

# OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## ENJOYING SHAME

Well, not really, I don't enjoy shame, but I do hope that you have enjoyed the series on Jesus scorning shame so that we too can scorn our shame and live free in Christ. If you struggle with shame, and not being good enough, know you are a Child of God! Know Jesus endured the cross and did it with the Joy of scorning it's shame, because he loves and honors you! Don't hide and live in shame, instead, come to church, and receive acceptance, life, and forgiveness.

I know, that all sounds nice, but I like to live in shame too. I am ashamed of the people I haven't visited, or those I have chased away by my words or actions. I see the things I do and don't do, not only at church, but in my home and family. I am glad to pretend that those things are not real so that I can go on with life. But more than all that, I am glad to fix my eyes on Jesus the author and perfecter of my faith, who for the Joy set before him, endured the cross, scorning its Shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. I am glad for that, because it beats living in shame.

If you know people struggling with shame, love them, encourage them, and point them to Jesus as how you overcame shame. Don't be ashamed to tell who you were, and who you now are, in Christ. If new people come to church, treat them in ways that make sure they know they have life in Christ in our church family!

If you have been staying away from church because you think you are shameful, then come back. Church is the place for Jesus to take that away, and for that to be demonstrated in being together with a bunch of people who are in the same struggle. But with a Savior, Our Lord Jesus. And then celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus! Christ is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed!

Blessed Easter!

*Pastor Utecht*

# LWML NEWS



LWML WILL BE ON APRIL 5TH AT 1:00  
FOLLOWING NOON BIBLE STUDY.

Christian Growth workshop in Spencer, April 22  
Service project in Grand Island, April 15

## Good Friday

Holy Week service is on Good Friday – Not Wednesday! So April 7, not April 5. Soup at 6, worship at 7. With communion.

A BOOK THAT GOES ALONG WITH THE LENTEN THEME IS "Soul of Shame" by Curt Thompson



## Easter

**Potluck Brunch after church!**  
Church at regular time

Easter service will be at regular 9 am, we will have a guest preacher, Rev. Luke Miller, Nephew of Dave and Judy Ketelsen, and Jean Stolzenburg.



# YOUTH AND FAMILY



## NOON BIBLE STUDY

Join us for Noon Bible Study on Wednesdays.

## YOUTH GROUP

Watch for details!

## MIDWEEK BIBLE SCHOOL

All elementary school aged children (and their friends), are welcome to come to the Church on Wednesdays from 3:30-5:00 for Bible stories, a snack, a craft and music! The last Wednesday for midweek will be May 3rd.



## CONFIRMATION

During Lent confirmation classes are after church until 8:30.

Confirmation class goes back to Wednesdays at 6:30 Starting April 5.

✝ CONFIRMATION IS APRIL 23! ✝

# CONGRATULATIONS



TO CONFIRMANDS:



LILLY ROLFE, ANALENA NELSON, BOONE JESPERSEN, MADY BOPP,  
RAKEN TINANT, JACKSON HUGGINS, QUINCY ENRIQUEZ, COLTER AUSTIN.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHERRY HILLS

A Communion Service in the Cherry Hills chapel will be held on Wednesday April 12th at 10:30 AM.

## R O S E B U D E N C O U R A G E M E N T Z O N E

REZ will be combined with Lent until May.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Ed, and anyone else interested in helping with Vacation Bible School this year, will be meeting on April 19 at 5:15.



IF YOU HAVE AN ITEM FOR THE NEWSLETTER, PLEASE HAVE IT TO JILL BY APRIL 28 .

ITEMS FOR FACEBOOK OR THE WEBSITE CAN BE SUBMITTED TO JILL OR JEFF MCQUISTAN ANY TIME.

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# BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

## APRIL

- 1 Billy & Teena Krueger
- 2 Courtney Galloway
- 2 Jennifer Stolzenburg
- 12 Noah Krueger
- 13 Jack Lancaster
- 14 Fayth From
- 14 Wayne Soles
- 16 Claire Lancaster
- 16 Risa Bopp
- 16 Caden Gale
- 17 Kailyn (Graeff) Sebron
- 21 Jeff Sayer
- 21 R.J. & Kaye Cozad
- 23 Doc Lancaster
- 24 Andrew Parks
- 24 Michael Gallino
- 26 Priscilla Hawthorne
- 28 Jhett Jespersen
- 29 David Nelson

## MAY

- 1 Garrett Cumbow
- 6 Kayla Sayer
- 9 RJ Dean
- 10 Quinlynn Dobry
- 10 Andrew Utecht
- 11 Cyndi Dean
- 11 Mason Beel
- 14 Jeff & Lori McQuistan
- 15 Jade Galloway
- 15 Josh & Ann Krueger
- 16 Beth Sanne
- 17 Marty & Terri Lea Jespersen
- 20 Carolyn Porath
- 22 Billy Krueger
- 23 Brent & Paige Peterson
- 25 Lauralee Krueger
- 27 Monty & Ann Neiffer
- 28 Walker Dobry
- 28 Bryan & Janet Hartmann
- 29 Monty Neiffer
- 29 Jeremy Lamprecht
- 29 Bonnie Weaver
- 30 TJ Weaver
- 31 Timothy Egelhoff
- 31 Liam Beel

# STEWARDSHIP SCHEDULE

### USHERS

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April - Doug Jacobs & Dean Kockrow

May - Ron Lower & Randy Graeff

### CLEANING

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April 3 & 10 - Kelly Peterson

April 17 - Professional

Apr 24, May 01, & May 08 - Graeff

May 15 - Professional