

Our God is...Almighty

How strong are you?

If you want to see incredible physical strength, watch “The World’s



Strongest Man” competition. To win, the competitors have to do such demanding feats as lift 300-pound, round stones onto a pedestal, flip huge tires over and over, and pull large buses—in the least amount of time.

Such strength pales in comparison to the almighty power of the one true God. God’s power isn’t limited to a competition, and he doesn’t use it to win prizes for himself. God uses his power for our benefit.

The greatest proof of God’s almighty power is when Jesus was raised to life after being crucified.

Jesus had the weight of the world on his back in the form of every sin of every person for all time. We rejoice because he was willing to lift the heavy weight of sin off us and endure the excruciating pain of dying on the cross in our place.



Jesus was humbled, but only temporarily. Three days later, God showed his almighty power when Jesus became the only person to overcome sin, death, and hell.

The Apostle Paul writes, “By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also” (1 Corinthians 6:14).

Jesus won the victory of eternal life. He gives the hope of heaven to all

people. Now that is a feat of strength!

God is not done revealing his almighty power. On the Last Day, Jesus will return to earth to raise our bodies back to life and to reunite them with our souls. We may be weak, but God uses his strength for us. Trust in the power of Jesus’ death and resurrection.

Worship with us during the Easter season. Together we can rejoice in God’s almighty power.

-WELS Outreach newsletter

Congregational News

Holy Week What a difference a year makes. Last year we geared up for *virtual* Holy Week services online. The church and the fellowship hall were silent and empty. But worship proceeded with Maundy Thursday, Good



Friday and Easter services...maybe even in pajamas on Easter Sunday. It was anything but normal. This year still isn’t “normal” by traditional standards. We’re still worshipping in the fellowship hall, but we’re worshipping. Most are worshipping

wearing masks in deference to our fellow members who feel more comfortable attending when people are doing so – but we’re worshipping. There’s not going to be an Easter breakfast – again – but we’re worshipping. The worship services won’t be as full as normal because there are more of them so we can still spread out – but we’re worshipping.

That’s what Christians do. They worship, they gather, they congregate (related to the word *congregation*) around God’s Word and Sacraments to receive the means of grace (the Gospel in Word and Sacraments), thank God for those blessings and to grow in faith. Don’t miss out on the joy and peace that being in God’s house brings...especially with all the services during Holy Week this year!



Holy Week Devotionals Some churches have a worship service each day during Holy Week. We do not, but for some excellent three-minute devotionals accompanied by an appropriate hymn, go to <https://mlc-wels.edu/publications/seasonal-devotions/> to review the events of this week and put your focus where it should be this holy week.

Worship Service Additions By now you've noticed that for most of our services, we've been projecting the bulletin onto the wall in the fellowship hall. Some of the reasons we're trying this is to help parents who might be holding a small child, to help people who have trouble reading even the large print bulletins, and to eventually reduce our paper use. You'll also notice the new screen up on the wall that will make for an even clearer picture (thanks to Keith Herman and installation crew). If you have any input on how it looks and how it's working, please talk to Bonnie Herman (who has been doing the work of putting the slides together – thank you!).



Help Wanted Since we have three worship services / weekend, we'd like to assemble a team of people who can run the laptop and projector for each of those services. If you would be willing to serve in this way, please contact Bonnie Herman or Pastor Bode.

Back to Normal At each of our Council meetings there is considerable discussion each month devoted to the question of when we're going to get back to worshipping normally. We are hearing members' preferences regarding worshipping in the church sanctuary and whether we should continue to wear masks. We discussed the possibility of having different worship services with masks required and masks not required, among many other issues. At the March meeting it was decided to wait until after Easter where there will hopefully be more clarity regarding the virus, the number of vaccines distributed, the county trends and additional information that will help us determine how to proceed. The bottom line is that we're getting closer to "normal." As always, please be patient and show your Christian love not



only with the church council but also with your brothers and sisters at Zion who may not share your views. God

Private Communion Until people are completely comfortable gathering together, you may schedule private Communion by calling Pastor Bode at 262.483.0407 or e-mailing revsdb@aol.com

Basement Progress Progress has been limited to small things like installing countertops, painting, touch up work, etc... but it's progress nonetheless. Soon the plumbing will be installed and then we'll be ready for a thorough cleaning or two. If you'd like to help out with some cleaning work on your own timetable, please call Corey Schulz or Tom Schulz (contact information is on the bulletin board).

Communion Protocol From time to time, there will be a wafer that is dropped in the exchange between the pastor and member. That can be avoided by simply holding your hand out, palm up, to receive it.

Our Initial Goal Has Been Exceeded!

Thanks to all of you who responded to our call for action! As of the end of March, almost \$5000 has been donated to the Endowment Fund. Some of the donations were memorials for Diane Bartelt and Mildred Bogenschneider; others were directed specifically to the Fund. If you remember, our initial goal was to increase the fund to at least \$10,000 by summer. And our prayers were answered. There is now slightly more than \$12,000 in the total Fund: \$1200 in General Ministry, \$10,000 in Education and \$500 each in Outreach and Capital Improvements sub-funds. The Endowment Committee will be meeting in mid-April to work through the paperwork needed to set up an account with the WELS Foundation – and to set a new goal! We pray that together we will be able to grow the fund to the point where it will be able to provide meaningful assistance for items not part of the unified budget.



-submitted by Bea Pamperin

This Month in Lutheran History

On April 18, 1521, three and a half years after he nailed the 95 Theses to the church door in Wittenberg, Martin Luther made his historic stand at the Diet (official meeting) in the German city of Worms. Earlier in the year Charles V, the Holy Roman Emperor had sent a letter to Martin Luther,



summoning him to Worms to “answer with regard to your books and your teaching.” At that meeting he was accused of heresy and then ordered to renounce his teaching about the pure Gospel or face death. After asking for some time to think about this weighty decision, Luther appeared the next day and gave a

statement concluding with these words: “Since then your serene majesty and your lordships seek a simple answer, I will give it in this manner, neither horned nor toothed: Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason (for I do not trust either in the pope or in councils alone, since it is well known that they have often erred and contradicted themselves), I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not retract anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience.

“I cannot do otherwise, here I stand, may God help me, Amen” (Luther’s Works - 32:112–13). We’ll learn more about that historic meeting in October when we celebrate Reformation this fall.

KML News

KML Children’s Theatre Presents James and the Giant Peach SAVE THE



DATE for KML’s production of James and the Giant Peach! Public performances are Saturday, May 8, at 7:00 PM and Sunday, May 9, at 2:00 PM. For the most up-to-date information, visit www.kmlhs.org/theatre.

E 3 Summer Academy KML will be hosting various academic, fine arts, and sports camps for both youth and adults this

coming summer. Registration opens April 1. Visit www.kmlhs.org/camps for more details and the registration link.

Job Opening Outside Maintenance Worker KML is in need of a part-time outside maintenance worker. Duties include prepping athletic fields and grass mowing. \$13.00/hour. No experience required. For additional information or to apply, please contact KML Business Manager, Mr. Jody Hansen (262-677- 4051 x4004; jody.hansen@kmlhs.org).

Holy Week Quiz

1. How many pieces of gold did the priests pay Judas for his betrayal of Jesus?
a) 20 b) 30 c) 40 d) 60
2. After Jesus and his disciples finished eating the Passover, they went to a garden. In order to get there they had to cross a small stream of water. The name of that brook is
a) Jordan b) Kidron c) Jabbok d) Rock
3. What was the name of the high priest’s servant who had his ear cut off by the disciple and subsequently healed by Jesus?
a) Malchus b) Caiaphas c) Annas d) Matthias
4. What did the priests do with the money Judas returned to them?
a) gave it to the poor b) bought new robes for themselves
c) buried it d) bought the Potter’s Field to bury strangers in
5. Who helped carry Jesus’ cross to the crucifixion site?
a) no one b) Nicodemus
c) Simon of Cyrene d) Aragon of Gondor
6. There were three women named who were present when Jesus was crucified. Their names were Mary (Jesus’ mother), Mary Magdalene and _____.

a) Mary the wife of Clopas b) Elizabeth c) Anna d) Marge

7. How did the Roman soldiers know that Jesus was dead?
a) they broke his legs b) they saw him die.
c) they pierced his side with a spear d) they weren't sure
8. The secret disciple of Jesus who asked Pilate for the body of Jesus was _____.
a) Joseph of Arimathea b) Simon from Cyrene
c) Nicodemus of Jericho d) Joseph of Magdala

Answers 1. None of the above (Matthew 26:15) 2. B (John 18:1) 3. A (John 18:10) 4. D (Matthew 27:6-8) 5. C (Luke 23:26) 6. A (John 19:25) 7. C (John 19:34) 8. A (John 19:38)

Area Events & Invitations

Missions Rally God-willing, we are planning to have the LWMS Dodge-Washington Spring Rally April 17, 2021 at St. Paul Slinger. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. the opening service at 9 a.m. and it concludes at 12 p.m. We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Seminary Food Pantry.

The speakers will be Lee and Linda Peterson who will talk about Branch Lutheran Schools in Haiti. Branch Lutheran Schools serves about 1,000 children in several locations. Many are orphans due to a massive earthquake some years ago which was followed by a cholera epidemic. In Branch Lutheran Schools, these children receive hope in the Gospel, empowerment through literacy, and the life-changing advantage of a Christ-centered education. Please wear your masks and practice social distancing. We hope many of you will be able to attend and look forward to seeing you in April!



The Kewaskum Community Pantry is open for drive-through pick-up Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 - 6 p.m. We are located on the corner of Second Street and Reigle Drive in Kewaskum. We serve all households in the Kewaskum School District. If you or someone you know needs a little extra help this time of year, please stop by and allow our volunteers the opportunity to provide you and your family with some of the goods given by the generosity of our community.

Men's Virtual Conference Even though we can't meet together in person, we invite you to join up to 500 other men for a virtual Men of His Word Conference. Our keynote (Mike Novotny, lead speaker for Time of Grace) and two presenters will remind us that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ (Romans 8:35) which also binds us to one another. Though we may be separated, we remain united. Please go to the website - www.menofhisword.org - to register (\$15) and get additional details about schedule, breakout sessions, keynote speaker etc. You will benefit from this day of virtual fellowship in God's Word!



