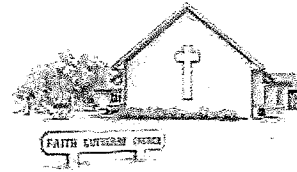


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Life: A Treasure from God

You shall not murder. – Exodus 20:13

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

In the Fifth Commandment God extols to us the gift of life. Your life is a gift from the Lord's "fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness" (Small Catechism, Apostles' Creed, explanation of Article I) in us. God Himself "knitted you together in your mother's womb" (Psalm 139:13). The reason you exist is no accident. Your life is a precious treasure given to you from the Father in Heaven. The Lord is the author of life.

This same truth applies to all other living creatures, human and non-human. God is the creator and sustainer of life. G.K. Chesterton, a British writer who lived at the turn of the 20th century, describes God's creative work in this way:

But perhaps God says every morning, "Do it again" to the sun; and every evening, "Do it again" to the moon. It may not be automatic necessity that makes all daisies alike; it may be that God makes every daisy separately, but has never got tired of making them. It may be that He has the eternal appetite of infancy; for we have sinned and grown old, and our Father is younger than we."¹

The Lord God delights in you. He delights in who you are and what you do. Likewise, the Father in heaven delights in all of His creation. Why? Because He created all things. God only makes good things. And though things have gone haywire because of sin, God's will is to continue to bring new life, both physical and spiritual, each and every day. Christ is indeed risen!

As God's creatures and as followers of Christ Jesus we are duty bound to protect and defend human life at every stage. As Luther teaches us: "We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body..." (Small Catechism, explanation to the Fifth Commandment). How can we do this?

Supporting women who are at-risk for aborting their children in the womb. A great local resource and ally in the fight for life is Guiding Star Siouxland in Sioux Center. Abortion breaks the Fifth Commandment in two ways: 1) the unjustifiable killing of a human being ; 2) the mother who decide to abort her unborn child is left to suffer in body, mind, and soul with no help from organizations who preached to her the false gospel of abortion.²

On a similar note, we as the Church can and should celebrate every life. Children are a heritage from the Lord. May God guard us from grumbling or complaining when these our younger brothers and sisters in Christ are energetic and talkative during services. It's part of their

¹ GK Chesterton, *Heretics and Orthodoxy*. Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2017. Page 220.

² If you think of the verbiage of Planned Parenthood and the like, they truly preach a false gospel. Their message boils down to this: your life will be so much better off without a child. This is most certainly not true from a Scriptural standpoint

God-given vocations. Remember also the words of our Lord: "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 19:14).

As the Church we are to care for both young and old and everyone in between. The apostle calls us to "rejoice with those who rejoice, and to mourn with those who mourn." (Romans 12:15). No matter where a person is at in their life, no matter their joys and their struggles, as the body of Christ, that is, as the family of God, we have a responsibility to care for one another. And part of this is ensuring and encouraging that the gift of life is celebrated and maintained well for the glory of God and for service to the neighbor.

May God grant you to see your life as the precious gift He's freely given to you. Your life is then to be one of receiving life with thanksgiving, and seeking to help others with their joys and struggles in their lives as well.

Next month, we will turn our attention to the gift of Holy Matrimony, which is the foundational unit of all of society.

Sincerely in Christ,
Pastor Batchelder

April 2024 Stewardship BLURB

“Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.” –
Galatians 6:6

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“You reap what you sow.” This is a universal truth. Whatever you sow/do, you will reap the consequences for those actions. For example: the person who eats unhealthy food will reap the harvest of poor health. The person who sows discord and strife will reap more discord and strife. The person who sows repentance and faithfulness will reap the harvest of salvation in Christ.

This is also true in matters of stewardship. If you sow selfishness and stinginess, you will reap the results of a lonely and broken life. However, if you sow gratitude and generosity, then you will reap the harvest of a full and blessed life.

“Do not be deceived: God is not mocked...” This is how God has hardwired the creation to be. You need to ask yourself: what am I sowing? What am I pouring my time, my strength, and my money into? Is it fruitless entertainment?³ Or are you sowing the seeds of faith like: reading your Bible, repenting of your sins, living a life of prayer, attending to God’s Word and the blessed Sacrament in the Divine Service? You will reap what you sow. And not just for yourselves, but for your children and your children’s children.

At the end of the day remember this: “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.” In Christ Jesus (who is present for you in Word and Communion), you have riches beyond compare. When Jesus gives you Himself, you have a treasure more valuable than all the world’s wealth.

So, then, be intentional every day in what you do. Sow the seeds that grow up into faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. For these are in accord with the Holy Spirit.

Sincerely in Christ,
Pastor Batchelder

³ On this note I must strongly encourage you all to read our May ‘Faith and Literature’ book *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry* by John Mark Comer. John is a pastor who brings to light the harrowing realities that most of us subconsciously have bought into hook, line, and sinker. There are four copies available at church. Otherwise, you can find it online for purchase.

April Church News...

Not able to worship on Sunday morning – our services are also livestreamed each week and can be viewed any time via our website (faithlutheranorangecity.com) or our Facebook page (Orange City Faith Lutheran Church).

8th Grade Catechism Class is the only catechism class meeting in the month of April. The time is 6:30 to 7:45pm.

Pastor will be gone from April 1 – 6. If you are in need of spiritual care, please contact your Lay Minister for prayer and support.

The Board of Lay Ministry will meet at 7:45am on Sunday, April 7.

YouthLead (grades 7-12) will meet Sunday, April 7 and 21 at church from 6:30-7:45pm.

The Church Council meets on April 14 at 7:45am.

The FLC Women's Luncheon will meet at noon on Tuesday, April 16 at The Train Station. The luncheon is open to all Faith ladies.

Men's Fellowship will meet on Thursday, April 18 at 7:00pm at church.

National Youth Gathering: Following the Worship Service on April 21, there will be an informative meeting for current 7th to 11th grade students, and their parents, regarding the National Youth Gathering in 2025.

JLYF (grades 4-6) will meet Sunday, April 28 at 2:00pm to go bowling at Sweet 16 Lanes and for ice cream at Blue Bunny. The approximate return time will be 5:00pm. Cost is \$5. Parent drivers are needed. See the sign-up sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

The next meeting for the Faith and Literature Book Club will be May 6 at 7:00pm at church to discuss *'The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry'* by John Mark Comer. Books are available on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$16, payable to Pam Vlieger.

Cards Available: If you are in need of expressing your sentiments for the various occasions of life, we have two card racks underneath the literature table in the Fellowship Hall. One is from Lutheran Hour Ministries, and the other is from Gideon's International. As you pursue those cards, you will find a self-enclosed envelope with the opportunity to donate Bible in memory of loved ones or for other occasions.

Bulletin Sponsorship: If you would like to recognize a special person or event, why not consider sponsoring a bulletin. The cost is \$10 (*please make check payable to Faith Lutheran Church.*)

The Messenger: To view this monthly publication from Iowa District West, visit <https://www.idwlcms.org/publications.php>.

Help get our church website recognized by visiting our site: faithlutheranorangecity.com.

Youth Update

Mark 16:1-8

When we met on Sunday March 17, we discussed Holy week and then Easter. After the devotion the youth filled over 1,000 eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. The youth had an egg that they opened during the devotion which was empty to represent the empty tomb then they all received a king size Hershey bar. Below is the devotion for that evening.

Tonight, we are going to skip ahead a couple of weeks to Easter. Before we get to Easter, we need to go back a few days. We have Maundy Thursday where Jesus washed His disciples' feet and instituting the Lord's Supper. Where Jesus let His disciples know that this is His body and blood given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. We then get to Good Friday when Jesus died on the cross. What is good about this day? Three men died this day by crucifixion. Do you go up to people that may have lost someone saying this a good day that your loved one has died? I would assume the answer is no. We would come across as heartless, we would come across as lacking compassion.

I want you to open the eggs that you have. What is in your eggs? Did everyone get something? The eggs are empty? How did that make you feel? It probably made you sad. I wanted to set the stage for how Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome who was going to the tomb. Mark tells us they were discussing who was going to move the stone from the entrance of the tomb. When they arrived what happened? The angel appeared letting them know He is not here, He has risen! The angel gave strict instructions to tell Peter and the other disciples that Jesus is going before you to Galilee. We hear the ladies left in fear and awe. This is not unusual this is common when individuals come in the presence of angels. Christ overcame death, sin, and devil. The tomb could not contain Him.

We know we need a Savior. We know we need a savior just by stepping out of the doors of this church. We see a world that is selfish. We see a world that is more about their agenda instead of Christ's agenda. We see a world if you are not like me, I will bully you. We see a world that states they are too busy for their Lord. Because of Jesus death as we see our sins on the cross. Our loving Lord Christ Jesus put our sins on Him to have us redeemed. Where at first seeing the empty tomb on that first Easter morning seems sad, because the ladies find out that Jesus is not there. There is joy in knowing the love of Christ for laying down His life for us. We know Jesus has redeemed us. We are reminded of this every time we come to the altar and hear the beautiful words, take eat, this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ given into death for your sins. Take drink this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ shed for the forgiveness of your sins. If you believe those words given and shed for you, then you receive what they say, forgiveness of sin, salvation, and life everlasting. This Easter remember we received the greatest gift, which is life, not just life in this world but in eternity. This is why Good Friday is good. This is why Easter is joyous. This Easter may the Holy Spirit call you to spread the joyous message of Salvation with others. May the Holy Spirit call you to remind others that they cannot save themselves but only Jesus the risen Christ who can save us. Amen.

YouthLead (7th -12th grade)

- 3/30 - Help with Easter Egg Hunt – Be at Church at Noon.
- 3/31 - Easter Breakfast 7:30 - 8:30am. **Youth please arrive by 7:00am.**
- 4/7- will meet at the church from 6:30 - 7:45pm.
- 4/21 - National Youth Gathering meeting for current 7th - 11th grade students and their parents, after the Worship Service.
- 4/21 - Meet at the church from 6:30 – 7:45pm - last night of youth group.

JLYF (4th grade – 6th grade)

- 4/28 - Bowling Sweet 16 Lanes and Ice Cream at Blue Bunny Ice Cream. Leaving church at 2pm; plan on being back at 5:00pm. Cost is \$5. Will need parent drivers.

Blessings,

Mike Blankenfeld
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Faith Lutheran Church Council Minutes - March 10, 2024

Council Members Present: Mike Blankenfeld, Christian Education; Keith & Tonya Moore Huss, Evangelism; Kevin Rueter, Stewardship; Ali Hagen, Young People's Work; Kelly Lux, PR/PF; Kristy Frederes, Treasurer; Karl Bahrke, Board of Lay Ministry; Neil Bracker, Chairman; Pastor Batchelder.

Opening Devotions: Keith Huss

Opening Devotions for next meeting: Karl Bahrke

Previous Meeting's Minutes: February minutes approved.

Reports of Administrative Boards:

Board of Lay Ministry:

- Michael, Nicole and Sophie Lewis will be welcomed into membership during today's Worship Service.
- Went over the new 'Communion Statement' which appears in the bulletin and the power point.

Board of Education: No report

Board of Evangelism: We discussed the survey that will be sent out to all members in order to collect information on the following topics:

1. What are things that Faith Lutheran is doing that you really like, enjoy, appreciate?
2. What are things that you wish Faith Lutheran would implement, get better at or do differently? Don't be afraid to think outside of the box.
3. Communion - What is your current stance on having it 2 weeks a month vs every week? Share your thoughts behind your stance.

Kevin and I chatted briefly after the meeting, and he said he would probably do his own survey; and that I could go ahead and do mine independently from his.

Board of Properties: No report.

Board of Public Relations & Parish Fellowship: We decided to change the time of the Lenten meals to 5:30pm hoping more people would come.

Board of Stewardship: No report.

Board of Youth:

- No mileage since the February 10th Council Meeting.
- February 18th YouthLead met, and we had eight in attendance. We had a devotion from Genesis 22:1-8 and then listened to Youth Pastor and lead singer from Casting Crowns, Mark Hall, about the story behind their new single "All Because of Mercy". After hearing the song, we listened to the song and nailed our sins to the cross. We ended the night with 'game night' of board games, Uno, ping pong, and bags.
- YouthLead will meet on March 17th where they will fill Easter eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday March 30th.
- JLYF met on February 25th where we started with a devotion from 1 John 1:8-10 discussing rules. Just like our parents have rules for us, God has rules also in the Ten Commandments. We then nailed their sins to the cross.
- JLYF will meet on March 24th where they will also help finish filling Easter eggs.
- Easter Breakfast may get cancelled due to a lack of interest. Currently we have approximately 11 people signed up.

Treasurer: Reports were handed out.

Committee Reports: None.

Correspondence: None.

State of the Parish: Dear Council Members of Faith Lutheran Church, “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing, you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” – Romans 12:2

- Lent is a wonderful time to be transformed by the renewal of our minds by the Lord through His holy Word. I thank God for the strong turnout we had on Ash Wednesday, as well as the steady number who have been attending the other midweek services. The potluck meal has been a blessing to fellowship with one another.
- Men’s fellowship met for its first time in February. The comradery and study of God’s Word was encouraging and edifying. All men who are confirmed and older are welcome to attend the next fellowship gathering on Thursday March 21st.
- Catechism is going well overall. One of the questions that I think we as a congregation need to consider is: how can we be transformed daily in our walks with this world? It is frightening to see in myself how much complicit conformity I have with the ways of the world. And I’m sure that if everyone did some serious Scripture reading and reflection, most would see the same reality. May God guide all of us to confess this and be conformed rather to Christ, our Lord.

Unfinished Business: Constitutional Review.

New Business:

- Mike asked if the Board of Lay Ministers have discussed weekly communion since the month of February, we averaged over 40 people going up to the Alter. It was discussed. In the early church days communion was weekly per Luther Small Catechism. The question was posed when did communion go away from weekly? Pastor advised in the pioneer days when churches did not have anyone to distribute communion.
- Mike brought up about the acolytes and cross bearer getting too hot during the worship service and to see if we can decrease the sanctuary thermostat. The Council was unsure who controls the thermostat.
- Insurance was renewed with Grinnell Mutual with a big change. The deductible was increased from \$10,000 to \$41,000 for wind and hail damage.
- The Council voted to keep the 4 candles (the 2 on the altar and the 2 on the wooden stands beside the altar). It was also voted to get ‘liquid’ candles in place of the two ‘wax’ candles on the altar.

Next Month’s Meeting: Sunday, April 14th at 7:45am.

Adjournment & Closing Prayer: Closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Faith Lutheran Church Voter's Meeting – March 10, 2024

Meeting Opened: Neil Bracker, Chairman, opened the meeting at 9:45am, following the Worship Service.

Devotion & Prayer: Neil led the assembly in devotion with a reading from Hebrews 10:24-25 (A Call to Persevere), and an opening prayer.

Roll Call of Voting Members: Clipboards were passed around for attendance. Neil asked if there was anyone wanting to become a voting member. Motion Made, Seconded, and Carried (MSC) to accept Jordon Pace as a new voting member. He stated that if your name isn't on the attendance sheet, sign at the bottom. (Connor Huss and Patti Van Skike, who signed the attendance list, were re-instated as voting members.)

Minutes: Paula Koller read the minutes of the previous meeting on November 12, 2023. The motion was MSC to approve the minutes as read. Neil thanked ALL who do volunteer work at church – he didn't mention specific individuals or groups because didn't want to leave anyone out.

Treasurer's Report: Neil mentioned that January was not a good month; but February was better. Our offerings at the end of February are \$13,000 behind our 2024 budget amount.

Reports of Administrative Boards: None. (The 2023 Annual Report was emailed to the members and copies were available at this meeting.)

Reports from Committees: None.

State of the Parish Report: Pastor focused his message on Philippians 3:7-8 *"But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord"*. Pastor said our time need not be spent worrying about the present or future; but daily being committed to knowing Christ and sharing Him with others. He mentioned that it isn't too late to start joining others who are reading the whole Bible through this year; or partaking in Sunday School or Adult Bible classes; or joining the Faith Women's Group; or the Men's Fellowship group. He shared that Lent is a season of repentance, and it's important knowing Christ and making Him known, rejoicing that His Son died for our sins and rose again. He closed by asking for 'questions or thoughts' from those in attendance.

Unfinished Business - Constitution Review. Howard Vlieger said he was over optimistic in saying we'd have the constitution ready for this Voter's Assembly. He said when the committee completes its review, the constitution needs to be sent to the District for them to review. The person he spoke with at District said it's a rarity having congregations do this but was appreciative that this is being done. She said there is a Pastor at District who will review our changes. The plan now is to have the review completed by the next Voters Assembly in November.

New Business: Neil said the Church Council has been discussing our insurance needs. He said few companies want to write insurance for churches due to the rising prices, so we don't have much choice in choosing a new company. We are currently insured through Grinnell Insurance; and the wind and hail deductible (excluding fire) is going up from \$10,000 to \$41,000 (it's based on a 1% value of the structure which they valued at 4.1 million). We don't have input on the church's value since we don't pay real estate taxes, showing an assessment value. They met with Brenda Richardson from Perspective Insurance, and did some checking elsewhere, but decided for now to stay with Grinnell.

Adjournment: Neil asked for any other business. There being none, the motion was MSC to adjourn (10:05am).

Respectfully Submitted,
Paula Koller, Church Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Balance Sheet

	2/29/24		
	General Fund	Restricted Fund	Net Position
ASSETS			
Cash in Bank	\$ 18,146.83	\$33,072.11	\$ 51,218.94
Due from Gen. Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due from Res. Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Investments/CD	\$ 40,000.00		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 58,146.83	\$ 33,072.11	\$ 51,218.94
LIABILITIES			
Payroll Taxes	\$ (265.76)	\$ -	\$ (265.76)
Due to Gen. Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due to Res. Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ (265.76)	\$ -	\$ (265.76)
NET POSITION	\$ 57,881.07	\$ 33,072.11	\$ 50,953.18

General Fund (Actual vs. Budget) - February

INCOME	Income	Budgeted	Difference
General Fund	\$ 14,287.10	\$ 19,863.00	\$ (5,575.90)
Building Fund Loan	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 350.00
<i>Total Income</i>	\$ 16,537.10	\$ 21,763.00	\$ (5,225.90)
EXPENSES	Expenses	Budgeted	Difference
Missions	\$ 1,833.00	\$ 3,049.00	\$ (1,216.00)
Lay Ministry-Salaries	\$ 12,148.60	\$ 12,716.00	\$ (567.40)
Lay Ministry-Other	\$ 704.11	\$ 592.00	\$ 112.11
Stewardship	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ (25.00)
Evangelism	\$ 42.50	\$ 67.00	\$ (24.50)
Christian Educ	\$ 27.98	\$ 505.00	\$ (477.02)
Properties	\$ 3,310.05	\$ 2,826.00	\$ 484.05
Public Relations	\$ 42.50	\$ 83.00	\$ (40.50)
Young People	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Building Fund Loan	\$ 2,176.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 276.00
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$ 20,284.74	\$ 21,763.00	\$ (1,478.26)
INCOME - EXPENSES	\$ (3,747.64)	\$ -	\$ (3,747.64)

General Fund YTD (Actual vs. Budget) as of 02/29/2024

INCOME	Income	Budgeted	Difference
General Fund	\$ 26,063.36	\$ 39,731.00	\$ (13,667.64)
Building Fund Loan	\$ 4,426.00	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 626.00
<i>Total Income</i>	\$ 30,489.36	\$ 43,531.00	\$ (13,041.64)
EXPENSES	Expenses	Budgeted	Difference
Missions	\$ 7,054.00	\$ 6,110.00	\$ 944.00
Lay Ministry-Salaries	\$ 24,610.88	\$ 25,431.00	\$ (820.12)
Lay Ministry-Other	\$ 1,389.06	\$ 1,180.00	\$ 209.06
Stewardship	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ (50.00)
Evangelism	\$ 60.00	\$ 130.00	\$ (70.00)
Christian Educ	\$ 27.98	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (972.02)
Properties	\$ 7,627.78	\$ 5,660.00	\$ 1,967.78
Public Relations	\$ 60.00	\$ 170.00	\$ (110.00)
Young People	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Building Fund Loan	\$ 7,560.00	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,760.00
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$ 48,389.70	\$ 43,531.00	\$ 4,858.70
INCOME - EXPENSES	\$ (17,900.34)	\$ -	\$ (17,900.34)

Restricted Fund - February

Accounts	Prior Mo	Income	Expenses	YTD Balance
ATLAS / CFE	\$ -	\$ 141.00		\$ 141.00
Bldge Imp Fund	\$ 20,000.00			\$ 20,000.00
Camp Fund	\$ 130.00			\$ 130.00
Catechism	\$ (227.44)			\$ (227.44)
Cong Assist F	\$ 1,797.02			\$ 1,797.02
Easter Lily	\$ (327.54)			\$ (327.54)
Family Cr Ctr	\$ -	\$ 141.00		\$ 141.00
Foed Pantry	\$ -			\$ -
Geesis Hse	\$ -	\$ 177.00	\$ 177.00	\$ -
Habitat 4 Hum	\$ -			\$ -
Interest	\$ 2,394.76	\$ 7.85		\$ 2,402.61
Luth for Life	\$ -	\$ 177.00	\$ 177.00	\$ -
L World Relief	\$ -			\$ -
Memorials	\$ 897.51	\$ 1,245.00	\$ 275.71	\$ 1,866.80
Mid-Sioux	\$ -			\$ -
Misc	\$ 280.06			\$ 280.06
Missions	\$ 1,615.34			\$ 1,615.34
POBLO	\$ -			\$ -
Seasonal Dec	\$ (54.74)			\$ (54.74)
SS Missions	\$ 94.53			\$ 94.53
SS Xmas Prog	\$ 42.74			\$ 42.74
Thrivent Fin	\$ 573.00	\$ 63.00		\$ 636.00
VBS Missions	\$ 55.10			\$ 55.10
Youth Activities	\$ 4,479.63			\$ 4,479.63
TOTALS	\$ 31,749.97	\$ 1,951.85	\$ 629.71	\$ 33,072.11

Items to Note

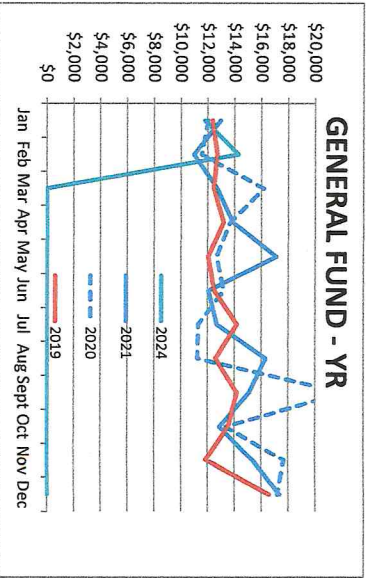
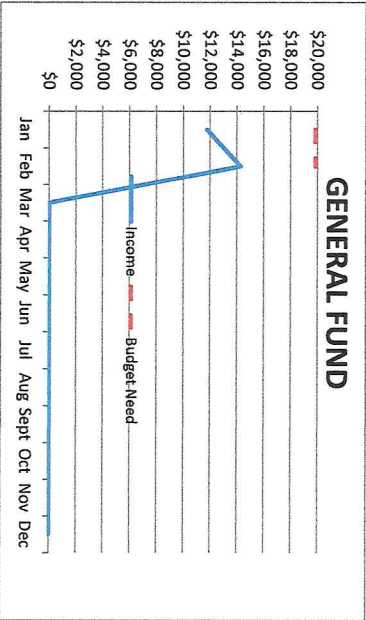
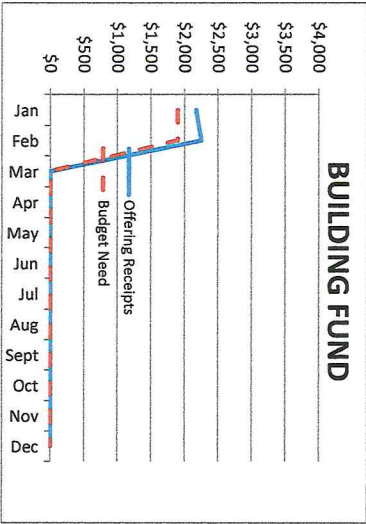
- Properties: Snow Removal \$920.00
- Properties: D & L: checked furnace/checked source for sewer gas \$245.11
- Lay Ministry-Other: Kroese & Kroese for Tax Forms \$456.00 w-2's, 1099's, payroll and/or sales tax

3/7/2024

2024 Stewardship Report

Updated: 1/31/2024

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year-to-Date
Wicker Basket - Building Fund													
Offering Receipts	\$2,176.00	\$2,250.00											\$4,426.00
Budget Need	\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00											\$3,800.00
Over / (Under) Budget	\$276.00	\$350.00											\$626.00
General Fund													
Income	\$11,776.26	\$14,287.10											\$26,063.36
Budget Need	\$19,868.00	\$19,863.00											\$39,731.00
Over / (Under) Budget	(\$8,091.74)	(\$5,575.90)											(\$13,667.64)
Monthly Summary													
Offering Receipts/Income	\$13,952.26	\$16,537.10											\$30,489.36
Budget Need	\$21,768.00	\$21,763.00											\$43,531.00
Over / (Under) Budget	(\$7,815.74)	(\$5,225.90)											(\$13,041.64)



Gf - offering Receipts	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2024	\$11,776.26	\$14,287.10											\$26,063.36
2023	\$17,446.87	\$12,147.47	\$14,507.36	\$15,429.72	\$13,154.49	\$15,066.88	\$15,840.25	\$13,719.36	\$13,278.78	\$23,817.45	\$20,180.41	\$17,905.66	\$192,494.70
2022	\$13,287.60	\$13,645.86	\$15,288.75	\$14,519.73	\$14,127.81	\$14,252.49	\$12,232.31	\$14,309.09	\$13,133.22	\$21,356.09	\$13,520.07	\$12,769.03	\$172,436.05
2021	\$12,975.15	\$10,969.31	\$12,712.84	\$13,874.81	\$17,123.55	\$12,068.14	\$12,671.21	\$16,318.87	\$15,078.26	\$12,899.09	\$15,337.92	\$17,362.45	\$169,391.60
2020	\$12,013.50	\$11,540.67	\$16,181.87	\$13,669.40	\$12,662.39	\$13,174.67	\$11,304.56	\$11,232.34	\$22,104.48	\$13,351.14	\$17,673.77	\$17,185.65	\$172,094.44
2019	\$12,348.09	\$12,709.45	\$12,451.23	\$13,181.44	\$12,052.80	\$12,485.59	\$14,171.32	\$12,585.98	\$14,191.80	\$13,543.21	\$11,833.48	\$16,573.38	\$158,127.77
2018	\$11,953.36	\$11,617.83	\$11,858.04	\$13,231.46	\$12,409.50	\$11,718.32	\$12,725.79	\$11,745.47	\$10,724.24	\$15,708.08	\$10,554.40	\$18,417.25	\$152,663.74
2017	\$11,924.25	\$12,131.47	\$12,446.60	\$11,274.93	\$13,256.64	\$10,860.70	\$12,643.60	\$11,775.73	\$10,449.65	\$13,692.31	\$11,274.79	\$11,257.01	\$142,987.68
2016	\$12,242.73	\$12,856.98	\$13,283.61	\$11,926.42	\$14,139.47	\$12,568.38	\$11,011.18	\$11,807.51	\$11,580.45	\$10,416.26	\$15,537.35	\$11,800.85	\$149,171.19

April 2024

Celebrations § Volunteers

April Anniversaries

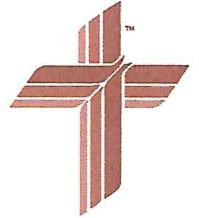
- 13 Dave & Ruth Katt
- 15 Kurt & Amanda Ruden
- 15 Sean & Tory Theisen
- 16 Mike & Michele Fiddelke
- 17 David & Ali Vlieger
- 20 Kelly & Linda Lux



Lay Minister: Kerby Huss

Altar Guild: Barb Bengard
Carrina Huss
Tierney Huss

Ushers: Ryan Huizenga
Jordon Pace
Jaxon Theisen
Joe Williams



April Baptisms

- 7 Ella Bents
- 16 Quintin Ward

Counters: Karl Bahrke
Dave Boggs
Neil Bracker

April Birthdays

- 4 Madison Tiedeman
- 5 Angela Blankenfeld
Darwin Oltmans
- 6 Aaron Rees
- 9 Alice Boggs
Amanda Ruden
- 14 Renae Bahrke
- 15 Jaydyn Theisen
Quintin Ward
- 16 Barb Bengard
- 21 Jean Oswald
- 23 Burke Uhl
- 24 Cindy DeJong
Preston Hagen
- 26 Lacey Reitz
- 27 Kelly Lux
- 28 Riley Frederes



Weekly Volunteers

Date	Acolyte & Cross Bearer	Greeters/ Coffee Hosts	Projectionist
Apr 7	Mikey Huizenga Evan Overmohle	Kerby & Carrina Huss	Scott Bahrke
Apr 14	Allison Blankenfeld Avery Uhl	Kelly Lux Aaron Rees	Julie Bahrke
Apr 21	Greyson Bents Jadyn theisen	Darwin & Kandi Oltmans	Carrina Huss
Apr 28	Isaac Bahrke Joelie Konz	Eric & Heather Hofmeyer	Aaron Rees

thank
you!



Please be in place at least 15 minutes before the Service begins. Also, please stay after the Service to cleanup the kitchen, wipe serving counter and tables in the fellowship hall . Thank you.

Is your name missing from our 'Celebrations' list? If so, please contact Paula Koller, Church Secretary. We want it to be complete.

Church Council




President, Neil Bracker 574-5422
 Treasurer, Kristy Frederes 441-7579
 Lay Ministry, Karl Bahke 490-8299
 Stewardship, Kevin Rueter 541-7320
 Evangelism, Keith & Tonya Huss 395-0303
 Christian Ed, Mike Blankenfeld 319-215-7655
 Properties, Jason Overmole 541-3315
 PR/Parish Fellowship, Kelly Lux 548-7320
 Youth, Ali Hagen 641-990-2438



April 2024

Pastor's Office Hours:
 7:30am -12:00pm Monday - Thursday
 (afternoons or evenings by appointment)
 Secretary in on Tuesday & Thursday.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Lay Minister:  Kerby Huss	1	2	3	4	5	6
Pastor is gone April 1 - 6. If in need of spiritual care, please contact your Lay Minister for prayer and support.						
7 7:45am Bd of Lay Ministry 9:00am Worship with Communion 10:15am Education Classes 6:30pm YouthLead at church	8	9	10	11	12	13
		<i>Pastor's Conference (location TBD)</i>	6:30-7:45pm Catechism - grade 8			
14 7:45am Council Mtg 9:00am Worship with Children's Message 10:15am Education Classes	15	16	17	18	19	20
		 <i>Faith Women's Luncheon at noon at the Train Station</i>	6:30-7:45pm Catechism - grade 8	7:00pm Men's Fellowship at Church		
21 9:00am Worship with Communion <i>Nat'l Youth Gathering mtg.</i> 10:15am Education Classes 6:30pm YouthLead at church	22	23	24	25	26	27
			6:30-7:45pm Catechism - grade 8			
28 9:00am Worship with Children's Message 10:15am Education Classes 2:00pm JLYF Bowling and ice cream (Grades 4-6)	29	30		Ushers: Ryan Huizenga Jordan Pace Jaxon Theisen Joe Williams	Altar Guild: Barb Bengard Carina Huss Tierney Huss	Counters:  Karl Bahke Dave Boggs Neil Bracker