

DIVINE NOTES

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LENT 2018:

The night Jesus was arrested He said to His accusers: ***“But this is your hour – when darkness reigns.”*** (Luke 22:53). His words that night serve as the theme for our Lenten worship this year. Have you ever had dark moments in life? Did you know how to handle them? Are you prepared to face dark moments in the future? This year we'll learn valuable lessons from how Jesus faced His darkest moments.

The yearly cycle of Lent is a powerful spiritual exercise for us. It's a time of repentance, a time of prayer, a time of fasting, a time of meditating, a time to forego some of the luxuries we enjoy throughout the rest of the year. This **time** following our Saviour to the cross helps us understand the price of our salvation and enriches our appreciation of the Easter triumph.

Let's get into LENT once again my brothers and sisters. Carve out some extra time for the worship services. Consider what you can do to make this time of year special and powerful – some people give up things to help them focus and appreciate what our Lord gave up for us. Search the church library for resources that can enhance your devotional time. Fight those pet sins and rend your hearts as you see how much our Lord suffered under the penalty of our sin.

Then – on Easter Sunday and following, we rejoice, and we can celebrate the great victory once again together! Indeed our forgiveness and salvation is FREE, but it's certainly **not** CHEAP.

Your brother in the Lord,
Pastor Wayne Halldorson



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Sunday School 9:00 am
 Teen Bible Study 9:00am
 Adult Bible Study 9:00 am
 Worship Service 10:30 am
 Summer Worship 9:30 am

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Divine Word 40th Anniversary

October, 2018 marks Divine Word's 40th Anniversary! The Anniversary Committee is working hard to plan ideas and opportunities to celebrate God's gracious gift to His church. We are renting the local Legion Hall for Saturday, October 20. A very nice afternoon meal will be served for a nominal fee. DW's former pastors will be invited back to celebrate with us. Items with the DW logo will be available to purchase. Sunday, October 21st will be our anniversary service. Our church family has so many blessings to thank God for!



Prayer Corner

- May God bless our plans this year to celebrate our church anniversary!
- Open doors of opportunity to share God's Word with our community.
- Comfort those going through sickness, loss, and difficult times.

Your specific prayer requests for the prayer corner are always welcomed. Consider letting the body of Christ share in your struggles and joy by lifting you up in prayer!!



Lent and Easter 2018

February 14 - Pancake Supper 6pm followed by Ash Wednesday Service at 7pm

February 21, 28, March 7,14,21 - 7pm Lenten Service

March 28 - Palm Sunday Worship at 10:30am

March 29 - Maundy Thursday Seder Supper at 6pm
RSVP only

March 30 - Good Friday Service 10:30am

April 1 - Easter Morning Worship with communion at 8 am. Easter Breakfast at 9 am. Easter 4 Kids from 9:30-10:30. Easter Community Worship at 10:30am.

LWMS Corner

"How exciting is it"!!!! 55th Annual LWMS Convention news is out. Let's Go to Green Bay!!! JUNE 21-24, 2018

"Speak, O Lord, from the Valley to the World" is the convention theme and our speakers will share how the Lord is speaking through our home and world missions.

Look for coming LWMS Convention display and information available there. Give it some serious thought Ladies of Divine Word and maybe we can form our own little group to go together.

Submitted by Adeline Gadde, LWMS Reporter



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Important Items! Please Read!

Requests submitted by members :

- ***Do you play a stringed***

instrument? If so please join us in the Word Centre the 3rd Sunday of each month at 9:30am. We will be gathering to join in fellowship through music. All ages are welcome. We look forward to seeing what our congregation has to offer in talent and to learn some songs together. Speak with Mike or Cyndi P, 1-613-534-2386 or cpfotenhauer8@gmail.com

- ***Scent-Free Balcony:*** Please be kind to members and guests who are sensitive to smells. Perfumes, colognes, laundry detergent/dryer sheets, etc. can all be too strong for these sensitivities and can cause allergic or uncomfortable reactions.

- ***Looking ahead:*** This year's week long VBS program will run from July 2-6. Sunday, July 8 will be the community open house.

- ***Divine Morsels:*** A fresh batch of meals will be available for the new year to those in need. Meals are kept in the kitchen freezer and include directions for reheating. They are available to you or someone you know who is in need of a hot meal due to sickness or circumstance.



It is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is a gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast.

Ephesians 2:8,9



Maundy Thursday Seder Supper

An intimate evening of worship, prayer, Holy Communion, and richly symbolic fellowship

You are invited to join us on Maundy Thursday, March 29th, for a Seder Service and Meal. In remembrance of the night Jesus and his disciples celebrated the Passover in the upper room, we too will follow a service of teaching, worship, and praise enhanced by the symbolism found in the food. In remembrance of Jesus instituting the Lord's Supper as a means to continually be with his believers and preserve their faith, we too will celebrate this means of grace.

All are invited to attend but please take note of the following:

- * As we practice closed communion, only those in fellowship with us will be invited to take the Lord's Supper portion of the service.
- * Children that can sit quietly and respectfully for long periods of time are welcome.
- * Please sign up so that we will have enough food and a place set just for you!

Dinner will be served:

Roast Leg of Lamb with Rosemary

Balsamic Roasted Red Potatoes

Green Salad with Vinaigrette

\$10 for wine drinkers/\$5 for non-wine drinkers

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Trustee Update

In my last submission for the DW Newsletter (Fall 2017), I indicated that the Trustees and more specifically our Stewardship Chairman would be making you aware of some exciting opportunities that await us with respect to a variety of infrastructure and other projects.

One of our highest priority initiatives is to replace the church sign that is on our front lawn. One of our members has agreed to a 'match funding' initiative, whereby for every \$1 raised (up to \$10K) toward this project by our members, the donor would donate \$2. Research has shown that we should be able to obtain a lighted digital sign for \$30K tax included. We already have over \$3K donated toward this project. We would like to reach our objective by this coming summer, so we could have our new sign up and sending our messages to the community in time for our 40th anniversary. Yes, it's a challenge but we believe it can be done if we all put our shoulders behind this 'financial wheel'

There are other projects as well that are on our horizon, not the least of which is to finish the replacement of our original sanctuary and basement windows on the north side of our church. You may recall we did the south side last year as well as the siding around and above the front porch. All of these initiatives should position us well for the foreseeable future.

We are looking forward to completing these projects as part of an overall 'facelift' for our 40th anniversary next year. We will be asking for your support and we pray that the Lord will give us his blessing as we proceed to undertake them!

Ken Winges
Chair, Trustees

