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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

▶ DOUGHNUTS FOR SALE ◀

SPRING RUMMAGE

SALE

SATURDAY, MAY 6

8:00AM – 1:00PM

MORNING COFFEE | DOUGHNUTS | ROLLS

BBQ LUNCH STARTING AT 11:00AM

ST. OLAF LUTHERAN CHURCH
601 6TH ST NE | DEVILS LAKE

March General Fund Expenses

Auto Exp (Mileage)	547.27
BCBS Exp	839.74
Church Supplies.....	219.91
Confirmation Exp	34.91
Cont. Ed- Youth Coord.....	145.00
Cont. Ed—Pastor	145.00
Custodian HIR Exp	250.00
Mission: Spec. Gifts—Out:	
HB Sound & Light	32,044.21
Red Willow Ministries.....	103.00
Walmart (Coffee).....	108.92
Electricity Exp (Ottetail)	986.00
Envelope Giving Exp (EFT)	35.40
Gas (MDU) Exp	663.00
Insurance	2,309.20
Maintenance Exp.	314.24
Snow removal: 177.45	
Mac's: 58.51	
Capitol One: 78.28	
Office Equip.	1,025.86
Office Supplies	202.86
Miscellaneous Exp	9.27
Pastor Housing Allowance	1,200.00
Pastor SS Allowance	397.84
Payroll Exp.....	713.11
Pension/Ins	3,922.84
Postage Exp.....	129.75
Retreat Ctr. Ins. (Feb. & Mar) ..	300.00
Sewer & Water Exp	121.53
Sunday School Exp.....	161.93
Telephone/Internet/Surveill.	463.92
VBS Exp.....	250.00
Wages.....	13,327.78
Workforce Safety Ins.....	573.09
Worship Supplies	11.99
Youth Activity Exp	175.30
Total Expenses.....	\$61,932.87
Income	\$57,526.62

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Retreat Center Fund March Expenses

Greater Ramsey Water..	37.20
Guide One Insurance...	150.00
Nodak	42.00
MDU (Feb.)	206.30
MDU (Mar)	124.04

May Mission of the Month Campus Ministries

The clear box at the back of the sanctuary (entrance) is set up at each worship service to bring awareness to missions that we want to support with our donations. Each month we will highlight the mission of the month. The mission of the month for May is Campus ministries: Crossroads and Christus Rex.

ELCA campus ministry is a Lutheran ministry for students, faculty, staff and others on campus. We are a church this is energized by lively engagement in our faith and life and the mission of campus ministry is to invite people in academic setting to engage more deeply with the teaching of Jesus Christ and fulfill their vocation as disciples.

Eastern ND Synod has 2 campus ministries: Crossroads Campus Ministry at NDSU and Christus Rex at UND.

Memorials

AUDIO/VISUAL PROJECT

Given in MEMORY of:

Duane Davidson from Nancy (Davidson) Schmitz, Wade & Clara Bronemann
Heidi Ivesdal Nantt from Lyle Nantt
Jeff Lovseth from Kathy Lovseth
Kenneth Unger from Florene Rogne, Myrna Unger, Mike & Sherry Boehmer
Gary Pankratz (Pr. Lori's father in law) from Florene Rogne

NORWAY CEMETERY FUND

Given in MEMORY of:

Arnold Moen from Cathy Ann Wolfe

RETREAT CENTER FUND

Given in MEMORY of:

Kenneth Unger from Rodger Haugen

YOUTH FUND

Given in MEMORY of:

Kenneth Unger from Rhonda & Jerry Allery

BUILDING FUND

Given in MEMORY of:

Kenneth Unger from Dennis & Jean Aardahl, Ray & Judy Strong

AUDIO/VIDEO PROJECT

Total Cost:
\$93,147.33

Donations & Memorials
Received as of
April 25, 2023:
\$93,147.33

THANK YOU!

General Fund Envelope Giving & Memorials & Designated Funds

Date	SUNDAY		General Fund: Envelope Giving	General Fund: Gifts & Memorials	Designated Funds: Memorials/Donations
	9:30	7:00pm			
March 29		68	\$469		\$2,621.00
April 2	NA		\$5,580.00		
April 6		77	\$554.00		
April 7		49	\$443.00		
April 9 -7am 41	9:30	160	\$6,351.00		\$648.00
April 16	NA		\$1,240.00		\$482.00
April 23	156		\$2,795.00		\$5,221.00

Electronic Giving for MARCH (28 Households): \$3,605.00

FAITH MATTERS;

~ Pastor Lori ~

If you are a parent, you know the joy that comes when a child needs our help. They run into our arms with a problem or with tears because of an injury. We long and love to help them. But when we need comfort, do we always go to our heavenly Father? Or do we seek other means of consolation? Psalm 68:5 says, He is "a father to the fatherless." 1 John 3:1 says, "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!" He has not only identified Himself as our Father, but He tells us how He acts as our Father.

First of all and most importantly, He saves us. "For God so loved the world, that he gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." He pays attention to us. "The eye of the Lord runs to and fro throughout the whole earth

searching to help someone whose heart is completely His." (2 Chronicles 16:9). In Psalm 94:19, we are reassured that, "When my anxious thoughts multiply within me, Your consolations delight my soul." He cares for us, "Even if my father and my mother have forsaken me, the Lord will take me up." (Psalm 27:10). And just like a loving parent, He delights to take us up into His loving arms. Zephaniah 3:17 says, "For the Lord your God is living among you. He is a mighty Savior. He will take delight in you with gladness. With His love, He will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs." Remember these promises as you navigate your journey of faith. Christ loved you so much he died for you and took on your sin, all the way to eternity!

Be Blessed, Pr. Lori

Baptisms

Finleigh Jo Legacie
Daughter of Brady & Jeani Legacie

Taetum Glen X'avier Martinez
Son of Angel Martinez &
Elizabeth Svedberg

Madalynn Bounds
Daughter of Samantha & Zachary Bounds

Funerals

Sharlene Anderson
LeRoy Lunde
Duane Davidson
Gene Davidson
Jean Ivesdal



O LORD,
HEAR
OUR PRAYER

If you or someone you know are in need of prayers, please contact the church office: 662-4911.

Your name and concern will be held before God and prayed for by everyone on the Prayer Chain.

You will be asked if you would like to be included in the prayers at Sunday worship or you may request it.

PICTORIAL *Directory*

It's time for our NEW Church Directory!
Every family receives a FREE 8x10 family portrait and a printed directory!



CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE:

Appointments are being scheduled now at the **WELCOME CENTER** before worship and in the **BASEMENT** afterward.

PHOTOGRAPHY DATES:

Tuesday, May 23
Wednesday, May 24
Thursday, May 25

Please do your part and schedule an appointment. We are working hard on this project. We want a directory to be proud of.

WE WOULD LIKE TO GET 100% PARTICIPATION!

ONLINE SCHEDULING AVAILABLE!

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to: www.ucdir.com
Click on schedule your photography session on the right side, enter: **nd129**
in the Church Code field and enter: **photos**
in the Church Password field.

The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday.

To set an appointment by phone call (888) 742-5823 OR 662-4911.

Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.

*It won't be
OUR
directory without
YOU!*



CELEBRATE



Sunday, May 21st
9:30am

Please join us in blessing our seniors at the worship service and being a part of the next step in their life/faith journey. There will be cake with coffee hour that day as well.

Youth News Nexus

The Scoop on Events and Happenings at St. Olaf for Children, Youth, Parents, and the Youth Ministry Minded



Alyssa Schall
Chad & Amanda Engen
SSgt. Sherri Read &
SSgt. Barry Read
Cpl. Jeffrey J. Olson
Sgt. Jesse S. Olson
Grant Thompson
Justin & Jill Johnson
Derrick Owens
Jonathan Pearson
Matthew Martin
Sgt. Major Brian Soper
Nevon Heisler
Brian Pederson
Cory Schall
Brent Schall
Amy & Cory Everson
Austin Dammen
Ryan Mertens
Gregory Fritz
Spc. Jade Baker
Major Miranda Iverson
SSgt. Billyjo Sandberg
1st Lt. Cassidy Wilkins
Kaitlyn Thompson
Matthew Alexander
Trentin Ystaas

If you know of someone serving in the military, please let the church office (662-4911) know.

May the flowers bloom (maybe?),

May will welcome us into our final chapter of the 2022/2023 Sunday School/Confirmation year. As well as the wrapping of the school year and hopefully entering into the summer. This means there will be slightly less on the schedule, however we still have all kinds of stuff going on.

Sunday School will be wrapping up and with that our celebration of another year of faithful learning with the St. Olaf Carnival. This will be held at the Burdick Arena from 11-1pm and will be open to the public. There will be all kinds of games and fun including, bouncy houses, face painting, cake walk, bingo, and many more. There will be two spots for free will offering; one for the food and one for the entrance to the carnival. We will be looking for any extra help that can be given as we have added more games this year.

We will have a couple youth events other than the carnival. First, is the Outdoor Games event on Wednesday, May 17th, from 2-4pm at the church. This is the final early out event for the school year and depending on weather we will get to do some stuff in our green space. There will be snacks and drinks for the break time with some arts/crafts. This will be for all ages and if you are interested in having me walk you youth(s) from the Middle School to the church please let me know. Second, is our Video Games Night. This is for any 3rd grade and up youth plus friends.

We will be holding it at the church from 6-8pm on Sunday, May 21st. Snacks and drinks are provided plus all kinds of gaming options. You are welcome to bring your own, but I will be the judge of what can be played. As always, any additional adult help is always welcome. I hope to see you there!

The last piece I would like to mention is that we will be having our Senior Recognition service on Sunday, May 21st. Please join me in blessing our seniors and being a part of the next step in their life/faith journey. There will be cake with coffee hour that day as well. If you know one of our nine seniors please let them know about the service. They will receive a letter, but just in case something gets missed.

Hebrews 10:24-25 tells us to “consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” We can “spur one another” by being a part of the greater life of the church. We have many different events that happen including our youth ones. Come and encourage others to come as well. JL Y (Jesus Loves You),

Kelly Longden

St. Olaf Youth Ministry Coordinator
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RED WILLOW MINISTRIES
2023 Camp Registration is Open!

Benefits of Camp:
Camp instills a sense of belonging, gives quality adult-youth relationships and allows campers new experience-based learning to bring into their everyday lives.
(American Camp Association)

Information:
Visit our website to learn about our camp options and register today!
redwillowministries.com

HOLY TRINITY WHOLLY LOVE
"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end" Revelation 22:13



April Church Council Meeting Minutes

The St. Olaf Lutheran Church council met on April 11, 2023.

Present: Michael Kitsch, Mike Boehmer, Colette Boehmer, Daria Miller, Karen Clementich, Pastor Lori Pankratz, Kelly Longden, Darci Gilbertson. Absent: Kristi

Trottier, Evonne Geigle, Louise Oleson, Jeri Steffan.

President Michael Kitsch called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Pastor Lori read a devotion based on Matthew 28:10 "Do not be afraid." Jesus is always with us and meets us where we are.

The minutes of the March church council meeting were reviewed. Colette moved to accept the minutes. Daria seconded. The minutes were approved.

Mike presented the Treasurer's report. Balances as of March 31, 2023 - Designated Funds: \$107,674.44; Building Fund: \$24,200.93; General Fund: -(\$5,452.28). Daria moved to approve the treasurer's report. Karen seconded. The report was approved.

Monthly reports from Pastor Lori and Kelly were reviewed. Both highlighted a few of the many duties and activities they participate in.

Christian Education and Youth & Family Ministry: Kelly reported that these two boards will have a joint meeting on April 12 to plan the upcoming Sunday School carnival.

Church Properties: Michael reported that a representative with a company from Fargo will be on site April 19 and 20 to assess the stained glass windows and provide a quote for repairs. Michael has been in contact with a representative from Otis elevator company regarding updating the wiring and ADA requirements for the existing elevator. He is waiting on a final quote.

Congregational Life: Mike reviewed the funeral group rotation with the council.

Worship & Music: Daria reported that this board has not had a recent meeting.

There were no reports from Lay Ministry, Outreach & Evangelism, and Stewardship.

Unfinished Business: A speaker in the kitchen is still needed to finish the A/V project. HB Sound will be completing this soon. Michael reported that the new St. Olaf website is nearing completion.

New Business: Mike moved to add Riley Laber to the signature card at First United Bank so she can sign checks in the absence of both Mike Boehmer and Michael Kitsch. Karen seconded. The motion was approved.

Upcoming Events/Meetings: Special Congregational Meeting to update the church constitution to be held on April 30 at 10:30 am. New St. Olaf directory pictures to be taken on May 23, 24, 25.

The meeting was adjourned. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Colette Boehmer

Faith & Care Group #5—May 2023

Jeff & Terri Alexander, Matthew
Jerry & Rhonda Allery, Jace, Olivia
Joey & Teresa Army, Alexis, Ava, Kylie, Katelyn
Amy Bertsch, Jordan, Sage, Shelby, Mya
Richard & Nancy Blake
Mark & Mary Jane Blanchfield
Gary Bryn
Glenn & Sarah Crowe
Donna & Richard Dahlen
Lee & Sue Feickert
Lance & Saraye Forsberg, Calli & Brody
Judy Hatten
Daniel Haugen
Rodger Haugen
Danielle Hawn, Bailey & Megan
LeAnn Heisler, Denton, Nevon
Shawn & Michelle Hill, Arianna & Nathaniel
Harriet Horner
Carol Johnson
Kathy Kraft
Pamela Kraft
Jacob & Trista Larson, Peyton, Levi

Lyle & Pam Leibfried
Jay & Stacey Lilleberg, Jessica, Amanda
Richard Lunde
David Magnuson
Brett & Taylor Mlynar, Ryan & Jason
Richard & Dorothy Moen, Isaac & Jessica
Adam & Jennifer Nash, Kynlie
David & Phyllis Nelson
Eric & Wanda Nygaard, Jada
Larry & Betty Nygren
Wendell & Wendy Olson, Larissa & Alayna
Marilynn Peters
Richard & Charlotte Rardon, Kasey, Kodey
Kary Rardon, Karlyn
Michael & Linda Remmick
Robert & Christy Remmick, Hunter, Emersyn & Riley
Charlie & Julie Schmaltz
Gerald & Linda Schmidt (summer)
Alvin & Debra Schroeder
Ronald & Mary Jane Stubbe
Myrna Unger
Paula Windjue

Faith & Care Group #6—June 2023

Heath & Annie Alexander, Brandon, Rachel
Gary & Cynthia Axtman, Danica
Duainne & Paula Bourcy
Janice Carlson
Ben & Erin Erickstad, Payton
Kenneth & Sandy Forsberg, Lisa & Lucas
Michael & Lisa Grafsgaard, Jaydon, Nathaniel, Jennica
Rhonda Greicar
Jeff & Diane Halverson
Jason & Monica Halverson, Collyns
Armen & Connie Hanson
Deloise Haugen
Al Herda
Francis & Delores Johanson
Jeff & Shelley Kenner
Jessica & Mike Kraft
David & Angie Larson, Paige & Benjamin
Jeri Larson
LeRoy Lunde
Danae & Catlan Lysne, Landan
Evan & Joy Markestad, Jace, Evelyne

Brian & Natalie Miller, Anthony
Jerry & Daria Miller
Betty Ness
Betty Petska
Brian & Rachel Quam, Grace, Grant, Grady
Rory & Charlotte Rigglin
Michael & Lisa Rodriguez, Caleb, Mya, Aunica
Mike & Laurie Rodriguez, Sr.
Jon Saastad, Colton, Nathan
Dustin & Ashley Samuelson, Gregor, Raya
Erik & Kayla Samuelson
Brent & Natasha Schall, Evan, Natalie, Bella, Mercadeez, Sandra
Ilene Schemionek
Reuben & Marilyn Schnaidt
Deanne Sogge, Michael
Tanner & Alexis Sotvik, Benson, Hattie
Cheryl Stack, Shawn
Jeri Steffan
Richard & Jan Thompson
Diane Togstad

May 2023

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June 2023

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	May 1	2 9:00am Quilting 10:00am Text Study 5:30pm CE & Y&F Mtg.	3 10:30am Staff meeting	4 9:00am Rummage Sale Setup 1:00pm Brain Injury Support Group	5 9:00am Rummage Sale Setup	6 8:00am Spring Rummage Sale (Basement)
7 9:30am Worship 11:00am Carnival (at Burdick Arena) 2:00pm Sons of Norway Celebration (Basement)	8	9 9:00am Quilting 10:00am Text Study 7:00pm Council Mtg.	10 10:30am Staff meeting	11	12	13
14 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee	15	16 9:00am Quilting	17 10:30am Staff meeting 2:00pm Outside Fun	18	19 11:00am Davidson Funeral (at St. Olaf)	20 11:00am Ivesdal Funeral (at St. Olaf)
21 9:30am Worship & Graduates 10:30am WELCA 10:30am Coffee 6:00pm Video Games 7:00pm Piano Recital	22	23 10:00am Text Study 2:00pm Directory Pictures	24 10:30am Staff meeting 2:00pm Directory Pictures	25 2:00pm Directory Pictures	26	27
28 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee & FC #6 Mtg.	29 Office Closed	30 9:00am Quilting 10:00am Text Study	31 10:30am Staff meeting			