

ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Newsletter

April, 2018



Dear Church:

As I write this letter, there are still 14 days left in Lent before we arrive at Easter. However, you will be receiving this at Easter! So after 40 days of Lent and the re-focusing of our hearts, minds, and eyes to God's activity in the world and in our lives; we get to celebrate our new reality as redeemed children of God! The season of Eastertide stretches out over a period of 50 days: 50 days of celebration for a God who conquered death, a God who restored all of creation and broke the bonds of sin forever. A God, who through the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, gives us new life, new opportunities.

So with Joy I declare to you "Jesus Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! A_____!!" Okay, this Lutheran just can't bring himself to say the "A" or the "H" word just yet, because the reality is I/we are just not there yet. So, if you would indulge me, on Sunday, April 1 (no Foolin'), please fill in the blank spaces and proclaim the resurrection of Jesus who is THE Christ! I promise you will hear it for at least 50 days beginning Easter Sunday.

What a day of excitement and exhilaration! The mood of the morning is matched on no other Sunday of the year. Every Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection. Each Sunday's worship includes references to our Easter readings. "On the third day he rose again," in the Nicene Creed. In the Apostle's Creed, "He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again." "Christ has died, Christ is risen," in the Eucharistic prayer. When we receive the dismissal, it is as if we are the women seeing the empty tomb:

"Go in peace. Share the good news (Christ is with you)!"

The Easter season is a week of weeks: seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the Gospel of John. We hear the disciples gather on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on them and on us. Thomas asks for a sign and Jesus offers him and us his wounded self in the broken bread, "take and eat."

The Easter season (and beyond) shines the light of Christ on all that the world casts as a shadow in our lives. The tomb was not opened to let Christ out, but rather to let us in. Whatever that shadow is that may be in your lives, let the light of the risen Christ shine and know that Christ is ALWAYS with you!

Servants together,

Pr. Paul <><

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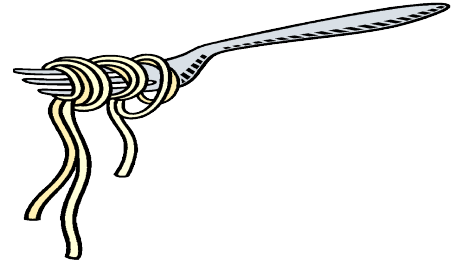
Did you know??? Maybe I should start with "as you know" this year Easter fell (falls) on April first (No foolin'). The month starts with a day unique to itself, April Fool's. For years I had an ongoing battle with a dear friend attempting to out-fool each other. We each had our "gotcha" moments; it was fun while it lasted, and has provided some great memories. So I would like to take the moment to find out how many read our newsletter; share your "gotcha" moments with me. Jesus was not fooling around when it came to the events that we remember to begin this special month.

Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

The 2018 Spaghetti Dinner, put on by the Outreach Committee, will be April 13, 2018 from 4:30 to 7:00. This year's beneficiary will be Families Plus, Delta. As in years past, the Outreach Committee asks for help in putting together this large event and welcome all and any volunteers (men included) to help with the preparations. A signup sheet will be available starting March 25.

Should you have any questions - please see Marilyn Liebetrau or Carolyn Goller for more information. Help will be needed to set

up, cook pasta, make garlic bread, salads and cleanup. Tickets are available from Barb Cairns, \$10 for adults, \$3 for children. Buy your ticket today!



Council Meeting Highlights

March, 2018

Present were Don McMillan, Niles Riese, Joel Magnuson, Sharon Johnson, and Wyatt Smith. Absent were Pastor Paul, Don Ranta and Marilyn Liebetrau,.

After individual silent prayers, Don McMillan led devotions from John 3. The agenda was then approved and the discussion went to the Worship Committee's written report. We discussed the events happening at All Saints during Holy Week and beyond.

The minutes of the February Council Meeting were approved. Verbal committee reports were given, with nothing to report from education and building except the addition of Elevate as our carrier for phone and internet. It should take two to three weeks to implement.

No other reports available due to absences. The treasurer's report was given by Sharon along with a discussion on the Isaiah fund. A motion was made and passed to hold off on any **new** future AA meetings until we are longer into the program. (A subgroup of AA requested to use the church on Tuesday evenings.)

Discussion on 5th Sunday offering followed with motion to have the funds go to the Pregnancy Resource Center for the next 5th Sunday which is in April. Motion passed.

It was decided to have future council meetings on the second Tuesday of each month as it fits everyone's busy schedules better. Next meeting scheduled for April 10 with Niles leading as Don M. will be out of town.

Closed with the Lord's prayer.

Looking For a Way to Deepen Your Worship Experience?

For many people, looking at the Bible readings before Sunday helps put the message in the context of their lives. As you read the lessons, ask yourself: Is there anything in the readings that relate to your life right now? Is there anything that surprises you in the readings? Disturbs you? Try doing this and see if following this on a weekly basis strengthens your personal faith life, and deepens your worship experience.

The Lessons for Worship in April

These are the Bible readings that we will hear during our worship services this month. They are provided that you might use them for personal devotion and meditation.

April 1 – Easter Day

Acts 8: 34-43

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Mark 16: 1-8

April 8 – Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4: 32-35

Psalm 133

1 John 1: 1-2:2

John 20: 19-31

April 15 - Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3: 12-19

Psalm 4

1 John 3: 1-7

Luke 24: 36b-48

April 22 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4: 5-12

Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24

John 10: 11-18

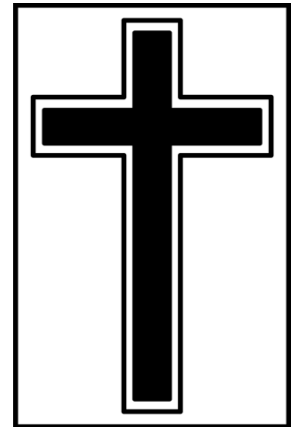
April 29 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8: 26-40

Psalm 22: 25-31

1 John 4: 7-21

John 15: 1-8



SONS OF NORWAY

Vestafjell Lodge invites those interested in Scandinavian heritage and culture to join lodge members at the lodge meeting at 11:30 AM on Monday, April 9, at The Egg & I, 1st and Patterson, Grand Junction. Lunch will follow the meeting. Member Kay Lee will introduce us to her favorite form of Norwegian decorative stitching, Klokkestreng, sometimes described as rosemaling with threads. Guests are always welcome. For more details, call 245-5649 or 858-6702, or visit our website, www.vestafjelllodge.org.

MIRAM CIRCLE

Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month
10:00am—Bible study 11:00am—Business meeting
Come! Join us on April 7 at 10:00 a.m.

Prayer Partners

If you are interested in having a prayer partner for the next five months, sign up and place your name in the basket in the Narthex. We will draw for prayer partners on April 8. This is an opportunity multiply your joys and divide your concerns and develop trust with another. Sign up today!

Bible Study at Miriam Circle

April's Bible Study is about Jesus' parable about the good Samaritan.

Read Luke 10:25-37 and ponder these statements:

"What's your is ours and we'll take it".

"What's mine is mine and I'll keep it".

"What's mine is yours and I'll share it".

Come join our group at Miriam Circle, we always have good discussions.

This month we're meeting at 10:00 AM on April 4.

ANNUAL YARD & BAKE SALE

Friday, May 4, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, May 5, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Congregation only presale: Thursday, May 3, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. Come to purchase two items that you cannot live without.

Our goal is to provide good quality garage/yard sale items, an opportunity for people outside of our church to get a glimpse of who we are and an opportunity to work together! (Oh! We also raise money.) We spend the week before the sale sorting and organizing. It is hard work, but we have fun. As you are reading this, only a month remains to sort and decide which items you can donate

We need small appliances, household goods, small furniture items, tools, garden tools and equipment, pet supplies and sporting goods. **All donated items need to be clean and in good condition.** Clothing also needs to be clean and gently used. If you have larger furniture to donate, please talk with Janell so that we can coordinate arrivals. Please hold your items until the week of the sale. Please save your electronics (computers, printers, faxes) for county-wide recycling.

In addition to donating items, we need help to set up, arrange and rearrange items for sale, price those items and clean up! We also need baked goods to sell. We work hard, laugh hard and get to know each other even better.

On Saturday of the sale, we have arranged to have everything taken away. The person who takes the "leftovers" either sells, trades or disposes the items. **If you want to keep your unsold items, please collect those items at the close of the sale.**

SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	April 1 Easter	April 8	April 15 Communion	April 22	April 29
Worship Leader	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul
Liturgy Assistant	Joel	Milford	Joel	Donelle	TBD
Communion Assistant	Joel		Rick		
Communion Bread	Marj		Marj		
Organist	Don	Don	Don	Don	
Pianist	Olinda	Olinda	Olinda	Olinda	
Altar Guild	Alice		Claudia		
Readers	Joel	Wendy Harrah	Sharill Beach	Olinda or Wyatt	Jesse
Ushers	Niles	Lloyd	Don	Jesse	Milford
Greeters	Janell	Marilyn	Linda	Carolyn	Elinor
Stewards	Lloyd/Erich	Claudia/Rick	Don R./Janell	Don Mc/	Rick/Jack
Fellowship	Alice	Carol	Carolyn/Linda	Claudia	Elinor

To provide refreshments for Fellowship, please sign up on the white board by the kitchen window or call Janell, to say you can help!

This newsletter was made possible by contributions from: Carolyn Goller, Claudia Kellogg, Marilyn Liebetrau, Don McMillan, Olinda Patzer, Janell Riese, Niles Riese, Cristi Rivero, Pastor Paul, and Marj Seely.

All Saints Special Occasions for April

Birthdays: 4/4 Kelly Kellogg 4/15 Alice Spika 4/16 Ardis Kelly
 4/20 Joyce Magnuson 4/29 Doris Babbel

Baptismal Birthdays: 4/5 Claudia Kellogg 4/12 Robert Young 4/15 Kishara McFarland
 4/16 Carolyn Goller 4/17 Rosalee Ring, Pastor Paul
 Wilma Reever

Anniversaries: 4/16 Don and Gigi McMillan

ALL SAINTS QUICK INFORMATION

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Don Ranta, Secretary & Stewardship, Chair

Sharon Johnson, Treasurer

Marilyn Liebetrau, Outreach Chair

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Wyatt Smith, Education Chair

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**Please notify Pastor Paul if you or someone
in your family is entering the hospital or needs pastoral care**

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