



FIRST EDITION

MAY 2024

“We are called by God to grow in faith together, sharing Christ’s love with each other and our community.”

It is gardening season, prepping the soil, picking the seeds, setting the rows, and preparing work for the summer. This is generally a season for relaxing while enjoying warm weather and late evenings. For some people it is a chance to get caught up on projects, family time, reading, and outdoor activities.



It is my fervent hope and prayer that you are able to find relaxation and restoration in this time. I encourage you to consider this time as an opportunity to grow further in your understanding of Holy Scripture. Then as we read together we consider planting seeds of discipleship within family and circles of friends with through our exploration of different texts.

Maybe pick a book or two from the Bible to read over the summer. Maybe watch a show or short video on an aspect of Christian faith or history, sharing your questions along the way. As the psalmist writes

*11 I treasure your word in my heart,
so that I may not sin against you.*

*12 Blessed are you, O LORD;
teach me your statutes. Psalm 119:11-12*

The Bible can be intimidating and challenging to pick up and read- but wandering through with a friend or family, stopping along the way to ask questions without fear of judgement or rebuke can be rather like walking through a woods or garden and marveling at things we don’t fully understand.

Remember I and many others are around to help one another along the way as we all wander through the challenges of living in relationship with God. A pleasant spring and summer to you all beloved ones as we relax together in the days ahead.

Pr. Erik

Prayer Concerns and Sympathy ~Craig Moline (son of Sharol Huggett), David Shober, Larry Edin, Jerry Shober, Bradley Fairbanks, Lana Jensen, Judy Smith, and Marsha Skoog (friend of Patty Sweeney).



**For firefighters, EMT’s, those who serve to protect,
Policemen and women and military.**

For world peace. For our companion synods.

For our missionaries: Jacqueline and Patrick Bencke.

Many gifts....

This window in our Fellowship Hall was designed and crafted by Mary Jane Edin Carlson, in memory of her mom. The Cross is to compliment Andy's window at our entrance to the Narthex, as are the flowering vines. The vines are to represent life and living in Christ and the color red to represent the blood of Jesus on the cross.

Many thanks....



**The Noisy Offering for MAY goes for the
“ELCA World Hunger”.**



Women ^{of the} ELCA 

Women's ongoing mission project-

We ask members to join us and bring **granola bars** during the month of **May** for the homeless.
Please put them in the basket marked “Homeless Packets” in the cabinet in the Narthex.



Until All Are Fed

*NE MN Synod Women of the ELCA
2024 Summer Convention/Gathering*

Monday, June 10- Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Zion Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, MN

If interested, you can pick up forms and information in the office.



**Please Join us for the Community Meal
5-6 pm on May 7th.**

NO WOMEN'S RUTH BIBLE STUDY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.



Out to Lunch Bunch on May 16th is at the Kaffe Stuga in Harris.

11 am Meet at church to carpool to Harris.

The Faith Community Nurse will be doing blood pressure checks for anyone who would like one, Sunday, May 19th during Coffee Fellowship.



The June Newsletter Deadline needs to be in by 9 am on Monday, May 20th.

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES



SWEET SUMMER SOUNDS 2024

<i>DATE</i>	<i>BAND</i>	<i>MUSIC TYPE</i>
<i>June 6th</i>	<i>Whiskey River Downstream</i>	<i>Classic Country</i>
<i>June 13</i>	<i>The Strolling Clones</i>	<i>Rolling Stones & 70's Cover tunes</i>
<i>June 20</i>	<i>2nd Time Around Band</i>	<i>Assorted 50's</i>
<i>June 27</i>	<i>New Riverside Ramblers</i>	<i>Cajun/Zydeco</i>
<i>July 4</i>	<i>Tim Hadler & Rose Family</i>	<i>Pop County</i>
<i>July 12-13</i>	<i>Corn and Clover Carnival</i>	
<i>July 18</i>	<i>Jolly Huntsmen</i>	<i>Polka & Old Time</i>
<i>July 25</i>	<i>Debbie O'Keefe w Hot Toddies</i>	<i>Big Band, Blues, Pop</i>
<i>August 6</i>	<i>White Sidewalls (National Night Out)</i>	<i>50-60's Rock n Roll</i>



These amounts are for the General Fund ONLY. This is a total of Simply Giving, Thrivent and regular giving.

The total for March's giving is: \$23,842.68.

The amount of \$ 10,000.00 included in above amount, was money on the buyback of property.

So, our total really is \$ 13,842.68, which is about our "average" giving of \$ 12,000.00.

Thank You... Kathy Thompson/Financial Secretary.



Last 6:30 pm Wednesday Worship, May 15th at the Bowling Alley in Sandstone.

We will start again in the Fall.

She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all."

[Proverbs 31:26-29](#)



In honor and memory of all the Veterans who sacrifice themselves to preserve the freedoms of all Americans.

Thank you for all you do.

Monday, May 27th

10 am Annual Memorial Day Program
at Lutheran Memorial Cemetery, Hinckley

Memorial Day and Veterans Day honor the sacrifices of innumerable individuals who sacrificed themselves to preserve the freedoms all Americans enjoy, with Memorial Day remembering those who gave their lives, and Veterans Day honoring all who served in the U.S. Armed Forces.



May Birthday's

- 5/1 Linda Libra
5/2 Camille Thomas
5/3 Dale Thompson
5/5 Olive Bernhardt
Diane Mathias
JoAnn Swaim †
Evelyn Klein
5/8 Teigan Cabak
5/9 Ean Chose
5/10 Sandy Guilliams †
5/12 Gale Vayder †
5/15 Gracie Edin †
Kathy Engel
5/17 Pastor Josh Blair
Isabelle Mettling
5/21 Walter Lundberg †
5/23 Jennifer Ausmus
Christie Dunkley
5/24 Katie Olson
5/26 James Edin
Gary Hoxmeier †
5/27 Cayla Gorsegner
Laura Zaudtke
5/29 Marek Cabak
Jessica Johnson
5/30 Josephine Olsen
5/31 Parker Klar

† Octogenarians

Please let us know if there are
any corrections or additions.
Thank You!

SCHEDULE FOR MAY

*Remember if you cannot serve, to please find your
own substitute. Thank You.*

Acolytes

Sunday, May 5-Brittany Stiel

-Brooke Storlie

Sunday, May 12- Jaeden Blesener

-Jaxon Thom

Sunday, May 19-

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Sunday, May 26- Bella Carlsen

- Sophia Warman

Wednesday Confirmation Parent Assist

Wednesday, May 1- Shana Stiel

-Tony Stiel

Wednesday, May 8-Jeni Olander

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Wednesday, May 15-Lisa Blowers

-Katie Linden

Lectors

Sunday, May 5-Diane Ausmus

Sunday, May 12-Linda Libra

Sunday, May 19-Charles Mans

Sunday, May 26-Carole Lahti

Kitchen Cleaning- Peggy Smith

Ushers- Scott Jensen and Rick Caza

Altar- N/A



Evangelism/Stewardship Board meeting

Tuesday, May 7th at 11:15 am.



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****Subject to Change****

**Worship Service is available Live on Facebook, You Tube, and Website.
Wednesday Night Youth Schedule (see below)**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
Wednesday Night Youth Schedule March 8th -Last Youth Choir & FiA May 15th-last Confirmation & Youth Group 4:30 pm FiA Choir (k-6). 5-6:30 pm FiA 5:30 -6 pm Confirmation Dinner 6 pm Large Group Confirmation 7 pm Small Group Confirmation 7:30 pm Youth Group			1 11 am Staff Mtg. 6:30 pm Worship/HC Duluth Mission Trip mtg. after Worship	2 7 am Men's Coffee Fellowship 7:30 am Men's Text Study	3	4 8:30 am Service Project-see Youth & Family section of newsletter for more info. 8 pm AA mtg.
5 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship 9:30 am Worship/HC/ Bells	6 NO Women's Ruth Bible Study Until Further Notice 5:30 pm All Boards	7 9:30 am Women' Bible Study 11:15 am Evangelism mtg. 5-6 pm Community Meal	8 6:30 pm Worship/HC	9 7 am Men's Coffee Fellowship 7:30 am Men's Text Study 9:30 am Quilting	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> Youth Garage Sale </div> 8 pm AA mtg.	
12 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship 9:30 am Worship/HC	13	14 9:30 am Women' Bible Study	15 9:30 am Library Last 6:30 pm Worship/HC at Bowling Alley in Sandstone. New Orleans Mission Trip mtg. after Worship	16 7 am Men's Coffee Fellowship 7:30 am Men's Text Study Meet @ 11 am to carpool to Out to Lunch Bunch- Kaffe Stuga, Harris	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> Youth Garage Sale </div> 8 pm AA mtg.	
19 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship 9:30 am First Word/ Graduation/Quilt Worship/HC Church Council	20 June Newsletter Deadline	21 9:30 am Women' Bible Study	22 7 pm Baccalaureate at H/FHS	23 7 am Men's Coffee Fellowship 7:30 am Men's Text Study	24 7 pm Graduation @ H/FHS	25 8 pm AA mtg.
26 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship 9:30 am Worship/HC	27 Memorial Day Office Closed 10 am Memorial Day Program at Lutheran Memorial Cemetery	28 9:30 am Women' Bible Study	29	30 7 am Men's Coffee Fellowship 7:30 am Men's Text Study	31 7 pm Graduation at Pine City HS	

Many thanks for all the prayers and cards that are helping me recover from my fall.

You've helped me so much!

Friends in Christ,

Pat (Richard) Anderson



Youth and Family News!

All your children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the peace of your children.

Faith in Action and Youth Group: Reminder that Faith in Action will be every Wednesday night from 5:00-6:30 and youth group will be from 7:15 – 8:00 and will follow the same schedule as FiA. Last FiA for the school year will be May 8th. Program will be at 5:30 pm followed by dinner and activities. Please join us!!!



Camp Connect is an opportunity for K-6th grade kids to come spend the day learning, singing, and playing games all in the beauty of Luther Point's campus. Please sign up with Mindy if you are interested.

Youth will be having a garage sale May 10th – 11th and 17th – 18th. Please save your donations and donate to help support the youth.

May 19th – Graduation worship – please join us May 19th as we celebrate our high school seniors – scholarship and quilt presentation will be this day.

Saver the date: Everest Vacation Bible School – June 3rd– 6th from 5 –7:30 pm

Duluth mission trip meeting May 1st after worship.

New Orleans mission trip meeting May 15th after worship.

May service project –May 4th join us we head to Pine City to help with sleep in heavenly peace and help build beds to make sure everyone has a bed to sleep in. If you are interested in helping with the build day, please sign up on-line. We will be meeting at church at 8:30 am to drive together or you can meet in Pine City. Please let Mindy or Pastor Erik know if you are interested. We will be building in the Pine City bus barns. Come help on May 4 from 9-11:30am. For more information and to sign up go to the following links.

Set up: <https://volunteer.shpbeds.org/opportunities/c8fSAWvXoy>

Build: <https://volunteer.shpbeds.org/opportunities/s44Oafn8GC>

Clean up: <https://volunteer.shpbeds.org/opportunities/ArqDTE2rj6>

Apply to receive a bed: <https://shpbeds.org/chapter/mn-pine-city/>

“Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young. Set an example for the believers in what you say, how you live, how you love and what you believe”

Timothy 4: 12

Council Minutes-March 17, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carole Lahti, Rick Dunkley, Tom Wachsmuth, Robin Hendrix, Donna Wachsmuth, Kevin Stephenson, Nancy Stephenson and Kathryn Sower

ABSENT: Paul Shober, Rick Bicking and Mindy Johnson.

Devotions were given.

Secretary Report: motion by Nancy to accept report, second by Carol, motion passed.

Treasures Report: Motion by Tom second by Kevin Motion passed.

Old Business:

DISHWASHER: Kathryn will talk to Donna about finding the contract for fixing the dishwasher.

FENCE: The block fence is in place.

FRONT DOOR: a sign is needed on the inner front doors . These need to remain open during business hours because of our handicap accessible door.

WEBSITE: Work is being done on the website

PAINTING: update on what has been painted in our church: Pastor's office, secretary's office, kitchen, and Narthex.

AUDIT: I am still trying to get a hold of a CPA to do our audit. This is a busy time of year and will just keep working on it.

PHONES: Kevin will get a phone to a place in the kitchen.

NEW BUSINESS:

TREASURER: Discussion to hire Mary Mortenson as Treasurer at the rate of \$350.00 per month. Motion by Tom. Second by Kevin. Passed. Carol Lahti will shadow Mary and work as a back up.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin Hendrix

Treasurer's Report

Financial Report for March 2024

	Budget	YTD actual	Last Year
YTD Income	\$55,998	\$48,596	\$40,608
YTD Expenses	\$55,998	\$35,659	\$31,768

Sing praises...
sing praises...



“Favorite Familiar Hymns”
Summer’s coming!!

It is time when our choirs take a vacation, too, and the congregation is once again invited to pick their favorite hymns to be sung during worship.

Not down your **favorite hymn, page number, and which book it’s from, and drop this into the offering plate.**

We’ll try to use as many of the hymns you select as possible. Please return ASAP.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

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