



DIVINE SAVIOR
Lutheran Church
102 Northridge Dr. Shawano, WI 54166

MESSENGER

March 2020

The Great Exchange

Isaiah 53:5

“He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.”

Life is filled with exchanges. Employees exchange forty hours for a paycheck. Fans exchange forty dollars for a seat at the game (and then exchange another ten dollars for a hotdog and drink)! Every day we exchange time, money, effort, and emotion for what we hope brings us joy, peace, and satisfaction.

The Bible speaks about exchanges, too. It says that God does not want us to have any sin. In fact, he says that if we do sin, we cannot live with him because he is a sinless, holy God. Sin is so serious to God that he pronounces the death penalty for anyone who sins. He says, “The wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23) and “The soul who sins is the one who will die” (Ezekiel 18:20). So, who can ever hope to stand in God’s presence and enjoy his favor? For try as we might, we are not perfect. Sinful thoughts, words, and acts clutter our lives.

There is good news, however. In love for us, God made an exchange. Instead of holding us under his judgment for all our wrongdoing, he placed his Son under judgment instead of us. The Bible is speaking about Jesus when it says, “He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.”

That is a great exchange! Jesus came and exchanged his life for ours. Our transgressions (times when we fail to live according to God’s holy will) were taken away when Jesus was pierced on the cross. Our iniquities (all the things we think or do that don’t measure up to God’s perfect will) were taken away when Jesus was crushed in death. Our punishment was paid for by Jesus.

Through Jesus you have peace with God. Through his wounds you are given life with God. Through Jesus you are forgiven and loved by God. Yes, you! God chose to make that exchange for you.

Special Dates in

March

Pray & Play

Tuesdays

@ 3:00 p.m.

Lenten Services

Wednesdays

4:30 p.m.

Toddler Time

14th & 28th

@ 10-11 a.m.

Co-ord. Council Mtg.

10th @ 6:30 p.m.

Worship at the Cross

12th @ 5:30 p.m.

Communications Mtg.

18th @ 1:15 p.m.

Jesus Cares Ministry

Bible Study

26th @ 5:30 p.m.

Bread of Life

Thursdays

12:00—12:30 p.m.

Food Pantry

Thursdays

1:00— 3:00 p.m.

**NO MONDAY
NIGHT SERVICES
IN MARCH**

Worship service times.

Sun. 9:00 a.m.

Wed. 4:30 p.m.

PARISH NEWS

Congregational Changes last month:

Added: Patrick & Debra Zoeller from St. Paul, Green Bay

Rev. Craig & Patricia Weber, from Grace Lutheran, Bark River, MI

Darryl Schmidt, by profession of faith

Transferred: Aaron, Amber, Andreas and Alistair Wellhoefer to St. Paul, Green Bay

Baptized: Reed Hunter Meneau, great grandson of Eileen Buettner on 2/22/20

Called Home to Jesus: Dennis Kleman passed on Feb. 20, 2020

Current Congregational Stats: communicants: 162 souls: 179



For Israel – For Me!

“When Israel came out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of foreign tongue, Judah became God’s sanctuary, Israel his dominion. The sea looked and fled, the Jordan turned back; the mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs. Why was it, O sea, that you fled, O Jordan, that turned back, you mountains, that you skipped like rams, you hills, like lambs? Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob, who turned the rock into a pool, the hard rock into springs of water.”

These words from **Psalm 114** give a very brief summary of Israel’s flight from Egypt and the forty years they spent in the desert. But it goes far beyond that. This summary includes many of the great and powerful things God did for his people: parting the Red Sea, bringing water from the stone, stopping up the Jordan River – all these things he did to protect and provide for Israel. Even in the times when Israel turned away, calling out against God, bowing down to the golden calf, blaming Moses and God for their less-than-ideal circumstances, God did not forsake his people, but rescued them and stayed with them.

The LORD did this because he had promised a Savior who would come from this chosen people – **“Judah became God’s sanctuary.”** God preserved this specific group of people so that he had made a promise for all people. Everything he did for Israel, all the great wonders he displayed in fulfilling his promises to them, he did so that he might bring about our salvation through Jesus. We can see his power and strength in these actions, but the greatest show of his power is in the grace and forgiveness he has offered for all. In saving his people then, God fulfilled his promises of sending the Messiah, of sending his Son to save all. Praise God for bringing us to know and trust that this promise is for us.

In Christ,

Pastor Wolf B. Parsons

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Youth and Family Movie Night

On Friday, February 14th, the Youth Discipleship Committee hosted a Youth and Family Movie Night. This was primarily an in-reach effort to provide fellowship for the families of our congregation with children. We did branch out a bit to invite families of our joint youth group with sister congregations in the area, as well as inviting all the families who attended our most recent Christmas for Kids program. Twenty-five people came to enjoy popcorn and the movie, *Ella Enchanted*.

On behalf of the congregation, we would like to thank **Randy Baxter**, **Jim Hesse** and **Aaron Wellhoefer** for their service on the church Coordinating Council as outgoing President, Outreach Director and Financial Services Coordinator.

At the Annual Voters Meeting, **Randy Kagerbauer** was elected as President, **Klint Stuebs** as Outreach/Fellowship Director and **John Kloehn** as the Financial Services Director.





MARCH

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Divine Worship 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. REFIT 4-5 p.m.	2 No Monday Night Service	3 Pray & Play 3 p.m.	4 . Lenten Service 4:30 p.m. Meal After	5 Bread of Life 12:00—12:30 p.m. Food Pantry 1-3 p.m.	6	7 SET CLOCKS AHEAD TONIGHT
8 Divine Worship w/ communion 9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:30a.m. <u>Daylight Saving</u> <u>Time Begins</u> REFIT 4-5 p.m.	9 No Monday Night Service	10 Pray & Play 3 p.m. Co-ord. Cncl. Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	11 Lenten Service 4:30 p.m. w/ Communion Meal After	12 Bread of Life 12:00—12:30 p.m. Food Pantry 1-3 p.m. WATC 5:30 p.m.	13	14 Toddler Time W/Jesus 10-11 a.m.
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