



The Dual-Parish Review

Message from Pastor

We are living in a time when people are fond of saying, "You have your opinion; I have mine. Maybe your Easter celebration turns you on, but don't tell me it's the only truth. Jesus? Buddha? Mohammed? Truth is whatever you and your friends make it out to be." That's the way many people look at truth today. Easter and Jesus, many people say, may be "true" for us but not for everybody. Faced with this mindset we've got to ask some basic questions. How much does Easter matter for *us*? How much does Easter matter for you? Will our celebration of Easter matter for others?

How much does Easter matter for you and me? The Apostle Peter says, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, because according to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3). Jesus died and rose for the sins of the whole world, especially for you. In fact, it's because Jesus did die and rise for you, that you can be assured that your sins are forgiven and that you do have eternal life. For you, Jesus allowed Himself to be beaten and flogged, and teased and taunted. And for you, Jesus allowed a crown of thorns to be pressed into His head. But most important of all, it was for you that Jesus laid down on that fateful Friday, and allowed His hands and feet to be nailed to a wooden cross. At any time, Jesus could have said, "That's it! I've had enough. No more!" But for you, *for you*, Jesus not only endured the cross, He died on it. And He did it all to pay for your sins. He was then laid in a tomb. And just when it looked like all was lost, just when it looked like this Messiah was just some cruel joke, just when it looked like that was it, it happened! Jesus rose from the dead!

St. Peter says, "For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed...but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without any blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through Him you believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and glorified Him, and so your faith and hope are in God" (1:18-21). Yes, Easter matters...to you...to me, and it can matter to anyone who believes in Him!

As followers of Jesus we believe that this is the absolute truth. St. Peter says, "You have purified yourself by obeying the truth" (1:22). We believe this word of resurrection is the truth and that it is true for us and for everyone. Our eternal destiny depends on it, "God has given us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." With that in mind, what should it look like to others because Easter matters to us?

When we live as though Easter matters, we put a high priority on being a Christian community, on our life together as the body of Christ. We regularly come to God's house to hear His Word and receive our Lord's Supper.

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April

2025

Bethlehem

Lutheran Church

233500 County Road E

Milan, Wisconsin 54411

Sunday Worship at 8:00 a.m.

Sunday Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Michael Mathey

Pastors Office Hours @ BETH.

Tues. 9am-5pm

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St. John "High Steeple"

Lutheran Church

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Edgar, Wisconsin 54426

Sun. Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Sun. Bible Study at 11:45am

Pastor: Rev. Michael Mathey

Pastors Office Hours: M, T, W, T,;

9am to 5pm

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We continue to be fervent in our daily prayers and devotions, even beyond Lent. "Lord, we believe Your word is truth; help our unbelief!" When Easter matters we continue as a church to do good works in our community and let our neighbors know that Christ is here with us for them.

Bunnies and candy and eggs are all good and fine, but the true meaning of Easter is so much more. The angel at the tomb puts it nicely, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay. Then go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead..." Come and see so that you can go and tell the Good News of this Easter season. The news of the hope that is in each of us that Christ has risen! He has risen indeed! Let others know that your faith isn't about living a life that is "holier than thou," but that your faith is instead a life that sees the cross and knows that in spite of its pain and suffering and ability to kill our Lord, His tomb is empty and He is alive! Alleluia! Amen.

A Look at LWML Missions

We support OUR PLACE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS in Hastings, Nebraska with \$20,000. This helps with facilities to provide for kids from the age of 13 – 20 that have aged out of regular day care and need a place to be as they are not safe at home alone. They are in a Christian environment helping them to grow spiritually. This is a ROS (Recognized Service Organization) of the LCMS and Faith Lutheran Church has been providing space for this. With increase needs in the number of students; they do need to rent an additional space. Students and their families benefit from the care given by OUR PLACE.

The LWML of Bethlehem and St. John are again hosting the THRIFT SALE You may bring items to St. John Parish after Easter. As a reminder no large furniture or electronics We will be doing this with the same time as the Stratford Sales. Dates April 30, May 1,2,3 2025 Call Arlette 715-223-6060 or Janice Brown 715-219-1970

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April Voters Mtg. Reports: Because the voters meeting would fall on Easter Sunday, the Council decided not to have a April Voters Meeting. The board members will be giving on written report to be put in the May newsletter. All Report's must be submitted by Wednesday, April 23rd to make sure they are added to the May newsletter!

Bethlehem Board of Education/Sunday School Update

The Sunday School children will be singing during the church service on Palm Sunday, April 13. There will be no Sunday school on Palm Sunday but the children and staff will be helping the outreach committee with the breakfast following the service with freewill donations being accepted for the Sunday School mission project which will go to support Vicar Paul. Vicar Paul is from Athens and he and his family are spending his vicarage year serving the Lord in Puerto before returning to Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne to complete his fourth year of seminary. There will be no Sunday School on Easter. The last day of Sunday School will be May 11.

The Board of Education met on Monday, March 17. VBS will be July 14th and 15th from 4:30-7:00 p.m., stay tuned for further details.

Palm Sunday Breakfast The Outreach Committee and Sunday School will be serving breakfast following the Palm Sunday service at Bethlehem. Freewill offerings will be accepted for the Sunday School mission project which will go to support Vicar Paul from Athens, who is in Puerto Rico with his family serving the Lord before returning to Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne.

St. John Council Meeting

March 11, 2025

Linda Mueller, Rev. Mathey, Traci Pehlke, Ronda Durkee, Doug Brown, Danni Seibert, Jeff Werner, Mel Niemann, and Sharon Niemann were in attendance.

Linda called the meeting to order and Pastor opened with prayer.

Secretary's min. from the January meeting were reviewed. We had no meeting in February. Minutes were accepted as printed.

Pastor's report was that Lenten services have begun and **RETURN TO THE LORD** is our theme from Joel. Easter is the 20'th of April. Confirmation if June 1'st and Kelly Mathey will be confirmed with the students from Bethlehem. This week is the last session of life light Bible study. Trivia night is the 14'th. And it is sponsored by the youth group. July 20 and 27 Pastor will be out of town.

For out district convention, we have Rev. Preston Paul as our candidate for President and Pastor Mathey as a nominee for vice president. Roger Ballerstein is our lay delegate and Stephen Schneider is our alternate delegate.

Three resumes have been sent in for the office secretary position. They will be interviewed shortly.

Elders had no report.

Outreach is looking into ideas for the Edgar float and into setting up a Brewer's trip.

Board of Ed said that a soup supper will be happening before each Lenten service in the evening. It will be served from 5-6:30pm. Vacation Bible School is being discussed at both churches and a theme will be announced soon.

Treasurer's report was given.

Finance committee reported that they need a new laptop for record keeping. The council approved up to \$1000 for this purchase. Motion was made, seconded and passed.

All reports were approved as given.

Unfinished business:

The church renovation committee has contacted several companies that specialize in church interior work. As estimates are available; they will be brought to the congregation.

New Business:

Our next Quarterly voters meeting falls on Easter Sunday. The council voted to move the meeting to a "report only" format. All committees who would normally speak at the voter's meeting must submit their report to Linda Mueller on or before the **end of the month**.

Our next meeting is April 8'th. Motion was made to adjourn.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Niemann



Geisking, Tom	4/05
Graun, Kimberly	4/05
Gumz, Jolene	4/06
Weiler, April	4/07
Viegut, Marya	4/13
Thurman, Bentley	4/14
Thielman, Brooks	4/15
Kunze, Hudson Jay	4/15
Denzin, Bruce	4/18
Thielman, Jase	4/21
Cook, Caelyn	4/27
Cook, Calliegh	4/27
Cornelius, Joseph	4/27
Kunze, Nathan	4/28
Marcus, Charles	4/07
Murkowski, Joe	4/07
Witucki, Matthew	4/07
Thompson, Lisa	4/14
VanHoy, Carson	4/19
Callies, Nadine	4/19
Pehlke, Marcus	4/22
Hamann, Dale	4/26
Thompson, Alexander	4/27
Derfus (Wussow), Abram	4/28
Pehlke, Lillian	4/28



Troy & Cheyanne Kilty	4/10
Galen & Elizabeth Kirchner	4/12
Brentin & Tayler Bender	4/23
Roger & Sharon Ballerstein	4/29








St. John

Wednesday	April 2	Isabelle Kramp
Sunday	April 6	Cale Koch
Wednesday	April 9	Christian Pehlke
Palm Sunday	April 13	Lexi Noller
Maundy Thursday	April 17	Kelly Mathey
April 18	Good Friday	Ben Hartwig
April 20	Easter Sunday	Lauryn Hartwig
Easter Season	April 27	Kelly Mathey



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Blessed Easter 



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Beth: Lenten Service 1pm STJ: Youth Bible Study STJ: Confirmation 6pm. STJ: Lenten Service 7pm	3 Beth LWML 9:30am STJ: LWML 9:30am	4	5
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 YOUTH GROUP ★ ~ ~ ~ ★	Come Join Us Wednesday @St. John @6:00pm For A Youth Bible	Please Take Note The Office Secretary Email Has Changed New Email is - secretary@stjbeth.org	If you or a family member is Hospitalized please contact the Church Office 715-352-2888 Or Pastor Mathey @715-330-5599 Do not Text This is Not a cell phone # leave a message	Pastor: Rev. Michael Mathey 715-352-2888 after hours 715-330-5599 Office Hours: Mon. thru Fri. - 1:00pm to 4:00pm Office Phone: 715-352-2888 Office Email: Secretary@stjbeth.org	Bethlehem Lutheran 233500 County Road E Milan, WI 54411 715-654-5436 Office Hours: Mon. thru Fri. - 1:00pm to 4:00pm Office Phone: 715-352-2888 Office Email: Secretary@stjbeth.org	St. John Lutheran "High Steeple" 119415 Huckleberry Rd. Edgar, WI 54426 715-352-2888



Lutheran Hour Sermon Schedule

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**

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Worship Anew is an online ministry put out by Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne available to view on the Internet. The current week's program can be found on their homepage at Worshipanew.org/program.

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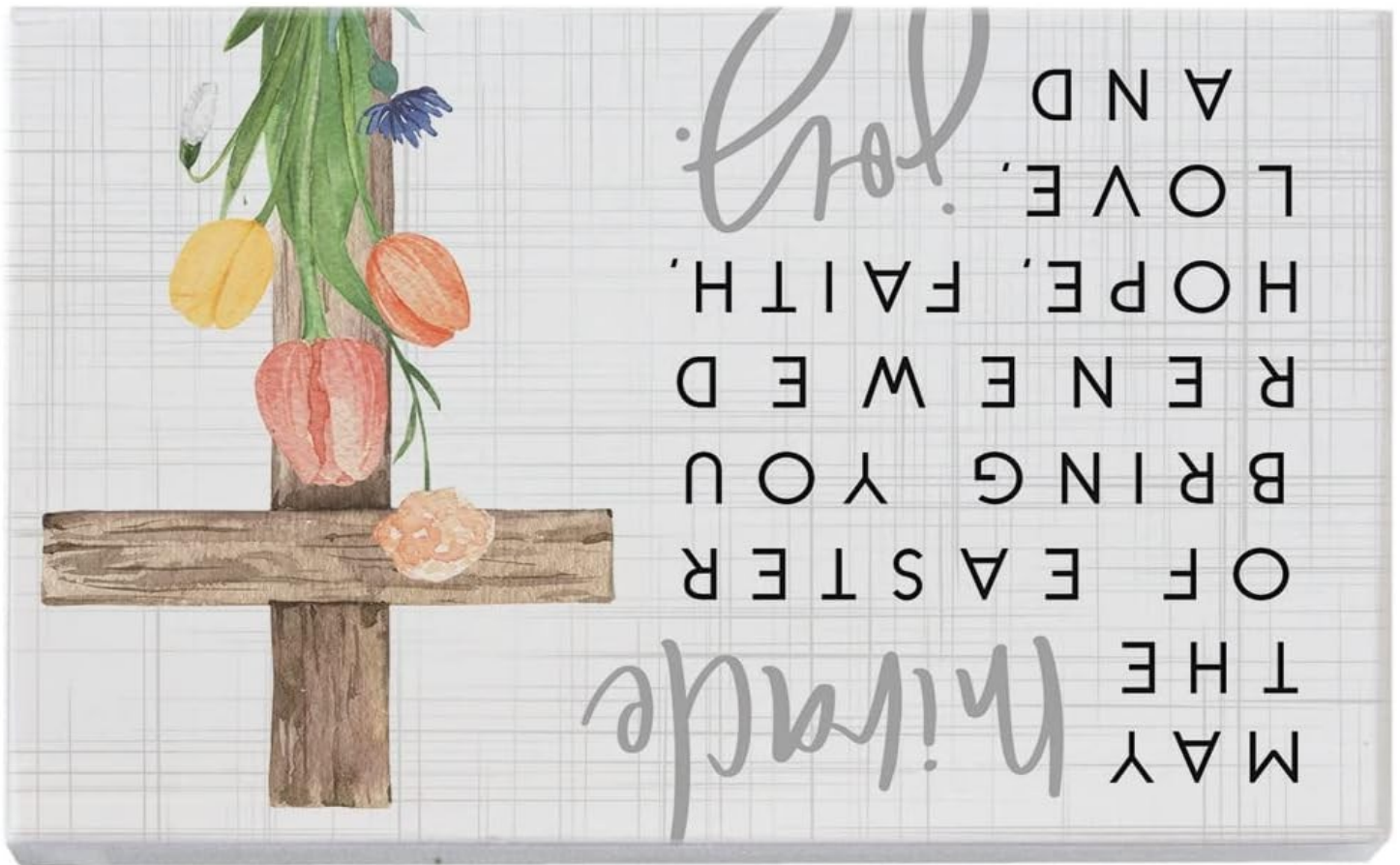
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WRVM	Marshfield, WI	91.3 FM	Sun	10:00am
WRVM	Medford, WI	98.7 FM	Sun	10:00am
WRVM	Wausau, WI	101.3 FM	Sun	10:00am
WSAU	Wausau, WI	550 AM	Sun	8:30am
WSAU	Wausau, WI	99.9 FM	Sun	8:30am
WAXX	Altoona, WI	104.5 FM	Sun	6:30am

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