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**SUMMER CAMP EMPLOYMENT  
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## PASTOR'S PAGE

**MAY 2024**

Spring Greetings to you!

At a recent joint Mindoro & Lewis Valley Council meeting, we talked about the Scrip Card program that we have at our congregations. It became clear that not everyone knew what this program was. So, in this newsletter we want to help make clear what the Scrip Card program is.



Essentially the Scrip Card program is a gift card program: Mindoro & Lewis Valley Lutheran Churches buy gift cards at a discount and sell them to congregation and community members for the full value and so the congregations make a small amount of money for each gift card purchased.

Because our congregations are non-profit organizations, we can purchase gift cards from some businesses at a discount. For example, we can purchase a \$100 Kwik Trip gift card for \$95. So congregation members and community members can purchase \$100 Kwik Trip gift cards from Mindoro & Lewis Valley Lutheran Churches and our congregations make \$5 from each of those gift cards. So, you pay \$100 and get a \$100 gift card, but because the congregations purchased the gift card for \$95, we make \$5 from that purchase.

So, if you regularly shop at Sam's Club, Kwik Trip, Woodman's or other stores on the list: you can buy Scrip Cards (gift cards) from Mindoro & Lewis Valley as an easy way to complete your regular purchases while also raising some funds for our congregations!

One of the sheets of paper in this newsletter is the Scrip Card order form. You can fill out this form and bring it to the church office or contact our Treasurer, Jodi Anderson, if you'd like to make an order. Order forms are always available on the entryway tables at both congregations and on our church website. You can order gift cards anytime. Depending on which cards you purchase, cards may be available the same day you make the order or it may take a couple of days to get the cards.

The Scrip Card program hasn't been very active lately, so as the joint council we wanted to promote it and then assess engagement over the coming months before deciding to continue, reduce, or stop the Scrip Card program.

- Pastor Emma

## SCBC SPRING VOLUNTEER

### WORK WEEKEND

SUGAR CREEK BIBLE CAMP

SATURDAY,  
MAY 4, 2024

9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

FREE LODGING FRIDAY NIGHT

RSVP: [office@sgrcreek.org](mailto:office@sgrcreek.org)  
 or 608-734-3113  
[www.SugarCreekBibleCamp.org](http://www.SugarCreekBibleCamp.org)



## Pastoral Care

Pastor Emma Grinde

Phone number: 515-203-1915

Email: [pastoremmagrinde@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## WATER PROJECT FUNDRAISER



Each year for Synod Assembly all the congregations in the La Crosse Area Synod raise funds for the same project. You may remember a few years back the cow project where each congregation was challenged to raise enough funds to buy 1 cow through ELCA Good Gifts for people in need around the world. Last year we took socks and underwear for local clothing closets. This year each congregation is raising funds for water projects around the world: wells, irrigation systems, latrines, and water filters. There is a metal bucket at each



congregation with envelopes hanging above it. To participate, grab an envelope and fill it with the cash or check amount specified on the envelope. Drop the envelope in the bucket or in the offering plate to donate to this project.

We'll be having a friendly competition between Lewis Valley and Mindoro Lutheran Churches. Each week between Sunday April 28 and June 2 we'll have running totals in the bulletin to see which congregation wins bragging rights for raising the most money!

## Holmen Lutheran Rummage Sale

Saturday, May 4, 2024

8:00am - Noon

**Friends of McGilvray Road  
7 Bridges  
35th Anniversary Celebration  
Saturday, May 4, 2024  
1:00pm - 3:00pm**

N8237 Amsterdam Prairie Road  
Holmen, WI

Join us to get out and enjoy nature!  
Everyone is welcome.

Like on Facebook:  
McGilvray 7 Bridges Friends



## Lily's of the Cut Garden Club

Set your calendars for

**May 11, 2024**

**8 am to noon**

**at Mindoro Lion's Shelter**  
Join the Lily's for their **annual  
plant, flower and garden sale**

Come get your plants,  
hanging baskets and  
garden art and support  
the club as they keep  
Mindoro Blooming

## RABBI BRIAN SERLE INVITES US TO:

### Yom HaShoah - Holocaust Remembrance Day

Sunday, May 5, 2024

4:00pm - 5:15pm

In-person at 1820 Main Street, La Crosse  
and on Zoom

Holocaust Education Award Presentation

Rabbi Brian Serle, spiritual leader of the Congregation Sons of Abraham, will speak  
Members of the La Crosse Symphony Orchestra will perform  
Candle Lighting Ceremony

Gundersen Health System will be hosting a **Healthy Living with Diabetes workshop** **Wednesdays, 9:30am-Noon for 6 weeks starting May 22**. This workshop is designed to help adults with type 2 diabetes, pre-diabetes or for those caring for someone who has diabetes to learn self-management skills, healthy eating strategies and more. For more information, please call Vicky at 608-775-6870.

## THE AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

will be at the

Melrose-Mindoro School Campus

on

Wednesday, May 22, 2024, from  
Noon - 5:00pm.

Give the gift of life by donating.

Make your appointment online at [www.redcrossblood.org/give](http://www.redcrossblood.org/give)



**American  
Red Cross**



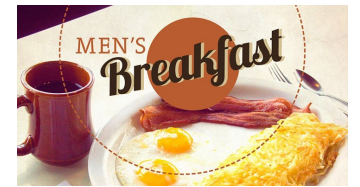
Above: The Children's Message on Easter Sunday.



Above: On 04/07/2024, the Sunday School students learned of the Bible story from Acts 12:1-19 "An Angel Frees Peter" The children worked together to locate the lesson story in the Bible, as well as worked together to recite one of the verses as a group. They had activity sheets, color pages, and created their own paper chains as we reviewed their knowledge of the lesson at the end of our hour.

**COUNCILS MEET MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024.  
6:30PM JOINT COUNCIL AT LEWIS VALLEY  
MINDORO & LEWIS VALLEY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING JOINT**

**Men's Breakfast**  
Join us at Top Dawg's,  
Downtown Mindoro  
Monday, May 6, 2024, 8:00am



Rebekah Circle will meet Thursday, 05/23/2024,  
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**

**Mindoro WELCA Honoring Our Honorary Members,  
New W-ELCA Members, Sunday School Teachers & Assistants, and  
AV Volunteers**

**Please join us on May 5, 2024, during our 10:00am worship** to recognize our WELCA honor members, new members, those that teach Sunday School at Mindoro, and our AV volunteers and office staff.

**Our Mission**

Mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ

**Our Purpose**

As a community of women created in the image of God,  
called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and  
empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts,  
support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action,  
and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

The women we honor today have shaped Mindoro Lutheran Church into what it is today and for that we Thank and Honor You!!

Alice Baumer, Gloria Beaser, Dorothy Christianson, Rita Cox, Joan Danielson, Carol Dobbs, Karen Hanson, Grace Kastenschmidt, Betty Kirchner, Gail Kirchner, Ruby Knudson, Diana Mikkelson, Pat Paisley, Mary Phillips, Sandra Skoy, Mary Stetzer, Mary Sutherland, and Ginny Wegner.

Welcome to our newest members: Pa Nia Xiong, Carol Dobbs, Erin Glennie, and Aurora Glennie.

Another Thanks to those that continue to shape our young Sunday School children: Teachers Heather Young and Kim Schlifer and their Assistants Rita Cox, Debbie Peterson, Debbie Salek, Nikki Christopherson, Rita Holley, Katrina Wharton, Betty Pfaff, Shannon Craig, Darcy Sawyer, and Cindy Thompson. They are so very valuable to the ongoing life of our church.

We also want to recognize and thank our AV volunteers: Crystal Sbraggia, Lara Hines, Kay Pfaff. You make it look so easy and we appreciate all you do.

Then we can't forget to honor and thank our Pastor Emma and Mona VanRiper for all they have done and continue to do to keep our church running and us worshipping.

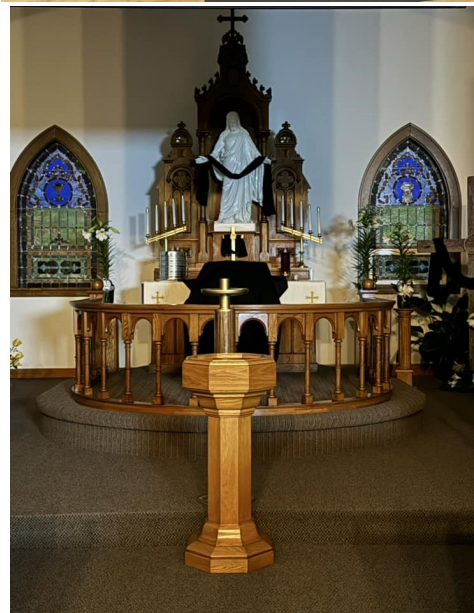
All these ladies will be presented a flower in recognition for all they have done, continue to do and will do. We all say THANK-YOU!!

**The Lewis Valley W-ELCA will recognize their Honorary W-ELCA  
Members on May 5, 2024, at the 8:30am worship.**

Lewis Valley's honorary W-ELCA members are: Barb Anderson, Audrey Baker, Cheryl Card, Janice Clott, Barb Drogseth, Carol Euler, Cheryl Halverson, Ruth Hoff, Rita Holley, Judi Konze, Joyce Koss, Joan Lindvik, Beverly Mahlum, Joanne Mahlum, Yvonne Meyer, JoAnn Nelson, Judi Odegaard, Mary Olson, Sharon Pfaff, Daisy Raymer, Ruth Schwabenbauer, Nancy Spangler, Sonja Steele, Carol Taylor, Eloise Thum, Kay Timm, and Mary Wortman.

The honorary women attending will be celebrated with fellowship, cupcakes, and flower. (and a picture! Don't forget to stay for the picture!)

Below: On 03/22/2024, the Rebekah Circle went to see A Walk Down the Isle at the La Crosse Heritage Center.



Below: Aurora shared a birthday treat with the Sunday School students to celebrate her birthday that was on 04/16/2024. Happy 4th birthday, Aurora!



Above: Easter Sunrise Worship when entering the sanctuary



This page:  
Maundy  
Thursday  
service at Lewis  
Valley on  
03/28/2024.



*Confirmation Sunday will be on  
May 12, 2024 (at Mindoro)*

*Our Confirmands are  
Landon Oefstedahl and Harper Tracey.*



**The last day of Sunday School is on May 12, 2023.**

The students will have their final class for this school year at 9:00am; and then they will sing at Mindoro's 10:00am worship.

**Graduate Recognition Sunday is May 19, 2024**



Please let the church office know if you or a family member that is a member of Lewis Valley or Mindoro Lutheran will be graduating from High School, Tech School, or University this Spring - or last December.

*Also on Sunday 5/19/2024, during worship at MLC, we will be remembering the 30-year anniversary of the dedication of the new addition to the building.*

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT MINDORO**



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 all of May.

**Glass Creamers at Mindoro have been found!**



Thank you Neal Hanson for having keen eyes and finding the creamers at the Lions building.

Thank you to Karen Hanson also for delivering them back to the church.

**Pastor Emma & Heather's Wedding was on 04/21/2024.**

Below and on next page: pictures of the wedding gifts presentations at the churches and a few pictures from the wedding. (Hopefully, we see more pictures once the photographer's are done.)

**Congratulations Pastor Emma & Heather!**



Pages 20 & 21: on 03/24/2024, the Sunday School lesson was learning the Easter Story. We started with Palm Sunday, then the Last Supper, Jesus's crucifixion on the cross, and His resurrection to Heaven to be with our Heavenly Father. The children watched a short video on the Easter Story, did a science experiment to help show how Jesus died for our sins giving us all eternal life, and then the children created their own individual ornaments to display at home that tell of the Easter Story. We ended our fun morning together singing during worship service. They loved using the Palm branches to jam to their "Hosanna" song.

Cindy Thompson surprised the children and Sunday School teachers with Easter treats and gifts. That was so sweet of her to do and everyone was so appreciative of her kindness.



**Pastor Emma & Heather's Wedding**

Bottom three pictures on page 6: Pastor Emma & Heather and Margo arriving at the venue.

Above: Walking down the aisle and during the service

Bottom left: Margo helping Pastor Emma's brother John sweep up the flower petals.





### RUMMAGE SALE AT MINDORO LUTHERAN

This year's rummage sale at Mindoro Lutheran will be Friday & Saturday, June 14 & 15.

As you do your spring cleaning, bring your good, sellable items to the church and put them in the second room in the basement.

### Mark your calendar for VBS! Summer 2024

Mindoro Community Vacation Bible School will be Monday 8/5 - Wednesday 8/7 from 5-7pm each night at Mindoro Lutheran Church. VBS is a collaboration of Bells Coulee Lutheran Church, Mindoro Presbyterian Church, and Mindoro & Lewis Valley Lutheran Churches. More information will be coming.



### W-ELCA Spring Convention

Ginny Wegner, Cindy Tracey, Jodi Anderson, Mary Kastenschmidt, and Mona Van Riper attended the W-ELCA Spring Convention at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in La Crosse on 04/20/2024.

Pastor Mark Bartusch was the presiding pastor and Bishop Malpica gave the sermon. The speakers for the day were: Sue Staples from the Clothes Closet at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in La Crosse explained how it functions and that everyone may obtain free clothing from them. Pastor Libby Howe was next; her presentation was on understanding what the initials of LGBTQAI+ stand for. It was enlightening and as such she was requested to continue her presentation at the W-ELCA Fall Renewal on Saturday, 10/19/2024, at St Peter Lutheran in Prairie du Chien.

There was a break for lunch and fellowship.

The afternoon session started with a presentation, "Attracting Young Women and Older Women too" by past Churchwide W-ELCA President Joy Michalecek. She gave many examples on how to attract and welcome women to the W-ELCA. We do an excellent job in our women being active.

The business meeting closed the conference. Newly elected officers were installed. Jodi is in her 2nd two-year term of being the W-ELCA Synod Treasurer.



Save the date: Saturday, 10/19/2024, for a beautiful autumn drive down the River Road.

## LEWIS VALLEY COUNCIL MINUTES CONTINUED

### Team Reports

Finance: Discussion on the replacement of the pads for the AED machine, a donation to the Farmington EMS was suggested. Rich made a motion to donate \$75.00 from the General Fund, Equipment Replacement Fund to Farmington EMS, seconded by Carol, MMSP

Finance committee will be meeting in May.

The balance in the Sunday School Fund was discussed. Karen had done a breakdown of the account back to 2004. The offering collected from the Sunday school kids had been dispensed to the designated donations that the kids had chosen. The remaining funds should be available to use as needed and will be discussed further as a need arises.

Property (Church): Rich informed the council that the culvert at the entrance to the South church parking lot needs replacing. Barb Anderson spoke with the La Crosse County Highway Dept. and Mike Hesse from Farmington Township and it is the churches responsibility to fix it. There is a driveway permit needed from La Crosse County at the cost of \$100.00. Barb A. is waiting for a letter from La Crosse County stating we do not have to put in another culvert; it can be fixed by slanting the driveway for proper drainage from the parking lot and finishing with blacktop. The permit will be filed after the letter is received and bids for repair work will be gotten after permit is obtained.

### OTHER BUSINESS

Communion Helpers: May 5th – Carol T. ; May 19th – Jane

Lewis Valley Custodian Gift: Our custodian's last day will be April 30, 2024. Carol made a motion to give Jane a card and a \$100.00 Kwik Trip card to be taken from Fish Fry Fund. Brenda seconded, MMSP.

Addition to March 11, 2024 meeting: Unanimous vote by council to give a \$500.00 Visa gift card to Pastor Emma for a wedding gift from the congregation.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. with a motion by Jenna and second by Jason, MMSP

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Knutson

Council Secretary, Lewis Valley Lutheran Church

*(pending approval at the 5/13/24 meeting)*

### Property Sign-Out Forms for both churches

Just a reminder that we have Property Sign-Out Forms to fill out when you are borrowing items from the churches. If Mona isn't in the office to give you a form to fill out and leave with her, there are blank forms in the basement that you can fill out and leave on the kitchen counter. At Lewis Valley, the forms are hanging on the a cupboard door in the kitchen. At Mindoro, the forms are hanging on the outside door (on the inside of it) into the basement.



## MINDORO COUNCIL MINUTES CONTINUED

talk more with Pastor Emma in May regarding establishing a new member welcome committee.

### **Team Reports:**

**Finance Team Report:** The year CD comes due in June. The team plans to meet soon to discuss.

**Property Team Report:** The windows in the church basement kitchen are scheduled to be replaced. The family of Bernice Opland has designated memorial gifts received in memory of Bernice to cover the cost of the windows. The council acknowledges this is a fitting memorial to honor a wonderful woman who gave so much to others, volunteering her time and talents in the kitchen to assist with funerals and other events. Church spring clean-up is scheduled for Sunday 4/21, beginning after worship service (Around 11am). All are welcome to help. Hotdogs, chips, brownies, and refreshments will be served for those who attend. In case of inclement weather, the rain date will be Saturday 4/27 at 10am.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Communion Helpers:** 5/5- Sandy S., and 5/19- Debbie S. and Cindy T.

**Funds for Farmington EMS donation:** Motion made by Kim that funds for the Farmington EMS donation come from the building property/maintenance fund. Debbe seconded the motion. MMSP.

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 7:44PM by Sandy, Seconded by Marlane, MMSP.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Schlifer, Mindoro Lutheran Secretary

*(pending approval at the 5/13/24 meeting)*

## LEWIS VALLEY COUNCIL MINUTES

### **LEWIS VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES April 8, 2024**

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

Meeting was called to Order by Council President Jason Knipe at 7:07 p.m.

**Agenda Approval:** Jane moved to approve agenda, Carol seconded, MMSP

**Secretary's Report:** Benda moved to approve the March 11, 2024 minutes, Carol seconded, MMSP

**Treasurer's report:** No treasurer's report, Jodi did not have time to finalize March prior to the meeting. March treasurer's report will be approved at May council meeting.

**President's report:** Nothing to report

### **Scrip Cards! Scrip Cards! Buy your scrip cards here!**

*Are you asking "What's a scrip card and why should I buy it from the church?"*

A scrip card (not to be confused with a script) is the same as a gift card. Just like a gift card, you purchase them for their face value. The big difference is: when you purchase a gift card, other businesses (Walmart, Festival, Walgreens, Kwik Trip, etc.) are profiting from selling them. BUT when you purchase a scrip card from our churches, the churches profit from it by receiving a percentage of the face value. You pay for and receive the face value of the card - just like you would with any gift card - and the church receives free money simply from you purchasing them from the churches. In this newsletter is a Scrip Order Form. Look through the order form; there are many merchants listed. Pick the cards you need, fill out the form, write your check to either Mindoro Lutheran or Lewis Valley Lutheran, and give it to Jodi or Mona - or mail it to the church: PO Box 167, Mindoro WI 54644. Jodi will do the rest!

With confirmations, graduations, and weddings coming up, they would make great gifts. Or - you can buy them for yourself to purchase your groceries, gas, medications, supplies, clothing, breakfast/lunch/dinner out, etc...

If you have any questions, just talk with Jodi or Mona. Happy Shopping!

Remember, I prefer sweets over cheese. (wink, wink)

There are so many merchants...

Just to name a few:

Food - Panara Bread, Arby's, Dairy Queen, Papa Murphy's, Wendy's

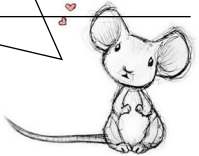
Clothing - TJ Maxx, Kohl's, JC Penney, Buckle, Fleet Farm, Macy's

Pet Supplies - PetCo, PetSmart, Farm & Fleet

Medication - Walgreens, Walmart, Target

Plus, Office Depot, Home Depot, Home Goods, Claire's, Nike, Ulta, Visa, Amazon

And, of course, Wisconsin favorites - Kwik Trip, Festival, Woodman's, Menard's

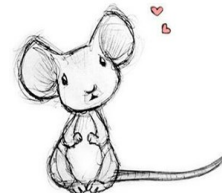


### **SEEMORE**

☺ Wow! I'm full of information! (see above) I didn't even know that I knew all that stuff!

☺ I snuck along to Pastor Emma & Heather's wedding. They didn't even know I was even there! I took a few pictures that you'll find in this newsletter. What a beautiful day filled with love - and yummy food. I had a full tummy by the time I cleaned up after the little ones that attended.

☺ Look at all the events that are coming up in May! It is going to be a busy month!! Honors, baptism, confirmation, graduation, 30-year celebration of the new addition dedication (30 years and everyone still calls it the new addition!?)



♥ *Seemore, the Church Mouse*

## May's Noisy Offering will be on 05/19/2024

The offering will be for the Beautiful Butterfly Project Prom.

Beautiful Butterfly Project Prom was started in 2004. Their goal is to make sure every girl feels like a princess at her Prom. Many gowns are FREE. New gowns that were purchased by Beautiful Butterfly sell for \$100 and under. There is also jewelry and shoes.



Money donated helps pay the building rent, washing dresses, repairing dresses, purchasing sizes that are needed the most, and purchasing hangers and racks.



Beautiful Butterfly Project Prom is a non-profit organization, located at N5650 County Road Z, Onalaska, Unit 1020.

Their Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064941930427>

## Noisy Offerings from February, March, and April

### February

Mindoro - Peru Mission Trip (includes noisy offering & lent/supper & loose offerings) = \$121.90

Lewis Valley - Peru Mission Trip (includes noisy offering & lent/supper & loose offerings) = \$71.66

### March

Mindoro - Food Pantries - (includes noisy offerings & lent/ supper & loose offerings) = \$151.40

Lewis Valley - Food Pantries (includes noisy offerings & lent/ supper & loose offerings) = \$105.50

### April

Noisy Offering to Holmen's Hope:

Mindoro = \$30.84

Lewis Valley = \$48.00



Left: The Sarah Circle met on Tuesday, 04/23/2024, for Bible Study and fellowship. Beautiful Ladies, Thank you for letting me take your picture. ♥

## JOINT COUNCIL MINUTES CONTINUED

**Stewardship Team:** Team plans to meet this Wednesday 4/10. Still need 2 more LV team members.

**Worship Team:** Meeting scheduled for 4/28. There has been good feedback on new changes to hymns/songs during worship. The blessing song at the end of the last worship service (4/7) was well received and will be continued for the time being.

### OTHER Joint Business:

**Funds for Farmington EMS donation:** \$75 will be donated from each congregation (LV & MLC). Individual councils to decide where they will pull their funds from to cover their half of the donation. Jason plans to talk with Russell Van Riper to double check how often AED replacements are needed.

**Summer 2024 Ecumenical Services: (6/30, 8/4,9/8)** Bells Coulee and Mindoro Presbyterian churches are both in agreement to continuing these services this summer. Bells Coulee will not be able to provide worship leader for the 8/4 service. All council members from LV and MLC remain in agreement with the summer Ecumenical Services and schedule.

Next Council Meeting, May 13, 2024 at Lewis Valley, 6:30pm.

Motion made to adjourn meeting at 7:04PM by Jason, Seconded by Debbie, MMSP.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Schlifer, Mindoro Lutheran Secretary

*(pending approval at the 5/13/24 meeting)*

## MINDORO COUNCIL MINUTES

### Mindoro Lutheran Church Council Meeting Monday, April 8th, 2024

**Present:** Cindy Thompson, Marlane Anderson, Daina Dobbs, Nick Yanske, Debbie Salek, Sandy Stetzer, Kim Schlifer, Pastor Emma, Jodi Anderson

**Absent:** Shirley Gates, Lara Hines

Daina Dobbs, Vice President, led the meeting. Daina called the meeting to order at 7:09pm.

**Agenda Approval:** Marlane made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Debbie seconded; MMSP

**Secretary's Report:** Debbie made a motion to approve the March minutes. Sandy seconded; MMSP.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jodi explained that March was a busy month with five Sundays, along with Easter. The March financial report is not completed as of the time of the council meeting. Jodi plans to present the financial reports of both March and April at the next meeting in May.

**President's Report:** Lara was unable to be at the meeting this evening. She plans to

## JOINT COUNCIL MINUTES

### Joint Council Meeting Mindoro and Lewis Valley Lutheran Churches Monday, April 8th, 2024 at Mindoro Lutheran

**Present:** Cindy Thompson, Marlane Anderson, Daina Dobbs, Nick Yanske, Debbie Salek, Sandy Stetzer, Kim Schlifer, Pastor Emma, Jodi Anderson, Rich Anderson, Jane Brockway, Jenna Euler, Jason Knipe, Karen Knutson, Brenda Severson, Carol Taylor  
**Absent:** Shirley Gates, Lara Hines

Daina Dobbs, Vice President of MLC, led the meeting. Daina called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

**Devotions:** Devotions led by Pastor Emma. Jason Knipe scheduled to lead devotions at the next meeting.

**Agenda Approval:** Carol made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Sandy seconded; MMSP

**Secretary's Report:** Debbie made a motion to approve the March minutes. Cindy seconded; MMSP.

**Pastor's Report:** Lent services focused around studying the Lord's Prayer in more depth. Maundy Thursday service was held at LV. There was hand washing and communion with middle eastern food served. Good Friday service was held at MLC. There was use of props shared with those in attendance, that symbolized important pieces of the arrest, trial and death of Jesus. Easter Sunday brought three services- Sunrise service at MLC, 8:30am worship at LV, and MLC had another service at 10am. In the week after Easter, Pastor Emma completed some continuing education through the Franciscan Spirituality Center in La Crosse. She plans for more visits with members this next week. Confirmation will be on 5/12- there will be 2 confirmands this year, both students from MLC.

#### Team Reports:

**Education Team:** Sunday school students sang at Palm Sunday worship service at MLC on 3/24. There continues to be on average of 10-15 Sunday school students each week. The children will be singing in worship at MLC on 5/12 (Confirmation Sunday and Mother's Day). VBS planning meeting will be on Wednesday 4/17 at 5:15pm at MLC. Confirmation Sunday will be 5/12. Confirmation students did a nice job assisting with worship services for Lent and Easter.

**Finance Team:** No meetings planned at this time, but the team is looking at meeting in May/June. Both churches' insurance policies expire in June/July. Current insurance is through Brotherhood Mutual. Church Mutual insurance company has also discussed offering a quote to the churches as well.

**Property Team (Parsonage):** Pastor Emma will be moving out of the parsonage at the end of April. She plans to meet with the property team the week after she moves out to do a walk through and address any updates that will be needed to the parsonage property prior to the new renters move in date of 6/1/24.

**Staff Support Team:** Last meeting was at the end of February. Next meeting is scheduled for May.

### Quilt & Quilters Blessed at Lewis Valley on March 24, 2024

The quilts and the quilters at Lewis Valley (Ardelle Adamson, Cathy Gabrielson, Ruth Hoff, and JoAnn Nelson) were blessed on 03/24/2024.

The quilters then took the quilts to the veterans at the Tomah VA.



#### QUILTING AT MINDORO LUTHERAN

The quilters at Mindoro have ended their sewing until fall. Thank you to all who contributed materials to be able to keep many people warm.

During your spring house cleaning, please keep this project in mind.



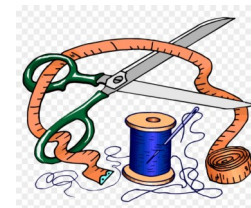
#### QUILTING AT LEWIS VALLEY LUTHERAN

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.



# Anniversaries



## Baptismal Anniversaries

May 1	Michael Jostad
May 2	Marie Baumer
May 6	Tony Kirchner
May 9	Landon Oefstedahl
May 14	Steve Timm Jacob Loken
May 18	Emily Young
May 19	Kimberly Spangler Lincoln Hanson
May 20	Samantha Marco
May 21	Diane Glennie
May 22	Brian Schlifer
May 23	Ryan Glennie
May 24	Leon Pfaff Cindy Thompson
May 25	Wesley Lockington
May 27	Ruth Schwabenbauer
May 28	Aliyana Cruz-Pfaff



## Wedding Anniversaries

May 6	Michael & Gina Merrell
May 9	Robert & Lori Ernstes
May 14	Gary & Debbie Thrower Jacob & Lindsay Bryhn
May 26	Les & Kati Pfaff
May 28	Arlan & Carmen Stello

The Lewis valley Quilters had a nice visit with Bob Everitt.

Bob enjoyed his lap quilt, with a playing cards design, that was made by the quilting gals.



## THANK YOU

### MINDORO LUTHERAN CELEBRATIONS:

In Honor of Mary Stetzer's 90th birthday to the Quilting Fund from Faith & Ronnie Storandt.

### MINDORO LUTHERAN MEMORIALS:

In Memory of Bernice Opland to the Quilting Fund from Paul & Dawn Hoff.

In Memory of Bernice Opland to the Building Fund for the new kitchen windows in the church basement from Judy Hauser, Scott & Shari Bockenbauer, and Friends & Family.

In Memory of Bernice Opland from Leon & Ruth Pfaff.

In Memory of Roger Jerome from Dorothy Christianson.

In Memory of Doug Pfaff from Scott & Shari Bockenbauer.

In Memory of Kris Lockington from Gloria Beaser.

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Our family wants to thank you so much for all your prayers during Mel's recent illness. He is doing well. We are convinced your prayers had a part in it.

Thank you again,  
The Krause Family - Mel, Karen, Angie, Jill, and Clint  
(Karen is Ginny Wegner's sister.)

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**Mindoro W-ELCA:** Thank you for the wedding gift of a doormat from our wedding registry! The mat is already out at our new house and is perfect for wiping our muddy shoes on before going inside from working on starting a garden.

- Pastor Emma, Heather, and Margo

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### **Lewis Valley Lutheran Church council and congregation:**

Thank you so much for the lovely card and gift card in celebration of my wedding! My wife, Heather, and I are so honored by your generosity and thoughtfulness.

Thank you! - Pastor Emma, Heather, and Margo

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### **Mindoro Lutheran Church council and congregation:**

Thank you so much for the beautiful card, gift of cash, and the gift certificate to All Glazed Up. Heather and I, and our daughter Margo, are so excited to go to All Glazed Up in La Crosse and do some painting projects with your generous gifts. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and kindness!

- Pastor Emma, Heather, and Margo

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## IN OUR PRAYERS

**PRAYED FOR IN APRIL:** Cathy Gabrielson's brother-in-law Gene Amann; Louie Christopherson; Rick Dobbs mother Carol Dobbs; Rick Dobb's brother Mike Dobbs; Lori Ernstes; Emma Goodenough; in celebration with Pastor Emma & Heather on their wedding day (04/21/20224); Dennis Anderson and Mary Sinclair's sister Lori Hudson; Mary Kastenschmidt; Bob Kean; Don Koss's son Brian Koss; Katrina Wharton's friend Ila Krueger; Lutheran Social Services; Jack & Diane Glennie's son-in-law & daughter Jim & Paula Maki; Diana Mikkelson; Rusty Opland; Ben Pfaff as he recovers from a work accident; Mary Christina Pfaff; Dustin & Jodi Anderson's brother-in-law Christopher Phillips; John & Dawn Pierce & family; Amelia Pike's mom; Cathy Gabrielson's brother-in-law Chuck Pietscher; Chad & Brenda Severson's dad Jeff Severson; 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 Rusty's brother-in-law Walter "Bud" Zube; Family & Friends of Roger Everson; Family & Friends of Sharon Zibrowski; and Family & Friends of Gary Gilbertson.



**WE ALSO PRAYED IN APRIL 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.*

**Rusty Opland has a new address:**



Rusty Opland  
Morrow Home Community  
331 S Water St Rm # 122  
Sparta WI 54656

He can receive calls on his room phone: # 608-366-3122.

**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.

05/05	Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17
05/12	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19
05/19	Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-17; 16:4b-15
05/26	Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

## Birthdays

May 1	Gary Thrower
May 2	Neal Hanson Tyler Opland Claire Huffman - 5
May 3	Brian Schlifer
May 5	Steve Kirchner Brielle Werner - 18
May 7	<b>Eloise Thum</b> Rich Sinclair Kally Koch
May 8	Laurie Gappa
May 9	Davey Kirchner Alec Baumer
May 10	<b>Rusty Opland</b> Ryan Sawyer Jenna Hanson
May 11	Jodi Anderson
May 12	<b>Paul Hanson</b> Junior Gulbranson Zayden Zawacki - 8
May 17	Gene Hanson Adam Glennie Kael Spors
May 18	Tim (and Tom) Tracey
May 19	Patty Kastenschmidt
May 20	<b>David Kastenschmidt</b>
May 21	Dylan Loken Tucker Haag
May 22	Stanley Stetzer Morgan Dobbs - 18
May 24	Connor Christopherson Mackenzie Werner
May 26	<b>Gail Kirchner</b> Kay Pfaff Macy Dobbs - 17
May 27	Kim Page Montana Sbraggia
May 28	Justin Koss Melanie Tracey Allison Gulbranson
May 29	Troy Goodenough

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



## In Memoriam

May 8, 2015	Jeffrey Mahlum
May 11, 2019	John Merrell
May 19, 2016	Manley Christianson
May 21, 2011	Joel Kirchner
May 21, 2011	Joshua Koss
May 21, 2011	T.J. Storandt
May 21, 2021	Arlene Severson
May 24, 2023	Ramona Jolivette
May 25, 2014	Joyce Pfaff
May 29, 1977	Otto Odegaard
May 30, 2013	Marjorie Alens

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
05/05	Jason Knipe	Carol Taylor	W-ELCA	Jack & Cheryl Card
05/12	Cathy Gabrielson	_____	Laurie Gappa	Jeremy & Amanda Christianson
05/19	Carol Taylor	Jane Brockway	Sandy Haag	Dan & Sandy Haag
05/26	9:00am Joint	Worship at	Mindoro Lutheran	Summer schedule begins.

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

Below Right: Leon Pfaff celebrated his 75th birthday with his family.  
Happy Birthday Leon!



**MAY  
COMMUNION SET UP -**  
Carol Euler  
Joanne Mashak  
May 5 & 12: White  
May 19: Red  
May 26: White (Jt at MLC)  
All of June & July: Green



### APRIL FINANCIAL GIVING THROUGH 04/21/2024

Sunday Envelope Offering .....	\$715.00
Sunday Loose Offering .....	\$86.00
Electronic Giving .....	\$1,915.00
PayPal Giving .....	\$635.00
Weekday Giving .....	\$0.00
Total Giving .....	\$3,351.00

## 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
05/05	Kay Johnson	Sandy Stetzer	Grace Lundt	Honorary Sunday
05/12	Harper Tracey	_____	_____	needed
05/19	Jim Hines	Debbie Salek Cindy Tracey	_____	needed
05/26	Jason Knipe	_____	_____	needed

Date	Head Ushers	Ushers
05/05	Rick Dobbs	Rich & Mary Sinclair
05/12	Brian Schlifer	Charlie Glennie, Jack Glennie
05/19	Jim Hines	Charlie Glennie, Jack Glennie
05/26	Bill Cox	Steve Kirchner, Scott Kirchner

**MAY  
COMMUNION SET UP -**  
Marlane Anderson  
Diana Hansen  
**ALTAR COLORS -**  
May 5 & 12: White  
May 19: Red  
May 26: White




**Gail Kirchner has a new address:**

Gail Kirchner  
Brookdale Senior Living  
949 10th Avenue N. #10  
Onalaska WI 54650

Her phone number is # 608-615-1114.

### APRIL FINANCIAL GIVING THROUGH 04/21/2024

Sunday Envelope Offering .....	\$1,540.00
Sunday Loose Offering .....	\$95.00
Electronic Giving .....	\$3,095.00
PayPal Giving .....	\$0.00
Weekday Giving .....	\$0.00
Total Giving .....	\$4,730.00