

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

April, 2021

"¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. ¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. — Isaiah 53:10-12, NRSV

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

About 6 weeks ago, I was at the bed side of a Jewish woman who was in her dying days. I had been providing her pastoral care for about 5 years. Wait? What? Pastoral care for a Jewish woman? Well – Yes! She is a woman who about 4 ½ years earlier had given her life to Christ. She was baptized and struggled with her faith in a beautiful way for the remainder of her days.

Early on in her faith relationship, I tried to explain the cross and the death of Jesus to someone who had been suffering many years herself. "That sounds awful, she said! Someone had to die. How cruel! Why did he have to die? Couldn't he do that without suffering?" She struggled with how a loving God should do only loving things and that people basically have love in their hearts. I get it. A cruel and gruesome death on a cross doesn't fit the picture of a loving God.

Pause now for a moment. How have people reacted to you when you tried to explain Jesus' death? How did you react the first time someone explained the cross to you? I do understand her reaction. It does seem cruel. It was. But I also understand that God does not operate the way we do. God does not think as we do; and God *does* take sin seriously.

That word *sin* also creates hard conversations, doesn't it? It suggests a right and a wrong — something we find hard to navigate in our culture. The concept of sin takes aim at a "doing-it-my-way" sort of living. It calls out that wandering sheep in all of us who do not like to respond to guidance and boundaries.

Understanding the cross and the sin that put Jesus there in our place requires eyes of faith. We can't think our way into embracing it. The Apostle Paul said it this way:

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. (1 Corinthians 1:17)

When you receive this letter, we will be entering into the story of Jesus as he enters Jerusalem and as we live into His Passion taking him to the cross – more important still, is His resurrection. Perhaps, instead of living into the foolishness of the cross, we should simply thank God for the gift of faith that enables us to accept the life-changing gift of Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection.

Before we arrive at the shadow of the cross on Good Friday, take a moment to reflect on these three words: *cross*, *sin*, and *faith*. What has your journey been with these words? Can you embrace them fully this Lenten season? If not, talk to God about what stands in the way.

Meet you at the cross,

+ Pr. Paul +

p.s. – Did you know?? Our confirmation youth will be an important part of Holy Week. Part of their leadership will be to wash the feet of those who attend the Maundy Thursday service on April 1– no foolin'. Good Friday will be a Tenebrae service, a very powerful service that will have tremendous impact as your Lenten journey comes to a close. On Saturday, April 3 we will join St. Luke's Episcopal church, in an Ecumenical Easter Vigil Service. Please look closely at the calendar for all of the Holy Week worship opportunities.

p.s.s. – Did you know that Luther said. . . ??? "Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone but in every leaf in springtime."

Council Meeting Highlights

March 9, 2021

Members Present: Sharon Johnson, Marilyn Liebetrau, Don McMillan, Don Ranta, Pastor Paul, Marj Seely and Michelle Specht. Guest: Janell Riese

The meeting was called to order by Don McMillan.

Silent individual prayers were offered followed Pastor-led devotions.

The agenda and the minutes of the February meeting were approved.

New Business:

- Sharon Johnson is unable to continue as Treasurer. After several options were explored, the council moved to appoint Janell Riese as Treasurer. The constitution requires that an appointment to a vacancy be voted on at the next congregation meeting.

Old Business:

- We are waiting to hear that the PPE has been forgiven.
- The new video/sound system is almost up and running. A few more pieces that are needed are being ordered. Don McMillan will be sending out a questionnaire regarding using a television or screen in the sanctuary. Please respond when you receive it.
- Please tell Don McMillan if you are willing to serve on the audit committee.
- Palms have been ordered for Palm Sunday.

Committee Reports:

Education Committee:

- Since we have new and younger children, Wyatt, Mindy and Gigi will meet to select age appropriate materials.

Fellowship:

- We will begin beverage only service on Palm Sunday. Janell is seeking someone to take over Fellowship.

Worship Committee:

- Holy Week services include Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor's surgery has been delayed because of insurance requirements.
- Pastor would like to explore the possibility of purchasing a new supplemental hymnal. After discussion, the Worship Committee was directed to make a recommendation to the council.

The Treasurer's report was approved. Pastor offered a heartfelt prayer for Sharon and Duane on this journey.

Financial Report

February, 2021:

Total Income:	\$7,823.00
Total Expenses:	\$6,823.00
	\$1,000.00

Prayers and praises were shared. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

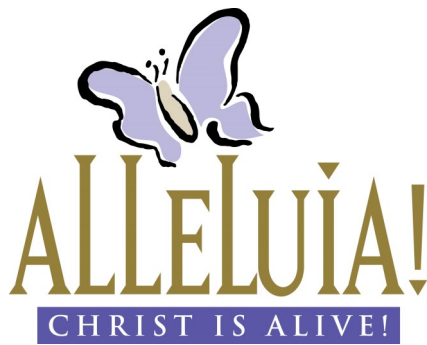
The next meeting is April 12 at 6:00 p.m.

Yours in Christ, Don McMillan

Audit Volunteers Needed



Two non-council members are needed to audit All Saints financials. Please tell Don McMillan if you would be willing to help.



Looking For a Way to Deepen Your Worship Experience?

For many people, looking at the Bible readings before Sunday helps put the message in the context of their lives. As you read the lessons, ask yourself: Is there anything in the readings that relate to your life right now? Is there anything that surprises you in the readings? Disturbs you? Try doing this and see if following this on a weekly basis strengthens your personal faith life, and deepens your worship experience.

The Lessons for Worship in April

These are the Bible readings that we will hear during our worship services this month. They are provided that you might use them for personal devotion and meditation.

April 1, Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14-27, 66

April 2, Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13 – 53: 12
Psalm 22
Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 4 – Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Mark 16:1-8

April 11 – Second Sunday in Easter

Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1:1 – 2: 2
John 20:19-31

April 18 – Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b - 48

April 25 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

Miriam Circle Notes

At the March meeting, the ladies decided to tentatively plan a yard sale on May 21 and 22 or June 4 and 5. As you continue spring cleaning, please set aside those things that would make good sale items. All items must be in good working condition and exceptionally clean. We will not take clothing. Those who donate may be asked to retrieve their unsold items at the end of the sale. We will need volunteers to help with setup, organization and clean-up.

Please join in the decision making at the April 7 meeting. All meetings are followed by Bible Study

Please pray for those from our congregation and our friends

From Our Congregation:

Sonja Anders Christine Garner
Roger Grudt Joyce Jensen
Sharon Johnson Ardis Kelly
Karen McFarland Nancy Mills
John Oien Jack Prosser
Pastor Paul John Realph
Peggy Saxton Marj Seely
Alica Spika

Our Family and Friends:

Marie Missell (Joyce's sister-in-law)
Larry Shriver (Patzner's friend)
Mike Hally (Kathy Conlin's brother)
Linda Black (Patzner's friend)
LeRoy Black (Patzner's friend)
Debbie Slater (McKinney's friend)
Cindy Gonzales (Claudia's niece)
Pastor and Mrs. Scroggins
Grand Mesa Baptist Church
June Huff (friend of All Saints)
Kim Quijano (Sharill Beach's friend)
Rev. Ralph Nelson (Reever's friend)
Darien Bushy (Shannon's friend)
Russell Wilson (Carolyn's friend)
Dora Mueller (Shannon's friend)
Diana Brown (Gigi's friend)
Robert Cederberg (Son of Nelson and Marilyn)
Dick Hamilton (Pastor and Jesse's neighbor)

Kathleen Yeater (Carolyn's friend)
Marilyn McDonald (Friend of All Saints)
Hatsuko West (Shannon's mother)
Nadine Bell (Doris Babbel's aunt)
Maria Martinez (Wendy Harrah's friend)
Craig Tutura (McMillan's friend)
Gary Erbes (Pastor's cousin)
Mandy Colbaugh (McMillan's friend)
Adam Kamerzell (Pastor Paul's cousin)
Father Tom
Ernie Puls (Arlene's husband)
Lyle Moldrem (Sharill's brother)
Susan Martin (Mindy's mother)
Lee Ann Brewer (Gigi's friend)
Dallas Jensen (Joyce's husband)
Mike Calhoun (Kellogg's friend)

Our Service Men and Women:

Austin Applekamp (Scott and Gail's son)
David Boyd (Don & Gigi McMillan's nephew)
Amber Ellison (Jenifer Oien's cousin)
Jeremiah and Joshua Specht (Specht's sons)
William Westcott (Marj's grandson-in-law)

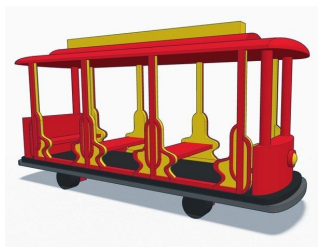
Traveling:

In Mourning, Family and Friends of:



Book Bible Study
Daniel
April 13, 2:00 p.m.

Carolyn will lead us in a study of Daniel. Come prepared for thought provoking discussion, laughter and learning.



Movie Night,
April 15, 6:30 p.m.

Lloyd Vogel, a hard-nosed magazine reporter, changes his outlook on family and life after interviewing Fred Rogers of *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*. Tom Hanks plays Rogers in an Oscar-worthy performance. The film is not a Christian film in the traditional use of the phrase, even though it gives us a peek at Fred Rogers' strong faith. We see him praying by his bedside for individuals, by name. We hear his wife reference how he reads Scripture. *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood* is one of the best films of the year. Rated PG for some strong thematic material, a brief fight, and some mild language.

Personal Worship continues in April!

All Saints Lutheran Church will continue to worship in person following recommended guidelines.

- ◆ **Please come to worship before 10:00. Since seating distance is important, arriving on time helps all of us stay safe. Please do not visit before worship in the sanctuary.**
- ◆ **Masks are recommended, but not required. Beverage only fellowship resumes March 28.**

Please understand that the council and worship committee are working to provide a safe environment for each of you. You may be asked to do things a bit differently. Please have patience and understanding. Most importantly, **if you do not feel comfortable joining in person OR if you feel ill OR have a temperature, stay home.** We will pray for you in your absence. Please follow the guidelines that the council has established. Each of us is responsible for our own health, so please exercise common sense.

- ◆ When arriving at church, expect the greeter to have hand sanitizer for you to use before entering.
- ◆ You may be asked to pick up your bulletin.
- ◆ Your offering may be dropped into offering plates at the sanctuary door before worship begins. In this prolonged closure, regular giving is needed now more than ever. The usher will present the offering as usual.
- ◆ The ushers will direct you and your family to a specified seat. Even if it is “not your seat,” please sit as the ushers direct you.
- ◆ Communion, as always, is optional. Communion will begin from the back rows of the church. Please stay seated until the usher allows you to enter the center aisle. Please maintain distance in the center aisle. You will be offered hand sanitizer before taking communion.
- ◆ At the end of service, ushers will dismiss the congregation by rows. Please wait until your row has been dismissed. Handouts with prayer requests and next week’s volunteers will be given at the end of service. Maintain distance from others when exiting.
- ◆ Join in beverage only fellowship or visit outside of the church and follow recommended spacing.

Please do not bring any food or beverages into the sanctuary.



APRIL SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	4 Easter Sun- day	11	18 Communion	25	
Worship Leader	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul	
Liturgy Assistant	Joel	Marj	Diane Haupt	Don Ranta	
Communion Assistant	Joel		Diane Haupt		
Communion Bread	Elinor/Marj		Elinor/Marj		
Organist	Don	Don	Don	Don	
Pianist	Olinda	Olinda	Olinda	Olinda	
Altar Guild	Shannon		Sharon		
Readers	Michelle	Sharon	Brandy Wood	Mindy	
Acolytes	Robert Amber Jordyn	Robert	Jordyn	Amber	
Ushers	Bret	Lloyd	Niles	Don	
Greeters	Michelle	Marilyn	Janell	Linda	
Stewards	Glenn/Janell	Don R/ Janell	Michelle/ Don M	Erich/Lloyd	

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All Saints Special Occasions for April

Birthdays: 4/4 Kelly Kellogg 4/15 Alice Spika 4/16 Ardis Kelly
4/20 Joyce Magnuson 4/26 Shannon Fritchman 4/29 Doris Babbel

Anniversaries: 4/16/2005 Gigi and Don McMillan

Baptismal Days: 4/5 Claudia Kellogg 4/12 Robert Young 4/16 Kishara McFarland
4/16 Carolyn Goller 4/17 Rosalee Ring, Pastor Paul Wilma Reeve



ALL SAINTS QUICK INFORMATION

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Finance Committee: Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and Executive Committee	

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Marquee:

Joel Magnuson	970-835-3228
Jesse Rosin	

**Please notify Pastor Paul if you or someone
in your family is entering the hospital or needs pastoral care.**

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