

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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News FROM THE PEWS

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April 2018

What a special Lenten Season we have had at Our Savior's. A "pre-Lent" wonderful pancake supper provided by WELCA, delicious Wednesday soup suppers (thank you to the council, Parish Life committee, Choir, Property and Finance committee and Men's Square for all your hard work and fantastic meals!) and, most importantly, special worship services with very special music. Thank you to all!!!

It has been a treat to hear folks share about their life of faith. Check out the bulletin board in the hallway outside the Memorial Room for a synopsis from each one. While Kerrie Ramstead, Daryle Odden, Mike Kunka and Judy Ericksen had a chance to "answer" these questions, they are here for you to consider how you might share your faith using them, too:

- What is your earliest memory of church?
- Who was the first person to tell you about Jesus?
- Who was the person who most helped you learn about Jesus or had the most impact in your early life of faith?
- When is a time you most deeply felt the presence of Jesus?
- How has prayer made a difference in your life?
- What is one way you live out your faith in daily life?
- What makes you the most excited about your faith/Jesus?

You never know when you might be asked to share how God makes a difference in your life.

Blessings, Pastor Anna

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From the Council President

We have had two council meetings with the new current members. I would like to congratulate the Nominating Committee for what they achieved. There are members that are serving on Council for the first time, Joyce Morgan, Don Marberg and Tyler Gunderson.

Tyler Gunderson, it is quite a decision to agree to serve on Council when one is asked and that is a big one when you do so the first time. So many in this congregation have taken on these responsibilities many times and know the importance of doing the tasks. For Tyler, a young person to us, an example to us all to let us know he is willing to grow in faith as serving is based in faith through Jesus. We have watched Tyler as a youth and he is now working with us as an adult in this Church.

There is Don Marberg, who works with his hands building and fixing homes and he is now serving on Property and Finance Committee sharing his experiences and wisdom with the others that serve so well on the committee.

Joyce Morgan and her family have been with this congregation for as long as I can remember. Many of you have been on committees and worked with her over the years. She brings a great deal of knowledge and a willingness to continue to be a part of the Stewardship Committee.

Kathy Maynard has been on Council before and is one of those that is willing to do this again. She will be working on the Worship and Music Committee which is the heart of our service that helps make all of us grow in our faith and nourish our daily lives.

I ask that you will continue to pray for all the Council and continue to let them know you support and appreciate them. —Jerry Ramstead

Holy Week - Come and Worship

- John Goldhahn, Dylan Hamill, and Paige Muston will celebrate an important step in their life of faith by celebrating their first Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, March 29. Come and worship with them at 7:00 pm.
- Good Friday worship will be March 30 at 7:00 pm with First Presbyterian, at Our Savior's.
- Sunrise Worship will be at 7:00 am on Easter morning. Celebration Easter Worship will be at 10:00 am.

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Harlan Orham	Treasurer
Ellen Forslund	Worship & Music Director
Madeleine Folkerts	Accompanist
Terry Lee	Custodian

COUNCIL

Jerry Ramstead	761-6639	President
Mike Kunka	452-1663	Vice-President/PR&O
Laura Vanni-Kelly	870-2946	Secretary/Human Concerns Education
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Linda Lassila	452-0565	Property & Finance
Don Marberg	788-7068	Worship & Music
Fred Martens	268-1431	Stewardship
Kathy Maynard	750-5446	Youth Member
Joyce Morgan	761-7894	
Teagan Olson	761-7696	

APRIL SERVICE GROUP

Amy Ford	Mary Ellen Mewes
Kathy Maynard	*Robert & Carole Miller
Kelly & Angela Maynard	Terri Miller
Mike McCoy	Greg & Tracy Milton
Barbara McFarlane	Harry & Lilli Milton
Doug & Pastor Anna Merritt	Judith Mossey
Diane Mewes	* <i>name is the month's coordinator</i>



Blessings to all who celebrate birthdays in:
April!

If we have missed anyone's birthday, please call the Church Office.

Shawna Ernest	4/01	Tori Anderson	4/20
Harold Spilde	4/02	Janet Murphy	
Melissa Horton	4/03	Aunika Clemons	4/21
Marialyce Martin	4/05	Ruth Allen	4/22
Abbie Virts		Phil Dunham	4/23
Levi Eberl	4/06	Bob Laird	4/24
Mark Goetz	4/07	Doris Seaton	
Scott Bradley	4/08	Sharon Odden	4/26
Debbie Riewer		Heather Swanson	
Ethan Kunka	4/10	Bob Dickenson	4/27
JaqLynne Firestone-Amato	4/11	Julie Pribyl	
John Goldhahn	4/13	Nobby Johnson	4/28
Rae Smith	4/15	Daryle Odden	
Briana Brown	4/17	Sandra Vanni	
Helen Heglund		Jeremy Virts	4/29
Elizabeth Danielson	4/18	Tyson Brown	4/30
Henry Danielson			
Karissa Ramstead			



YOUTH NEWS

- The final event of this season for youth grades 1-12 led by counselors from Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp will be April 15 at First English Lutheran, 726 2nd Ave N. The time is 1:30-2:45 pm. Come for a fun time of learning and games, and bring a friend!
- Pastor Anna will be volunteering at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp the week of July 29-August 3. Have you registered your child for a week at camp? Check out flbc.net for information and a schedule of camps offered (brochures are also available in the church office and upstairs at the back of the sanctuary). Those that register by April 1st get a \$50 savings. There are scholarships available - see Pastor Anna for more information and an additional "first come first served" savings!
- Reminder - J.A.M. 2.0 begins again Wednesday, April 4 at 6:15 pm.
- Reminder - Confirmation begins again Wednesday, April 11, at 6:30 pm at First English Lutheran.

Young at Heart

"Quakers, Coffee and Costa Rica" is the April program for Young at Heart. Sheila Kelly and her family lived and studied abroad for a year in a Quaker community in Costa Rica. Besides being the wife of Mayor Bob Kelly, Sheila is an active community volunteer and working woman in Great Falls. She will share an interesting and insightful year of experiences with us. Join in Lunde Hall, at 1:00 pm, on Monday, April 16. We will taste different coffees from Costa Rica and beyond as well as have delicious dessert following the program. Bring a friend!!

From the Roof to the Basement

Join with Our Savior's in celebration of paying off the roof debt for a chicken dinner following worship on April 15. A free will offering will be collected to help replace the windows in the basement as they are leaking, causing damage to the basement walls. Celebrate with us as we check one project off the list, and say hello to a new one!

OSLC RUMMAGE SALE

The biennial **Rummage Sale** is scheduled for Saturday, June 9. Now is the perfect time to clear out that space in the garage or the storage area and donate your gently used items (no clothes, please) for the Rummage Sale. If you have questions or would like to schedule a pick up, please be in contact with Jerry Ramstead or Bill Larson.

FISH WEEK

FISH Week is coming April 9th-13th and volunteers are needed to help feed the hungry in the community. If you would like to sign up to volunteer during FISH week, please be watching the bulletin for a skinny sheet to sign-up on. Please direct any questions to Harold Spilde at 761-5009. Bless our faithful OSLC servants!

Loaves & Fishes Dinner

Thank you!! The 18th Annual Loaves & Fishes dinner was a great success. To those who donated items and food, volunteered at the event, attended the dinner, and supported this event YOU were instrumental in raising money for FISH to provide emergency food to those in need in our community.

FISH raised \$7,000 to purchase food for Great Falls due to your generosity. Also, thank you to our sponsorships from Bison Ford, Dick & Debbie Olson, Benefis Health Systems, Western Office Equipment, Eye Clinic of Great Falls, and Thrivent Action Team.

We tried very carefully to keep track of all of the donated items for the raffle and silent auction. If we inadvertently did not send you a thank you card, please accept our apology and consider this your thank you.

Thank you and God bless all of you, FISH Board of Directors and the OSLC Human Concerns Committee

WELCA News

- ⇒ More than 120 people enjoyed the Lenten Brunch – *The Cross-Our Faith* – on March 24 at the Meadow Lark Country Club. Thank you to Pastor Anna as emcee, to Bishop Jessica Crist for devotions, to Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton as speaker, to Laura Vanni-Kelly and Crystal Dewell for music. Also, thanks to Ted Anderson for the centerpieces, thanks to Emily Durazo for all of her help and to Martha Circle for hosting this wonderful event.
- ⇒ WELCA Board Meeting will be Wednesday, April 11 at 1:15 p.m.
- ⇒ LOVE DAY will meet Thursday, April 5 and April 19 at 9:30 a.m. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy a time of fellowship and helping make beautiful quilts for Lutheran World Relief.
- ⇒ CIRCLES-Martha Circle will meet Thursday, April 26 at the church at 10:30 a.m. Miriam Circle will meet Thursday, April 26, at the home of Judy Ludtke at 1:30 p.m.
- ⇒ The SPRING FAMILY POTLUCK BANQUET -- honoring graduating seniors Haley Milton and Teagan Olson -- will be held May 22 at 6:00 p.m. in Lunde Hall.

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT

February 2018		YEAR TO DATE	
Beginning Balance	4,04671	Beginning Balance	0
General Offerings	13,978.23	Offerings YTD	26,442.64
Disbursements	18,978.22	Disbursements YTD	35,489.34
Ending Balance	-9,046.70	Ending Balance	-9,046.70

CHANGE FOR CHANGE

The February total was \$134.72

Thank you for your generosity!



Second Quarter Special Offering Envelopes

The special envelopes in your boxes for 2nd quarter will be designated for Meals on Wheels.

Thanks Received

Thanks to all who helped during Fellowship Hour throughout the month of February. Most sincere thanks! -Nobby & Betty Johnson

Book Club

The next Book Club gathering is Monday, April 30, at 6:30 pm, at Sandra Vanni's home. The book for April is The Shoemaker's Wife by Adriana Trigiani.

Prayer Partners for May-August

It's time to switch up partners again—and that means it is your opportunity to be included. Please let Pastor Anna know by April 23 (pastor@oslcgreatfalls.org) that you would like to have a partner.

LADIES: LET'S DO LUNCH

Come and enjoy lunch, fellowship, and one another's company at the next Ladies: Let's Do Lunch on Thursday, April 12, 11:45 am, at MacKenzie River Pizza Co, 500 River Dr S. Please let Pastor Anna know you plan to attend by Wednesday, April 11. See you then (guests are welcome)!

Community Quilting

All are welcome to come for a time of quilting for others at New Hope Lutheran church, Monday, March 5, from 6:00-8:00 pm.