



# OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

MAY  
2021

Dear fellow believers,

Have you ever had the grand opportunity to argue with a child when their mind has been made up? If you have you then know the drill; first you might try illustrations which should change their mind, but it does not persuade them at all. Then you try your best logical argument; they stand immune to such adult perspectives on things. Finally you succumb to the aged old and mostly unsuccessful phrase ever uttered; because that's the way it is or its older sibling of a phrase, because I say it is so. No, arguing with a head strong child can be frustrating and leave any adult struggling with sanity issues.

Frequently those feelings and thoughts bubble forth when trying to explain this season to the nonbeliever. Maybe that's why the Church has softened the season a bit by calling it Easter and not identifying it as the season of resurrection. Joining our celebration of Christ being raised from the dead is an easier fit to bullfrogs, butterflies and green grass sprouting for the brown earth than to declare he who **was** dead now **is** alive. That is an easier sell if it can be joined to acceptable and more

easily understood natural occurrences. But it is none the less wrong.

It is completely and almost unforgivingly wrong along with being unscriptural and dare I say cowardly to boot. Those who were gathered by Jesus and given the title by the Church universal disciples also became "apostles". This new title means; "an enthusiastic and pioneering supporter of an idea or cause". (Compact Oxford English Dictionary, Oxford University Press, Oxford New York, 2003) It is the very definition of the word 'apostle' which is the energy for this season, the focus of what you by virtue of your baptism have been called into and the very reason the power of Holy Spirit was given to you. This is the back drop by which we are able to live out what Jesus is quoted as saying in Luke 24:48; "You are witnesses of these things."

Jesus says that you are a witness of things, things which include death and resurrection. Now death is something that needs no explanation, not so with resurrection. You will note that Jesus doesn't ask if you have seen the resurrection he declares to you that indeed you HAVE seen his resurrec-

tion. That then makes you a witness and in turn with the indwelling Holy Spirit you are now an apostle of that event. Therefore, you are empowered to be enthusiastic about the story as it bubbles out of you; out of your mouth, rolling off your tongue from your hands. This is what is called enthusiasm in that it cannot be contained within your being. You are a supporter an advocate of the story in its retelling and the living out of it in your own history.

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Every time you tell the story or bring new ears to the living out of the story in worship you are a pioneer as now for the first time someone new is impacted by the great act of love God has for that person. You are a pioneer of the resurrection when you live Jesus' resurrection into the lives of those who do not believe. Your argument is made in both word and deed as you love them as God loved them. Remember that Jesus spoke frequently about his death and resurrection to people who at first failed to understand him. Then as they believed yet at times doubted he showed them what was meant by resurrection and its power. Jesus' words were spoken into the ears and lives of those who could not believe and would never believe; still he died for them and was raised for them. Now you are to witness to them as an apostle.

By its very definition being an "apostle" destroys any notion that you might have of being afraid to speak or making the excuse that you don't know enough to witness to the resurrection. There is no way, by definition, that cowardice and apostleship can live together in the being of the believer. Paul writes in his Second Letter to Timothy; "For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline." (1:7)

In this day when less than half of your neighbors claim any faith or any membership to church or synagogue you who have been empowered by the Holy Spirit now have a holy mission. Your holy mission is to be the apostle that your neighbors are dying without. Don't be afraid of the world and those of the world who will look down upon you, say things about you or threaten you with harm and rejection. For the sake of Christ Jesus who died on the cross for you and those who still don't believe speak up. In the joy of standing at an empty tomb and having heard the great and eternal shout; "Alleluia, Christ is risen!" you have shouted it back to the Lord who raised him. Now live out that great joy so that the unbeliever might too be filled with all joy in knowing Christ and him crucified and raised from the dead by God the Father.

I know it's a tough sell, but go forth in confidence as apostles of the risen Lord.

Pastor Mike

## A Morning Prayer for Your Church

My Lord and my God, I come before You this morning with praise and thanksgiving for this beautiful morning and new day to live and work in Your world.

I pray that You would guide, direct and protect Your Church on Earth and our leadership. Bless Bishop Eaton and her staff, Bishop Currant and her staff and all members of the ELCA and the Southeastern Iowa Synod as we strive to be the Church that You desire us to be.

I pray that You would guide, direct and protect our congregation and all of Your congregations in Marshalltown. Bless the ministers and faith leaders in our community to enable and encourage them to keep us faithful to Your word and sacrament, mission and ministry. Bless Pr. Mike with grace, peace, joy, faith, healing, wisdom and obedience in his life, his faith and his work in the ministries of our congregation. Bless Joe, all the members of the Parish Planning Council and all the members of this congregation with spiritual growth, maturity, wisdom, a deeper understanding of the true meanings of Stewardship, Discipleship, Mission and Ministry, and an ongoing spirit of grace, peace, joy, healing and coopera-

tion as we witness to your Word in our community.

I pray that you would guide, direct and protect Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp and the staff in their work, their mission and ministry. Bless all of the summer campers with joy, safety and growth in their faith. Bless the Board of Directors and all of the Riverside Association congregations in their support of this ministry.

I pray that You would bless Pr. Sarah (Kretzmann) Goettsch in her work as the Lutheran Campus Ministry Chaplain at the University of Iowa, and in her work with her Just Church ministry in Iowa City.

I pray that You would bless Pope Francis, the Archbishops, Bishops, priests and all the members of the Catholic Church, all the members of the Orthodox and Coptic Churches, and all Christians everywhere as we deal with issues, problems, challenges and conflicts that we face as members of Your body on Earth.

I pray all of these things in Your Blessed Son Jesus' Name, with praise and thanksgiving, Amen.

Peace and Joy in your prayer life, Hap

## Second Quarter Giving Jug

Iowa River Hospice is the recipient for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Giving Jug monies (April, May, June). Iowa River Hospice provides high quality, compassionate, end of life care for their patients and support for their families and care givers. Thank you for supporting Iowa River Hospice in the second quarter.

### Service & Mission



Will meet Wednesday, May 19th at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

All are invited to attend for a time of conversation and treats.

Shirley Gregor to furnish treats.

## SUMMER WORSHIP

Please note that we will soon be implementing our summer worship schedule. We have decided this year to begin our outdoor worship on the south parking lot beginning on Sunday May 23. The Sunday worship time will remain at 9:00 a.m. and will include Holy Communion. Please bring your lawn chair so that you will have something to sit on as we will not be using our fellowship hall chairs as the hard surface will break the foot pads of those chairs. If you would rather remain in your car during the service we will have spots reserved for vehicles so that we can make it possible that we are all able to worship together. There are two caveats to the schedule for this summer.

The first is that should the weather be bad that is wet and or windy we will be moving into the building. This means that every Sunday we will be holding a service. We will all need to be a bit flexible at times during the summer which will ensure that we will all have an opportunity to worship our God. The second is that on Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup> the service will be held inside as we have scheduled a baptism. The reason for this is that we wish to ensure that all the family of the infant daughter of God will be able to attend and we are planning to dedicate

the baptismal bowl on that day as well. (I would imagine you might now be wondering who this infant is, well her name is Natalie Jo Wiederin, Sarah and Mick's daughter and granddaughter of Judy and Allen Dale).



## Stork's Nest Annual Diaper Drive

May 16<sup>th</sup> thru June 13<sup>th</sup> Our Savior Lutheran will be partnering with The Stork's Nest for their annual diaper drive.

Low-income families in Marshall County can participate in The Stork's Nest incentive program that provides the opportunity to earn points for participating in health care services and educational opportunities in the community. At the present time 400 families are using the Nest. The families learn to be responsible, make positive decisions concerning the health of themselves and their baby, and are learning about parenting through the program. Then in the Stork's Nest Store the points earned can be spent like money for needed items. We can help fill the need for diapers and wipes, which are the most requested items. The highest need is for diapers in size 4, 5 and 6.

We will be collecting diapers, wipes and cash donations from May 16<sup>th</sup> to June 13<sup>th</sup>. Thanks in advance for continuing to support such a great event.

## Properties May Plans

I would like to start by saying I greatly appreciate your support.

I would like thank Barry Gaarder, Maurice Ruddick and Kim Ruddick for the job they have done getting the church lawn looking fantastic. They thatched and applied the crabgrass preventer at the perfect time. The winter was hard on things especially lawns but the church lawn looks amazing.

The lawn mowers have all been checked and are ready for our lawn crew to start the mowing season.

Properties have started the process to replace the north sanctuary furnace. Tom Ethington mentioned prices have increased slightly but will do whatever they can to hold down the cost. The target is a late April to May installation.

I discussed a cleanup day with Karen and we feel that **May 8<sup>th</sup>** would be a good day for this. I hope an **9:00 a.m.** start time would work for everyone, come help and have some fun. With the outside looking good we can concentrate our efforts on the inside this year. The following things need to be done. Thanks Karen for helping to put this list together.

## Windows cleaned inside/out

**Dust the base boards**

**Clean spots in the fellowship carpet**

**Clean storage room floors**

**Vacuum pew seats**

**Communion rail needs to be cleaned**

If you have personal equipment, tools etc. and could bring them I would appreciate it.

Properties

Ken Rasmussen

## Worship Board

The Worship Board is no longer provided funds to purchase the devotional booklets, "The Word in Season" and "Christ in Our Home." This past year funding was provided by a few of the members of Our Savior. We currently purchase 30 copies and not all are used. We might want to cut back to 25. The charge for 25 copies for 3 months would be \$36.25. This amount could be given by one person or a few people sharing the cost. If you are interested in providing "The Word in Season" or "Christ in Our Home", please contact Carol Fuller or Linda Whaley. Thank you for considering this.

Linda Whaley  
Worship Board



## Happy Mother's Day!

Mother's Day is a time to celebrate the strong, loving women in your life. At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we see thousands of Iowa moms through their journey to build the brightest future for their children.

We see moms turning to LSI Behavioral Health Intervention Services to ensure their child is receiving the coping skills and behavioral supports they need to thrive. In our Early Childhood Services, we see first-time moms who are eager to join our parenting education classes and support groups. In 2020, LSI's Early Childhood programs provided support to more than 1,097 families of young children. We are so inspired to hear their stories and see their hard work pay off as they raise our next generation.

As you celebrate Mother's Day this year, remember how many Iowa moms are being empowered because of your support. If you are looking for a way to honor your mother this year, please consider making a gift in her name to LSI. For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at [Debrah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Debrah.Whitford@LSIowa.org) or

563-676-2065.

*Our Mission:* Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at [LSIowa.org](http://LSIowa.org) and [Facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://Facebook.com/LSI.iowa).

## Wrapping Care Around Iowa Children

Martha and Marti first became foster parents in September of 2018, after their biological children expressed that they wanted to provide foster care as a family. They decided to become licensed through LSI Foster Care and Adoption and soon after, they welcomed a sibling group of three into their home.

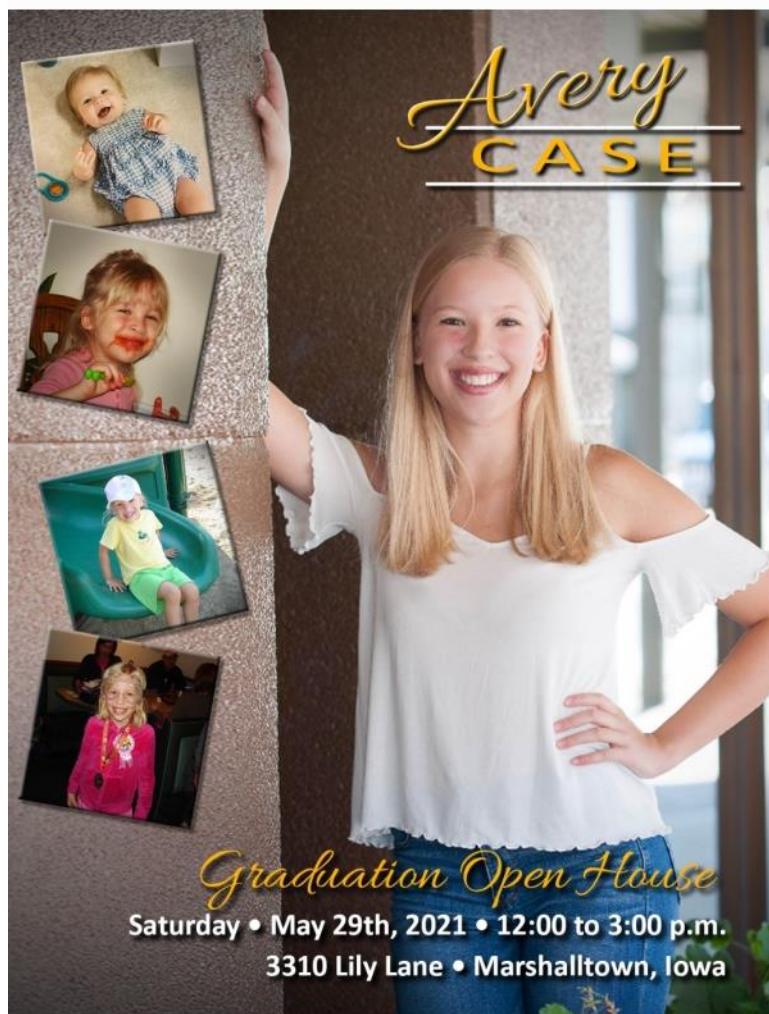
"Our kids really wanted to look into foster care as a way to be able to help others as a family," Martha says. "Everybody had to sacrifice and pour in, and everybody was needed and brought something to the table."

The siblings stayed with the family for almost two years, until the opportunity came for them to find a forever home

through adoption. Over the years, the siblings had become bonded to Martha and Marti, as well as their extended family and friends. The siblings are currently in the process of officially being adopted by a family close to Martha and Marti, so they can continue to stay connected to the important relationships they built in foster care.

The family has found a passion they can all share, and it's making a difference in the lives of Iowa children.

"We always explain fostering as 'good' and 'hard.' You never want to take one away from the other, because it's both. It's the hardest thing we've ever done, but it's the best thing we've done," Martha says. "We've had the privilege of having the kids in our home and you have the responsibility and the privilege to take care of them in their time of need."





This card was made from butterfly wings in the Central African Republic.

Our Savior Lutheran Church,

Thank You very much for your generous donation to Johnathan's House in the Central African Republic. Your help will go towards feeding 425 children everyday in our school lunch program. In the most malnourished country on earth, this is definitely the only good meal that most of our children get each day. You'll never meet these children, but you are changing their lives and making a world of difference. Thankful, Carter Strand

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Our Savior Lutheran

Thank you so much for your ongoing prayers and support in the 2020 year! We are so incredibly grateful. Your support not only makes an impact on the community we serve, but on God's kingdom. Again, thank you for supporting Johnathan's House! :) Jonathan's House



The Emergency Food Box would like to say THANK YOU for all of the support we received throughout 2020! Our end-of-the-year statistics show that the Emergency Food Box served 2662 families with a total of 8792 people. Additionally, we prepared Christmas Boxes for distribution to another 73 families, serving 258 people. We could not provide food to so many people without your help! All food items are donated, or purchased with the money contributed.

**We are currently in need of the following food items: canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned soup, cereal, peanut butter, crackers, macaroni and cheese. (Please check the expiration dates to make sure the food items are not outdated.)**

Food items or monetary (check/cash) donations may be brought to the EFB (109 S. 3rd St.) Monday through Thursday afternoon, 1:00-4:30. Please make checks payable: Emergency Food Box. Our mailing address is: EFB, P.O. Box 391, Marshalltown, IA 50158. Donated funds are used to buy food items from the

### Food Bank of Iowa and locally.

We are always looking for Food Box volunteers. We have many different types of opportunities that are available, and we are very flexible in arranging times to fit your schedule! Contact: Cindy Staron, 641-752-4868.

### THE WEATHER IS CHANGING NEW ITEMS NEEDED

**Caring Center  
132 W. Main St.  
Mon. & Wed. 10-1**

### We need:

Men's tennis shoes size 9, 10, 11  
Men's jeans size 30, 32, 40, 42  
Misses jeans size 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

**No household items at this time, except curtains, they are full.**

Donna Patton

### MAY BIRTHDAYS!

Tim Herschberger	05/02
Cathy Sease	05/02
Meradean Gifford	05/04
Russ Pape	05/06
Floyd Harthun	05/06
Austin Case	05/12
Lane Larson	05/13
Joel De Jong	05/14
Ann Reinberg	05/14
Larry Kester	05/15
Dave Luthro	05/18
Darlene Hanke	05/18
Kent De Jong	05/19
Emily DeMonte	05/19
Karen Dougherty	05/22
Nancy Sills	05/22
Danny Nelson	05/24
Joanna Ruddick	05/27
Ardis Winters	05/28
Barb Behrends	05/28
Brad Sease	05/29
Sandy Wise	05/30

### BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS!

Layken Eastman	05/13
Carson De Jong	05/15
Brooke De Jong	05/15
Clayton Ruddick	05/17

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES!

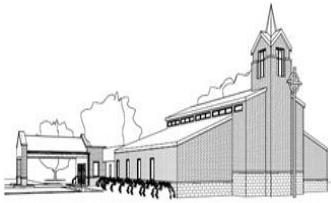
Larry & Marlene Kester	05/07
Jeff & Dawn Johnston	05/14
Danny & Tina Nelson	05/17
Joe & Felicia Duffy	05/29
Mike & Kathy Massa	05/31



**Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**as of 03/31/2021**

Account Number	Account Name	Amount
<b>Assets</b>		
1000	Checking	\$39,816.06
1005	Debit Card Account	\$563.69
1007	Thrivent Fixed Settlement Option	\$18,462.03
1010	Fern Thompson Scholarship	\$50,198.75
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$109,040.53</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
2600	Federal Withholding Taxes Payable	\$348.00
2602	State Withholding Taxes Payable	\$105.53
2604	Social Security Withholding	\$381.19
2606	Medicare Withholding	\$89.11
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>\$923.83</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
3000	General Fund - Fund Balance	\$-2,690.02
3100	Building Fund - Fund Balance	\$16,679.57
3101	Ice Cream Social Fund Balance	\$1,496.56
3102	Fellowship Fund Balance	\$871.40
3103	Memorial Fund Balance	\$14,423.34
3104	Bible Fund Balance	\$100.00
3105	Thrivent Choice Dollars Fund Balance	\$8,888.54
3108	Riverside Scholorship Fund Balance	\$221.75
3109	Alter Flowers Fund Balance	\$699.39
3111	Fern Thompson Scholarship Fund Balance	\$46,859.78
3112	Bonnie Riemenschneider Fund Balance	\$18,193.39
3113	Quarter 1 Giving Jug Fund Balance	\$382.00
3117	Lenten Offering Fund Balance	\$1,841.00
3118	Lawnmower Replacement Fund Balance	\$150.00
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>\$108,116.70</b>
<b>Total Liabilities + Total Equity</b>		<b>\$109,040.53</b>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 2021						1
<b>2</b> 9:00 am In-Person Worship John Claes, LSI	<b>3</b> 6:00 pm Outreach Board Meeting	<b>4</b> 8:30 am Men's Bible Study	<b>5</b> 5:30 pm Midweek Service 6:30 pm Bible Study	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Church Office Closed	<b>8</b> 9:00 am Church Clean-up Day
<b>9 MOTHER'S DAY</b> 9:00 am In-Person Worship	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 8:30 am Men's Bible Study	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 5:30 pm Midweek Service 6:30 pm Bible Study	<b>14</b> 12:00 pm Colleague Pastor Mike - Story City 6:30 pm Book Worms	<b>15</b> Church Office Closed
<b>16</b> 9:00 am In-Person Worship <b>High School Graduation Recognition</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 8:30 am Men's Bible Study	<b>19</b> 9:30 am Wednesday Wonders 5:30 pm Midweek Service 6:30 Bible Study	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Church Office Closed	<b>22</b>
<b>23 PENTECOST</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 8:30 am Men's Bible Study	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6:30 pm Book Worms	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Church Office Closed
<b>30 Holy Trinity</b> 9:00 am In-Person Outdoor Worship	<b>31 MEMORIAL DAY</b> Church Office Closed					Church Office Closed



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**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!**

#### **SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

9:00 AM Worship

#### **CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION**

Secretary: Carol Fuller  
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