

APRIL/MAY 2022

NORTHERN NOTES

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Outing, MN



Message from the Pastor

April and May are exciting months. Lent wraps up with the melting of snow and the Easter season brings about new life. Blades of grass poking through the brown thatch, barren trees budding with new leaves, the slow awakening of sleepy hibernators, and the joyous return of migratory wildlife--including migratory Our Savior's members:) All of these things remind us that resurrection is all about new life!

What is Easter anyway? Christians consider Easter to be the "first day." From Easter comes the practice of worshiping on Sunday morning. It is the first day of the week. It is also the first day of new creation, sometimes called the "eighth day" of the week, for on it Christ restored the image of God in the human and in so doing also brought restoration and renewal to all of creation. The Easter season proceeds from and celebrates this first day. In the resurrected Christ, there is time after the end, life after death, restoration of what was broken, the brightening of what had gone dark. In the fifty days of Easter, Christian communities around the world strive to worship God in a way that illustrates that the body of Christ lives now in the heavenly places and also in the gathered body in the world. Worship is where heaven and earth meet.

During the Easter season, we celebrate the waters of baptism. Pay attention to the words we use in worship. Let them wash over you (pun definitely intended!) My prayer for you this spring is that you experience new life in Christ.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism,
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,
and we are a new creation.

For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,
who was, who is, and who is to come.

These words are for you. You have passed over from death to life. I call on all who may read this to be renewed and restored. Seek out new life where you feel alone, where you struggle, and where you hurt. This is the first day of your new life. You are a new creation, so be restored into the joyous and abundant life God has given you in Christ Jesus!

Endowment Committee News

The Endowment Committee met on March 7th to discuss donations for the first 1/2 of the year. With the March Matching programs, we felt that donations to the local Food Shelves needed to be made as well as a donation to the Lutheran Disaster Relief (Designated for Ukraine), which was also a matched donation.

We discussed with Pastor Luke several ideas that will be funded by the Endowment Fund under Community Outreach later this year.

Donations made were, Emily Food Shelf: \$250.00, Remer Food Shelf: \$250.00

Lutheran Disaster Relief: \$500.00. Total 1st 1/2 year \$1000.00

Funding is available for any church member for Education related expenses, for more information or to make a donation please inquire of a Committee member or Pastor Luke.

(Members: Jim Remington, Jackie Hagel, Robin Purgett, Pat Maranda and Sheldon Matheson)

From the Women of the ELCA

We had our first business meeting of the year on Monday, March 14th. Minutes from the meeting are on the shelf in the Narthex. We voted to give \$100 to each the Emily and Remer food shelves and to Second Harvest. We also voted to donate \$500 to the ELCA Disaster Relief for Ukraine. The Living Waters Conference Spring Gathering will be held at Camp Hiawatha on April 9th and the NE MN Synod Summer Gathering will be held at Ruttgers Sugar Lake Lodge on June 6—8. We are in need of a voting delegate. Our WELCA group will cover your food and lodging costs. Please let me know if you are interested in attending.

Plans are underway for the annual plant and bake sale which will be held on Saturday, May 28th from 9:00 to 12:30. Your donations of plants and bake goods are welcome.

Thanks to all who helped with the Lenten soup suppers and those who provided soup, desserts and breads.

God's peace, Coordinator Caroline

Becoming a Creation Care Congregation

Mission Statement: We of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America are deeply concerned about the environment, locally and globally, as members of this church and as members of society. Even as we join the political, economic, and scientific discussion, we know care for the earth to be a profoundly spiritual matter.

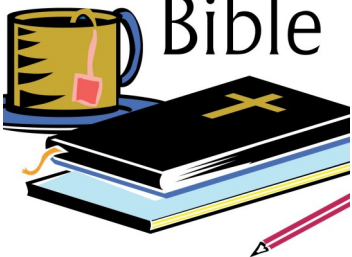
Beginning on March 5th, I was able to join a group of members from our NE Synod that are concerned/interested in our environment and Care for it. We have had a series of Zoom calls discussing Creation Care in the community, worship, education, building and grounds, along with personal commitment.

In the coming weeks, I'll be looking for a few people to join me to form a committee - finding ways that we can bring our congregation into this program and help our local environment.

Any interest or questions, please contact me.

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Women's Bible



All ladies are cordially invited to attend the Women's Bible Study held the third Wednesday of each month at 9:00 am in the fellowship room. Come join in for a cup of coffee as we read aloud, discuss and learn from the lesson provided in the monthly Gather magazine.

Matthew 18:20

"For where two or three come together in my name I am there with them." See you there!

EASTER LILIES

Order your Easter lily for Sunday the 17th.

The cost for a plant is \$10. Please put your check (made out to WELCA) or cash in the envelope in the Altar Guild mailbox.

Sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board and write if it is in memory or honor of someone. The last day to order a plant is Sunday, April 10th.

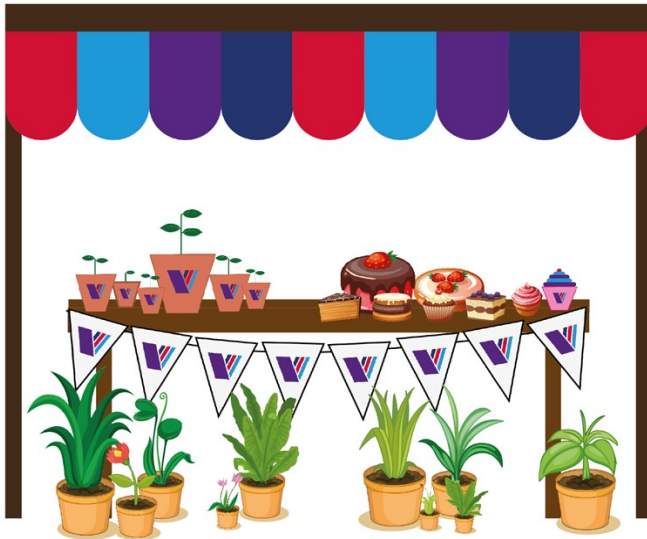


CHURCH AND HIGHWAY 6 ROAD DITCH CLEAN UP DAY

Annual Spring Clean-up of the church and road ditch is scheduled for Friday, May 13.

The Property Committee will serve a hot breakfast at 8:30am. Clean-up chores beginning at 9:00 am. If you are not able to stay for cleaning, come and enjoy breakfast with your church family.

All are welcome!



SPRING PLANT AND BAKE SALE

Get ready it's that time of the year.

We will be having our spring plant and bake sale on

Saturday, May 28th

held in the church basement from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Think about your perennials that you would be willing to share, or start some new plants.

The indoor planting season is here!

If you would rather bake a pie, bread, cookies or bars that would be great too.

Help is needed the day of the sale.

More information to come in the weekly newsletters.

SAVE THE DATE

Vacation Bible School

July 25 –28

9 am to Noon

Ages 4 through Grade 6



SUNDAY WORSHIP LEADERS

APRIL

MAY

USHERS

3 Tom & Marlies Brinkman
10 Kami & Charlee Genz
17 Dave & Robin Purgett
24 Jerome Anderson & Gordy Holmgren

1 Jerry & Jackie Hagel
8 Jim & Lynn Remington
15 Ken & Laurie Baalson
22 Sheldon & Jane Matheson
29 Jan Peterschick & Brad Buchanan

LECTORS

3 Tom Brinkman
10 Caroline Switzer
17 Cy Kruse
24 Roberta Stanchfield

1 LeAnn Werner
8 Lynn Remington
15 Laurie Baalson
22 Roberta Stanchfield
29 Jan Peterschick

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

3 Tom Brinkman
10 Caroline Switzer
17 Jackie Hagel
24 Jan Peterschick

1 Jackie Hagel
8 Lynn Remington
15 Laurie Baalson
22 Sheldon Matheson
29 Jan Peterschick

TELLERS

3 LeAnn Werner & Galen Wittenberg
10 Kami Genz & LeAnn Werner
17 Jackie Hagel & Jan Peterschick
24 Gary Nelson & Dave Purgett

1 Shirley Singh & Galen Wittenberg
8 Kami Genz & LeAnn Werner
15 Jackie Hagel & Jan Peterschick
22 Gary Nelson & Dave Purgett
29 LeAnn Werner & Gary Nelson

APRIL COFFEE SERVERS

3 Nancy Kruse & Berta Stanchfield
10 Jackie Hagel
17 Judy Werner & Berta Stanchfield
24 Robin Purgett

MAY COFFEE SERVERS

1 Nancy Knox
8 Alice Wittenberg
15 Shirley Anderson
22 Lloyd Shirley Singh
29 Ken & Laurie Baalson

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April

May

4 Shirley Anderson
17 Bert Stanchfield
29 Nancy Elmquist

9 Jim Remington
11 Luke Lekander
13 Kurt Hoffman
21 Ingrid Thyen
21 Kaylynn Wake
23 Lorraine Mix
30 Tom Brinkman



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April

May

18 Galen & Alice Wittenberg
18 Dick & Sandy Helmer
25 Jerome & Shirley Anderson

7 Jim & Lynn Remington
7 Joe & Bev Mueller
8 Jack & Grace Schuller
21 Darrel & Judy Werner
30 Dan & Karen Laakso



April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 8:00 am Men's Breakfast	2
3 9:00 am Worship Service Holy Communion	4	5	6 9:00 am Men's Bible Study 5:00 pm Lenten Service & Soup	7	8	9 9:00 am LWC Conf. WELCA Spring Gathering
10 Palm Sunday 9:00 am Worship Service Gather in the Narthex Holy Communion	11 9:00 am WELCA Business Meeting	12	13 9:00 am Quilting Men's Bible Study 6:00 pm Council Mtg.	14 5:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service	15 5:00 pm Good Friday Worship Service	16
17 Easter Sunday 9:00 am Worship Service Holy Communion	18	19	20 9:00 am Men & Women's Bible Study	21	22	23
24 9:00 am Worship Service Holy Communion Noisy Offering	25	26	27 9:00 am Men's Bible Study	28	29	30

May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Noon Leonard Lokken Memorial Service
8 Mother's Day 9:00 am Worship Service Communion	9 9:00 am WELCA Business Meeting	10	11 9:00 am Quilting Men's Bible Study 6:00 pm Council Mtg.	12	13 8:30 am Breakfast 9:00 am Church & Road Ditch Clean Up	14
15 9:00 am Worship Service Communion	16	17	18 9:00 am Women & Men's Bible Study	19	20	21 Kurtz/ Mostrom Wedding
22 9:00 am Worship Service Communion	23	24	25 9:00 am Men's Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Committee Meeting	26	27 9:00 am to 11:00 am Set up for Plant Sale	28 9:00 am to 12:30 pm Plant/Bake Sale
29 9:00 am Outdoor Worship Communion Noisy Offering	30 	31				