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Our Shared Mission:

We are saved by grace through faith to share the good news of the Gospel with all people and live God's love by our words and actions.

MARCH 2023 APRIL

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MARCH

- 2 - Heather Starzynski
- 3 - Carol Sundstrom, Deanna Thill
- 9 - Sue Hess, Zachary Belec
- 10 - Shawn Anger
- 15 - Danielle Bergquist, Todd Nehls
- 21 - Joan Hofer
- 24 - Jesse Leiphart, Jamie Leiphart
- 30 - Jeannie Voelker
- 31 - Gavyn Crawford



APRIL

- 01 Kelly Francour
- 06 Morgan Bergquist
- 17 Janice Sederquist
- 26 Tammy Parrett
- 27 Sandra Baumler

Happy Anniversary

March 2 - Stephen & Kayla Jessel

***We continue to hold our military members in our prayers:
Jordan Baril, Jay Chapple, Trish Dam, Brent Jurmu, Jared Jurmu***

We continue to hold the following in prayer:

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| Ann Best → | Betty Harring | Bill Johnson | Dan Etelamaki | Darwin Diehm |
| Deanna Thill | Dennis <u>D</u> ibble | Dennis <u>P</u> aul | Dennis <u>S</u> aari | Dick Durrow |
| Don Smith | Dorothy Roemer | Emily Christenson | Heather Brisson | James Dutkavich |
| Jenna Perras | Kaitlin Shelby | Karen Raether | Kevin Havelka | Logan Parrett |
| Luann Q. Kiefer | Macy Berszenyi | Marcia Droese | Mark Thoun | Matt Koldos |
| Mike <u>L</u> ubore | Mike <u>M</u> cCarthy | Mike <u>P</u> feiffer | Miles Sorenson | Robert Berszenyi |
| Ronnie Anderson | Rosemary Kautzer | Ryan Derrickson | Sandy Baumler | Sarah Hess |
| Sharon Powell | Tammy Parrett | Terry Stage Roddy | Thomas <small>Dutkavich, III</small> | Tim Bruce |
| Tracy Klatt | Warren Suchovsky | Wendy Gravelle | Wendy Majkrzak | Zeke Gill |

***We extend the comfort and hope of the resurrection
to the family and friends of***

+George Hensley+ and +Linda Djupstrom+



Thank you for holding the friends and families of our Congregants in your daily prayers. Corrections? Additions? Please contact the Church Office.

Behind the Scenes: MUSIC Edition

Rev. Brenda L. Greenwald



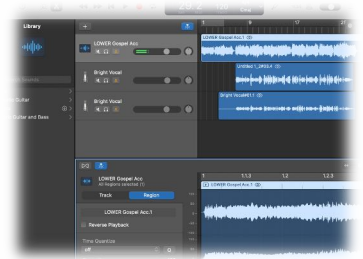
**What goes into the MUSIC of a worship service?
Why, I'm glad you asked!**



Prelude: This music has to be something that is **seasonally** appropriate, and can **continuously** play for 30+ minutes or more. I like to choose a collection of something **pensive**, as to help us prepare our hearts and minds for worship. The music will loop...until I walk in, and the computer tech advances the slides.

Hymns: Each hymn chosen has the goal of propelling us through **praise** with the spirit of **worship**, and **connects** us to the **Scripture** readings of the day.

Then, I'll go **online** - usually, I head on over to smallchurchmusic.com - which has over 15,000 recordings to choose from - or I'll visit [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com) - and **download** an instrumental **recording** of the hymn. Selecting the right recordings and finding versions that fits our worship tone/mood for each worship service can take hours...but we've only just begun!



Next, I plug that recording into a program called **GarageBand**, where I make sure it has the right number of **verses**, an introduction, and an ending that sounds conclusive. *See all those layers!?* →

Once that version is in place, I take the edited recording and plug it into ANOTHER program called **Audacity**, that allows me to adjust both the **pitch** of the song (*nobody needs to actually REACH heaven by singing Lift High the Cross at a ridiculously high pitch*) and the **tempo** of the song (*again, Congregational participation will cease if we sing Jesus Loves Me at the pace of a funeral dirge!*)

FINALLY, the hymn is ready to be plugged into the **PowerPoint** that you see on the TVs, allowing us to literally click a button, and have the music play. Mind you, the fun doesn't end just because the PowerPoint is ready to go - each slide that has music has to be **individually tested** over the sound system - we don't want any sudden **volume** spikes scaring anyone during the Hymn of the Day!

Prayers: I choose to keep the music that's played during the prayers **LIVE**, with me at the piano, so the **Congregation** can control the **pacing**. We'd never want to rush our heartfelt prayers, or the people reading them, thus the piano can simply add a backdrop as folks read each petition. I pray that this adds to a more meditative atmosphere. After two petitions are read? We prayerfully sing our response.

Communion: I've learned that it's easy to **lose** one's place while singing during Communion (*as you'll leave your pew mid-verse and return during a different verse*). Thus, I'll often include a **voice-over** of me singing each verse to help us all through the Communion Hymn (*a recording will have to do, as I'm busy serving!*) Sometimes, (*time-willing*) I'll even record the **harmony** parts, meaning, if you hear **multiple** people singing during Communion, chances are, it's me (soprano) + me (alto) + me (tenor)! (*Forget about the bass - it's just too low!*) Once the Communion Hymn is **complete**, you'll hear an instrumental version of that hymn continue until I'm ready at the altar to continue.



Postlude: This is the **final** piece of music you'll hear upon exiting the Sanctuary. It's usually an instrumental recording of the **Sending** Hymn, intended to musically **SEND YOU** on your way **rejoicing!**

**Thankful to be making these all of these
praise-filled melodies with you, dear Church!**

Pr. Brenda

Daily Bible Readings, Year A - March + April

Year A focuses on the Gospel of Matthew. The semi-continuous Old Testament readings focus on major Genesis narratives, the covenant with Moses, and the establishment of Israel in the Promised Land. The second, New Testament, readings are from Romans, Philippians and 1 Thessalonians.

Wed – Mar 1	Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28	Matthew 18:10-14	Psalms 32
Thu – Mar 2	Isaiah 51:1-3	2 Timothy 1:3-7	Psalms 121
Fri – Mar 3	Micah 7:18-20	Romans 3:21-31	Psalms 121
Sat – Mar 4	Isaiah 51:4-8	Luke 7:1-10	Psalms 121

Sunday Mar 5 – Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a, Psalm 121 (1,2), Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, John 3:1-17

Prayer of the Day: *O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.*

Mon – Mar 6	Numbers 21:4-9	Hebrews 3:1-6	Psalms 128
Tue – Mar 7	Isaiah 65:17-25	Romans 4:6-13	Psalms 128
Wed – Mar 8	Ezekiel 36:22-32	John 7:53-8:11	Psalms 128
Thu – Mar 9	Exodus 16:1-8	Colossians 1:15-23	Psalms 95
Fri – Mar 10	Exodus 16:9-21	Ephesians 2:11-22	Psalms 95
Sat – Mar 11	Exodus 16:27-35	John 4:1-6	Psalms 95

Sunday Mar 12 – Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 95 (1), Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42

Prayer of the Day: *Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen*



Mon – Mar 13	Genesis 24:1-17	2 John 1 - 13	Psalms 81
Tue – Mar 14	Genesis 29:1-4	1 Corinthians 10:1-4	Psalms 81
Wed- Mar 15	Jeremiah 2:4-13	John 7:14-31, 37-39	Psalms 81
Thu – Mar 16	1 Samuel 15:10-21	Ephesians 4:25-32	Psalms 23
Fri – Mar 17	1 Samuel 15:22-31	Ephesians 5:1-9	Psalms 23
Sat – Mar 18	1 Samuel 15:32-34	John 1:1-9	Psalms 23

Sunday Mar 19 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23 (5), Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

Prayer of the Day: *Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.*

Mon – Mar 20	Isaiah 59:9-19	Acts 9:1-20	Psalms 146
Tue – Mar 21	Isaiah 42:14-21	Colossians 1:9-14	Psalms 146
Wed – Mar 22	Isaiah 60:17-22	Matthew 9:27-34	Psalms 146
Thu – Mar 23	Ezekiel 1:1-3, 2:8-3:3	Revelation 10:1-11	Psalms 130
Fri – Mar 24	Ezekiel 33:10-16	Revelation 11:15-19	Psalms 130
Sat – Mar 25	Ezekiel 36:8-15	Luke 24:44-53	Psalms 130



Sunday Mar 26 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130 (5), Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45

Prayer of the Day: *Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.*



Mon – Mar 27	1 Kings 17:17-24	Acts 20:7-12	Psalm 143
Tue – Mar 28	2 Kings 4:18-37	Ephesians 2:1-10	Psalm 143
Wed – Mar 29	Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41	Matthew 22:23-33	Psalm 143
Thu – Mar 30	1 Samuel 16:11-13	Philippians 1:1-11	Psalm 31:9-16
Fri – Mar 31	Job 13:13-19	Philippians 1:21-30	Psalm 31:9-16
Sat – Apr 1	Lamentations 3:55-66	Mark 10:32-34	Psalm 31:9-16

Sunday Apr 2 – Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11, Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16 (5), Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 26:14-27:66

Prayer of the Day: *Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.*

Mon – April 3	Isaiah 42:1-9	Psalm 36:5-11	Hebrews 9:11-15	John 12:1-11
Tues – April 4	Isaiah 49:1-7	Psalm 71:1-14	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	John 12:20-36
Wed – April 5	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 70	Hebrews 12:1-3	John 13:21-32

Thu. Apr. 6 – Maundy Thursday

Exod 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14, Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19, 1 Cor 11:23-26, John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Prayer of the Day: *Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.*

Fri. Apr. 7 – Good Friday

Isa 52:13–53:12, Psalm 22, Heb 10:16-25, John 18:1–19:42

Prayer of the Day: *Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever, Amen.*

Sat. Apr. 8 –Vigil of Easter

1. Creation	Romans 6:3-11 Gospel John 20:1-18
2. Flood	Genesis 1:1–2:4a, Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26 (1)
3. Testing of Abrahah:	Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:6-18, 9:8-13, Psalm 46 (7)
4. Deliverance at the Red Sea	Genesis 22:1-18, Psalm 16 (11)
5. Salvation Freely Offered to All	Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21, Ex 15:1b-13, 17-18 (1)
6. The Wisdom of God	Isaiah 55:1-11 Response: Is. 12:2-6 (3)
7. A New Heart and a New Spirit	Pr. 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6
8. Valley of the Dry Bones	Ez 36:24-28 Response: Psalms 42+42
9. Gathering of God's People	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Response: Psalm 143 (11)
10. Call of Jonah	Zephaniah 3:14-20 Response: Psalm 98 (4)
11. Clothed in the Garments of Salvation	Jonah 1:1–2:1 Response: Jonah 2:2-3 [4-6] 7-9 (9)
12. Deliverance from the Fiery Furnace	Is. 61:1-4, 9-11, Deut. 32:1-4, 7, 36a, 43a (3-4)
	Dan 3:1-29, 35-65 (35)

Prayer of the Day: *Eternal giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your church with the Spirit given us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth and may shine as a light in the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.*

Sunday Apr 9 – Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 28:1-10 or John 20:1-18

Prayer of the Day: *God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.*

Mon – Apr 10	Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20- 21	Colossians 3:5-11	Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24
Tue – Apr 11	Exodus 15:1-18	Colossians 3:12-17	Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24
Wed – Apr 12	Joshua 3:1-17	Matthew 28:1-10	Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24
Thu – Apr 13	Song of Solomon 2:8- 15	Colossians 4:2-5	Psalm 16
Fri – Apr 14	Song of Solomon 5:9- 6:3 1	Corinthians 15:1-11	Psalm 16
Sat – Apr 15	Song of Solomon 8:6- 7	John 20:11-20	Psalm 16

Sunday Apr 16 - Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 (11) 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31

Prayer of the Day: *Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.*

Mon – Apr 17	Judges 6:36-40	1 Corinthians 15:12-20	Psalm 114
Tue – Apr 18	Jonah 1:1-17	1 Corinthians 15:19-28	Psalm 114
Wed – Apr 19	Jonah 2:1-10	Matthew 12:38-42	Psalm 114
Thu – Apr 20	Isaiah 25:1-5	1 Peter 1:8b-12	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
Fri – Apr 21	Isaiah 26:1-4	1 Peter 1:13-16	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
Sat – Apr 22	Isaiah 25:6-9	Luke 14:12-14	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Sunday Apr 23 - Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

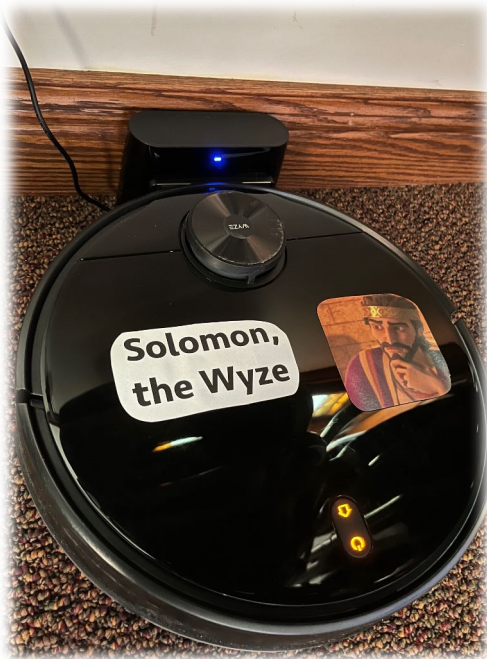
Prayer of the Day: *O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.*

Mon – Apr 24	Genesis 18:1-14	1 Peter 1:23-25	Psalm 134
Tue – Apr 25	Proverbs 8:32-9:6	1 Peter 2:1-3	Psalm 134
Wed – Apr 26	Exodus 24:1-11	John 21:1-14	Psalm 134
Thu – Apr 27	Exodus 2:15b-25	1 Peter 2:9-12	Psalm 23
Fri – Apr 28	Exodus 3:16-22 1	Peter 2:13-17	Psalm 23
Sat – Apr 29	Ezekiel 34:1-16	Luke 15:1-7	Psalm 23

Sunday April 30 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23 (1) 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10

Prayer of the Day: *O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.*



Welcome, Solomon!

Our building custodian, **Tony**, wanted to introduce a new friend of Gethsemane: **Solomon, the Wyze**. Named after the wise King from the Bible, our Solomon (*made by the company, Wyze*), is a circular, **robotic vacuum cleaner** that has been helping Tony keep our building in tip-top shape.

Room Mapping: Solomon has the smarts to figure out where the tables and chairs and plants are located in each room, and has made himself a digital map to help him clean more efficiently

Path Planning: Super-cool sensors detect where Solomon **SHOULD** go (*under the Sanctuary pews and Fellowship Hall chairs*) and where Solomon should **NOT** go (*outside or over electrical cords*). You'll probably notice the chairs neatly pulled away from tables in the Fellowship Hall - that's to help Solomon plan his path.

Efficient Cleaning: Sol has a bunch of **brushes** alongside every edge (yay for being a circle!) that sweeps debris toward the center of the vacuum. A high-powered, center brush works with some serious **suction**-power to pull up every bit of dust and dirt off of our floors. Tony can run the vacuum during the night, maximizing his cleaning time, and simply empty Solomon's bin the next day.



Charging: Solomon has the awesome ability to **drive** himself back to his little charging station once he's done cleaning. If the battery happens to run **low** during a longer cleaning, he returns to his charging station to re-charge...and then gets right back to work!

Multi-Surface: His versatile **wheels** allow him to cross over uneven surfaces, from the tile in our bathrooms to the carpet in our hallways. His low **height** allows him to sneak under our fridge, and clean-out those dust bunnies, too!

While we've had a few hiccups getting Solomon to clean **WHEN** we'd like him to clean (*NOT during Quilters or Bible Study*), we're hopeful that he will indeed live up to his namesake, and clean our building **WYZE-ly!** **Welcome aboard, Solomon!**

You Can Learn a Lot from a Dog

Pr Jim Duehring, Assist to the Bishop, Dir. for Evang Mission.



A daily practice of mine is to walk my dog, Juergen. Juergen is always eager to go for a walk. No surprise there! My wife describes him as "4- Legged Joy with a Tail." I named Juergen after one of my favorite theologians, Juergen Moltmann.

Recently we took a walk in a large pasture area on public land. Fresh snows and ice left the snow deep but very crusty on the top. Juergen was so excited for his walk, but this time he sensed early on that there would be problems. He ran out ahead of me, but he was very much slowed down by the crusty snow breaking way and his legs sinking into the deep snow. It was very difficult for him to "blaze" a new trail on his own.

I felt sorry for Juergen for not having the typical freedom to merely bounce on ahead of me. Eventually, Juergen slowed down. I could tell he was becoming fatigued, and this walking experience was not pleasant at all. I, too, was having difficulty blazing my own trail. I really should have been wearing snowshoes, but with my winter boots I was able to stomp down and create size 13 divots in the deep snow.

What happened next caught my attention. My dog slowed down. He then started following me so that his paws could easily follow in my footprints without him having to break through snow. Even though it slowed him down, Juergen was having a much more enjoyable time following in my clear footprints in the snow.

Sometimes when the snow was not so deep, Juergen would leap out ahead of me and make his own trail. Then, when the snow got deep again, Juergen slowed down and started following my footprints.



You can see the obvious spiritual lesson here! Jesus calls us to follow him. Sometimes we bounce out ahead of Jesus with bold confidence that we can handle whatever life has to throw at us. Then we encounter the inevitable deep snow with an icy crust. We fall in. We have to slow down. For a moment we keep trying to blaze our own trail. Finally, if we are humble enough to slow down, we can wait for the Master to pass. We can more efficiently continue our journey following in the big and confident footsteps of the Master, Jesus.

Jesus has gone before us to show us the way. Jesus said, "I am the Way." Thanks be to God that Jesus has the patience to wait upon us when we foolishly bolt out ahead and get hip deep in trouble.

That day my dog taught me a lot about my Lord's loving patience with me and the confident path of Jesus.



Church Council Minutes

Wednesday, February 15, 2022 - 9a



Present: Cheri Leiphart / Keith Olson / John Starzynski, Pr. Brenda Greenwald
Pledge of Allegiance. Meeting called to order at **9:05a**.

Absent: Bob Berglin

Devotions: *Balancing the failure of the structural engineers in Turkey/Syria (collapse of buildings during earthquakes) with the dedication of those who continue to rescue.* Cheri

Agenda Approval

- Correction: Change "PM" to "AM" in Call to Order.
- Correction: Secretary's report should say JANUARY minutes.

Motion: John

Second: Keith

Result: CARRIED

Secretary's Report / Minutes

Pr Brenda

Motion: Keith

Second: John

Result: CARRIED

Pastor's Report

Pr. Brenda

CALENDAR ITEMS

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 <input type="checkbox"/> Next JOINT Service | <p>+Brady Anton Noasconi Norton (2/12/23)
 "Ruth, Samuel, David, Elijah" 4-wk (02/03 - 02/24)
 WATCH for folks who might need assistance. HELP them.
 Classes resumed 02/12. What a great bunch!
 THANK YOU! Year in Review Format worked well.
 THANK YOU! New Scheduling...spread the word!
 THANK YOU! Don't forget about them!
 Brief Worship - Noon at G, Full Worship - 6pm at St. St - led by Youth
 Supper (515), Service (600), Study (6:30). March 1-29
 "Will You Betray Me?" - Jesus's question to Judas...and US.
 <i>Simon - Pharisee, Rachel, Simon - Bystander, Dinah, Judas</i>
 Sunday, April 30, 2023 at St. 9am.</p> |
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MINISTRY MOMENTS

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 <input type="checkbox"/> Roubal's <input type="checkbox"/> Menominee Health <input type="checkbox"/> Geth + St. St. <input type="checkbox"/> Synod Youth <input type="checkbox"/> Food Pantry <input type="checkbox"/> NGL Synod
 <input type="checkbox"/> Continuing Ed | <p>Home: 3, Retirement Home: 1, Office: 6
 Daily Devotions continue. Current conversation topics: pregnancies
 fires, Squad Calls, Murders, Sexual Abuse
 Worship on 2/19.
 Worship on 02/28.
 Tony + Denise prepped for Lent, Easter. Pray for them.
 Planning Synod Youth Events. Sledding (01/21); Lock-in at Zion (02/10)
 In DIRE need of <u>funding</u>.
 Synod Council work continues. 1:1 Bishop Time.
 Serving ON the Discipline Committee again
 Preparing for a Bishop (hopefully RE-) Election</p> <p>Moses Project: This month's focus: <i>Virtuous Cycles, Strategy and Mission. The module is designed to help fire my imagination as I live into my call as a pastor of Word + Sacrament.</i></p> |
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Treasurer / Financial Secretary's Reports

Sandy Chaney, Treas. - Danielle Bergquist, Fin. Sec.

Conversations continued regarding how we can appropriately and continually express the financial situation of the church to the congregants.

- Some congregants were moved by what was shared at the Annual Meeting, and jumped into action, expressing their help and support in any way possible.
- Other congregants mused about whether or not they should be seeking a different congregation altogether.

Wanting to BUILD UP our ministries here at St. Stephen's and NOT wanting to close, we will continue to share the situation on a monthly basis with the Congregation, usually through Temple Talks and the continuance of the monetary statistics, as printed on the back of each bulletin.

Motion: Pr B

Second: John

Result: CARRIED

Ministry Team Reports

- **Property Team:** will look into repairing the damaged plaster in the Narthex. ALSO: we'll need a team of folks willing to tackle one of the Records Room during our Spring Cleaning.
- **Stewardship:** Cheri will thank those who have come up with creative savings ideas, and will speak to the Congregation on Sunday, February 19th
- **WELCA:** Cheri will ask if WELCA would host/provide the Lenten Supper on March 22nd.
- **Worship/Music:** loved "In the Bleak Mid-Winter" during this Epiphany time.

OLD Business

- Fundraising Ideas: Floated around a few that will directly benefit the ministries of St. Stephen's Landed on a POSSIBLE, Chili + Cornbread Dinner. Tentative Date: April 20th, 4:30-6:30pm.
- Re-Keying Update: Doors have been marked, S & L Lock Team will visit St. to give final quote.
- Karaté Update: After multiple attempts to contact Jason Niemi, with multiple messages being left, it was decided that St. St. will not enter into a partnership with him at this time.

NEW Business

- Lenten Suppers: Council will host on March 8th, WELCA will be asked to host March 22nd.
- Garbage Update: Member currently disposing of St. St. garbage, eliminating our contract with GFL

Next Council Meeting: **Wednesday, March 15, 2023 - 9am** Motion to Adjourn: **John** TIME: **10:21a**

CLOSING – The Lord's Prayer

Wednesday	March 1	5:15p Meal, 6p Worship, 6:30-7:15p Bible Study	Geth
	March 8	5:15p Meal, 6p Worship, 6:30-7:15p Bible Study	St St
	March 15	5:15p Meal, 6p Worship, 6:30-7:15p Bible Study	Geth
	March 22	5:15p Meal, 6p Worship, 6:30-7:15p Bible Study	St St
	March 29	5:15p Meal, 6p Worship, 6:30-7:15p Bible Study	Geth
<i>(No Meal, Worship or Bible Study on Wednesday, April 5 during Holy Week.)</i>			

Holy Week	April 2	Palm Sunday Worship	9a, St St	10:30a, Geth
	April 5	<i>No Gathering this Wednesday</i>		
	April 6	Maundy Thursday Worship	6p, St St	
	April 7	Good Friday Vigils	12-3p, St St	12-3p, Geth
	April 7	Good Friday Worship	6p, Gethsemane	
	April 9	Easter Sunday Worship	9a, St St (Easter Breakfast <u>afte</u>	10:30a, Gethsemane

Here's the summer schedule for FLLC! Let Pr B know if there's a kid in your life that wants to experience CAMP!



FORTUNE LAKE LUTHERAN CAMP

2023 SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATES	CAMP PROGRAM & AGE/GRADE COMPLETED	COST
Week 1	June 11-16	Victory Camp (Adult 18+ with disabilities)	\$625
Week 2	June 18-23	Intergenerational Week (all ages)	See website
	June 19-22	On-Site Day Camp (Grades K-5)	\$110
Week 3	June 25-30	High School Week (Grades 9-12)	\$425
		LIT Training Week (Grades 10-12)	
Week 4	July 9-12	Mini Camp (Grades 2-3)	\$305
	July 9-14	Villager (Grades 3-4) Vagabond (Grades 5-6) Venturer (Grades 7-8) LIT #1 Option	\$425 No charge
Week 5	July 16-21	Villager (Grades 3-4) Vagabond (Grades 5-6)	\$425
		Camp ACTS (Grades 3-12) LIT #2 Option	\$455 No charge
Week 6	July 23-28	LEGO® Camp (Grades 3-8) Jr High Night Owl (Grades 6-8)	\$425
		Art Camp (Grades 3-8) LIT #3 Option	\$455 No charge
Week 7	July 30-Aug 4	Intergenerational Week (all ages)	See website
	Aug 1-4	Intergenerational Half Week (all ages)	See website
Week 8	Aug 6-8	Mighty Ones (Grades 1-2)	\$205
	Aug 6-9	Mini Camp (Grades 2-3)	\$305
		MashUp (Grades 4-8) LIT #4 Option	\$305 No charge

More info at FortuneLake.org

*LIT program requires an application process. Week #1 has a fee; subsequent weeks do not.

CURRENT NEEDS of our local FOOD PANTRY

Located in Stephenson, next to the Post Office. Open on Saturdays from 9a - Noon.

- Stewed Tomatos
- Crushed Tomatos
- Peas
- Canned Beef
- Canned Chicken
- Peaches
- Pineapple
- Mixed Fruit
- Cream of Celery
- Tuna Helper
- Cheese (Ched, Motz, CoJack)
- Chicken



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- Diced Tomatos
- Chili Beans
- Cream Corn
- Canned Pork
- Canned Salmon
- Pears
- Mandarin Oranges
- Cream of Chicken
- Hamburger Helper
- Butter
- Beef
- Pork



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