



Covenant *Tidings*

COVENANT LUTHERAN CHURCH | APRIL 2025 – VOLUME 61

From the Desk of the Pastor:

Charles Spurgeon was a well-known and much respected English preacher in the 1800's. In some circles, he is known as the "Prince of Preachers." One day Spurgeon was walking the streets of London, deep in thought, when he saw a young street boy carrying an old, bent, bird cage. Inside was a tiny field sparrow. Spurgeon stopped the boy and asked what he was going to do with the bird. "Well," the boy said. "I think I'll play with it for a while, and then when I'm tired of playing with it, I think I'll kill it." He made that last comment with a wicked grin.

Moved with compassion for the bird, Spurgeon asked, "How much money would it cost for me to buy the bird from you?" "You don't want this bird, mister," the boy said with a chuckle. "It's just a little field sparrow." But then he saw that the gentleman was serious. "You can have this bird for two pounds," he said slyly. Two pounds at that time would be worth more than a hundred dollars today, an enormous price for a bird worth only pennies. Spurgeon paid the price and let the bird go.

The next morning, on Easter Sunday, an empty bird cage sat on the pulpit of the church where Spurgeon preached. "Let me tell you about this cage," Spurgeon said as he began his sermon. Then he recounted the story of the street boy and how he had purchased the bird from him at a great cost. "I tell you this story," he said, "because that's just what Jesus did for us. You see, an evil specter called Satan had us caged up and we were unable to escape. But then Jesus came up to Satan and said, "What are you going to do with those people in that cage?" "These people?" Satan said with a laugh. "I'm going to teach them to hate each other and hurt each other. Then I'll play with them until I'm tired of them and then I'll kill them."

"How much to buy them back," Jesus asked. With a sly grin, Satan said, "You don't want these people, Jesus. They'll only hate you and spit on you. They'll even nail you to a cross. But if you want to buy them back, it will cost you all your tears and all your blood. It will cost your very life!" "That," Spurgeon concluded, "is what Jesus did for us on the cross. He paid the ultimate, immeasurable price for sin, that we might be free from the penalty of eternal death."

That's the message of Holy Week and Easter. Jesus took our sin to the cross on Good Friday. He suffered the punishment that we rightfully deserve. He then rose from the grave on Easter Sunday. He has conquered sin and death for us. Now, by faith in Jesus Christ, trusting in His sacrifice on our behalf, we are free. Free from the punishment of sin, free from the penalty of death, free to live with Him forever.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy, he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade – kept in heaven for you." 1 Peter 1:3-4

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Steve Voigt

Official Acts

Ushers

9:30 a.m.

Keith Rosynek	Rick Winn
Everett Dassow	Bryan Meyer
Dale Meyer	Leann Meyer
Marcia Rosynek	Bob Schultz
Michael Weiss	

Altar Guild

Kaye Maletzke
Diana Lafford
Diana Streil
Marcia Rosynek

Greeters

April 6

9:30am—Bob Schultz & Jim Williams

April 13

9:30am—James & Mai Kruse

Maundy Thursday—April 17

6:30pm—Henry & Judy Weiss

Good Friday—April 18

1:30pm—Jerry & Judy Anson

6:30pm—Lynda Kopp & Lisa Frederick

Easter Sunday—April 20

9:00am—Carrie Fuchsberger & Ruth Baer

10:30am—Tom & Jane Buck

April 27

9:30am—Audrey Wilde & Sandra Randazzo

SPECIAL GIFTS

Birthday	\$83
Boiler Fund	\$1,780
DCF Grant	\$1,695
Helping Hands Food Pantry	\$50
Portals of Prayer	\$120

Birthdays

April 2

Marcia Rosynek

April 3

Rachel Kopp

April 4

Chad Winn

April 10

Lynda Kopp

April 13

Deborah Johnston

April 14

Beverly Johnson

Maria Riley

April 15

Debbie Frank

April 17

Judy Anson

Alex Gottsacker

Judy Weiss

April 22

Ryan Kerby

Kortney Maletzke

April 23

Paighen Smith

April 24

Judy Omet

Ben Winefeld

April 25

Len Ernst

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Finance Update

The Financial Report for January/February shows a positive balance of \$15,753. We give all thanks and praise to God for His rich blessings. Thank you to the members of Covenant for your faithful giving. We continue to receive income from the lease agreement with Northwest Lutheran School. The sale of the Northwest property has not been completed so we still receive \$3,593 each month from LUMIN. We also continue to receive grant money from the State of Wisconsin for our childcare center but these grants will end in June of this year.

Our expenses are fairly consistent with the exception of our property insurance with Church Mutual. Our insurance premiums will go up to \$25,000 this year, up from \$19,000 in 2024, and \$12,000 in 2023. The increase is due to the rising cost of building materials in the event of a significant loss. We explored the option of changing insurance companies, but some companies are not taking on any new church or schools at this time and there was no significant cost difference.

The work on our new two-boiler heating system has been completed by Seider for a cost of \$74,500. We received a rebate from Focus on Energy for \$7,000 bringing our net cost to \$67,500. The cost for this project will be covered a gift from the Susan Wendt Estate and by contributions to the Boiler Fund. Thank you to all who contributed.



DURING CHAPEL ON
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19,
24 NORTHWEST
STUDENTS AND ONE
PARENT WERE BAPTIZED.

WE ARE ALREADY
PLANNING FOR ANOTHER
BAPTISM CHAPEL IN
MAY.



Holy Week Worship



Maundy Thursday - April 17

6:30 p.m.



Good Friday - April 18

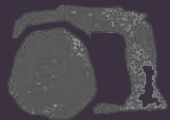
1:30 & 6:30 p.m.



Easter Sunday - April 20

Traditional at 9:00 a.m.

Praise at 10:30 a.m.



Easter Breakfast will be served

8:30 to 11:00 a.m.

LWML Spring Rally

Saturday, May 3

At 8:30 a.m.

Hosted by Mt. Olive

5327 W Washington Blvd., Milw.

Jenny Stollenwerk from Journeys Lutheran School in Hales Corners will be the guest speaker.

Pastor Voigt will lead the Bible study.

All ladies are invited!

Covenant Lutheran Church

Easter Egg = Hunt =

Saturday, April 19
at 10:30 a.m.

Ages:
1 year old to
4th grade

No
Cost!

Don't Forget
Your Basket!

Meet in
the Parking
Lot!

*IF RAINING, SNOWING, OR COLD
* THE HUNT WILL BE INDOORS!

EGG FILLING PARTY
TUESDAY, APRIL 15
AT 9:30AM!

**DONATIONS OF WRAPPED
CANDY ARE NEEDED**

APRIL 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 8:30am NW Chapel 1:30pm Communion & Lenten Service 5:30pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Lenten Service	3 10:00am Bible Study	4 7:30pm AA Meeting	5
6 8:30 Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Sunday School Sixth Sunday In Lent	7	8	9 8:30am NW Chapel 1:30pm Lenten Service 5:30pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Lenten Service	10 10:00am Bible Study 2:00pm St. Anne's Worship	11 7:30pm AA Meeting	12
13 8:30 Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Sunday School Sunday of the Passion	14	15 9:30am Egg Filling Party 	16 8:30am NW Chapel	17 6:30pm Worship Service Maundy Thursday	18 CECC—Closed NW—No School 1:30pm Worship Service 6:30pm Worship Service 7:30pm AA Meeting 	19 9:00am Easter Decorating 10:30am Easter Egg Hunt
20 8:30 to 11:00am Breakfast 9:00am Easter Traditional 10:30am Easter Praise Service The Resurrection of Our Lord	21 Northwest— No School	22	23 8:30am NW Chapel	24 10:00am Bible Study 2:00pm St. Anne's Worship	25 7:30pm AA Meeting	26 178th Anniversary of the LCMS
27 8:30 Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Sunday School Second Sunday Of Easter	28 1:30pm Prayer Team	29	30 8:30am NW Chapel			

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