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Holy Week and Easter Here at LMC

Sunday, March 28	Palm Sunday Divine Service	9:00 a.m.
Monday, March 29	Divine Service	7:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 1	Maundy Thursday Divine Service	6:30 p.m.
Friday, April 2	Good Friday Chief Service with Holy Communion	6:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 4	Easter Vigil at Sunrise Easter Divine Service	5:55 a.m. 9:00 a.m.
Monday, April 5	Easter Divine Service	7:00 p.m.

All services on Easter morning include the Lord's Supper. Easter Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m. on Easter Day. No Sunday School or Adult Study on Easter Day. We will have Divine Service for Easter on Monday, April 5, at 7 p.m.

An Explanation of Holy Week Services

During Lent we prepare to observe our Lord's death and celebrate His resurrection. It is a time of spiritual discipline as we contemplate His sacrifice on the cross. We repent of our sin and seek to grow in the faith. The season and its midweek services are moving to a crescendo. They are moving towards Holy Week. During Holy Week we will focus with renewed intensity on the death of Christ for us.

Holy Week begins with **Palm Sunday**. Following a tradition that began in the fourth century A.D. in Jerusalem, we will process into the church bearing palms as we remember our Lord's entrance into Jerusalem in the week of His passion. Palm Sunday is also called the "Sunday of the Passion" since on that day we will read the passion account of our Lord. This will provide a "roadmap" of the events we will be observing in the coming week.

Holy Week provides us with the high point of the Christian year. The high point of Holy Week itself is the Triduum. Triduum means "three days." It refers to the last three days

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Serving Us

Michael C. Larson, *Pastor*
Jason Lane & Brian German, *Assisting Pastors*
Kathryn A. Hill, *Church Secretary*
Martha Galvin, *Director of Music*
Julie Wohlrabe, *iO Director*
Hannah Engwall, *USC Coordinator*

New Office Hours at LMC

Beginning March 1, 2021, office hours will be Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Closed on Fridays.

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before Easter Sunday: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Vigil of Easter on Holy Saturday. The services that occur on these days are in fact considered to be one service that takes place over the course of three days.

Maundy Thursday derives its name from the Latin word for "commandment," or mandatum. This word is a reference to our Lord's statement at the Last Supper, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you" (John 13:34). At this service we will again contemplate Christ's gift of the Sacrament of the Altar, which He instituted at the Last Supper. We are reminded that through this miraculous meal our Lord gives us the benefits of Good Friday.

The service consists of four parts: the Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution, the Service of the Word, the Service of the Sacrament and the Stripping of the Altar. The Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution signals the end of the Lenten preparations with the absolution and peace of Christ that stand at the center of the Triduum. The Service of the Word focuses on Christ's humble service demonstrated in His washing of His disciples' feet. This servanthood was enacted on the cross, and its benefits are bestowed in the Lord's Supper. The Divine Service culminates with the Lord's ministry to His people through the Sacrament of the Altar.

The depth of Christ's servanthood is demonstrated as the altar is reverently stripped in preparation for the Church's observance of Jesus' death. In this service, the Church and her catechumens begin the journey through the three days of Christ's Passover as she passes from death to life and from captivity to freedom. The Divine Service does not conclude with a Benediction, since the service of the Triduum continues the next day.

On Good Friday we pause and consider our Lord's death on the cross in the Chief Service. Crucified between two criminals, He took our sins upon Himself and died in our place. The darkness and earthquake that accompanied that event (Matt. 27:45, 51) demonstrate the cosmic significance of Christ's death as part of God's end-time action. The Good Friday service includes the Bidding Prayer (a prayer in which the topics for prayer are introduced and then the prayer itself is offered), which is one of the most ancient prayers in the liturgy of the Western Church. It also contains the Reproaches, are the words of the Lord directed against His people, the Church. To this the congregation responds with a plea for mercy. The Passion of Our Lord according to St. John is read. Although there are some differing opinions, "the distribution of the fruits of His death in the Sacrament of His true body and blood is a quite appropriate way to proclaim and remember Him" (*LSB Altar Book*).

The **Vigil of Easter** on Holy Saturday (which service LMC observes early on Easter morning) is a celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord and of our Baptism. The Vigil of Easter on Holy Saturday marks the final service of the Triduum – the three-day service that leads up to Easter Sunday. The Vigil of Easter falls into six parts. In the Service of Light, the Paschal Candle is lit and processes into the nave of the darkened church. Individual candles are then lit from the Paschal Candle. The light that pierces the darkness and emanates out among the people represents the resurrection of Jesus Christ that has pierced the darkness of death and brought the hope of resurrection and everlasting life to all who believe in Him.

In the Service of Readings we hear recounted God's saving acts in

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the Old Testament that prefigured and pointed forward to Christ's great victory that He shares with us through Holy Baptism. In the Service of the Sacrament the risen Lord comes to us in His true body and blood as He gives us a share in His death and resurrection for the forgiveness of our sins.

Then on **Easter Sunday** we celebrate the Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord. After observing His death for us and the means through which Christ gives us a share in that death, we rejoice in His resurrection from the dead and celebrate the fact that through His resurrection we have the assurance that He will raise us up on the Last Day.

Sometimes Christians want to focus on Easter and ignore those services leading up to Easter Sunday. However, *we are only prepared to celebrate our Lord's resurrection if we have walked the way that led to Easter Sunday.* Congregation members are encouraged to view the Triduum – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Vigil – as one service and attend it accordingly. The services on these three days will deepen our appreciation of our Lord's sacrifice during Holy Week and will strengthen us in the faith. Then, after observing these great events of the Great Week, we will celebrate the victory of our Lord's resurrection on Easter Sunday.

—Pastor Larson

DEACONESS SANDRA RHEIN VISITS LMC MARCH 14

Deaconess Sandra Rhein serves The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod as a Sacred Music Educator in Asia. In this role she responds to partner church needs and requests for Lutheran hymnals and hymnody. She guides them in developing musical and liturgical resources in their native languages and teaching the use of those resources.

She was coordinating editor for the first hymnal for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (2012), as well as a hymnal for the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (2019). Current hymnal projects include ones for the churches in China and Taiwan, Indonesia, and Latin America. Her home base is Chiayi, Taiwan.

Deaconess Rhein will give a presentation on her work during Bible Study hour on Sunday, March 14.

GUILD OF SAINT SAMUEL GATHERED FEBRUARY 21 TO PREPARE FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH AT LMC

REACHING OUT IN SPITE OF CORONAVIRUS

BY JULIE WOHLRABE, iO DIRECTOR

"***Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.***" Romans 12:12

As I thought about what to write for the March iO article for *Chapel News*, I decided to look back at what I had written in 2019 and 2020. There is something in each of those articles that I will address in this one.

In 2019, I wrote about taking the mission message of iO out around the South Wisconsin District (SWD). I would set up our large tri-fold display board showing pictures and information about iO, along with foreign language Bibles and ESL materials, and the 'very' important bowl of chocolates, which really does draw people into looking at a display! I went to the SWD Passionate Believers Conference in Hartland; the LWML Winter Getaway in the Wisconsin Dells; the LWML Heart to Heart event in Waukesha, and others.

In 2020, I wrote about the reaction of our iO Chinese friends to the oncoming plague, eventually known as Covid-19. I communicated with those still living in Wisconsin and those who had returned to China. In both places, people were staying home, and this was before the American social distancing "flatten the curve" idea which then turned into full-blown lockdowns. One young Chinese man living nearby expressed to me his concern over being the target of discrimination because the virus had come from Wuhan, China. This was heartbreaking to hear, so our iO family put together several Valentine gift bags, with individualized age-appropriate presents, which were then delivered to them. Very few of those Chinese friends are still here.

So here we are a year later, 2021, and I can happily tell you that I have two speaking engagements for the LWML Spring Rally in two different zones in March and April. These were both originally scheduled one year ago, then postponed for the Fall Rally, then cancelled. I was contacted again and wasn't sure if I should go after everything that's happened to iO, but after talking with one of the zone presidents, she was so encouraging to me that I accepted. There's more to this that I will write about in an upcoming article.

With the current Covid scourge dragging on, I'm not allowed to set up a table at the UWM Student Union to advertise about iO. But I still know a few international students there and stay connected with them. I've also stayed in touch with a "landed" Chinese woman and get together with her weekly. Over a year ago, a Muslim family from Turkmenistan came to iO briefly, and recently, this same mother brought her new friend, from Kazakhstan, to LMC to find out about iO. We have spent many delightful hours together the past two weeks (I'm writing this Feb. 22), including bringing her with me to decorate the outside of the home of one of our volunteers, Deb Madigan, for her birthday. In freezing temperatures! I also brought her along to the Pewaukee home of John and Nancy Wolck as I delivered ESL books for Nancy, who is working online with a local Chinese couple. Nancy will also be spending time online with our new Kazakhstan friend! And there's more! The same woman from Turkmenistan now wants to meet with me, and we have our first one-on-one class set up this week! My hope is to continue meeting with these three women individually, but also to organize some activities together. My hope is that others will join us.

Rev. Jonah Burakowski, former SWD Mission Director, reminded me that even if there's only one person we're reaching out to, only God knows who that one person can lead us to. That's the hope. That's the prayer. Even during tribulation. Thanks be to God!

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EXCERPTS FROM THE LARGE CATECHISM BY MARTIN LUTHER: THE LORD'S PRAYER: PART 4 OF 5

Besides this, we should be incited and drawn to prayer because in addition to this commandment and promise God anticipates us, and Himself arranges the words and form of prayer for us, and places them upon our lips as to how and what we should pray, that we may see how heartily He pities us in our distress, and may never doubt that such prayer is pleasing to Him and shall certainly be answered; which [the Lord's Prayer] is a great advantage indeed over all other prayers that we might compose ourselves. For in them the conscience would ever be in doubt and say: I have prayed, but who knows how it pleases Him, or whether I have hit upon the right proportions and form? Hence there is no nobler prayer to be found upon earth than the Lord's Prayer, which we daily pray because it has this excellent testimony, that God loves to hear it, which we ought not to surrender for all the riches of the world.

And it has been prescribed also for this reason that we should see and consider the distress which ought to urge and compel us to pray without ceasing. For whoever would pray must have something to present, state, and name which he desires; if not, it cannot be called a prayer.

Therefore we have rightly rejected the prayers of monks and priests, who howl and growl day and night like fiends; but none of them think of praying for a hair's breadth of anything. And if we would assemble all the churches, together with all ecclesiastics, they would be obliged to confess that they have never from the heart prayed for even a drop of wine. For none of them has ever purposed to pray from obedience to God and faith in His promise, nor has any one regarded any distress, but (when they had done their best) they thought no further than this, to do a good work, whereby they might repay God, as being unwilling to take anything from Him, but wishing only to give Him something.

But where there is to be a true prayer there must be earnestness. Men must feel their distress, and such distress as presses them and compels them to call and cry out; then prayer will be made spontaneously, as it ought to be, and men will require no teaching how to prepare for it and to attain to the proper devotion. But the distress which ought to concern us most, both as regards ourselves and everyone, you will find abundantly set forth in the Lord's Prayer. Therefore it is to serve also to remind us of the same, that we contemplate it and lay it to heart, lest we become remiss in prayer. For we all have enough that we lack, but the great want is that we do not feel nor see it. Therefore God also requires that you lament and plead such necessities and wants, not because He does not know them, but that you may kindle your heart to stronger and greater desires, and make wide and open your cloak to receive much.

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

God's Child	Rebirth Date
John Burfeind	March 1
Miriam Paterson	March 3
Talitha Wieting	March 4
Laine Scott	March 5
Ezra Paterson	March 6
Corliss Gnas	March 10
Jana Ledic	March 11
Holly Dyer	March 12
Sara Kreuter	March 12
Luther Himsel	March 14
Amanda Christensen	March 18
Feng Li	March 18
Lucia Larson	March 20
Sarah Solomon	March 24
Matthew Fleming	March 25
Eric Pool	March 26
Melanie Goulee	March 29
Janelle Galvin	March 30
Charles Grossman	March 30
Leah W	March 30
George Z	March 30

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

NEW MEMBERS ***Received by transfer Feb. 2, 2021:***

David & Amanda Christensen
4130 W Hawthorne Trace Rd
Brown Deer, WI 53209

Amanda & David

Eric & Bonnie

Received by transfer Feb. 14, 2021:

Eric & Bonnie Pool
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Cedarburg, WI 53012

TRANSFERRED MEMBERS

To Benediction Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, on Feb. 12, 2021:

Raymond & Kim Hernandez

To First Immanuel Lutheran Church, Cedarburg, WI, on Feb. 12, 2021:

Lynn Thompson

NEW CONTACT INFO

Adam Scott's email address:
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EASTER FLOWERS

Envelopes for your donation of Easter lilies to adorn the chancel will be available in the narthex from March 7 to March 21. Prices are unchanged from last year: single-stem pots cost $11, double-stem pots cost $21.

You may place your envelopes in the offering plate or bring them to the church office. Please deliver your envelopes by Tuesday, March 23. Flowers will be ordered on Wednesday, March 24.

Sponsors of Lent Suppers
@ 5:30 p.m.

Mar. 3, Moms with Rambunctious Kids
Mar.10, University Students
Mar. 17, Guild of Saint Samuel
Mar. 24, Youth Group

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S DAY IN MARCH

Date	Name of Day	Hymn of the Day	OT Reading	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
Mar. 7	Third S. in Lent (Oculi)	*LSB* 659	Ex. 8:16–24 *or* Jer. 26:1–15	Psalm 86	Eph. 5:1–9	Luke 11:14–28
Mar. 14	Fourth S. in Lent (Laetare)	*LSB* 743	Ex. 16:2–21 *or* Is. 49:8–13	Psalm 122	Gal. 4:21–31 *or* Acts 2:41–47	John 6:1–15
Mar. 21	Fifth S. in Lent (Judica)	*LSB* 430	Gen. 22:1–14	Psalm 143	Heb. 9:11–15	John 8:42–59
Mar. 28	Palm Sunday	*LSB* 438	Zech. 9:9–12	Psalm 51	Phil 2:5–11	Matt. 26:1—27:66

MARCH 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 **8:00 AM** Divine Service **9:00 AM** Divine Service **10:15 AM** Coffee Hour & Fellowship **10:45 AM** Bible Study, Sunday School, and Catechism	1 **7:00 PM** Divine Service	2 **6:30 PM** Elders	3 **9:00 AM** Matins **5:30 PM** Lenten Supper **6:30 PM** Lenten Vespers	4 **5:30 PM** New Member Catechesis	5	6 **8:00 AM** Confession
7 **8:00 AM** Divine Service **9:00 AM** Divine Service **10:15 AM** Coffee Hour & Fellowship **10:45 AM** Bible Study, Sunday School, and Catechism	8 **7:00 PM** Divine Service	9 **6:00 PM** Trustees	10 **9:00 AM** Matins **5:30 PM** Lenten Supper **6:30 PM** Lenten Vespers	11 **5:30 PM** New Member Catechesis	12	13 **8:00 AM** Confession
14 **8:00 AM** Divine Service **9:00 AM** Divine Service **10:15 AM** Coffee Hour & Fellowship **10:45 AM** Sandra Rhein, Sacred Music Educator, Sun. School, Catechism	15 **7:00 PM** Divine Service	16	17 **9:00 AM** Matins **5:30 PM** Lenten Supper **6:30 PM** Lenten Vespers	18 **5:30 PM** New Member Catechesis	19 **6:30 AM** St. Joseph Divine Service in the Small Chapel	20 **8:00 AM** Confession
21 **8:00 AM** Divine Service **9:00 AM** Divine Service **10:15 AM** Coffee Hour & Fellowship **10:45 AM** Bible Study, Sunday School, and Catechism	22 **7:00 PM** Divine Service	23	24 **9:00 AM** Matins **5:30 PM** Lenten Supper **6:30 PM** Lenten Vespers	25 **6:30 AM** Divine Service for the Annunciation of Our Lord in the Small Chapel **5:30 PM** New Member Catechesis	26	27 **8:00 AM** Confession
28 **8:00 AM** Divine Service for Palm Sunday **9:00 AM** Divine Service for Palm Sunday **10:15 AM** Coffee Hour & Fellowship **10:45 AM** Bible Study, Sunday School, and Catechism	29 **7:00 PM** Divine Service for Palm Sunday	30	31 **9:00 AM** Matins	1 **5:30 PM** New Member Catechesis **6:30 PM** Holy Thursday Divine Service	2 **6:30 PM** Good Friday Chief Service	3 **8:00 AM** Confession

APRIL 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 **8:00 AM** Divine Service for Palm Sunday **9:00 AM** Divine Service for Palm Sunday **10:15 AM** Coffee Hour & Fellowship **10:45 AM** Bible Study, Sunday School, and Catechism	**29** **7:00 PM** Divine Service for Palm Sunday	**30**	**31** **9:00 AM** Matins	**1** **5:30 PM** New Member Catechesis **6:30 PM** Holy Thursday Divine Service	**2** **6:30 PM** Good Friday Chief Service	**3** **8:00 AM** Confession
4 **6:00 AM** Easter Vigil at Sunrise **7:30 AM** Easter Breakfast **9:00 AM** Divine Service for the Resurrection of Our Lord	**5** **7:00 PM** Divine Service for Easter	**6** **6:30 PM** Elders	**7** **9:00 AM** Matins	**8** **5:30 PM** New Member Catechesis	**9**	**10** **8:00 AM** Confession
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