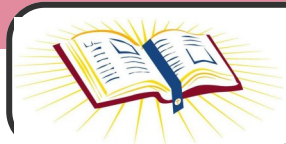


Good News

April 2025



Newsletter of The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Saviour
420 North Progress Avenue
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17109

April finds us at the climax of our Lenten journey. On April 6th, we will welcome Rev. Dr. Angela Zimman to lead our worship. Dr. Zimman serves as the Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Wilson College in Chambersburg. She has previously served in a similar role at Gettysburg Seminary where she also taught preaching classes.

On that day, I will be on way to Asheville, NC to participate in a week of home repairs for those people who had serious damage to their homes from last year's hurricanes. I will be joined by members of Lutheran congregations in the Lancaster area. This will be their 25th Mission Trip and I have been honored to have joined with them in the past.

April 13th will be Palm/Passion Sunday. On this day we begin our worship by joining the crowds who were waving leaves of palm and shouting Hosanna as Jesus enters the city of Jerusalem and his journey to the cross. Our worship mood changes during the service as we read the Passion According to Luke and remember the events of Holy Week. During Holy Week we will have worship on Maundy Thursday at 7:00 pm and Good Friday at 7:00 pm.

Lent reaches its climax with Holy Week. Holy Week means accompanying Christ on his final journey, bearing our own crosses. Jesus went to Jerusalem to announce good news to the people of that city. He put before the people a choice. Will you be my disciple, or will you be my executioner? That choice has come to us as well. The cross is a source of life for us. Sorrowful, yes. Horrible, yes. But life giving, by the power of God's love.

April 20th, we come together for the great celebration of Easter, the Resurrection of our Lord with worship at our regular time of 9:00 am. Easter is the heart of our Christian faith. It is a day of joyous thanksgiving for what God is doing for us and through us. The somberness of Holy week is shattered by the cry, "Alleluia, Christ is Risen!" The day of easter begins a fifty day journey of celebrating hope in the power of the risen Christ to bring us new life.

Theologian Henri Nouwen wrote "The resurrection of Jesus was a hidden event. Jesus didn't rise from the grave to baffle his opponents, to make a victory statement, or to prove to those who crucified him that he was right after all. Jesus rose as a sign to those who loved him and followed him that God's divine love is stronger than death." That is the hope we share, the good news that brings shouts of joyous Alleluias.

Thanks be to God,
Pastor Frank Terhune



Lessons for April 2025

April 6 - Lent 5

Isaiah 43:16-21
 Psalm 126
 Philippians 3:4b-14
 John 12:1-8

April 13 - Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a
 Psalm 31:9-16
 Philippians 2:5-11
 Luke 22:14-23:56

April 17 - Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-14
 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
 John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 18 - Good Friday

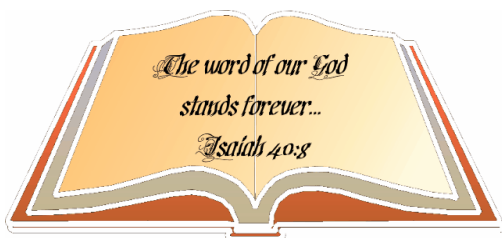
Isaiah 52:13-53:12
 Psalm 22
 Hebrews 10:16-25
 John 18:1-19:42

April 20 - Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43
 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
 1 Corinthians 15:19-26
 Luke 24:1-12

April 27 - Easter 2

Acts 5:27-32
 Psalm 118:14-29
 Revelation 1:4-8
 John 20:19-31



Upcoming Bible Study - Please Join Us!

10:30 – 11:30am

Witness at the Cross - A Beginner's Guide to Holy Friday.
 A walk to the Cross by examining people who experienced it.

- April 6 **No Class**
- April 13 The Women
- April 20 Easter
- April 27 Jospeh of Arimathea and Nicodemus

Come Join Us for a Faith Lift!

Join Us For Our Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday Worship!



Palm Sunday Worship 9:00am



Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00pm
 Good Friday Worship 7:00pm



Easter Sunday Worship 9:00am

Parish Staff

Rev. C. Frank Terhune , interim pastor
 Barbara Johnson, administrative assistant
 Mitchell Sensenig, organist

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Committee Spotlight**Finance Committee**

Hi, I am your Treasurer Jim Lubrecht and I want to write a few words about Our Saviour's Finance committee. This committee was intended to help Church council prepare a budget and help develop procedures for efficient control of revenues and expenses for our church. The committee lay dormant for many years with no meetings or members but about 6 years ago it was revived. Since then, the committee has revised the Treasurer Manual which I use for myself and for anyone else's use to see what I am supposed to be doing for the Church finances. A copy of the Treasurer Manual is in the Church office. The committee has also reorganized budget line items to better reflect and clarify our financial picture. Most importantly the committee is doing a better job of developing a useful Our Saviour yearly budget.

The committee consists of all members of Church Council and anyone else from the congregation that has important input to what we do. We do not meet regularly (monthly) but meet when I think an important finance issue needs to be addressed.

If you have further questions about the finance committee please contact me and I will be pleased to help you.

Saying Goodbye

As most of you know I truly love my job here at Our Saviour and I did have plans to continue for many years to come. With that being said I have mixed feelings as I am letting you who do not already know, that I am resigning from my position as your Administrative Assistant.

My reason for leaving is purely a personal one. My son & daughter-in-law, who just had a baby in January, has asked that I watch her full time, 5 days a week and I have agreed to do so. My last day working for Our Saviour will be Friday, April 11th.

I have truly enjoyed working for such a caring congregation these past 9.5 years and I thank Our Saviour for giving me the opportunity to do so.

Barb Johnson

EASTER EGG UPDATE

Easter eggs are being made. Peanut butter with milk chocolate coating, butter cream with dark chocolate coating and coconut cream with dark chocolate coating. The cost remains the same, \$1.50 per egg. We are still looking for help to make eggs on Thursday or Sunday. We will be happy to train people to assist. Tasks can be done sitting if you have difficulty standing and you do not need to stay the entire shift. We also are looking for people to help sell eggs. We are also looking for businesses who are willing to sell our eggs. Please help us to support our church with this project. Our **LAST DATE FOR ORDERS WILL BE THIS SUNDAY!! APRIL 6, 2025**. Any questions, please talk with one of the chairpersons.

Thank you.

Alice Lubrecht, Nadine Martin and Donna Miller, Committee Chairs



Thank You

Thank you to all who prayed, sent cards and offered support as my mother transitioned to her eternal rest. She lived so long (103) that it felt as if she'd live forever. We are grateful to have had her for so long. She is no longer in pain and resting in the presence of the Lord.

Andrea Faber

Ada Heberle's daughter



Special Thanks

Thank you all for your prayers, offers of help, get well cards, texts, and emails during my recent surgery and ongoing recovery. My family & I are truly blessed to have such a supportive "church" family. God is good, all the time, and the news is good: "clear of cancer cells." Prayer is powerful. Enjoy Spring and the Easter season. Carol S. Ranck

Luncheon for Mary Shuler

The daughters of Mary Louise Shuler would like to invite you to a very casual gathering here in the church social hall, on April 26, 2025.

We hope you will join us. This event is not structured but more of a drop-in anytime between the hours of 11am-3pm. You are free to spend the afternoon with us visiting or pop in for just a short time to say hello. Lunch food and beverages will be available but not served at any particular time. Come and share your memories with us. We would love the opportunity to see you and be able to thank you for being a special part of her life.

Manna Food Pantry

Our "2nd Sunday" food collection is still ongoing. During this time of continuous rising food, energy & gas prices food pantries are seeing a greater demand of their services. If you would like to make a donation you may bring your items into the church & place them on the table in the Narthex at any time. There is a list of suggested items now on the table. If you would like to make a monetary donations, please mark your envelopes "Manna Food Pantry" and place it with your regular giving envelope.



Jesus Said, "Let the Little Children Come to Me."

We have Children's Sunday School on the 3rd Sunday of each month during the service. At each session the children complete a craft and enjoy a snack. **The next class will be April 20th!!** Children will be excused for their lesson after the children's message.

Please share our news with anyone you know who may be interested. We welcome every child to join us and learn!



Help Is Very Much Needed

The flower beds around the church need regular upkeep. Additional help will be needed to keep these looking nicely kept **this coming spring**. If you can help please call or text Andrea Faber at 717-576-3329. Any & all help is greatly appreciated.



Council Minutes

Please Note: Council Minutes cannot be included in the newsletter until after Council has approved them.

**Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Saviour
Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 11, 2025**

Attendees: President Brad Neil, Secretary Deb Flage, Treasurer Jim Lubrecht, Sandy Moritz, Jeanette Logan, Penny Zimmerman and Pastor Frank Terhune.

Absent: Steve Barron, Vice-President Carol Ranck, Joel Hains

Call to Order at 6:08 p.m. by President Brad Neil. Opening prayer offered by Pastor Frank.

Brad made a motion to approve the Council meeting minutes of January 14, 2025 as amended. Sandy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Jim noted that the January 2025 current fund envelope giving is \$1,800 less than January 2024. The Treasurer's Report is filed for audit. Sandy mentioned that she has offered to help John Zimmerman on the Audit Committee.

Secretary Report/Correspondence – None to report.

Church Committee Reports:

Christian Education – Bible Study has started

Child Protection Policy – no report

Fund Raising – egg making has started. Egg making teams are working on Thursdays and Sundays.

Mutual Ministry – no report

Property – Brad asked for the Council's thoughts on allowing building rentals during egg making season.

Jeanette noted that the movable walls can be used to partition off the kitchen. This will be done for the March 1 meeting that Pastor Gwenn Trout is hosting at OSL for churches interested in talking about possibly sharing pastoral resources. Council suggested that rental requests during egg making season should be considered on a case-by-case basis, including rental requests from church members.

Scholarship BOT – Jim noted that Max Reilly and Savannah Bechtel will forfeit their accrued money if they do not go on to higher education before September 2025.

Social Ministry – no report

Stewardship – not an active committee

Welcome – no report

Worship and Music – no report

Finance – Jim mentioned that he will schedule a Finance Committee meeting in March.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Frank asked about having an Ash Wednesday service at OSL. Zion Dauphin has invited OSL members to attend their soup supper and service on Ash Wednesday. While we appreciate their invitation, Council and Pastor Frank decided to have Ash Wednesday service here at OSL. Pastor Frank noted

that Mitchell is available to play the organ that night. He also stated that there will be a Maundy Thursday and Good Friday service at OSL, both at 7 PM. Pastor Frank shared that he has filled in some of the generic items on the Mission Site Profile for OSL to help give our Task Force members a head start on the document. The Task Force meets again at OSL on Wednesday, February 19, 2025.

OLD BUSINESS

Committee highlight for March newsletter article – Brad noted that Nadine Martin is creating an article about the Welcome Committee.

Follow-up from Congregational meeting – Quorum question – Carol researched a question about having a quorum throughout the Congregational meeting or just at the beginning of the meeting. The quorum must be maintained throughout the meeting especially if voting is involved. Sandy asked how our quorum was determined. The quorum of 30 members was a flat number chosen, not a percentage of members. There was conversation among Council about how to determine an appropriate quorum number for our congregation. This issue may need more discussion. Penny mentioned she thought there would be more questions about sharing pastoral resources during the Congregational meeting. Sandy suggested putting an article in the newsletter about the Task Force and the work being done between OSL and Zion Dauphin.

Thriving Together Grant update - Pastor Frank, Otis and Nadine Martin are on the committee for the Thriving Together Grant. They met with the Susquehanna Township School District to see how a mini-grant of \$1,000 might be used by the district. The grant could supply a classroom with a library containing books about racial justice. The proposal for the grant is due by the end of February and the grant will be announced in March. In addition to funding a classroom library, it was mentioned that OSL could possibly connect with students by reading to them.

Executive Committee meeting with Mitchell – The Executive Committee met with Mitchell on February 5, 2025 to discuss his new contract and provide feedback to him. It was a very productive meeting and feedback was exchanged by both sides. It was requested of Mitchell to arrive 10 minutes earlier before Sunday service and play music during that time. Members had mentioned that they would appreciate having music during that time while they are preparing for worship. Mitchell agreed to do that. Mitchell's 2025 contract with OSL will be available for signature on Sunday (February 16, 2025).

Constitution and Bylaws – no update

IT committee – on hold

Building/property evaluation committee – on hold

NEW BUSINESS

Council President as BOT member – Brad noted that as Council President he is a member of the BOT committee. Including him, there will be 3 members from his family on that committee. He feels that is too many from one family and could pose issues. He will step down from the BOT and Vice-President Carol Ranck will take his place.

Pastor email – Brad noted we should use Pastor Frank's church email to communicate with him. There was some concern about Pastor Frank not receiving emails regarding church activities.

Lent church calendar – As noted above, there will be services at OSL for Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday this year.

Completed pastoral priorities survey results from the congregation – Pastor Frank stated that the top 3 priorities received from the survey are 1) Preaching, 2) Pastoral Care and 3) Christian Education (in that order). This will be helpful to the OSL Task Force members as they work on sharing pastoral resources.

Upcoming meeting with Zion – the next Task Force meeting with Zion is February 19, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. It will be held at OSL.

Directory update – Pastor Frank mentioned that he has a copy of the church directory but wasn't sure how up-to-date the information was in it. He will ask the Church Secretary to put some copies of the directory in the Narthex so members can review their information and update it as needed.

Sandy made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Brad seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 12, 2025 @ 6 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Flage, Council Secretary

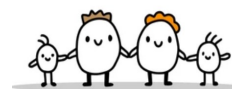
FAMILY PROMISE

Our Saviour, along with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, will be hosting Family Promise Sunday evening, April 27 through Sunday morning, May 4, 2025.

Won't you **please** consider helping with a meal, driving the van, or sleeping overnight at the Church? Your volunteering makes a positive impact on the lives of the families that we host.

Also, the annual Fam Jam will be held on Sunday afternoon, April 27 from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at The Englewood in Hershey. This fun-filled event includes great music, delicious food, exciting activities for kids, a silent auction, and more! It is another great opportunity to support the mission of Family Promise by helping local families transition from homelessness to home.

Sign-up sheets for volunteering and Fam Jam flyers are posted in the Narthex.



If have any questions, please see me or call me at (717) 497-1200.

Thank you!

Nadine Martin

Family Promise Volunteer Leader



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Adults & Children (10 & over) \$18.00

Children (under 10) \$5.00

Call Church Office at (717)545-9992 for tickets

**OUR SAVIOUR
FINANCIAL REPORT**

	AS OF <u>2/28/2025</u>	AS OF <u>12/31/2024</u>	<u>difference</u>
ENVELOPES AND PLATE	\$10,838.95	\$116,396.54	-\$105,557.59
FUND RAISING - EGGS	\$4,112.00	\$18,581.31	-\$14,469.31
FUND RAISING - GERMANFEST		\$7,181.00	-\$7,181.00
FUND RAISING ELECTION		\$934.57	-\$934.57
FELLOWSHIP HALL RENTAL	\$200.00	\$2,200.00	-\$2,000.00
ST STEPHENS MISSION		\$19,933.38	-\$19,933.38
TOTAL INCOME	\$15,150.95	\$165,226.80	-\$150,075.85
 EXPENSE	 \$11,848.99	 \$180,718.24	 -\$168,869.25
 NET SURPLUS/DEFICIT	 \$3,301.96	 -\$15,491.44	 \$18,793.40
 PNC BANK STATEMENT BALANCES	 <u>2/28/2025</u>	 <u>12/31/2024</u>	 <u>difference</u>
CURRENT FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$2,256.91	\$13,361.58	-\$11,104.67
MEMORIAL FUND MONEY MARKET #	\$21,391.83	\$21,121.59	\$270.24
 THRIVENT ACCOUNTS	 <u>2/28/2025</u>	 <u>12/31/2024</u>	 <u>difference</u>
CURRENT FUND MONEY MARKET	\$51,681.27	\$51,343.51	\$337.76
SCHOLARSHIP MUTUALS	\$194,581.06	\$193,551.55	\$1,029.51
MEMORIAL FUND MONEY MARKET *	\$87,558.63	\$86,986.43	\$572.20

\$61,000 of Thrivent Memorial Fund Money Market is from the Neidich estate

\$1,310.57 of PNC Memorial Fund Money is from the Ruth Knerr estate to be used for Christian Ed expenses



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Doug Schreffler	4/8
Hope Bowling	4/9
Dan Fleming	4/21
Herb Logan	4/25





Mon Tue Wed Thur Fri Sat

		1	2	3 2pm - egg making	4	5
6 - Lent 5 9am - Worship egg making after worship last day for egg orders	7 6pm - Welcome Committee committee reports due in office	8	9 6pm - Council	10 2pm - egg making	11 Barb's last day in the office. event set-up in evening	12 1pm - private event
			Pastor Frank on vacation			
13 - Palm Sunday 9am - Worship 10:30am - Bible Study  Sunday fellowship	14  Holy Week	15	16	17 - Maundy Thursday 7pm - Worship  MAUNDY THURSDAY	18 - Good Friday 7pm - Worship 	19
20 - Easter Sunday 9am - Worship w/ Children's Sunday School 10:30am - Bible Study May newsletter deadline 	21	22	23	24	25 5pm - event set-up	26 11am-3pm - Mary Louise Shuler's memorial luncheon
27 - Easter 2 9am - Worship 10:30am - Bible Study 	28 Family Promise Host Week	29	30			

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VISION STATEMENT

*Through the power of the cross, we,
as disciples of Jesus Christ,
are called to nourish those who
hunger in mind, body, and spirit.*

Worship

9:00 am

Please join us!

Holy Eucharist is celebrated
every Sunday.

Bible Study

10:30 am

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through Friday

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