# **GOODHUE LUTHERAN MESSENGER — APRIL 2022**

The resurrection of Jesus is a very practical truth. As we live and when we die, knowing that Jesus conquered death gives us great comfort.

Jesus' resurrection is proof of God's love and forgiveness. Paul writes in Romans 4, "He was raised to life for our justification." As justified sinners, we can be sure that Jesus' sacrifice on the cross was the perfect and complete payment for our sins. His resurrection from the dead shows that our guilt is gone.

Now that we are freed from sin, we don't have to live as slaves to sin. We belong to Jesus and can serve him. The resurrection is daily power for renewal. We are alive in Christ and can grow in him to form new habits and to overcome temptations.

The resurrection of Jesus is also comforting when we face death. Steven was the first Christian martyr. As he was about to die, we read in Acts, "But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.'' Stephen saw Jesus — who was alive and in heaven — ready to receive Stephen into the glory of heaven.

The resurrection of Jesus is the one event in all the world that changes everything. Your life is a life of service because Jesus rose from the dead. Your death will be the moment you see your Lord in heaven and are welcomed to the eternal joys of heaven.

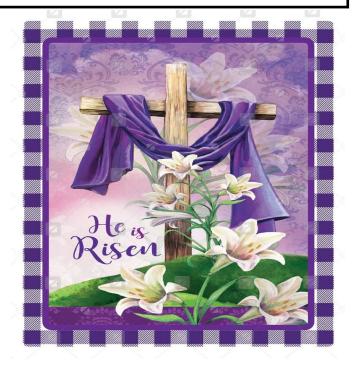
Continue to celebrate the resurrection with your fellow believers as our congregations continues to celebrate Easter during the season of Easter. The power of the resurrection is power to help and comfort you every day." Submitted by Pastor Robbert

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE Maundy Thursday, April 14

7:00 PM Worship & Communion at St John's 7:00 PM Joint Worship & Communion at St Peter's <u>GOOD FRIDAY, April 15</u> 7:00 PM Joint Tenebrae Service at Grace 1:00pm and 7:00 PM Worship at St John's

> EASTER FOR KIDS 9:00AM– 11:30am, April 16 at Grace

EASTER SUNDAY, April 17 7:00 AM Sunrise Service at Grace 8-9:00 AM Easter Breakfast at Grace 9:00 AM Easter Worship at Grace 9:00 AM Easter Worship at St John's 10:30 AM Easter Worship at St Peter's



The **JOINT EVANGELISM COMMITTEE** of our three Goodhue WELS congregations met on March 21 for the first time since COVID. We made plans to have a flyer inviting people to Easter for Kids and to the Good Friday and Easter Worship services of our congregations inserted into the Zumbro Shopper. The same invite will be on a smaller handout sheet available at each congregation that you can take home and use to invite people you know. <u>Please think of whom you can invite</u>, who needs to hear the good news about Jesus! We plan to do shopper inserts before Volksfest, before VBS, and before Christmas as well. We plan to canvass all of Goodhue and Bellechester again this summer before VBS. We made plans for Fair Booth and having some special T-shirts made as well. The committee is led by the two pastors, with members from each congregation serving as well. (Currently: Scott Hinsch; George and Sandy Raasch; Ronnelle Schulz)

#### **SERVING AT ST. JOHNS IN APRIL**

Pastor Robbin Robbert

#### ST. JOHN'S ELDERS:

Jesse Luhman, Scott Hinsch & Kenneth Schrimpf

#### ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL BOARD:

Jacob Diercks, Jonathon Voth & Cameron Peterson

#### <u>USHERS</u>

Group 4 - Scott Hinsch, Travis Thomforde, Jon Luhman, Seth Hinsch, Chase Hinsch, Cameron Peterson, Josh Lexvold, Andrew Stumpf, Ben Stumpf, Alex Stehr

#### **GREETERS**

4/3 Camilla Kohutko 4/10 Shirley Voth 4/15 Roy & Dorothy Buck 4/17 Dorothy Lodermeier 4/24 Julia Bolin

#### ACOLYTE

4/10 Hayden Holm 4/24 Gustaf Raasch

#### **Congratulations 2022 Confirmands**

Hayden Bryce Holm Joshua 1:9

Son of Ryan & Michelle

Natalie Marie Thomforde

Philippians 4:13

Daughter of Jerod & Tammy

Libby Ann Thomforde Psalm 23:4 Daughter of Travis & Amy

## St. John's Church Council

May 22 - celebration of Mrs. Karnopp's 25<sup>th</sup> year of service to the Lord

June 26 - Karnopp's Farewell

Examination will be April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 Confirmation will be Palm Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

Donations Needed:

\$2800 for AED's

400 for school sound board

\$ for Youth Rally - \$3000 for transporta-

tion and \$375 per student



- April 3 Examination at 10:30, cake and coffee to follow
- April 10 Palm Sunday/Confirmation w/ Communion at 9:00am, K-8 Sing
- April 14 Maundy Thursday w/Communion at 7:00pm
- April 15 Good Friday Service at 1:00pm, K-8 Sing and 7:00pm
- April 16 Easter for Kids at Grace
- April 17 Easter Service at 9:00am, K-8 Sing

Bible Du Study the bib

Due to Easter and Confirmation the only high school and adult bible study will be April 24.

E-GIVING NOW AT ST. JOHN'S -- Our congregation now offers electronic giving!

Go to easytithe.com/stjohnswels and follow the easy instructions to set up, or text GIVE and an amount to 1-218-304-7066 (ex: GIVE 250.00) and follow the easy directions.

April Newsletter 2022



Jesus Lives! God is Awesome! Psalm 77:14 (EHV) You are the God who performs a wonderful deed. You made known your power among the peoples.

Isaiah 12:1-6 (EHV) - In that day you will say: I will give thanks to you, Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger has turned away, and you comfort me.

2 Surely God is my salvation. I will trust him and will not be afraid, because Yah, the Lord, is my strength and song, and he has become my salvation.

3 Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. 4 In that day you will say: Give thanks to the Lord! Proclaim his name. Declare among the peoples what he has done.

Proclaim that his name is exalted!

5 Sing to the Lord, for he has done amazing things!

Let this be known in all the earth!

6 Shout aloud and sing for joy, daughter of Zion,

for the Holy One of Israel is great among you!

Easter is around the corner. We will celebrate our salvation this month! What is our joy? Where is our joy found? When do we get reminded of our joy? How is our joy proclaimed? Why do we have such great joy? St. John's Lutheran School celebrates Easter joy every day. We learn about Jesus every day in all subjects taught. Our joy is found in the way we think, speak, and do. Our joy is in proclaiming Jesus. We are reminded daily that Jesus has done amazing things for us. We are living Easter every day.

But we also understand we are sinful. Our students do not always finish their assignments on time. Our students speak mean words to others. Our students do not always love each other as they should. Our teachers don't always fulfill their duties as need be. Teachers do not always say the best things. The point is that we all need to be reminded daily of Jesus who wants all people to be saved. We all need his saving word.

May God grant us a constant reminder of His saving love. Happy Easter to all!

In His service, Albert Karnopp





every day.	
	April School Calendar
4/1	6-8 Eagle Bluff
4/4	NO SCHOOL
4/5	8:30 Chapel
4/8	Book Orders Due
4/9	School Open House
4/10	K-8 Sing
4/12	8:30 Chapel
4/14	- 4/15 NO SCHOOL, 5-8 Sing at
1pm on the 15th	
4/17	K-8 Sing
4/18	NO SCHOOL
4/19	8:30 Chapel
4/22	Clean Up Day
4/25	- 4/28 Student Testing
4/26	8:30 Chapel
4/29	PreK-4 St. Croix Field Trip
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Joint Youth Group News! We are off and running! At a very informative meeting on March 3rd the church youth leaders, pastors, and myself met to discuss our combined group and to schedule future activities for our youth. Our first activity was serving for the Ash Wednesday meal at St. John's and it went awesome! We had volunteers and tons of yummy food from all three churches! It was truly awesome to see our teens working side by side in the kitchen providing service for their fellow church members. Our next activity will be helping with Easter for Kids at Grace, all of our youth are encouraged to participate in whatever way that they are able to. Looking ahead to June, we will be helping with the burrito breakfast at VolksFest and attending the International Youth Rally. We are officially a full group for the rally with twelve teens and three chaperones signed up to attend and filling our 15 passenger van! Our prayer is that our excitement will catch on and we will have even more participants for the next rally.



Grace Church Council Meeting – March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Ben Raasch called the meeting to order with Pastor, Dean, Chris, Markus, Todd, and Brandon present. Pastor opened with prayer. The secretary, financial secretary, and treasurer's reports were all read and approved. Pastor reported on church attendance, shut-in visits, mailbox follow-up, catechism progress, and Zoom Bible Study. Easter for Kids is set to take place Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at Grace. The new sound system equipment is on order and will be installed by Sim Sound once it arrives. A motion to release Bret and Jenny Olson and daughter Cora from membership at their request, in order to join another congregation, was made and passed. Men's Bible Breakfast will be at Grace on March 19 at 8:30. The next council meeting will be on April 12 at 7:30 at St. Peters. Motion to Adjourn. Submitted: Brandon Lunde

#### \*\*\*St Peter's Notes\*\*\*

#### St Peters Council Meeting March 15, 2022

Larry called the meeting to order with Pastor, Mark, Dean and Curt present.

Pastor opened with devotion and prayer. The Secretary's report was read and approved. Pastor reported on church attendance, shut in visits, and catechism. Mailbox follow up with council men discussed. Sunday School Mission Project is the Red Wing Food Shelf; kids sing at St. Peter's on March 16. YPS has installed a Joint Coordinator Jessica Robbert. Council is still looking for youth group leaders from St. Peter's. YPS is planning for a Burrito Breakfast at Volksfest. Ronnelle Schulz is the Joint Evangelism Committee Member from St.

Peter's. Easter for Kids will be at Grace on April 16; a joint effort by all 3 congregations; and visitors are invited. No update on the Secretary Position. Financial Report was read and approved. Treasures report was read and approved. Building and Parsonage Grounds were discussed. St. Peter's is looking for more help with running the Powerpoint and the livestream; will check with members of the confirmation class. Pastor Robbert is planning the Volksfest Service. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Next Council Meeting is April 12 at St. Peter's at 6:30p.m. Men's Bible Breakfast is March 19 at Grace at 8:30a.m.

Meeting Adjourned. Respectfully submitted Curt Callstrom.



St Peter's Ladies Aid

The next Ladies Aid Meeting will be on April 10th. The Ladies Aid will be putting together an Easter Garden at St. Peter's. Please bring your flowers to the church by noon on Saturday, April 16th. If you have any questions please contact Ronnelle.

### Congratulations!!

Mellissa Poncelet and Kaleb Leone were married on February 20th at St. Paul's in Moline, Illinois.

Mark 10:9 Therefore what God has joined together let no one separate.





#### COMING UP IN BIBLE CLASS

JOINT MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS HELD AT SP (Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.) Pastor's Weigand and Robbert take turns teaching. Pastor Weigand will continue to lead study on the book of Galatians for the next several times that he is up. Pastor Robbert plans to lead study on

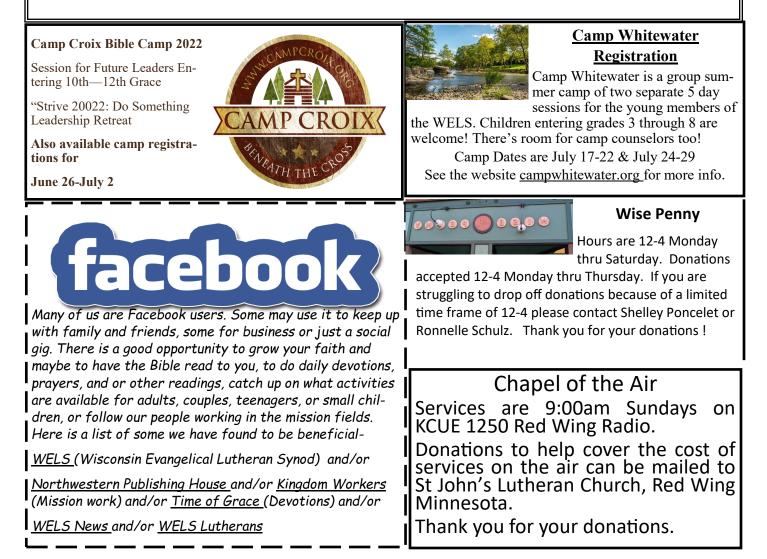
"Gospel Gems from Isaiah".

**SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS AT GRACE**– When Pastor Weigand is up he will continue to lead study on the Book of Romans. When Ben Raasch or Darwyn Tri are leading class, they will teach lessons from the series "Grand Themes and Key Words" of the Bible.

**SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS AT ST. PETER'S**– When Pastor Weigand is up, he will continue to lead study on the Book of Romans. When Larry Holst and Norrie Voth are teaching, they will continue leading study through the book, "The Wonders of God," which is a review of the main teachings of the Bible that is often used for Bible Information Class/Adult Confirmation Class.

**QUILTING BIBLE STUDY**– Wed. at 8:30 am at St. Peter's. We plan to continue study on "A Look at the Other Lessons" coming up in church the next Sunday besides the sermon text. Pastor Weigand leads study. (Pastor Robbert covers for him when he is unavailable.)

JOINT MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST – Saturday, April 23, at 8:30 am at St. John's. See article on next page for details.



NEW MAYO VISITOR POLI-CY: As of May 24, patients at Mayo can have a maximum of two visitors at a time, and up to 5 different people on the list of those who may visit them. Pastor's names have to be on the list if pastors will be allowed to visit them. So if you will be at Mayo and want Pastor Weigand to visit you, please put his name on your list as one of the 5 allowed visitors, and please let him know that you are or will be in the hospital. (Call or text him at 715-441-5086) If you would like our WELS LIMA Chaplain, Pastor Brian Kom from Rochester to visit you, please put his name on your list; then let Pastor Weigand know, or text Pastor Kom yourself at 507-421-5477.

**MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST** All the men of our area WELS congregations are invited to join us for Men's Bible Breakfast. Visitors are welcome! Invite your friends; bring your (newly confirmed and older) sons! Our next breakfast is set for April 23, at St. John's beginning with breakfast at 8:30 a.m., followed by Bible study on "Joshua, Example of a Godly Man", led by Pastor Weigand

#### <u>Women's Bible Study</u> <u>& Quilting</u>

We meet at 8:30AM on Wednesdays at St. Peter's parsonage. For Bible study we take "a look at the other lessons" besides the sermon text that are coming up in church the next Sunday. Our last meeting for spring will be April 27, 2022. There will be several quilts on display at St. Peter's during the Volksfest in June..

# **Easter for Kids**

All children 3 years old through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to Grace Lutheran Church

> On Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 9:00a.m.- 11:30a.m.

For an Easter Party!! \*\*\*There will be children's devotions, singing, crafts, snacks, and an Egg Hunt!!\*\*\* COME JOIN THE FUN!!!

To register your kids, go to gracestpeters.org and choose Easter for kids April 16<sup>th</sup> on the tool bar. If you can't register online, or have other questions call Shelley Poncelet 651-212-3219

Grace Lutheran 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Bible Study and Sunday School 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Worship

**COME WORSHIP** 

<u>St John's Lutheran</u> 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class

beginning April 20

St Peter's Lutheran 9:15 a.m. Bible Study and Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship





Hiawatha Valley Circuit Spring Rally Saturday, April 23, 2022

## Our Savior Lutheran Church

#### 600 8th Ave. NW Kasson, MN 55944

If coming into town from the North on MN 57 turn right onto County 12 to cross bridge, then left onto County Rd 21, which becomes 8th Ave. Go South for 1.8 miles and the church will be on your left.

If coming into town from East or West on Hwy 14, exit onto 57N.(Mantorville Ave.), and head north, then take a left onto 5th St. NW and head West, then a right onto 8th Ave. NW, go N a block and the church will be on your right.

## **Outreach to Roma**

The Roma people of Bulgaria have a history of over 400 years of slavery in Europe. While now free, they face poverty, racism, etc. Come find out how LWMS is helping to bring Jesus to over 750,000 Roma Souls!

Presenter Mrs. Ramona Czer 12:30 Registration 12:30-1:00 Dessert

Musical entertainment provided **1:00-2:45** Devotion

CAMM Update—Lori

Speaker

#### Business Mtg

2:45 Closing

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#### CAMM Needs:

- Newborn blankets & Hats
- Infant onesies
- Washed Rx bottles labels/ adhesive & caps removed
  Please bring these to the Rally!

Pastor Nathan Wagenknecht—Faith Lutheran Church and Iglesia Luterana de Fe en Cristo—Anchorage Alaska

When my family moved to Anchorage in 2018, we were moved by the beauty of the Last Frontier and the size of the 49th State. Anchorage is Alaska's largest city with almost 300,00 people, but a short drive in any direction gets you into the freedom of mountain trails, glacier hikes, and occasional encounters with moose or bear.

People come to Alaska from near and far, making Anchorage culturally diverse with over 100 languages spoken in the city. I have learned that, wherever they come from, many come to the land of the midnight sun searching for a different kind of freedom-freedom from their past, from responsibilities, from God. About 75% of our community has no interest in God or church.

With support from LWMS and WELS Home Missions, Faith Lutheran is reaching out to our diverse community in English, Hmong, and Spanish.

We pray: We welcome your prayers that the Holy Spirit would use our family ministries of Toddler Time, Preschool, various summer camps, Tuesday Teen Night, and small group Bible studies so that we can build relationships and proclaim freedom real freedom in Christ—to so many souls who don't realize they need Him.

Remember St. John's, St. Peter's and Grace will be having an Easter Garden. Please bring or have your flowers delivered to the church by Saturday, April 16th at NOON!. Happy Easter! Enjoy

