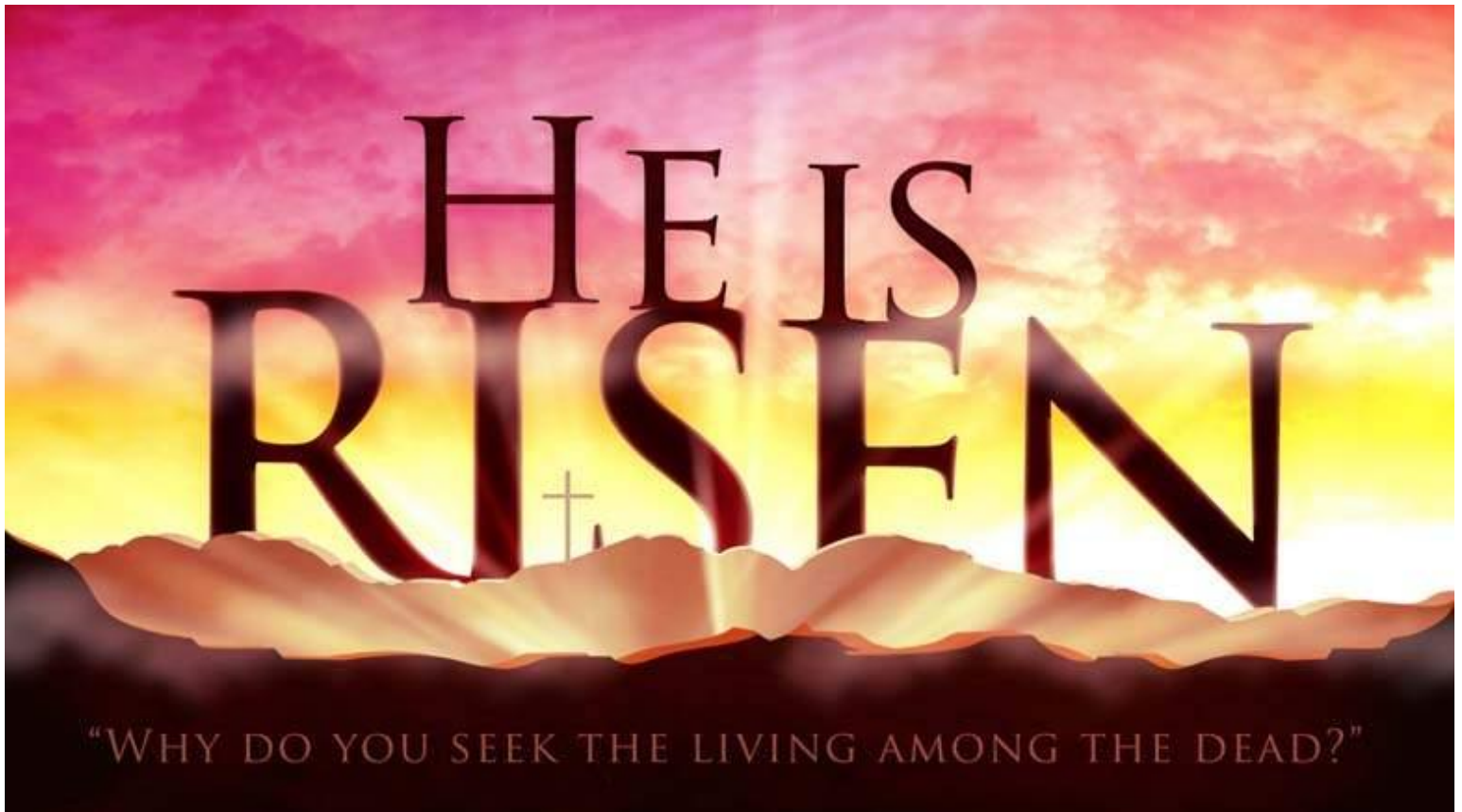


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Sundays 9:00 am

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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|  | | | 1 9:00 am Card Club No Worship | 2 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Worship | 3 6:30 pm Good Friday Worship | 4 |
| 5 8:00 am Adult Bible Study 7:30 am Easter Breakfast 9:00 am Easter Worship | 6 | 7 6:00 pm Book Club 6:30 pm Focus on Health | 8 9:00 am Card Club 5:15 pm ACE/Confirmation 6:30 pm ACE Easter Program | 9 | 10 | 11 8:00 am Elders Mtg. 8:30 am Community Food Pantry 9:00 am Meet SHLC Pastors and staff |
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| 19 8:00 am Adult Bible Study 9:00 am Worship | 20 | 21 6:00 pm Council Meeting | 22 9:00 am Card Club 5:15 pm 8 th grade Confirmation Class | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 8:00 am Adult Bible Study 9:00 am Worship & Confirmation Examination | 27 | 28 6:00 pm Community Food Pantry | 29 9:00 am Card Club | 30 |  | |

Confirmation is Sunday, May 3rd at 9:00 am

From Pastor Mackie

“With the Lord Begin Thy Task...”

“With the Lord begin thy task, Jesus will direct it;
 For His aid and counsel ask, Jesus will perfect it.
 Ev’ry morn with Jesus rise, and when day is ended,
 In His name then close thine eyes; Be to Him commended.”
 (TLH 540:1)

As I write this article, 30 mph + winds are whipping flakes of snow falling at a moderately heavy rate into very low visibility and drifts of snow higher than the wheel wells of my son’s car in our Ashwaubenon driveway. We’ve received more than a foot and a half of snow; it is looking like this blizzard may drop two feet of snow in our yard and on our driveway before it is over.

But this “weather event” had barely gotten started when I got up on Sunday morning. At 7 AM, there were maybe two inches that I could have driven over to get to Alleluia. So I began second-guessing the determination to cancel worship I made with the Elders the day before. During my morning dithering, it occurred to me that I hadn’t prayed about the decision other than in a general prayer for wisdom at the beginning of the meeting. Apparently, that was sufficient; By 10 AM it looked downright nasty out our kitchen window. In a previous year, I had driven 100 miles to get home from church in a blizzard. I used to hubristically say that if it were up to me, we would always have church because I could always get there. In the Elders meeting, everyone agreed that even if Bill Maile and I could get there, it wasn’t worth forcing worshipers to make the decision family by family. We will have other opportunities soon enough to gather and praise God for bringing us safely through the storm. (Besides, Elmro Road is a mess in the snow!)

Somewhere in the last six decades, I heard about something called an “arrow prayer.” My instructor advocated briefly bringing situations to God as we encountered them, like Nehemiah did (6:10b). But he also prayed longer, more general prayers, too (Nehemiah 1:5-11).

In the Small Catechism, Luther’s Morning Prayer doesn’t pray for specifics, either: “...into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul and all things...” That prayer is example of adopting an approach to life which depends on the care of our gracious heavenly Father, whether or not we consciously say words in our mind or in our hearts or not: “...the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.” (Romans 8:26 NIV). Not our will, but His will be done.

It is a sign of growth that I was more conscious of putting others in danger than I would have been a decade or two ago. God has shown the wisdom of the decision we made consulting meteorologists and past experiences—with the whispering of the Holy Spirit beneath it all.

“Thus, Lord Jesus, every task Be to Thee commended;
 May Thy will be done, I ask, Until life is ended.
 Jesus, in Thy name begun Be the Day’s endeavor;
 Grant that it may well be done To Thy praise forever.”

(TLH 540:5)

News and Notes



Shepherd of the Hills

Meet Shepherd of the Hills pastoral and support staff Saturday, April 11th at 9:00 am.



The last day of ACE and 7th grade confirmation is April 15th!



Focus on Health with Dr. Joyce Bauer

Tuesday, April 7th at 6:30 pm

Join us for discussions around the principles of preventing chronic disease, improving energy, and ways to feel better every day.

Due to lack of attendance and lack of Wednesday night Pastoral availability as we start our partnership with Shepherd of the Hills, we are discontinuing the Wednesday night service. The last service will be Wednesday April 15th .



Our ACE students will present their Easter program April 8th at 6:30 pm.

**LIVE
BREAKING
NEWS!**



Join us Sunday, May 3rd, immediately following worship as we celebrate Pastor Mackie and wish him well on his last day.

Happy Birthday!

Happy Anniversary!

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| Russ Feirer | 1-Apr |
| Josh Hermann | 2-Apr |
| Carl Rossal | 4-Apr |
| Sierra Dole | 5-Apr |
| Ezekiel Verbeten | 7-Apr |
| Jesse Stoltenow | 8-Apr |
| Ashley Verbeten | 8-Apr |
| Rebecca Roberts | 9-Apr |
| Wil Crary | 9-Apr |
| Debbie Feirer | 9-Apr |
| Joe Stradel | 13-Apr |
| Tyler Nackers | 14-Apr |
| Cindy Vroman | 14-Apr |
| Judy Kussow | 16-Apr |
| Amy Stoltenow | 16-Apr |
| Hadley Bloom | 17-Apr |
| Leah Crary | 17-Apr |
| Logan Bauer | 18-Apr |
| Anja Andres | 21-Apr |
| Brendan Gustafson | 21-Apr |
| Blake Andres | 22-Apr |
| Aaron Vanden Bush | 23-Apr |
| Sharon Westphal | 23-Apr |
| Patti Bangart | 24-Apr |
| Debra Tennie | 25-Apr |
| Ashley Vande Hey | 26-Apr |
| Camden Trembl | 27-Apr |
| Conlan Vanden Bush | 27-Apr |
| Gavin Huempfner | 28-Apr |
| Pam Schuster | 30-Apr |

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| Jeff & Kathie Just | 1-Apr |
| Bill & Sara Maile | 23-Apr |

