



NEW SCANDINAVIA LUTHERAN CHURCH MARCH NEWSLETTER 2024



Each year, Wisconsin Law Enforcement Memorial, Inc. holds a ceremony on the grounds of the Wisconsin State Capitol during National Police Week, to honor officers who have been killed in the line of duty. This year, the names of Cameron officer Hunter Scheel and Chetek officer Emily Breidenbach will be added to the memorial that sits on the capitol grounds. Because of the connection to our community, the organizers have invited the Cameron High School Band to perform music for this important event. This invitation is a substantial honor for our ensemble. The ceremony will take place Friday, May 10 at noon.

COUNCIL MINUTES FOR NEW SCANDINAVIA LUTHERAN CHURCH FEBRUARY 13, 2024 ANNUAL MEETING

New Scandinavia Lutheran Church Council Minutes February 13, 2024

Called to order by President Doug Severude, welcomed new board members.

Devotions by Marion Wigen, "He is the Atoning Sacrifice, Reflection of Ash Wednesday," 1 John 2:2.

Non-Council members/visitors – none.

Last month's minutes – M/S/C Louise/Marion.

Secretary's report - Read and accepted.

Treasurer's report -

Old Business - we haven't paid for hygiene care kits yet. Dawn called local schools and had a list of what is needed. Marion volunteered to do shopping, will work to get care boxes to the schools by the end of the month. Barron Electric bill is increasing an average of \$10/month and Church Mutual insurance is going up 36%, or an estimate of \$1,300/yr. Printer contract signed with E.O. Johnson at a cost of \$130/quarter for maintenance agreement. Noisy offerings collected the first 2 weeks of February totaled \$283. Read and accepted.

Pastors report -

Blue Christmas service on 12/21 went well, low attendance.

Christmas service went well.

Ash Wednesday service will be held on 2/14 at NSLC 6:00 pm.

Mid-week rotation 7:00 Lenten worship.

Holy week is 6 weeks away, Maundy Thursday will be at ULC, Good Friday service will be during the day at NSLC, at 7:00pm at ULC. Easter Sunday service times yet to be determined.

Children messages are entertaining, enjoy the unexpected responses from the youth.

Holy Communion classes will begin this Sunday with Kristal leading the classes.

MaryAnn Rasmussen's funeral was held on January 29th.

Heart of the North Conference met on February 8th to lift up seven possible candidates for the bishop's election to be held at the 2024 Northwestern Synod of WI assembly on June 7th & 8th at Davies Center in Eau Claire. Still need volunteers to attend.

Looking ahead to vacation time in April or May, as well as scheduled time off in September and a few days the first week of November.

Deacon Ministries –

Changed alter for seasonal set up. March Serenade Sunday will be violinist Beverly Murk who played with the New Auburn Community Choir and is a member of Chetek Baptist Church. ULC's Youth in Christ will perform in April.

Trustee Ministries -

Heat is installed and complete, working well. Old boiler equipment will be placed for sale on Facebook Marketplace. Question was asked, is there a humidifier in the new furnace? There has been concern of dryness expressed by the quilting group. Robert will look into. Also, with the installation of the new unit, it has freed up the entire back wall. Proposal made to install shelves where boilers were and free up existing shelves for Sunday school storage. Meyers Electric has provided a quote to change 16 lights to LED at a cost of \$2,096 for all material and labor.

Recommendation was made to inquire with Meyers to also change steeple light while here completing other work. **M/S/C** Kristal/Dawn to approve the LED light installation and pursue quote to change steeple light. Discussion was held about the outdoor metal sign, perhaps add color. Robert will talk to Tootie about modernizing or making the sign more visually appealing.

Children Youth and Family Ministries - Holy Communion classes will be held for the next 4 weeks, Feb 18 to March 10. First Communion cake will be served on March 17th. The last day of Sunday School is on May 5th, Mother's Day flowers will be distributed on May 12th.

Old Business - None

New Business - Discussion held on who will receive April Noisy offering, to be discussed further at next meeting.

Next meeting - March 12, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

Devotions- Dawn Bryngelson

Lord's Prayer

Present- Chris Broten, Kristal Gifford, Robert and Dawn Bryngelson, Shelly Shipley, Janelle Gordon, Sue and Dave Dau, Deb Schieffer, Louise Driver, Marion Wigen, Matt Macho, Doug Severude, Pastor Sara Feld.

Absent - None

Respectfully submitted by Sue Dau, NSLC Council secretary

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

UPCOMING EVENTS:

***FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES – February 25 and March 3 and 10.** Each Sunday from 10:00 am until 10:55 am. (5th grade or those students younger that parents wish to take class) – Contact Kristal Gifford for questions.

***LENT SERVICES –** New Scandinavia will be hosting, and Prairie Farm will be hosting every other. Meal 5:45-6:30. Worship 7 am. We will be hosting every other week with United Lutheran in Prairie Farm. NS hosts on February 21, 2024. See details in the Newsletter.

***CELEBRATION AND RITE OF FIRST COMMUNION – March 17 –** Cake and Coffee at Fellowship Hour 10 – 10:55 am. Worship Service 11:00 am.

***PALM SUNDAY SERVICE – YOUTH INVOLVED –** March 24 (10-10:55 am Sunday School Practice) Worship Service 11-Noon.

***EASTER SUNDAY – WORSHIP SERVICE** March 31 11:00 am –Noon. **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS SUNDAY**

***LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL –** May 5th

LUTHER PARK BIBLE CAMP: It is that time of the year!! The New Scandinavia Church and WELCA Group will be sponsoring again this year. **Please use Discount Codes- NSFull** for week long camp for a \$300 discount and **NSHalf** for the shortened week with a \$133 discount. Any NS student member is eligible. Contact Kristal Gifford for questions 😊. March 1st is the deadline.

Registration Opens: December 1st

Early Bird Discount Ends: March 1st

Final Camper Payments Due: June 1st

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, Michelle Klefstad and Shelly Shipley

MARCH NOISY OFFERING

March Noisy Offering will be donated to David Yoder Family. On November 29, 2023 the David Yoder family, north of Rice Lake, lost their barn, 150 goats and a few other animals in a barn fire. This Noisy Offering will go to this family to help with rebuilding their barn and herd.



LENTEN SERVICES & SUPPER



We are excited to be inviting Prairie Farm Lutheran Church to join us for our Lenten Suppers on February 21 served by the Driver family and team, March 6 served by the ladies of the church, and March 20 served by Tom Ebler and his team. All are invited to share these meals with us and get to know our sisters and brothers at Prairie Farm. We will be joining them at their church on February 28 and March 13th. Church will start at 7:00. The meals will start to be served at 5:30 pm.



SERENADE SUNDAY MARCH 2024

Beverly Murk has been sharing her love of Jesus, the Gospel message, with singing and playing violin and piano as a means of worshiping the Lord since she was 10 years old. She traveled with her family for 20 years in all 50 States and 26 countries, sharing the Gospel in the languages of each country in music evangelism. All the family sang and her 4 siblings also played violin, viola, and cello. After her brother and sisters married and continued singing with their own musical families, she traveled with her parents as the Murk Family Trio for another 20 years.

She and her parents moved to the Chippewa Valley in 1989. When her parents were disabled from strokes, she took care of them for many years, and continued teaching violin, piano, and voice. She plays violin with her church worship team (Faith Baptist, Chetek) and for Christian gatherings and weddings throughout the Valley.



Beverly says that her one purpose and goal is that the Lord Jesus be glorified in her daily life and music; that people would believe with all their hearts how much God loves them and wants them to trust Him as their own personal Savior.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



Austin Shipley
Curtis Matton
Jodi Bryngelson
Kelly Martinson
Megan Giles
Audrey Kreutz
Mary Brown
Easton Giles
Isabel Massie
Elizabeth Steele

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

Feb. 25 10:00 a.m. class

March 3 10:00 a.m. class

March 10 10:00 a.m. class

RITE OF FIRST COMMUNION

March 17 11:00 a.m. during Worship



ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

DATE	ATTEND	OFFERING
2/4/24	51	1165.00
2/11/24	66	1625.00
2/18/24	49	5826.00



Easter 2024 A Message from Bishop Laurie *AN INCOMPLETE SENTENCE Mark 16:8*

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

The gospel of Mark begins with this verse, Mark 1:1, *The beginning of the good news^[a] of Jesus Christ*. Then it ends with an incomplete sentence¹. Mark's Easter Story ends with an incomplete sentence. What was the editor thinking? Where are the punctuation police when you need them?

Look at it for yourself. Mark 16:8 in Greek

καὶ ἐξεληθοῦσαι ἔφυγον ἀπὸ τοῦ μνημείου, εἶχεν ἰγάρ αὐτὰς τρόμος καὶ ἔκστασις· καὶ οὐδενὶ οὐδὲν εἶπαν, ἐφοβοῦντο γάρ



See, it ends with the word “gar” which can be translated “for or because.” Why did the writer of Mark end the gospel with the word “because?” Word-for-word the last part of the verse reads *to none nothing they spoke they were afraid because*

So just to be clear, the purpose of the gospel of Mark is to tell the good news of Jesus Christ and then it ends with an empty tomb and the only witnesses to it run away in fear saying nothing to anyone because...

It should be noted there is no punctuation in the original Greek and we can of course rearrange the English words and make a sentence, but still the incompleteness of the Greek sentence, abrupt ending and the incompleteness of story itself are telling.²

Matthew, Luke and John end their Easter story with Jesus appearing to the disciples after the resurrection. These gospels end with proof of the resurrection that others see with their own eyes and some even touch Jesus. Mark has no proof of the resurrection. He doesn't even finish his last sentence.

Mark 1 was intended to be just **the beginning** of the story of the good news of Jesus. It can't be completely recorded with paper and pen because it is still being written in the lives of the believers today. Friends, the story of Easter didn't end with the frightened women. If it did we wouldn't be here today. Some of Mark's Easter story will be written by your life, my life, our witness to the empty tomb and the transforming power of God love in our life. The rest of the story will be written by those who come after us and whose lives bear witness to God's power to transform death to life. We are proof of the resurrection. Our lives transformed by the power of God's love and forgiveness are proof that Jesus rose from the dead. We are writing new verses and chapters for Mark's gospel, so that the next generation will come to know and love Jesus and all generations will experience God's grace.

Rev. Laurie M. Olson

Mark 16 *When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid*

¹ McCoy and Fistler, Pulpit Fiction Podcast #540, Easter 2023

² Mark has two alternative endings (Mark 16:9-20) which many biblical scholars believe were added at a much later date by those who couldn't tolerate ending with an incomplete sentence!

³ Image by Gerd Altmann from Pixabay

MARCH 2024.

Noisy Offering- David Yoder family

New Scandinavia Lutheran Church
 11:00 a.m. Worship & FACEBOOK
 10:00 a.m. Fellowship & Sunday School
Pastor Sara Feld

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
3 rd Sunday in Lent 10:00 a.m. First Communion Class			Lenten Supper 5:30 Lenten Service 7:00 at N.S.			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
4 th Sunday in Lent 10:00 a.m. First Communion Class		6:30 p.m. Council Meeting	Lenten Supper 5:30 Lenten Service 7:00 at Prairie Farm			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
5 th Sunday in Lent Rite of First Communion			Lenten Supper 5:30 Lenten Service 7:00 at N.S.			
24	25	26	27	28	28	30
PALM SUNDAY Youth in service					Maundy Thursday at Prairie Farm	Good Friday at NSLC 7:00 p.m.
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EASTER SUNDAY No Sunday School today						

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***Return Service Request**

"In Christ, we reach, teach and celebrate God's Word."

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