



THE LORD IS THE  
**STRONGHOLD**  
OF MY LIFE.  
PSALM 27:1

# The Beacon

April 2025

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Sunday - 9:00 a.m.  
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Bible Study & Sunday  
School  
Sunday - 10 a.m.



You'll notice that my wife, Jill, has done some decorating for Easter above the mailboxes and in my office. During the Easter season, we American Christians place different kinds of crosses, we have egg hunts, and of course everyone likes the Easter Bunny. I know that I submitted this article in April of 2022, but since we have some new folks and some older memories, I thought I'd submit it again:

## “Easter Bunny: Are You for Real?”

I didn't come up with the title. Author Harold Myra penned some books to answer his own children's questions about Christian holidays and celebrations such as how Santa Claus or the Easter bunny fit into the picture. In case you've never read the book, “*Easter Bunny; Are You For Real,*” allow me to give you my abridged version:

Michelle's kindergarten class is making a large Easter bunny out of paper mâché. When her little brother, Greg, sees their comical creation he exclaims “naughty!” Greg is too young to explain, so their father asks Michelle what he meant by the outburst. Michelle recalls that at church “someone said that it's a shame the way kids get all excited about the Easter bunny.” When Michelle's other brother, Todd, says that he *likes* the Easter bunny Michelle asks her father, “Daddy, how'd the Easter bunny get into Easter anyhow?”

Their father sits down to tell the children about the tradition. “Let's go back to the beginning...back to Jesus' friends just before Easter. They had seen Jesus grabbed by soldiers. They saw him killed on the cross, then buried. All their dreams were gone. What a terrible day! Jesus was dead.” “But three days later—that first Easter dawn—Jesus broke out of his grave. He was alive again! He walked and talked with his friends. He ate with them. ‘See my hands and my feet,’ Jesus told them. ‘It is I, Touch me and see!’” “His disciples suddenly knew everything was different. Jesus would live forever. And they would too! Now they knew death was the beginning, not the end.”

“But why did Jesus let those bad guys kill him in the first place?” Todd asked, “Especially if he's so powerful.”

Dad explains. “Jesus could have destroyed them. But they were people he came to save. All of us are ‘bad guys,’ you know—we've all disobeyed God. But Jesus died and rose again so God would forgive us—so we could live forever with him.”

Michelle persists. “But where'd the Easter bunny come in?”

Dad continues: “While the early Christians celebrated Easter, others were celebrating springtime. After a cold, dark winter, people were glad to see new leaves and flowers, and animals having babies—kittens and chicks and foals—and, yes, bunnies. Rabbit stories just grew out of that. Like the old story from Germany in which a poor woman put colored eggs in a nest. Just as her children discovered them, a rabbit leaped away. Soon kids said that the rabbit had brought the eggs. Even today, people are making up new stories about the Easter bunny.”

“You mean,” asked Michelle, “the Easter bunny has nothing to do with the real Easter?”

“That's right,” said Dad, “He's part of celebrating spring—but that's all. Spring is nature coming back to life again—it's God's picture of Jesus rising from the dead.”

Their mother calls from the kitchen where she is hard boiling some eggs to color. “Where do the eggs come in?”

“For the 40 days before Easter (what we call Lent) early Christians used to fast as they remembered Christ's sufferings. Fasting reminds us of dying with Christ. Then comes Easter—the sad time is over. Feast time arrives! Eggs remind us of new life. They were brought to the table colored red for Easter joy. We have new life in Christ, so eat and make merry,” says Dad.

“I like that part!” Todd exclaims.

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! A blessed Easter to all!

Pastor Schield



Worship  
Schedule for  
**HOLY WEEK**

**April 13 (9:00 a.m.) Palm Sunday**

**April 17 (6:30) – Maundy Thursday**

**April 18 (12:15 & 6:30 p.m.) Good Friday**

**April 20 (9 a.m. & 11 a.m.) Easter Sunday**

### **Easter Sunday Service Changes**

As of right now we are not 100% sure the sanctuary will be ready by Easter Sunday. Worshipping in the fellowship hall is working well for Wednesday & Sundays currently, however it will not work for Easter Sunday where we typically have over 100 people attending, for example, the last 3 years have been between 130 – 170 people worshipping.

We will offer 2 services on Easter Morning one at 9 a.m. and another at 11 a.m. This is not a permanent change. We will go back to 1 service the following Sunday.

### **Potluck Easter Breakfast**

The LWML is once again planning on hosting our annual Easter breakfast on Easter Sunday. With the chaos going on in the building right now with all the updates being done, not sure of what format it will take, i.e. potluck like normal, or maybe more of a continental type of breakfast (bagels, fruit, Danish etc.) or if it can happen at all, it depends on where we are worshipping on Easter morning. So please stay tuned.

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

It has not been determined if we will be able to do this at this time, depending on where we are in the remodel process. It will be announced either way in the News & Notes.

### **The Time of Easter**

This is a time God places special people in our lives--a time when the unchurched see the Christian community celebrate Easter. They see every Christian setting aside time to remember their

baptism and practice their Christian lives in preparation for Easter with devotion and care. It is at this time that you can invite the unchurched to learn about Jesus and to be active in the church. A Christian can take this time to really show an act of kindness which may disarm some of the skepticism, hurt feelings and mistrust some unchurched people might harbor.

### **Things to Watch for During Easter**

We've celebrated a good Lent and used the 40 days to prepare. We've celebrated Holy Week as a time to walk with Christ in His passion. Now it is Easter, a Pentecost ("fifty") day celebration of new life.

Notice the *color* on the altar and pastor's stole is white reflecting the heavenly glory of Christ and summoning us to joy. The *paschal candle* is lit during all the services of Easter. It reminds us of the pillar of fire that led the Israelites through the Red Sea and He who led us out of death in the waters of Baptism. (In some congregations, *water* is kept in the baptismal font during this season so people may visit the waters from which our life springs). The living *flowers* that adorn the chancel speak of that same life in Christ. The *celebration of Holy Communion* is yet another mark of the paschal (Easter) celebration. The new Passover which brings us a potent medicine of immortality in the holy Body and Blood of the Christ is offered to us by the Savior Himself through his called minister.

### **LWML Spring Rally**

The Lake Superior zone LWML Spring Rally will be held on Saturday, April 26 at St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Esko. Registration 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$7.

Guest Speaker is Shari Olsen, President of Community of Hope 2:16. Community of Hope 2:16 is a non-profit of people of faith determined to help make a difference and reduce homelessness in the Cloquet, Esko, and Carlton area. Its goal is to help provide those in need with necessities, a temporary warm, safe place to stay, and provide resources and programs to further their ability to become self-sufficient.

The in-gathering will be for Community of Hop 2:16. For more details, and the list of items for the in-gathering please see the poster on the bulletin board.

## Gifts for Easter, Confirmation, Etc.

Concordia Publishing House offers a variety of gifts for Easter, Confirmation and various other events (800-325-3040 for a catalog or to place an order). Help confirmands keep their confirmation day close to their heart by giving them a *Concordia Study* or *Concordia Reference Bible* and their own copy of the *Lutheran Worship Hymnal* engraved with their name on the cover. The new edition of *Lutheran Book of Prayer* is another fine gift. *My Book of Confirmation Memories* is the perfect place for memorabilia, with guest pages and inspiring text.

## Church Council Minutes

March 13, 2025

**Members Present:** Chris Kirchoff, Paul Klomhaus, Kim Klomhaus Mike Miller, Helena Frost, Don Hauser, Chris Stumpf, and Sharyn Vengrin

**Call to order:** Paul Klomhaus

**Opening Prayer:** Paul Klomhaus

**Call for additional agenda items:** None

**Minutes from October 10, 2025, Council**

**Meeting:** Chris Kirchoff made the motion to accept the minutes of the council meeting. It was seconded by Don Hauser. All in favor. Motion Passed.

**Pastor's Report:** March 8, 2025, Memorial Service nonmember. Visits shut ins.

**Treasurers Report:** Ending Balance: \$115,592.48. Mike Miller made the motion that we accept the Treasurers Report as Written. Sharyn Vengrin seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Passed.

## BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Trustees Report:** Replaced filter on Humidifiers A and B in the choir loft A maintenance kit was used because one of the electrode wires froze on the electrode. Both are acting a little different now. Not sure if that is bad or good.

Installed an outlet for the electronic door in the ceiling of the entrance by the Multipurpose Room. The lock smith installed a strike -plate for the electronic lock for the door by the Multipurpose Room.

Removed the extra toilet from the women's restroom handicap stall that had two toilets.

**Board of Deacons:** Discussed Greeters. Soup and Sandwich: The 26<sup>th</sup> is open.

**Board of Stewardship & Evangelism:** Game Day on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Cards for Shut ins. Roni will send

**Board of Education:** Travel plans for Youth. VBS was discussed. Marilyn Pringle has volunteered to be the new Sunday School Superintendent.

**Endowment Committee:**

Miriam J. Oexemann Endowed Mission Fund  
2/20/25 Lake Superior Life Care Center \$3,000  
2/20/2025 Damiano Center \$3,000  
2/20/2025 My Savior Lives \$1,000  
2/20/2025 Lutheran Island Camp \$1,000  
2/20/2025 Chum \$1,000  
2/20/2025 Life in Christ Lutheran Church \$5,000

**Memorial Garden:** Resting

**Update on floor:** Coming along.

**Door Locks:** Don is handling this.

**Update on Sanctuary walls:** Being Done.

**New Business:** Pews; We are considering refurbishing the pews. Paul has a bid and will discuss this with the congregation.

**Next Council Meeting:** Thurs. April 10, 2025, 5pm.

**Adjournment:** Lord's Prayer

## My Savior Lives Northland

**LCMS Service of Worship – Every Saturday & Sunday at 9:30 a.m. on My 9 Channel 6.3**

"My Savior Lives Northland" is a locally produced TV program that includes a 30-minute worship service led by participating pastors of the Minnesota North District of our LCMS. MSL Northland is broadcast every Saturday & Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Central time on My 9 Channel 6.3 and cable and satellite systems carrying these stations. Please check your local listings.

Please send contributions c/o:

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## 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?

**This is currently pretty important as this is how the church is communicating to people.**

Are you receiving emails from Christ Lutheran? If not, you miss important and timely information from your church. We will not flood your inbox or share

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### Looking for something?

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- 1 Amy Kirchoff
- 4 Joann Erdman  
Roni Hauser
- 5 Johanna Kirchoff  
Mary Granstrom
- 10 Kathleen Derick
- 11 Cooper Frost
- 12 Kimberly Deniswicz
- 13 James Johnson
- 14 Dorinda Sorenson
- 15 Joye Bedard
- 17 Loudella Swanfeld
- 18 Jean Becken
- 20 Marvin Pitt
- 21 Helena Frost
- 25 Dan Larson
- 26 Cole Mack
- 28 Jaqueline Stumpf  
Beyer Matthias
- 29 Mary Ann Ross
- 30 Roger Dittbrender

### Sanctuary Repair Photos



*After Pews Removed*



*Demo*



*Floor gone, new underlayment, wallpaper removal, mud & taping*

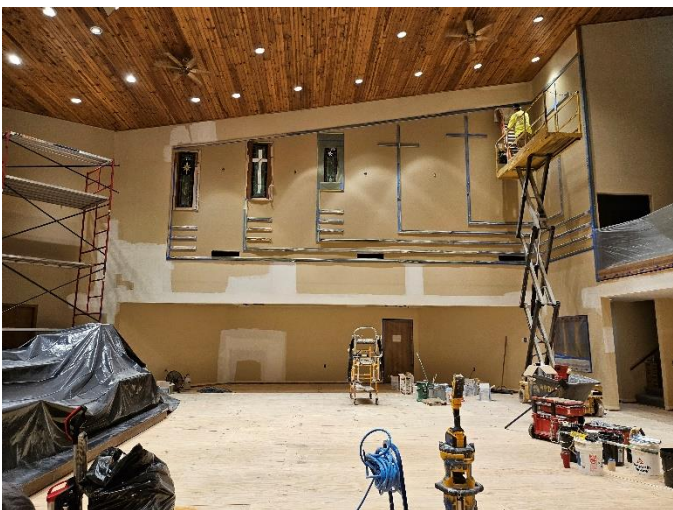


*Scaffold up, more taping.*



*This is where the soup & sandwich suppers are for now.*

*As of 3/27/25*



*Painting.*



*Temporary Sanctuary*