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(Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod)

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Lent 4

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Prayer: “Let us praise the Word incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place; Jesus died and rose victorious, That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done; Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.” Amen. (Hymn #353, v. 3)

The Service of the Word

(The Hymnal, page 38.)

The Hymns: 339 – 399 – 125, v. 4 – 392 – 579.

Organist: Linda Nottling.

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 12:1-6 (sermon text).

Psalm 32, page 78.

The Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 – Paul reminds us of what a mystery the cross is. To think that God punished His own innocent Son to forgive us guilty sinners! On the cross Jesus looked so helpless, yet in His “weakness” He did what no one else could – deliver us from sin, death and the devil.

Service Note: During Lent we omit the “Verse of the Day” between the epistle and gospel readings.

The Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 – As we hear this familiar parable we want to learn from all its characters. In the repentant, returning son may we see ourselves. In his father we see our loving, forgiving Father in heaven. God grant that we never see ourselves in the jealous, spiteful, unforgiving older brother!

The Sermon: Isaiah 12:1-6 -

Lent Is a Time to Sing!

I. To sing the praises of our Savior God.

II. To sing for all the world to hear.

For our prayer after the offering we will use the Responsive Prayer for Lent on Page 125 in the front of the hymnal

This Week at St. John's

Monday

1:45 p.m.

Bingo at Continental Manor

6:30 p.m.

Senior Choirchimes

Tuesday

7:30 p.m.

Education Meeting

Wednesday

3:15 & 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Vespers (sm. group sings early)

4:30 p.m.

Confirmation Class

Thursday

7:00 p.m.

Christian Parents Teachers Meeting

Saturday

9-11 p.m.

Adult Information Class

Sunday

8:& 10:30 a.m.

Christian Education Sunday

Holy Communion

9:15 a.m.

(PK4-8 & S.School sing late)

Sunday School/Fellowship

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Our greeters are Cheryl Streich (early); Merle and Cheryl Kok (late).

Last Week: 162 (92+70) gathered around God's Word to grow in their faith and praise their Savior (our school children sang at Grace, Waupun, last week). 127 received Holy Communion. 15 came to Sunday School and 48 came to Bible class. Offerings received:

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Budget year to date</u>
Needed:	\$7,574	\$272,664
Received	\$8,525	\$255,371

This includes \$105 for our debt fund and \$2,000 for school tuition. We also received \$100 for Madison chaplains.

After our services we will view the March WELS Connection DVD.

In Heaven: God graciously called to Himself in heaven the soul of Lucille Jahn last Sunday evening. Funeral services will be held here at church this Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. May God comfort her family with His promise of eternal life in heaven through faith in Jesus.

Hospital Report: Please remember Carly Ruhland (UW-Madison) in your prayers.

Door collection: Next Sunday we will take a door collection for our L.W.M.S. circuit. Our current projects are Information Outreach for home mission congregations and Multi-Language Publications for world mission congregations.

Concert: Luther Prep will present its spring sacred concert today at 2:00 p.m.

Play: Winnebago Lutheran Academy will present “The Beverly Hillbillies” this Thursday-Saturday at 7:00 p.m. Tickets (only at the door) are \$6:00 (adults) and \$5.00 (students).

Hymn- Fest: Winnebago Lutheran Academy will present its hymn fest (focusing on the music of Paul Manz) next Sunday at 3:30 and 7:00 p.m. at St. Peter's in Fond du Lac.

Choirchimes: Please remember that we will practice tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m.

Bingo: Our ladies will be hosting the bingo party at Continental Manor tomorrow at 1:45 p.m. Anyone is invited to help! Please call Bev Grams if you have any questions at 928-2537.

Easter Breakfast: In the entry-way are sign-up sheets for items needed for our Easter breakfast. Please look over the list and indicate how YOU will help. There is also a sheet to sign up on to help prepare for the breakfast (day before at 1:00 p.m.) or on Easter morning with serving and cleaning up.

Carly Ruhland Benefit: On Saturday, March 27th there will be a benefit for Carly Ruhland (our first grade student who is battling cancer) at the Bayside Supper Club. Food will be served from 4-8 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for kids and 3 and under are free, if you get your ticket ahead of time. Tickets at the door will be \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids. Tickets are available to purchase between services this morning.

There is a sign-up sheet for donating desserts and helping to serve them at the Carly Ruhland Benefit on the table in the fellowship hall. Please put your dessert in a disposable container. Thank you for your support!

Lenten Vespers: 101 (86+15) people used our Ash Wednesday services to gather at the foot of our Savior's cross. There is room for even more – for ALL – even as Jesus died for us ALL. May we ALL use these special opportunities to grow closer to Him who loves us so much.

Two weeks from today is Palm Sunday and the start of Holy Week. Plan now to attend the following services:

Palm Sunday (2/28)	- 8 & 10:30 a.m.
Maundy Thursday (3/1)	- 3:15 & 7:00 p.m. Communion Services
Good Friday (3/2)	- 1:30 p.m. Communion Service
Easter (3/4)	- Festival Worship at <u>7:00</u> and <u>9:30</u> a.m. (Sr. Chimes play early; Jr. Choir sings late). Easter breakfast is between the services. No Bible Class or Sunday School.

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