

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Lent

We still have two Lent services to worship together as we prepare our hearts for our Savior's coming suffering and death. Please join us for the following Wednesday services beginning at 7:00 pm:

**April 3** with Pastor Mischke from Peace, Granger

**April 10** - Pastor Warnecke from St. John's Sturgis.

### Holy Week

We encourage everyone to attend the following special Holy Week services as we remember how our Lord suffered and died for our sins!

**Palm Sunday, 9:00am - School Children Sing**

**Maundy Thursday – April 18 at 7:00 pm**

**Good Friday – April 19 at Noon & 8:00 pm**

### Easter Sunday

Please join us this special day as we celebrate the Lord's victory over death and the devil for our salvation! We also invite everyone to a delicious hot breakfast served by the men of our congregation. We hope to see everyone at the following:

**"Sonrise" Service, 7:00 am**

**Breakfast, 8:15 am**

**Festival Worship, 9:30 am**

### Easter for Kids

This fun activity will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church and Learning Center Saturday, April 20, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt, crafts and refreshments for all ages. Parents are welcome to attend. Spread the word!

### Choir

The choir has begun to prepare for Holy Week and Easter Sunday. It is not too late, we can always use more singers! We will practice on Sundays immediately following the worship service in the balcony.

### Fellowship Hour

On the third Sunday of each month we have a fellowship hour after the worship service at 10:00 am. Everyone is invited to join us for coffee, treats, and fellowship.

### Pastor Conference

We will be hosting this conference on May 7-8. It will be held in the church basement. As host, we are responsible for all aspects of this conference including setting up tables in the basement for work sessions, two continental breakfasts (served in the basement), lunch, and supper on the first day (served in the fellowship hall). The Pastor is looking into what other things we will need to do. This is a big project and we will need help from everyone. Watch for more information and details of what we will need to do and plan now to come help.

## COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

- ❖ We are putting together a congregational committee that will meet with congregation representatives from Grace, Eau Claire to discuss ways we can work together as a dual congregation. We are looking for a few more people to join this group. If you are willing to serve in this way, please contact Pastor Schmidt.
- ❖ A proposal is being discussed to have summer services (here and Eau Claire) held at different times so those from both congregations have the opportunity to worship early or later each Sunday.
- ❖ A summer Wednesday night service is also being considered. Watch for more information on both these proposals.
- ❖ The Trustees report that several minor repairs have been completed in the parsonage and church with several more items still needing attention.
- ❖ Many hands are needed to help clean the church basement on Saturday, April 6 beginning at 9:00am. It is important that we get the basement presentable for Easter and especially the Pastors' conference when many visitors will be here.
- ❖ The council is pursuing more information on updating or replacing the audio and visual systems as soon as possible.



## WOMEN'S GUILD NOTES

**Outing:** The members of Grace, Eau Claire, have invited us to another outing. This one is to an Antique Mall in Niles which is owned by one of their members. This will be on Saturday, April 13. We will meet them for shopping at the antique mall and then lunch. This is NOT just for the Women's Guild, but anyone interested in antiques. Watch the bulletin for more information about the times and the location of the store.

**Day of Service:** All able-bodied people are invited to a "cleaning party" at which time the church basement will be given a much-needed cleaning and de-cluttering. This will be held on Saturday, April 6, starting at 9:00 am. "Many hands make light work!" Let's get everything looking really good for Easter, as well as the Pastoral Conference in early May!

**Easter Breakfast:** The men will once more be making the Easter Breakfast this year. The women are being asked to supply pastries (sweet rolls, muffins, donuts, coffeecakes, etc.)

**Easter Bake-sale:** We will once again be having a Bake Sale on Easter Sunday. The proceeds from this sale will be used for the purchase of new green altar paraments. Come and get your desserts for Easter dinner!

**Planning ahead:** We will have our spring garage sale on May 31-June 1. It will be held in the small garage this year. Time to clean out your closets! You may bring things and leave them in the garage until then.

### Altar

We are still seeking volunteers to choose a month to tend to the altar. If you would be willing to do this but not sure how to do it, one of the ladies would be happy to show you. This is a wonderful way to serve our congregation and our Lord. Please sign up on the flower chart posted in the entryway.



### Altar Flowers

There are many weeks available to place flowers on the altar to beautify our Sunday services. Flowers are often placed there in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special event. If this is something you would like to do, please sign up on the flower chart in the church entry.

## LEARNING CENTER NEWS

### CHILDREN SINGING:

We are looking forward to having the children participate in the Palm Sunday Worship Service on April 14, 2019 as they sing praises to Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

### WELCOME

We welcome Mrs. Kelly Schmidt to our Learning Center Staff. She will be our floater, working in whichever room needs assistance at the time. She will also be helping us with some music activities. It is great to have her on our staff!

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR and SPREAD THE

**NEWS!** The Noah's Ark/Preschool Open House will be Sunday, April 28, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## MLHS



### Michigan Lutheran High School

is in need of loans. A note was recently called in that we did not anticipate. We are paying 3% interest. Please contact Bill Kruck, Director of Development at (269) 556-9270, Ext. 1310.

## KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- ✚ Luke & Penny LaPanne as Luke's brother faces the challenges of terminal cancer
- ✚ Bobby Luthringer
- ✚ Al Doberstein
- ✚ Shut-ins – Don Darr, Elinor Darr, Pat Stillwell, Bob Hull, Loretta Richardson
- ✚ Other members unable to worship with us due to health issues
- ✚ Inactive members, that they will again worship with us on a regular basis