



Covenant *Tidings*

COVENANT LUTHERAN CHURCH | APRIL 2026 – VOLUME 62

I recently read a powerful story about a mom who took her children to a crowded restaurant one day. Her six-year-old son asked if he could say the table prayer. He prayed: “God is great, God is good, let us thank Him for this food. And God, I would thank you even more if Mom gets us ice cream for dessert. And liberty and justice for all! Amen!” Along with the laughter from the other customers nearby, the woman at the very next table growled loudly, “That’s what’s wrong with this country. Kids today don’t even know how to pray. The very idea . . . asking God for ice cream! Why I never!”

Hearing this, the little boy burst into tears and asked his mother, “Did I do it wrong? I’m sorry. Is God mad at me?” The little boy’s mother pulled him over into her lap. She hugged him tightly and assured him that he had done a terrific job with his prayer and God was certainly not mad at him. Just then an elderly gentleman walked over to the table. He winked at the boy and said, “I know God really well. We visit every day and I happen to know that God loved your prayer. It may have been the best one He has heard all day.” “Really?,” the little boy asked. “Cross my heart,” said the man. Then he leaned over and whispered in the little boy’s ear. Pointing at the woman at the next table who had made the remark that started the whole thing, he said, “Too bad she never asks for ice cream. A little ice cream is good for the soul sometimes.”

Naturally, the mom ordered ice cream for her kids at the end of the meal. The little six-year-old boy stared at his for a moment and then he did something that no one in that restaurant that day will ever forget. He picked up his ice cream sundae and without a word walked over and placed it in front of the woman at the next table. With a big smile he said to her, “Here, this is for you. Ice cream is good for the soul sometimes and my soul is good already!” The people in the restaurant applauded and somewhere in heaven Jesus was smiling . . . because that little boy had already learned how to look at others with the eyes of sacrificial love.

This month we remember the Savior who looks at us with eyes of sacrificial love. At the cross, on Good Friday, Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice for us. He took our place and suffered God’s wrath for sin as He died in our place. It was love that motivated Jesus to go to the cross. Love for God and love for all of us. Because of His sacrifice, God forgives our sin and welcomes us into His forever family.

God’s blessings as you remember the cross on Good Friday and celebrate Christ’s resurrection victory on Easter Sunday. Following the example of our Savior Jesus, may we all look at others with eyes of sacrificial love!

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

Maundy Thursday—April 2

1:30pm—James & Mai Kruse

6:30pm—Len & Mary Ernst

Good Friday—April 3

1:30pm—Jerry & Judy Anson

6:30pm—James & Mai Kruse

Easter Sunday—April 5

9:00am—Carrie Fuchsberger & Sue Dettmann

10:30am—Tom & Jane Buck

April 12

9:30am—Henry & Judy Weiss

April 19

9:30am—Bob Schultz & Jim Williams

April 26

9:30am—Audrey Wilde & Sandra Randazzo

SPECIAL GIFTS

Easter Egg Hunt.....	\$50
Helping Hands Food Pantry	\$85
Initial Offering.....	\$15

MEMORIALS

Fred Tolzmann Estate—\$43,113.00

Birthdays

April 2

Marcia Rosynek

April 3

Rachel Kopp

April 4

Chad Winn

April 10

Lynda Kopp

April 13

Deborah Johnston

April 14

Maria Riley

April 15

Debbie Frank

April 17

Judy Anson

Alex Gottsacker

Judy Weiss

April 18

Penelope Frank

April 21

Augie Kerby

April 22

Ryan Kerby

Kortney Maletzke

April 23

Paighen Smith

April 24

Judy Omet

Ben Winefeld

April 25

Len Ernst

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April 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 1:30pm Worship Service 6:30pm Worship Service Maundy Thursday	3 CECC—Closed 1:30pm Worship Service 6:30pm Worship Service 7:30pm AA Meeting Good Friday	4 9:00am Easter Decorating
5 8:30 to 11:00am Breakfast 9:00am Easter Traditional 10:30am Easter Praise Service The Resurrection of Our Lord	6 NW—No School	7	8 8:30am NW Chapel	9 10:00am Bible Study 2:00pm St. Anne's Worship	10 7:30pm AA Meeting	11
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April 24

a thousand generations

The Baird Center • 04.24.2026 at 5:30 PM

45th Annual Gala

Join WeTeachTruth Lutheran Education as they celebrate our Lutheran schools at the 45th annual fundraising event for Milwaukee Lutheran, Martin Luther, Lake Country Lutheran, Mount Calvary, and Wauwatosa Lutheran. For more information, visit weteachtruth.org/events.



Step right up! The big top is rising, and the excitement is building for the 2026 Journeys Lutheran School annual gala fundraiser. We can't wait to get the show started!

Life has felt like a juggling act lately. Unexpected flooding in August tested our resilience, but thanks to our amazing and supportive community, we've rebuilt, restored, and recovered in many ways. Now, as we prepare for our Under the Big Top gala, we're inviting you to help us turn obstacles into opportunities.

Our goal for this year's gala is to raise over \$150,000 in net proceeds for our General Fund at Journeys Lutheran School. The General Fund helps to cover essential educational costs for providing the most supportive and successful environments for our students and staff.

Finance Update

The Financial Report for January/February shows a positive balance of \$3,868. We give thanks and praise to God for His many 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. We continue to receive monthly grants from the State of Wisconsin for our childcare center but these grants, which started during the COVID-19 year, are expected to end sometime this year.

Our expenses are fairly consistent from one year to the next, but for 2026 we increased our commitment to the Lutheran High School Association (We Teach Truth) and the South Wisconsin District by \$250 per month. We have also incurred some building and maintenance expenses this year as we replaced the carpet in the childcare director's office and updated the lighting in the Upper Fellowship Hall.

Another budget item that continues to rise from year to year is our property insurance with Church Mutual. Our scheduled insurance premiums for this year are \$25,643, up from \$24,000 in 2025, and \$19,000 in 2024. And just for a little more perspective, the premiums with Church Mutual for 2023 were \$12,000. Because of this significant yearly increase, the Covenant Church Council has approved a switch to a new insurance carrier, Philadelphia Insurance Company. For as good, and in many cases, better coverage, we will pay Philadelphia Insurance \$18,029. That's a savings of more than \$7,000.

God is good and we trust in Him to provide for our needs. Thank you again to the faithful members of Covenant for being good stewards of the blessings you receive from God!



Holy Week Worship



Maundy Thursday - April 2

1:30 & 6:30 p.m.



Good Friday - April 3

1:30 & 6:30 p.m.



Easter Sunday - April 5

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, April 18

At 8:30 a.m.

Hosted by Our Redeemer

10025 W North Ave., Wauwatosa

Heather Murdick,
Program Director at Camp
LuWiSoMo, will be the
guest speaker.

Pastor Wangerin will lead
the Bible study.

All ladies are invited!

Milwaukee Lutheran Spring Play

Much Ado About Nothing

April 17 at 7pm

April 18 at 7pm

April 19 at 2pm

Martin Luther Spring Concert & Art Exhibition

May 8

At 7pm

Milwaukee Lutheran Fine Arts Concert

May 16

At 7pm

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