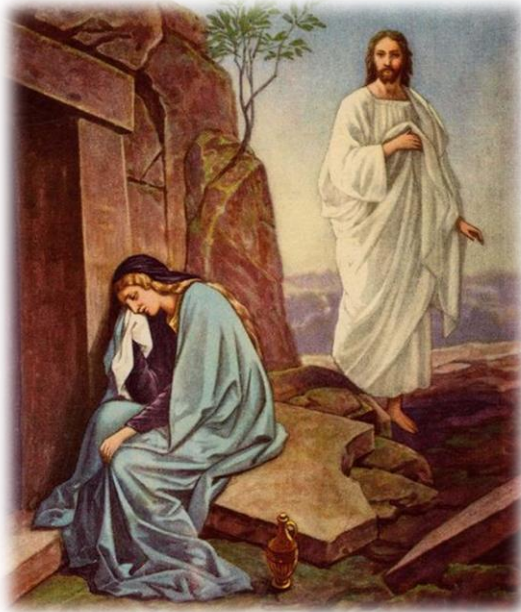


NEW SCANDINAVIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

APRIL NEWSLETTER 2022



NEW SCANDINAVIA LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 8, 2022

Meeting was called to order by Rick Broten. Devotions led by Kristal Gifford from "Delight in God's word" Psalm 1: 1-3

Non Council Members/ Visitor reports- none

Secretaries Report: Report was read and accepted

Treasurer's Report: Report was read and accepted

Pastors Report:
Contract up April 30th, 2022

Deacons report- Meals are set for Lent with team leaders.

Trustees report- Coffee pot still getting worked on and making adjustments, as the settings were locked. Projector is working for now.

Children Family and Youth- Activities for Lent "crown of thorns" and 40 day calendar with devotions going well, Planning Worship Service for Palm Sunday Service. Rhonda will be getting palm branches. Pastor Ron is doing Children's Sermons in Sunday school and kids have been enjoying this. Low attendance in Sunday school.

NS Facility usage-

Building use by Rasmussen family on April 30th. Annie Timm sent a letter about how the family loves to have their gatherings at NS and will cover the cost of \$75 for building and janitor.

Old business- Put new bulbs above alter.

New Business

Create a constitution review group. Last updated in 2019. This was tabled for next month. Pastor Ron is willing to do a Maundy Thursday for people who would be interested in open communion, reflection at the church from 4pm to 6 pm.

Good Friday service will be at 6:30 pm

Updating call list, Louise will work on this.

Motion made to accept the above made by Kristal G and seconded by Jeff T, and accepted by council.

Motion made by Jeff Timm to adjourn.

Next meeting will be April 12 2022

Devotions will be led by- Grant Gifford
Closed with the Lord's Prayer
Respectfully, Shelly Shipley, NS Council Secretary

NEW SCANDINAVIA WELCA MET MARCH 17, 2022

They made LWR quilts in the morning .
We sang "Love Divine All Love Excelling".
Pastor Ron led our Bible Study in a good discussion about the Kingdom of God Here and Now.

Old Business:
Lenten suppers are going well.

New Business: Thank you to everyone that served and quilted. There were 10 quilts made during our work days this month.
Next quilting work day is April 20th and quilting and Bible study April 21th.
We took an Offering and Closed with the Lord's Prayer.
Meeting adjourned.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

March 27 - Sunday School 10:30 AM – Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 The Prodigal Son

More Than a Story Youth Experience – If you were not able to make it on February 27 – Make sure you ask Kristal Gifford about the Crown of Thorns Bracelet. The six Sundays during lent we will be using- More Than a Story – Each student will **receive a Crown of Thorns bracelet** and on each Sunday we will have a devotion and game regarding the Lenten Journey and receive a "thorn" to tie unto the bracelet. The bracelet will be given to each child to remind them of the love that Jesus had for us.



If you haven't received the "The Sunday Morning Miracle": Count-Up-to-Easter Activity with 40 stickers on February 27 – make sure you ask Kristal Gifford about it!!

This is our core curriculum before Affirmation of Baptism:

Pre K and K: 2 or 3 table prayers and or bedtime prayer, The Lord's Prayer and church manners.

1st and 2nd Grade: The Lord's Prayer, Apostle's Creed and the 1st, 2nd and 3rd The Commandments.

3rd and 4th Grade: The Lord's Prayer, The Apostle's Creed, The Commandments 1-10, Bible usage (looking up verses).

5th and 6th Grade: The Lord's Prayer, The Apostle's Creed, The Commandments 1-10, Psalm 23, John 3:16, Matthew 22:37-39, John 14:6, Matthew 7:7, Matthew 7:12, The Beatitudes Matthew 5:3-12, Isaiah 40:3,5, Matthew 7:1-2, Matthew 5:43-44, 1 John 1:7, Matthew 28:19-20.

7th and 8th Grade: The Lord's Prayer, The Apostle's Creed, The Commandments 1-10, Psalm 23, The Beatitudes Matthew 5:3-12, Ephesians 2:8-9, Matthew 18:20, John 11:25-26, Matthew 25:40, Matthew 6:19-21, Mark 9:23b, Psalm 100, Roman 3:28, John 8:31b, 32, 1 Corinthians 10:13, John 20:23 and Matthew 18:18.

High School: Be a leader and good role model, open your Bible and devotion books 3-4 times a week or daily;), read any of the above Bible verses, The Lord's Prayer, The Apostle's Creed, The Commandments 1-10, Psalm 23.



Make homemade cards for our shut-in members. Smile often and sing –Hugs to you all!

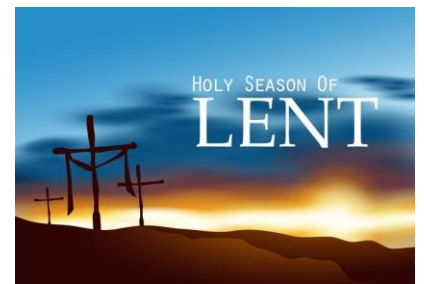
*Kristal Gifford Superintendent Board of Education and Family Ministry-
Kelly Martinson, Janelle Gordon and Kris Skoug*

**Please join us on Wednesdays for a light meal
before the Lenten Service.**

Meals start at 5:30 p.m. and church is at 6:30 p.m.

The captains for the nights are:

March 30 Louise Driver and Crew
April 6 The Martinson family and crew





**Maundy
Thursday**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY
OPEN COMMUNION
4:00-6:00 p.m.
and
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
6:30 p.m.**

SIGN UP FOR AN EASTER LILY

The celebration of Easter or the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the highlight of the church year. This is faith event that reminds us all that death shall not overcome us. This year help us adorn our altar with Easter Lilies! There will be 20 lilies ordered to beautify our altar. Please sign up for a plant or two to honor a loved one or to remember loved ones. This time we can celebrate the lives of loved ones in the joy of the resurrection. The cost is \$15.00 per plant. This awe inspiring décor of our altar will always be remembered.



Easter lily to (Honor/Remember)

By _____

(Please turn this in to the church office or call at 715-837-1041).

Our Easter bulletin will list all names of those requested to honor or remember and the names of those donating a lily.

(Lily plants can be taken home after the Easter worship.)

WELCA supper offering will be going to Ukraine Refugee Relief.



NEW SCANDINAVIA ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

DATE	ATTEND	OFFERING
2/13	47	2110.00
2/13	47	5106.00
2/20	45	1851.00
2/27	38	393.00
3/2	50	15.00
3/9	39	41.00

APRIL "NOISY OFFERING"

"Comet Care Program" Cameron School

**Designated Easter and Lenten Offering will be donated to
Luther Park and Free Clinic**



Bonnie Swanson	04/01
Cynthia Stone	04/02
Renee Rihn	04/02
James Burling	04/04
Dorathy Parker	04/04
Jane Wicken	04/06
Marion Wigen	04/07
Emmit Hundley	04/10
Lilly Wigen	04/13
Duane Link	04/14
David Driver	04/16
Aaron Bryngelson	04/19
Ethan Gifford	04/25
Dawson Klefstad	04/25
Nathan Skoug	04/28
Nicole Dau	04/29



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

**Sundays Men's Bible Study in Pastor's office at 10:30 a.m.
Bring you coffee and join us.**



**EASTER MESSAGE FROM
BISHOP LAURIE SKOW-ANDERSON
APRIL 2022**

2 Corinthians 5:17 So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Dear Northwest Synod of Wisconsin,

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! This is the good news of Easter. By God's power death is reversed and Christ is raised from the dead. Jesus' resurrection from

the dead changes everything! Everything is made new.

Change is good news after two years of a pandemic, right? We are ready for a change. But are we really? Do we want everything to become new like we read in 2 Corinthians 5 or do we want the change to be a return to the old and familiar?

If Jesus' resurrection from the dead changes everything, then what has changed in your life? What difference does Jesus make in your life?¹ What has Jesus made new?

- What difference does Jesus make to my 35 year old nephew whose brain tumor came back, faces radiation treatments and is struggling with his ex for visitation of their three year old son?
- What difference does Jesus mean to our siblings in Malawi who are often threatened by drought, flood and famine or to Ukrainians whose homes were destroyed by a Russian bomb?
- What difference does Jesus make to a stable congregation deciding what their next most faithful step might be or to a declining congregation wondering if their next most faithful step is to close?

As Lutherans we believe that we are baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, we go under the water as a sinner and we are resurrected with Christ, lifted out of the water, a saint. We are changed for sure and we are reborn children of God! Theologically that's beautiful, but in real life, what difference does Jesus make in your life?

As human beings, Christ's resurrection from the dead challenges us to live into that change. As broken sinful humans, whose lives are "messed or mangled"² we live into Easter reality that Christ is present and daily working in our lives. Jesus challenges and changes us. Those of us who doubt our faith and question its relevance are challenged by Easter's promise to see and know God in the transformed lives around us.

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

Christ has risen and forever lives,
to challenge and to change.
All whose lives are messed or mangled,
all who find religion strange.
Christ is risen, Christ is present,
making us what he has been:
evidence of transformation
in which God is known and seen.

Friends we know that Jesus changes our weeping into laughing, our mourning into dancing, our despair into hope, our winter into spring and our death into life. Jesus changes things and makes all things new. We are challenged to see the transformations around us and in us. We are challenged to be the change, evidence of the transformation, for the world to see and know God through us.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself,^(a) not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Kaleidoscope

Change Happens at the Speed of Trust

¹ Challenge: In 24 words or less, answer this question, "What difference does Jesus make in your life?"

²Inspired by the Hymn, *Christ has Risen While Earth Slumbers*, vs 4. [All Creation Sings](#) #938, ELW Supplement, Augsburg Fortress, 2020.

APRIL 2022

APRIL WORSHIP
 9:30 A.M. Worship & 10:30 Sunday School

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
						Benefit for Jackson Kangas at Chetek Lanes from 12:00-9:00 p.m.
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:30 Worship with Communion			5:30 Lenten Supper 6:30 Lenten Worship			Fellowship Hall Reserved 11-5:00 p.m.
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:30 Worship PALM SUNDAY		5:30 p.m. Executive Meeting 6:30 p.m. Council		4:00-6:00 p.m. OPEN COMMUNION	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 6:30 p.m.	Church reserved
	HOLY WEEK					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:30 EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE with Communion			Quilting 6:30 Confirmation Class	Quilting a.m. 1:30 Bible Study		Synod Convention at Trinity Lutheran in Eau Claire
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9:30 Worship			6:30 Confirmation Class			Fellowship Hall Reserved 10:00-3:00 p.m.

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“In Christ, we reach, teach and celebrate God’s Word.”

Pastor Ron Gerl

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