

# OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH – LCMS

## March Newsletter 2018

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## WHAT TO EXPECT DURING A HOME VISIT?

*Thou hast granted me life and favour, and thy visitation hath preserved my spirit. (Job 10:12 KJV)*

A home visit from a pastor can look like many different things depending on the circumstances in your life. What I am putting forth here is a typical visit. It looks like a lot. However, a normal visit lasts about 30 minutes or less. Some visits last six hours or more. You set the time. That said, I think 30 minutes is still good for an average visit.

What does a home visit look like:

1. It includes a time to say hello and catch up.
2. Then, how may I bring the Lord's comfort to your soul? Here are some examples:
  - a. What questions do you have. It is my turn to listen. Or, do you have a question from a sermon or Bible study? Any question is ok. I will get back to you if I have to study it further.
  - b. How may I pray for you? Would you like to pray, praise, or give thanks for something. I will tie it together into a prayer for you before I leave.
  - c. What sin troubles your soul? It doesn't have to be big. It might be a regret. It might be disappointment. What troubles your soul. And remember, whenever you confess for the purpose of the Lord's absolution, you are simply being a Christian.
  - d. Who sinned against you? Maybe you are suffering because someone sinned against you. Here you have no sin of your own to confess. In this case, you are bearing the sin of someone else. I will give you a blessing from the Lord using His Word. The purpose of a blessing is to strengthen you in the midst of your affliction.
  - e. Are you sick? Your body is important to the Lord. It is written, "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the (pastors) of the church, and let them pray over him" (James 5:14). I may pray for your healing. I may also serve you the Lord's body and blood in Holy Communion. Holy Communion is a promise from the Lord for your body, even to the resurrection from the dead.
3. After listening, I will close with a brief service of Word and Prayer.
4. And finally, a time to part.

Do you have a different expectation? Tell me about it. Would you like a visit? Let me know.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Paul". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

## **CONGREGATION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NEW WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** - LAW AND GOSPEL. The class will start on March 7th at 6:30am Men's Breakfast and Bible Study and at 9:30am Women's Bible Study. Books may be picked up beginning February 28th. **Why study Law and Gospel?** 1] As the distinction between the Law and the Gospel is a special brilliant light, which serves to the end that God's Word may be rightly divided, and the Scriptures of the holy prophets and apostles may be properly explained and understood, we must guard it with especial care, in order that these two doctrines may not be mingled with one another, or a law be made out of the Gospel, whereby the merit of Christ is obscured and troubled consciences are robbed of their comfort, which they otherwise have in the holy Gospel when it is preached genuinely and in its purity, and by which they can support themselves in their most grievous trials against the terrors of the Law. (Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord. Article V. Law and Gospel) Find out more here: <http://www.bookofconcord.org/sd-lawandgospel.php>

**THE MARCH LWML MEETING** All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend the March 15, 2018 LWML meeting with the theme "A spot of Green". Ice Breaker: It's good to be green---How do you waste energy, and how do you replenish your vitality? Opening Devotion: Green Pastures; Closing Devotion: A Spot of Green; Hostess: Wendi Ingram; Bible Study: Becky Ernst; Bulletin Board: Karen Schaub and mission project: Easter Ribbons and Confirmation cards. Altar: Bonnie Egger; Communion set up: Megan Francis and Communion Removal: Peggy Hart. REMEMBER YOUR MITES!!!

**THE OUTSIDE SPRING CLEAN UP** in time for Easter Sunday will be held on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8 a.m. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!

**MEMBER DIRECTORY**: Please check your personal information in the **2017 DIRECTORY** and send updates to [oslep@machlink.com](mailto:oslep@machlink.com). Pastor Pautz

**WEEKLY UPDATES** by email are available. If you would like your name added or removed, please contact Pastor Pautz and let him know. Also, **Following** and **Like** this congregation on **FACEBOOK** at <https://www.facebook.com/oursaviorlutheranmuscatine/>

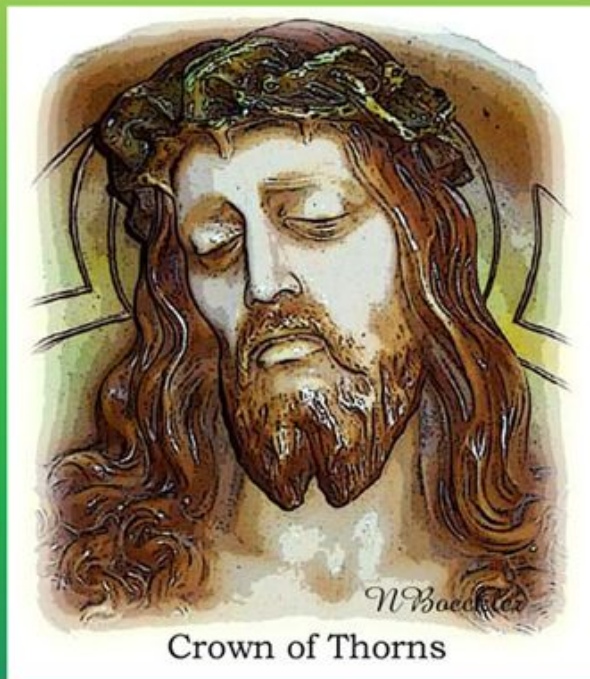
## A DEVOTION

From Martin Luther's  
Sermon for Easter Sunday  
Mark 16:1-8

9. In the Gospel of John, Christ tells Mary Magdalene of the benefit and use of His Death and Resurrection still more plainly, when He says: "But go unto my brethren, and say to them, 'I ascend unto My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.'" John 20:17. This is one of the great and comforting passages upon which we can venture, and of which we dare boast. As if Christ had said: "Go hence, Mary, and say to my disciples who have deserted Me on the field of battle, and who have well merited punishment and eternal condemnation, that My Resurrection has taken place for their benefit; that is, by My Resurrection I have brought it to pass that My Father is their Father, and My God is their God. These are few words and very short; but they contain a great thought, namely, that we have as great a confidence and refuge in God as Christ His Son Himself has. Who can grasp such exceeding joy, unless one speaks of himself when he says a poor, corrupt sinner can and may call God his Father and his God, just like Christ Himself does?"



Therefore wherever there is faith in Christ, there sin has in fact been abolished, put to death, and buried. But where there is no faith in Christ, there sin remains.



Luther, *Lectures on Galatians*, 1535, 1963, v. 26, p. 286. Galatians 3:13.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
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<b>4 Oculi</b> 08:00 Absolution <b>09:00 Divine Service</b> 10:30 Bible Study 11:15 Elder Meeting  Elder Bob Organist Carolyn Acolyte Shawn Greeter Karen D	<b>5</b>   01:00 Sunnybrook 02:00 Homebound 04:00 Office Hours <b>06:00 Divine Service</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 06:30 Men's Group <b>09:00 Matins Service</b> 09:30 Women's Group  04:00 Office Hours 05:30 Lenten Meal 06:00 Catechism Class <b>07:00 Lenten Service</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
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<b>25 Palmarum</b> 08:00 Absolution <b>09:00 Divine Service</b> 10:30 Bible Study  Elder Aaron Organist Susan Acolyte Zara Greeter Becky	<b>26</b>   01:00 Sunnybrook 02:00 Homebound 04:00 Office Hours <b>06:00 Divine Service</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 06:30 Men's Group <b>09:00 Matins Service</b> 09:30 Women's Group  04:00 Office Hours 05:30 Lenten Meal 06:00 Catechism Class <b>07:00 Lenten Service</b>	<b>29 Maundy Thursday</b>   <b>07:00 Service</b>	<b>30 Good Friday</b>   <b>07:00 Service</b>	<b>31 Easter Eve Vigil</b>   <b>07:00 Service</b>
<b>April 1</b> <b>6:30 Easter Sunrise</b> 7:15 Breakfast <b>9:00 Easter Service</b>						

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