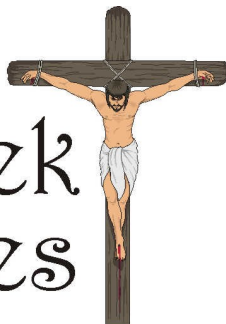


The Church Door

Holy Week Services



Please plan to attend these Holy Week services at DML

Thursday, March 29—7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship
Friday, March 30—7:00 pm	Good Friday Worship
Saturday, March 31—8:00 pm	Easter Vigil Reception following
Sunday, April 1—10:00 am	Easter Worship

Easter Vigil After-Party

Saturday, 3/31/18

Following Easter Vigil Service

**Please join us for delectable dishes,
sparkling beverages, and celebration.**

Mission Statement

We are a people of God in Christ,
called to believe and sent to serve.



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PASTOR'S CORNER

LESSONS & HYMNS

March 18— The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Deacon Andrew Kitchka
Accomp. Nancy Gibson
Lector Cindy Borreson
Acolyte Oliver Shunta
Ushers Randy Borreson & Tom Proksa
Safety Rich Wygant & Mike Sellon
Nursery Rose Justian
Counters Tom & Betty Proksa, John Moore
 Tom Whitehead

Lessons

Jeremiah 31:31–34
 Psalm 51:1–12
 Hebrews 5:5–10
 John 12:20–33

Hymns

#339—Christ, the Life of All the Living
 #340—A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth
 #188—Create in Me a Clean Heart
 #487—What Feast of Love
 #326—Bless Now, O God, the Journey

March 21— Lenten Evening Service

Accomp. John Bryson

Lessons

Colossians 3:16–17

Hymns

#563—O Light Whose Splendor Thrills
 #188—Create in Me a Clean Heart
 #751—O Lord, Hear My Prayer

March 25— Palm Sunday

Deacon Janeen Pastoor
Accomp. Ardy Bulthouse
Lector Lauren Johnson
Crucifer Makenzie Pastoor
Torchbrs. Braxton Ward & Hope Shunta
Thurifer Olivia Ward
Ushers Michelle & Jeff Ward
Safety Tom Proksa & Russ Tilden
Nursery Betty Proksa
Counters Randy & Cindy Borreson,
 Michelle Ward
 Tom Whitehead

Lessons

Mark 11:1–11
 Isaiah 50:4–9a
 Psalm 31:9–16
 Philippians 2:5–11
 Mark 14:1–15:47

Hymns

#344—All Glory, Laud, and Honor
 #345—Jesus, I Will Ponder Now
 #94 (LBW)—My Song is Love Unknown
 #811—On My Heart Imprint Your Image
 #322—Oh, Love, How Deep
 #346—Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

April 1— Easter Sunday

Deacon Cindy Borreson
Accomp. John Deppe
Lector Laurie Tilden
Crucifer Olivia Ward
Torchbrs. Braxton Ward & Katie Johnson
Bookbr. Cindy Borreson
Ushers Mike Sellon & Russ Tilden
Safety Ray VanderStelt & Jeff Ward
Nursery Jan Ward
Counters Tom & Donna Whitehead
 Cindy Borreson

Lessons

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

Hymns

GROUP NEWS

The Dorcas Circle meets on the first Thursday of every month at 10:00 am. The next meeting is Thursday, April 5, at 10:00 am . A big Thank you to all of the ladies for organizing and hosting the Transfiguration Dinner on Sunday, February 11 and Thank you to all who attended! For more information on the Dorcas Circle please contact Betty Proksa.

The Men's Club meets for breakfast every second Saturday of the month at 9:00am for a time of fellowship and to discuss or take care of miscellaneous things around church. The next meeting is Saturday, April 14, at 9:00am at Whitlow's Forerunner Restaurant. Contact Tom Whitehead at 231-740-2144 for more information.

The B.I.B.L.E. Club meets every Sunday immediately following the Children's Sermon during worship. The Children of B.I.B.L.E. Club recently held a Valentine's Cookie, Card and book mark fundraiser as well as a St. Patrick's Day Cookie Sale. All proceeds went to benefit the group's club project, Miro's Dream. Please contact Dawn Snider at 616 791-4413 for more information.



MILITARY FAMILY
Please remember those serving
Master Chief Russ Tilden, Jr.
United States Navy



Prayer List



Craig Anderson

Roger Anderson

Pari Bailey

Christine Praskac

Ryder & Tyler
 Chartrand

Gene Fortune

Ada Filka

Sue Galekovich

Ann Hamil

Tom Hulka

Tillie Jandris

Nancy Johnson

Tom Fortenbacher

Jan Kerekrety

Charlie Majersky

Danny Moore

CALENDAR OBSERVANCES-MARCH 2018

Wednesday, March 1

George Herbert, hymnwriter, died 1633

As a student at Trinity College, Cambridge, England, George Herbert excelled in languages and music. He went to college with the intention of becoming a priest, but his scholarship attracted the attention of King James I. Herbert served in parliament for two years. After the death of King James and at the urging of a friend, Herbert's interest in ordained ministry was renewed. He was ordained a priest in 1630 and served the little parish of St. Andrew Bremerton until his death. He was noted for unfailing care for his parishioners, bringing the sacraments to them when they were ill, and providing food and clothing for those in need. Herbert is best remembered, however, as a writer of poems and hymns such as "Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life" (ELW 816).

Thursday, March 2

John Wesley, died 1791; Charles Wesley, died 1788; renewers of the church

The Wesleys were leaders of a revival in the Church of England. Their spiritual discipline (or method) of frequent communion, fasting, and advocacy for the poor earned them the name "Methodists." The Wesleys were missionaries in the American colony of Georgia for a time, but returned to England discouraged. Following a conversion experience while reading Luther's *Preface to the Epistle to the Romans*, John was perhaps the greatest force in eighteenth-century revival. The brothers' desire was that the Methodist Societies would be a movement for renewal in the Church of England, but after their deaths the societies developed a separate status. Charles wrote more than six hundred hymns, including "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (ELW 270), "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" (ELW 553), and "Love divine, All Loves Excelling" (ELW 631).

Tuesday, March 3

Perpetua and Felicity and companions, martyrs at Carthage, died 202

In the year 202 the emperor Septimius Severus forbade conversions to Christianity. Perpetua, a noblewoman, Felicity, a slave, and other companions were all catechumens at Carthage in North Africa. They were imprisoned and sentenced to death. Perpetua's father, who was not a Christian, visited her in prison and begged her to lay aside her Christian convictions in order to spare her life and spare the family from scorn. Perpetua responded and told her father, "We know that we are not placed in our own power but in that of God."

Friday, March 10

Harriet Tubman, died 1913; Sojourner Truth, died 1883; renewers of society

Harriet Tubman was born into slavery in Maryland and remained a slave until about age thirty when, fearing she would be sold and moved farther south, she escaped with the help of the Underground Railroad. After that, she helped about three hundred others to escape until slavery was abolished. After the Civil War, her home in Auburn, New York, became a center for women's rights and served the aged and poor. Sojourner Truth, too, was born a slave, in New York state. Her birth name was Isabella. After slavery was abolished in New York in 1827, she was freed and, while working as a housekeeper, became deeply involved in Christianity. A number of years later, she discerned a call to become a preacher. Taking the name Sojourner Truth, she set out on an evangelistic journey, where people found her testimony to be deeply moving. In later life, she also became a popular speaker against slavery and for women's rights.

Sunday, March 12

Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, died 604

Gregory was born into a politically influential family. At one time he held political office and at another time he lived as a monk, all before he was elected to the papacy. Gregory's work was extensive. He influenced public worship through the establishment of a lectionary and prayers to correlate with the readings. He established a school to train church musicians. Gregorian chant is named in his honor. He wrote a treatise underscoring what is required of a parish pastor serving a congregation. He sent missionaries to preach to the Anglo-Saxons who had invaded England. And at one time he organized distribution of grain during a shortage of food in Rome.

Friday, March 17

Patrick, bishop, missionary to Ireland, died 461

At sixteen, Patrick was kidnapped by Irish pirates and sold into slavery in Ireland. He himself admitted that up to this point he cared little for God. He escaped after six years, returned to his family in southwest Britain, and began to prepare for ordained ministry. He later returned to Ireland, this time to serve as a bishop and missionary. He made his base in the north of Ireland and from there made many missionary journeys with much success. In his autobiography he denounced the slave trade, perhaps from his own experience as a slave. Patrick's famous baptismal hymn to the Trinity, "I Bind unto Myself Today" (ELW 450), can be used as a meditation on Lent's call to return to our baptism.

Sunday, March 19

Joseph, Guardian of Jesus

The gospels are silent about much of Joseph's life. We know that he was a carpenter or builder by trade. The Gospel of Luke shows him acting in accordance with both civil and religious law by returning to Bethlehem for the census and by presenting the child Jesus in the temple on the fortieth day after his birth. The Gospel of Matthew tells of Joseph's trust in God, who led him through visionary dreams. Because Joseph is not mentioned after the story of a young Jesus teaching in the temple, it is assumed that he died before Jesus reached adulthood.

Tuesday, March 21

Thomas Cranmer, Bishop of Canterbury, martyr, died 1556

Cranmer was serving as bishop of Taunton in England when he was chosen by King Henry VIII to become archbishop of Canterbury, largely because Cranmer would agree to the king's divorce from Catherine of Aragon. Cranmer's lasting achievement is contributing to and overseeing the creation of the Book of Common Prayer, which in revised form remains the worship book of the Anglican Communion. He was burned at the stake under Queen Mary for his support of the Protestant Reformation.

Wednesday, March 22

Jonathan Edwards, teacher, missionary to American Indians, died 1758

Edwards was a minister in Connecticut and described as the greatest of the New England Puritan preachers. One of Edwards's most notable sermons found its way into contemporary anthologies of literature. In this sermon, "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God," he spoke at length about hell. However, throughout the rest of his works and his preaching he had more to say about God's love than God's wrath. His personal experience of conversion came when he felt overwhelmed with a sense of God's majesty and grandeur, rather than a fear of hell. Edwards served a Puritan congregation, where he believed that only those who had been fully converted ought to receive communion; his congregation thought otherwise. Edwards left that congregation and carried out mission work among the Housatonic Indians of Massachusetts. He became president of the College of New Jersey, later to be known as Princeton University.

Friday, March 24

Oscar Arnulfo Romero, Bishop of El Salvador, martyr, died 1980

Romero is remembered for his advocacy on behalf of the poor in El Salvador, though it was not a characteristic of his early priesthood. After being appointed as archbishop of San Salvador, he preached against the political repression in his country. He and other priests and church workers were considered traitors for their bold stand for justice, especially defending the rights of the poor. After several years of threats to his life, Romero was assassinated while presiding at the eucharist. During the 1980s thousands died in El Salvador during political unrest.

Saturday, March 25

Annunciation of Our Lord

Nine months before Christmas the church celebrates the annunciation. In Luke the angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she will give birth to the Son of God, and she responds, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord." Ancient scholars believed that March 25 was also the day on which creation began and was the date of Jesus' death on the cross. Thus, from the sixth to eighth centuries, March 25 was observed as New Year's Day in much of Christian Europe.

Wednesday, March 29

Hans Nielsen Hauge, renewer of the church, died 1824

Hans Nielsen Hauge was a layperson who began preaching about "the living faith" in Norway and Denmark after a mystical experience that he believed called him to share the assurance of salvation with others. At the time, itinerant preaching and religious gatherings held without the supervision of a pastor were illegal, and Hauge was arrested several times. He also faced great personal suffering: his first wife died and three of his four children died in infancy.

Friday, March 31

John Donne, poet, died 1631

This priest of the Church of England is commemorated for his poetry and spiritual writing. Most of his poetry was written before his ordination and is sacred and secular, intellectual and sensuous. He saw in his wife, Anne, glimpses of the glory of God and a human revelation of divine love. In 1615 he was ordained and seven years later he was named dean of St. Paul's Cathedral in London. By that time his reputation as a preacher was firmly in place. In his poem "Good Friday, 1613. Riding westward," he speaks of Jesus' death on the cross: "Who sees God's face, that is self life, must die; What a death were it then to see God die?"

MARCH 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Dorcas Circle 10:00am New Member Class 7:00pm	2	3
4 Third Sunday in Lent 10:00am Service	5	6 Church Council 6:30pm	7 Soup & Bible Study 6:00pm Lent Evening Service 7:15pm	8 New Member Class 7:00pm	9	10 Men's Club 9:00am @ Whitlows
11 Fourth Sunday in Lent 10:00am Service Daylight Savings Time Starts	12 Parish Educa- tion Meeting 7:00pm	13 Finance Com- mittee Meeting 6:30pm	14 Soup & Bible Study 6:00pm Lent Evening Service 7:15pm	15 New Member Class 7:00pm	16	17
18 Fifth Sunday in Lent 10:00am Service	19 Property Com- mittee Meeting 5:30pm	20 Worship & Mu- sic Meeting 6:30pm	21 Soup & Bible Study 6:00pm Lent Evening Service 7:15pm	22 New Member Class 7:00pm	23	24
25 Palm Sunday 10:00am Service 6	26	27	28 Soup & Bible Study 6:00 pm	29 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00pm	30 Good Friday Service 7:00pm	31 Easter Vigil Service 8:00pm (reception following)

Save the Date!

It's a Baby Boy!!

Shower for Pastor Mike and Katie

Date: Sunday April 29, 2018
(after worship service)

Location: Fellowship Hall

Please Join us!

Event sponsored by BIBLE Club and
Dorcas Circle

Announcing 4th Annual

Shipshewana Bus Trip!

Wednesday, June 20th

\$55 for adults / \$45 for kids 12 and under

Full details and sign up on bulletin board

See Amanda Shunta if you have any
questions

New Member Classes

Here's an opportunity to strengthen your knowledge of the Lutheran Church, what we believe, and why we believe it! Anyone, whether currently a member or not, is welcome to attend New Member classes that will be held on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm and will continue through March 22. If you're not a member, we'd love to have you join our congregation!

Let Pastor Mike know if you're interested!

Bible Club would like to thank all those donating food during the Souper Bowl Sunday Food Drive. Bible Club children delivered the collected food to Our Saviors Lutheran Church food pantry on Sunday, March 4th. Pastor Jane gave everyone a tour of the food pantry as well.

Bible Club would also like to thank everyone who supported the St. Patrick's Day cookie sale. \$56.00 was raised for the Miro's Dream Project.

**Did you Know?
We have Office Hours!!**

Pastor Mike is in the office Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 4:00pm!

Andrea is in the Office Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00am to 12:00pm

Stop in and See us!

Bible club catechism lunch donation etc. article. (Barb)

The "Church Door" title is taken from the "Theses Door" of the Castle Church which has made Wittenburg so famous.

Just as the "Theses Door" was used as a bulletin board for notices in Luther's time, this newsletter can also be used by our members to communicate with each other and our guests about church life and events.

Published monthly, The Church Door is available the last Sunday of the month.

Please contact Andrea Iams (231-730-3584 or ai.dmlc@outlook.com) if you'd like to add an article or event to next month's newsletter!

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday Service

10:00 am

Thursday, March 29, 2018

Maundy Thursday Service

7:00 pm

Friday, March 30, 2018

Good Friday Service

7:00 pm

Saturday, March 31, 2018

Easter Vigil Service

8:00pm

Reception immediately following.

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