

THE MESSENGER

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
MARCH 2025



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From the Pastor...

In the Church Year, the month of March this year transitions us from the season of the Epiphany in January and February to Easter in April. We move from seeing our Lord revealed as He is shown to the world; when the Magi come to visit Him; to His being revealed to the world in His preaching, teaching, and miracles; to the Passion Story and His suffering and dying for us; to the glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday. We may tire of hearing about the need for repentance during Lent which fills the month of March, but our penitence leads to grace from God that saves us from our sin. Grace is known in an acronym, “God’s Riches at Christ’s Expense”.

The riches of God include many blessings such as life and freedom to live as Christians, but mainly the blessing of God is forgiveness for our sin and salvation found only in the saving grace of Jesus. Being saved by the grace of God brings joy to our hearts and causes us to live in service to our Lord. Grace then transitions us from being dead in trespasses and sin to being alive in Christ, forgiven and renewed and ready to serve one another in the name of the Lord.

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Prayer List

Joan Kessel at Heritage Square, Dixon.

Patrick Hatfield (great-nephew of Jerry & Barb) paralyzed from a motorcycle accident. Comfort Dog Ministry, Hope Life Center, Lutheran schools; Missionaries

Our nation, its leaders, those serving in the Military

Families involved in disasters & shootings. Ukraine & Gaza families.

****Please notify the church office if you have a prayer request or update.**

Sisters In Christ

Saturday Morning Women's Bible Study –



We will be continuing our Women's Bible Study on Saturday, March 8, weather permitting, at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. This Bible study is from the book ***"Be Still & Know" – A Study of Rest and Refuge***, by Christian author, Deb Burma. Please read **Pages 139-163, Session 6: "Storms of Sadness"**, before the Bible Study on March 8. Please contemplate the "R&R" highlighted questions throughout the pages as you read through **Session 6**. At the Bible Study, we will read and discuss John 11:1-44, and discuss the Discussion Questions throughout the pages of Session 6, as well as the in the Viewer Guide for Session 6 on pages 162 & 163. All Bible verses will be printed out for you, so you won't need to bring your Bible. We hope to see you there!

This series consists of eight sessions. Therefore, we will complete this study in May or June, depending if we have bad weather for any of the winter dates. We will meet the second Saturday morning of each month unless otherwise notified.

Mite Box Sunday - Please continue to contribute to Mites and the Lutheran Women Missionary League's mission projects around the world by placing your Mission Donations/ Mites in the large Mite box, or the offering plate, putting your donation in one of the "Mites" envelopes on the table in the narthex by behind the offering plate or place a check in the offering plate with "Mission Donation/Mites" in the memo line. Thank you!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3 Connie Lee
6 Roger Halbin
19 Lillian Sheaffer
21 Kristy Eckardt
27 Alexi Czochara



Turn clock ahead 1 hour on
Saturday night, March 8th

Announcements

Fellowship signup We are in need of people to volunteer to signup to help with Sunday fellowship time after church. Please check the clipboard on the wall by the church office.

Alive will meet on Tuesday, March 18th at 12:15 pm for lunch. A sign-up sheet is located on the wall next to the office. Location tba.

Project VITAL (Volunteers in Teaching Adult Literacy) is looking for volunteers to tutor adults. We currently have a list of adults waiting to work with volunteer tutors!

What is required to become a volunteer literacy tutor? 1. Be 18 years old or older and have completed a minimum of a high school diploma or equivalency *No previous teaching experience required 2. Complete 12 to 14 hours of pre-service training before working with a student. 3. Be available to meet with a student each week for a minimum of 1 hour.

How do I become a trained volunteer tutor? Tutor training will be available at Sauk Valley Community College on Fridays: March 21, March 28, AND April 4 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Tutors must attend all dates to complete training requirements. Online training is also available.

Please call 815-835-6241 for more information or complete a tutor interest form at svcc.edu/vital.

Hope Life Center Change for Life bottles need to be returned by the end of February! Your support and prayers makes a big CHANGE in the lives of the women and unborn children who receive services and support through Hope Life Center.

Soles For Jesus We are again collecting gently used or new shoes of all kinds and sizes for Soles for Jesus! See the collection box in the Fellowship Hall and the poster on the bulletin board. It costs \$4 to ship one pair of shoes to Africa plus they also send Bibles as well, so if you'd like to donate funds towards shipping or Bibles or have any questions, please see Jerry or Barb. Go to SOLESFORJESUS.ORG or facebook to learn more about this worthwhile ministry. Since 2010 the organization has sent 892,000 pairs of shoes to Africa.



Start the new year by joining us in learning about God's Word each week.

Our schedule is:

March 2	Spring Lesson #2
March 9	Spring Lesson #3
March 16	Spring Lesson #4
March 22	Family Game night, Movie Night TBA
March 23	Mission Sunday for Police Dept. & Blessing Bags
March 30	Spring Lesson #5

Mission Sunday in January was to put together Birthday Bags for the Dixon Food Pantry. Kids with birthdays will get one of these at the pantry. They include goodies such as cake, candles & frosting plus toys and other neat items! Thanks to everyone who helped with this project!



SERVING OUR LORD IN MARCH

Elder: Shane Miller

Altar: Eckardt family

Lenten Services

Ash Wednesday

Service at 10:00 am on Wednesday, March 5



Weekly Lenten Services

Services on Wednesdays at 10:00 am

March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9



Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday service on April 13 at 9:00 am

Maundy Thursday service on April 17 at 7:00 pm

Good Friday service on April 18 at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday service on April 20 at 9:00 am



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YOUTH GROUP

Thank you to everyone for supporting the youth group by purchasing a calendar, Christmas cards or note pads. We truly appreciate your support!



FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

There are more people getting food from the Dixon Food Pantry, and the pantry needs our help in stocking their shelves! The first Sunday of each month has been designated by the Church Council to be food pantry Sunday.

March Word Search Puzzle

T	X	Z	W	U	D	N	N	K	V	S	K	Z	Z	D	B	N	G	X	O	Y	K	I	B
F	F	E	L	Q	I	Q	E	D	A	R	A	P	T	A	U	T	U	M	N	M	Q	L	U
O	I	W	B	J	H	C	R	A	M	I	K	X	U	F	L	K	S	N	R	S	S	L	R
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Shamrock	Rainbow	Passover	March
Daffodil	Autumn	Dancing	Lion
Spring	Clover	Magic	Julian
Parade	Mars	Aries	Lamb
			Kite



"The Lutheran Hour"

Listen to the program that airs every Sunday on the following radio stations:

Chicago WGN 720 AM at 6:00 a.m.
Freeport WFPS 92.1 FM at 8:00 a.m.
Rochelle WRHL 1060 AM at 7:30 a.m.

Online any time at www.lutheranhour.org



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March 2 *"It's Best to Be with Jesus"*

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

Life was not meant to be a do-it-yourself project. We need God's help, His strength, His gifts. (Luke 9:28-36)

March 9 *"Unless a Grain of Wheat Dies"*

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Do you want a life that amounts to more than a hill o' beans? Hear how Christ's death and resurrection gives us life with God that can't be measured. (John 12:24)

March 16 *"Light of the World"*

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Jesus is the Light of the world. However, He sometimes keeps that light out of the visible range. We can't see it, but it changes what we see. (John 8:12)

March 23 *"Even Me, Even You"*

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge

Jesus the Good Shepherd invites all to be His sheep and find pasture. His words of promise will amaze some but anger others. (John 10:1-21)