

JESUS SETS US FREE

THE VOICE OF OUR REDEEMER & ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCHES

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Services: Saturday 5 PM in Kampsville
& Sunday 9A.M. with Sunday School: 10:15 A.M.

March/ April 2023

“The eye is the lamp of the body. So then if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light. ²³But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. So if the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!” – Matthew 6:22-23

As we begin Lent, this year’s Wednesday series will remind us: “Repentance starts with being honest before God and ourselves about who we are. When it comes to sin, everyone has a natural impulse to hide, but repentance means finding the courage to be honest. It also means having faith in the promise of forgiveness.” We’ll look at some of the most powerful Old Testament Stories (often shared, but not preached on during our Easter Vigil) during this year’s Wednesday Lent series. We’ll use them along with Jesus’ preaching in the Sermon on the Mount to hopefully guide us to bolder lives of repentance.

As Doctor Maxwell who prepared our Lenten theme writes;

“In this season of repentance, we acknowledge that we have been overwhelmed by the forces of sin and evil in our lives, but we also acknowledge that we have God’s word, which is powerful to tear apart those forces. As the Psalmist says, ‘The waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. We will not fear though the earth gives way, and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.’ We can see evil all around, but Jesus encourages us to see also the rule of God, working for our salvation, sometimes in ways that are hard to understand. We’ll pray to learn the trust that Joseph (and others) had in our Savior. We’ll pray that we can know the blessings God is still bringing in the midst of evil that is so evident.”

Blessings on your Lent & Easter,
Pastor Steve

Bible Study Options for everyone:

- The Sunday morning adult Bible study continues to work their way through Matthew.
- The Sunday School has resumed in Carrollton and invites you to come and help prepare your children to celebrate Easter with a greater understanding of the meaning of this festival.
- The Tuesday 9 AM Ladies Bible Study is looking at a book of studies on 52 women of the Bible, come join them.

Easter Plans and Several Sunday worship services in Kampsville:

Kampsville will have Sunday 10:30 AM services on February 26 as well as on April 23, 30 and May 7. Pastor is having vacation on those days. We will also look at plans for Easter, hopefully at a voters meeting in Kampsville soon.

In Carrollton, We’ll have our two normal Easter morning services and an Easter breakfast between services.

Easter Egg Hunts are still being planned. In Carrollton this will take place at 8:15 AM on Easter Sunday. The time in Kampsville is not yet set.

Worship Continues online

For those who have been making use of the services on our Facebook page, they will continue for the next two months at least. Even if you aren’t on Facebook you should be able to reach them through a link on our website: www.our-redeemer-lutheran-church.org

We certainly hope that you will also please contact Pastor so that in some way you can receive the Lord’s Supper in a way that feels safe for you. With Spring weather returning giving communion to you in your car or on your front porch is an option that should work most days.

MARCH WORSHIP PLANS:

1st – First Lenten Wednesday (7 PM)

Genesis 1:1-10 Gift of the Law

Ushers: Jim Lero & Gordon Rahe

4th & 5th – Second Sunday in Lent

John 3:1-17 God So Loved

Ushers: Brian Darr & Alfonso Sasieta

8th -Second Wednesday of Lent (7 PM)

Genesis 22:1-18 Sign of Faith

Ushers: Tony Purcell & Ben Petri

11th & 12th – Third Sunday in Lent

John 4:5-26 That Explains Everything!

Ushers: John Quandt & Mark Thuer

15th -Third Wednesday of Lent (7 PM)

Jonah 3:1-10 Honest reflection

Ushers: Jim Custer & Phillip Darr

18th & 19th – Fourth Sunday in Lent

John 9 You don't want to become His Disciples Too?

Ushers: Jim Lero & Gordon Rahe

22nd – Fourth Wednesday of Lent (7 PM)

Daniel 3:1-30 Purification

Ushers: Brian Darr & Alfonso Sasieta

25th & 26th -Fifth Sunday in Lent

John 11:17-27, 38-45 Many Saw and Believed

Ushers: Tony Purcell & Ben Petri

29th – Fifth Wednesday of Lent (7 PM)

Genesis 7 A Space for Life

Ushers: John Quandt & Mark Thuer

APRIL WORSHIP PLANS:

1st & 2nd - Palm Sunday

Matthew 27:11-66 Innocence Project

Ushers: Jim Custer & Phillip Darr

6th - Maundy Thursday (7 PM)

Matthew 26:17-30 At Your House

7th - Good Friday (7 PM)

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Brought to the Goal

8th – Easter Eve Vigil (**5 PM -or later??**)

9th – Easter Sunrise Service (6:30 AM)

John 20:1-18 Do not Cling

Ushers: Jim Lero & Gordon Rahe

9th – Easter Celebration Service (9 AM)

Matthew 28:1-10 Go and Tell

Ushers: Brian Darr & Alfonso Sasieta

15th & 16th - 2nd Sunday of Easter

John 20:19-31 Whenever you forgive

Ushers: Tony Purcell & Ben Petri

23rd - 3rd Sunday of Easter (Kampsville at 10:30 AM)

Pastor George Gude Preaches

30th - 4th Sunday of Easter (Kampsville at 10:30 AM)

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Ushers: John Quandt & Mark Thuer

[Also: May 7th (Kampsville at 10:30 AM)

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Happy Birthday!

March:

- 1- Matthew Berry
Linda Ulery
- 6- Richie Ulery
- 9- Laurye Davis
- Denise Varble
- 15- Connie Custer
- 18- Alfonso Sasieta
- 19- Joshua Jacobsen
- 22- Kendra Davis
- 23- Eric Thaxton
- 28- Sofia Droste

April:

- 1- Jody Woods
- 6- Carolyn Ommen
- 7- Samuel Droste
- 12- Paul Spencer
Alex Baker
- 13- Kathy Mattis
- 14- James Custer
- Katera Ulery
- 18- Emily Strubble
- 20- Jessica Jones
- Lillie Purcell
- 21- Hannah
Lesemann
- 24- Lisa Jacobsen
- 25- Cash Kaufman
- 30- Kris Lehr
Tammy Lehr

Happy Baptism Birthday!

March:

- 1- Nadia Berry
- 2- Brittney Lehr
Paul Spencer
- 3- Martha Bland
Tamara Kessinger
- 5- Gordon Rahe
- 7- Cain Tittsworth
Kaydince Tittsworth
- 12- Brian Darr
- 15- Kathleen Travis
- 19- Vicky Vetter
- 20- Kelsey Howland
Terri Howland
- 24 – Dalton Varble
- 26- Matthew Berry
Donna Childress
Mark Childress
Joshua Jacobsen
- 29- Jessica Reno

April:

- 1- Dave Thompson
- 2- Jim Reno
- 6- Emily Carroll
Tyler Jones
- 8- Mary Lou Lehr
- 9- Zachary Jones
- 10- Cody Rief
Ashli Lee
Angela Lott
- 12- Linda Ulery
- 14- Laurye Davis
- Nancy Reno
- 18- Kendra Davis
- 25- Hannah Lesemann
- 26- David Reno
- Carolyn Ommen
- 29- Alex Rahe

Ladies Aid – (President Joyce Grizzle)

We will continue meeting on the third Monday of Each month at 1 PM.

Our Zone Spring Prayer Breakfast will be happening on March 4th starting at 9 AM in Dorsey this year.

Our Zone Spring Rally at Faith Lutheran in Godfrey will be on April 22.

“I can do all this through him who gives me strength.”
Philippians 4:13

Food Pantry

We are very grateful that Bernie Faul has taken over leading the Pantry. At the April 11th meeting (in our fellowship hall) there will be a lot to discuss as we continue to work on plans and elect/re-elect officers.

We can always use more help when we host the Carrollton Food Pantry from 1-3 PM. There is also a donation collection box is at top of basement stairs, near coat rack. Thank you!

Attendance for the past two months:

	1/1 (K-10:30)	1/7-8	1/14-15	1/21-22	1/28-29	2/4-5	2/11-12	2/18-19
5 PM Kampsville	11	8	12	10	6	13	5	7
9 AM Carrollton	34	41	44	31	37	35	47	36

Meeting times for Church Council, Elders, Evangelism & Church Voters... are on the calendar. Transfer these to your calendars and watch the Sunday Bulletins for any specifics.

Congregation Member Address and Phone information

needs to be updated for a new church directory. If you haven't yet checked your listing with the office directory in the entryway, please do so. Feel free to simply E-mail your current information to pastor (see the first page of the newsletter for E-mail address).

Altar Guild Assistants, Ushers & Other Helpers

We're very grateful for those who have helped us prepare our altar and communion supplies and those who've volunteered to usher and do other duties. Especially as Spring begins there are a lot of things that can be done to help make church run better. Feel free to volunteer and offer ideas to Pastor and the Trustees and Elders. Many hands make light work!

“2023 ILLINOIS MARCH FOR LIFE EVENTS” SPRINGFEILD, TUESDAY, MARCH 21

Matins Service

At 10:30 am Trinity Lutheran Church will conduct a Matins Service commemorating Joseph, Guardian of Jesus. Central Illinois District (CID) President Michael Mohr will preach.

Southern Illinois District President Timothy Scharr will serve as Lecter. Trinity Lutheran Church is located at 515 S. MacArthur Blvd, Springfield, IL 62704 (across the street from the capitol building on the northeast corner of 2nd and Monroe streets), about a block north of the Lincoln statue.

Light Lunch

A lunch will be available at Trinity Lutheran Church for those attending the Matins service. It will consist of a 4-inch Subway sandwich (ham or turkey), a bag of potato chips, a chocolate chip cookie, and a bottle of water. Suggested donation: \$5.

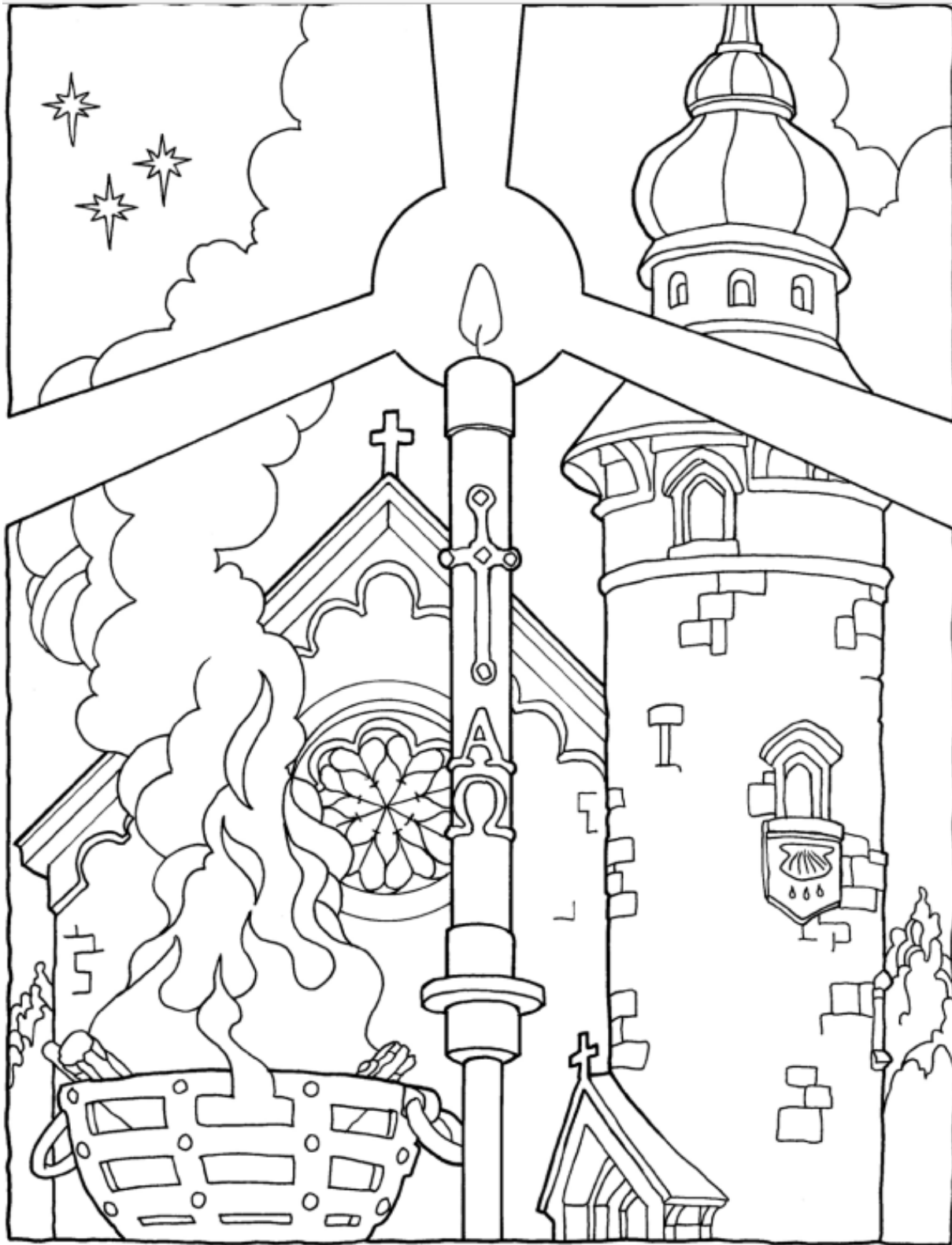
Rally and the 2023 Illinois March for Life

A rally preceding the Illinois March for Life will begin at noon. Meet at the Lincoln statue on the front (east) lawn of the state capitol building in Springfield. CID President Mohr will speak at the rally. The march itself, walking a perimeter around the capitol complex, will follow at about 1:00 pm. Thereafter, the Illinois March for Life participants from Illinois are encouraged to visit the offices of their state legislators.

Transportation and Parking

There are several parking garages downtown. In addition, parking will be available at the former campus of Lutheran High School, 3500 W. Washington St., Springfield, IL, 62711-7923. If you plan to travel to the Illinois March for Life in a private vehicle (not a commercial bus or school bus, for example), you can consider parking there. NOTE: The school will NOT be accessible for restroom use, filling water bottles, etc. Please consider ride sharing to the March 21 events. The CID will provide shuttle service to downtown and back to the Lutheran High parking lot for DRIVERS ONLY. Drivers, please plan to drop -off and pick up your party downtown. Several shuttles will begin leaving the Lutheran High parking lot starting at 9:30 am through 10:10 am. At the end of the Illinois March for Life, return shuttles will depart from downtown starting at 1:45 pm through 3:05 pm.

We will have several Coloring Pages connected to the Wednesday Lenten Bible readings on the front of each Wednesday's bulletin cover. Come and be creative and take home a great collection of new art for your fridge!



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5	6	7 9:30 A.M Ladies' Study	8 5 PM Confirmation 7 PM Lent Service	9	10	11
12 Daylight Savings Time Begins – forward 1 hour	13	14 9:30 A.M Ladies' Study	15 5 PM Confirmation 7 PM Lent Service	16	17	18
19	20 1 PM Ladies Aid	21 9:30 A.M Ladies' Study 10:30 AM Life Service at Trinity Lutheran-Springfield	22 1-3 PM We host Carrollton Food Pantry 5 PM Confirmation 7 PM Lent Service	23	24	25
26	27	28 9:30 A.M Ladies' Study	29 5 PM Confirmation 7 PM Lent Service 7:45 Elders	30	31	

April 2023

Services with Holy Communion every Saturday at 5 PM in Kampsville & at 9 A.M. every Sunday in Carrollton Bible Study every Sunday at 10:15 A.M.						1
2 Palm Sunday	3	4 9:30 A.M Ladies' Study	5 5 PM Confirmation 7:30 PM Church Council Meeting	6 7 PM Maundy Thursday Service	7 7 PM Good Friday Service	8 5 PM Easter Candlelight Vigil in Kampsville
9 Easter Sunday 6:30 AM Sunrise Service 7:45 AM Breakfast/Egg Hunt 9 AM Celebration Service	10	11 9:30 A.M Ladies' Study 2 PM Carrollton Food Pantry Meeting	12 5 PM Confirmation	13	14	15
16	17 1 PM Ladies Aid	18 9:30 A.M Ladies' Study	19	20	21	22 9 AM LWML Spring Rally at Faith Luth in Godfrey NO Kampsville Saturday Service
23 10:30 Kampsville Service	24	25 9:30 A.M Ladies' Study	26 5:30 PM Elders Meeting ??	27	28	29 NO Kampsville Saturday Service Today and also on May 6
30 10:30 Kampsville Service						