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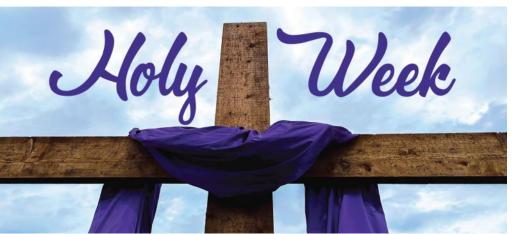
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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America God's work. Our hands.



▶ Palm Sunday, April 2 at 9:30 am

- ► Maundy Thursday Worship, April 6 at 7 pm
- ► Good Friday Worship, April 7 at 7 pm
- Easter Sunday, April 9: Sunrise Worship Service | 7 am AT ST. OLAF Men's Club Breakfast | 8 am AT ST. OLAF Easter Worship Service | 9:30 am AT ST. OLAF



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 Rvan 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.

April Mission of the Month Hope Center



313 3rd Street NE—Devils Lake

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 April is the Hope Center.

The Mission is to Demonstrate Christ's Love by helping meet the Nutritional, Emotional, Spiritual and Shelter needs of others. Through regular food distributions and special programs, we are meeting needs and impacting hunger in the Lake Region.

Visit <u>www.hopecenterdevilslake.</u>com and go to the "Get Involved" section to learn how you can be a part. If you are in need of assistance, visit our "Need Help Now?" section or come by during business hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 8am-12pm/1-3pm. Wednesday, Friday 8am-12pm/ 1-5pm. *and by appointment.

February General Fund Expenses

| Adult Ed Exp | |
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| Bulletin Exp | |
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| Office Supplies Miscellaneous Exp Pastor Housing Allowance Pastor SS Allowance Payroll Exp Pension/Ins Postage Exp Sewer & Water Exp Special Assessments/Tax Sunday School Exp Telephone/Internet/Survaillan Vocal Director Exp Wages | |
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| Worship Supplies | |
| Youth Activity Exp | |
| Total Expenses Income | \$26,985.23 \$15,934.12 |

Retreat Center Fund Expenses

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General Fund Envelope Giving & Memorials & Designated Funds

| SUNDAY Date | 9:30 | 7:00pm | General Fund: Envelope Giving | General Fund: Gifts & Memorials | Designated Funds: <u>Memorials/Donations</u> |
|-----------------------|-------|--------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Feb. 22 | | | \$424.00 | | \$619.00 |
| Feb. 26 | NA | | \$1,590 | | |
| March 1 | | 85 | \$506.00 | | |
| March 5 | 89 | | \$7,431.00 | \$60.00 | \$1,365.25 |
| March 8 | | NA | \$1,482.00 | | |
| March 12 | Cance | elled | | | |
| March 15 | | NA | \$738.00 | | |
| March 19 | 78 | | \$6,330.00 | \$50.00 | \$1 <i>,</i> 886.00 |
| March 22 | | 64 | | | |

Electronic Giving for FEBRUARY (28 Households): \$3,525.00

FAITH MATTERS;

~ Pastor Lori ~

You Prepare a Table Before Me, Psalm 23: 5

Psalm 23, is one of the most familiar passages in the Bible. Its rich language offers a variety of metaphors for understanding God. Most popular, perhaps, is the first, that of the "shepherd" who provides secure rest in "green pastures" (verse1-2). The most vivid, though, is the image of God as the perfect host, who "prepares a table before me in the presence of my enemies," with cups overflowing (verse 5). As a gracious host, God even anoints the quest with oil, a symbol of welcome and respect at ancient banquets. Even when surrounded by enemies, the psalmist experiences the abundant welcome of God, the perfect host, to a banquet table where the psalmist will be treated as an honored guest. Being invited to the table symbolizes more than just being fed. In both Old **Testament and New Testament** times, to have a place at the table was to be welcomed, to be treated with respect. At banquets, specific rules governed who was invited to recline by the table and join in the meal with the host. We see this over and over again, in the gospels, especially in parables that involve banquets. We also see the rigidity of these rules in the accusations leveled against Jesus for dining with people who would otherwise have been deemed unclean or unwelcome.

For the ancients as, indeed, for us, to be fed is one thing but to be welcome at the table is another. How often in our communities do we find tables that are more exclusive than inclusive, more threatening than welcoming? Perhaps these are not dining tables but other gathering places that reflect society's perspective on who is truly welcome and who is not. We can easily find roundtables filled with experts who talk *about* communities but rarely *with* them. Or we might find tables where the wealthy and powerful network with political decision-makers as few of us will ever be able to do. Tables are places at which relationships are built and decisions are made. When inclusive, they can be safe spaces for communities to come together. When exclusive, they can reinforce the discriminatory and stigmatizing practices that keep us apart.

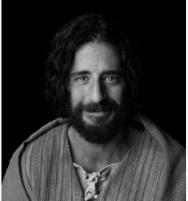
Indeed, at the very heart of who we are as church stands a table: the table of Holy Communion. Martin Luther referred to Holy Communion as a "sacrament of love." In dining at this table, he wrote, we remember our neediness before God, recall those not present at the table and commit ourselves to "tak[ing] to heart the infirmities and needs of others, as if they were [our] own." To be at this table is to be formed by the sacrament of Holy Communion.

To be the people of God is to be formed by a table where all are welcome and all are fed.

Of course, our calling goes beyond this. Worship and the sacraments take their most authentic form when they carry us back into the world, prepared not just to dine at the table but to *be* that table – that community of welcome, of hospitality of safety and grace with and for our neighbors.

This is a lofty goal that we aim for as church together. Ending hunger will take more than calories, water wells or sustainable jobs. It will take tables - inclusive spaces that bear witness to a new kind of community, where new relationships are formed, where each guest is welcomed and valued, and where every cup overflows with all that is made possible when God draws us together. (Excerpts from 40 Days of Giving- ELCA World Hunger)

CHOSEN



Video Series Bible Study:

The Chosen

Sundays

1:00 p.m.

February 26 through April 30

(No Bible Study on Easter Sunday, April 9)

This Bible study allows you to delve more deeply into each episode as you explore the life of Jesus.

You'll come to realize that you are called, cherished, and carried; have been made new and established; are now his witness; and more.

Everyone welcome!



Gene Davidson Wayne Jacobson Kay Mootz Kenneth Unger

Studies with Noah

Come and join us as we study Old Testament Scripture insights from Noah who grew up and learned from his father; a Rabbi and teacher of Old Testament Scripture–<u>Saturday, April 15 at 9am</u> at St Olaf Lutheran Church. Coffee and conversation to follow!

St. Olaf WELCA Highlights

The next WELCA Bible Study and meeting will be Thursday, April 13 at 1:30 p.m



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.



8:00AM - 1:00PM

MORNING COFFEE | DOUGHNUTS | ROLLS BBQ LUNCH STARTING AT 11:00AM

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

Special Congregational Meeting Sunday, April 30 10:30am

In the sanctuary

A special congregational meeting for approval of the updated St. Olaf Constitution and for consolidation of three church boards is set for Sunday, April 30, 2023, following the service. No other business may be brought forth.

A quorum of 75 members is necessary.



The Altar Guild encourages sharing of plants for the Easter Sunday Celebration. Also, they would welcome any donations for purchasing Easter flowers.

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- Donations for purchase of plants need to be in the church office by Wednesday, April 5th
- Drop off plants in the Library by **noon, Friday, April 7**



◆ If you wish your gift to be in honor or in memory of someone special, please use the form below and leave it in the church office or in the offering plate <u>before April 5</u>. They will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

Altar Guild asks that anyone who brings a plant and wishes to keep it, to please put their name on it (labels available in the library) and encourages them to pick up their plant by <u>Sunday, April 30th.</u>

Plants not picked up will be delivered to nursing homes and shut ins.

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Color, Coffee & Conversation April 20, 2023

1:30 p.m. St. Olaf Church Library

This event is for all adults, men and women, who enjoy coloring in adult coloring books or would like to try it.

Colored pencils and coloring books will be provided, but you may also bring whatever you have.

If you wish you can come just for the coffee and treats and social interaction.

Please RSVP to Jean Aardahl at 662-9227 Leave a message if no answer





When: Monday, April 10th

Time: Leaving St. Olaf at 9:30am

Who: **All Ages** Where: **New Rockford**

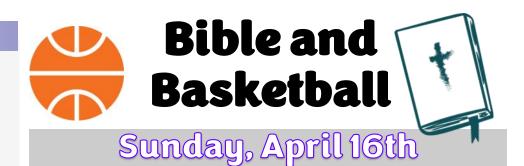
Please let Kelly know or mark "going" on the Facebook event.

The church will cover the cost to bowl, shoes, and pizza.



Bring your own money for snacks & drinks from the bowling alley.

NEED DRIVERS! Let Kelly know if you are willing to drive and how many you can fit.



6PM-8PM

CMS Gym

For 6th Graders & Up

We will be learning something about the Bible and playing some games of basketball.

Any adult participation is always welcome

BLOOKET AND BOARD GAMES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19TH 2:00-4:00PM

ALL AGES INCLUDING ADULTS Come see all the fun games and Trivia we have.

Snacks and drinks provided.

Fellowship Hall



Youth News Nexus

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

Happy Spring (hopefully),

April brings with it some big happenings at church with Easter, youth events, Sunday school, and milestones. Please continue to be watching Facebook and the posters around the church to know what all is going on.

Easter brings with it our usual Holy Week services starting with Maundy Thursday on Thursday, April 6th at 7pm. The next day is Good Friday, where we will be doing a skit during most of the service and are still looking for youth and kids to participate. Please let me know if you have any interested parties. Last, is Easter Sunday with two services, one at 7am and another at 9:30am. After each service, any kids or youth are welcome to an Easter basket that was made by the Youth and Family board. If you would like to contribute financially to these baskets please let me know, before Monday, April 3rd.

Our youth events are three fold as per usual. The first one is on Monday, April 10th, Family Bowling. We will be going over to New Rockford to go bowling at Wonder Lanes. We will leave the church by 9:30am that morning and return about 3pm. This is for anyone who wants to go bowling. If you would be willing to drive please let me know. Also, please let me know or mark "Going" on the Facebook event so we have a count of who is going. Second, is the postponed Bible and Basketball event. Our new date is Sunday, April 16th,



from 6-8pm. This is for any 6th grade and up youth plus friends. We will be having it over at the Middle school. Third, is the early out event for the month on Wednesday, April 19th, Blooket and Board Games. Blooket is a type of trivia game that the kids use at school. This will be held from 2-4pm downstairs in the fellowship hall. All ages are welcome, including adults. We have some board games at the church but if you have one you would like to bring then please do!

Sunday school has a couple things going on besides the usual classes and Family SS on Sunday, April 16th. They will be getting to watch a movie about Easter on Palm Sunday with popcorn and juice as well as singing on Sunday, April 23rd. Also, on the 23rd is our Camp Service. We will be having the program director from Red Willow Ministries joining us for church and Sunday School. I am hoping that every child and youth that we have can be there that day to learn more about

what camp has to offer.

Last but not least, is the First Communion class for this year. This is for any 5th grade students and others who have yet to take the class. It will be held on Sunday, April 2nd, from 2:30-4:30. We will be going over some lessons on what communion is, baking some communion bread, and doing a very important art project. Parents/guardians are expected to be a part of this faith milestone for their youth.

Join us for all the fun at and around our church as we see what April is all about.

JLY (Jesus Loves You),

Kelly Longden

St. Olaf Youth Ministry Coordinator 701-662-4911 stolafymc@gmail.com

AUDIO/ VIDEO PROJECT Estimated Cost \$90,000.00 + Final Costs: 1. HB Inc. \$92,043.58 2. LOC Interest 1,103.75 \$93,147.33 93,148.00 90,000.00

Donations & Memorials Received as of March 23, 2023: \$85,725.33

Donations are still needed:



Project is 98% complete

HB Inc., will be back to install a new speaker in the kitchen.

Council Meeting Minutes

The St. Olaf Lutheran Church Council met on Tuesday, March 14 at 7pm

Present: Michael Kitsch, Kristi Trottier, Mike Boehmer, Louise Oleson, Pastor Lori Pankratz, Kelly Longden, Darci Gilbertson

President Kitsch called the meeting to order. Pastor Lori opened the meeting with devotions involving words of encouragement.

The minutes of the February meeting were reviewed. Kristi moved to approve the minutes and Louise seconded. Motion carried.

Mike presented the Treasurer's Report. Balances as of February 28, 2023 were Designated Funds \$134,091.58 ; Building Fund \$24,035.81; The General Fund had a negative balance of \$985.15 (Mike reported funds were deposited in early March and the General Fund has a March 14 balance of \$939.74 so there was enough to meet payroll.) Hopefully we hope to see increased giving to the General Fund so operating expenses can be met.

Pastor Lori's report was reviewed. Pastor reported on Worship notes from February, Upcoming events including new members to be welcomed April 16! Many special events were held in February. She had several visitations and attended many events in the month. (Thank you Pastor for all you do!)

Kelly's report was reviewed. Kelly has been busy with youth activities including skating, dodgeball, everyone has a birthday, Blessings Party. Fund raisers continue for the youth gathering. A letter has been sent to families concerning possible summer camps. He appreciates any help from parents and other adults at these events. (Thank you Kelly for keeping the kids active!)

Christian Education: Kristi stated

she is trying to get members involved. She hopes to meet 1x per month. There was considerable discussion among council members present. There may be a co-op with Youth & Family Ministry.

Youth & Family Ministry: Crystal sent a report from the March 9 meeting. Included were comments about the activities planned for March, the Easter "Eggstravaganza" and the St Olaf Carnival planned for April 30 or May 7.

There were no reports form Church Properties, Retreat Center, Stewardship, Worship & Music, Lay Ministry, and Congregational Life.

Unfinished Business: The Audio/ Visual Project is near completion with only a speaker remaining to be installed in the kitchen. The company will need to be paid. Michael is not getting a reply from I.E.S. concerning the elevator. He will contact Otis about service & maintenance. Pastor Lori reported on the Updated Constitution. Three boards (Outreach & Evangelism. Congregational Life. and Lay Ministry will combine and be called "Life in Ministry and Mission" / Motion by Louise, second by Kristi. Motion carried. Michael reported the revised St Olaf website is nearly finished. A group met March 14 and the site should be up and running by May 1! Exciting.

New Business: New members will be added April 16. There is a meeting scheduled for March 15. Mike made a motion to include Carol Rohr to the bank list to be able to pick up money bags and help Darci count money from offerings. Second by Louise. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm. We closed with the Lord's prayer.

-Submitted by, Mike Boehmer

Faith & Care Group #4—April 2023

Carly & Jesse Braathen, Riley, Tommy Wade & Rebecca Christianson, Cayden, Ethan Lisa Craddock, Charles Robert Dahl John & Kim Dahlen, Cassandra & Christopher Yvonne Erickstad Eric & Crystal Eversvik, Gannon, Bryer, Delainey, Amelia Tammy Fischer, Garrett, John, Michael Steven & Evonne Geigle, Kade, Micah Dale Giedd & Loretta Bloomquist Rob Hendrickson Ken Hunt Jason & Amber Hunter, Gabriella, Ryder, Hudson Kristen Johnson, Chase Jan Johnson, Brittany & Kayla Jerry & Kara Johnson, Jeremiah Josh & Nicole Kuntz, Hayden, Halle

Mike & Kristina Kuntz, Jack & Mallory Kathy Lovseth **Richard Lybeck** Doris Michaels Vernon Moen Charles & Helen Nelson Becky Reierson, Maria, Isabelle Robert Nelson & Marte Stensli. Mathea & Liam Louise Oleson Judy Ovre Mark & Kristel Peterson, Craig, Kelsey **Betty Jane Rushfeldt** Tyler & Emily Schiele, Kynlee, Tucker. Bo Sheldon Severtson Helen Simon Kyle Sletteland Don & Barb Sowatzki **Ray & Judy Strong** Janice Thompson Kris Thompson, Kayla, Kaitlyn, Austin Shirlev Webster

Faith & Care Group #5— May 2023

Jeff & Terri Alexander, Matthew Jerry & Rhonda Allery, Jace, Olivia Sharlene Anderson, Heidi Joey & Teresa Armey, Alexis, Ava, Kylie, Katelyn Amy Bertsch, Jordan, Sage, Shelby, Mya **Richard & Nancy Blake** Mark & Mary Jane Blanchfield Garv Brvn **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 & Jessiса Adam & Jennifer Nash, Kynlie David & Phyllis Nelson Eric & Wanda Nygaard, Jada Larry & Betty Nygren Wendell & Wendy Olson, Larissa & Alayna Marilvnn 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 Joe Yager

Memorials

General Fund

In MEMORY Of Beth Berg from Jerry & Daria Miller, Doris Michaels Arnold Moen from Jerry & Daria Miller

Barbara Walden from Jerry & Daria Miller, Doris Michaels

Audio/Visual Project

In MEMORY Of Beth Berg from Dennis & Karen Riggin, Alton & Edell Berg, Jane & Roger Gage, Robert Dahl, Vonda Markestad, Jean Jurgens, Newton & Karen Lindseth, John Berg & Pam Bredsch, Bobby Ness Jeff Wahl from Vonda Markestad Dean Petska from Betty Petska Norman Janzen from Florene Rogne

Norway Cemetery Fund

In MEMORY Of Arnold Moen from his family Lawton Miller, Jr. (Jerry's brother) from Jerry & Daria Miller

<u>Radio Fund</u>

In MEMORY Of Beth Berg from Sharon Rance

Sunday School Fund

In MEMORY Of Beth Berg from Cheryl Rayer, Frank & Deloris Johanson

WELCA

In MEMORY Of Beth Berg from Dale & Loretta Giedd, Betty Jane Rushfeldt, Kitty Overbo

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| Celebrating Ministry at Dacotah Oyate 2:00 p.m. April 2nd! | | | | | | Apr 1 |
| 2 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee 10:40am SS 2:30pm 1st Comm. Class | 3 | 4 9:00am Quilting 10:00am Text Study | 5 10:30am Staff Meeting | 6 1:00pm Brain Injury Support Group 7:00pm Maundy Thurs. Worship | 7 7:00pm Good Friday Worship | 8 |
| 9 7:00am Sunrise Worship @ St Olaf 8:00am Breakfast 9:30am Worship with Comm. | 10 9:30am Family Bowling | 11 9:00am Quilting 10:00am Text Study 7:00pm Church Council | 12 10:30am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Confirmation | 13 1:30pm WELCA Bible Study & Mtg. | 14 | 9:00am Studies with Noah |
| 16 9:30am Worship-New Members 10:30am Potluck 10:40am Fam. SS 1:00pm BS | 17 | 18 9:00am Quilting 10:00am Conf. Pastors Mtg. | 19 10:30am Staff Meeting 2:00pm Blooket & Board 7:00pm Confirmation | 20 1:30pm Coloring, Coffee, Conversation | 21 | 22 |
| 23 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee & FC#5 10:40am Sunday School 1:00pm Bible | 24 | 25 9:00am Quilting 10:00am Text Study | 26 10:30am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Confirmation | 27 6:00pm Boy Scouts Court of Honor | 28 | 29 |
| 30 9:30am Worship 10:30am Special Cong. Mtg. & Coffee 10:40am SS 1:00pm BS | | | | | | |