

By His Word of the Gospel, Jesus Calls Us Out of the Darkness into His Marvelous Light

The Lord is grieved by the spiritual blindness of His people, yet in mercy He does not forsake them. He restrains His anger and keeps His peace, until He opens their ears and eyes to hear and see Him. "For his righteousness' sake," He magnifies His Word and makes it glorious in the coming of Christ Jesus (Is. 42:21). Jesus turns "the darkness before them into light" (Is. 42:16) because He is "the light of the world" (John 9:5). The incarnate Son of God does the works of His Father and displays the divine glory in His own flesh "while it is day," until that night "when no one can work" (John 9:4). By the washing of water with His Word, He opens the eyes of the blind and grants rest to the weary. Therefore, though "at one time you were darkness," now "you are light in the Lord" (Eph. 5:8). By our Baptism into Christ, we live in the eternal day of His resurrection, wherein He shines upon us. As often as we fall back into the darkness of sin, He calls us by the Gospel to "awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead" (Eph. 5:14).

SERVING US IN WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Preacher: Rev. Zachary DeArmond
Organist: Kim Woller
Elders: Thurs: Lee Roloff
 8:00am: Rick Krause
 10:30am: Matt Birr & Sean Malone
Comm.Asst.: Thurs: Floyd Wondisford
 8:00am: Guy Stoltenburg
Ushers: Thurs: Team 7-Roloff
 8:00am: Team 1-Saeger
 10:30am: Team 2-Malone
Lay Readers: 8:00am: Floyd Wondisford
 10:30am: Sean Malone
Acolytes: Thurs: Owen Radcliffe
 8:00am: MacKenzie Habermehl
 10:30am: Isla Mowery
Altar Guild: Jill Krueger; Joy Ward, Melissa and Addy Best, Dawn O'Connor, and Michelle McCafferty
Greeters: 8:00am: Floyd & Carol Wondisford
 10:30am: Laura Zimmer
Fellowship: Ruth Bock

WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR MARCH 13th-22nd

SAT 8:30am Men's Bible Study
 9:30am Handbell Rehearsal
SUN 8:00am Worship
 9:15am Education Hour
 10:30am Worship
MON 6:30pm Board of Education Meeting
TUES 6:30pm Church Council Meeting
WED 9:00am Quilters
 11:00am Lent Midweek Worship
 11:30am Midweek Lunch
 6:30pm Lent Midweek Worship
 7:00pm Confirmation
 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal
THURS 9:30am Bible Study
 6:30pm Worship
SAT 9:30am Handbell Rehearsal
SUN 8:00am Worship
 9:15am Education Hour
 10:30am Worship
 11:45am Special Voter's Meeting

WORSHIP SERVICE AND BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP: Join us each Wednesday during Lent at either 11am or 6:30pm as we continue with our series "For Us" and see the love of Jesus, for you, that leads Him to the cross.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP: We hope that you'll join us for Maundy Thursday Worship on April 2nd at 11am and 6:30pm, and for Good Friday Worship at 1pm and 6:30pm.

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP: We will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday, April 5th, at 6am, 8am, and 10am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL for all 3 year olds through 8th grade begins each week at 9:15am in Oswald Hall.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Each week we will look at the complete story of the Bible from Genesis-Revelation as one seamless story! We will meet at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY is currently on break for the Lenten season. We will resume again on April 7.

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY meets on Tuesdays at 9am in the Fellowship Hall and is working their way through the series "The Chosen".

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

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY is currently on break for the Lenten season. We will resume again on April 8.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY is taking a longer look at the readings on Thursdays at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 8:30am-10:00am and is studying "Grace, Period. Living in the Amazing Reality of Jesus' Finished Work".

CHARITABLE INFORMATION

FIRST QUARTER SPECIAL MISSIONS: Our first quarter special mission is supporting Concordia the Reformer Seminary in Palmar Arriba, Dominican Republic. Since 2017, the Seminary has focused on preparing men to be evangelists, shepherds and teachers. Some 50 men currently attend residential and online pastoral formation classes. The diaconess program has produced nearly 150 graduates. In addition, they offer online pre-seminary courses and a Lutheran teacher training program is planned. For more information visit <https://international.lcms.org/latin-america-caribbean>

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING - PENNY CHALLENGE: Third quarter Sunday School offerings will be our annual penny challenge, and it will be providing support for Lutheran World Relief - Personal Care Kits. You may participate by dropping your donations in the bottles on the purple wall in the hallway- pennies and dollar bills are all positive points, and nickels, dimes, and quarters are negative points. We will also be collecting bars of soap, toothbrushes, nail clippers, and combs. To learn more about Lutheran World Relief please visit <https://lwr.org/>.

CHURCH INFORMATION

SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING: Please join us on Sunday, March 22nd at 11:45am for a Special Voter's Meeting to approve the construction of Park Shelter on the north end of the property. In late 2025, financial

support for the construction was given by a generous donor, however given the size of the project, the Church Council is seeking Congregation approval, and will answer any questions you may have.

SPRING COAT COLLECTION: We invite you to lay down your spring coats on Palm Sunday! Please bring your new or like new spring coats on Sunday, March 29th. All coats will be donated to area shelters, who will be able to get them in the hands of those who are in need.

PORTALS OF PRAYER: The next quarter of Portals of Prayer and Hopeful Living are now available in the Narthex. Please take one for you and one to share with a friend!

MIDWEEK MEALS: There will be a lunch served following the 11am Wednesday Lenten services. If you are willing to donate a soup or dessert, please sign up on the bulletin board.

EASTER PLANTS: Today is the last day if you would like to purchase Easter plants to beautify our Altar for Easter Sunday! Please see the bulletin board for all varieties and to sign up. The plants will be available for you to take home following Easter Sunday Worship Services.

CHILDCARE TEACHERS AND ASSISTANTS: Blessed Savior Lutheran Preschool is seeking compassionate individuals who are caring and loving to teach our children. We are in need of part-time classroom assistants in our 2K and our childcare classrooms. For more information or if you are interested please see Jennifer Leinss or email jleinss82@gmail.com.

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT: We are now enrolling for the 2026-2027 school year! If you have or know of anyone looking for 2K, 3K, 4K, or childcare and would like more information, please contact Jennifer Leinss 262-786-6465 EXT 203 or jleinss82@gmail.com.

CEMETERY PLOTS: Blessed Savior has 2 burial plots at Highland Cemetery and 2 plots at Pinelawn Cemetery. If you would be interested in purchasing these plots from the church, please contact Terri Ratayczak at tratayczak@yahoo.com

COUNCIL MEMBERS: At our Voter's Meeting in May, we will be voting on Chairpersons for the following Council positions: Chairman, Education, Trustees, Evangelism, and Treasurer. If you would be interested in serving in one of these positions, please contact Jason Herried.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY SALAD SUPPER: Tickets are now on sale for the Annual Women's Ministry Spring Salad Supper, which will be held on Tuesday, April 14th at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased in the hallway on Sunday mornings.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE BOOTH: Girl Scout Troop 1299, which uses our Fellowship Hall to meet twice a month, will be having a Cookie Booth in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, March 15th. If you would like to purchase cookies, please stop before or after 10:30am Church! Cookies are \$6 per box.

EASTER EGG HUNT DONATIONS: Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 2-4th grade on Saturday, April 4th at 10am. We are currently looking for donations of individually wrapped candies, toys, and goodies to stuff in the eggs. Please place all donations in the bin in the Narthex.

EASTER EGG HUNT SIGN-UP: Children ages 2 – 4th grade are invited to join us on Saturday, April 4th at 10:00 a.m. for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Following the hunt, we'll gather in the narthex to hear a story on how the eggs can remind us of Jesus' death on the cross and His resurrection! This event is free, but please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway!

EASTER BREAKFAST SIGN UP: Come and enjoy egg casserole, pancakes, sausage, pastries, and cereal in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, April 5th at 7am. Please sign up on the bulletin board with how many will attend so we can plan accordingly for food. We are also looking for help setting up, cooking, serving, and cleaning up. If you are willing, please sign up on the Volunteer sign up.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSIONS

We pray for our members:

Charles Boie Shari Schulz Vern Olenik Phillip Cataldo
Nadine Kutcher Janice Schneider Linda Nehmer Skip Perlberg

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

John Esme Ellie Gabe Miles Cindy Ginny Phillip Tim Jean

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

Corwyn Erika Carlos Mary Darren

Altar Flowers are sponsored by Chuck and Luann Boie, in celebration of their 48th wedding anniversary.

Special Missions are sponsored by

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday, 8am-4:30pm
If you need to contact the Pastor after office hours, please call the Church Office and follow the prompts on the phone.

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