

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Schwer

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Our mission is to know, love, and follow Jesus that His Kingdom will be advanced.

Prelude Joyce Bauhs

Ring of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Opening Prayer

Hymn: Beautiful Savior #177

Confession of Sins p.2

Declaration of Grace

Scripture Readings insert

Confession of Faith: Apostles Creed Gloria Patri p.4

Children's Sermon

Hymn: Just As I Am, without One Plea #417

Message Care
 Message Text: Ecclesiastes 11:6-10

Special Music: Brandi and Quincy

Hymn: Have Thine Own Way, Lord! #460

Offering \$ General Fund
 Offertory Create In Me A Clean Heart p.33

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Hymn: Blessed Assurance #511

Go in peace and serve the Lord
Thanks be to God!

This Week's Prayer Guide

Shut-ins: Debbie DeCoster

Those in need of Healing: Pamela Breymeyer, Allen Carley, Russell Carley, Juanita Geiken, Maggie Griswold, Norm Hansen, Mia Hart, Pastor Steve Jensen, Ron Knapp, Matt Kreeb, Viola Lucht, Bill Martin, Holly Milar, Eunice Reiners, Michael Schaumburg, Tim Schaumburg, Ty Schaumburg JoyAnna Steiner and Lloyd Ulitzsch

Church Council: Steve Benner, Troy Hasselbring, Jacob Heeren, Doug Van Hovel and Dennis Van Hovel

Cradle Roll: Ava and Braxton Grabow, Luke, Anna and Elle Heeren, James, John and Alana Jensen, Harrison and Isabelle Lucenti, Jameson Rogers, Charlotte Steiner, and Vivian Swalls.

Our Government and Armed Force

Announcements 4/8/18

--Congratulations to Casey and Sonna Steiner on the birth of their daughter JoyAnna Grace born on April 2, 2018.

--Baby JoyAnna Grace remains in the hospital. If you would like to provide a meal for them, please sign the chart in the entry with your phone number. Meals may be brought to the church for delivery. If you have questions, please call Audra 815-545-7124

--Praise God for the life of Adalynn Rae Ziemianski born April 3rd, great-granddaughter of Eilert and Mary.

--Quarterly voters meeting will be next Sunday April 15th at 1:30 pm.

--WMF Spring Banquet is on April 20th. The speaker is Kendra Smiley from East Lynn. Kendra connects with women of all ages through her humor and her overflowing love for Christ. A popular speaker and author who travels from coast to coast and internationally encouraging and equipping women, and specifically MOMS. She is the author of 10 books. Potluck at 6:30 pm drinks and table service are provided. Being a friend!!

--Cathy's nephew Aaron has recovered and will be starting a new job on Monday. We are thankful to God for his progress and for the prayers and concern since his accident last September. Wayne and Cathy

What is Happening This Week at Schwer

Today	FLY 6:30 pm
Monday	Charity Circle 1:30 pm Hope Circle 7 pm
Tuesday	Men's Bible Study 6:30 am
Wednesday	Ephesians Midweek Bible Study 7 pm
Thursday	Faith Circle 1:30 pm
Sunday	SS 9 am Worship 10 am \$ AFLC General Fund
	Quarterly voters meet 1:30 pm FLY 6:30 pm

-- Attendance on Easter Sunday April 1 was 156

--Start getting you team together golf outing June 10

-- National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 3rd, 2018

Old Testament Lesson:**Ecclesiastes 11:6-10**

In the morning sow your seed, and at evening withhold not your hand, for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good. **7** Light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun. **8** So if a person lives many years, let him rejoice in them all; but let him remember that the days of darkness will be many. All that comes is vanity. **9** Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Walk in the ways of your heart and the sight of your eyes. But know that for all these things God will bring you into judgment. **10** Remove vexation from your heart, and put away pain from your body, for youth and the dawn of life are vanity.

New Testament Lesson:**Ezekiel 37:1-14**

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. **2** And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. **3** And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." **4** Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. **5** Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. **6** And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD." **7** So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. **8** And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. **9** Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." **10** So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. **11** Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.' **12** Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. **13** And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. **14** And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

Gospel:**John 20:19-31**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." **20** When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. **21** Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." **22** And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. **23** If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." **24** Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. **25** So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." **26** Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." **27** Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." **28** Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" **29** Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." **30** Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; **31** but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 3rd, 2018

Theme and Verse

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Prayer brings people together. Prayer builds bridges between opposing persons and even political parties. Prayer reminds us that we are created in God's image and He desired for us to represent Him everywhere we go. Prayer brings UNITY. In 2018, our theme will be **Pray for America - UNITY**, based upon Ephesians 4:3 which challenges us to mobilize unified public prayer for America, "Making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of Peace."

Our hope is that individuals, churches, and spiritual leaders in America, will humble ourselves and unify in prevailing prayer for the next great move of God in America. We can come together in clear agreement that this is our greatest need. We can become a visible union, standing together in prayer. We can pray more than ever before and practiced extraordinary prayer for the next great move of God in America that will catapult the message of the gospel nationally and internationally.

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National Day of Prayer Task Force—

Non-profit organization is an American evangelical conservative Christian non-profit organization which organizes, coordinates and presides over Evangelical Christian religion observances each year on the National Day of Prayer.

In preparation for the Nations Day of Prayer

Please pray these

3 Prayer Priorities for America

1- Pray fervently for the security of our nation and for our schools, churches, and all public venues.

Psalm 91:1 "The one who lives under the protection of the Most High dwells in the shadow of the Almighty."

2- Pray for unity among all ethnicities and people in America.
#PRAY 4 UNITY

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3- Pray for God to move supernaturally in all prayer observances and gatherings on the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 3, 2018.

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