

MARCH 2025

Savior Divine Lutheran Church  
10040 S. 88TH Ave. Palos Hills, IL 60465



# THE GOSPEL NEWS

## MARCH



**Sunday Worship  
10 a.m.**

### FROM THE PASTOR...

#### Preparing Yourself for Lent



The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. It leads us into a 40 day journey which will eventually bring us to Holy Week with Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter. Although we will not have a service on Ash Wednesday, we will have the imposition of ashes on the following Sunday at the end of the service for those who would like to receive them.

Lent brings us to a more solemn time of the church year. We therefore seek to eliminate the "alleluias." Symbolic of this emphasis will be the taking down of the Alleluia banner at the end of the service on Transfiguration Sunday.

The season captures the time of Jesus' death on the cross for our sins. The cross then becomes a symbol of sacrifice as well as servanthood. The cross is prominently displayed in our sanctuary as well as outside of our church. It is the key symbol of our faith.

I would hope that this season of Lent can be a time of renewal for you, especially in your devotional life. You will find a suggested discipline for this season of the year in this newsletter.

Pastor Marty

*Continuing Our Journey*  
*"Trust. Pray. And thank God for his blessings along the way"*

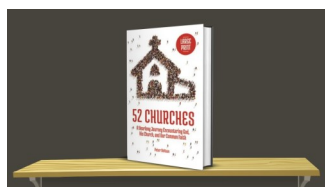
## Lenten Discipleship Emphasis



The discipline of the Daily Examen is an ancient practice which can be done on a daily basis to look deeply at your own life in this season. The practice includes the following, which usually works best at the end of the day:

1. Ask for the Holy Spirit to help you in your time of searching.
2. Give thanks for what you are grateful for today.
3. Review the day and recognize your sin.
4. Ask for forgiveness and healing.
5. Pray about the next day and what you have planned.

## Discipleship Group



The Discipleship Group meets next on Thursday, March 13, at 7 PM on Zoom. The group will be looking at Churches #18-22 from the book, *52 Churches: A Yearlong Journey Encountering God, His Church, and Our Common Faith* by Peter DeHaan. Please consider joining us if you are not already part of this group.

## John E. Vanecko (1937 – 2025)



John was called to his eternal glory on January 27. His funeral was held on February 21 at Chapel Hill Gardens South in Oak Lawn. He was a dedicated member of Savior Divine and served as one of our lectors.

## West Suburban Symphony Concert



The West Suburban Symphony and Chorus will present a concert at 7:30 pm on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at Wentz Concert Hall in Naperville. Featured is Beethoven's 9<sup>th</sup> Symphony with its familiar "Ode to Joy" (you know it as "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee") in the last movement. Also on the program is Florence Price's "Song of Hope" for Chorus. Tickets are \$25 at the door, with discounts at \$20 for seniors in advance. For more information and discounted tickets (at least two days earlier), see Paul Wackenhuth.

## Lectors, Ushers and Greeters Wanted



We would like to expand the group we have for ushers, lectors and greeters. If you would like to read one of the Scripture readings in our service or serve as an usher or greeter please contact Pastor Marty. We would like to give our members as many opportunities as possible to serve.

## **Frank Pellico Retires after 33 Years with the Blackhawks.**

Frank Pellico retired as organist from the Chicago Blackhawks after playing for them for 33 years. He was honored throughout the home game on Sunday, February 23. During those years the Blackhawks won several Stanley Cup championships which enabled Frank to have the championship rings. **Congratulations to Frank!**

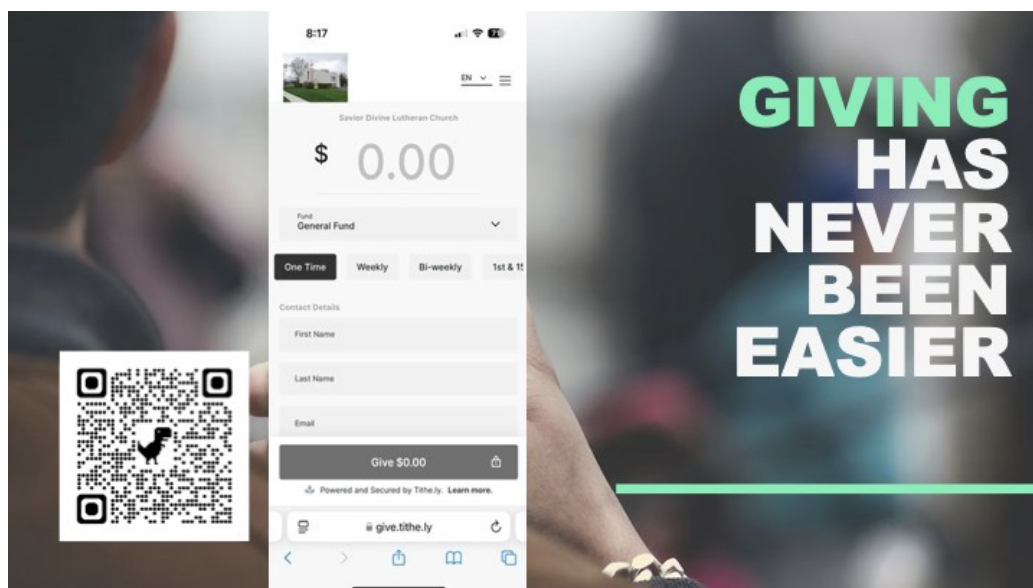


## **Online Giving Now A New Option**

You are now able to give online through our church Website or through a QR code. By going to [www.saviordivine.org](http://www.saviordivine.org) you can click on the "GIVE" button and you will be brought to a Giving Form to fill out. You may make a contribution via a credit card or through your bank account. You will also have the option to cover the transaction fee for using a credit card if you desire. After making a donation, you will receive confirmation in the email you provided.

Please note that at times you will see in our bulletin and other publications the QR code below which you can capture on your cell phone through your camera and the Giving Form will appear.

The purpose of online giving is for convenience and hopefully that non-members will feel motivated to give to our church.



## **Businesses We Use And Can Recommend**

Executive Green Carpet Cleaning 708-599-5151

Chicagoland Heating & Air Conditioning 708-425-0600

Bridgeview Roofing (Tom Metlow) 708-710-7663

K & O Decorating (inside and outside painting) (Ken Osborne) 708-598-3209

True Green Spraying Service (Lawn Weed Control) 708-430-5550

Ted's Plumbing & Sewer (Curt Kunz) 708-846-0525

Roy Sanchez Paving (Commercial Paving) 708-535-0877

Legacy Paving (Rigo Sanchez) (Residential) 708-596-2500

Cristina Lungu (Home Products) [www.amway.com/myshop/cristinalungu](http://www.amway.com/myshop/cristinalungu)

Alonso (Clean up & Lawn Care) 708-769-2931

Catering by Diane 708-361-3353 [www.cateringbydiane.net](http://www.cateringbydiane.net)

FLV Landscaping 708-986-8104

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Flora Designs by Donna 708-586-2107

J & S Painting & Remodeling (Jim Carlson, Jr.) 708-638-2344

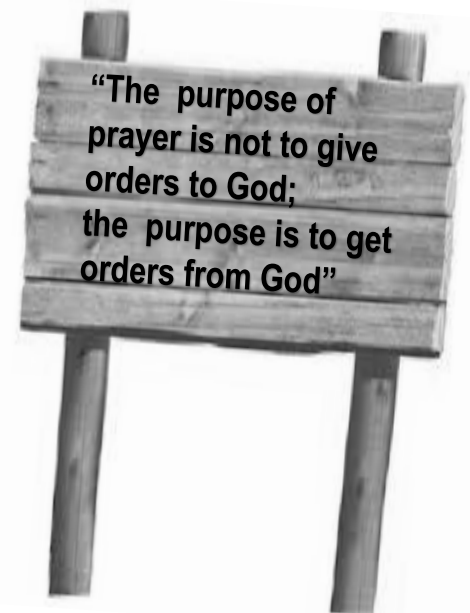
## **DON'T WORRY ABOUT TOMORROW, GOD IS ALREADY THERE!**

Lord,

I feel afraid and insecure as I face my future. I come before You to lay my fear and anxiety at your feet.


Help me to look at life with trust and hope and to experience Your presence in all of my problems and hardships.

Amen.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Prayer Group	3	4	5	6 Worship Planning 11 a.m.	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Elsie's Pantry 2-4 p.m. Discipleship Group	14	15
16 Church Council	17 Saint Patrick's Day 	18	19	20 Elsie's Pantry 2-4 p.m.	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Elsie's Pantry 2-4 p.m.	28	29
30	31					

## Worship Schedule March/April 2025

DATE	ASSISTANT	LECTOR	REMOTE	USHERS	COUNTER	CAMERA
3/2 Transfiguration of our Lord	Susan Adamek	Cathi Predl	Ursula Bittermann	Matt Birk	Terry LeGrand	Jeff Psolla
3/9 First Sunday in Lent	Vicki Doherty	Jill Cottrell	Cathi Predl	Matt Birk	Terry LeGrand	Jeff Psolla
3/16 Second Sunday in Lent	Linda Good	Paul Wackenhuth	Vicki Doherty	Matt Birk	Terry LeGrand	Jeff Psolla
3/23 Third Sunday in Lent	Bob Good	Terry LeGrand	Ursula Bittermann	Matt Birk	Terry LeGrand	Jeff Psolla
3/30 Fourth Sunday in Lent	Jan Beckman	Cathi Predl	Cathi Predl	Matt Birk	Terry LeGrand	Jeff Psolla
4/6 Fifth Sunday in Lent	Susan Adamek	Jill Cottrell	Vicki Doherty	Matt Birk	Terry LeGrand	Jeff Psolla

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**The Rev. Martin W. Pauschke, D. Min., Pastor**

**Worship with Holy Communion, 10 a.m.**

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