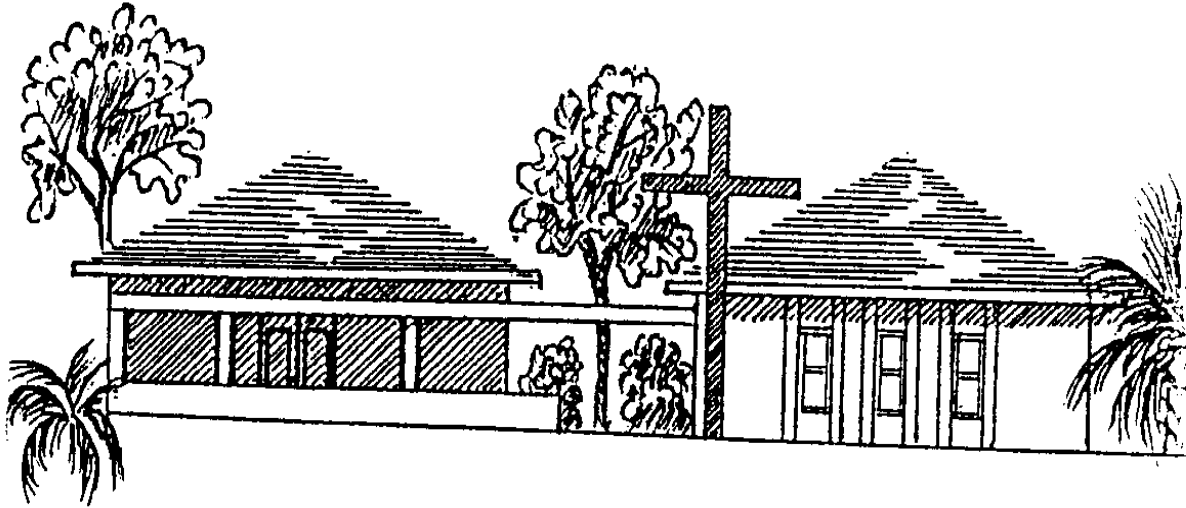


# The Good Life

APRIL 2010



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*Our Saviour Lutheran Church of Marion Oaks invites all members of the community to participate in Sunday School at 9:00 A.M. And worship services at 8:a.m. And 10:30 a.m. every Sunday*

***Pastor Wayne A. Kofink***



## PASTOR'S LETTER

”They came to the edge of the village where they were headed. He acted as if he were going on but they pressed him:

‘Stay and have supper with us. It’s nearly evening; the day is done.’ So he went in with them. And here is what happened: He sat down at table with them. Taking the bread, he blessed and broke and gave it to them. At that moment, open-eyed, wide-eyed, they recognized him. And then he disappeared. Back and forth they talked. ‘Didn’t we feel on fire as he conversed with us on the road, as he opened up the Scriptures for us.?’ They didn’t waste a minute. They were up and on their way back to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and their friends gathered together, talking away” ‘It’s really happened! The Master has been raised up—Simon saw him”’ (Luke 24:28-34, The Message translation).

That is a wonderful story, but since it is appointed for Easter Evening, we never read it at Our Saviour. It makes the most sense if we also know the story from the Last Supper where Jesus “taking bread . . . blessed it, broke it and gave to them saying, “This is my body, given for you. Eat it in my memory.” So the Last Supper becomes the first feast of the Resurrected Lord. And Christians have been celebrating it ever since.

Two things happen in this story: Jesus teaches the Scriptures, explaining their meaning, and he breaks bread. There we have the essential elements of Christian worship, the reading and teaching of Scripture and the celebration of the Lord’s Supper. And so every Sunday becomes a little Easter, the Feast of Victory.

Two things happen in worship. One is what we receive from the Lord: forgiveness of sin, the revelation in Scripture, the true body and blood of Christ. The second thing that happens is our response to God’s gifts: confession of sins, praise, thanksgiving, profession of faith., and prayer for others. Nourished and strengthened by what God has given and with a proper attitude shaped by how we have responded, we go out in the world to serve.

Please join your brothers and sisters celebrating Easter on April 4 and on every Sunday.

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed!

Wayne

## **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER**

Maundy Thursday, April 1, Holy Communion 11:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 2, Good Friday Liturgy 11:30 A.M. Joint service at the Presbyterian Church at Marion Oaks, 279 Marion Oaks Manor, 7:00 p.m.

Easter, April 4 Easter Vigil at 7:00 a.m., breakfast at 9:00 a.m., Festival Worship at 10:30, and an Easter Egg Hunt at 11:30 a.m.

### **SPECIAL OFFERING**

World Hunger is the recipient of our special offering for April. The Lutheran World Hunger program is one of the most successful appeals of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America bringing millions of dollars in relief to persons in the United States and other countries. The program is designed to use less than 10% of its resources on fund raising and administration. You will never get a “compensated call” from some telephone bank soliciting your contribution.

### **PARISH VISITORS**

In cooperation with the Presbyterian Church at Marion Oaks we are starting a training program for members of churches to visit with people who are homebound, in nursing homes, hospitals, or who are lonely and need of a Christian friend. The visitors provide Christian caring, not counseling or problem-solving. If you would be interested in this ministry, please tell Pr. Kofink. The first of two two-hour training sessions is Saturday, April 10, 10:00 a.m. at the Presbyterian Church at Marion Oaks, 279 Marion Oaks Manor.

### **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY**

Dr. Brian Peterson, Professor of New Testament at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary will be presenting a talk on “Why Do People Read the Bible Differently,” on Saturday, April 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 4011 NW 34 Street, Gainesville. The cost is \$10 which includes lunch. Registration Forms are available in the back of the church and in the fellowship hall. Deadline for registration is April 9.

### **PENTECOST JAZZ CONCERT**

“Music with Heart” this year’s Jazz concert will be Sunday, May 23 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Our Saviour. It will feature the cool jazz sounds of Opus Three with our own Charlie Remillard at the keyboard. A freewill offering will be received to benefit Interfaith Emergency Services’ Food 4 Kids program. We are in need of sponsors to defray the cost of the concert so the entire offering can help the kids. If you would like to be a sponsor, please see Mary Johnson.

### **FOOD PANTRY**

During February we had 9 requests for food or supplies from our pantry. Our most pressing needs are always for canned meats and prepared foods like chilli, ravioli, spaghetti and meatballs. We are also finding disposable diapers in sizes 3 and 5 hard to keep in supply. We could also use things like laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, baby wipes, and coffee. Right now we don't need any more canned vegetables. Anything beyond our immediate needs is sent on to Interfaith.

### **KID’S SAFETY AND SELF-DEFENSE CLASS**

A safety and self-defense class for kids 8-12 starts at Our Saviour on Saturday, April 10 at 10 a.m. It will run for five weeks with two-hour sessions. It will be taught by certified RAP instructors Tracy & Natalie Jones. To register contact Gordon Mueller at 352-347-5698

**PENTECOST SUNDAY JAZZ CONCERT**

Plans are in place for the second annual Pentecost Sunday Jazz Concert here at . . . Our Saviour. The date is Sunday, May 23, 2010. The time – 4-6 pm.

Performing will be *Opus Three* featuring the smooth jazz sounds of our own Charlie Remillard with band members Dean Millward and Don Gold and their vocalist.

Appearing with them will be another one of our own – Angela Damato and her friend Katherine Land..

In order that we might be able to contribute a maximum amount to our chosen charity we are asking for sponsors at this time. Any amount that you can contribute will be welcome. The musicians appear for a minimum amount. The girls don't ask for anything but we'd like to give them a little something. Last year the generosity of our sponsors enabled us to donate all of the free will offering to the charity.

This year your participation will be more important than ever since we will not have any contributions from Thrivent. Your participation will be deeply appreciated.

The Committee: Mary C. Johnson  
Cherie Foster  
Winona Beck

**PLACING FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL**

If you wish to have flowers placed in the chancel, please sign the flower chart at the church entrance indicating how you want the dedication placed in the bulletin. You need to do this at least one Sunday before the date you want the flowers dedicated. Then place \$36 (check or cash) in an envelope with your name and indicate on the envelope it is for flowers.

**LUNCH BUNCH**

If you plan to go to lunch with the bunch please sign up on the sign up sheet.

Talk to Sue Stone or Cathy Martin for more info.

April 4	Royal Oaks (1 p.m.)
April 18	Olive Garden

**COUNCIL NEWS**

**Financial Statement**

Month	Envelope	Plate	Int.	Total	Budget
January	\$8,479.95	\$477.80	\$59.89	\$9,053.64	\$8,065.00
February	\$7,497.00	\$580.05	\$54.15	\$8,131.20	\$8,065.00

**Amount needed to meet budget \$16,130.00**

**Amount received to date \$17,184.84**

**Meetings**

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

**Saturday, April 3 10 a.m.**

**COUNCIL**

**April 21 3 p.m.**

**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Friday, April 9 1 p.m.**

