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PASTOR'S PAGE

APRIL 2024

Over 500 years ago Martin Luther wrote prolifically about the Bible, faith, and church doctrine. Some of what he wrote has stood the test of time and continues to be in use today. We continue to utilize Luther's Small Catechism to teach the Lord's Prayer, 10 Commandments, the Apostle's Creed, and about baptism and communion. Luther was interested in demystifying the Bible so that everyday people could more easily learn and discuss the Bible and faith and apply those learnings to their lives.



Luther's writings on Vocation are some of my favorites. Vocation is sometimes described as a job, what you do for a living, but when we think of vocation in the church this is about more than what we do for paid work. Our vocations are the variety of callings we have as people: being a child, sibling, parent, aunt, uncle, friend, neighbor, caregiver, and more. Luther encouraged the original hearers of his writings and encourages us, 500 years later, to think about how our faith life is intertwined with all areas of our lives and vocations.

In one of Luther's writings on marriage he talks about how some people made fun of a man washing his child's diapers (no disposable diapers 500 years ago), but Luther says this man is washing his child's diapers as a part of his Christian faith and living faithfully into his vocation as a father by helping to care for his child's needs. It can be easy to think of our faith lives as separate from our embodied lived reality, but Luther talks about how even the small (or smelly) tasks of loving and caring for others are a part of how we live out our faith.

1 Corinthians 16:14 says "Let all that you do be done in love." In your many vocations as sibling, friend, parent, neighbor, caregiver, and more: may you know that these relationships you are called to are a part of your life of faith and may all that you do be done in love.

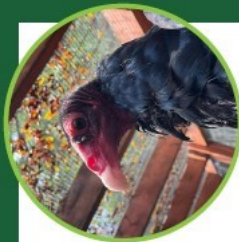
- Pastor Emma

Sugar Creek Bible Camp

**YESTERDAY'S YOUTH
MONDAY, APRIL 8**

Speaker: Avian Connection
Birds of Prey

Musical Guest: Patty Forde



YESTERDAY'S YOUTH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

9:00 AM - COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP
9:45 AM - WELCOME & DEVOTION
10:00 AM - PRESENTATION WITH BREAK
NOON - LUNCH
1:00 PM - SUGAR CREEK UPDATES
1:15-2:30 PM - MUSIC
\$15 PER PERSON INCLUDES MEAL.

Registration is helpful for lunch count. Call the camp office at (608)734-3113 or email office@sgrcreek.org

**NEW: RECENTLY RETIRED RETREAT
MONDAY, APRIL 8 - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10**

Save the date for Sugar Creek's newest retreat. Open to those retired or about to retire. Presentations on physical, mental, financial, and spiritual health during retirement. Fellowship & camp activities included too. More details are coming soon to www.SugarCreekBibleCamp.org



Pastoral Care

Pastor Emma Grinde
Phone number: 515-203-1915
Email: pastoremmagrinde@gmail.com

Pastor Emma's hours in her church office are:
Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 9:00am –3:00pm
Tuesdays, Noon - 3:00pm
Fridays are Pastor Emma's day off.

Please call Mona to set up a time and/or to make sure Pastor Emma isn't out visiting another member.

PASTORAL ACTS IN JAN 2024 - FEB 2024

FUNERAL AT MINDORO ON JANUARY 12, 2024:

ALTON "BOB" MANSKE, (non-member) who passed away on December 24, 2023.

FUNERAL AT MINDORO ON JANUARY 13, 2024:

SHIRLEY OLSON, who passed away on January 6, 2024.

BAPTISM AT MINDORO ON FEBRUARY 18, 2024:

CHARLIE RAE BRYHN, daughter of Jacob & Lindsay Bryhn

FUNERAL AT LEWIS VALLEY ON FEBRUARY 26, 2024:

DAVID FONSTAD, (non-member) who passed away on February 17, 2024

Holy Week Schedule

Sunday 3/24/24 - Palm Sunday: 8:30am at Lewis Valley;
9:00am Sunday School at MLC; 10am worship at MLC

Thursday 3/28/24 - Maundy Thursday Service at Lewis Valley 6:30pm

Friday 3/29/24 - Good Friday Cross Walk at Halfway Creek Band Shell,
Noon;
Community Worship at Holmen Lutheran, 1:00pm;
Good Friday Service at Mindoro 6:30pm

Sunday 3/31/24 – Easter Sunday: 6:30am at Mindoro;
8:30am at Lewis Valley;
10:00am at Mindoro

Please get out and vote on Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

Vote for whomever you prefer but do vote!

If you are 18 years old or older, It is your right!



Constitutional Amendments on Spring Ballot
Doug Poland, Partner at Stafford Rosenbaum LLP, Ruling Elder at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Madison has written an article, "Understanding Proposed Amendments to the Wisconsin Constitution in a Faith Context" that invites us "to ponder the question of how God calls us to discipleship in Jesus Christ and what that call means for us in our public lives, including how we cast our ballots in elections." Full article can be found at <https://bit.ly/2024ProposedAmend>, or scan the QR code.



Amending Wisconsin's Constitution
Wisconsin's Constitution, established in 1848, has seen 148 amendments. The process involves legislative approval (in both the Assembly and the Senate) in two sessions followed by voter ballot.

The Ballot Questions

Question 1: Bans private funds in election administration.

- This is a response to private donations that covered the increased costs of administering elections during the COVID-19 pandemic. Donated funds supported expenses like: Poll worker recruitment, hazard pay, and training; Polling place rental; Temporary staffing support; Drive-through voting; Equipment to process ballots and applications; Personal protective equipment (PPE) for poll workers; and Nonpartisan voter education from cities and counties.
- A majority "yes" vote for Question 1 would create a constitutional amendment banning the use of funds donated from private sources for future elections.
- "Yes" favored by conservative and "election integrity" (meaning the most restrictive reading of voting laws) groups; "No" is favored by voter participation advocates.

Question 2: Limits election tasks to designated officials.

- Wisconsin's statutes already provide extensive and rigorous requirements for "election officials."
- A majority "yes" vote for Question 2 would restrict the performance of tasks "in the conduct of primaries, elections, and referendums" only to election officials. Yet because Wisconsin Statutes currently provide that "only election officials appointed under" the two statutory provisions governing the appointment of election officials "may conduct an election," it is unclear how the addition of this provision to the Wisconsin Constitution would enhance Wisconsin's election laws.
- "Yes" favored by conservative and "election integrity" (meaning the most restrictive reading of voting laws) groups; "No" favored by voter participation and access advocates.

Spring Election and Presidential Primary A Voting Guide from the WCC

At the WCC we often speak of the importance of connecting "Jesus and Justice in Public." We know that the Church has a deep history of healthy engagement in the political sphere and want to help encourage Christians to be part of a healthy civic life...On a very basic level, both ["politics" and ...civic engagement] are about community and how we are in community with each other - an essential reality of the life of faith.
— Excerpt *Jesus and Justice in Public* — A Study-Action Guide by the Wisconsin Council of Churches



How to Vote

Go to the Wisconsin Voter Information site at <https://myvote.wi.gov> to vote by absentee mail, to find your polling place, to register to vote and see a sample ballot.

Photo identification is required. To find out what forms of photo ID are allowed, how to obtain a free photo ID if you don't have one, requirements for absentee voting, etc., call your local elections official or visit <https://elections.wi.gov/photoaid>

What is on my Ballot? Your ballot may include:

- ✓ Local Issues
 - Nonpartisan Seats - Common Council seats, county supervisors, judges and school board members
 - County executives, mayors in some cities
 - School district referendums
- ✓ State
 - Two seats of the Wisconsin Court of Appeals will be up for election
 - Two constitutional amendments (See other side for more info)
- ✓ National
 - Presidential preference primary in which voters will choose who they want to represent the Republican and Democratic parties in this fall's presidential election

How do I learn more about candidates?

The League of Women offers vote411.org where you can enter your address and view candidate information personalized for your ballot.

View your ballot and find your polling place at www.myvote.wi.gov



On Monday, April 8, 2024, there will be a total eclipse of the sun in parts of the USA.

In this area, the partial eclipse should begin around 12:45pm to our area's maximum eclipse time around 2:00pm and then the partial eclipse should end around 3:15pm. Our eclipse magnitude will be around 90%; with the total eclipse that will be in some parts of the USA at 100% magnitude.

Eclipses of the sun are fascinating astronomical events that can be safely viewed if certain precautions are taken. But first an important warning. It is NEVER safe to directly view the partial phases of any solar eclipse, or the maximum phases of an annular solar eclipse using the unprotected or naked eye. Even when 99% of the Sun's surface is blocked during the partial phases of a solar eclipse, the remaining crescent is intensely bright and cannot be safely viewed without eye protection. So, NEVER look directly at the Sun without proper eye protection. You can seriously hurt your eyes and even go blind.

DIY: Simple Card Projector

The simplest and quickest way to safely project the Sun is with a projector made from only 2 pieces of card or paper.

You Need:

- 2 pieces of stiff white cardboard, e.g. 2 paper plates
- alternatively, 2 sheets of plain white paper
- a thumbtack, a sharp pin, or a needle

To make a quick version of the pinhole projector, take a sheet of paper and make a tiny hole in the middle of it using a pin or a thumbtack. Make sure that the hole is round and smooth.

With your back towards the Sun, hold 1 piece of paper above your shoulder allowing the Sun to shine on the paper.

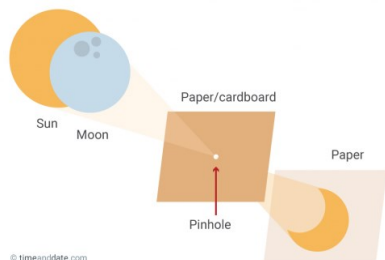
The 2nd sheet of paper will act as a screen. Hold it at a distance, and you will see an inverted image of the Sun projected on the paper screen through the pinhole.

To make the image of the Sun larger, hold the screen paper further away from the paper with the pinhole.

Keep Safe!

Never look at the Sun directly without protective eye gear. Sunglasses cannot protect your eyes from the damage the Sun's rays can do to them.

Always keep your back towards the Sun while looking at a pinhole projection.



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**COUNCILS MEET MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024.
6:30PM JOINT COUNCIL AT MINDORO
MINDORO & LEWIS VALLEY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING JOINT**

Men's Breakfast
Join us at Top Dawg's,
Downtown Mindoro
Monday, April 1, 2024, 8:00am



*Lewis Valley W-ELCA will meet Sunday, 04/07/2024,
following worship.*

*Rebekah Circle will meet Thursday, 04/25/2024,
at Mindoro at 1:00pm.*



COMMITTEES/TEAMS AT LEWIS VALLEY AND MINDORO

CHURCH COUNCILS: LV - President Jason Knipe, VP Jenna Euler, Secretary Karen Knutson, Rich Anderson, Jane Brockway, Brenda Severson, Carol Taylor;
MLC - President Sandy Stetzer, VP Daina Dobbs, Secretary Kim Schlifer, Marlane Anderson, Shirley Gates, Lara Hines, Debbie Salek, Cindy Thompson, Nick Yanske

EDUCATION: Chairperson Heather Young, Nikki Christopherson, Lara Hines, Rita Holley, Jason Knipe, Betty Pfaff, Kim Schlifer

FINANCE: LV - Jodi Anderson, Jason Knipe, Karen Knutson, Becky Whalen,
MLC - Jodi Anderson, Rick Dobbs, Heather Koss, Sandy Stetzer, Faith Storandt;
Chairpersons?

NEWSLETTER: Chairperson Alice Baumer, Dorothy Christianson, Karen Hanson, Samantha Sinotte, Mary Kastenschmidt (sub)

PARSONAGE: Barb Anderson, Rich Anderson, Joe Paisley, Kay Pfaff, Rich Sinclair, Steve Timm; **Chairperson?**

PROPERTY: MLC: Chairperson David Kastenschmidt, Charlie Glennie, Rich Sinclair;
LV: Barb Anderson, John Endris, Steve Timm; **LV Chair person?**

QUILTING: LV - Chairperson JoAnn Nelson, Ardelle Adamson, Ruth Hoff;
MLC - Alice Baumer, Karen Hauser, Beth McRae, Cindy Thompson; **MLC Chairperson? ALL are welcome to join!**

STAFF SUPPORT: Chairperson Mary Kastenschmidt, Alice Baumer, Jenna Euler, Jason Knipe, Mary Sinclair, Carol Taylor

STEWARDSHIP: Chairperson Jim Hines, Daina Dobbs, Jason Knipe, Debbie Peterson,
TWO Lewis Valley members needed

WORSHIP: Chairperson Sharon Pfaff, Barb Anderson, Ivy Endris, Debbie Peterson, Sonja Steele, Ginny Wegner; **TWO Mindoro members needed**

National Quilting Day was March 16, 2024

Our quilters at Mindoro are Alice Baumer, Karen Hauser, Beth McRae, and Cindy Thompson. They were pictured in the March newsletter. Our quilters at Lewis Valley are Ardelle Adamson, Cathy Gabrielson, Ruth Hoff, and JoAnn Nelson (see picture below).



Thank you to all of our quilting women for the quilts that are made with love, laughter, and great fellowship. You have kept 100's and 100's of people warm through the years.



QUILTING AT MINDORO LUTHERAN
Mondays and Tuesdays, 9:00am - 2:00pm

QUILTING AT LEWIS VALLEY LUTHERAN
Please call JoAnn Nelson at 608-526-4417 for dates and times.

All are welcome! No experience is necessary!

QUILT BACKS NEEDED

The Mindoro Lutheran Quilters are in need of new, or like new, quilt backing fabric or flat sheets, full or queen size.



A public service announcement from Ilene Pavelko who was a 4th grade teacher at Mindoro Elementary:

Today I answered the phone because the caller ID had my own local Health System with a familiar number. A voice from a noisy call center (possibly the other side of the globe) said he's calling to update my medical records. I hesitated and stammered and said no and hung up abruptly. I called my health provider's general number. They put me through to the Privacy dept. No, they do not have 3rd parties doing such calls. She then checked on my own records and called later to say they're secure. Whew. Just putting this out there so no one falls prey to whatever scam was happening. Tell others - especially if they have a land line...maybe cellphones are susceptible too?!

(Ilene Pavelko's Facebook post on 02-21-2024)

A Walk Down the Aisle:

20th Century Wedding Dresses from the La Crosse Area Exhibition

Step into a world of swirling tulle, cascading silks, and evolving fashions with A Walk Down the Aisle at the La Crosse Area Heritage Center! Journey through over a century of La Crosse history, as told through the exquisite garments worn by brides on their wedding day.

The exhibition features 12 wedding dresses donated and loaned to the La Crosse County Historical Society.

The exhibit opens on February 29 and **runs through April 27, 2024**. The La Crosse Area Heritage Center is open Thursday - Saturday, 10:30 am - 4:30 pm, with the last admission at 4:00 pm at 506 Main Street in downtown La Crosse.

Admission is free for La Crosse County Historical Society members, \$5/adult, \$4/student, and children 4 and under are free.

SEEMORE

☺ Thank you so much Cindy Thompson! I can still call the church my home! Mona was ready to put me out in the cold after she read what I wrote in last month's newsletter. BUT, Cindy also read what I wrote about Mona's screw-up — oh, no, I'm mean Mona's "tiny" error. Cindy helped me write a letter of apology to Mona (a very nice one, if I do say so myself) - and, she put in a nice "treat" for Mona.

☺ Did you see all the times I was in the March newsletter?!? I just love all the pictures!

☺ Happy Easter! He is Risen! He is Risen indeed!



♥ Seemore, the Church Mouse

The Noisy Offering on April 21, 2024, will be collected for Holmen's Hope.



Holmen's Hope is passionate about serving the students and families in the Holmen School District with service including the Weekend Backpack Program, Summer Lunch Program, and Community Services Awareness.

Holmen's Hope is a non-profit, non-denominational organization established by like-minded community members with a desire to serve our community.

We work together by putting those in need into contact with those who are willing to help. We network our resources when available to fill the needs as they present themselves in our community.

Private donations as well as business donations and civic groups allow us to better serve the community.

HOLMEN'S HOPE is a community collaboration that values the Holmen community and EVERYONE in it. Holmen's Hope holds no agenda other than to meet the practical needs of the Holmen Community in the name of Jesus Christ.

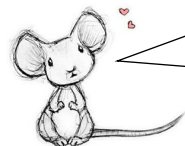
Dear Rebekah Circle,

On behalf of the Veterans hospitalized at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center in Tomah, it is a sincere pleasure to thank you for the cards that you provided for our Veterans for Valentines. We appreciate the time you spend on them. You can be sure that the Veterans are touched by your thoughtfulness and support. Your dedication to the Veterans is greatly appreciated. Thank you for taking the time for remembering our nation's Veterans! Sincerely, Jennifer Conzemius, CDCE Chief

Lewis Valley Members,

Thank you all so much for making us cookies! The students really appreciated it. For every student that wrote on the note, 3 or 4 more were running late to class or practice but made sure to say Thanks! These treats really make their day, and mine! Thank you!

~ Pastor Paul Drees,
Lutheran Campus Ministry



I snuck a few nibbles before the cookies left the building. Delicious!



Below and top of page 22: On 02/25/2024, our lesson was "Peter Heals"- Acts 3:1-16. We had fun learning new songs to sing for everyone at worship on Palm Sunday. They made their own personal walking and leaping man that Peter healed.



Thank you to the Rebekah Circle, the Sarah Circle, and the Lewis Valley W-ELCA for hosting the Wednesday Lenten suppers.

Confirmation Students - Thank you for helping with the Wednesday Lenten Workshops. You did a great job with all the readings and prayers.

Below: On 03/10/2024, the Sunday School students learned of the Bible story of Saul to Paul. Acts 9:1-20
 They had a great morning of learning and playing a fun game of "name that voice". The children also made a fun craft of the light that shown over Saul on his way to Damascus.
 Lots of singing, fun, smiles, and plenty of giggles were shared.



MINDORO COUNCIL MINUTES CONTINUED

Agenda Approval: Kim made a motion to approve the agenda. Debbie seconded; MMSP.

Secretary's Report: Sandy made a motion to approve the February minutes. Shirley seconded; MMSP.

Treasurer's Report: Jodi reviewed the financial reports for the months of January and February. January's report showed electronic giving overall higher than in-person offerings. An information sheet on electronic giving options will be included in the first quarter statement for those interested. January and February had bigger expenses of large heating bills and also the building insurance was paid in January (payment done 2x/year). Overall, the year-to-date expenses remain higher than income for 2024. Motion by Kim to approve the Treasurer's report. Shirley seconded. MMSP.

President's Report: MLC President roles have officially changed for 2024. Upon Sandy Stetzer's resignation from the position of President, Lara Hines was elected and accepted the position as President for 2024. Lara proposed establishing a new member welcoming committee to lead an orientation and a once per year reception for those joining the congregation.

Team Reports:

Finance Team Report: The new copier machine purchase for the church office was approved at the January joint council meeting. Total cost for the new copier is \$5,419. The payment for the copier will be split between MLC (60%) and LV (40%). MLC's share to pay for the copier will be \$3,251.40. With currently a lower checking account balance, discussion was had on how to make payment. A proposal was made to pull \$5,000 out of the Edward Jones Money Market fund, and \$1,000 from the Equipment replacement fund, and transfer this total of \$6,000 to the general checking fund for MLC's share of payment for the new copier. This will also leave extra funds in the general checking account balance, as it was lower than desired at this time. Motion was made by Shirley to accept this proposal, seconded by Debbie. MMSP.

Property Team Report: The property team assessed the older windows in the basement kitchen. It was determined that the windows were in need of replacing. The team received quotes from two local businesses and presented these quotes to the council. The council decided to take the quote from Iver Builders for \$1,225 to replace the windows in the church basement kitchen. Funds to pay for the window replacements will come out of the building funds. Motion made by Kim, seconded by Debbie. MMSP.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Communion Helpers: 4/7- Sandy Stetzer; 4/28- Lara Hines

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 8:15PM by Shirley, seconded by Nick. MMSP.

Respectfully submitted,
 Kim Schlifer, Mindoro Lutheran Secretary

(pending approval at the 4/8/24 meeting)

LEWIS VALLEY COUNCIL MINUTES CONTINUED

seconded, MMSP Jane moved to approve the February 2024 reasurer report, Jenna seconded, MMSP

President's report: Nothing to report

Team Reports

Finance Committee: Discussion on where funds should come from to pay for the Copier Machine that was purchased. Lewis Valley's share was \$2,167.60. Finance committee's recommendation was to use funds from either the Equipment replacement fund, the Fish Fry Funds or the General Fund. Jenna made a motion to use \$1,000.00 from the Equipment Replacement fund and \$1,167.60 from the Fish Fry fund, Rich seconded, MMSP.

Property (Church): Rich recommended Spring Cleanup to be coordinated with the Norden Cemetery cleanup. A date has not been determined at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS

Communion Helpers: April 7th –Karen ; April 28th –Rich

What amount of money requires council approval was tabled from February meeting. After discussion, Jenna made a motion that any anticipated non-emergency purchase over \$300.00 committees need to contact the church council for approval and any emergency purchase over \$300.00 committees should inform the church council as soon as possible after the emergency is resolved. Jane seconded, MMSP

Setting up and cleanup for Annual Meeting Potluck was discussed as to who should coordinate this. In past years church council members have taken care of this, it was decided to add to agenda in future months and a reminder for December meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m. with a motion by Jenna and second by Jane, MMSP

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Knutson, Council Secretary, Lewis Valley Lutheran Church
(pending approval at the 4/8/24 meeting)

MINDORO COUNCIL MINUTES

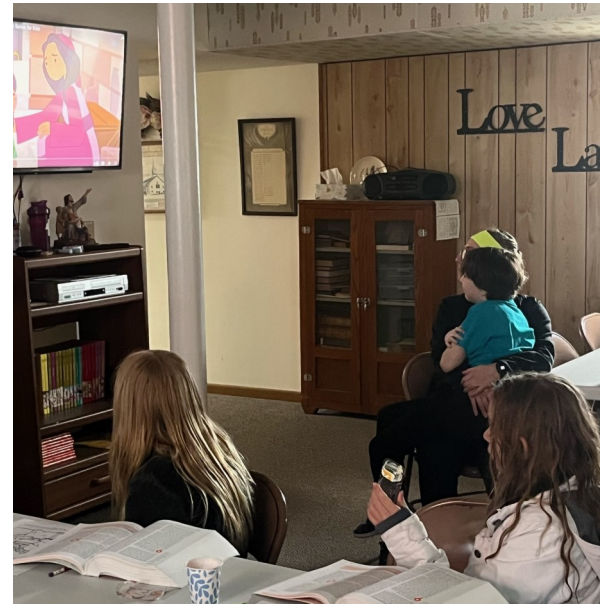
Mindoro Lutheran Church Council Meeting Monday, March 11th, 2024

Present: Nick Yanske, Shirley Gates, Debbie Salek, Sandy Stetzer, Lara Hines, Kim Schlifer, Pastor Emma, Jodi Anderson

Absent: Cindy Thompson, Marlane Anderson, Daina Dobbs

Lara Hines, newly elected President, led the meeting. Lara called the meeting to order at 7:25pm.

Below and page 5: On 03/17/2024, the Sunday School children learned the Bible Story of Peter and Tabitha. Acts 9:36-43
The kids enjoyed a short video highlighting this Bible story and then worked like Tabitha did to sew their own tunics. We hung our sewing creations on a clothesline for the congregation to see!





JOINT COUNCIL MINUTES CONTINUED

OTHER JOINT BUSINESS

Church Mutual Insurance Visit: Our current insurance policy is with Brotherhood Insurance; Jodi was contacted by Church Mutual Insurance regarding our insurance. Jodi has a meeting with them on March 13, 2024 for them to look at Mindoro Church, Lewis Valley Church and the Parsonage. They will then give us a quote for insurance coverage through them.

Picture Directory: A representative from United Church Directory has contacted Pastor regarding doing a Picture Directory. The last one was done at both churches in 2019. Pastor will meet with the representative to explore a timeline.

Script Cards: Jodi reported that purchasing of scrip cards has declined since the program was started. Purchasing at Christmas time is good. After discussion it was decided to review usage this year and re-evaluate continuing or reducing the merchants that we can purchase scrip cards from. Also discussed more advertising to church members that the scrip cards are available for purchase. Jodi has been unable to distribute funds to the churches due to having to keep the funds in the account to purchase new cards. Jodi will bring more information to April meeting regarding the percentage of funds we receive from the scrip cards that are purchased.

Noisy Offering: Jenna made a motion that May 19, 2024 offering will go to Beautiful Butterfly Project and July offering will go to New Horizons, Lara seconded, MMSP

The next council meeting will be April 8, 2024 at Mindoro Lutheran at 6:30 p.m.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Knutson, Council Secretary
Lewis Valley Lutheran Church
(pending approval at 4/8/24 meeting)

LEWIS VALLEY COUNCIL MINUTES

LEWIS VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

March 11, 2024

In attendance: Pastor Emma, Jodi Anderson, Rich Anderson, Jenna Euler, Jane Brockway, Jason Knipe, Karen Knutson
Absent: Brenda Severson, Carol Taylor

Meeting was called to Order by Council President Jason Knipe at 7:23 p.m.

Agenda Approval: Jenna moved to approve agenda, Rich seconded, MMSP

Secretary's Report: Jane moved to approve the Feb. 12, 2024 minutes, Jenna seconded, MMSP

Treasurer's report: Jenna moved to approve the January 2024 treasurer report, Karen

JOINT COUNCIL MINUTES

JOINT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MINDORO AND LEWIS VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCHES March 11, 2024 at Lewis Valley Lutheran

In attendance: Pastor Emma, Jodi Anderson, Rich Anderson, Jane Brockway, Jenna Euler, Shirley Gates, Lara Hines, Jason Knipe, Karen Knutson, Debbie Salek, Kim Schlifer, Sandy Stetzer, Nick Yanske

Absent: Marlene Anderson, Diana Dobbs, Brenda Severson, Carol Taylor, Cindy Thompson

Meeting was called to Order by Lewis Valley's Council Pres Jason Knipe at 6:30 p.m. Everyone introduced themselves.

Devotions given by Pastor Emma

Devotions next month will be given by Lara Hines

Agenda Approval: Shirley moved to approve agenda, Jenna seconded, MMSP

Secretary's Report: Lara moved to approve report with one correction that noisy offering to Mindoro Area Outreach should be June 16, 2024. Shirley seconded, MMSP

Pastor's report: Since February meeting there has been 2 funerals within a week of each other. Pastor thanked those that assist with funerals at the churches. Pastor has visited with home bound members. Lenten services are going well. There have been some team meetings.

Team Reports

Education: Confirmation students have been helping with Lenten services. Pastor and Jason are encouraging their participation in areas they are comfortable with. Confirmation Sunday will be May 12, 2024 at Mindoro. Sunday school attendance has been between 7-12 kids each week, they will be singing at Mindoro church service on Palm Sunday and Mother's Day. Kim reported that Heather has resigned as Sunday School Superintendent, others are assisting and it's going well. Lessons have been fun with stories and activities. Vacation Bible School planning will be sometime in April.

Finance: Committee has been in contact by email. Jodi said a meeting will probably be setup in the near future.

Property (Parsonage): Plans are in place for the transition from Pastor Emma moving out and the renters moving in.

Staff Support: The committee met in late February reviewing how Pastor Emma has been doing. The committee spoke with a few members from each congregation prior to the meeting; they received good feedback from those members. Another meeting will be set up in the near future.

Stewardship: Working on setting a meeting for committee to get together. There are 2 people from Lewis Valley needed for this team.

Worship: The committee is meeting on March 19, 2024 to plan for Holy Week services and plan for April and May services.



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT MINDORO LUTHERAN

If you would like to volunteer, there is a clipboard with a sign up sheet in the Narthex; or call the church office.

Volunteers are needed for April 21 & 28, and all of May..

Cookies for Cookie Wednesday on May 1, 2024

Mindoro Lutheran is signed up to make 400 cookies for Lutheran Campus Ministry to give away at UW-L on Cookie Wednesdays.

There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex to let us know how many cookies you are willing to bake.

Cookies can be dropped off at Mindoro Lutheran before 2:30pm on April 29, 2024.



Above: Sunday School on 03/17/2024



Glass Creamers at Mindoro Lutheran

The glass creamers, that match the sugar bowls, have disappeared! If you know where they are, please let the church office know. If you borrowed them, that is totally ok just please bring them back. The women still use them at funerals and other gatherings.

Anniversaries



Baptismal Anniversaries

April 1	Beverly Mahlum
April 3	Caden Caulum
April 4	Ali Cunningham
April 5	Robert Everitt Tyler Gerdes
April 11	Jackson Paisley
April 13	Ryan Oefstedahl
April 14	Alice Baumer Gary Goodenough Jodi Anderson Bethany Johnsrud
April 15	Cindy Tracey
April 19	Caden Stuessel
April 22	Richard Kirchner Angela Werner Andrew Pfaff
April 23	Alycia Tracey
April 24	Dennis Anderson Tucker Haag Kaylee Haag Rylan Paisley
April 25	Jacob Merrell Madison Merrell
April 27	Jason Tracey Jacob Bryhn Lauren Koss
April 28	Mary Sinclair Debbie Thrower
April 30	Khloe Spors Alex Valiente'

Wedding Anniversaries

April 4	Ronnie & Faith Storandt
April 8	Donn & Judi Konze
April 9	Gene & Joanne Mashak Troy & Becky Stayton - 30 yrs
April 28	Scott & Joan Schmidt

**Mary Stetzer celebrated her
90th birthday on March 15th.**

Happy Birthday Mary!



THANK YOU

MINDORO LUTHERAN MEMORIALS:

In Memory of Shirley Olson from Ronnie & Faith Storandt, Bill & Rita Cox, and Mike & Karen Hauser.

In Memory of Bernice Opland from Debbie Peterson, Mike & Cheri Timm, Richard & Corrine Witte, Terry & Kathleen Blaken, Gail Kirchner, Ginny Wegner, Bill & Rita Cox, Gloria Beaser, Steve & Kay Timm, Wayne Pfaff, Helen Ustby, Mark & Carol Kirchner, Charles & Cindy Glennie, and Joe & Carol Paisley.

In Memory of Bernice Opland to the Quilting Fund from Alice Baumer and Bob & Eileen Collins.

In Memory of Bernice Opland to the Building Fund from Cindy Tracey and Dick & Debbie Kirchner.

In Memory of Sharon Spaulding from Dorothy Christianson.

LEWIS VALLEY LUTHERAN MEMORIALS:

In Memory of David Fonstad from Tammy Rush.

In Memory of David Fonstad to the Norden Cemetery from Jean Schroeder.

In Memory of David Fonstad to the W-ELCA Quilting Fund from Jerome & JoAnn Nelson.

In Memory of Doug Pfaff from Greg Sacia.

Thank you for keeping in touch with Bernice and Rusty these past months. Your friendship has brightened many a day! Your many expressions of care and sympathy to our family this past month at Mom's passing, means more than you know. Thank you for the cards, calls, texts, memorials, flowers, food for the funeral, visits and mostly for caring. Many thanks to Pastor Emma for her visits and for the beautiful service for Mom's funeral. Your friendships and caring are a blessing. Thank you.

**Rusty Opland,
Karen & Mike Hauser & Family
Aaron & Nancy Opland & Family**

Thank you for all the prayers and to all who reached out to our family during the passing of Mike's sister, Sharon Spaulding. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated. Thank you.

Mike & Karen Hauser

Thank you to all who sent cards and thought of Mom in any way. Mom & Dad really appreciated all the happy wishes!!
~ Faith Storandt with Chauncey & Mary Stetzer



IN OUR PRAYERS

PRAYED FOR IN MARCH: Cathy Gabrielson's brother-in-law Gene Amann; Louie Christopherson; Rick Dobbs mother Carol Dobbs; Rick Dobb's brother Mike Dobbs; in celebration with Dale & Betty Kirchner on the birth of their great-granddaughter Winnie June Earley; Lori Ernstes; Emma Goodenough; Dennis Anderson and Mary Sinclair's sister Lori Hudson; Mary Kastenschmidt; Bob Kean at the Mindoro Post Office as he recovers after a second surgery; Don Koss's son Brian Koss; Ginny Wegner's brother-in-law Mel Krause; Katrina Wharton's friend Ila Krueger; Jack & Diane Glennie's son-in-law & daughter Jim & Paula Maki; Diana Mikkelsen; Rusty Opland; David Pfaff as he recovers from the second knee surgery; Mary Christina Pfaff; Dustin & Jodi Anderson's brother-in-law Christopher Phillips; John & Dawn Pierce & family; Amelia Pike's mom as she recovers from a long hospital stay; Cathy Gabrielson's brother-in-law Chuck Pietscher as he recovers from heart surgery; Chad & Brenda Severson's dad Jeff Severson as he receives chemotherapy; Nick Sinotte's dad Brian Sinotte; Kay Timm's great-niece Monroe Skotak; Nancy Spangler; Gary "Jingles" Stetzer; Ron & Mary Phillip's daughter Laurie Strano; Sam Tracey; Russell Van Riper; Gary Wortman; Heather Young; our healthcare workers; and our military men and women; Rusty Opland & Family & Friends of Bernice Opland; Chauncey & Mary Stetzer and Gary & Joyce Koss & Family & Friends of Chauncey and Joyce's brother Virgil Stetzer; Mike & Karen Hauser & Family & Friends of Mike's sister Sharon Spaulding; Diane Glennie & Ruth Hoff & Family & Friends of their nephew Todd Skogen; Dan & Sandy Haag & Family & Friends of Dan's mom Margaret Haag; Family & Friends of David Fonstad; Dorothy Christianson & Family & Friends of Dorothy's brother Roger Jerome; and Amelia Pike & Family & Friends of Amelia's housemate Carol.

WE ALSO PRAYED IN MARCH FOR OUR HOME AND NURSING HOME BOUND MEMBERS: Audrey Baker, Joan Danielson, Bob Everitt, Grace Kastenschmidt, Ruby Knudson, Audrey Mades, Yvonne Meyer, Ron & Mary Phillips, Chauncey & Mary Stetzer, and Eloise Thum.

If there is someone that should be added to the prayer list or taken off the list, please let the church office know.



GOD'S WORD EACH WEEK

You are encouraged to read the Bible each week.
Below are the Sunday readings for this month.
Set aside personal or family time to read each week.

04/07	Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1—2:2; John 20:19-31
04/14	Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48
04/21	Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18
04/28	Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-18

Birthdays

April 1	Ginny Wegner Doyle Gates Joanne Mahlum Julie Hanson Jacob Bryhn
April 2	Nora Weindorfer - 16
April 3	Marie Baumer Melinda Van Riper
April 7	Michael Jostad Grace Lundt - 13
April 8	Joseph Paisley Cindy Thompson Paul Hutschenreuter Scott Sedevie Tony Kirchner
April 9	Amber Yanske
April 10	Ella Reynolds - 11
April 11	Cheryl Card
April 13	Carrie Owen Margo Weindorfer
April 16	Becky Stayton Timothy Werner
April 17	Brett Gerdes
April 18	Kimberly Spangler
April 22	Nancy Spangler Dan Haag
April 23	Ivy Endris Sophia Finney - 9
April 25	Diane Glennie Kadyn Paisley - 10
April 26	Joyce Koss Nolan Huffman - 3
April 27	Bonnie Knipe
April 28	Daina Dobbs
April 29	Les Bryhn Marie Puent Edwin Oefstedahl - 6
April 30	Dorothy Christianson JoAnn Nelson Kaitlyn Hanson

Bolded names are members celebrating an 80th Birthday or above. Let's shower them with birthday cards on their special day.



In Memoriam

April 2, 2015	Roland Mahlum
April 6, 1993	Donald Sennes
April 8, 2016	Larry Mahlum
April 10, 2013	Doris West
April 11, 2010	Marie Tracey
April 14, 2023	Jean Gabrielson
April 23, 2009	Nancy Severson
April 27, 2023	Arlyn Raymer
April 30, 1993	Kenneth Sacia
April 30, 2017	Shirley Koss
April 30, 2018	Dorothy Severson
April 30, 2020	Merlin Severson

Please let the church office know if a name or date is incorrect or if someone needs to be added. The information is from the church records and all the records are not complete.

LEWIS VALLEY WORSHIP

MISSION STATEMENT: Lewis Valley Lutheran Church is committed to reaching toward God and each other, to grow in faith, fellowship and love.

We offer opportunities for the community to experience the grace of God and respond in Christian commitment.

Date	Lectors	H.C. Servers	Coffee Fellowship	Ushers
04/07	Jason Knipe	Karen Knutson	Cathy Gabrielson	Dennis Odegaard, Head Usher
04/14	Cathy Gabrielson	_____	Jenna Euler	Devon Christopherson Head Usher
04/21	Carol Taylor	_____	Carol Euler	Steve & Kay Timm
04/28	Dave/Becky Whalen	Rich Anderson	Laurie Gappa	Kevin & Nikki Christopherson

IF YOU ARE SCHEDULED TO SERVE in any capacity at worship, and cannot make it, please switch with someone else on that volunteer list.

Lewis Valley Lutheran Income & Expenses	
January Income:	\$4,362.43
January Expenses:	\$5,206.33
February Income:	\$5,203.85
February Expenses:	\$5,331.84
143 active, confirmed members	



APRIL COMMUNION SET UP -

Cheryl Card
JoAnn Nelson

ALTAR COLORS -
All of April: White

MARCH FINANCIAL GIVING THROUGH 03/17/2024

Sunday Envelope Offering	\$1,120.00
Sunday Loose Offering	\$59.00
Electronic Giving	\$1,765.00
PayPal Giving	\$620.00
Building Use	\$100.00
Weekday Giving	<u>\$40.00</u>
Total Giving	\$3,704.00

MINDORO WORSHIP

MISSION STATEMENT: Mindoro Lutheran Church is committed to reaching toward God and to each other, to grow together in faith, fellowship and love.

Date	Lectors	H.C. Servers	Acolytes	Coffee Fellowship
04/07	Marley Dobbs Debbie Peterson	Sandy Stetzer	Landon Oefstedahl	Sandy Stetzer
04/14	Dustin Anderson	_____	_____	Debbie Peterson
04/21	GINNY Wegner	_____	Ellie Sawyer	needed
04/28	Erin, Emmitt, & Aurora	Lara Hines	_____	needed

Date	Head Ushers	Ushers
04/07	Rick Dobbs	Aaron Stetzer, Adam Stetzer
04/14	Brian Schlifer	Ronnie & Faith Storandt
04/21	Jim Hines	Ronnie & Faith Storandt
04/28	Bill Cox	Rich & Mary Sinclair

Mindoro Lutheran Income & Expenses	
January Income:	\$5,691.29
January Expenses:	\$9,880.49
February Income:	\$7,105.80
February Expenses:	\$9,075.12
242 active, confirmed members	

MARCH FINANCIAL GIVING THROUGH 03/17/2024

Sunday Envelope Offering	\$1,740.00
Sunday Loose Offering	\$83.00
Electronic Giving	\$2,750.00
PayPal Giving	\$0.00
Weekday Giving	<u>\$200.00</u>
Total Giving	\$4,773.00

**APRIL
COMMUNION
SET UP -**
Danielle Arndt
Daina Dobbs



ALTAR COLORS -
All of April: White