

# Evangelical Lutheran Church Of St. John



*Easter*  
S U N D A Y

***Easter Festival Service***

***April 4, 2021***



# Easter Festival

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

*STAND*

## EASTER ACCLAMATION

P: People of God – Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: I will not die, but live,

**C: And proclaim what the Lord has done!**

P: This is the day the Lord has made.

**C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P: Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*BE SEATED*

*(Organ Transition)*

**EASTER ANTHEM**      *The Lord has Risen, Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**(Choir Only)**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heave'n and voices raise; Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise. He who on the cross as Savior For the World's salvation bled, Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, Now is risen from the dead.

**(Choir & Congregation)**

Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born;  
Glorious life, and life immortal, On this resurrection morn.  
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer By His mighty enterprise;  
We with Him to life eternal By his resurrection rise.

## **I Live**

(Choir Only)

1. I live, I live because He is risen; I live, I live with pow'r over sin.  
I live, I live because He is risen; I live, I live to worship Him.  
Thank You, Jesus, thank you, Jesus; Because You're alive, Be-  
cause You're alive, Because You're alive, I live!

**(Choir & Congregation)**

2. I live, I live because He is risen; I live, I live with pow'r over  
sin. I live, I live because He is risen; I live, I live to worship Him.  
Thank You, Jesus, thank you, Jesus; Because You're alive, Be-  
cause You're alive, Because You're alive, I live!

## **Christ the Lord Is Risen Today**

(Choir Only)

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n today! Alleluia! Sons of men and angels  
say: Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high. Alleluia! Sing,  
ye heav'ns, and earth, reply: Alleluia!

**(Choir & Congregation)**

2. Lives again our glorious King. Alleluia! Where, O death, is  
now your sting? Alleluia! Once he died our souls to save. Alle-  
luia! Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

3. Love's redeeming work is done. Alleluia! Fought the fight,  
the battle won. Alleluia! Death in vain forbids his rise. Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

**(Organ Transition - Please Stand)**

(Choir - Choral Ending)

**(Choir and Congregation)**

**4. Soar we now where Christ has led. Alleluia! Foll'wing our exalted head. Alleluia! Made like him, like him we rise. Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!**

(Choir - Choral Ending)

*STAND*

### **OPENING RESPONSE**

**P:** I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

**C: Let us come before him with thanksgiving, and extol him with music and song.**

**P:** The Lord's right hand is majestic in power. The Lord's right hand has shattered the enemy. In the greatness of his majesty he threw down those who opposed him.

**C: Death has been swallowed up in victory.**

**P:** The Lord will not abandon me to the grave. He has made known to me the path of life.

**C: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.**

**P:** Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

**C: Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**P:** I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.

**C: The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever.**

**P:** Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.

**C: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and**

**praise!**

**P:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C:** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

### *BE SEATED*

### **A Harmony of the Gospel Accounts of our Savior's Resurrection**

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. Mary Magdalene saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So, she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

The other women entered the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" Then they remembered his words. Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid. So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

P: This is the Word of the Lord. Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**HYMN**

**CW 162 - He Is Arisen! Glorious Word**

He is arisen! Glorious Word!  
Now reconciled is God, my Lord;  
The gates of heav'n are open.  
My Jesus did triumphant die,  
And Satan's arrows broken lie,  
Destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.  
Oh, hear What cheer!  
Christ victorious, Rising glorious,  
Life is giving.  
He was dead, but now is living!

## **HARMONY OF GOSPELS CONTINUED**

When they heard Mary's report Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. Finally, the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to their homes.

**P:** This is the Word of the Lord. Christ is risen!

**C:** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## **HARMONY OF GOSPELS CONTINUED**

Mary returned to the tomb and she stood outside the tomb crying. As, she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. "Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to

the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'

The other women were returning from the tomb. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me." So they went and told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Mary Magdalene also returned to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them those things he had said to her. While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.' If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.

P: This is the Word of the Lord. Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**HYMN**

**I Know that My Redeemer Lives**

**(Choir & Congregation)**

**1. I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives, he lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living Head!**

**(Choir)**



2. He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save.  
He lives all-glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.

**(Choir & Congregation)**

**3. He lives to bless me with his love; He lives to plead for me  
above. He lives, my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time  
of need.**

(Choir)

4. He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with his  
eye. He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's  
complaint.

**(Choir & Congregation)**

**5. He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my  
tears. He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives, all blessings  
to impart.**

(Choir)

6. He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me  
to the end. He lives, and while he lives I'll sing; He lives, my  
Prophet, Priest, and King.

**(Choir & Congregation)**

**7. He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall con-  
quer death. He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring  
my safely there.**

*Please Stand*

**(Choir & Congregation)**

**8. He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Jesus, still the  
same. Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: "I know that my**

**Redeemer lives!"**

**SERMON TEXT: JOHN 20:19-23**

9 On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together behind locked doors because of their fear of the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, "Peace be with you!" 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you! Just as the Father has sent me, I am also sending you." 22 After saying this, he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 Whenever you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven. Whenever you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

**THEME: THE HANDS OF BLESSING**

*STAND*

**PRAYER**

P: Heavenly Father, God of grace, you have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. For as in Adam all died, so in Christ all will be made alive.

**C: He was delivered over to death for our sins, and raised to life for our justification.**

P: We marvel at the love you showed by your willingness to sacrifice your Son to pay for our sins; we bow down in adoration at your mighty power which raised him from the dead.

**C: We praise you for sending the true Life and Light into the world.**

P: Lord Jesus, God of grace, you have filled our hearts with resurrection joy by your victory over sin, death, and the grave.

**C: You have conquered the darkness and given us comfort and**

**hope.**

P: Holy Spirit, God of grace, you have called us by the gospel and brought us to saving faith in our risen lord.

**C: We glorify you for opening our eyes to see the light of life.**

P: Keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. As we journey through life, make us yearn for the day when you will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ.

**C: Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia!**

P: Lord, you have also taught us to pray:

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### *BE SEATED*

### **HYMN                      CW 156 - Awake, My Heart, with Gladness**

1 Awake, my heart, with gladness!

See what today is done;

Now, after gloom and sadness,

Comes forth the glorious sun.

My Savior there was laid

Where our bed must be made

When to the realms of light

Our spirit wings its flight.

2 The Foe in triumph shouted

When Christ lay in the tomb.  
But lo, he now is routed;  
His boast is turned to gloom.  
For Christ again is free;  
In glorious victory  
He who is strong to save  
Has triumphed o'er the grave.

3 This is a sight that gladdens--  
What peace it does impart!  
Now nothing ever saddens  
The joy within my heart.  
No gloom shall ever shake,  
No foe shall ever take  
The hope which God's own Son  
In love for me has won.

4 Now I will cling forever  
To Christ, my Savior true;  
My Lord will leave me never,  
Whate'er he passes through.  
He rends death's iron chain;  
He breaks through sin and pain.  
He shatters hell's dark thrall;  
I follow him through all.

5 He brings me to the portal  
That leads to bliss untold,  
Whereon this rhyme immortal  
Is found in script of gold:  
"Who there my cross has shared

Finds here a crown prepared;  
Who there with me has died  
Shall here be glorified”

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*STAND*

## **PRAYER**

M: Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in the newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise now and forever.

**C: Amen**

## **BLESSING**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen. (Spoken)**



*BE SEATED*

**CLOSING HYMN CW 147 - Like the Golden Sun Ascending**

1 Like the golden sun ascending,  
Breaking through the gloom of night,  
On the earth its glory spending  
So that darkness takes to flight,  
Thus my Jesus from the grave  
And death's dismal, dreadful cave  
Rose triumphant Easter morning  
At the early purple dawning.

2 Thanks to you, O Christ victorious!  
Thanks to you, O Lord of Life!  
Death has now no power o'er us,  
You have conquered in the strife.  
Thanks because you did arise  
And have opened paradise!  
None can fully sing the glory  
Of the resurrection story.

3 You have died for my transgression;  
All my sins on you were laid.  
You have won for me salvation;  
On the cross my debt was paid.  
From the grave I shall arise  
And shall meet you in the skies.  
Death itself is transitory;  
I shall lift my head in glory.

4 Grant me grace, O blessed Savior,

And your Holy Spirit send  
That my life and my behavior  
May be pleasing to the end,  
That I may not fall again  
Into death's grim pit and pain,  
Whence by grace you have retrieved me  
And from which you have relieved me.

5 For the joy your advent gave me,  
For your gospel's great reward,  
For your baptism which has saved me,  
For your supper and your Word,  
For your death, the bitter scorn,  
For your resurrection morn:  
Lord, I thank you and extol you,  
And in heav'n I shall behold you.

*Easter Sunday*  
*April 4, 2021*

***Pastor Daniel Sargent***  
***Jim Seefeldt***  
***Matt & Ronda Lemke, Kyle Seefeldt***

***Pastor***  
***Organist***  
***Counting Team***

***Welcome to All*** Thank you for joining us in worship today, and a special welcome to our guests who are with us. May the Word and promise of our Lord's love for us in Jesus fill your heart and soul with his peace. If you are a guest with us today, please sign our guest book in the entrance area.

***Prayer Requests*** Please remember the following in your prayers:

\*Birthday and wedding anniversary celebrations this week.

Contact Pastor Sargent for any prayer requests and to inform him of any family members entering the hospital.

Also, if you would like a special prayer put in the bulletin, please contact Brenda Polzin or email the request to [stjohn-grover@gmail.com](mailto:stjohn-grover@gmail.com) by Thursday mornings.

***Communion Announcements*** Those who desire to attend the Lord's Supper are asked to announce by having the ushers sign up for you. We follow the Bible based practice of communing those who are communicant members of our congregation and those who are members of a congregation in fellowship with the Wisconsin Synod. If you have any questions about attending the Lord's Supper with us, please ask to speak with our pastor before the time of service.

***Spring Clean-Up Day*** The Church Council have set Saturday, April

24 as a yard day for the church, school, and parsonage. Weather-permitting, please join us beginning at 9:00am to help spruce up the lawn and yard after a hard winter.

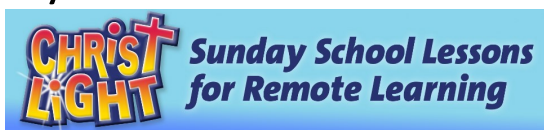


**LWMS Spring Rally** The Lake Superior Circuit of the LWMS will hold its spring rally on April 17 at Zion Lutheran Church, Peshtigo, WI. We will be having a door offering **TODAY** to support the mission projects. More information is on the bulletin board. If you plan to attend the rally, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board.

**Altar Guild** The Altar Guild is looking for volunteers. Duties would include: day prior to Lord's Supper - put wine and wafers on altar; fill candles and change altar cloths and banner as needed. Timing: three months/year (based on # of volunteers). Please contact Joanne Johnston (715)938-5582 if interested or if you have any questions.



**Bible Study** There will be no Bible Study Posted this week because of the Easter Holiday schedule



### **Sunday School**

**Attention Parents!** The Council has been asked to consider re-starting in person Sunday School the Sunday after Easter. Parents will be contacted to see how many are willing to have their children attend. The online course will continue through the Spring Lessons even if we start up again. The Spring Lessons start on 21 March and are available today.

**Parents can find their children's packet on the table in the front of church.**

The Lesson for Sunday April 4 is **"Jesus' Enemies Deny His Resurrection"** found in **Matthew 27 & 28.**

**Click on <https://online.nph.net/ss-remote> to view the videos**

***Worship & Daily Devotions on WOCO*** The worship broadcast on WOCO AM 1260 today (11:00 am) is hosted by Trinity, Marinette. The daily devotions on WOCO AM (1260) & FM (107.1) this week (Monday-Friday at 9:05 am) are hosted by St. John, Grover, by Pastor Daniel Sargent.

***Last Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran***

Mid-week Lenten Service 3/24/2021	26
Those Who Joined Us in Worship (3/28/2021)	82/56
Live Stream Service Logged in 3/28/2021	23
Average Sunday Attendance for the Year (13 weeks)	107

***This Week at St. John Ev. Lutheran***

Monday	NO SCHOOL
	6:30pm Zion Service (Sargent)
Wednesday	4:30pm Confirmation Class (4:30-6:00pm)
	5:45pm Lutheran Pioneers @ Zion, Peshtigo (5:45-7:30pm)
Friday	8:20am School Chapel Devotion
Sunday	8:30am Worship Service
	10:00am Worship Service
	11:00am CEA Meeting

Next Sunday's Counting Team: Team "D" - Shane Seefeldt, Mark Kamps, Jenn Thompson



### ***Offerings for the Lord's Work***

General Fund Income for 3/14/2021	\$ 5,625.75
General Fund Income for 3/21/2021	\$ 4,618.90
General Fund Income for 3/28/2021	\$ 7,661.50
Total General Fund Income (39 weeks)	\$279,477.28
Budget Needs Weekly at \$6,932.46 (39 weeks)	\$270,365.94
Total <b><i>BUDGET SURPLUS</i></b> in Offerings	\$ 9,111.34
Borrowed Funds for Current Operating Expense	\$ 0.00

### ***Included in General Fund Income Total:***

E-giving - \$1,646.50; Tuition - \$650

### ***Special Gifts & Offerings***

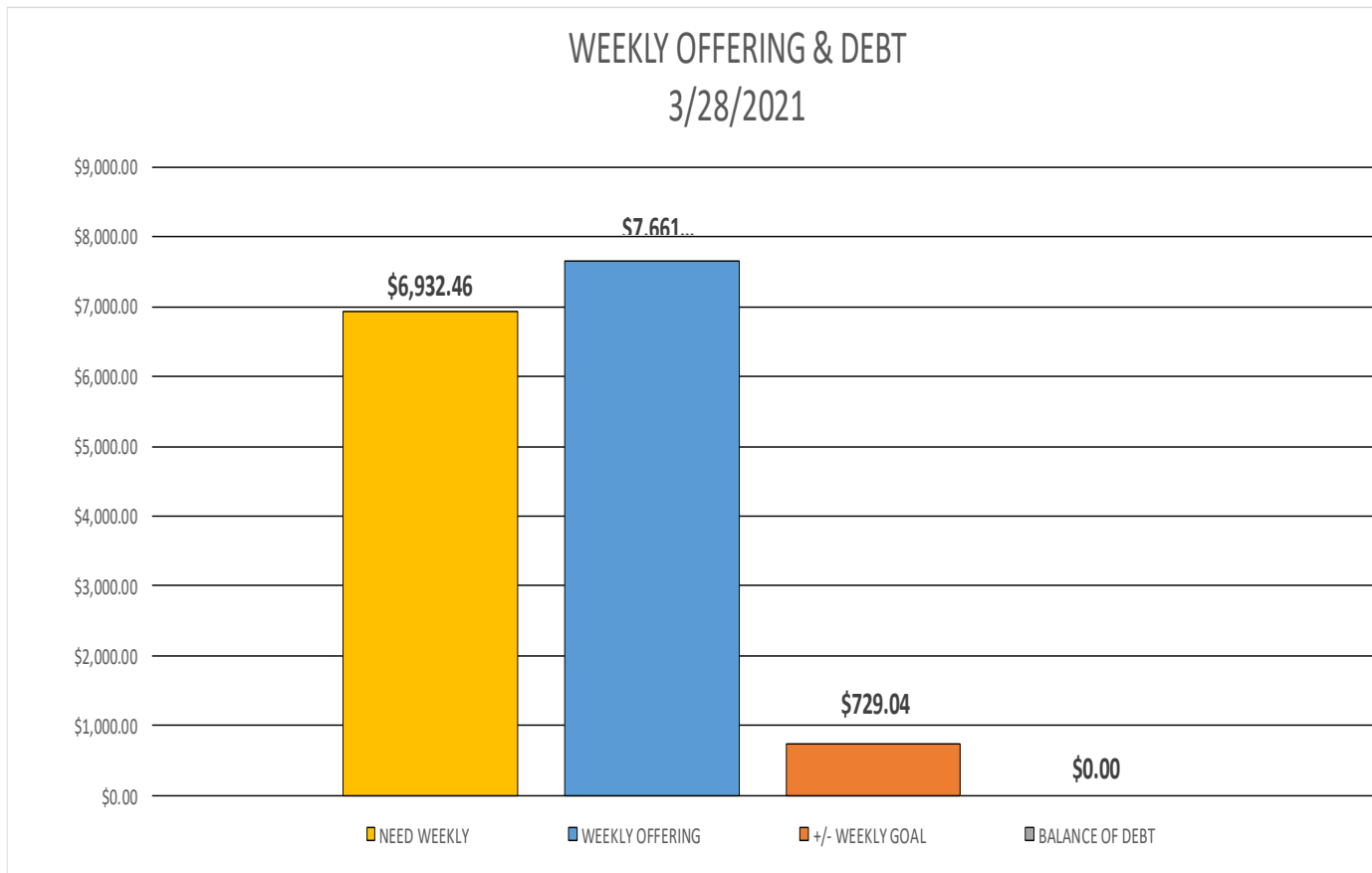
Sunday School Missions - \$1; Church Organ - \$500; Gym/  
Fellowship/Bldg - \$20

### ***Memorials & Special Gifts Received:***

Church Organ - In memory of Ann Lemke from Lemke Family &  
Friends

General Fund - In memory of Darrell Dumke from Dumke Family

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Office hours @ St. John School

Wednesday 7:30am-2:30pm

Thursday 7:30am-12pm(subject to change)



## ***School News***

- ⇒ There will be no school on Easter Monday, April 5.
- ⇒ Lutheran Pioneers will meet on Wednesday, April 7 at Zion Lutheran Church in Peshtigo from 5:45 - 7:30 pm. Children from our congregation in Grades 1-8 are invited to attend.
- ⇒ The CEA will hold a meeting on April 11, following our second service. The meeting will be held in the church sanctuary.

**Lake Superior Circuit**  
**SPRING MISSION RALLY**  
Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> 2021

Speaker: Rev. Peter Zaferos  
Cross cultural Mission Opportunities

**Rally Host:**  
Zion Lutheran Church  
221 South Ellis Ave  
Peshtigo, WI 54157

**Registration:**  
9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

**Closing Devotion:**  
2:30 p.m.

**The rally is open to ALL women and teens.**  
**Masks required and social distancing will be honored**



Women of the Wisconsin  
Evangelical Lutheran  
Synod (WELS) focused  
on the exciting mission  
of sharing Jesus with the world!

# Easter Lilies



## IN LOVING MEMORY OF...

*In memory of Larry & Claryce Rohde from Rob & Joy Rohde*

*In memory of Gottlieb & Alice Gannigan from Rob & Joy Rohde*

*In memory of Terry Gannigan from Rob & Joy Rohde*

*In memory of Loved Ones from Lange Family*

*In memory of Delwyn Wagner & parents from Archie & Charlene Hurley & Rita Wagner*

*In memory of Russell Schonfeld from Lucille Schonfeld & Family*

*In memory of Christopher Mylener from Lucille Schonfeld & Family*

*In memory of Don Barker from Lucille Schonfeld & Family*

*In memory of Tymber VanSleet from Lucille Schonfeld & Family*

*In memory of Mr & Mrs Carl Polzin and Gail Giesfeldt from Mark Polzin & Family*

*In memory of Gerald Sargent, Elroy & Carole Siebert from Pastor & Lisa Sargent*

*In memory of Anita Kaus from Dave Kaus & Family*

*In memory of Ann Lemke from Lemke Family*





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