

THE MESSENGER

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
APRIL 2025

HOLY WEEK



**PALM
SUNDAY**

April 13th
9:00 am



**MAUNDY
THURSDAY**

April 17th
7:00 pm



**GOOD
FRIDAY**

April 18th
7:00 pm



EASTER

April 20th
9:00 am

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Sunday Worship: 9 am; Education Hour: 10:15 am

From the Pastor...

The Easter celebration is a very joyful time in the Church. All through the time of Lent our hearts were prepared in penitence for the coming of the empty tomb at Easter. During Lent we are especially brought to a realization of the weight and cost of our sin. During Lent we tried to verbalize the Gospel in a very few words, including not speaking that eight-letter word that begins with “a” and ends with “a”. These words bring the joy of Jesus to our hearts, the joy of the Good News of the Gospel that the weight of our sin is forgiven. The pain of our sin is unbearable, but in that Good News there is no more pain.

Thanks be to God that Jesus was willing to bear our sin for us. Jesus was willing to take the pain and guilt of our sin on Himself. Jesus was willing to take the penalty for our sin on Himself and die on the cross for the transgressions we committed. The weight of our sin caused the Father to forsake His Son on the cross and the weight of our sin took the life of the Son of God. Dead in the tomb, the sacrifice was given for the sin of the world.

Easter joy now takes over. The sacrifice is given, the Son of God has been crucified and laid in the tomb, the payment for our sin was accepted by God the Father as it was paid for by God the Son, and on the third day after His death, Jesus is no longer in the tomb. We will celebrate with “He is risen! He is alive!” By faith, the Holy Spirit renews us with this joy. Sin will no longer have dominion over us. Sin will no longer take us to hell. Sin, death and the devil are forever defeated by Jesus, our Savior. The joy of Easter now lives in our hearts. Through Jesus we have the hope and promise of eternal life in heaven. That joy lifts us up. That joy makes us sing praises to our Lord. That joy is what we want to share with a world in need. Thanks be to God for the joy in our heart that enlivens and motivates us.

Pastor David Andermann

Sisters In Christ



Saturday Morning Women's Bible Study –

We will be continuing our Women's Bible Study on Saturday, April 12, 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 165-185, Session 7: "Storms of Self", before the Bible Study on April 12. Please contemplate the "R&R" highlighted questions throughout the pages as you read through **Session 7**. At the Bible Study, we will read and discuss **Matthew 20:20-28**, and discuss the Discussion Questions throughout the pages of Session 7, as well as the in the Viewer Guide for Session 7 on pages 184 & 185. 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. 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!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

7 Joy Meyer
8 Caleb Jenks
11 Spencer Seggebruch
12 Alice Topping
16 Andy Eckardt
26 Joan Kessel



APRIL ANNIVERSARY

Bert & Mary Bendickson, April 13th

The gemstone associated with this anniversary is the garnet, symbolizing strength and safety.

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 April 15th at Fresco on First, 216 West First Street, Dixon, at 12:15 pm for lunch. A sign-up sheet is located on the wall next to the office.



Pastor Andermann and Shane Miller attended the District Convention in March

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.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please join us in learning about God's Word each week.

Our schedule is:

April 6	Spring Lesson #6
April 13	Spring Lesson #7
April 20	Easter Sunday, no Sunday School
April 26	Family Game night, Trivia night at Oregon HS at 6 pm
April 27	Spring Lesson #8

Easter Breakfast will be held before Easter worship service on March 31st. Breakfast will be potluck style. Please bring your dishes by 7:45 am. We will plan to eat breakfast at 8:00 am.



SERVING OUR LORD IN APRIL

Elder: Jerry Hatfield

Altar: Hatfield family

Lenten Services

Weekly Lenten Services

Services on Wednesdays at 10:00 am
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



Soles for Jesus We are again collecting gently used or new shoes of all kinds and sizes for Soles for Jesus! The collection box is in the Fellowship Hall. 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.



Christ Crafts has grown to include the next generation of crafters! All are welcome!

YOUTH GROUP

We will continue meeting the 4th Sunday each month.

For questions, please contact Jen Sheaffer.



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.



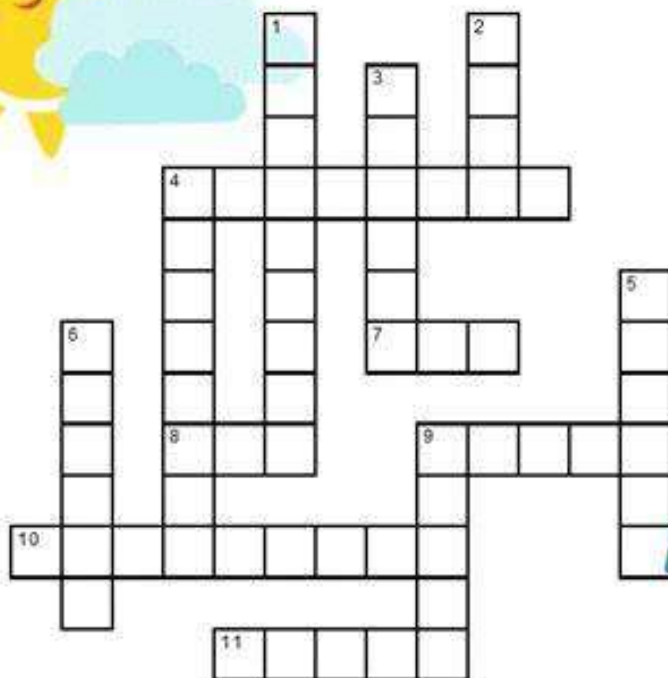
Fellowship Fun Movie Night

Join us for our new Fellowship Fun Movie Night! We'll be heading to the Lindo Theater in Freeport to watch the new "King of Kings" movie, based on Charles Dickens' account. Sunday, April 13 at 2:25 pm.

RSVP to Kristy so we can buy some discounted group tickets!



Easter Crossword



ACROSS

4. You might do this to eggs for Easter
7. A hen makes this
8. Used to color eggs
9. The hen's baby
10. Colorful candy you might find in an Easter basket
11. Peter Cottontail is one

DOWN

1. Eggs might be made from this
2. Look for eggs
3. Easter Day event
4. Yellow or white spring flower that grows from a bulb
5. What the Easter Bunny brings
6. A pretty hat worn on Easter
9. Don't eat too much of this or you might get a belly ache



"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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April 6 *"Better Than I Deserve!"*

Guest Speaker: Rev. Keith Haberstock

Jesus didn't deserve to die on a cross, but He died and rose again in order to give us better than we deserve. (John 12:1-11)

April 13 *"In the Middle"*

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

In Jesus, God showed up smack in the middle of life with forgiveness, love, and a promise never to leave us. (John 19:18)

April 20 *"A Risen Christ and a Clean Room"*

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The risen Christ has folded Death up and put it in its place. Now Christ invites you to trust in Him and find place and purpose in His new creation. (John 20:5-7)

April 27 *"Through Locked Doors"*

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

When Jesus shows up, it's no longer "us vs. them," because Jesus is for everyone, even if everyone is not yet for Jesus. (John 20:19)

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Christ Our Savior Church services are broadcast for one month on our facebook page at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church—Dixon, IL. You can watch live or later in the week!