

The Preaching of Repentance and Forgiveness of Sins Makes Us Pure

The risen Lord Jesus taught His disciples "that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead" and "that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations" (Luke 24:46–47). Therefore, St. Peter preaches repentance and forgiveness to the people of Jerusalem. As he proclaims that Jesus fulfilled all that "God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets" (Acts 3:18), he also convicts the people of their sin, because they "delivered over and denied" this Lord Jesus and "killed the Author of life." Yet God "glorified his servant Jesus" and raised Him from the dead (Acts 3:13–15). St. Peter calls the people to repent, so that their "sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19–20). Through this forgiveness of sins and by faith in this forgiveness, the Father shows His love for us in order that "we should be called children of God; and so we are" (1 John 3:1). Thus, we hope in Him and are made pure even "as he is pure," because "he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin" (1 John 3:3, 5).

WORSHIP SERVICE AND BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL 3-year-olds through 8th grade are invited to join us weekly at 9:15am.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY is at 9:15am and is studying the Gospels in chronological order.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY is studying the book of Acts on Tuesdays at 7am.

TUESDAY LADIES' BIBLE STUDY meets on Tuesdays at 9am and is studying Obadiah and Micah.

WOMEN'S HOME BIBLE STUDY meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 6:30pm. Please contact Diane Gihring, Kathy Herbst, or the Church Office for more information.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY is studying the Ministry of Jesus, with insight from Dr. Chad Foster, a Rabbi and LCMS Pastor, at 7pm in the Church Library.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall and is discussing the gifts God has given us to serve His people.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY meets on Thursdays at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor DeArmond is leading participants through a longer look at the Sunday lessons.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall and will be going through the book "Mission Possible".

CHARITABLE INFORMATION

SECOND QUARTER SPECIAL MISSIONS: Our second quarter Special Missions offering will support LAMP Ministries. Since 1970, through the ministry of pastor/missionary/pilots and short- and long-term volunteers in mission, LAMP provides spiritual witness and nurtures faith in communities in remote areas of northern Canada. They share the love of Jesus to Indigenous people through Christ-centered Bible Studies, sports camps, VBS, women's retreats, and more. For more information about LAMP, please visit www.lampministry.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING - PENNY CHALLENGE: The Penny Challenge is heating up-all in the name of raising money for Soles for Jesus so they can ship our new or used shoes to Africa! So far, 2nd-4th grade is in the lead with 8,280 points! Remember, pennies and dollar bills are all positive points, and nickels, dimes, and quarters are negative points. You may participate by dropping your donations in the bottles on the purple wall in the hallway. To learn more about Soles for Jesus, visit their website at www.solesforjesus.org.

CHURCH INFORMATION

WELCOME REV. DR. SHAVER AND FAMILY! Thank you to Pastor Ross Shaver for sharing God's Word with us today in worship. Pastor Shaver will also be leading Bible study and informing us of all the work that is being done in the Dominican Republic and throughout Latin America. After each service a freewill offering will be taken to support his ministry.

NOW HIRING: Blessed Savior is currently hiring for the position of Business Manager/Administrative Assistant. If you or someone you know might be interested in this position, please take a job description and application found on the back table near the main entrance.

CHURCH TREASURER: The Church Council is seeking an individual to serve as the Church Treasurer. If you would be willing to serve as treasurer or have any questions regarding the position, please contact Pastor DeArmond.

SALAD SUPPER: The Women's Ministry Salad Supper will be on Tuesday, April 23rd at 6pm. Tickets are now on sale for \$15, and can be purchased on Sundays by the Women's Ministry bulletin board, or by calling the Church Office. If you would like to donate a salad or dessert, please sign up on the Women's Ministry bulletin board.

LCMS YOUTH GATHERING MEETING: We're starting to make plans for the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans! If you are interested in attending, please join us on Sunday, April 14th at 5pm as we start discussing fundraisers.

YOUTH GROUP: All youth, grades 6-12, should plan to join us on Sunday, April 14th from 6-8pm for Whirlyball! Cost is \$15 per person. Please RSVP to Jaime Greene if you plan to attend.

YOUTH FLOWER SALE: It's time for the annual Youth Flower Sale! Order forms are available in your church mailboxes, or in the Narthex. All orders are due by April 28th.

SPRING WORKDAY: On Saturday, April 27th at 9am, we will be having a Spring clean-up day, weather permitting. We will be mulching the flower beds around the building, including the south side of the courtyard. A packed lunch and refreshments from Cousins Subs will also be provided. Please sign up on the bulletin board or let the church office know if you will be attending and staying for lunch. Any questions or concerns, please email or call Matt Birr.

QUILTERS: As you are spring cleaning, please remember that the Quilters can use your bedsheets for fillers and backing on their quilts. These quilts are then sent to those who need them most-whether it's within the homeless community, areas hit by wars or natural disasters, or those in emergency situations. Donations can be placed in the Fellowship Hall and marked "Quilters".

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT: Open enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year continues! If you have or know of anyone looking for 2K, 3K, 4K, or childcare and would like more information or to register please contact Jennifer Leinss 262-786-6465 or jleinss82@gmail.com.

FULL-TIME LEAD CHILDCARE TEACHER: Blessed Savior Lutheran Preschool is seeking a lead childcare teacher in our multi-age childcare room. Early Childhood Courses 1 and 2 and experience in this field is required, along with CPR and first aid training. For a complete job description or more information please contact Jennifer Leinss at jleinss82@gmail.com.

PASSING ON THE FAITH-FAMILY LIFE CONFERENCE: In an effort to strengthen family bonds and instill lasting values, the South Wisconsin District is hosting a Family Life Conference on June 8th at Concordia University Wisconsin. The conference fee is \$5/person and you can visit <http://www.swd.lcms.org/FLC> for more information on the schedule and to register.

EASTER EGG HUNT: Thank you to everyone that made our Easter Egg Hunt possible! Because of your kindness and generosity many children were able to participate and not only hunt for those fun candy filled eggs, but also hear the Resurrection story of Easter!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR: Stop by Oswald Hall for our Book Fair on April 21st-28th! There are lots of great titles to choose from, and you can help fulfill the wish lists of our teachers and support the military ministry as well. The Fair is open Sundays after services, or you can stop in during the week.

CEREAL BOX DOMINOS: Last year we set a goal to turn cereal boxes into a game of dominos that reached from one set of stairs to the other on the lower level. Not only did we reach that goal, but we also collected 212 boxes of cereal! Help us accomplish this goal again by bringing in boxes of your favorite cereals. All cereal will be donated to Bethany Lutheran Food Pantry.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSIONS

We pray for our members:

Ron Lou Ann Brenda Danny Darrell

We also remember in our prayers these friends and relatives of our members:

Dan Ellie Jill Jim Ron Micah Nancy Bernadette Curtis Jordauka Shane

We pray the Lord to watch over those who are serving in the military:

Corwyn Erika Carlos Mary Darren

Altar Flowers are sponsored by Rob and Cheryl Taves, in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary, and by Russell Zimmer, in memory of his wife Nancy.

Bulletins are sponsored by

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WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR APRIL 12th-21st

FRI	6:00pm Craft Night	WED	9:00am Quilters
SAT	8:30am Men's Bible Study		7:00pm Bible Study
	9:00am Handbell Rehearsal		7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
SUN	8:00am Worship and Communion		7:00pm Confirmation
	9:15am Education Hour	THURS	9:30am Bible Study
	10:30am Worship and Communion		6:30pm Worship and Communion
	5:00pm Youth Gathering Meeting	SAT	9:00am Handbell Rehearsal
	6:00pm Youth Group	SUN	8:00am Worship and Communion
TUE	7:00am Bible Study		9:15am Education Hour
	9:00am Ladies Bible Study		10:30am Worship and Communion

Attendance: 209 **Offerings:** \$8,415 **Needed Weekly:** \$10,212.08

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