



ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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We celebrate God's love and forgiveness by living the Word and sharing the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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ST. PAUL "MESSENGER"

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Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way [Jesus] breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man is God's Son!" Matthew 15:37-39.

Dear Friends in Christ,

We have just come off the busiest week of the church year—Holy Week, and the holiest Holy day—Easter. What a whirlwind! Our emotions were everywhere as we celebrated Christ's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem, watched Jesus demonstrate his servanthood in the washing of the feet, and heard him put himself into the bread and the wine at the Last Supper. We stood by silently in the garden while Jesus prayed, "Father, lift this cup of death from me; not my will but yours be done." Tears of sadness at the Cross turned to tears of joy on Easter morning standing at the empty tomb. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Halleluia!

Can you imagine being one of the Centurions standing guard at the crucifixion or at the tomb? What emotions would you experience working for the Roman emperor, while witnessing the death of the Messiah? Would you believe Jesus' word of forgiveness? Would you trust that he died for the sin of the world—for your sin and mine? Are you faithful, as was the centurion, to boldly profess, "Truly this man is God's Son!"

How do you think the centurion's faith was changed that day? How has your faith changed knowing that Jesus Christ died on the cross for you, a sinner? As a believer have you taken to reading the Word more and listening intently to how Jesus wants us to respond to God's grace, mercy, and love. Has knowing Jesus died for you led you to be more constant in prayer? The Apostle Paul wrote to the early Christians in Thessalonica to strive to "pray constantly." An act of discipleship that all of us fall short on doing.

There is a simple prayer, known as "The Jesus Prayer" that has been around for centuries. The early monastics taught pilgrims to pray it as they walked their faith pilgrimage. It is simple to learn and put to memory. I like to recite it when doing chores, especially when I used to mow grass. The prayer is: "*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner.*"

This prayer is intended to be repeated several times. It is a powerful call to Jesus, begging for his mercy while recognizing our own sinfulness. I have said this prayer for three hours at a time when mowing the lawn. I have found myself inserting people's names in place of "me". It is amazing, how God places name after name on the heart for prayer. Try saying this prayer while mowing grass, washing windows, or doing other spring-cleaning tasks. It is powerful!

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. Amen.

Minister Deb

**ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING
 TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024 – 7:00PM**

Attendance: Laurie Laird, Jane Follas, Tom Marquart, Jacob Orwick, Minister Deb, Mike Stoltz, Nathan Cowan, Tom Carey, Amy Gibson, Bart Welte, Jenny Welte, Jan Grieser, Deb Clevenger, Jake Leu, and Natalie McClelland.

CALL TO ORDER – Laurie Laird

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. after reviewing and approving reservations for the fellowship hall. Information was presented on a new study book, “The Everyday, Anytime Guide to Christian Leadership”, and the Chair distributed the books to all members. She reminded committees and organizations to provide a written report to the church secretary one week prior to Council meetings in order to save time during meetings. All members then recited the Council prayer together. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Jake Leu

Account Balances at February 29, 2024

Checking

Current	173,702.21
Building	0.00
Improvement	241.25
Missions	2,777.63
Special Projects	
Shipwreck Festival	2,205.84
Music	2,331.74
C. Price Memorial Funds	26,675.93
Bell choir	1,730.13
Special Projects Other	0.06
	32,943.70

Total Quickbooks Operating/MMDA 209,664.79

Operating Account	33,206.81
Money Market Demand Account (MMDA)	177,290.47
Total Operating/MMDA – Bank	210,497.28

Outstanding Deposits at 2/29/24	
Outstanding Checks at 2/29/24	-832.49
Total Reconciled Operating/MMDA	209,664.79

Savings

General Memorial	14,263.51
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- Our money market accounts earned roughly \$650 in interest during the month of February, and a correction to the January interest allocation was noted and explained.
- An invoice for church building insurance was recently received and it was higher than the previous month. The Trustees will contact Jason Granger to determine the reason for the increase.
- A list of checks written in February was reviewed.
- January through February 2024 budget versus actual was reviewed. Total income during this period was \$40,802.32 vs. a budgeted \$37,704.95. Total expenses for the same period were \$52,944.90 vs. a budgeted \$43,509.70.

MINISTER'S REPORT HIGHLIGHTS – Deborah Noll (see full report attached)

- The report began with Word for Thought followed by prayer.
- Services and events related to Lent, Holy Week and Easter were reviewed.
- I will be leading a First Communion Learning Retreat on March 16 from 9am to 12pm. Recognition and welcoming to the table will be held on Palm Sunday at the 9am service.
- An Affirmation of Vows service and SAM breakfast with the Bishop will be held on March 26 from 9am – 1 pm at Good Hope Church in Arlington.
- A youth event will be held on March 27 at 6:30pm.
- I will be leading a worship service at Serenity Spring (formerly Good Samaritan) on Easter Sunday at 2pm.
- I will be on vacation from April 15–28.
- A retirement celebration for Dick Noll is scheduled for May 4 from 4–7pm.
- On Pentecost Sunday we will celebrate wind, fire, water, and earth during both services. In the afternoon Good Hope Church will host the Central Conference Assembly from 3–6pm.
- A Synod Assembly will be held on Saturday, June 1 at St. Mark's Church in Bowling Green. Discussion was held on who would like to attend and who makes reservations. It was noted that the church secretary has a credit card for this and other purposes. A notice in the News of the Flock will be placed inviting members to attend.

TRUSTEES REPORT – Tom Marquart

- The bell is now getting powder coated and will be reassembled when finished.
- A large, hollow tree west of the church will be taken down by some of the trustees and other as weather permits. The crew may also take down a pine tree west of the driveway that is close to the power lines.
- The security light at the back entrance is not working and will be investigated.
- The Trustees will be measuring and purchasing shelving for attic storage. The Decorating Committee will be involved, and changes may also be made to the Christmas decoration area.
- Jan Grieser noted the electrician stopped by this week to take measurements for the automatic door.
- Laurie asked the Trustees to look into spotlighting our large stone church sign. She believes that wiring to the sign was put in place when the new church was built.
- Deb Noll reported on the following:
 - A battery was replaced in her office clock, but it's not keeping time.
 - Dick inquired about the possibility of a workbench in the parsonage garage.
 - There are several items in the parsonage garage (table, doors, etc.) that do not belong to them and they wondered what to do with these items.
 - Minor repairs to an upstairs closet in the parsonage need to be made to address missing plasterboard and falling insulation.

YOUTH MINISTRY REPORT – Amy Gibson

- February 4 – ReFUEL: Air fryer foods, treats, and drinks. Played games and Bible Study.
- February 7 – Final Wednesday Night Live/Kids Praise.
- February 18 – Lock-In: 11 youth in attendance. Lots of food, games, Bible Study, and movies. The highlights of the night were The Floor is Lava and Basketball.
- Soup Supper 2/21/24: 42 attendance, \$193 donations. Soup Supper 2/28/24: 61 attendance, \$224 donations.
- During the month of February, 4 Sunday School and 4 Confirmation classes were held.
- March 3 – ReFUEL (Dartball with Keith Robinson and Lynn Boehm). Youth enjoyed playing dartball along with hot dogs, fries, and other treats/drinks. A Bible study lesson was also held.
- March 6 – Soup Supper: 60 attendance, \$239 donations.

- Upcoming events in March include: ReFUEL on the 17th; two more soup suppers; Easter egg hunt with Parish Board on the 23rd; Easter Extravaganza at ReFUEL (with Good Hope) on the 24th; “To the Cross with Christ”, a Lenten learning experience, on the 27th.
- Events in April include Sky Zone and a Coldstone trip on the 14th; and ReFUEL on the 28th.
- A mystery Dinner Theater Pizzeria is planned for May 17 at 6pm. Save the date! Flyers and a signup sheet will be posted soon.
- “To the Cross with Christ”, a Lenten learning experience, will be held on March 27.
- Ongoing activities include:
 - Planning and Execution of ReFUEL, Sunday School, and Confirmation
 - Create and Distribute: Newsletter Info, Flyers, Bulletin Board, Emails, Social
 - Media Updates, Calendar, Website,
 - Attend: Youth Board, Parish Board, Staff Meetings, Council
- The church directory is complete with the exception of Minister Deb’s letter. The cost for 100 print copies is \$1,500 + shipping. Jake recommends covering the cost through Printing & Reproduction funds. As previously mentioned, the church can also purchase an app for \$100/year and any member can access the directory through the app. There are more than 200 inactive families; the plan is to eventually draft a letter asking if they would like to stay connected or not, so as to cull the list.

PARISH EDUCATION – Emily Clark

- Approximately 70 kids and their families attended the Family Movie Night on February 18.
- Lenten Kids Praise (PreK – 5th) has had an average of 13 kids each night under the theme “Alive”. There are 2 more weeks, then we’ll break until next fall.
- Easter Egg Hunt will be held March 23 @ 3:00pm. We’re planning for at least 75 kids, and will be prepared for an indoor hunt if the weather is cold/rainy.
- Five children will be participating in 1st Communion Instruction on Saturday, March 16 from 9:00am – noon.
- We purchased a new Bible Study for the High School Sunday School class covering Job.
- The deadline for Campership Applications will be posted in the News of the Flock.
- Looking into a private roller-skating event for the congregation at the end of the school year.
- “Crocodile Dock” VBS will be held July 14–18, and a float will be decorated accordingly for the Arlington Homecoming parade on July 19.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Volunteers for Sunday School co–superintendents are still being sought.
- Minister Deb provided a brief review of the recent Listening Session. She noted these sessions have been held nationwide and after all comments have been compiled, they will be presented to the 2025 churchwide assembly. A vote will then be taken as to whether reconstitution is necessary. The Chair urged everyone to at least read the survey. Minister Deb will keep us informed of the process.
- The Chair felt we need to post signs or cones around our property the day of the eclipse to avoid liability. The Trustees will get No Trespassing signs and/or orange cones. The Chair noted our next meeting will be the day after the eclipse.
- The annual church cleaning list has been reviewed, edited and published.

NEW BUSINESS

- It’s time to publish information about the Crates Educational Memorial Scholarship. Discussion was held on why this is the duty of the Trustees instead of the Trust Fund Committee. In any event, Jane Wilch has the information that needs to be published and also sent to our sister congregations.
- The semi–annual congregational meeting will be held on May 19, 2024 during the Sunday School hour.

- The special offering for the next 3 months will be given to Hopewoods (formerly LOMO).
- A letter of resignation was received from Cami Settlage as custodian since she will be leaving for college in a few months. Her sister Ali would like to take her place. The Chair will ask Ali to fill out an application as a formality, but all members approved of this change.
- A few weeks ago, Minister Deb cleaned and organized her office and found what appears to be a time capsule from the old church. Does anyone know anything about it? Is there a date this should be opened? Deb suggested maybe on a future Shipwreck Sunday. Minister Deb also found an aerial photo of Clarabelle Price’s farm. Natalie will contact Clarabelle’s hunter, Jim Lowden, to see if he’d like the photo.
- Laurie reviewed a list of “Out of the Box” ideas and as a way to bless others since God has blessed us. As a church, our job is not just about getting people in the pews, but being a blessing to others and showing God’s unconditional love. Laurie asked all Council members to send at least one idea to her before our next meeting.
- Deb noted that Dick would like to get a men’s group going after his retirement.
- Discussion was held on the status of fellowship hall flooring. The plans are for new carpeting (to absorb sound) with possible mark outs for basketball, dart ball, and pickleball. The carpet will be darker with designs in hopes of better hiding stains.

ADJOURN

- The meeting adjourned with The Lord’s Prayer at 8:27 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9 at 7 p.m. Members are asked to read Chapter 2 of the new study book prior to the April meeting.

Natalie McClelland, Recording Secretary

**ST. PAUL CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL
MARCH 12, 2024
SYNOD AUTHORIZED MINISTER’S REPORT**

Word for Thought:

So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us. 1 Thessalonians 2:8

In the letter to the Thessalonians Paul and his co-workers Timothy and Silvanus are expressing their love and concern to the people who have given up worshipping idols and false gods and have turned to believe in God’s love for them through Jesus Christ crucified. They now worship and believe in the one true God. In this verse, Paul is expressing how deeply he cares for the people, and wants to share not only God’s gospel, but his own self—along with Timothy and Silvanus—in community together. Paul wants to walk with the people in good times and bad to remind them they are loved and cared for. Loved most importantly by God who loves them so much he sent his son to die for them, and loved by people who are praying for and are on this worldly journey with them. This Lent we walk with Jesus as he goes to the cross. We believe he goes there to die for us. He loves us that much! In response we are determined to share not only the gospel of God but also our own selves with others so they can celebrate with us when Jesus rises from the tomb—giving us the victory! Why do we give of ourselves? Because through Jesus, everyone is very dear to us.

Dear God, what a friend we have in Jesus, show us how to be caring and loving friends to others. Amen.

Activity Since the January Council Meeting:

Worship, Church Functions, Member Contact Outside of Worship

- Worship Services (x8)
- Lenten Mid-week Worship (x4)

- Lenten Bible Study (14 participants) (x4)
- Lenten Soup Suppers (x4)
- Youth Board President, Vice President, Amy (x1)
- Worship Committee (x1)
- Outreach Team (x1)
- Staff Meeting (x1)
- Choir (x2)
- Confirmation (x2)
- Sewing Meal (x2)
- Women of the ELCA (x1)
- Dartball Tournament Opening Prayer (x1)
- “The Jokers” Card Group (x3)
- Office & Home & Nursing Care Visitations (x7)
- Restaurant Dinner with Members (x1)
- Care Cards sent (x18)

Related Church Activities

- Text Study Zoom (x2)
- Central Conference Ministerial Group (x1)
- SAM Cohort Zoom Session (x1)
- SAM Supervisor Session (x3)
- Leading Worship @ Serenity Springs aka Good Samaritan (x1)
- Convened the Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church Listening Session (x1)
 - Thank you to Natalie for serving as Recorder, to Marty and Janet for AV & Sound support, and all who attended from St. Paul.

Continuing Education

- Stephen Ministry @ St. John (Windfall), Cardington

Upcoming Events

- **LENT**
 - Two more mid-week Souper Wednesdays
 - First Communion Learning Retreat – March 16, 2024, 9am to Noon
 - Five Youth – Kolt Robinson, Holly Saum, Annie Swanner, Mason Leu, Garrett Smith
 - Recognition and Welcoming to the Table – Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024 (9AM Service)
- **Holy Week**
 - Palm Sunday – March 24, 2024 – First Communion
 - Affirmation of Vows Worship Service, SAM Breakfast w/the Bishop Tuesday, March 26, 2024, 9:00am to 1:00pm @ Good Hope, Arlington
 - Youth Event – Wednesday March 27, 2024, 6:30pm
 - Maundy Thursday – March 28, 2024, 7:00pm Worship
 - Good Friday – March 29, 2024, 1:00pm Worship, 7:00pm Worship
- **Easter** – March 31, 2024
 - 8:30am – Easter Breakfast
 - Resurrection of Our Lord Worship Service – 10:00am

- **Worship at Serenity Spring** (Previously Good Samaritan) Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024 at 2:00pm.
- **Vacation** – April 15 to April 28, 2024
- **Retirement Celebration for Dick Noll** – May 4, 2024, 4:00–7:00pm “*May the Fourth Be with You!*”
- **Day of Pentecost** – May 19, 2024
 - In Worship - Celebration of Wind, Fire, Water, and Earth
 - 3:00-6:00pm @ Good Hope, Arlington – Central Conference Assembly
 - ❖ For all Rostered Leaders, Congregational Leaders, Members and Youth
 - ❖ Worship, Round Table Discussions & Planning Central Conference Events
 - ❖ Pre-Synod Assembly Discussion for Voting Members to the Synod Assembly
- **Synod Assembly** – Saturday, June 1, 2024 – Registration Until April 30 = \$100, more after

Respectfully Submitted,
 Deb Noll – Synod Authorized Minister

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR APRIL 2024

SENIOR CHOIR DIRECTOR: Lisa Gossman
PRAISE TEAM DIRECTOR: Jan Grieser
HANDBELL CHOIR DIRECTOR: Tammy Robinson
AUDIO VIDEO: Jacob Orwick and Marty Grieser
ALTAR GUILD: Mary Coldren
LECTOR: Tom Carey
WEBSITE COORDINATOR: Chelsea Boehm

PRAYER CHAIN CONTACTS

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HOSPITAL STAYS

It is important to the church that we support you through illness and hospitalizations. If you are admitted to Blanchard Valley Hospital for an overnight stay we would like to know.

If you are planning an admission to any hospital, please call the church office at 419–326–3535 to let us know the date you are entering and how long you anticipate staying.

At admission to BVH, *planned or unplanned*, you (or your spokesperson) will be asked several questions,

1. Religion: this may be asked at pre–registration or at admission along with your address, phone number, etc. Please give our denomination.
2. If you wish to be on the Hospital Directory and the Religion List. These questions will be asked of you (or your spokesperson) during the “Consent to Treatment” process. Please answer “yes” to both.

In order to protect your privacy the hospital does not routinely call the church to tell us you have been admitted, unless you specifically ask them to call us. We depend on you or your family to let us know if you have been admitted.

If you have been in the hospital for a day or two and have not been visited, please ask your family or nurse to contact the church office.

A new federal law greatly restricts the disclosure of patient information by hospitals. As a result, the pastors and church office may not know that a member of the church has been admitted to the hospital. If you are hospitalized and would like to notify the pastor, it is important that you or a member of your family inform the church office as soon as possible at 419–326–3535 and the secretary will contact the pastor.

PERSONS ST. PAUL HAS PRAYED FOR DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2024: George Beaudoin (*Bishop Beaudoin's father*); Mark Crates; Susanna Gant; Jon Gast; Norm Hahn; Mark Hoffman (*Mike's brother*); family and friends of Fred Husing (*Cheryl Lentz's father*); Mike Inbody; Daryl Ingram (*Mike's brother*); Kyle McDowell; Pastor John Moffett; Butch Rupright (*uncle of Doug Coldren*); Randy Snyder (*brother-in-law of Lee Laird*); Connor Sons (*C-R junior recovering from brain surgery*); all military personnel including — Griffin Hartman, Lance Leisure, Evan McMonigal, Justin Riegle, Nate Sheets, Colin and Annabelle Tobin, and Alex vonStein — Songambele Lutheran Church; Navajo Lutheran Mission School, Rock Point, AZ; Hancock County Religious Education; and Mission Possible for Haiti.

Thank You ~ Thank You ~ Thank You ~ ~

The Welcome Space/offices/nursery/restrooms committee would like to thank each and everyone that provided their help with this year's cleaning. Whether you came the night of cleaning or provided another time that was more convenient to help – it was ALL greatly appreciated. Keith and Tammy Robinson

Thank you to the many who came to help clean the Fellowship Hall, Kitchen, and Conference Room. Your help was greatly appreciated. Roger and Judy Rettig

St. Paul Congregation ~ A very sincere thank you to everyone at St. Paul Church. Your warm thoughts and prayers were a great comfort during my illness. My new kidney is doing well and all signs point toward a full recovery. Praise the Lord for He is good! *Mike Inbody Family*

Thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated. Our Church Family ~ Lee would have loved your flowers. They were perfect. Thank you so much for such a beautiful contribution. *Deb and the entire family*

Thank you to everyone who helped clean the Worship Space/Sacristy (Committee #1) on Monday, March 18th. All the people helping were much appreciated and made the task go smooth and efficiently. Mark Bower and Chad and Diane Parke

I would like to thank all the youth that came to help Lynn and I each week with the soup suppers and their parents for seeing that they got there. We had a lot of delicious soups this year and usually 10 crocks each week, wonderful! Also thank you to the Women of the Church for coming on the last night to help set up and clean up. Another year of soup suppers is over, now on to Holy Week. *Lynn and Nadine Boehm*

Thank you to the members who helped clean the Education Wing – Committee #2 when it was convenient for you during the week of March 18th. Your cleaning skills were greatly appreciated! Kreg Sheets, Chairperson / Jake Leu, Vice Chairperson

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of W. Fred Husing. Fred, 95, died on Monday, March 4th at his residence. He is Cheryl Lentz's father. May the family and friends of Fred Husing find comfort in the promise of the resurrection.



On Palm Sunday, March 24th at the 9:00AM service, three youth received their first communion. They were: Mason Leu, Holly Saum, Garrett Smith, and Annie Swanner. Kolt Robinson will receive first communion on Sunday, April 14th at the 11:15AM service. God's Blessings to these young children as they continue their faith journey.

SOUP SUPPER OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE:

Week 1 (February 21 st): \$193	Attendance: 42
Week 2 (February 28 th): \$224	Attendance: 61
Week 3 (March 6 th): \$239	Attendance: 60
Week 4 (March 13 th): \$195	Attendance: 57
Week 5 (March 20 th): \$125	Attendance: 46

ReFUEL INFORMATION FOR APRIL

Sunday, April 14 th	6:00PM – 8:00PM
Sunday, April 28 th	6:00PM – 8:00PM

CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

Sunday, April 7 th	5:00PM – 6:00PM
Sunday, April 14 th	5:00PM – 6:00PM
Sunday, April 21 st	<u>NO CONFIRMATION</u>
Sunday, April 28 th	5:00PM – 6:00PM

The April Sewing Days will be Wednesdays, April 10th and April 24th from 9:00AM – 2:00PM. Come all of the time or part of the time. We assemble quilts for Lutheran World Relief. If you can tie a knot, use scissors or pin material together, we'd love your help with this important ministry! Please bring a dish to share for lunch.

There is a sign-up sheet on the Information Counter in the Welcome Space for donations for the Salvation Army Dinner on Tuesday, April 23rd. Money is also needed to purchase ham and potatoes. Please give monetary donations to Christine Kemerley.

St. Paul Outreach Committee Focus Statement for 2024

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.”

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’” Matthew 25:34–40

Jesus tells this parable to make the point that when we serve others, we serve God. After listing acts of service, including providing food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, lodging for the homeless, clothes for the naked, and healing for the sick, Jesus concludes, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me”. Imagining Jesus as the ultimate recipient of our kindness is true motivation to serve in our families, church, neighborhood and world. When He prompts us to sacrificially invest in the needs of others, **we serve Him. When we love others, we love God.**

St. Paul Outreach Committee Focus Statement for 2024 -- continued

How can St. Paul serve Jesus in our community and love God by loving others in our path? If you know of a “neighbor” who could use some help, please let us know and we’ll prayerfully consider what we as a church family can do.

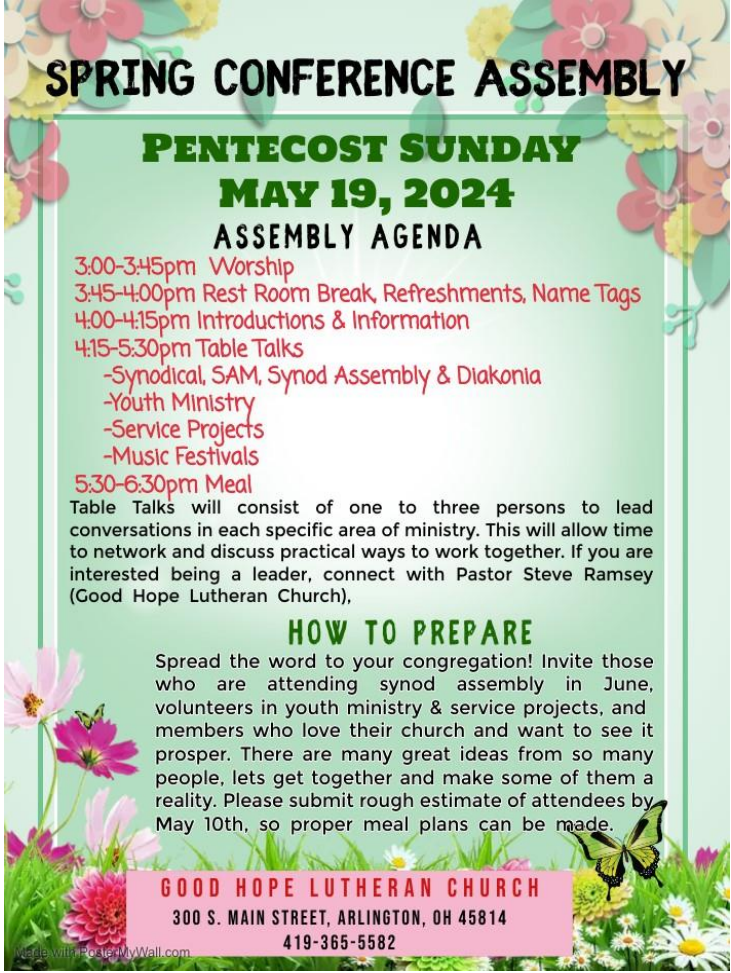
Loving God, please open our eyes to the needs of others around us so we can help them and love You better. Amen.

2024: THE YEAR OF REST: The churches and friends of Northwestern Ohio Synod are invited to participate in the Year of Rest. Instead of the traditional daily Bible readings, we are invited to engage in daily rest practices using the seven types of active rest: Mental, Sensory, Emotional, Social, Creative, Spiritual, and Physical. Grounded in a weekly Bible verse, it is the Synod’s prayer that the guided calendar will help us discover daily moments of rest and peace. To learn more about the Year of Rest and the Seven Types of Active Rest, go to the Northwestern Ohio Synod website: <https://nwos-elca.church> scroll down to Bishop’s Writings and click on: 2024: The Year of Rest.

[There are copies of the April 2024—“The Year of Rest” on the Information Counter in the Welcome Space.]

**CENTRAL CONFERENCE
GATHERING
FOR ALL
CHURCH LEADERS**

**Congregational Council
Members, Synod Assembly
Voting Members, and
Other Interested
Individuals are welcome
and encouraged to attend
this event. Our
congregations will gather
for the purpose of sharing
ideas on ways the
churches of the Central
Conference can do God’s
work together.**



SPRING CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY

**PENTECOST SUNDAY
MAY 19, 2024**

ASSEMBLY AGENDA

- 3:00-3:45pm Worship
- 3:45-4:00pm Rest Room Break, Refreshments, Name Tags
- 4:00-4:15pm Introductions & Information
- 4:15-5:30pm Table Talks
 - Synodical, SAM, Synod Assembly & Diakonia
 - Youth Ministry
 - Service Projects
 - Music Festivals
- 5:30-6:30pm Meal

Table Talks will consist of one to three persons to lead conversations in each specific area of ministry. This will allow time to network and discuss practical ways to work together. If you are interested being a leader, connect with Pastor Steve Ramsey (Good Hope Lutheran Church).

HOW TO PREPARE

Spread the word to your congregation! Invite those who are attending synod assembly in June, volunteers in youth ministry & service projects, and members who love their church and want to see it prosper. There are many great ideas from so many people, lets get together and make some of them a reality. Please submit rough estimate of attendees by May 10th, so proper meal plans can be made.

GOOD HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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April 2024 Birthdays

Monday, April 1 st	Jill Bower
Wednesday, April 3 rd	Taylor Follas
Wednesday, April 3 rd	Ronan Galloway
Wednesday, April 3 rd	Josh Luke
Friday, April 5 th	Cooper Castle
Saturday, April 6 th	Zac Boehm
Sunday, April 7 th	Henry Reichley
Sunday, April 7 th	Liana Sidle
Monday, April 8 th	Nicole Inbody
Wednesday, April 10 th	Patty Orwick
Wednesday, April 10 th	Sheryl Rettig
Thursday, April 11 th	Jim Marshall
Saturday, April 13 th	Crosby Reule
Saturday, April 13 th	Jody Wolford
Sunday, April 14 th	Melanie Redburn
Wednesday, April 17 th	David Featheringill
Thursday, April 18 th	Nathan Gant
Friday, April 19 th	Logan Sheets
Friday, April 19 th	Karissa Welte
Saturday, April 20 th	Sharon Hartman
Saturday, April 20 th	Marcia Russell
Sunday, April 21 st	Michelle Gibson
Sunday, April 21 st	Allison Settlage
Sunday, April 21 st	Noah Tesner
Monday, April 22 nd	Jesse Rettig
Tuesday, April 23 rd	Mary Coldren
Tuesday, April 23 rd	Joe Creque
Tuesday, April 23 rd	Breydan Glick
Tuesday, April 23 rd	Madison Hartman
Thursday, April 25 th	Larry Crates
Saturday, April 27 th	Ilene Parke
Monday, April 29 th	Matt Luke
Tuesday, April 30 th	Carlie vonStein



April 2024 Anniversaries

Saturday, April 6 th	Eric and Emily Shank – 11
Tuesday, April 9 th	Jim and Stephanie Pertzborn – 19
Wednesday, April 10 th	Ron and Carol Riegle – 48
Thursday, April 11 th	Jerry and Beth Kimmel – 43
Wednesday, April 17 th	Sean and Nancy Tobin – 31
Friday, April 19 th	Nate and Kim Trout – 16
Tuesday, April 23 rd	Chad and Diane Parke – 30
Wednesday, April 24 th	Brock and Nikki Galloway – 14
Friday, April 26 th	Bob and Allison Coldren – 21
Friday, April 26 th	Randy and Theresa Grieser – 26
Monday, April 29 th	Corey and Amanda Henson – 18



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 6:00PM Sunday School Room reserved by "The Jokers"	5 Evening Fellowship Hall reserved by Jan Grieser	6 4:30PM – 9:00PM Fellowship Hall reserved for Boehm Easter
7 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER 9:00AM Traditional Worship / Communion 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Class	8 SOLAR ECLIPSE 	9 7:00PM Congregational Council Meeting	10 9:00AM – 2:00PM Sewing Day	11 6:00PM Sunday School Room reserved by "The Jokers"	12	13
14 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 9:00AM Traditional Worship / Communion 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 3:00PM Rock N Roll 4-H Meeting / Fellowship Hall 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Class 6:00PM – 8:00PM ReFUEL	15	16 6:30PM WELCA / Salad and Dessert	17 7:00PM Senior Choir Practice	18 6:00PM Sunday School Room reserved by "The Jokers"	19	20
Minister Deb and Dick on vacation ————— Monday, March 15th ————— Sunday, March 28th						
21 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9:00AM Traditional Worship 10:15AM Sunday School 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion Afternoon Fellowship Hall / Pavilion reserved by Amy Gibson <u>NQ</u> Confirmation Class	22	23 NOON WELCA / Salvation Army Dinner	24 9:00AM – 2:00PM Sewing Day 7:00PM Senior Choir Practice	25 6:00PM Sunday School Room reserved by "The Jokers"	26	27
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28 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9:00AM Traditional Worship 10:15AM Sunday School 10:15AM Outreach Committee Meeting 11:15AM Contemporary Worship / Communion 5:00PM – 6:00PM Confirmation Class 6:00PM – 8:00PM ReFUEL	29	30	Altar Guild: Mary Coldren Lector: Tom Carey Organist: April 7 th , 14 th , 21 st , and 28 th — Lisa Gossman			
Minister Deb and Dick — Vacation						