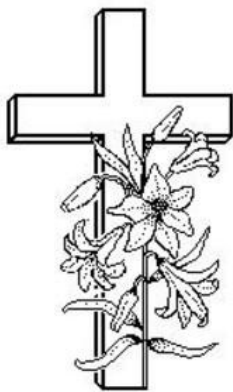
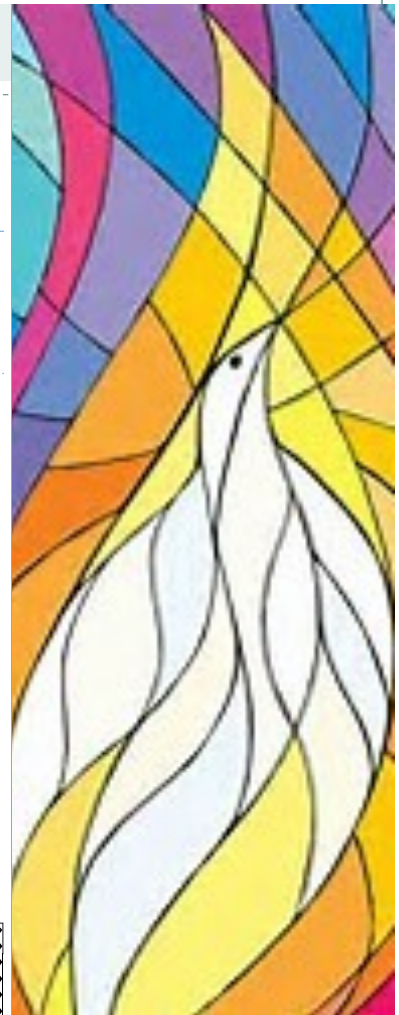


The Church Door

Easter

The Easter season is about seeing; Christ risen, Christ present among us in the breaking of bread, Christ's spirit poured out in the church. In Lent we have turned inward, acknowledging the brokenness of the work and our own participation in systems that oppress. We have walked the wilderness journey of temptation and doubt. Like a groaning desert, our whole lives have cried out for baptismal waters to refresh us and set before us the promise of a new beginning. Perhaps we've wondered if such a beginning could ever come.

But at Easter every veil that has obscured the cosmic reality that Christ is alive, life is stronger than death, and love wins; is lifted and discarded with Christ's burial shroud, never to be needed again.



Randy & Cindy Borreson—In loving memory of their son, Christopher, and their parents, Clarence & Joan Town and LaVern & Irene Borreson

Paul & Ada Filka—In loving memory of their daughter Patti and their sister Ann

Paul & Ada Filka—In loving memory of their parents

Dawn Snider—In loving memory of Richard Hamil

Margaret Hulka—In loving memory of her husband Paul, mother Margaret, and sister Shirley

Nancy Johnson—In loving memory of her husband, Ray

Marcia Kitchka—In loving memory of her parents Bill & Emily Kitchka, and her grandparents Paul & Anna Kitchka, William & Kathryn Thoma

John Moore & family—In honor of his grandson, Danny Moore, and in loving memory of his wife, Betty Jane

Tom & Betty Proksa—In memory of loved ones

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PASTOR'S CORNER

LESSONS & HYMNS

April 8— Second Sunday of Easter

Deacon Jeff Ward
Accomp. Ardy Bulthouse
Lector David Justian
Acolyte Makenzie Pastoor
Ushers Brad Johnson & Ray VanderStelt
Safety Randy Borreson & Rich Wygant
Nursery Michelle Ward
Counters Brad & Lauren Johnson,
 Randy Borreson

Lessons

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

Hymns

#369—Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia
 #635—We Walk by Faith
 #681—We Plow the Fields and Scatter
 #386—O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing
 #376—Thine is the Glory

April 15— Third Sunday of Easter

Deacon Katie Johnson
Accomp. Nancy Gibson & Barb Anderson
Lector Michelle Ward
Acolyte Hope Shunta
Ushers Randy Borreson & Dustin
 Shunta
Safety Dave Justian & Andrew Kitchka
Nursery Donna Whitehead
Counters Tom & Betty Proksa, John Moore
 Tom Whitehead

Lessons

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

Hymns

#379—Now the Green Blade Rises
 #174—Celtic Alleluia
 #377—Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!
 #860—I'm So Glad Lifted Me
 #522—As We Gather at Your Table
 #368—With High Delight Let Us Unite

April 22— Fourth Sunday of Easter

Deacon Andrew Kitchka
Accomp. Jacqueline Fisher
Lector Jill Ward
Acolyte William Pastoor
Ushers Michelle & Jeff Ward
Safety Tom Proksa & Tom Whitehead
Nursery Lauren Johnson
Counters Randy & Cindy Borreson
 Michelle Ward

Lessons

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

Hymns

#378—Awake, My Heart, with Gladness
 #764—Have No Fear, Little Flock
 #778—The Lord's My Shepherd
 #502—The King of Love My Shepherd Is
 #361—The Day of Resurrection!

April 29— Fifth Sunday of Easter

Deacon Janeen Pastoor
Accomp. Jacqueline Fisher
Lector Dawn Snider
Acolyte
Ushers
Safety Mike Sellon & Russ Tilden
Nursery Nancy Johnson
Counters Emogene Cotal, Janet Wolf
 Donna Whitehead

Lessons

Acts 8:26–40
 Psalm 22:25–31
 1 John 4:7–21
 John 15:1–8

Hymns

#389—Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing
 #629—Abide with Me
 #679—For the Fruit of All Creation
 #480—O Bread of Life from Heaven
 #367—Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

GROUP NEWS

The Dorcas Circle meets on the first Thursday of each 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 the second Saturday of each 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 immediately following the Children's Sermon during Sunday 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

Mission Statement

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



Craig Anderson

Ryder & Tyler Chartrand

Ann Hamil

Tom Fortenbacher

Gary VanderStelt

Prayer List

Roger Anderson

Gene Fortune

Tom Hulka

Jan Kerekrety

Pari Bailey

Ada Filka

Tillie Jandris

Charlie Majersky



Christine Praskac

Sue Galekovich

Nancy Johnson

Danny Moore

CALENDAR OBSERVANCES-APRIL 2018

Wednesday, April 4

Benedict the African, confessor, died 1589

Born a slave on the island of Sicily, Benedict first lived as a hermit and labored as a plowman after he was freed. When the bishop of Rome ordered all hermits to attach themselves to a religious community, Benedict joined the Franciscans, where he served as a cook. Although he was illiterate, his fame as a confessor brought many visitors to the humble and holy cook, and he was eventually named superior of the community. A patron saint of African Americans, Benedict is remembered for his patience and understanding when confronted with racial prejudice and taunts.

Friday, April 6

Albrecht Dürer, died 1528; Matthias Grünewald, died 1529; Lucas Cranach, died 1553; artists

These great German artists revealed through their work the mystery of salvation and the wonder of creation. Dürer's work reflected the apocalyptic spirit of his time. Though he remained a Roman Catholic, he was sympathetic to Martin Luther's reforming work. Grünewald's paintings are known for their dramatic forms, vivid colors, and depiction of light. Cranach's work includes many fine religious examples and several portraits of Martin Luther. Cranach was also widely known for his woodcuts.

Monday, April 9

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian, died 1945

Bonhoeffer (BON-heh-fer) was a German theologian who, at the age of twenty-five, became a lecturer in systematic theology at the University of Berlin. In 1933, and with Hitler's rise to power, Bonhoeffer became a leading spokesman for the Confessing Church, a resistance movement against the Nazis. He was arrested in 1943. He was linked to a failed attempt on Hitler's life and sent to Buchenwald, then to Schönberg prison. After leading a worship service on April 8, 1945, at Schönberg prison, he was taken away to be hanged the next day. His last words as he left were, "This is the end, but for me the beginning of life." *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* includes a hymn (626) by Bonhoeffer, "By Gracious Powers."

Tuesday, April 10

Mikael Agricola, Bishop of Turku, died 1557

Agricola was consecrated as the bishop of Turku in 1554, without papal approval. As a result, he began a reform of the Finnish church along Lutheran lines. He translated the New Testament, the prayerbook, hymns, and the mass into Finnish, and through this work set the rules of orthography that are the basis of modern Finnish spelling. His thoroughgoing work is particularly remarkable in that he accomplished it in only three years. He died suddenly on a return trip from negotiating a treaty with the Russians.

Thursday, April 19

Olavus Petri, priest, died 1552; Laurentius Petri, Bishop of Uppsala, died 1573; renewers of the church

These two brothers are commemorated for their introduction of the Lutheran movement to the Church of Sweden after studying at the University of Wittenberg. They returned home and, through the support of King Gustavus Vasa, began their work. Olavus published a

catechism, hymnal, and a Swedish version of the mass. He resisted attempts by the king to gain royal control of the church. Laurentius was a professor at the university in Uppsala. When the king wanted to abolish the ministry of bishops, Laurentius persuaded him otherwise. The historic episcopate continues in Sweden to this day. Together the brothers published a complete Bible in Swedish and a revised liturgy in 1541.

Saturday, April 21

Anselm, Bishop of Canterbury, died 1109

This eleventh- and twelfth-century Benedictine monk stands out as one of the greatest theologians between Augustine and Thomas Aquinas. He is counted among the medieval mystics who emphasized the maternal aspects of God. Of Jesus Anselm says, "In sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us." Anselm is perhaps best known for his "satisfaction" theory of atonement. He argued that human rebellion against God demands a payment, but because humanity is fallen it is incapable of making that satisfaction. But God takes on human nature in Jesus Christ to make the perfect payment for sin.

Monday, April 23

Toyohiko Kagawa, renewer of society, died 1960

Toyohiko Kagawa (toy-oh-hee-koh ka-ga-wa) was born in 1888 in Kobe, Japan. Orphaned early, he was disowned by his remaining extended family when he became a Christian. Kagawa wrote, spoke, and worked at length on ways to employ Christian principles in the ordering of society. His vocation to help the poor led him to live among them. He established schools, hospitals, and churches. He also worked for peace and established the Anti-War League. He was arrested for his efforts to reconcile Japan and China after the Japanese attack of 1940.

Wednesday, April 25

Mark, Evangelist

Though Mark himself was not an apostle, it is likely that he was a member of one of the early Christian communities. It is possible that he is the John Mark of Acts 12 whose mother owned the house where the apostles gathered. The gospel attributed to him is brief and direct. It is considered by many to be the earliest gospel. Tradition has it that Mark went to preach in Alexandria, Egypt, became the first bishop there, and was martyred.

Sunday, April 29

Catherine of Siena, theologian, died 1380

Catherine of Siena was a member of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), and among Roman Catholics she was the first woman to receive the title Doctor of the Church. She was a contemplative and is known for her mystical visions of Jesus. This gift of mysticism apparently extended back into her childhood, much to the dismay of her parents, who wanted her to be like other children. Catherine was a humanitarian who worked to alleviate the suffering of the poor and imprisoned. She was also a renewer of church and society and advised both popes and any persons who told her their problems. Catherine's contemplative life was linked to her concern for the poor and suffering. She is a reminder that prayer and activism belong together.

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!

APRIL 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter Sunday Service 10:00am	2 Pastor Mike & Katie on vacation	3	4	5 Dorcas Circle 10:00am	6	7
8 Second Sunday of Easter 10:00am	9 Parish Education 7:00pm	10 Church Council 6:30pm	11 Bible Study 6:00pm	12	13	14 Men's Club 9:00am @ Whitlows
15 Third Sunday of Easter 10:00am	16 Property Committee Meeting 5:30pm	17 Worship & Music Meeting 6:30pm	18 Bible Study 6:00pm	19	20	21
22 Fourth Sunday of Easter 10:00am	23	24	25 Bible Study 6:00pm	26	27	28
29 Fifth Sunday of Easter 10:00am Pastor Mike & Katie Baby Shower	30					



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!

Pastor Mike & Katie are registered at Target and Amazon. Any questions please see a Dorcas Member.

Event sponsored by BIBLE Club and Dorcas Circle



Dorcas Circle would like to thank all those who donated to the Easter Basket Fund. God loves a cheerful giver!

19 Baskets were delivered to the Muskegon Rescue Mission and 1 basket was delivered to Danny Moore via Grandpa John Moore. Thank you!

Paul Filka is turning 90!
Come help him celebrate April 14
at Fricano's Sweet Shop.
Stop by anytime between 2-5pm.
Ice cream, snacks and Slovak
baked goods will be available. See
the flier on the bulletin board for
additional information.
Happy Birthday Paul!



Announcing 4th Annual
Shipshewana Bus Trip!
Wednesday, June 20th
\$55 for adults / \$45 for kids 12 and under

Council News

The following committees respectfully submitted reports at the Church Council meeting held March 6, 2018.

Property committee is working on updating Pastor's office in the coming weeks to make it more user friendly. The small bell in the bell tower has once again burned out. A representative from the company will be out to assess the issue and offer recommendations.

Congregational life will begin meeting the first Monday of the month on May 7. Any questions please contact Rose Justian.

Parish Education delivered the non-perishable food collected during the Souper Bowl Sunday drive to Our Saviors Lutheran Church after worship on 3/4/18. Catechism classes, new member classes and adult education were all held in February and March. Parish Ed is still looking for donations for meals after the catechism classes. Please contact Barb Anderson or Dawn Snider if you're interested in helping out!

Worship and Music met and has planned services through the end of April.

Dorcas Circle and Parish Education are planning a shower for Sunday, April 29 for Pastor Mike and Katie following worship. They are donating \$1,000 towards the remodel of Pastor's office.

Council is looking at framing the pictures of the pastors in the fellowship hall and adding Pastor Mike's picture and biography as well. Currently discussing format and costs associated with the project.

The next Church Council meeting will be held on April 10, 2018 at 6:30pm.

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

April 8, 2018
Second Sunday of Easter
Service 10:00am

April 15, 2018
Third Sunday of Easter
Service 10:00am

April 22, 2018
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Service 10:00am

April 29, 2018
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Service 10:00am

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