



**NEW SCANDINAVIA LUTHERAN
CHURCH
APRIL
NEWSLETTER 2023**

COUNCIL MINUTES FOR NEW SCANDINAVIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
MARCH 14, 2023

President Rick Broten called the meeting to order.

Louise Driver gave devotions from the Book Walking in Grace and “Rebirth during Spring and Easter”.

Non-Council Members/Visitor Reports: Rhonda Candler

Secretaries Report: No changes – accepted by council.

Treasurer’s Report: Read and accepted by council.

Pastor’s Report: First Communion for Evan Macho, Paige Gerl, Wesley Martinson, Easton Rihn and Emmitt Hundley. Four shut-in communion calls. WELCA Gather Bible Study on Ten Commandments. Projecting our hymns on the big screen – good comments with voices projecting more and savings on copy paper. Lent worship is being entirely projected on the screen including readings, responsorial readings, prayers, and opening Bible lesson on the Book of Jonah. The meditation is a reflection on the meaning of the Jonah text for today. April 9th Noisy Offering will be going towards “The Family House”. This is a housing facility on TT west of Barron and to the south that will house homeless and provide counseling and guidance for homeless to move forward with their life sustainability. The monies will help complete renovation that is needed to open this facility.

Deacons Ministries: Lenten suppers are going well with worship to follow. Louise is looking into music for Sunday Serenade for April 23.

Trustee Ministries: Tom Ebler brought a material bid for \$13,200.00 for a 24X24 building (including materials and concrete) and \$1,200 for the divider wall material. Robert Bryngelson will start checking on surveying and permit costs. Red Cedar Electric came and looked at lighting project above altar and will get back with a bid. Tom will be building the Easter Lilly Cross.

Children Youth and Family: Confirmation going well and last day will be May 7th. Email sent out to Sunday School families asking for volunteers for reading of play for Palm Sunday- Michelle Klefstad will be in charge of this. Last day of Sunday School will be May 7th. High School Senior Recognition will be Sunday May 7th. Kristal will order a sheet cake and WELCA will present a quilt and Sunday School will present a gift.

Old Business:

Update on Prairie Farm sharing a Pastor: Rick, Pastor Ron Gerl, Grant and Kristal Gifford met with a group at United Lutheran in Prairie Farm to talk about sharing a Pastor. We talked about worship schedules. Rick, Pastor Ron Gerl, Grant and Kristal Gifford will be meeting on March 23 at 7 pm with ELCA Synod Advisor and the United Lutheran Church group to discuss contract for Pastor and trial months with a contract.

Update on new storage shed: Tom Ebler brought a material bid for \$13,200.00 for a 24X24 building (including materials and concrete) and \$1,200 for the divider wall material. Robert Bryngelson will start checking on surveying and permit costs

Update on video equipment: Rick Broten brought a couple of bids for a new projector from Audio Architect for \$4,822.10 and Mosaic \$4,332.47 both bids for the same projecting system. M/S/C Tom /Janelle/Council to go with Mosaic. Rick will get the ball rolling.

New Business:

Noisy Offering

April -Salvation Army - "The Family House"

ELCA Synod Assembly 2023 - <https://nswwi.org/synod-assembly-2023> is on April 29th at Bethany Lutheran in Rice Lake, WI. We are seeking two people to attend along with Pastor Ron. Registration is due April 19th and is \$50.00 per person (which church will pay). M/S/C Louise/Marion/ Council to send \$100.00 with people attending the Synod gathering as New Scandinavia Offering.

New Auburn Choir will be performing at New Scandinavia on Saturday, March 25 at 7 pm. WELCA will be asking for New Scandinavia members to bring a pan of bars. The choir will present a beautiful Easter message through music. Director is Scott Jensen.

Easter Lilies: Louise Driver will be checking in with local florists about getting 25 Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday. Lilies will be for sale in memory or in honor of.

Palm Branches: Rhonda ordered palm branches for Palm Sunday.

Coffee Pot replacement: Rick Broten reset coffee pot and system seems to be working well now. Replacement put on hold.

Luther Park Bible Campership: M/S/C Marion/Tom/Council New Scandinavia will pay up to \$150 per each student attending Luther Park Bible Camp for 2023. Kristal will send email to Sunday School families encouraging students to attend.

Next meeting: April 11, 2023

Devotions: Deb Schieffer

Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Kristal Gifford, Acting Secretary

Present for meeting Rick and Chris Broten, Robert and Dawn Bryngelson, Grant and Kristal Gifford, Marion Wigen, Tom Ebler Jr, Pastor Ron Gerl, Louise Driver, Kelly Martinson, Janelle Gordon, Deb Schieffer. Absent: Shelly Shipley, Eric Skoug and Michelle Klefstad

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL NEWS:

Upcoming Events:

- April 2nd Palm Sunday - Youth will march in with palm branches and a few of our youth will be helping with readings from a play.
- April 9th Easter Sunday - No Sunday School
- March 7th - Last day of Sunday School, Confirmation and High School Senior Recognition Sunday. We will be honoring Austin Bitney, Jason Dau, Ethan Gifford and Zory Parker.

Our core curriculum:

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 – we will get through this “rough patch” with God's guidance and love. Hugs to you all!

The Board of Ed and Family Ministry
 Kristal Gifford, Janelle Gordon, Michelle Klefstad and Kelly Martinson

ELCW OF NEW SCANDINAVIA CHURCH

Gladys gave devotions: Proverbs 3:26-The Lord is our Security.
 Hymn-Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
 A study of Commandments 3 & 4 was led by Pastor Gerl.
 Treasurer's report was given.
 Old Business- Leak under kitchen sink is fixed.
 Discussion regarding coffee maker needing replacement in near future.
 Lenten meals basket funds might be used toward this item.
 New Business-Lenten meals discussed-Committees have been designated.
 Quilting next month will be March 21 and 23.
 Twelve quilts were made during February.
 Happy Birthday sung to Debbie, Louise and Gladys.
 Marion Wigen, Acting Secretary

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

DATE	ATTEND	OFFERING
2/26/23	52	823.00
3/5/23	80	6131.14
3/12/23	44	955.00
3/19/23	59	3055.00

BonnieSwanson	01-Apr
Cynthia Stone	02-Apr
Renee Rihn	02-Apr
James Burling	04-Apr
Dorathy Parker	04-Apr
Jane Wicken	06-Apr
Marion Wigen	07-Apr
Emmit Hundley	10-Apr



Lilly Wigen	13-Apr
Duane Link	14-Apr
David Driver	16-Apr
Aaron Bryngelson	19-Apr
Ethan Gifford	25-Apr
Dawson Klefstad	25-Apr
Nathan Skoug	28-Apr
Nicole Dau	29-Apr

**7:00 p.m. MAUNDY THURSDAY Service
at United Lutheran in Prairie Farm**

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
2:00 Community Service at
Chetek Lutheran Church**

**6:30 p.m. Service at
New Scandinavia Lutheran**



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 of all that death shall not overcome us. This year help us adorn our altar with Easter Lilies! There will be 25 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 \$22.00 per plant. This awe-inspiring décor of our altar will always be remembered.



Easter lily to (Honor/Remember)

By _____

(Please turn this into 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.)



LUTHER PARK BIBLE CAMP

Sign up for Bible camp this summer by May 1 for the discount. Our church council will reimburse you \$150 and our WELCA will also reimburse you \$150.

Go to the Luther Park website to see the dates and register using our congregation's name for easy access and registration.

(The Bible Camp is also looking for counselors!)

NOISY OFFERING IN APRIL



Our "Noisy Offering" in April will go toward renovation for The Family House located on TT west of Barron. This will house homeless and provide counseling to better their life. Affordable housing is hard to find in our area and our support along with other churches will help those in need including young women with children who are destitute.



We were blessed with the music by "Higher Vision." on Serenade Sunday March 12. It was fantastic!!



Congratulations to our own **Tristan Massie** from UWEC who qualified for the National NCAA D3 wrestling championships in Virginia. Good Job Tristan. We are so proud of you!



FIRST COMMUNION AT NS

Here is a picture of the First Communion students from March 5, 2023.

(left to right) Emmit Hundley, Evan Macho, Wesley Martinson, Easton Rihn, Paige Gerl, Pastor Ron Gerl

CHRISTINE'S DANCE COMPANY

Congratulations to Christine's Dance Company Tap Squad on the Dance competition the weekend of March 3 – 5 in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Among those is our own Samanta Bryngelson. Good Job Sam, we are so proud of you!



CAMERON BASKETBALL

Ethan Gifford played for the Cameron Basketball Team as a Senior. The team won the State Sectional at Unity. Then went to Neillsville and lost to Whitehall.

CHEER COMPETITION



Congratulations to Pastor Gerl's granddaughter Alyssa, and their team on winning the CHEER competition National and overall Grand Champions at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center at Wisconsin Dells. Her team will be going to National Finals in Orlando, Florida.

She is a 7th grader in the Altoona School system.

MEN'S DART BALL LEAGUE

Our Dart ball team took 2nd place in the Church Dart Ball League. The team consists of Tom Ebler, Richard Ebler, Rob Bryngelson and Pastor Ron. Congratulations!!



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New Scandinavia Lutheran Church

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9:30 a.m. Worship & FACEBOOK
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
Pastor Ron Gerl

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9:30 a.m. Worship Palm Sunday with communion		9-2:00 office open <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Holy Week</div>	Noon Chetek Clergy Meeting	No Maundy Thursday Service	2:00 p.m. Community Good Friday Service 6:30 p.m. Good Friday Service at NSLC	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9:30 a.m. EASTER SUNDAY Noisy Offering "The Family House"		9-2:00 office open 9:00 a.m. Quilting 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting		9:00 a.m. Quilting 1:30 p.m. Bible Study		Newsletter Deadline Day
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion		9-2 office open				
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9:30 a.m. Worship Sunday Serenade		9-2 office open				Synod Assembly at Bethany Lutheran in Rice Lake
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9:30 a.m. Worship						

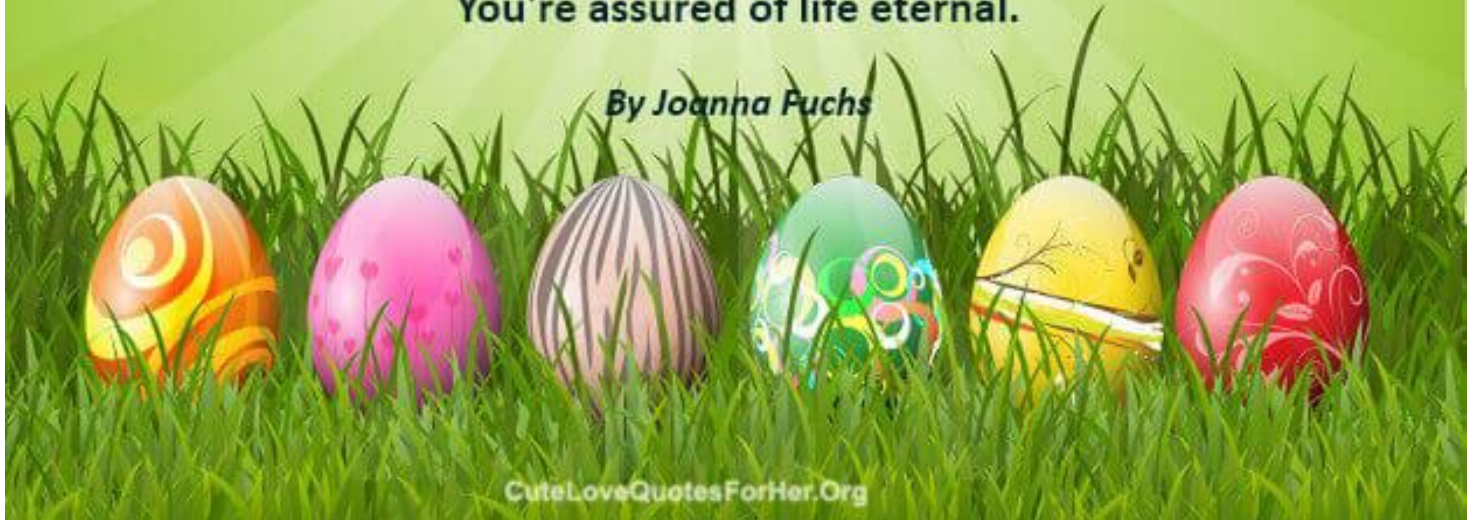
Easter Gate

Jesus came to show us how
To live and love on earth, right now.
Then he died to erase our sin,
So the pearly gates would let us in.

Raised from death, Jesus is our guide
Through our own death to the other side.
Believe in Jesus, and you'll be
Written in the book of eternity.

Easter means, in heaven, life,
Free from sadness, free from strife.
If your name is in God's journal,
You're assured of life eternal.

By Joanna Fuchs



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

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