



# The Beacon

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Church

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## Divine Worship Services

Sunday - 8:00 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.

## Bible Study & Sunday School

Sunday - 9 a.m.



## Every One His Witness

*"But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you. And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid." (Mk 16:7-8)*

What if the women had never said anything to anyone? What if they never passed on this message of the dying Savior and Living Lord to anyone ever? You wouldn't be reading this because there would be no Christian church. You wouldn't be living in an America with all its freedoms, because the great American experiment was inspired by Christian thinkers and leaders. You probably wouldn't even be alive, because science, hospitals, libraries, universities and health care were all advanced by the Christian church.

But the women did, finally, *go and tell*. They overcame their fear and astonishment and passed the message on... and history has never been the same!

Our risen Lord, Himself *"the faithful Witness, the Firstborn of the dead"* (Rev 1:5), empowers us to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth. To this end He still imparts the Holy Spirit so that we may *go and tell* the next generation: *Christ is risen! He has swallowed up death forever!* What a joyous privilege is ours to share such a history shaking — history making message.

Of course it is relatively easy to proclaim this news in a lily-decorated church. The harder sermon to preach is in everyday life: When we see a dear family member gradually slipping toward the end of life; or when we know we ourselves will never get well; or when three months after the funeral the loneliness seems harder than ever to bear; these are times when the Easter message really counts.

When we are tempted to sleep in Sunday morning, but we come to worship anyway. When we feel like harboring hatred, but instead we forgive. When we are struggling in our marriage and we bury our pride to see a counselor, or when our friends are pushing us to abuse alcohol, drugs or sex, and we say 'No'. When we share the good news to those ignorant of the fact that Jesus is the risen Savior – these are Easter sermons to thank God for, because it means that we are *no longer living for ourselves, but for Him who died for us and was raised again* (2 Cor. 5:15).

Please join us this April for a workshop to help you witness to Jesus. It is called "Every One His Witness."

*Pastor David Schoessow*

## Community Outreach Project

The Board of Stewardship & Evangelism is planning a community outreach project during the month of April. We will be asking for donations for the **Boys & Girls Club of Superior** from the list that you will find in the Narthex. Separate items are listed for each Sunday of the month, beginning April 8 and running through April 29. Items can be dropped off on Sundays during April in a box labeled **Boys & Girls Club** located in the Narthex. Items will be delivered to the Boys & Girls Club the first part of May.

We appreciate your participation and thoughtfulness. Thank you in advance and God Bless.

## The Trojan Horse of Interfaith Dialogue Between Christians & Muslims

Join us at Mount Olive Lutheran Church on April 6, 2018 at 7 p.m. to listen to Shahram Hadian, and Christian pastor and former Muslim share:

- How he fled Iran with his family just before the Islamic revolution.
- His testimony of converting from Islam to Christianity.
- Expose the growing deception of interfaith dialogue.
- And many more topics (see flyer)

Admission is \$5, and a free will offering will be taken for the TIL Project Ministry.

Please R.S.V.P to [act4duluth@gmail.com](mailto:act4duluth@gmail.com) or call 218-340-8276 or 218-940-3849.

## Church Council Minutes

**March 8, 2018**

**Members Present:** Wayne Ploetz, John Robinson, Don Hauser, Len Campbell, Roni Hauser, and Sharyn Vengrin

**Absent:** Liz Hannula, Pastor Schoessow, Pastor Schield and Jim Lemmerman

**Call to order:** Don Hauser

**Call for additional agenda items:** None

**Opening Prayer:** Moment of silence

**Minutes from Council Meeting:** Wayne made the motion to accept the February 8, 2018, minutes, Len seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**Pastor's Report: No Report**

**Pastor Schield: No Report:**

**Treasurers Report:** Ending Balance: \$15,635.22. John made the motion to accept the ending balance. Seconded by Len. All in favor. Motion carried

### BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Board of Deacons: No Report.**

**Trustees Report:** John will change times. Hot water heater in Boiler Room needs to be replaced.

Approximate cost will be \$900.00 installed. We will replace it with a 50 gal capacity. John will have a quote by next week.

Electric Hot Water Heater needs to be replaced in the Sacristy.

## Board of Stewardship & Evangelism:

**Old Business:**

Five volunteers have been scheduled to work the soup kitchen at the Damiano Center for March 12. Len distributed an updated volunteer spreadsheet used for tracking and scheduling. Church logo baseball caps have been ordered for volunteers.

Thirty-six (36) church logo coffee mugs have been ordered and will be used to hand out to visitors attending church.

The Board will serve Lenten soup and sandwich March 14.

**New Business:**

Tim Stratioti, Branch Director of the Superior Branch of the Boys and Girls Club will be making a presentation on Sunday, March 11 at 9:15 am. The Board will serve coffee and treats at the event.

We will soon be receiving a list of items that will help fill an operational need for the Superior Boys and Girls Club. During the month of April, beginning April 8 and running through April 29, we will be asking the congregation to purchase and donate items from a list to help our the Boys and Girls Club. Items can be dropped off during Sunday services.

We are in the process of looking for members interested in participation with the Board of Stewardship and Evangelism. Nominees will be voted on at the May Voter's Assembly.

Len briefly informed the Board about the opportunities with the LCMS Foundation. The Foundation was established to provide resources beyond congregational offerings. More information is forth coming for our information

The next meeting is scheduled for 5:00 pm, Tuesday, April 3, 2018.

**Board of Education:** No Meeting

**Memorial Committee:** No Report

**Endowment Committee:**

Mission Fund: Quilting: \$299.24

**Memorial Garden:** Researching new fence

**Old Business:**

Church Facility Use Policy; Church Facility Reservation Request: Tabled.

**New Business:**

District Convention: Sharyn made the motion that we accept the payment for Minnesota North District Convention and it was seconded by Len as follows.

Jim Limmerman: \$579.83

Pastor Schoessow: \$708.83

Pastor Schield \$135.00

All in favor. Motion Carried.

**Request to use Fellowship Hall:**

Motion was made by John and seconded by John to grant the use of the Fellowship Hall by Amy Kirchoff for a Graduation Party on June 9, 2018.

Next Council Meeting: April 12, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

**Adjournment: Lord's Prayer**

**Respectfully submitted by: Sharyn Vengrin**

## Stewardship

Our Father in heaven sent His Son, Jesus, to be our savior. His atoning sacrifice is the firstfruits of all the dead, a pleasing aroma to His Father – and ours – so that His perfect life and death count for all who believe in Him.

He claimed us as His own children in Holy Baptism. He sustains and strengthens our faith with His Holy Word and His Body and Blood. As new creatures, who have put on Christ, we bear good fruit. We do the good works prepared for us, which He makes known to us in His Word.

By faith then, trusting in the Word of God, we do what he says because He does not lie and always keeps His promises. For “without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him” (Heb. 11:6).

And so the Lord promises: “Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine” (Prov. 3:9-10).

How do we honor the Lord with the wealth that God has given us in His generosity? By giving it generously to those whom the Lord has called us to love and support: your family, your society, and your church. And His promise is that in so doing, you will never lack.

I can almost hear it now: “But that’s from the Old Testament!” But our Lord Jesus Himself gives us similar promises in the New Testament. He says, at the conclusion of the parable of the talents, “For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance” (Matt. 25:29).

And then at the end of the parable of the dishonest manager, he says: “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money” (Luke 16:10–13).

And in His sermon on the mount, he says: “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matt. 6:19–21).

We have become conditioned against these promises because of their misuse by the peddlers of the prosperity

gospel – the guys on TV who say you get rich by putting God in your debt. And thus, we miss out on the fact that God does reward temporal faithfulness in temporal matters with temporal blessings.

It’s no quid pro quo. It’s all from God’s grace, His fatherly divine goodness and mercy. But those Bible passages just quoted do in fact say what they say! It’s not the Old Testament’s problem. It’s ours. It is almost as if we have become so jaded against this that we think it a virtue to be stingy with our offerings.

But our Father in heaven still loves to bless those who bless others. He loves to give to those who give freely and generously. In fact, he challenges us to challenge Him: “Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need” (Mal. 3:10).

And so, while we don’t give so that we would get, we do receive from the Lord in order to give, and He will bless your giving with more receiving. For “He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things” (Rom. 8:32)?

## Why? A Layman’s Guide to the Liturgy Why is the Triple Hallelujah sung before the Gospel?

The Hebrew word Hallelujah means “Praise God,” and is carried into the Latin tongue without translation as Alleluia. Its use in the medieval Roman Church was restricted to Eastertide, as an expression of the Church’s highest joy. It was sung with long *melismata* or *neumes* (long musical phrases on a single syllable), as an expression of joy too deep for words, the joy of the resurrection of Christ.

Our use of the Triple Hallelujah before the Gospel is a related use, since we know that our hearing of the words of Christ in the Gospel is nothing less than a hearing of the Resurrected One speaking among us. Such knowledge gives abiding joy, and thus it is fitting to rise in anticipation of the Gospel and to sing Hallelujahs.

## Why does the Triple Hallelujah have a sentence attached to it?

This sentence is actually called a “Sentence for the Season” and is appended to the Triple Hallelujah as a further preparation for the reading of the Gospel. It is seasonal, which means that its content changes as the seasons of the liturgical calendar change. Its content is also generally a clear reflection of the season in which it is found. This prepares the hearers by implicitly reminding them that the Gospel is tied to the year, and the year to their lives, and their lives to God, who is Himself the “Ancient of Days”. During the penitential season leading to Easter, the Sentence stands alone, since Hallelujahs are omitted.

## LWML Spring Rally

Spring Rally will take place on Saturday, April 21 starting with registration 10 – 10:30 a.m. at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Duluth. Registration is \$5. Guest speaker: Dutch Te Slaa of Main Street Living North. Main Street Living North's mission is to present a television program that invites the viewer to better know the saving grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Ingathering is for the food shelf at Mt. Olive.

## Christ's Men

### Men, Let's Do Lunch

Christ's Men will meet on Tuesday, April 3 at 12 noon at the Upper Deck Restaurant at the Bong airport. This is an opportunity to gain guidance and spiritual support from God's Word as well as an excellent opportunity for Christian friendship.

## The Heating Season

The heating season is upon us again, please double check that all doors are locked, all lights are turned off (including bathrooms), and thermostats are turned down before your group leaves the church. Thank you!

## Defending the Faith, Teaching the Truth

Issues, Etc. is a talk radio show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio. Recent topics include: Same-Sex Marriage, Reformation *Solas*, Depression, Radical Islam, What Boys Need, Pro-Life Women and more. Listen to what you want when you want at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org).

## Food for the Local Food Shelf

The first Sunday of every month is when you need to bring in your donations of non-perishable food items for the local food shelf. You may put your items under the table in the narthex. This is given to those in need and then to the local food pantry

## Do We Have Your Current Email Address?

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## Looking for something?

The LCMS staffs the "Church Information Center", which offers a great deal of help and resources on a variety of topics. To contact the CIC with your questions, you may write: [infocenter@lcms.org](mailto:infocenter@lcms.org) or call toll free 1.888.843.5267

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1	Amy Kirchoff
4	Joann Erdman Roni Hauser
5	Johanna Bennis Mary Granstrom David Manos
6	Anne Schultz
9	Jeffrey Austin Dale Schumacher Nicole Michalski
10	Bonnie Andersen Kathleen Derick
11	Dan Filteau Colleen Blomquist
12	Norman Derick
13	Jim Johnson
14	Dorinda Sorenson
15	Joye Bedard Jessie Mullikin
17	Loudella Swanfeld
18	Jean Becken
19	Hannah Blomquist
20	Marvin Pitt
21	Helena Frost Mark Anderson
22	Jeffrey Nestrud
26	Karen Ahola Cole Mack
29	Eleanor Oexemann Troy Filteau Mary Ann Ross
30	Roger Dittbrender Morgan Amundson

### Online Information

**LC-MS Website**  
[lcms.org](http://lcms.org)

**Minnesota North District Website**  
[mnn.lcms.org](http://mnn.lcms.org)

**Lutheran Witness Online**  
[www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org)  
Click on 'Lutheran Witness' in left column

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[www.kfuo.org](http://www.kfuo.org)—or—[classic99.com](http://classic99.com)  
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