickly life can change. It also reinforced how the Lord gets us through the storms of life.

"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you," James 4:10 ESV.

Part of facing any test to the faith is humility. Being without power for 23 hours makes you better appreciate heat and electricity. My wife made a fire in our fireplace, and used up the rest of our firewood to keep our home a warm 59 degrees while it was freezing outside.

At times, we are not grateful for God's blessings till they are withheld from us and are even more thankful when they return.

And sometimes we are not more appreciative of the people we love until they are here no more. I think of members Rick Magee and Patty Wetzel who passed in March without much notice. But they are a testimony to treasure good health any day.

"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23 ESV

Cynics to the recent Covenant Christian school shooting in Nashville said that prayer must not work because children and adults were murdered. Prayer is not some insurance policy that guarantees we get what we want from God. Rather, our prayers remind us of the faith connection we have with the one Lord God who can get us through anything, even tragedies like this one.

All of these recent incidents reinforce how important it is to be right with our Lord through Jesus. His suffering, death, and resurrection is not a slogan but



"They who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."
Isaiah 40:31 ESV

a way of life for us to handle all that is wrong in this world to give us Him, Who is all that is right and good.

My prayer is that this Easter we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection for renewal of your life and your faith connection to God. This way we treasure every day knowing we are strangers here on Earth as we prepare for our forever home in Heaven.

See you in worship, fellowship, and service.

Pastor Dan

Calendar of Events

- April 1, 2023 (Saturday, 9 AM) - Choir Practice in Sanctuary
- April 2, 2023 (Sunday, 9 AM and again at 11 AM) - Palm Sunday
- April 2, 2023 (Sunday) - LWML Bake Sale
- April 2, 2023 (Sunday, 10 AM) - Fellowship, Sunday School, Confirmation and Fellowship
- April 2, 2023 (Sunday, 12:15 PM) - Lay Elder-Deacons meeting in upstairs Conference Room
- April 3, 2023 (Monday, 6:15 PM) - Confirmation at St Johns
- April 4, 2023 (Tuesday) - NO ADULT BIBLE STUDY
- April 5, 2023 (Wednesday, 9 AM) - LWML Gathering in Fellowship Hall
- April 5, 2023 (Wednesday, 7 PM) - Palm Sunday Repeat Service
- April 6, 2023 (Thursday, 7 PM) - Maundy Thursday "Contentment in the Midst of Life's Struggles" with Holy Communion and stripping of Altar
- April 7, 2023 (Friday, 12 PM (noon) - 3 PM) - Good Friday Tre Ore at St. Andrew Lutheran in 511 W. Rockton Rd in Rockton with 7 other area Lutheran Churches and preachers. Pastor Dan preaching on "My God, My God, Why have You Forsaken Me?" Senior Choir singing
- April 7, 2023 (Friday, 7 PM) - Good Friday Tenabrae Service at Messiah "What's that on Your Head?"
- April 8, 2023 (Saturday, 9 AM) - Choir Practice in Sanctuary
- April 9, 2023 (Sunday, 9 AM and again at 11 AM) - Easter Sunday
- April 9, 2023 (Sunday, 9:45 AM -11:15 AM) - Easter Brunch in Fellowship Hall hosted by Messiah's Youth
- April 9, 2023 (Sunday, 10 AM) - Fellowship, Sunday School, Confirmation and Fellowship
- April 11, 2023 (Tuesday) - NO ADULT BIBLE STUDY
- April 12, 2023 (Wednesday, 7 PM) - Easter Sunday Repeat Service
- April 13, 2023 (Thursday, 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM) - Food Pantry Open
- April 15, 2023 (Saturday, 9 AM) - Men's Group in downstairs Conference Room
- April 16, 2023 (Sunday) - LWML Week
- April 16, 2023 (Sunday, 9 AM and again at 11 AM) - Divine Worship with Holy Communion
- Children's Handbell ring at the 11am service
- April 16, 2023 (Sunday, 10 AM) - Fellowship, Sunday School, Confirmation and Fellowship
- April 18, 2023 (Tuesday) - NO ADULT BIBLE STUDY
- April 19, 2023 (Wednesday) - LWML Week
- April 19, 2023 (Wednesday, 7 PM) - Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion
- April 23, 2023 (Sunday, 9 AM and again at 11 AM) - Divine Worship with Holy Communion
- April 23, 2023 (Sunday, 10 AM) - Fellowship, Sunday School, Confirmation and Fellowship
- April 25, 2023 (Tuesday, 1 PM) - Adult Bible Study resumes in the Sanctuary and on-line
- April 26, 2023 (Wednesday, 8:30 AM - 1 PM) - LWML Bible Study "Seeing God through ordinary means" see details here
- April 26, 2023 (Wednesday, 7 PM) - Divine Worship Service with Holy Communion
- April 27, 2023 (Thursday, 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM) - Food Pantry Open
- April 30, 2023 (Sunday) - Rev Dan Schmelzer here from Capstone Ministries
- April 30, 2023 (Sunday, 9 AM and again at 11 AM) - Divine Worship with Holy Communion
- April 30, 2023 (Sunday, 10 AM) - Fellowship, Sunday School, Confirmation and Fellowship
- April 30, 2023 (Sunday, 10 AM - 10:30 AM) - Dessert Auction - - Homemade pies, cakes, pastries, and (back by popular demand) Keith's Famous Fudge! **Live and silent auction items** All proceeds benefit Capstone Ministries. Open to anyone who wants to bid on a delicious treat, and support a marvelous organization, so please invite your family, friends, and neighbors! Those who wish to contribute a baked good, please use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex!

April Birthdays



Kayla Washburn	4/5
Cindy Nimz	4/6
Lance Bukove	4/8
Chad Dressler	4/9
Jennifer Beaumont	4/10
Patricia Lockwood	4/10
Samantha Swanson	4/11
Susan Bukove	4/12
Joey Goff	4/12
Scott Cleveland	4/14
Adeline McCannon	4/14
Brenda Dautermann	4/15
Brent Whitman	4/16
Bobbi Jo Wilkins	4/16
Debbie Borre	4/17
Mary Borgwardt	4/18
Garrett Cook	4/18
Keely Thurman	4/18
Kathy Wood	4/19
Kira Altenberg-Hoppe	4/21
Brooklyn Anastasi-Altenberg	4/22
Daniel Chitwood	4/22
Marie Gilbertson	4/22
Tia Cleveland	4/23
Kailey Hessler	4/25
Nolan Swanson	4/25
Lynsey Burzinski	4/27
Donald Kempf	4/27
Keith Ingham	4/29
Mark Yates	4/29
Janice Totten	4/30

April Anniversaries



Jim & Susie Waters	4/7/2001
Larry & Vicky Kreyer	4/21/2001
Pam & James Kirk	4/22/2017
Bill & Lori Beaumont	4/24/1982



A note from Jim and Susie Waters:

We would like to invite all boards and church members to be a part of our church newsletter. If you know of upcoming events, have inspirational quotes, great recipes for the upcoming month, or have any other church or community news that you think would fit well with our congregation please let us know by email (Messiahlutherannewsletter@gmail.com), and we will do our very best to get your news entered in as soon as possible.

Thank you and God's blessings to you all.

Lemon Icebox Pie



Ingredients

FOR THE CRUST:

- 1 1/2 c. graham cracker crumbs
- 2 tbsp. granulated sugar
- 7 tbsp. salted butter, melted
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FOR THE FILLING:

- 2 14-oz. cans sweetened condensed milk
- 1 c. fresh lemon juice (from about 6 lemons)
- 5 large egg yolks
- 1 tbsp. lemon zest
- 1 c. heavy cream
- 2 tbsp. powdered sugar
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract

Directions

1. For the crust: Preheat the oven to 350°. Combine the cracker crumbs, sugar, and butter in a medium bowl. Mix with a fork until the crumbs are well coated and stick together when pinched. Press the mixture into the bottom and up the sides of a 9-inch pie plate. Bake until set, about 10 minutes. Set aside to cool slightly, about 10 minutes.
2. For the filling: Whisk together the condensed milk, lemon juice, egg yolks, and lemon zest in a medium bowl until combined. Pour the filling into the crust and bake until the center is set but still slightly jiggly, about 15 minutes. Let cool for 30 minutes, then refrigerate until chilled, about 2 hours.
3. Before serving, beat the heavy cream, powdered sugar, and vanilla in a large bowl with a mixer on medium speed until soft peaks form. Dollop on the center of the pie and serve.

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Group meetings are on Sundays from 10am-11am.



Easter Breakfast Help

Sunday School and Youth Group kids will be serving breakfast this year for Easter Sunday, but we are looking for parents who are willing to lend a hand with cooking that morning or bringing a dish to pass. Breakfast will be served from 9:45am to 11:15am on Sunday April 9th. We need cooks at the church starting at 7:30am, so we can start serving as close to 9:45am as possible. If your family is able to help out in any way, please text or call me with how many will be helping out and with what. My number is 608-312-6683.



God's blessings,
Samantha Anderson

Spring Servant Event

Spring is a great time to get projects done around the house, but sometimes they are just too big for one person to tackle. This year you may not have to do it alone! The Stateline Youth Group is hosting a spring cleaning servant event on **Saturday May 6th**, and the youth from St. Andrew, Christ Our Savior, Messiah, and St. John's will be dividing up into teams to help get some big projects done for the members of our congregations. Unfortunately, we can't get to every project, so we will be holding a drawing in mid-April to randomly select projects from each of the four churches. If you have a project that you would like help with, please stay tuned for more information about how to enter into the drawing. Each church will be collecting their own submissions, and we will contact the lucky winners after the drawing.



OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS!



This month one of our lessons was on how the Israelites did a really bad thing in worshipping the golden calf, but God still forgave them and loved them as His chosen people. We made foil jewelry and put it in a pot to melt. Then we formed the foil into cows, stomped on them, and threw them away. We worship God and Him alone.



We studied the story of Joshua and the Battle of Jericho. We acted out the story of Joshua and the walls of Jericho. We loved blowing our horns and knocking down the wall. We made a craft with a Joshua puppet, and for our snack we had wafer cookies for the walls, Teddy Grahams for the fighting men, and bugles for the horns. We learned that God keeps his promises and provides help for his people, even when they face a dire situation.



The Sunday school students made sun catchers and cards for the shut-ins. A special thank you to Beth Thompson for providing us with the idea and the supplies.



The Sunday school students learned about Ruth. Bad things happen in life, but Ruth teaches us to trust God even when we've suffered loss. She shows us through her devotion to Naomi, that God puts people in our lives to help us grow closer to him. The students played a grain collection relay where they gleaned wheat like Ruth, and they also played "I Won't Leave You", in which they pretended to be Ruth and Naomi in a 3 legged race.

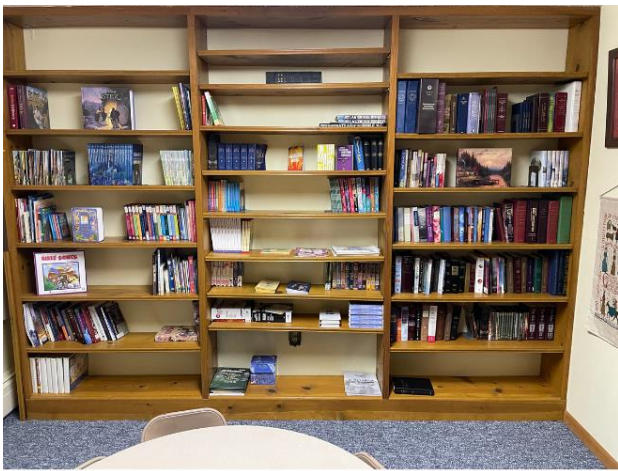


Lesson on Saul
Although God warned Israel of the many problems associated with having a king, the people still demanded one. They wanted to be like the other nations. By asking for a king, they rejected God as their true King. Saul was anointed as Israel's first King. The people quickly found out that having a king was not as good as they thought it would be.



The Sunday school students have been practicing This Little Light of Mine, which they will be singing during service on April 16th.





Did you know Messiah has a library? It is located in the Sunday school section of the building. A wide variety of books are available for adults and children. Feel free to borrow books at anytime. Stop by and check it out.



The Dessert Auction Is Back! Sunday, April 30, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (during coffee hour) Homemade pies, cakes, pastries, and (back by popular demand) Keith's Famous Fudge! **Live and silent auction items** All proceeds benefit Capstone Ministries. Open to anyone who wants to bid on a delicious treat, and support a marvelous organization, so please invite your family, friends, and neighbors! Those who wish to contribute a baked good, please use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex!



All Are Invited! LWML ZONE 20 SPRING RALLY

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church with School

416 W. Geneva St. Delavan, WI 53115

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Registration: 8:30 – 9:00 am

Rally Begins: 9:00 am

Rally Finishes: Approximately 1:00 pm

Bible Study: "Seeing God through ordinary means,"

Overview of the Book of Esther

Rev. Dan Eddy Zone 20 Counselor

Speaker: Pam Patterson, founder and CEO of Agape House, a non-profit Christian Children's home that offers hope and healing to hurting teens.

Please RSVP to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church with School By Wednesday, April 19th . dmortlock@orlcs.org or call 262-728-4266

Ingathering (Gifts of Love) for Agape House.

Ziplock snack and gallon bags, dishwasher pods, rechargeable batteries, stress balls, Small Lego sets, Chapstick, stretchy beaded bracelets, packs of gum, Windex, toilet bowl cleaner, laundry detergent, shampoo, soap, Tupperware containers, tin foil.



Downtown Beloit Easter Eggstravaganza Bunny Hop

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2023 AT 10 AM – 12 PM

Children of all ages are welcome to join us for a bunny hop!

Fun activities where children can enjoy photos with the Easter bunny, games, mascots, and more!

Maps of participating locations will be available at the Downtown Beloit Association, 557 E. Grand Avenue and online. Small fee for photos with the Easter Bunny.