

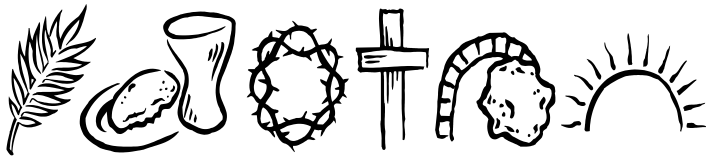
Adoration Evangelical Lutheran Church

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...Our Mission Continues

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP



Palm Sunday — March 25

9:00 a.m. Worship

Maundy Thursday — March 29

7:00 p.m. Worship

Good Friday — March 30

12:00 p.m. (noon) Cross Walk at St. Thomas of Canterbury

1:00 p.m. Ecumenical Worship Service at St. Alphonsus

7:00 p.m. Worship at Adoration

Saturday Easter Vigil — March 31

7:30 p.m. Candlelight Service

Easter Sunday — April 1

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service

7:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast

8:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

9:00 a.m. Easter Celebration Service

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PASTOR'S NORMAL WEEKDAY

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday..... 9:30-2:30

Thursday..... 9:30-12:30

Friday..... 12:00-2:30

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ROW YOUR BOAT GENTLY DOWN THE STREAM

When my dad died in 2003 and then my mom died in 2014, I found myself at these times spending a lot of time and energy looking back. Of course, this is a natural response when we experience the greatest of losses in life, such as the death of a parent or a longtime spouse. Dwelling in the past with enormous amounts of mental and emotional energy like this is very much a part of the grieving process for up to a couple of years afterward. However, we can sometimes become stuck in the past — year after year and even decade after decade — and this imprisonment in the past drains us and robs us of being fully present right here and now. But thanks be to God we can become unstuck in the past by the good news of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord!

By God's great mercy, we have been reborn into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. And this great hope lifts us up and rescues us from being hopelessly and endlessly struck in the past and in our grief. As St. Paul the Apostle of Christ writes in his second letter to the Christians of the City of Corinth:

"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is achieving for us an eternal glory beyond all measure. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." – (Second Corinthians 4: 16-18)

Similarly, we can be tempted into the trap of being overly focused (to the point of obsession) with the future. We can exhaust ourselves with worrying about what the future might hold for us. Yet again, we can find ourselves drained and robbed of being fully present right here and now, except this time the culprit is our anxiety about the future. However, the cure for this obsession is the same cure that saves us from being stuck in the past. The cure is the good news and eternal hope of Christ! For our Lord Jesus teaches us with his immortal words in chapter 6 of the Gospel of Matthew and in chapter 14 of the Gospel of John:

"Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life... But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for today is its own trouble." – (from Matthew 6: 25-34)

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also... I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." – (from John 14: 2-7)

In other words, we should not obsess about what the future might hold for us, because we know The One who holds our future in his hands — our Heavenly Father. And because our Heavenly Father has provided his only begotten Son to bring us forgiveness, atonement and renewal of life, we have an all-surpassing future hope. Christ is risen, and we shall arise! He is the Lord of all life and light and love, and this wonderful Lord is also the Lord of our everlasting future together.

Therefore, we need not fret over the impermanent nature of this temporary earthly existence that we all must journey through. It is a temporary condition during which we experience all sorts of tests and trials, but it is only momentary compared to the eternal glory that awaits us through Christ. For again as the Apostle Paul writes,

"We fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

Yes, the gospel of Christ empowers us to more gently row our boats through this life. Not futilely rowing backward against the flow of time, stuck in the past. Not frantically and exhaustingly rowing forward with great anxiety about the future. Rather, we are enabled to row gently down the stream, mentally and emotionally present in the here and now, by the power of the faith, hope and love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May we indeed learn to row our boats more gently down the stream of this life — merrily, merrily, as the old song goes — for we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

Good Lent & Blessed Holy Week!!!
Pastor Tim

THE THREE DAYS (TRIDUUM)

(One worship service in three parts over three days)

Maundy Thursday (Triduum Part 1) March 29—7:00 PM



The word "Maundy" means mandate or commandment, and it refers to the Love Commandment of Jesus Christ. Consequently, the Maundy Thursday worship service centers on three significant things. First, the Church hears Jesus' command to love one another as he loves us (sometimes illustrated by a ritual foot washing). Second, we celebrate the meal of eternal deliverance, taking our place at the holy supper Jesus shared with his disciples on the night in which he was betrayed. Third, at the end of the service, the lights are dimmed and the altar is stripped bare while Psalm 22 is read, foreshadowing the commemoration of the crucifixion of our Lord on Good Friday.

Good Friday (Triduum Part 2) March 30—7:00 PM



This day is the second part of the Liturgy of The Three Days, which extends from Maundy Thursday through the Easter Vigil on Saturday night. As the Church gathers to remember the suffering and death of Jesus on this day, the altar is dressed in black, and we focus on the significance of the sacrificial love that Jesus showed us upon the cross of Calvary.

Easter Vigil (Triduum Part 3) Saturday, March 31—7:30 PM



On the night before Easter morning, Christians around the world gather to celebrate Christ's passage from darkness to light, from death to life. This Easter Vigil service is the other candlelight service of the Church calendar. This special Holy Week service includes strong signs: a new fire in darkness, light spreading from the light of Christ, the water and Word of baptism, and the first resurrection meal. It also includes powerful words: the great stories of salvation from the Holy Bible and the first Gospel reading for Easter. As the altar is changed from the black of Good Friday to the white and gold of Easter, we keep this wondrous night of the resurrection in a spirit of joy. Our handheld candles and our inner spiritual lamps are lit, as we begin our Easter celebration. Alleluia! Christ is risen! And Christ will return!

Church Council Highlights

Here are some of the items discussed at the FEBRUARY Church Council meeting:

- ♦ Pastor Tim opened the meeting by reading from a Greater Milwaukee Synod resource on neighborhood outreach. After some Council discussion, Pastor Tim lead us in prayer.
- ♦ The Church Council will be serving dinner to our homeless neighbors at Divine Intervention on February 27.
- ♦ The Lenten services will focus on the four majority religions of the world: Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity and Islam.
- ♦ There is a "scheduled maintenance" sheet hanging in the utility room. This sheet lists items to be checked regularly. The facility "hit list" hangs in the utility room also. This second list is a list of repairs needed for the church.
- ♦ Ahern will need another \$2,630 to bring the church up to fire code and safety standards. These are additional deficiencies that were found during the initial inspection. Sean McGinty made a motion to accept \$2,630, Sandy Eigner seconded the motion, motion carried.
- ♦ The Evangelism committee would like to extend the length of the rummage sale. The rummage would take place on the following dates: June 7,8,9,15 and 16, 2018. Council approved to extend the rummage sale. Not sure if this will include the book sale at this time.
- ♦ Currently four members will be attending the ELCA Youth Conference in Houston: two youth and two adults.
- ♦ The church has three upright pianos and we only need two. Larry Markiewicz has a friend that refurbishes pianos who is interested in the small upright piano. Council gave the approval for his friend to have the piano.
- ♦ Folding chairs were offered to the congregation. The remaining will now be donated to Sean McGinty's friend who is starting up a new church. Pastor Tim moved to give the folding chairs to Sean's friend for their church, Sandy Eigner seconded the motion, motion carried.
- ♦ A few members along with Pastor Tim will be working on the website to improve the site.

For more information on any or all of these items, please check the complete Council minutes posted on the kiosk in the Gathering Space or contact one of your Council representatives.

EASTER EGG HUNT — EASTER MORNING

We will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt for the children at 8:15 A.M.

The hunt will be held after Easter Breakfast. Come and join us for FUN and FELLOWSHIP!



EASTER PLANTS

A variety of Easter plants will be available to order during the Lenten season. These plants will be used in church for our Easter celebration, then available for you to take home and enjoy.

Order sheets will be available in the narthex. See Ruth Bauer for questions.





OUR ADORATION FAMILY



BIRTHDAYS

3/08	Judy Johnson
3/09	Billy Hacker
3/10	Jill Lindberg
3/11	Owen Lewitzke
3/15	Zoey Servais
3/16	Sharon Anderson
3/16	Anthony Gavitt
3/18	Brian Kerlin
3/19	Dave Nichols
3/19	Betty Wing
3/20	Tyler Ahlborn
3/21	Amanda Eigner
3/23	Wendy Haas
3/24	Cindy Wirth
3/25	Zachary Schneider
3/26	Bill Wakefield
3/27	Natasha Sneesby
3/28	Pastor Tim
3/28	Lana Wachowiak
3/30	Megan Zanon
3/31	Jan Zeit

TIME TO SPRING AHEAD!



Daylight Saving Time begins March 11. Set your clocks ahead 1 hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

WALK OF FAITH

Adoration's
"Red Carpet for Jesus"



Our gift bricks are a special way to honor a person or celebrate an occasion. Each brick is permanently engraved with the honoree's information and if desired, a personally selected Bible verse can also be added. The cost for a gift brick is \$50. This is a wonderful way to proclaim your faith. All proceeds benefit our Capital Improvement Fund - We Love Our Church.

THANK YOU!
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

To everyone who brought in food donations to help fill our shopping cart on "Souper" bowl Sunday. Your gifts of food will be donated to the Ascension Food Pantry.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

To the Haas, Posig and Regent Team for putting their faith into action by serving dinner to our homeless neighbors at Divine Intervention on March 13.

OUR CONDOLENCES

To the family and friends of Larry Ringwall. Larry was called home to heaven on February 13. A Memorial service was held at Adoration on February 19.

Also to the family and friends of Marlene Miller. Marlene was called home to be with the Lord on February 14. A Funeral service was held at Adoration on February 23.



AN IRISH PRAYER

May God grant you always—

A sunbeam to warm you,

A moonbeam to charm you,

A sheltering Angel so nothing can harm you.

Laughter to cheer you.

Faithful friends near you.

And whenever you pray,

Heaven to hear you.



ATTENTION:

Thrivent Members

The deadline for designating your Choice Dollars is March 31.

Eligible Thrivent members are designated choice dollars based on insurance premiums, contract values and Thrivent Financial volunteer leadership. Members can direct their choice dollars to thousands of non-profit organizations nationwide, including Adoration Lutheran Church. Designation does not carry over and must be specified each year. If you have not already designated your choice dollars, we hope you would consider directing yours to Adoration. It is simple to do, go to www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call Thrivent directly at 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" when prompt.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

If you have not had your picture taken for our church directory, or if you would like a new picture, please see Pastor Tim to have a picture taken.



BIBLE QUIZ

According to Matthew's account, what was torn when Jesus died?

- A. Mary's headdress - she tore it as a traditional Jewish sign of grief.
- B. A Roman guard's sash - Peter grabbed and ripped it in anger.
- C. Jesus' robe - the soldiers divided it among themselves.
- D. The temple curtain - torn in two from top to bottom.

Answer: (See Matthew 27:51)

Year -to-Date Offerings
of \$375.00 Thank you!



What's Happening

LSS SUNDAY

On March 4 we will help support Lutheran Social Services with their mission of providing essential services to people in need. Donations to LSS help:

- Unite orphans with families.
- Help people who are homeless find jobs.
- Enable people who have disabilities to live on their own.
- Teach people who have mental illness how to cope and to live productive lives.
- Help refugees learn job skills and adjust to life in the U.S.
- Make it possible for children with developmental delays grow and thrive.

Join us for worship and see how you can make a difference and change a life.

AAA NEWS

We have several fun events coming up in the next few months. All adult members are invited to join us for our meetings or events.

March 6	1:00 p.m. Meeting 2:15 p.m. Program "Dancers with Woofs"
April 3	12:00 p.m. Potluck lunch 1:00 p.m. Meeting
May 1	1:00 p.m. Meeting
May 22	9:30 a.m. Meet at church for Unity Event

SPAGHETTI DINNER HOSTED BY OUR YOUTH March 16

Take the night off of cooking and join us for a delicious spaghetti dinner! Dinner includes Italian bread, salad, dessert, milk and coffee. Tickets will be sold in advance. \$10.00 per adult; \$5.00 per child (12-4 years of age); Children 3 and under are FREE.

The cost at the door will be \$12.00. Funds raised will help our youth attend the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas. Thank you for your support!



SOUTHWEST INTERFAITH Neighborhood Outreach Program

2017 End of Year Report:

Total clients served: 353
19,626 Total volunteer hours for the year
9,104 Rides to errands/appointments
1,626 In person visits
257 Home chores/ repairs
23 Advocacy
11 snow shoveling/lawn care

You are invited to the follow
Love Thy Neighbor Workshops:

Thursday, March 22

AARP 101 Spring Yard Clean Up

Everything you didn't know that AARP does to help seniors.

Thursday, April 19

Homecare/Hospice and All Levels of Care

Come and hear about all levels of care that you can receive in your own home for FREE when needing to make this decision.

For more information about these workshops and many other services for seniors, visit www.lovetheynighborfoundation.org or call 394-4601.

MULALA SUNDAY

Sunday, April 15, we will be celebrating our ministry partnership with the Mulala Parish of The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania. Our faith tells us that we are one in Spirit and that we worship one God and Savior. The Easter Season reminds us that Christ redeemed all those who believe and are baptized. It is a fitting time to hold up these partners in the faith. There is a vibrant faith expressing itself in lively worship and congregational life. Keep our global partners in prayer and support them through your prayers, your financial gifts, and Mt. Meru coffee. Asante sana! (Thank you!)

ATTENTION: RUMMAGE SALE HELPERS!

In an effort to increase our profits from our annual rummage, we will be holding it on two consecutive weekends. The rummage officially starts on Thursday, June 7, and will continue to run the 8 - 9. The following week it is open June 15 and 16. Exact times will be posted next month.

WE NEED YOUR RUMMAGE AND THESE ARE OUR BEST SELLERS!

Infant/ children clothing, games, puzzles, toys, bakeware, pots, pans, garden items, sheets, towels, tools, bedding, purses, knickknacks, lamps, sporting items, kitchen misc. and electronics. Note: (Please bring the adaptor that belongs with any electric item you are bringing in.) Adult clothing is NOT our best seller and it constitutes 75% of what we pack up and give away. Please, no infant car seats, no TVs, no furniture.

We will need everyone's help for a successful rummage, so start going through your attics and basements now! Please do not bring in any rummage until April 2.

Thank you- Evangelism committee

CHILDREN'S EASTER PROGRAM



We have a very special morning planned on Sunday, April 8. Join us for worship at 9:00 AM. Our Sunday School Children will be presenting "Breaking News". Invite your neighbors and friends to worship with us.

Update on Nkoaranga Hospital in Tanzania



With generous contributions from members and friends of the Greater Milwaukee Synod, the entire electricity system at Nkoaranga Hospital was updated. New poles, power lines, and a dedicated transformer were installed. In addition, new switch-over boards were placed in every department. The project has had a great impact. Machines like the autoclave that used to break down are now functioning without any problem. Other machines, and even the light bulbs and computers, are much better protected as the generator switches on automatically during power outages making it safer for patient care. The improved power was also required to provide more consistent electricity to the badly needed X-ray system.

Thanks to the Doctors of Feuerkinderteam and the German Rotary, the X-ray system was installed just before Christmas and the first X-ray was taken on Christmas Day. Since then hundreds of patients have been spared the grueling 42-kilometer roundtrip to Arusha for an x-ray, and patients can be assigned to the proper department and quicker treatment.



This patient pictured, for example, had an accident while travelling on the back of a motorcycle. At first he went to a local healer who called himself a 'bone setter,' and he thought that his problem would go away after being treated by him. However, he felt that the pain and swelling increased and decided finally to get another opinion from a doctor. He was first seen by a clinical officer in the hospital who sent him for an X-ray. Dr. Kiwesa decided surgery was needed and an ankle fusion was performed. The patient is recovering, and he is expected to regain full function of his foot and ankle.

These are just a few of the improvements at Nkoaranga Hospital spearheaded by Tanya Van Braekel, who is responsible for identifying needs, working with donors, and managing each project. Under her leadership there have been significant improvements in hospital finances and employee retention. The Greater Milwaukee Synod has been funding her salary which has resulted in the hospital becoming a tremendous asset in Meru. Thanks to Tanya and all the partners of Nkoaranga, the hospital is heading toward being self-sustaining which will ensure its viability in the future.

-Janet McGinty

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Mission Statement:

Living in God's love we share the good news of Jesus through spirited worship, serving God in our daily lives, creating a welcoming space to all, providing outreach, educating the young and old, and creating worldwide partnerships.

Reconciling in Christ:

Adoration Evangelical Lutheran Church identifies itself as a "Reconciling in Christ" congregation and publicly welcomes all persons to full membership and participation in the ministry we share without regard to race, ethnicity, social status, ability, gender identity or sexual orientation.

KIDS PAGE



POWER OF PRAYER

When life gets crazy, worry creeps in. But God tells us exactly what to do — any time and anywhere.

Directions: Circle the word in each group that doesn't belong. Then write those words on the numbered lines below.

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| 1
apple | 2
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taste |
| anxious | eagle | pink | petition | touch |
| artichoke | emu | prayer | Peter | thanksgiving |
| 6
rest | 7
God | 8
puddle | 9
transcends | 10
unusual |
| requests | George | peace | train | unique |
| relax | Greg | pond | truck | understanding |
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| giraffe | hold | minds | Pennsylvania | |
| gorilla | held | more | Philippians | |

"Do not be ¹ _____ about anything, but in
_____ ² _____ situation, by _____ ³ _____ and
_____ ⁴ _____, with _____ ⁵ _____,
present your _____ ⁶ _____ to _____ ⁷ _____. And
the _____ ⁸ _____ of God, which _____ ⁹ _____
all _____ ¹⁰ _____, will _____ ¹¹ _____
your _____ ¹² _____ and your _____ ¹³ _____
in Christ Jesus." _____ ¹⁴ _____ 4:6-7, NIV

Answers: 1. anxious, 2. every, 3. prayer, 4. petition, 5. thanksgiving,
6. requests, 7. God, 8. peace, 9. transcends, 10. understanding, 11. guard,
12. hearts, 13. minds, 14. Philippians