## **Community Lutheran Church**

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Jesus said, "Whoever believes in me, streams of living water will flow from within them." John 7:38





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**Monthly Newsletter** 

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OFFICE HOURS: Tues.– Fri., 9 am to 1 pm;

April 2025

#### SUNDAY WORSHIP:

Sunday, 9 & 11 am Last Sunday of every month: 10:00 am



Mission Statement of Community Lutheran Church: Living Christ's love in all we do.

## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR TIM

#### "Easter Is Here! Hallelujah!"

I have to confess, Christmas isn't really my favorite holiday. Easter is my favorite holiday. I love the colors of Eastertime. I love to sing Easter hymns more than I like Christmas carols. (Easter hymns are sung in a key that baritones like me can easily sing; Christmas carols get too high for me to sing.) I love that the temperatures are getting warmer, rather than colder. And I love the message.

Easter is the celebration of the heart of the gospel message; we are saved by God's grace through our faith by the saving acts of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus saves us from the inside out. He defeats the power of death after suffering a horrible death and now we have the new life of his resurrection. He brings hope to us by entering our utter despair. He forgives us while knowing how we have forsaken him so much. And all because God loves us even more than God hates our sin.

From 2001 -2009, I served as a Lutheran campus pastor at a small university in Minot, North Dakota. My group worshiped on Tuesday evenings along with sharing a meal and having a Bible study afterward. So I often was free on Sundays and there were a couple of Easter Sundays when I just worshiped in the church and not preached. And that was so hard for me. If there is anytime I really want to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, it is on my favorite holiday – Easter Sunday. It just doesn't seem right when I don't.

This year, Easter Sunday is on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Since we have been doing our Wednesday Lenten services jointly with Hope United Methodist Church, we will have our Maundy Thursday Service jointly with them as well. Community Lutheran Church will host the service at our church. The service will be at 7 pm on April 17<sup>th</sup> and include Holy Communion, a healing service, and the stripping of the altar to commemorate Christ's last night with his disciples.

The choir's Easter Cantata will be performed on Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm and on Good Friday,

the 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. It is titled "The Way of the Cross; A Journey to Calvary".

On Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, I will lead the Stations of the Cross service in our Memorial Garden at 2 pm. And then on Easter Sunday, we will have an Easter Sunrise Service in the Memorial Garden at 7:30 am, an Easter potluck breakfast at 8 am, and Easter services at their regular times of 9 am and 11 am to celebrate God's salvation through Jesus Christ.

I hope you will join us for all of the festivities and be reminded how much God loves us and what all Christ did for us so we may know the salvation of God in our lives.

In Christ's peace, Pastor Tim





Due to the passing of our council president, David Brusby on March 10th, Pete Wold has filled the role of president and Chad Lelm will be vice-president along with his facility duties.

There is a great need of food for the food pantry. A food drive will be held at the church on April 6th. Bring non-perishable food and place on the table in the narthex on that Sunday.

The Women Supporting Women has received many generous donations and is greatly appreciated. No more donations will be taken during the summer months as Toni will not be available until fall.

There are two groups for the table of six. This will be offered again in the fall because of people traveling or have returned to their summer homes.

The windows will be cleaned before Palm Sunday, April 13th, by Reliable Window Cleaning. The fountain in the memorial garden has been sealed. A donation of \$20 was given to Chad to buy and plant 2 new plants. New rock for the columbarium area will be arriving the first of April. A capacitor was replaced on one of our AC units. Chad changed the filters on all the units. A condenser fan is not working well on one of the units behind the kitchen. This will cost \$810 to replace. The gate at the well is still not fixed. Chad is waiting for someone to get back to him on this. Chad has sprayed for weeds.

Kelly Buth has volunteered to be trained on working the sound system.

A BIG thank-you to Tori Lelm for painting the letters on the church. Great job, Tori!! Looks great. The summer schedule will start May 4th, going to one service at 10:00 am.

There will not be a council meeting in June.





Before

Sanded & Scrubbed



First coat painted



## Second coat painted

What an amazing transformation!!

Thank you Tori for all your hard work. Looks beautiful.

### WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

The next bible study followed by a business meeting will be held on April 11th, at 9:30 am. All women are invited to join in. A discussion was made on how to improve the next Anything Chocolate event. The last event showed a profit of \$2,255.06. In January, there is going to be a workshop to make posters for the next February event. So if you're creative you might like to join the fun.

#### Food Pantry Needs

A Food Drive will be held on Sunday, April 6th, to help replenish the food pantry. Please bring non-perishable items on that Sunday and place them on a table set up in the narthex. You have been very generous in the past, but it seems our influx of homeless has increased recently.

PLEASE Place your donated items on the table in the Narthex for April 6th food drive!



Thank you for your support.

#### Cantata Choir

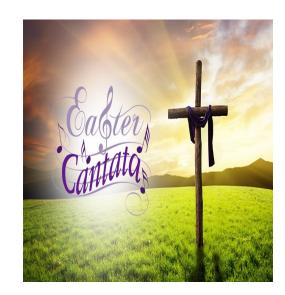
Julie Stickel from Voices of the River has graciously offered to direct a choir for an Easter Cantata. So, if you're interested in joining the choir just show up.

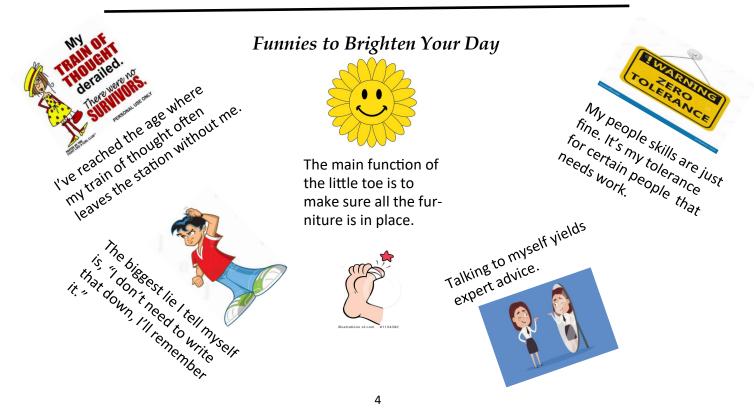
#### **Cantata Practice Times**

Wednesdays, April 2 and April 9th after Lenten Services Saturday, April 12th at 9:00 am Wednesday, April 16th at 6:00 pm

#### Cantata Dates & Times

Sunday, April 13th at 3:00 pm Friday, April 18th at 7:00 pm





#### Ash Wednesday, Lenten Services & Holy Week Schedule

Lenten Services: April 2 and April 9th 5:30 pm Soup Supper 6:00 pm Lenten Service Choir practice following Service Palm Sunday, April 13th at 9 & 11 am Maundy Thursday, April 17th at 7:00 pm Good Friday: April 18th—Stations of the Cross at 2:00 pm Easter Sunrise Service: 7:30 am in the garden Easter services: 9 & 11 am Easter Brunch: Between Sunrise service & 9:00 am





#### Music Lessons

Constanze Bender is offering music lessons for the violin, flute, voice, or recorder. The proceeds will be donated to the church. So if you're interested let her know.

#### Blankets, Sleeping Bags, etc.

The Guardians is in need of blankets, sleeping bags and warm clothing. Please leave any items you might bring in the narthex. There is a tub underneath the kiosk.

They do <u>not</u> need socks.





#### THANK YOU!

#### **Donations Needed**

Women's Crisis Center is very appreciative of your donations. Please continue to HELP us fill our suitcase until May. Collections will be halted during the summer because Toni will not be here to deliver the items. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



# April

# 2025

| Sunday  | Monday              | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday                   |
|---|---------------------|--|--|---|---|----------------------------|
|   |                     | 1  | 2<br>5:30 pm Soup supper<br>6:00 pm Lenten Svc<br>Choir rehearsal after<br>service | 3<br>2 pm Bible Study                                   | 4   | 5                          |
| 6<br>9 & 11 am Worship svc<br>w/communion   | 7<br>Office Closed  | 8<br>9:30 Women's bible<br>study & business<br>meeting | 9<br>5:30 pm Soup supper<br>6:00 pm Lenten Svc<br>Choir rehearsal after<br>svc     | 10<br>2 pm Bible Study<br>6 pm Council Meeting          | 11  | 12<br>9 am Choir rehearsal |
| 13 Palm Sunday<br>9 & 11 am Worship svc<br>w/communion<br>3 pm Cantata                            | 14<br>Office Closed | 15   | 16<br>6 pm Choir rehearsal   | 17<br>No Bible Study<br>7 pm Maundy Thursday<br>service | 18 Good Friday<br>2 pm Stations of the<br>Cross<br>7 pm Cantata | 19                         |
| 20 Easter<br>9 & 11 am Worship svc<br>w/communion<br>7:30 am Sunrise Svc<br>8:00 am Easter Brunch | 21<br>Office Closed | 22   | 23   | 24<br>2 pm Bible Study                                  | 25  | 26                         |
| 27<br>10 am Worship svc<br>w/communion<br><i>Noisy offering<br/><u>No</u> Potluck</i>             | 28<br>Office Closed | 29   | 30   |   |   |                            |

# May

## 2025

| Sunday   | Monday                           | Tuesday   | Wednesday | Thursday   | Friday | Saturday |
|--|----------------------------------|---|-----------|--|--------|----------|
|  |                                  |   |           | 1<br>9:30 am Worship &<br>Music committee mtg<br>2:00 pm Bible Study | 2      | 3        |
| 4<br>10 am Worship Svc<br>w/communion  | 5<br>Office Closed               | 6   | 7         | 8<br>9:00 am Bible Study<br>6:00 pm Council<br>meeting               | 9      | 10       |
| <ul><li>11 <i>Mother's Day</i></li><li>10 am Worship Svc w/communion</li></ul> | 12<br>Office Closed              | 13<br>9:30 am Women's<br>group bible study &<br>meeting | 14        | 15<br>9:00 am Bible Study  | 16     | 17       |
| 18<br>10 am Worship Svc<br>w/communion   | 19<br>Office Closed              | 20  | 21        | 22<br>9:00 am Bible Study  | 23     | 24       |
| 25<br>10 am Worship Svc<br>w/communion<br><i>Noisy Offering</i>                | 26 Memorial Day<br>Office Closed | 27  | 28        | 29<br>9:00 am Bible Study  | 30     | 31       |

### <u>Birthdays & Anniversaries</u>

#### **April Birthdays**

- 2—Altamae Byers
- 2-Chad Lelm
- 4—Rich Ireland
- 5—Marilyn Simons
- 5—Jacob Werchau
- 6—Joann Hoffmeyer
- 9—Tom Shober
- 10—Noah Nielsen
- 11—Constanze Bender-Shanahan
- 22—Marlys Weyer
- 23—Rick Swiston



### <u>Mark your Calendars!</u>

#### Women's Group

*Women's Bible Study and meeting:*. Tuesday, April 8th at 9:30 am, .

<u>Pastor Bible Study</u> 2:00 pm Thursdays

Potluck April 27th.

*Worship & Music Committee* Next meeting, May 1st at 9:30 am.

Council Meeting Thursday, April 10th at 6:00 pm

Happy

#### April Anniversaries

4—Don & Chris Dueker (44) 21—Jaren & Chelsey White (13) 25—Lowell & Sharyl Haas (61)

#### Lent & Holy Week See page 5

<u>Summer Service Hours</u> On May 4th the church services y

We are here to pray for you!

We pray for healing, comfort, guidance, strength, recovery, safe travel, and unrevealed needs, as well as for those with thankful

On May 4th the church services will start at 10:00 am for our summer hours and will continue through October 26th.

### Corner



Let us remember the ones God called home out of our midst, and keep their families and friends in our prayers.





PRAYER REQUEST



If you know someone who would like to be included in the ongoing monthly prayer list, be it for prayer or thanksgiving, please let the office know!

Please continue to pray for all the persons whose names have been

hearts and for those who grieve.

congregation.

offered up by members and friends of the

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