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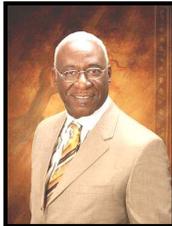
2017

# The Messenger



OUR SAVIOR'S  
LUTHERAN - MILWAUKEE

to bring God's justice, love, and mercy to the **heart** of Milwaukee



## From the desk of Pastor Keen

Grace and peace to you from God our Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord and risen Savior Amen.

We are coming to the close of our Lenten season and about to enter the season of Holy Week and Easter. The resurrection of our Lord Sunday is the most important day in the life of the Christian church. We will continue in the tradition of this congregation with a sunrise service at 6:00 a.m. and our second service at 10:00 Easter morning.

The reason I bring that up is to provide you with a reminder of what you can expect from this ministry in our near future, and another reason why we support the ministries of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. The many various wonderful ministries that emanate from within the walls of this congregation in many ways provide a venue for miracles to happen in the lives of the people we serve each and every day. Whether they come through the Central Churches Outreach Ministry or just come looking for prayer and encouragement, people are finding what they need when they encounter this ministry.

From time to time a person will stop by the office window and share what this ministry means to them and how thankful they are that we

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Holy Week  
and  
Easter

Palm/Passion Sunday  
April 9  
& 102nd Birthday  
Celebration Lunch  
honoring  
Pastor Ermerita Marie  
Avilés de Jesús

April 13  
Maundy Thursday  
10:30 a.m.

April 14  
Good Friday 1:30 p.m.

April 16  
Easter Sunday  
6 & 10 a.m.

Reconciling in Christ  
Sunday  
April 23  
Guest Preacher: Rev.  
Kevin Strickland

Coming May 6th  
High Tea! (page 5)  
Make a fancy  
hat on April  
30th to wear  
to the tea!



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**MISSION**

To Bring God's Justice, Love and Mercy to the Heart of Milwaukee

**RENEWREJOICE!**  
*from Generation to Generation*  
**STRATEGIC PLAN 2017**

**STRATEGIC VISION**

- We will be the "Hub" for the Heart of Milwaukee optimizing our facilities with unique partnerships in the city.
- We will have 400 in weekly worship attendance.
- We will be relevant and exist for the next generation through healthy finances and a thriving family ministry, reaching over 100 kids and students.
- 50% of our congregation will be connected in life-giving small groups.
- Our membership will mirror our community as a leading, multi-cultural church on the front lines for social justice.

**GROWTH ENGINES**

Sunday AM Experience	Family Ministry	Discipleship Path	"Heart of Milwaukee"
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop guest services strategy (include follow-up)</li> <li>• Appoint/find a connections leader</li> <li>• 8:30 and 11:00 services aligned to our new guests</li> <li>• Simplify &amp; streamline process</li> <li>• De-clutter &amp; update key traffic areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop, clean space for nursery &amp; kids up to 3rd/4th grade</li> <li>• Determine where/when kids will either be in classes, service, during or between</li> <li>• Curriculum and how/what they will learn</li> <li>• Determine who we can partner with already doing great things/resources</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear serving on-ramps at church and during week/lower level (Connections Leader)</li> <li>• Visual for discipleship path</li> <li>• Define what a disciple is</li> <li>• Invite strategy</li> <li>• Gifts assessments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leader to run point on community partnerships</li> <li>• Next door foundation</li> <li>• CCC Relationship defined</li> <li>• Strategize with existing partners</li> <li>• City/county government connect w/ vision</li> <li>• Develop our "story"</li> <li>• Wednesday prayer launch integrated in with vision &amp; next steps</li> </ul>

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are here. The people who come here looking for help, need our help and come here because of the known tradition being received here. The experiences that they are having would seem routine to the average person, but because of the position and condition they are in, what they experience is counted by many of them as miraculous. Yes, miracles are happening here every day because of the support and generosity of our members' friends and supports.

This is a note from a woman dated September 7, 2016

*My dearest Pastor Keen, I am writing this because I am someone who has been lost a long time. I have always believed in God, but I may not always have had faith. I've never felt the power of Christ our Lord or the power of the Holy Spirit.*

*Because of this, I abandoned the Lord and I thought He had abandoned me too. Life was just all wrong and I was just all wrong. I was at rock bottom spiritually. Then one day I came to one of your lunch sermons on Wednesday. I really listened to your words of wisdom. As I was paying attention, I found myself crying, not tears of sadness but tears of joy. God hadn't abandoned me. He brought me to you. After that first time I came to your sermon I decided I was going to attend another, then another, and another. I think I have attended three or four of your sermons since finding you. I cry at each and every one of them, in fact as I write this now I am crying. I finally realize I cry because I feel something remarkable and powerful because of you and God's word through you. I finally feel the Holy Spirit working within me. I have my faith back. I feel I finally have a relationship with Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Thank you for bringing that to me. Thank you for helping me find the faith that makes me a better wife, mother and grandmother and person. Thank you for being you and allowing God to work miracles through you.*

*I have experienced a miracle! With all my love, Nicole C.*

**This is what your support is doing in the lives of people each and every day. Please continue to walk in your faithfulness through your giving but also your attendance.**

Lovingly submitted, Pastor Keen

# RENEWREJOICE!

from Generation to Generation

### Stewardship Campaign 2017

As of March 21st, we have received 51 commitment cards for a total of \$134,577 pledged for 2017.

Our campaign goal for **NEW GIFTS** is \$80,000. With the \$170,000 needed for **ONGOING MINISTRY**, the campaign **TOTAL GOAL** is \$250,000.

The Stewardship Team extends heartfelt thanks to those who have made a commitment. If you have not sent in your card, you can still do so. We are busy writing thank you notes and making follow up telephone calls as we celebrate your support for the ministries of the church.

You will recall that our budget for Ongoing Ministry is \$170,000. We are getting very close to that goal in pledges received. The campaign goal for NEW GIFTS of \$80,000 has a start in a grant received for New Initiatives...Hooray! A \$5000 Board Director Recommended Grant from the Siebert Lutheran Foundation has been received “for the purpose of funding strategic planning initiatives”. This is a Challenge Grant - the congregation is challenged to raise the additional \$5000 needed to fund those initiatives. Our first \$100 check was received on March 21st, *taking on the challenge!* So, we need only 49 more \$100 checks to meet it!

### Ministry Initiatives for 2017

As a reminder, here are our initiatives: In order to be engaged with the emerging energy rising in this community and citywide, we are renewing our **Sunday morning**

Goal 1 Sunday Morning worship experience	\$6,000
Goal 2 Marketing and communication	\$3,000
Goal 3 Strengthening our ongoing ministry	<u>\$1,000</u>
Goal for new initiatives	\$10,000

**worship experience** to be more welcoming to newcomers, especially to those who may have no experience with church. We are working to renew **our communication**, with one another and with those not yet a part of our base. We are developing a new website, new marketing materials, and you may notice the new logo on this letter. The third initiative in this, the first phase of our strategy, is to **strengthen our ongoing ministry**. The total amount needed for these initiatives is ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.)



**Save the date!! Saturday May 6, from 2-4 p.m. High Tea!!**

Planning is now underway for the High Tea event. Last year's Tea was such fun we're doing it again! The High Tea Team is excited to announce this year we will be entertained by Eli Holman on the keyboard (Paula Holman's talented son)!

Gail Jacobsen will host a hat making workshop on Sunday April 30 between services for those of you interested in creating your own "fascinator" for the event.

We are also looking for people to host tables\*\*, donate pastries, finger sandwiches, tablecloths and settings etc.

And there will be prizes too!

Invite your family and friends. (Invitations available). Get out your hats!

Suggested donation \$20.00 (\$120.00 to sponsor a table)

Please contact Phil Enockson @ 414-588-9835 or penockson@wi.rr.com or sign up at the church office.

**\*\*FAQ's about hosting a table**

**Does hosting a table mean I am sponsoring the table?** No. In general, people will invite friends/family to fill a table and then act as host. You may sponsor the table as well .

**Do I have to provide the table setting?** No. If you have a tea set or serving pieces or linens you would like to use please bring them. You will be asked to set the table.

**What about the food?** We are asking for donations of pastries, finger sandwiches, etc.

**What do I have to do?**  
 Set the table  
 Greet and seat the guests for your table.  
 Explain the courses, the food, and the tea.  
 Serve the first cup of tea to each guest. (instructions will be provided)  
 Replenish food and tea as needed.



**FANCY HAT MAKING DAY  
Sunday, APRIL 30  
between services**

In order to prepare for the fantastic High Tea taking place on May 6th, we are having a FANCY HAT MAKING DAY!

If you have ever envied the British Nobility for their extravagant haberdashery (hats!), come and join us and make your own vintage hat.

We will have plain hat forms (pill box, straw, beret, bonnets etc.) plus we will have feathers and flowers, ribbon, tulle netting, jewels and even bird nests for decorating them. Come have fun making a fancy hat—you will be ready for the High Tea and the Kentucky Derby, too!

# April 2017

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

	<p>The Yarn Ministry invites you to the monthly gathering at The Brumder Mansion 31st &amp; Wisc. Av at 10 am March 4. Skilled yarn craftspeople and beginners all are welcome on the first Saturday each month.</p> 					<p>1 9am NA 10am Yarn Ministry</p>
<p>2 Worship 8:30&amp;11am MCC 6 pm</p>	<p>3 KBS 3pm</p>	<p>4 ElectionDay L&amp;M* 9:30 diakonia 6:30</p>	<p>5 12 pm Wed Prayer Ser- vice/ lunchMid- week Lent at Central</p>	<p>6 2pm Archive 4pm VBS Planning 6pm Space Team 7:30 Choir</p>	<p>7 5:30 Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>8 9am NA 2pm Wedding &amp; Reception</p>
<p>9 Palm/ Passion Sun. 8:30&amp;11am Birthday Lunch 12:30 MCC 6pm</p>	<p>10 KBS 3pm</p>	<p>11 L&amp;M* 9:30 diakonia 6:30</p>	<p>12 12 pm Wed Prayer Service/lunch</p>	<p>13 Maundy Thursday 10:30 am  Choir 7:30</p>	<p>14 Good Friday 1:30 pm</p>	<p>15 9am NA</p>
<p>16 EASTER 6 &amp;10am Breakfast 7:30 am</p>	<p>17 KBS 3pm</p>	<p>18 L&amp;M* 9:30</p>	<p>19 12 pm Wed Prayer Service/lunch</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 100/\$100 Fundraising Dinner for CCC 6 pm</p>	<p>22 9am NA &amp; PLT 10am Earth day Neighborhd Cleanup</p>
<p>23 RIC Sun. Worship 8:30&amp;11am MCC 6pm</p>	<p>24KBS 3pm 7:30 Founda- tion Meeting</p>	<p>25 L&amp;M* 9:30 diakonia 6:30</p>	<p>26 12 pm Wed Prayer Service/lunch</p>	<p>27 Choir 7:30</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 9am NA</p>
<p>30 Worship 8:30&amp;11am 10 New Mem- bers Class</p>	<p>* indicates "Guest" KBS - Kaleidoscope Bible Study (all are welcome) L&amp;M - L&amp;M Payee Service office hours for clients WIW - Wisconsin Injured Workers CP - Construction Pastors</p> <p>CCC - Central City Churches MCC - Milwaukee Chamber Choir NA - Narcotics Anonymous MCC - Milwaukee Chamber Choir</p>					

### **EASTER LILY ORDER FORM**

Help decorate the church for Easter Sunday, April 16. This year we have ordered white Easter lilies which will be placed in the chancel area. These will be quality plants purchased from Mileagers in Racine and may be sponsored for \$10.00. Please indicate on the order form if you wish to give your plant in memory or honor of someone. The names will be listed in the Easter bulletins.



You may pick up a plant after the 10:00 a.m. service on Easter Sunday, or you may designate to have it delivered to a homebound member. You are invited to help with those Easter lily visits to the homebound. We are also accepting your contributions towards Holy Week and Easter worship supplies.

Please complete the form below and return it with your payment to the church office or place it in the offering plate on Sunday.

**EASTER LILY ORDER FORM** - *place in offering plate or return to church office*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ (HOW MANY?) LILY PLANTS @ \$10.00 EACH = TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(check one) \_\_\_\_ in memory of (or) \_\_\_\_ in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

(check one) \_\_\_\_ in memory of (or) \_\_\_\_ in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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I WILL PICK UP MY PLANT(S)

PLEASE DELIVER MY PLANT(S) to a homebound member.

I WILL HELP DELIVER LILIES (CALL PENNY TO SIGN UP) on April 17

I HAVE ENCLOSED A DONATION FOR palms and other Holy Week worship supplies.

For office use
Paid Amt \$ _____
Check # or Cash _____

## April Highlights

**Wednesday, April 5 Midweek Lenten Service** at Central United Methodist Church, 25th & Wisconsin. 6 pm Soup Supper 6:45 pm Service featuring Holden Evening Prayer.

**Sunday, April 9 Palm/Passion Sunday** with palms and dramatic reading of the story of Jesus' passion from the book of Matthew. **Special Birthday Lunch celebrating Pastor Marie's 102nd** birthday in Fellowship Hall at about 12:30 p.m.

### Holy Week Easter

**Maundy Thursday, April 13 - Service 10:30 a.m.** in the sanctuary. Traditional service for the day, with foot washing and Holy Communion. Lunch will be available following the service.

**Good Friday, April 14 - Service 1:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary. Reflections on the Seven Last Words of Christ from the Cross. Traditional Good Friday music and veiling of the cross.

**Easter Sunday, April 16 - Festival Services at 6 & 10 a.m.** - with **Easter Breakfast served from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.** Come to breakfast following the 6am service or before the 10 am service!

**CCC Fundraising Dinner** Friday, April 21 6:00 p.m. \$100 for 100 Years! Add Pastor Teresa Thomas-Boyd's 60th birthday to Central City Churches, Inc. 40th Anniversary and you get 100! Tickets for this event are \$100 (or \$600 for a table). Guest Speaker: Connie Lindsey, Northern Trust Corp and Chicago Girl Scouts of American Chair. Tickets available in the church office.

**RIC Sunday** April 23 at both services we will celebrate Our Savior's long tradition of being an open and affirming congregation for the LGBTQ community. We are excited that Rev. Kevin Strickland will join us from the ELCA as our Guest Preacher.

### Coming in May

**Training Opportunity open to New Leaders** - All church leaders (that's about 60 people at Our Savior's!) are invited to attend Holy Currencies/ Gracious Leadership for Building Bridges training on **May 14-17** at the Siena Center in Racine. As you know, Our Savior's has been training with the Kaleidoscope Institute (Rev. Dr. Eric Law) since 2009. The tools we have learned and practice in our meetings (Kaleidoscope Bible Study, RESPECT Guidelines, Mutual Invitation) are familiar to many of you. This training is an opportunity for those who have not participated yet in a KI training. Speak to Wendy Enockson or Penny Schwid about registration. Scholarship Money is available.



*Celebrating our diversity in Christ with the LGBTQ community*

*You are invited to*

## Reconciling in Christ Sunday

April 23, 2017

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.



### Guest Preacher

**Rev. Kevin Strickland**

Asst. to the Presiding Bishop, Executive for Worship—ELCA

*For 25 years Our Savior's Lutheran Church has been a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation, intentionally welcoming people of all sexual orientations and gender identities into the life of the church. The RIC program is for Lutheran communities that publicly welcome lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people (see reconciling-works.org). On this Reconciling in Christ Sunday, we join The Church in confessing that, even with our best intentions, we have not loved all people with our whole heart and are seeking the forgiveness of those who have been harmed by our words and actions. Join us this day!*



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### Worship Leaders Schedule for April, 2017

<i>Schedule</i>	Sunday April 2 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday April 9 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	EASTER Sunday April 16 6:00 & 10:00 a.m.	RIC Sunday April 23 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.	Sunday April 30 8:30 & 11:00 a.m
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Paul Brynildson	8:30 Paula Holman 11:00 Penny Schwid	6:00 a.m. Paula Holman 10:00 a.m. Penny Schwid	Miguel de Jesus	8:30 Paul Brynildson 11:00 Kari Zieminski
<b>Reader</b>	8:30 Norma Fogle 11:00 Gary Christianson	8:30 Gail Jacobsen 11:00 Penny Schwid	6:00 a.m. John Schneble 10:00 Bob Foley	8:30 LaVonne Williams 11:00 Tammy Arvelo	8:30 Cyndi Benner 11:00 Larissa Roby-Brown
<b>Communion Server</b>	8:30 Norma Fogle, Cyndi Benner 11:00 Paul Brynildson	8:30 Paul Brynildson, Linda Wright 11:00 Penny Schwid	6:00 Jerry Williams, Norma Fogle 10:00 _____	8:30 LaVonne & Jerry Williams 11:00 Miguel de Jesus	8:30 Cyndi Benner, Steve Oakland 11:00 Kari Zieminski
<b>Acolyte</b>	8:30 Paul Brynildson  11:00 Paul Brynildson	8:30 Steve Oakland 11:00 Penny Schwid	6:00 _____  10:00 _____	8:30 LaVonne Williams 11:00 Miguel de Jesus	8:30 Cyndi Benner 11:00 Kari Zieminski
<b>Sacristy</b>	8:30 Norma Fogle & Lindsey Doman  11:00 Julie Carr	8:30 Wendy Enockson, Aija Jasourowski 11:00 Penny Schwid	6:00 Nancy Schultz  10:00 Penny Schwid	8:30 Jerry & LaVonne Williams 11:00 Anna Johnson	8:30 Wendy Enockson, Joan Totten 11:00 Penny Schwid
<b>Gift Bearer</b>	8:30 Tom & Judy Pinger 11:00 Maurice Scruggs, Julie Carr	8:30 Wendy & Phil Enockson 11:00 Kevin & Vivian Gray	6:00 _____  10:00 Schwid family	8:30 McLean family 11:00 Tammy & Jena Arvelo Sebesta	8:30 Jerry & LaVonne Williams 11:00 Roby-Brown family
<b>Sound Room 8:30 a.m.</b>	Daren Jasourowski	Paul Schneble	6:00 a.m. Paul Schneble	Paul Schneble	Paul Schneble
<b>Ushers 11:00 a.m.</b>	Maurice Scruggs	Kevin & Vivian Gray	10:00 a.m.	Tammy & Jena Arvelo Sebesta	Antoine Roby

Thank you for serving in these diaconal positions as assigned. Please contact the church office (Penny 414-342-5252) with your availability for the next several months. If you cannot serve as assigned, please arrange a substitute for yourself and advise the church office of the change. If you fill a vacancy that is on the schedule, please call Penny in the church office.

*Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; Hebrews 12:28*

## April Birthdays



Festge, Doreen	04/03	Westcott, Kristi	04/19
Schultz, Adriana	04/05	Jacobsen, Gail	04/27
Prochnow, Jeanne	04/07	O'Connell, Beverly	04/28
Avilés de Jesús, Marie	04/09	Wieneri, Catherine	04/29
Noet, Arnold	04/12	Anderson, Betty	04/30
Giese, Heiner	04/16		
Zimmermann, Karen	04/18		

### YOUR PRAYERS ARE INVITED FOR:

Jerry Williams  
 Dennis James  
 Dave Bickler  
 Linda Moore's brother, Jim Moore  
 Doreen, Herman & Jon Jorgensen  
 Jenine Wimmer  
 Lakelyn Ruth Poeppel  
 Kari Ziemienski's brother, Michael Berg  
 Mary Foley  
 Nan Gielow  
 Pastor Keen, & Anthony Boose  
 Tammy Arvelo, and her family members, Sierra,  
 Tona, August and Miguel  
 Ella Schumacher  
 Lenore Blasier  
 Betty Anderson  
 Geraldine Lenz  
 Elizabeth Seymour  
 Maude Wilson  
 Debbie Hyland  
 The Burns, Johnson, Clark, Elam and Palmer families  
 Demaine Richey  
 Red Door Clothing Ministry

*Let us pray*



Text "GIVE" to **414-292-9314**

### BAPTISM

We welcomed Collin John Schwid into this community of faith on March 12th. Collin, born August 18, is the son of Aaron & Jessica Schwid, and grandson of Steve & Penny Schwid and Don & Joanie Cannestra. Baptismal sponsors are the aunts, Amanda Schwid and Melissa Cannestra. The family fondly calls him "CJ".

### DEATH

Floyd Haberman passed from this life on March 14th at the age of 93. Floyd was at his post as Usher for the 8:30 service for many years. A member of the church since 1952, Floyd's warm greeting and friendly smile is already missed, even as we know that he is resting with Jesus. A celebration of his life was held at the church on March 20th.

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**Articles due by  
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