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# THE DEILY NEWS

## April 2021

### DATE TO REMEMBER

04/04/2021	Easter Sunday 7:30 AM & 9:00 AM Festival of Easter
04/07/2021	Bible Study Group 6:30 AM
04/07/2021	Confirmation Class Face to Face 6:00 PM – In-Person – Students and Parents
04/11/2021	Virtual Worship on Facebook - Parking Lot – In Person 9:00 AM
04/12/2021	Worship and Music Meeting 6:00 PM
04/13/2021	Church Council Meeting 6:00 PM
04/14/2021	Bible Study Group 6:30 AM
04/14/2021	No Confirmation Class
04/18/2021	Virtual Worship on Facebook - Parking Lot – In Person 9:00 AM
04/21/2021	Bible Study Group 6:30 AM
04/21/2021	Confirmation Class Face to Face 6:00 PM
04/24/2021	Confirmation Rehearsal – 11:00 AM
04/25/2021	Virtual Worship on Facebook - Parking Lot – In Person 9:00 AM – Confirmation Sunday
04/28/2021	Bible Study Group 6:30 AM

### 2021 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION

If you will be attending in-person worship please register by call the church 920-898-5333 and give us your name and the number of worshippers. Remember that wearing a mask and practicing social distancing will be required Limits at in person worship will be 25.

For Easter we are planning on Parking Lot Worship at both services. Drive up to entrance – pick up a bulletin and Holy Communion elements. Leave any offering in the plate and then tune into 81.9 F.M.

All services will be live streamed Via Facebook.

May God Continue his blessings upon you and all others.  
 Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

#### WORSHIP SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK:

Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion March 28, 2021  
 Easter, April 4, 2021

March 28, 2021	9:00 AM	Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion
		Live Stream – Parking Lot – In Person
		Reading of the Pasion According to Mark
		Use of Palms – Holy Communion
April 1, 2021	6:30 PM	Maundy Thursday
		Live Stream – In Person
		Holy Communion – Stripping of the Alter
April 2, 2021	Noon	Good Friday – The Seven Last Words of Jesus
		Live Stream – In Person
		No Holy Communion
April 4, 2021	7:30 AM & 9:00 AM	Festival of Easter
		Live Stream – Parking Lot – In Person
		Resurrection Litany – Holy Communion
		Lighting of pascal candle

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## From the Pastor

### IT IS FRIDAY...BUT SUNDAY IS COMING

Well known Baptist Sociologist – Motivational Speaker – and Evangelical Pastor Tony Camfold shared “But Sunday Coming” at an ELCA National Youth Gathering.

He told of another Baptist Pastor’s message at a Good Friday Service. This Pastor retold the events of Good Friday and would conclude his statement with “It’s Friday...But Sunday’s Coming”. It went somewhat like this

“He was put on trial. It’s Friday...But Sunday’s Coming”

“he was whipped. It’s Friday...But Sunday’s Coming”

“They put a crown of thorns on his head. It’s Friday...But Sunday’s Coming”

They nailed him to a cross. It’s Friday...But Sunday’s Coming”

He died an agonizing death. It’s Friday...But Sunday’s Coming”

Dear friends he concluded...Today is Friday but Sunday is Coming!

As we soon celebrate Christ’s resurrection let us remember that in the midst of life’s suffering – pandemic – trials and tragedies it may seem like “Friday” but Sunday is coming.

The past year of the COVID pandemic has brought us face to face with great difficulties for all and sorrow for many. We might even wonder where is God in all of us.

The fact is that God continues to be with us to offer hope and consolation. In midst of our fears and possible anger God says to us. “Do not be afraid – it may be Friday...But Sunday is coming”.

This is the Good News of Easter! Current events may seem like Good Friday But...Sunday is coming!

It has come! Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

Many the joy of Jesus’ victory give comfort, peace, and hope to you and all!

*Pastor Harswick*



### In-Kind Donations

Please fill out the in-kind donation form, (You can request a form from the Church Administrative Assistant Ann Martin) or turn in any receipts for items purchased and donated to the church. This would include boxes of tissues, toilet paper, office supplies and any other items that would normally need to be purchased as part of the budget. Keeping track of all the items that are donated helps to ensure that our budget is accurate.

Treasurer - David Hoban.

GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

March 9, 2021. 6:00 pm

Present: Julie Schaefer, Jennifer Lecker, Bryce Larson, Benda Kobs, Sue Salzsieder, Anne Sellen, Pastor Harswick.

Absent: Michael Hetzner, Neiley Janicek

Call to Order. Julie called the meeting to order at 6pm.

Opening Prayer. Pastor Harswick opened with a devotion and prayer.

Approval of Meeting Agenda. This was approved by consensus.

Secretary's Report was approved by consensus.

Treasurer's Report was presented by David and approved by consensus.

## Treasurer's Monthly Report

Submitted by David Hoban

		<u>February</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	
		<u>----2021----</u>	<u>----2021----</u>	<u>----2021----</u>	<u>----2021----</u>
		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Planned</u>	<u>Planned</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>					
Operating Income	\$	11999	18,568	17,213	103,280
Capital Campaign	\$	500	650	1,667	10,000
Building Projects	\$	0	0	583	3,500
Benevolence Funds	\$	0	0	417	2,500
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>12,499</b>	<b>19,218</b>	<b>19,880</b>	<b>119,280</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>					
Operating Expenses	\$	9274	20,535	20,105	120,632
Capital Campaign	\$	500	650	1,667	10,000
Buiding Projects	\$	0	0	583	3,500
Benevolence Funds	\$	0	0	417	2,500
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9,774</b>	<b>21,185</b>	<b>22,772</b>	<b>136,632</b>
<b>INCOME MINUS EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,725</b>	<b>-1,967</b>	<b>-2,892</b>	<b>-17,352</b>

At the annual meeting, Gloria Dei passed a budget that projected a shortfall for 2021. This report is intended to keep the congregation informed on overall budget on a monthly basis. Please reach out to me if you have any specific questions.

For expenses, January contained several quarterly bills and two yearly bills which increased the monthly expenses. February contained only the usual monthly bills.

For income, February had an increase in offering revenue compared to the general average. The income also includes the rent from the Pentacostals and \$284 received from Thrivent Choice.

There was discussion about communication to congregation about giving vs. offering income in a simplified manner in addition to the detailed report that is included in the council meeting minutes. Ideas to be brought forward next month.

### Pastor's Report

Holy Week worship schedule was discussed. Services will be as follows:

Palm Sunday – 9am. In person, parking lot or Facebook live.

Maunday Thursday – 6:30pm – In person, parking lot or Facebook live.

Good Friday – NOON – In person, parking lot or Facebook live.

Easter Sunday – 7:30am AND 9:00am – In person, parking lot and Facebook live.

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Extension of Pastor's Contract. Pastor Harswick accepted an interim position on Washington Island *Continued From page 3* and his last Sunday at Gloria Dei will be April 25<sup>th</sup>. He will officiate a wedding at Gloria Dei in May. Council will reach out to Jim Liddle to see if he is available on an intentional supply pastor basis. We have heard from the Synod and there is a shortage of interim pastors; council is in contact with them to determine next steps.

Confirmation Sunday will occur before Pastor Harswick leaves. Conversation about first communion will be initiated by David Hoban with Pastor Harswick to see if that is something that could still be fit before the end of pastor's contract.

April 10 – Green Bay Conference will be held virtually. Need a volunteer.

May 14-15 – Synod Assembly will be held virtually. May 14 4:30-8:00 Workshops and May 15 8:30-5 meeting.

Installation of new bishop will be on Sunday April 10 at 10:30 and attendance will be virtual.

Broderick and Rachel Barrett requested a transfer to Christ Lutheran Church in Menominee. Council approved unanimously.

#### Old Business

Review of Back to Worship—As of March 28, Palm Sunday, council unanimously approved to allow 25 people in church at one time to worship. Masks are required and social distancing rules will continue to be followed. This will extend to the Pentecostal Church that shares our facility.

Land Inquiry— Task force obtained the drawings of the property and discovered that part of the septic system drain bed was in the prairie land. No further contact from the interested party at this time.

#### New Business—

Conversation about Grants – Jennifer brought a resource book with available grants within the state. She volunteered to see what grants might be available to Gloria Dei and offered to help write the request when council provides some ideas that could be applicable. Council to provide some ideas of projects that could use grant money.

Conversation to remind congregation about using Thrivent Choice dollars and to buy SCRIP as household budget friendly ways to assist Gloria Dei.

Building update – property team will get some quotes for how much it would cost to stain the exterior of the building and then develop a proposal on how to proceed this summer to move the staining project forward again.

Calendar update. See the Pastor report for Holy Week schedule. Bible Study is on Wednesday morning at 6:30am.

We agreed to continue Council meetings monthly on the second Tuesday at 6 pm. Next meeting April 13, 2021

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer after a motion by Bryce and second by Brenda.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Sellen

On behalf of Michael Hetzner, Council Secretary

Committee liaison will be determined.

**Gloria Dei limited in person worship.** Following the guidelines set out by our Return to Worship Task Force that was approved by council, the following procedures will apply:

The number attending service will, at the current time, be limited to **fifteen including worship leaders. Masks will be required and social distancing will be observed.** You will be ushered to a seat and ushered out in the same manner. It will be important to leave the building upon completion of worship to allow the Pentecostals to enter the building to set up and worship at their service starting at 11:00am. Sanitizing supplies will be provided and we ask that you wipe your chair before you sit down to ensure safety from possible lingering virus material.

In order to determine the correct number of worshipers we **will require you to contact Ann in the office prior to Sunday.** (920-898-5333). Her office hours are 9am-2pm on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday. Should worship numbers be complete you may indicate another Sunday to attend. We ask that you do not register for consecutive Sundays so that we may allow as many people as possible to experience in person worship in the near future.

On-line worship and parking lot attendance will remain an option so that you have a variety of ways to participate in the worship experience.

The council will monitor, and when possible and/or needed, will modify these procedures. We look forward to worshipping in

## Worship Committee Meeting

March 1, 2021 – 6 pm.



Present: Pastor Harswick, Barb Spiegel, Nealey Janicek & Anne Sellen.

Excused: Doug Everson.

Pastor Harswick opened with Prayer.

Services, Sunday and Lenten are going well.

Holy Week discussion:

March 25<sup>th</sup> - **Palm Sunday** -9a-FB Live, in-person, and parking lot with communion.

All Glory Laud and Honor. Palms. Readers(3).

April 1<sup>st</sup> - **Maundy Thursday**- 6:30p. FB live, in-person, and parking lot with communion.

1 reader- 2 to clear altar.

April 2<sup>nd</sup> - **Good Friday**- 12:00 noon- FB live, in-person and parking lot.

The Seven Last Words of Jesus.

April 4<sup>th</sup> - **Easter** – 7:30a & 9a, FB live, in-person and parking lot with communion both services.  
Resurrection litany. Paschal candle lighting.

We will continue to wear masks and social distance.

It is our hope to see more persons attending in-person services.

Next Meeting March 29, 2021

Respectfully,

Barb Spiegel

### Piggly Wiggly Receipts

Your receipts from Piggly Wiggly from Kiel can be placed in the basket in the narthex. The Kiel Store allows us to turn in receipts to get the same non-profit donation as purchasing SCRIP gift cards. Receipts from purchases using gift cards are not eligible.



Thoughts on Stewardship  
by Jerry Jensen

In this time of rapid change, sometimes I wonder what it is all about. Wearing masks in public, social distancing, stimulus checks, and sanitizing everything. In rummaging through my work desk I discovered an article in Giving magazine by Sondra Wheeler dated 2002. (That was pre-COVID days). In the article titled "The Economics of Fearlessness", A Celebration of Grace, she opens the text with a consideration what the real gospel could make in our public treatment of possessions if we lived as if the things we profess were true.

Sondra references the twelfth chapter of Luke's Gospel. He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. ....For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Fear not, we are invited and empowered to live without anxiety in a world in the grip of fear.

We depend upon God for every breath and heartbeat, but we cannot seriously imagine waiting upon him for the groceries.

Just thinking in my world, what's important, community, baptism, congregation, and giving. It is time to get caught up.

Peace: Jerry



**You are invited to visit the ECSW Lay School of Ministry**

**Dates:**  April 16-17, 2021

**Course times:** are Friday evening and Saturday morning

**Worship Service** is Saturday from 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

**To attend courses please register at:** <https://forms.gle/WGjDB6RTsMeuBmFG9>

**For more information go to our Website:** <https://ecswlayschool.org/>

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