

The Weekly Visitor

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH WEST BEND, WI

Dear OSLC Family,

Christ is risen! He is risen *indeed*. **Alleluia!** The death of Jesus is not the final word. Sunrise belongs to God. Life so abundant we call it eternal - Resurrection. This is the Word of Good News! Joy. Hope. Promise. Empty tomb. The Gospels do not explain Easter; rather Easter explains the Gospels. Our lives do not explain Easter—Easter gives meaning to our lives. Faith is the story we tell with our lives. May the following poem called “**Sunrise**” set the scene for us this weekend:

The world slept fitfully, sleep disturbed by memories of God, dying, slain by our need to be religiously perfect and self-sufficient. Night terrors stalked humankind as souls fought off their need for God's redemption. Darkness. Silence. Death.



Then the pale of morning light crept from behind the horizon, opening to view another way. With gentle, caring touch the clouds of night were brushed aside and with them angry dreams and pitiful memories. Women walked, bathed in sunrise to find hope released from bondage. Humankind does not contain or kill the power of One who loves more than we can hate. Morning does not depend on us. Sunrise belongs to God.

Thought for the week: “Joy is what happens to us when we allow ourselves to recognize how good things really are.” -Marianne Williamson

With you a Christian. For you a Pastor.
PJ

P.S. On behalf of our staff and council, a blessed Easter to you and your families! May the Resurrection remind us to boldly be church after church!

P.S. Safe travels to everyone who will be traveling for Spring Break over the coming week. Come back renewed, refreshed and reinvigorated!



I'm Ahren Jeranek and I'm a sophomore at Slinger High School. I mainly like to play sports such as football, wrestling, and lacrosse as well as video games when I have the time! I'm excited to go to New Orleans for the Youth Gathering because it will be a new and fun experience for me learning in a different environment. I want to thank you for the support you have given our group and I can't wait for our trip in July!

Editor's note: Ahren is one of 3 youth attending the ELCA's Youth Gathering July 16-20. Three adults (Ty Jeranek, Mary Damkot and PJ) will accompany our youth!



Attention Goodfellas of OSLC!

We have reserved a space at Lucky Shotz for our next Goodfellas (all men of OSLC) gathering on **Sunday, April 14th at 5:00pm**. To facilitate our gathering and for food planning, it will be necessary to get a RSVP from everyone as to whether you can make it or not. Please let PJ know by Wednesday, April 3rd if you will be able to make it or not.



April 8-14 is an OSLC Family Promise week. They are currently serving 5 families. In addition, 12 individuals are in the men's & women's shelter and 4 individuals are in transitional apartments.

We can help with meals or groceries. Call Joan for more information and if you can help. Thank you.

Joan Petersen 920-291-7003

Monday, April 1st
Office closed

Wednesday, April 3rd
8:30 am HGL Quilters
6:00 Midweek Service
6:30 pm Journey

Thursday, April 4th
9:00 am Kits N Quilts
6:00 pm Worship

Friday, April 5th
Office closed

Sunday, April 7th
8:00 am Worship
9:00 am Sunday School

*Christ
is
Risen!*



Dennis Benz
Julia Bethards
Mary Buddenhagen
Andy Burgdorf
Pat Depies
Pete Lindquist
Anna Praefke
Chuck Respondi
Eleanor
Sara VandeBoom
Lee

Kathy Schnieder
Quinn Murphy

Save the date!

We have been invited by Trinity to participate in **VBS** (Vacation Bible School) hosted by them the week of June 10-14 from 9:00am-noon each day. Info & registration sheets on the bulletin board.



Dear Friends,

There are so many ways to pray. For me, the meditative rhythm of knitting and crocheting calms my mind and helps me stay balanced. Although we may not know the recipients of our prayer shawls, we are praying with each stitch and sending love to the new mom, college student or cancer patient that may wrap themselves in our creations.

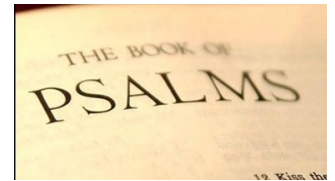


Only two more Prayer Shawl get-togethers before summer! Please join us for sharing, instruction and fellowship.

Tuesday, April 9th (not April 2nd) 6pm
Tuesday, May 7th 6pm

God bless you,

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!
Oh the mountains of Sniffles, the hills of croup, and the valleys of vomit galore...



Never ending laundry piles, cleaning bedding and crumpled up tissues on the floor
Endless sermons to prepare and bible study homework to do. Will I ever find time for date night? Where are you O God of all? The cat dumped its litter box all over...the kids fighting over the Nintendo game switch. Alas! A hint of sunshine and warmth on an otherwise gloomy day. The sun seems to be staying out longer each day even if only by one second...your hope abounds. Oh wait, the youngest just pinched the oldest and the middle child yelled "butthead"... Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus! You are my saving grace!

(Members of the Monday morning Bible study recently finished reading through the Book of Psalms and courageously wrote their own modern day prose of psalm!)



Don't forget to Adopt A Plot! See sign up in Gathering area.

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