

April 2024

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MISSIONARIES & MARTYRS Cyril AND Methodius

This month, as part of our martyrs and missionaries series, we will remember two brothers who were missionaries to the Slavic peoples of northeastern Europe: Cyril and Methodius. They were Byzantine Greeks born in the 800's in the city of Thessalonica (the city to whom the two Biblical books of Thessalonians is addressed). In 862, the brothers were sent from Constantinople to Moravia (today's eastern Czech Republic). Roman missionaries had already been at work in this area, but due to a lack of a written language, there was very little success. Cyril and Methodius saw the problem, and they set to work creating first an alphabet, and then translating the holy Scriptures into the Slavic language. Today, this alphabet is called Cyrillic, and it is named after the brother Cyril. The Cyrillic alphabet is used in several eastern European languages including Russian, Ukrainian, Belarussian, Macedonian, etc...

CYRILLIC ALPHABET

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As this was before the Great Schism between the eastern Greek speaking Church and the western Latin speaking Church, Cyril and Methodius were called to Rome in 867 in order to meet with Pope Adrian II. They received his blessing for their work among the slavs, and he even encouraged them to use the Slavonic language in the liturgy. (This was before Rome decided to force every church to use Latin in order to enforce conformity under the pope's authority.) While in Rome, these missionary brothers were ordained as priests. However, Cyril's health was already failing and he died only 50 days after his ordination, and his older brother Methodius continued their work alone.

The pope named Methodius the archbishop over the Slavic territories which caused conflicts with the archbishop of Salzburg who claimed authority in those lands. This disagreement saw Methodius deposed, arrested, and even imprisoned before the pope insisted on his restoration. Part of the conflict revolved around the language used in the liturgy. Methodius insisted on the vernacular saying that the people should be allowed to worship in their own native tongue. However, the Latin churches of the west pushed the use of Latin more and more. This disagreement would continue for hundreds of years. Many believe that a German monk named Martin Luther was partially inspired by the work of Cyril and Methodius when he translated the Bible into German while he was in hiding in the Wartburg Castle.



Prayer Concerns

Church Members

Keith & Linda Donley, Jeff Eager, Brenda Fifield, Dan Fischer, Lela Gilroy,
Linda Harm, Ashton Jones, Carmen Kinney, Bob & Pam Mutschler,
Jerry Priebe, Ellen Romosier, Neil Schaudt, Gus Schumacher,
Kathy Tallieu, Mike Wettstein, Virginia Woudstra,
Mary Lou Champion, and Fran Clemens

*Please keep the family of Mark Schank in your prayers as well.
Mark (Don's brother) passed away very unexpectedly on March 25th.*

Extended Family and Friends

Valerie and John—family of Brianna Haas
Mary Mitchell—sister of Lela Gilroy
LaVerne Heath—Godmother of Chris Durham
Anna Heater—friend of Chris Durham
Linda Fraley—Lela Gilroy's daughter
Gary Engel—friend of Aaron Fischer
Meredith Stewart—cousin of Chris McGarvie
Glen Phillips—former employer of Adam Ondrajka
Sue Reed—Pastor Reed's wife
Nick Steen—friend of Mike & Linda Harm
Sam Holland—Marty Brandt's brother-in-law
Kendra Haase—wife of James Haase
Barb Potter—friend of Earl & Marlys Fischer
Heather Strolis—friend of Earl & Gwen Hulett
Ruth Balzer—friend of the LWML
Danica Willis—a friend of Mary Brief
Carol Gillis—John Hollenbeck's sister
Joan Kuhn—Mary Brief's mother
Taylor Long—a friend of OSL Kingston students
Don Johnson—Adam Ondrajka's friend and coworker
Cathy Khoury—Bob Mutschler's sister
Carl & Cathy Mutschler—Bob's brother and sister-in-law
DorisAnn Brief—Mary's mother-in-law
Randy Kasdorf—Shauna Lester's Baptismal Sponsor
Ken and Pam Wood—parents of Kelly Ondrajka
Harvey Kaltz—Debie's husband
Family & Friends of Virginia Woudstra: Heather Sunday and Ivy,
Dennis Davis, Jeanette Lasko, Janet Huber, Raymond Randall, Quinn Adamczyk,
Robbie Kuechenmeister, Valerie Martin, Eugene Rushlow, and Bob Shannon

Please help us keep this list of prayer concerns up to date. If you have a family member or friend listed here who is no longer in need of prayer, please let Kelsey know in the church office. Give thanks too, to the Lord who answers prayer!

Serving the Lord in Gladness

April Elders

- 4/7 Bob Stoick
- 4/14 Chris McGarvie
- 4/21 Jerry Priebe
- 4/28 Bob Stoick



Altar Guild

Kathy Rachow and Pat Hurttgam

Service Music

- April 7th & 14th—Caleb Storm
- April 21st—Renea Lambert
- April 28th—Caleb Storm or Hanna Kern

Sunday Morning Greeters

- 4/7 Bob and Jeannie Stoick
- 4/14 Linda Harm and Kathy Rachow
- 4/21 Jerry and Verna Priebe
- 4/28 Adam and Kelly Ondrajka



Acolytes

Sam and Carter Schank



More Sundays with (curious) Latin Names

April 7th—**QUASIMODO GENITI**— “as if newborn babes ...”

† This is the last day of the “Octave of Easter”, an eight-day period of feasting beginning on Easter Sunday. The Introit for the day includes I Peter 2:2, “As newborn babes ...”

April 14th—**MISERICORDIAS DOMINI**— “the goodness of the Lord”

† This Sunday has long been nicknamed “Good Shepherd Sunday” because of the Gospel reading from John 10:11-16.

April 21st—**JUBILATE**— “Shout for joy to God, all the earth ... ”

† The Introit for the day is from Psalm 66, a psalm of praise and thanksgiving to God.

April 28th—**CANTATE**— “Sing!” “Oh, sing to the Lord a new song!”

† The Introit for Cantate Sunday begins with these words from Psalm 98

*The information above was gathered from: www.AllTheHousehold.com,
www.SteadfastLutherans.org, and St. Paul Lutheran-LCMS.*



Spotlight on April’s “Hymn of the Month” “I AM CONTENT! MY JESUS EVER LIVES”

“Es ist genug” (“It is enough”) was written by composer Johann Joachim Möller in 1662. The melody was written by Johann Rudolph Ahle who collaborated with Möller on the piece.

There is very little history to be found about Möller. He was a German composer and organist who worked for the Elector of Saxony. This hymn, “I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives” is the only hymn in our Lutheran Service Book that is attributed to him. The lyrics proclaim a great sense of confidence in the sure and certain hope of eternal life won for us through Christ and His victory over death and the grave.

“Since He in death could perish never,
I also shall not die forever.

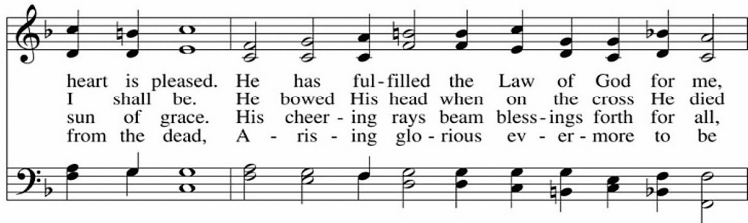
I am content! I am content!”



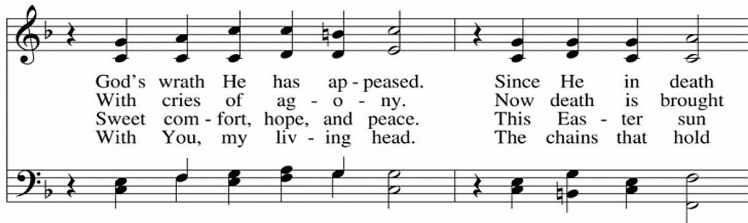
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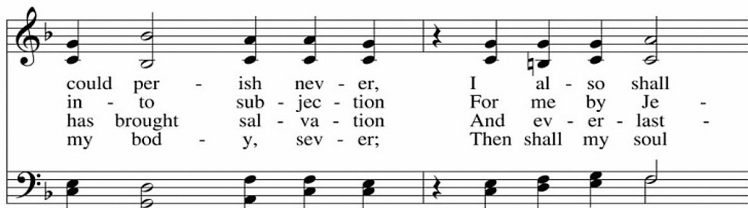
1 I am con-tent! My Je - sus ev - er lives, In whom my
 2 I am con-tent! My Je - sus is my head; His mem - ber
 3 I am con-tent! My Je - sus is my light, My ra - diant
 4 I am con-tent! At length I shall be free, A - wak - ened



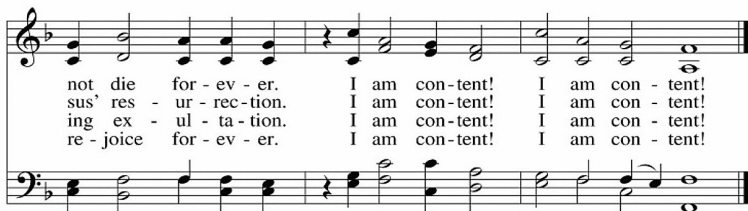
heart is pleased. He has ful-filled the Law of God for me,
 I shall be. He bowed His head when on the cross He died
 sun of grace. His cheer - ing rays beam bless-ings forth for all,
 from the dead, A - ris - ing glo - rious ev - er - more to be



God's wrath He has ap - peased. Since He in death
 With cries of ag - o - ny. Now death is brought
 Sweet com - fort, hope, and peace. This Eas - ter sun
 With You, my liv - ing head. The chains that hold



could per - ish nev - er, I al - so shall
 in - to sub - jec - tion For me by Je -
 has brought sal - va - tion And ev - er - last -
 my bod - y, sev - er; Then shall my soul



not die for - ev - er. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!
 sus' res - ur - rec - tion. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!
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Text: attr. Johann Joachim Moller, 1660-1733; tr. August Crull, 1845-1923 alt.

Tune: Johann Rudolph Ahle, 1625-73; setting: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941

Text and music: Public domain

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John 11:25-26; Rom. 6:4-11; 8:1-4; I Cor. 15:55-57

Church Council Report

Minutes from the meeting of March 14, 2024

Pastor Kern began with a Scripture reading from John 8, "Before Abraham was, I AM". This was followed by a devotional reading from C.F.W. Walther.

Present were Randy Haas, Katie Laur, Karen Forsys, Kathy Tallieu, Renea Lambert, Chris McGarvie, Christopher Durham, and Pastor Kern.

Vice-President Chris Durham called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

The Treasurer's report was distributed and reviewed. A motion to accept the report was made by Katie Laur and seconded by Chris McGarvie. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report

- One Baptism took place in January (Jase Laur).
- One funeral service was held on February 8th for James Storm.
- Confirmation classes continue weekly.
- One couple is currently in the Adult Instruction class.
- A Baptism will take place during the Easter Vigil Service on March 30th.
- Both the new Sunday School Opening which follows the Divine Service and the "Hymn of the Month" have had favorable

responses from the congregation.

School Board Report

- There was discussion on future plans.
- Randy Hass noted that all School Board members have expressed a willingness to continue serving. School Board elections will be held in April which is in accord with the Constitution.

Elders' Report

- A Circuit Convocation is on the calendar for October 5, 2024 to be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sebawaing. The theme is *166 Years of Lutheran Hymns* - "Glad Hymns Forever, Alleluia!"
- Elders are working their way through the membership rolls, looking at Inactive Members.
- Elders will be asked to provide additional assistance during Holy Week.

Board of Christian Education

- A meeting is planned for 3/17 during Fellowship time.

Facilities Trustees Report

- A toilet seat was replaced
- The basketball backboard will be repaired.

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Council, continued

A motion to accept all reports was made by Randy Haas and seconded by Kathy Tallieu. Motion carried.

Old Business

Constitution Revision

- The Committee needs to schedule a meeting.

New Business

- Treasurer Karen Forsys asked if Council would give approval for some of the CEF funds that were set aside for school needs be transferred into the church General Fund to cover ongoing monthly shortfalls.
- A motion was made by Chris McGarvie to transfer \$10,000 from the CEF fund into the General Fund; seconded by Katie Laur. Motion passed.

The Secretary's Report was read back. A motion to accept was made by Karen Forsys and seconded by Chris McGarvie. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Katie Laur and seconded by Karen Forsys. Motion passed. The meeting closed at 8:05 p.m. with The Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 18th at 7:30 p.m.

Recorded by Renea Lambert,
Secretary



Photo Gallery



This picture was taken at the final Lenten Supper on March 20th. We dined **heartily** every Wednesday throughout the whole season of Lent!

Members of Peace Lutheran and Our Savior Lutheran are seated together at this banquet table during the **"Focus on Life"** event held on March 21st in Sandusky. This was sponsored by the Sanilac County Right to Life organization.



The Easter Vigil was held on Saturday, March 30th at 7pm. We were blessed to have Pastor Steven Bagnall and Seminarian Ian Habicht of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Cass City join Pastor Kern in leading our Service. The Service begins in darkness until the light of Christ arrives and the celebration of the Resurrection begins!





During the Vigil, **Ian Conley** was Baptized and Confirmed. These pictures were taken during his Baptism. The Rite of Confirmation occurred just after the Baptism and Ian was welcomed as a new member at Our Savior.

Welcome to the OSL Family!



Pictured with Ian and Pastor Kern are sponsors Hannah Schank and Tim Forsy.

Ian is pictured here with Pastor Kern and the Storm family—Craig, Bridget, Olivia, and Caleb. Welcome, Ian! We are thankful to God for you!

