

# THE WORD

## March 2018

### Our Savior's Lutheran Church

#### OUR MISSION STATEMENT....

*We are active believers renewed by  
the Holy Spirit, giving glory to God.*

*Reaching out to others,  
we bring hope in Christ to the  
community  
and the world.*

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We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at [www.LSlowa.org](http://www.LSlowa.org) and [www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).

## MARCH

### National Professional Social Work Month

March is National Professional Social Work Month, a time to recognize social workers and thank them for all they do. At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we're grateful for our many social workers who have dedicated their lives to serving their communities!

Maybe you've never had a social worker involved in your life. Yet, whether you realize it or not, you've had the benefit of their behind-the-scenes work in your community. Social workers help people help themselves in overcoming life's most difficult circumstances or managing challenges of everyday living: poverty, abuse, mental illness, depression, addiction, disability, and many other situations.

Iowa wouldn't be the same without the patience, guidance, and empowerment that social workers provide. Happy National Professional Social Work Month!

If you would like more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI's director of philanthropy and church relations, at 563-676-2065 or [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org).

*Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America).*

### A Home Full of Love

Many of Cheryl's favorite memories involve raising her two children, watching them thrive, and counting the shoes in the doorway each night to see how many of her children's friends she would be making dinner for.



As her children grew up, Cheryl knew there were more Iowa youth who needed a loving family and support system like hers. That's when her family began adopting.

"We were a welcoming family, and we really didn't want that journey to stop," Cheryl says.

Since starting her journey as an adoptive parent 20 years ago, Cheryl has welcomed 19 adopted children into her family and her children range from ages 9 to 35. They come from different backgrounds and cultures, and Cheryl says it's been enriching to celebrate those differences in her home.

Iowa has a great need for more foster and adoptive families like Cheryl's. She says it has been a learning experience to raise so many different children but together, her family has found lots of love and laughter along the way.

"People will say to us, 'God bless you that you've done this.' We don't see it that way," Cheryl says. "We see it as how blessed and thankful we are to have a family that's so big."

## —Housekeeping Matters—

\*If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, or if you have added a cell phone, no longer have a home phone, changed your address, or have an email address that we can use. Please call (319) 233-3156 or email us at [oslcwloo@mediacombb.net](mailto:oslcwloo@mediacombb.net).

\*Our Newsletter, **The Word**, is printed monthly and mailed toward the end of each month. Items to be included in **The Word** are due on the 15th of the month. If the 15th is on a weekend, items are due the following Monday.

\*Please schedule all activities involving the building through the office. Communication is very important in regards to planning events that require the use of the building. Please don't assume the building will be available when you show up. The building, or specific areas of the building, may be reserved for church activities on a first come first served basis.

***\*Announcements are printed weekly for the Sunday morning service. If you would like to add something to the announcements please call the office before Noon on Wednesdays. (319) 233-3156***

**\*Attention All Kitchen Users:** When individuals/groups use the kitchen for events, all left-overs must be cleaned up and taken with you when you leave the building. This allows space in the refrigerator and freezer for the next event coming up. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

## Soup-er Bowl

Thanks to all who participated in the Soup-er Bowl Donation and those who attended the potluck. Because of your generosity, the Food Bank will receive: 55 cans of Soup, 5 packages of Rice-a-Roni, and 5 boxes of Saltine Crackers! Your kindness makes a difference!



Hey, **Young at Heart Senior Group**—  
How about an **Appetizer and Game Day** at church. Let's meet in the Social Hall at noon, everyone please bring your favorite appetizer, and we will play cards and do board games. Beverages will be provided. Let's snack and munch ourselves through some fun games and enjoy some fellowship time together on Friday, March 9th. Contact Dawn Holmes at [319-268-1663](tel:319-268-1663) with questions. We would love to see some new faces in our group! See ya at noon!

**Medical Loan Closet**— As people age health declines and the more likely we are to need medical equipment. Our Savior's Medical Loan Closet has been very successful in our congregation and community. We want to help people through this ministry in times of need. To request an item please contact Joyce at 234-4376. You can also donate items if you have extra or left-over equipment that you don't need anymore. All items need to be CLEAN and in good working condition. Please give Joyce a call so she can keep her inventory up to date—thank you!

## New Year for Church Women United

On Friday, March 2nd starting at 1:00 p.m. Church Women United will celebrate World Day of Prayer. The event will take place at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Evansdale. Women from all denominations are invited to be a part of this ministry and to attend.

Watch future newsletters and announcements for upcoming events. If you have any questions Our Savior's team leaders are:

Joyce Arends 234-4376,  
Joanne Lubbert 232-8129  
Jeanette Alton 234-0738

## From the Board of Evangelism

March 11 Birthday/Anniversary Sunday  
22 Activity Social Night 6:00 p.m.



## ATTENTION WELCA

We ask  
ALL WOMEN of  
Our Savior's to

save Wednesday, May 2nd on your calendar. We will be meeting at the church to have a serious discussion about the continuation of our WELCA program. Jane Blough and Sandy Stuber are leading the meeting. They need the support of all the women of the church to come and share thoughts, opinions and desires about this long-standing group of the church. The start time is 9 a.m. Your participation is vital!

### *Free Genealogy Workshop—*

The Cedar Falls Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is hosting a workshop for those interested in genealogy. This event is free to the public but you need to RSVP by Saturday, April 14th. Members from the Northeast Iowa Genealogical Society will be present also. Interested persons should meet at First Presbyterian Church at 902 Main Street in Cedar Falls on Saturday, April 21st from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. You may reserve your spot by calling Sue LeQuatte at (319) 939-7260 or Jeverna Mulligan at (319) 236-0608 or [cedarfallsdar@gmail.com](mailto:cedarfallsdar@gmail.com)

### *Helping the Northeast Iowa Food Bank—*

Help us fill our food bin for our local food bank. Items suggested for the month of March include: Spam, Instant Potatoes, Peanut Butter, Cereal, Powdered Milk, Canned Vegetables, and Whole Wheat Pasta. Expiration Dates matter! To make sure we are donating safe food items, please be sure to check the expiration date on your donations. Thank you for your generous giving!



## Directory Update

Please change the following in your latest directory. The "Directory Updates" section of the newsletter is your opportunity to keep your directory as close to completely accurate as possible. If you know of a change that needs to be made, please give Sharon a call and she will be glad to announce it here—thank you!

**Bev Bunn Phone: 222-2380**  
**The Cottages/Western Home**  
**5127 Caraway Lane #10**  
**Cedar Falls, IA 50613**

### *From Your Treasurer*

#### **\$\$—Financially Speaking—\$\$**

Amount needed to meet our budget:

Weekly = \$ 3,462.00

Monthly = \$15,000.00

\*For the month of January 2018:

<b>Income</b>	offerings	\$ 10,693.00
	Miscellaneous Income	390.00
	Transfer from Money Market	<u>10,000.00</u>
	Total income	21,083.00
<b>Expenses</b>		<u>— 18,738.14</u>
<b>Total</b>		\$ 2,344.86

Average Weekly Giving Jan. = \$2,460.75

Average Attendance Jan. = 55

### *Birthday/Anniversary Sunday*

Join us March 11th as we recognize our members who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary. We will gather in the lounge after the service for great fellowship, sweet treats and a good cup of coffee! This is for everyone!





## Memorial Fund—January 2018

<u>Category:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
Worship supplies	642.29
Roof	2,890.11
Office equipment	1,859.62
Kitchen	1,835.55
Sound system	1.48
Youth equipment	10.00
Choir/Music	353.10
Church Furnishings	1,513.79
Church Lighting	1,095.00
Heating/cooling	370.00
Lawn/Snow removal	<u>125.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,695.94</b>



### *Please Pray For—*

*John Hoffman, Sandy Slater,  
Wayne Kerns, Donna Joens,  
Jack Pickerill, Regina Martin,  
Steve Wolf, Vera Bergen,  
Bev Bunn, Jeananne Tharp,*

*Grace McDaniel, Hannah Moline,  
Lowell Corkery, Elaine Steinbronn,  
Bob/Margaret Browne, Earnie/Julie Bean,  
Bob/Kathy Glawe*

**If you would like to be added or removed from the prayer list or desire a visit, please contact the church office at 233-3156 or Pastor Megan at 231-7112. Please note that if you would like a pastoral visit while hospitalized, you need to call and let the Pastor or office know. HIPAA law prevents calling or visiting without your permission. Thank you!**



**Tabitha Quilters—** Join the Quilters on Tuesday, March 6th and 20th in the Social Hall beginning at 9:00 a.m. We will spend time together as we quilt and fellowship with one another. Bring a sack lunch and we'll eat around Noon.

### Ken Jenson

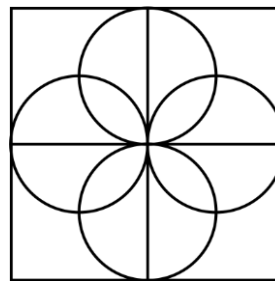
by  
**Marvin & Ethel  
Scarbrough**

### Rex Streblow

by  
**Jeanette Alton**

### Harvey Schneider

by  
**Irma Goeller**



### *Ladies Circles*

#### *The Good Samaritan*

This is the third in a series of four Bible studies on “multiple meanings” or the way in which Bible stories

come to mean different things to different people. All ladies are invited to join other women of faith during one of these times:

**Rebecca Circle** – Monday, March 5th begins at 10:00 a.m. Please contact Roberta Jacobson with any questions at 235-1544.

**Ruth Circle** – Monday, March 12th begins at 10:00 a.m. Louise Starkey can answer any questions at 296-7135.

**Deborah Circle** – Tuesday, March 13th begins at 2:00 p.m. Contact Mary Martin with any questions at 235-7597.

### *Widow's 'n' Widower's Group—*

The weather has not been our friend these past few months, however, we are going to try to eat at Golden China in the month of March! You are invited to come eat with us on Monday, March 19th at 11:30 a.m. Please direct any questions to Joanne Lubbert at 232-8129.

# The Season of Lent



## Wednesday Mornings—

There are 3 sessions yet to come for our Bible Study concerning the **Faces of Christ.**

Everyone is welcome to join us on the 7th, 14th, and 21st beginning at 9:30 a.m. This study will lead us up to Palm Sunday and Holy Week. Come get in on the discussion and thank you for your participation!

**Meals—** Our Wednesday evening meals begin at 5:00 p.m. and are hosted by groups within the church. Everyone is invited to come and share a meal with us before we worship together.

March 7th – WELCA – Pulled Pork Sandwiches and Baked Beans

March 14th – Board of Evangelism – Undecided

March 21st – Men's Group – Soups and Dessert

**Worship—** Lenten services will be held each Wednesday evening in March beginning at 6:30. We are discussing the "I AM" statements of Jesus.

March 7th – "I AM the Door"

March 14th – "I AM the Good Shepherd"

March 21st – "I AM the Resurrection and the Life"

## Holy Week—

March 25th – Palm Sunday

March 29th – Maundy Thursday Worship

March 30th – Good Friday Service

April 1st – Easter Morning Worship

## Easter Breakfast—

The Youth will be hosting our annual Easter Breakfast.

Please join us following 1st service or before 2nd service Easter morning for good food & great fellowship.

There is no charge for this meal although a free will offering basket will be available.

There is a food donation sign-up sheet located in the hallway entrance for Easter Breakfast.

Please have all donations in the kitchen by Maundy Thursday March 29th

Thank you for supporting OSLC Youth. SEE YOU EASTER MORNING!

## Dispelling the darkness

On Good Friday, many churches hold a Tenebrae worship service. Tenebrae (Latin for "darkness" or "shadows") is an ancient

Christian tradition that re-creates the emotions of Jesus' Passion and death. The sanctuary gradually grows darker. A strepitus (Latin for "loud

noise") may signify the closing of Jesus' tomb. As the service concludes, a Christ candle stands alone on the altar, reminding worshipers that victory is coming on Easter morning.



## Service of Darkness

When Scottish missionary Peter Milne died in 1924, the thankful people he'd served in the South Pacific inscribed this message on his headstone: "When he came, there was no light; when he died, there was no darkness."

Death's darkness couldn't conquer Jesus, the light of the world, so it does not conquer us. "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:5, ESV).



REMEMBER TO CHANGE REMEMBER  
**YOUR**  
 CLOCKS!



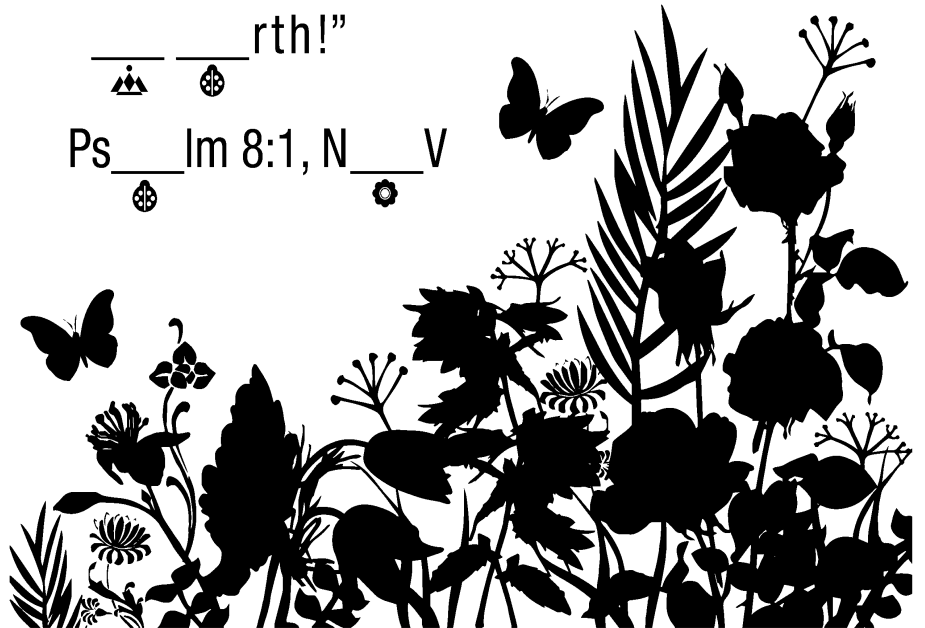
# Spring's Beauty

During springtime, the beauty of God's creation emerges in many ways.

Directions: Use the vowel code below to complete Psalm 8:1, NIV.

A = E = I = O = U =

"L\_\_RD, \_\_ r L\_\_rd, h\_\_w  
 m\_\_ j\_\_ st\_\_ c \_\_ s y\_\_ r  
 n\_\_ m\_\_ n \_\_ ll th\_\_  
 \_\_ rth!"  
 Ps\_\_lm 8:1, N\_\_v



"I'm playing a crowd member in the Passion Play. I was going to play Pilate 'til I found out I'd have to wash my hands."

### Bible Quiz—

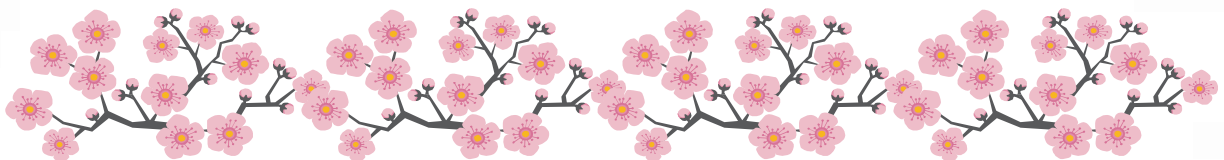
According to Matthew's account, What was torn when Jesus died?

- A. Mary's headdress—she tore it as a traditional Jewish sign of grief
- B. A Roman guard's sash—Peter grabbed and ripped it in anger
- C. Jesus' robe—the soldiers divided it among themselves
- D. The Temple curtain—torn in two from top to bottom

### Answer—

Look up Matthew 27:51

Answer: "LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Psalm 8:1, NIV





### Happy Birthday!

### Celebrating a Milestone—

Our good friend, Mary Hall will be celebrating her 90th Birthday on Wednesday, March 28th!

We're having a card shower for Mary since she is not able right now to be with us. Please send Mary a card wishing her a very Happy Birthday! Her address is:

**Bickford Cottage #107  
5101 University Avenue  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613**

**Activity Night at OSLC—** Please join us on Thursday, March 22nd as we make a fun Easter craft together! We will also be coloring eggs. Start time is 6:00 p.m. and we will meet in the Social Hall. See you there!

### Choir News—

Adult Choir and Alleluia Choir will take turns every-other-week with practices. Each choir will be meeting the Wednesday before their respective services. For example, Adult Choir will practice at 7:15 p.m. February 28th with traditional service on Sunday, March 4th. Alleluia Choir will practice on March 7th at 5:00 p.m. as Sunday March 11th is a contemporary worship service.

choir practice



Just a reminder:

On a typical week I am in the office Monday through Thursday. I usually get there between 8 and 8:30 am. On most days I do some work in the office and I spend some time out doing

communion and other visits or meetings of various sorts.

I want to provide you and your family with good care in the event of a hospitalization, sickness, death, or other issue but am unable to do so if I don't know about it. Please notify the office or call/text my cell phone and let us know if you would like a visit. Please specify the desire for a visit as not everyone wants a visit when they call.

If there is anything that you would like to talk to me about, be it life happenings, something from my sermon, or whatever else it may be, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me either through the office or my cell phone or e-mail. Though I've been here for a year and a half, I love to continue to get to know you through conversation and such. If you'd feel more comfortable meeting outside of the church, we can definitely meet at a coffee shop or something.

If you call my phone and I do not answer, please leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

We do good ministry together when we communicate well.

Peace,  
Pastor Megan

### Condolences

- ❖ Our sincere sympathy to Paul Beal and his family as well as their co-workers in the loss of his brother-in-law and employee Dave Graham who took his own life on Tuesday, February 20th. Our prayers are that God will provide the ability to cope with such a great loss.
- ❖ Heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of Sandy Slater who passed away Wednesday, February 21st. She was a patient at Covenant Medical Center dealing with cancer. May you find strength and comfort through our Savior Jesus Christ and your Church Family.