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Sunday Worship

9:00 a.m. Bible Study following worship

Vision Statement: *"To be an oasis of spiritual growth alive in the grace of God."*

Mission Statement: *Leading People Into a relationship with Jesus Christ."*

From Pastor Dan ~

April 8, 2012 – Easter Sunday!

I don't want to insult your knowledge of the church year calendar and why some dates like Easter move around while others like Christmas stay the same, but here's a review for why Easter falls on different Sundays every year. Christian tradition and Church history is the right place to start.

The date for Easter differs from year to year because it has been determined by the phases of the moon – just as the Old Testament Jewish festival of Passover was determined. So, for centuries, Easter Sunday has been celebrated annually on the first Sunday after the first full moon of spring. This can come as early as March 21 or as late as April 20, give or take a day or two. Since the first full moon in spring in 2012 (March 20) doesn't come until April 6, Easter Sunday this year falls on April 8.

Once Easter Sunday is established, then most of the other big days in the church year are determined. Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, is February 22, exactly 40 days before Easter Sunday. The number 40 is one of those numbers that comes up over and over again in the Bible. Noah – rain for 40 days and 40 nights. Israel – wandering for 40 years in the wilderness. Jesus – tempted by Satan for 40 days and 40 nights in the desert. Traditionally, the 40 days of Lent served as a period of preparation, even fasting, leading up to Easter.

At Lord of Life, as usual, we will hold Midweek Lenten worship for 6 Wednesdays at 7:00 PM preceded by Potluck Supper and fellowship at 6:00 PM (no Potluck on Ash Wednesday). Chris will post more information about this on the LOL Express and on our bulletin boards in the hallway.

Here's a quick peek at what we're planning for these Midweek services:

Our theme is "See His Cross – Surprising Words from Our Savior's Passion". This theme takes us on a spiritual journey to those familiar places and people leading up to the highlight of Lent – Good Friday – to prepare us to sing ALLELUIA on Easter Sunday. Jesus didn't stay dead and you won't either! You'll hear this all again in our March Newsletter.

February 22, Ash Wednesday

Put your Sword Away! John 18:4-11

February 29, Midweek 2

It's No Secret! John 18:19-24

March 7, Midweek 3

It's God's Plan from Beginning to End!
Mark 14:61, 62

March 14, Midweek 4

Shed No Tears for Jesus! Luke 23:26-31

March 21, Midweek 5

Glory Be to Jesus! John 17:1-5

March 28, Midweek 6

Our King is Crucified John 18:36, 37

Sunday Bible Study ~

On February 5, we'll dig into the Book of Galatians. We had an introduction to the book for the occasion and situation for the Apostle Paul's divine writing. Now we're ready to forge ahead with chapter one. Please join us! No memory work. No homework. No calling on people for answers. Just come and take in God's Word!

Sunday School for Children ~

We continue in our curriculum called "Christlight." Teachers – there's a signup sheet in the hallway to make sure we have a teacher/helper prepared for every Sunday. Activities and take home papers for children every Sunday. Cost? It's FREE! Spread the news about this to your neighbors and friends. Adults and teens, stay for our Bible Study after plenty of treats and fellowship! We conclude by 10:45.

Lessons for February

February 05

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Job 7:1-7
Psalm 103
I Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

February 12

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalm 32
I Corinthians 9:24-27
Mark 1:40-45

February 19

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

2 Kings 2:1-12a
Psalm 148
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Mark 9:2-9

February 22



Put Your Sword Away!

John 18:4-11

February 26



Genesis 22:1-18
Psalm 6
Romans 8:31-39
Mark 1:12-15

Good News

Sometimes we are touched by a life that we only know as an acquaintance. A person who has a ready smile and a big hello whenever they see you. It becomes part of a routine and you may not think of them too often after they have walked out the door, but same time twice a week you get to share in their smile and a small part of their life. Share a hug or two.

How fortunate we are that we can be moved or touched by this brief acquaintance. That God uses everyone to show His Love, even if it is brief. We all must make the time to show our Christian love for each other here at Lord of Life, but in all areas of our lives.

Everywhere we go. Giving the gift of your Christian Love is what we call "priceless." But there was a price paid. It was paid once for all people by our Lord Jesus Christ. That is what God calls "priceless".

Make everyone important in your life. They are there for a reason, because God has placed them there. Go out and share that love.

"May Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by His grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word." 2Thessalonians 2:16-17

Peace & Blessings,
Chris Keyser
Parish Coordinator

Worship Assistants for February

February 05	<i>Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany</i>
Greeters	Keith & Barb Rademacher
Ushers	Dan & Stephanie Dolan
Comm. Asst.	Karen Arenz
Lay Lector	Karen Arenz
February 12	<i>Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany</i>
Greeters	Chuck & Kathy Burant
Ushers	Bonita Anderson/Sandy Uhrich
Lay Lector	Karen Herbert
February 19	<i>The Transfiguration of Our Lord</i>
Greeters	Jeff & Karen Fredrickson
Ushers	Bill Jahnke/Steve Lentz
Lay Lector	Gary Risch
February 26	<i>The First Sunday in Lent</i>
Greeters	Steve & Diane Rice
Ushers	Jean Retzlaff/Chris Keyser
Lay Lector	Carol Arenz
Acolyte	Davy Schick
Altar Care	Chris Keyser
Counters	Sandy Schick/Carol Arenz

Happy Birthday in February

Nancy Schlei	07
Robert Bergman	11
Dan Schick	17

Happy Anniversary in February

Kraig & Karen Arenz	08
Jim & Bonnie Bruce	14
Don & Linda Walesewicz	17



Schoolhouse Players Invite

You To.....

FREE COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE

The Elves and The Shoemaker

Sunday, February 19th at 2:00 p.m.

Lake Country Elementary School

1800 Vettelson Road

Delafield, WI 53018

Oconomowoc Area School Performances

Greenland	2/02/12	9:33 am
Meadowview	2/02/12	1:30 pm
St. Matthew's	2/07/12	1:00 pm
3 Pillars	2/16/12	1:30 pm
Arrowhead HS	2/21/12	9:30 am
Arrowhead HS	2/21/12	12:15 pm

This FREE Performance of the "The Elves and the Shoemaker" is presented by Schoolhouse Players, Inc. (non-profit organization) Donations welcome!

This upbeat fantasy (45 minutes lone) is about a shoemaker who has a kind heart but little money. Thanks to an old beggar woman and four magical elves the fun begins. Magically children learn about the nature of kindness.

For more information about Schoolhouse Players or for community performance details contact Nancy at (262)442-1493.

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Christian Symbols



This number appears many times in Scripture, often indicating a time of trial or testing, or simply marking something significant. It rained 40 days and nights during the Great Flood. Israel wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. Jesus fasted for 40 days and was with the disciples for 40 days between his resurrection and ascension. Taking this symbolic number to heart, the Christian church has long observed 40 days of Lent (not counting Sundays),



Pack Well

During Lent, as we focus on Christ's journey to the cross, let's also examine the journey of our lives. The first task when leaving on any adventure is packing. What have you placed in your bag? Are you weighed down with temptations, self-doubt, money worries, relationship troubles? Have you overlooked any important items? Maybe your bag feels too empty for the challenges ahead. Remember to pack mercy, grace and forgiveness.

Thanks to Easter, we know that our journey In Christ continues, even when the road becomes difficult. So as you prepare for Lent, carry with you the hope made possible by Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf.

-Based on the "Journey to Hope" sermon series, www.rethinkchurch.org/lent