

THE WOMEN OF SSLC CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO

## *"It's a Girl Thing"* Women's Luncheon

Saturday, May 4th  
11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

GUEST SPEAKER, PATI KACHEL  
WILL PRESENT  
"BLOOM WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED"

Join us for an inspiring  
afternoon filled with laughter,  
fellowship and growth!

South Santiago Lutheran Church  
14675 37th Street  
Clear Lake, MN

Please RSVP by April 27 to the Church office  
(763) 663-2048 or [sslcoffice@izoom.net](mailto:sslcoffice@izoom.net)



### CEMETERY CLEAN UP

Spring clean up day will be  
Monday, May 6 at 6 pm.



Rain date will be the following  
Monday, May 13.

Please collect all loose items that you wish to keep  
prior to this day.  
You may return them after clean up day. Thanks!



### 2nd Annual Spring Carnival

May 19th 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Potluck – sign up on sign up genius

Hot dogs & buns and drinks provided

Games for the kids

\$1/ticket or \$5/10 tickets

Fun for the whole Family



### Out to Lunch

for May will be on Tuesday,  
May 21 at noon, at Bailey  
Ray's in Santiago.  
All are welcome to join us!

### Congratulations to our First Communion students:

Miles Bistodeau    Noah Nelson    Tobin Nelson    Violet Prokott  
Ellie Stang    Jocelyn Stang    Adelynn Waldbillig



# CHURCH NEWS

## MCDONALDS MEATS IN CLEAR LAKE

### Youth Fundraiser

May 16, 17, 18

Come over, have lunch and support our youth for their mission trip to Salt Lake City!



## HERE IS OUR NEW QR CODE FOR ONLINE GIVING:



Thank you for your gifts!



## South Santiago Lutheran Church Blood Drive

Tuesday, June 18th  
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

South Santiago Lutheran Church  
14675 37th Street  
Clear Lake, MN 55319

Give the gift of life to others.

For an appointment, please visit  
[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) enter SSLC  
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

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Congratulations to the Robotics team as went to the World Competition in Texas and finished 4th! Members of SSLC who went were: Kaylee Waters, Alyssa Hanson, Cole Haus, Landon Jurek, Coach Alex Jurek & Jill Jurek.

Congratulations to the Robotics team, we are proud of you guys!!!

# CHURCH NEWS

## Sunshine Group

This group sends cards and makes calls to greet, encourage, congratulate and cheer on our SSLC family. We break down a Bible Verse each time we meet taking time to learn about the verse and talking about how it encourages us.



Please contact me for more information or with any ideas or suggestions. Everyone is welcome. We meet at SSLC on the first Monday of the month at 10 am and would love to have you join us!

## LOOKING FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH BOARD MEMBERS



to give direction for the years programming.

Please contact Karla Zerwas at 763-333-8570.

## Did You Know?



We have a Meals Ministry program at SSLC! There have been a group of women who have been making and providing meals for members of our congregation when there is an illness, a health concern, or a need.

If you would like to find out more and get connected contact Roberta Bistodeau at 320-250-8073 or Dee Punton at 612-719-2344. You can either provide meals, storage dishes or cooking dishes for them to use for those families. You may bring gently used or new cookware to the church office. Please contact either Roberta or Dee if you would like to help make meals for families.



## ALTAR GUILD

is looking for volunteers to set up and take down communion for worship services.

Please contact Ann Kooiker at 320-250-0910 if you are able to help. Thank you!

## Visit Our Library!

Need a quiet place to read or relax? Try our church library! Comfy chairs, puzzles, and books for children, families, couples, singles, those who are grieving, seeking motivation, self-help or spiritual growth, plus Bibles, Bible studies, devotionals, biographies, fiction, and books about Martin Luther and people from the Bible. Stop and take a look!



## Cemetery plots are available

at our cemetery. \$250 per plot for our members. Please contact Bill Rogers at 320-743-3031.



## MONEY COUNTERS NEEDED:

We are looking for people to help count offerings after worship services.

Summer months after 9 am worship; school year after 10 am worship. Both regular and fill-in spots available. Counting takes about 30-45 minutes. Training provided! Please contact Barb Marsh at 320-248-2949 or [bmarsh123@midco.net](mailto:bmarsh123@midco.net).



## NEW MEMBERS

If you are new or newer to SSLC and would like more information about Membership or an informational packet, please see Dee in the Narthex.

Our next New Member Orientation will be held on Sunday, October 6th.



## FIREWOOD AVAILABLE

SSLC Cemetery has an agreement with the Sherburne County work release program to cut down 20 dead trees on the land next to the cemetery. The board has a list of congregation members that would like some firewood. When a tree is cut up, we will call the people on the list in order of their sign up to pick it



# CHURCH NEWS

## PRAYER SHAWL

If you have a person in your life that you would like to gift a prayer shawl to, please contact the church office.



Priscilla Bible Study meets on the 1st Monday of the month at 9 am. All are welcome to join us!



## OFFERING ENVELOPES



We have blank offering envelopes in the church entry on the podium next to the guest book. Please feel free to take one as needed.



## Men's Bible Study Group Tuesday Mornings 10 AM

Every Tuesday at 10 a.m., SSLC men are invited to participate in a Bible study in the nursery classroom wing.

For the past many years, the group has been reading its way through the Bible, simply taking a chapter a week. All are welcome!

## SOUTH SANTIAGO BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND



Please consider a special donation to SSLC's Building Maintenance fund. We have established a savings account to build up to use for major church repairs. We anticipate more repairs as our beautiful building ages.

To make a special donation, just designate "Building Repairs" on your check or offering envelope. We hope you can help us grow this account to allow us to keep SSLC in the best condition we can. Thank you!

Buildings and Grounds Committee

## ALL MILITARY FAMILIES AND FRIENDS



We have a bulletin board to recognize those members and friends in their service for our country.

We would like to include all active and retired personnel from all branches of service, all law enforcement, and all firefighters.

The information we are gathering: Name, Rank, Dates of Service, Branch of Service, Where stationed or area. We would like to place a 4 inch by 6 inch photo with the description of each person. If you have photos and bios to be added to this board, please bring them to the church office.

## SSLC Virtual Worship

Sunday: 8 and 10 am.

-We are broadcasting on our YOU TUBE CHANNEL-at South Santiago Lutheran Church.



You can go to our website at [sslcmm.org](http://sslcmm.org) and click on the link there or directly within YouTube



## PROJECTION/SOUND BOOTH HELP NEEDED

We are in need of help in the projection/sound booth for Sunday and Wednesday worship services.

Position is paid. All ages from 15 and up.  
Please see Merrill Binnall for more info.

## PASTOR ALLISON



These past few weeks I have been hearing a lot of stories. Stories about faith, stories about lives well lived. I also realized I have spent the past two years trying to give our confirmation youth an overview of the Bible only to barely touch the surface, barely glimpse behind those stories we have known from childhood. Every time I open the Bible I am learning more and more about God and God's people. Now I know this should not seem surprising, after all most of us find something new each time we read the Bible, but it amazes me that we can always gain new insight, find something we have missed in past readings, discover how a story



now connects to our lives. A few weeks ago, on April 14th, I preached on God's story and how it is not finished. (You can find it on our YouTube channel "South Santiago Lutheran Church," you can find a link to the channel on the church website.)

The books in the Bible took centuries to write, collect, and be chosen as God's Word. Hundreds and hundreds of years ago the early church deemed these sixty-six books as canon, authorized as the Christian Bible. But the story of God didn't end with Paul, Peter, and John of Patmos, rather God's story continues today, with us. All of us have a chapter to write, a story to tell. Some of our stories read as tragedies, some comedies. A few of our stories may seem more science fiction than reality and a few may even have the feel of a mystery or a romance. No matter what type of story yours may seem, all our stories involve the same main character, God. God is at the centers of our lives whether we realize it, acknowledge it, want to believe it or not. We are merely supporting characters in the story of God and God's love.

I know our kids love to hear the stories of our lives. How many times, when they were young, have our children asked us what it was like in the 'old days'? Asking what we did, what games we played, what were our favorite toys, movies, songs? What are our memories? We should not write for ourselves, we need to write for our children, to leave them a legacy of our faith. Showing our children, showing others our faith not only by what we do but to leave a record of that faith and why we follow Jesus, is a gift more valuable, more precious than anything on earth. How would you write your story? Would it read like a biography with facts, dates, and a few historical events sprinkled in? Would you write a story using fictional names? Places? Events? Maybe your story would be more of a children's fairytale? Or a modern American classic.

I realize for many of us it is hard to sit down and write our story. I know it is hard for me to write about myself, I feel everyone knows everything there is to know about me or that my life is boring, and no one would be interested. Even though I feel this way, I also recognize the need to leave a written record of my faith. Let's start together, answer a simple yet very complex question WHY JESUS? Why are you a Christian? Why is Jesus important to you and for you? There are no requirements for what you write other than you tell your story. Why is Jesus your Savior? In a world full of religions and faith practices, Why Jesus? Why do you choose to follow Jesus? I would be very interested in reading what you write if you are willing to share with me. I will be sharing my Why Jesus? Story with you next month.

All God's blessings,

Pastor Allison

# MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



## BIRTHDAYS

5/01 Jeffrey Mateyka  
 5/01 Craig Lecy  
 5/02 Kylee Rick  
 5/03 Jeff Peterson  
 5/03 Hailey Uecker  
 5/03 Jordan Mateyka  
 5/05 Janelle Uecker  
 5/06 Wendy Reisem  
 5/07 Lauren Hanzlik  
 5/07 Lillian Fowler  
 5/10 Ted Hochsprung  
 5/10 Tammy Bergsten  
 5/10 Jocelyn Stang  
 5/11 Kristine Mateyka  
 5/13 Dan Brown

5/13 Stella Prokott  
 5/13 Matthew Stang  
 5/14 Molly Stang  
 5/15 Lance Lysdal  
 5/16 Eli Swedal  
 5/18 Gabe Reisem  
 5/18 Blake Timm  
 5/18 Paden Willhite  
 5/20 Cassie Kupczyk  
 5/20 Eric Stommes  
 5/20 Lincoln Prokott  
 5/21 Corey Winkelman  
 5/22 Ryan Johnson  
 5/22 Griffin Baldry  
 5/23 Leonard Waldbillig  
 5/26 Dale Pozorski  
 5/27 Kevin Kampa  
 5/27 Brycen Rea  
 5/29 Dwayne Pozorski  
 5/30 Brynn Timm  
 5/30 Kendall Lamp  
 5/31 Glen Kaas

## ANNIVERSARIES

5/01 Mike & Dee Punton  
 5/06 Loren & Patty Simmons  
 5/15 Chuck & Amy Busch  
 5/27 Eric & Stephani Graftaas  
 5/31 Russ & Hanna Klimmek

## FAMILY SERVICE GROUP website: [www.sslcmn.org/stewardship](http://www.sslcmn.org/stewardship)

	5/5	5/5	5/12	5/12	5/19	5/19	5/26
	8 am	10 am	8 am	10 am	8 am	10 am	9 am
READER	A. Busch	T. Miller-Hess	R. Ament	P. Kipka	R. Ament	T. Miller-Hess	P. Kipka
READER							
USHERS	P. Ament	W. Harkin, H. Karls	C. Pany		H. Heitkamp	S. Keeler	
HEAD USHER	Tom Hanzlik		Tom Hanzlik		Tom Hanzlik		Tom Hanzlik
GREETERS							
ACOLYTE		G. Baldry	C. Klimmek				
KITCHEN HELPERS							
GOODIES							
COMMUNION HELPER			B. Rogers, R. Ament, S. Ament		B. Rogers, R. Ament, S. Ament		
ALTAR GUILD			M. Macauley, B. Bursch, S. Prokott	P. Kipka, D. Pozorski, K. Waters	M. Macauley, B. Bursch, A. Mlenek	P. Kipka, D. Pozorski, L. Swanson, M. Peterson	

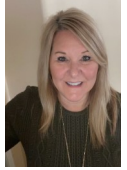
**WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR WEEKLY WORSHIP!**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A49A4A922A6FA7-47038726->

# ADULT MINISTRY

Hello Everyone,

We're gearing up for our highly anticipated "It's A Girl Thing" Annual Spring Luncheon at the end of this week! I hope you are all excited as we are to gather with your most cherished women and girls of all ages for a day filled with inspiration and connection. Our planning team has been hard at work to ensure this event is extra special for all attendees.



This year, we are thrilled to announce that Pati Kachel will be our guest speaker, presenting on the theme "Bloom Where You Are Planted". Her insights and wisdom are sure to uplift and encourage us all. And let's not forget about the delicious dessert – we will be featuring treats from 12 Cookies Co., a local gourmet cookie company, started by Layla Mathews a young cancer survivor from Becker who gives a portion of her profits to pediatric cancer research.

In other news, mark your calendars for SSLC's upcoming blood drive on Tuesday, June 18th. Donating blood is a life-saving gift, and your participation can make a significant impact. You can sign up online or in the Narthex. If donating isn't an option for you but you still want to be involved, consider joining our team to help promote the drive or assist on the day of the event. Sign up details are available in the narthex as well.

And don't forget about our quarterly "Out to Lunch" gathering on Tuesday, May 21st at 12:00 at Bailey Ray's in Santiago. It's a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and lunch out. All are welcome, so be sure to sign up in the narthex or call the church office so we can include you in the reservation! Let's continue to uplift and support each other through these meaningful events. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Warm regards,

Dee Punton  
Adult Ministry Coordinator

# CONFIRMATION RETREAT 2024



## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BREAKFAST CLUB

Spring is here and so is the end of the Sunday School year. The kids and teachers have had a great year of learning about the stories of the Bible and the GREAT love God has for us. Bible Bucks are still going on and lots of prizes to be “bought” by the end of the year! Remind kids to continue to work on their Bible verses. If you need another copy of the memory verses you can find them in the wooden file over by the boys bathroom, or see me.



Mark your calendars for the 2nd annual Spring Carnival Sunday, May 19 @ 11:00. We are looking for help in running the stations and also bringing food for our pot luck lunch. Signup genius' are below. Last year was so much fun talking with the members, watching kids play and eating a great lunch.

Sunday School and Breakfast Club will be planting our garden to help the people of Becker by bringing fresh produce to the food shelf. A sign up sheet will be available to sign up for one week to help with the garden. Since we now have raised beds the work is quite minimal. Pruning, breaking up soil, picking a few weeds, and in the latter summer to harvest the vegetables. More information will be coming out soon.

We continue to try to get better every year and look forward for ways to improve. If you are someone who has great ideas or would like to help out the Sunday School and Breakfast Club programs reach out to me and we can find a spot for you.

God has blessed us BIG!

Volunteer for Spring Carnival:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A49A4A922A6FA7-48855340-sunday#/>



Donate Food for Spring Carnival:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A49A4A922A6FA7-48855341-sslc>

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Family of Lew Olson, Family of Becky Rasmussen (Janelle Uecker's Mom), Family of Carol Kaas, Kelly Kipka, Brian Stang (Dennis & Brenda Stang relative), Karen Cox (Susan Peterson and Buster Graning's sister), Aiden Frommelt (Friend of our High School youth), Barbara Beaman (Lavone Gilyard's daughter), Audrey Nelson (Becky Bursch's Mom), Jim Bursch (Scott Bursch's Dad), Shelley Fassler, Glen Kaas, Ethan Andresen (Teresa Zehnder's friend), Magnus Breisnes (Teresa Zehnder's cousin), Scott Stang (Nancy James' brother), Mason Schroeder (Kayla du' Monceaux's friend), David Zehnder, Ralph & Norma Frank (Dawn Eid's parents), Bonnie Swedal (Sheri Haus and Steve Swedal's Mom), Corey Lucas (Curt Jarvi's daughter), Clayton Lerdahl, Craig Lecy, Don Mekeland (Shane Mekeland's Dad), Shirley Graftaas (Eric Graftaas' Mom), Kim Hansmeier) Lisa Orton's friend), Amy Gohman (Daughter of Ron and Susan Peterson), Chloe Schuch (Brad and Ruth Thom's granddaughter), Danny Stang (Nancy James' brother), Jackie Massman (Gloria Kydd's niece).

**MILITARY PRAYERS:** Sydney Stommes, Hayden Fassler, Richard Buckalew, Jeremy Schuch, Kyle Whitcomb.

**IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO SHOULD BE ADDED TO OUR PRAYER LIST OR PRAYER CHAIN, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE**




# DISCOVER CONSISTENCY IN OFFERINGS WITH SIMPLY GIVING

We are a church, or a faith community, who follow in the way of Jesus but the way that we come together is in the form of an organization. As an organization, we have staff, property & other assets, and all the expenses that go along with all of that as well as ongoing costs for our ministries both inside and outside of SSLC. As an organization, one outcome we need is financial contributions that meet our expenses so that we can continue to function as an organization.

Generosity paired with consistency is crucial to growing the impact of any nonprofit. SSLC is grateful for the commitment and consistency of our regular worshippers. Electronic Giving is generosity with consistency made easy! By enrolling in electronic giving your offering always makes it to SSLC even when you can't make it to worship. The consistency of electronic giving also helps us more accurately budget without concerns about winter storms or summer vacations and their impact on the offering plate. Each new enrollment in electronic giving reduces the number of offering envelopes we need to order, print, ship, address, & mail, reducing paper & fuel use. It saves us about \$4/ household.

Contact SSLC Administrative Assistant, Shelly Bluhm at 763-662-2048 or sslcoffice@izoom.net for more information or assistance in setting up your electronic giving. Consistency in your generosity can be achieved in other ways. Consider adding your offering to your bank's Bill Pay program. Each week we receive checks directly from banks or trusts on behalf of a worshipper. It's a great option for those who don't carry a checkbook around anymore or have lost track of their offering envelopes.

Thank you for your support and generosity that allow us to continue to impact the lives of those inside and outside of this place. I encourage you to take time in the coming days to consider the incentives that you see as part of this community. I believe those incentives will continue to inspire generosity in supporting our ministry together!



**"SIMPLY GIVING"**  
AUTHORIZATION FOR AUTOMATIC TRANSFER

I authorize South Santiago Lutheran Church and the financial institution named below to initiate electronic debits from my checking/savings account. This authority will remain in effect until I notify you in writing to cancel it in such time as to afford the financial institution a reasonable opportunity to act on it. I can stop payment of any entry by notifying my financial institution 3 days before my account is charged.

Simple Verified Check Here

(Name of Financial Institution) \_\_\_\_\_ (Branch) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name - Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Address - Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize a monthly payment amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ directly from my checking /savings account on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. This monthly payment should be divided as follows:

General Fund	\$ _____
Building Fund/Debt Reduction	\$ _____
Other	\$ _____

I authorize a monthly payment amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ directly from my checking /savings account on the 30<sup>th</sup> of each month. This monthly payment should be divided as follows:

General Fund	\$ _____
Building Fund/Debt Reduction	\$ _____
Other	\$ _____

(If payment amount changes I will notify you at least 10 days before the regularly scheduled payment date.)

Account Number \_\_\_\_\_ Checking \_\_\_\_\_ Savings \_\_\_\_\_  
 Financial Institution Routing Number \_\_\_\_\_

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 RETAIN FOR YOUR RECORDS

On \_\_\_\_\_ (date) I authorized South Santiago Lutheran Church 14675 37<sup>th</sup> St. Clear Lake, MN 55319 to initiate electronic debits from my checking/savings account and have agreed to the terms listed on the authorization. I may revoke my authorization at any time by writing to the address above.

Payment amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawal will occur on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month  
 Payment amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawal will occur on the 30<sup>th</sup> of each month

**SIMPLY GIVING ENROLLMENT  
FORM SAMPLE**

**THERE ARE NO FEES FOR  
ENROLLING  
OR USING THIS SERVICE.**

## YOUTH NEWS



### SAVE THE DATE! GRADUATE QUILTS

will be gifted on Sunday, May 5.

Invite your family and friends to help celebrate the day!

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP WITH EMPTYING / REDEMPTION OF THE CANS, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE. EACH STUDENT THAT HELPS WILL RECEIVE PART OF THE PROCEEDS TOWARDS THEIR FAMILY ACCOUNT.



### MCDONALDS MEATS

#### FUNDRAISER

MAY 16–17–18



Signup genius link:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/  
go/10C0A49A4A922A6FA7-  
48855317-mcdonalds#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A49A4A922A6FA7-48855317-mcdonalds#/)

ALL FUNDS FROM RECYCLING DONATIONS GO TO OUR YOUTH PROGRAM.  
TRAILER IN CHURCH PARKING LOT.

## THANK YOU TO:

- \*Maundy Thursday Readers: Jeanette Harshman, Scott Bursch, Mark Swanson, Jeff and Kris Mateyka;
- \*Stripping of the Altar: Sandy Empting, Jeanette Harshman, Donna Pozorski, and Brenda Stang;
- \*Good Friday Readers: Colton Rausch, Deb Rausch, Kris Mateyka, Walt Munsterman, Marilyn Humble, David Darsow, Holly Klinker;
- \*Special Music: Heidi Lecy, Helen Swanson;
- \*Ann Kooiker and Sandy Empting for resetting the sanctuary decorations and paraments;
- \*Mike and Jeanna Tomczik for donating 6 bottles of wine for communion serving;
- \*All families who participated and supported the flower fundraisers;
- \*Danny Jergenson, Bill Empting, Rich Alickson, and Richard Harshman for burning brush at the cemetery;
- \*Karla Zerwas and her helpers for organizing the Random Acts of Kindness for next week;
- \*All Confirmation Retreat students for church grounds maintenance, making Communion bread, and making fleece tie blankets;
- \*High School students for making meals for Meals Ministry and baking cookies for Sunday hospitality;
- \*Bruce Peterson, Karla Zerwas, Samantha Anderson, Jenny Koenig, Dawn Drayna, and Denise Fowler for helping with the Confirmation Retreat;
- \*Shelley Peterson for helping with Meals Ministry;
- \*Rochelle Ament for helping pack Random Acts of Kindness gifts;
- \*All Confirmation students who gave out Random Acts gifts;
- \*Dee Punton for baking cookies for fellowship hour;
- \*Ralph Johnson, Danny Jergenson, Bill Rogers, Rich Alickson, Les Krei, Ben Leddy, Kaleb Waters, Aaron Miner, Cooper Peterson, Jordan Mateyka, Thomas Zerwas for moving the donated playset;
- \*All families who donated gifts of food and helped with the Carol Kaas and Lew Olson funerals.

# High School Ministry



As we come to a close on this school year, I have been reflecting on all the wonderful times we have had together as a youth group. Nashville mission trip was a blast, Food Scavenger Hunt was amazing, Raking The Town and helping out 2 very lovely women was a blessing, our small but quaint devotions and game nights were fun, Christmas Caroling & party were joyous, and ending the year with Random Acts of Kindness was the best feeling. This senior high group have touched the hearts of so many people they have no idea they did. The saying "To the world, you may be one person, but to one person, you may be the world" is very true about SSLC's youth group. They are an amazing group of humans and are turning into wonderful, faithful young adults.

We look forward to next year as we are planning for a bigger and better year.

If you are able to help plan and coordinate some activities for the youth group please see Karla. It does take a village!

Look for more details on some fun summer activities that may happen.

I want to send off our High School Seniors with a prayer:

***Loving God, we thank you for all who graduate from high school this year. You have blessed them during their years in school with wisdom, friendships, and skills. You continue to challenge them to make this world a better place because of their education. Amen.***

Gods blessing to you this Spring!



## CHURCH COUNCIL & STAFF INFORMATION

### Church Council Members

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# APRIL 11, 2024 COUNCIL MINUTES

**MINUTES HAVE NOT  
BEEN APPROVED**

Members present: Merrill Binnall, Ann Kooiker, Barb Marsh, Kristin Forner, David Darsow, Chuck Busch, Greg Prokott, Mark Swanson, Walt Munsterman, Pastor Allison.

1. Opening Devotions – Pastor Allison shared devotion from Christ in Our Home Devotional book.
2. Meeting called to order by Merrill at 6:47 p.m.
3. Open Forum/Visitors – No visitors. No Open Forum.
4. Motion made by Ann to adopt agenda. Seconded by Kristin. Motion passed.
5. Motion made by David to adopt consent agenda. Seconded by Barb. Motion passed.
  - A. March Council minutes
  - B. Treasurer's report
  - C. Reports in Dropbox (Pastor, Staff, Committees)
6. Unfinished Business
  7.
    - A. Mark will get names and phone numbers to Council Members of individuals to contact who have not yet completed church questionnaire.
    - B. Background checks for volunteers going on the 2024 Mission Trip is in process. Merrill is working on process for background checks for South Santiago Lutheran Church.
    - C. Motion made by Pastor Allison to table AV equipment discussion until we have updated information to work with. Seconded by Ann. Motion passed.
    - D. David made a motion to purchase 2 ceiling audience microphones at this time for the sanctuary. Seconded by Ann. Motion passed.
7. New Business
  - A. Stewardship Committee met. Recommendation was made to re-initiate using the big cross in the narthex (with smaller crosses on a necklace), for individuals who are serving in the positions of Reader, Communion Servers, and Acolyte.
  - B. Merrill will be presenting a Temple Talk, April 14th at 8:00 am and 10:00 am services.
  - C. Music and Worship Committee met. They recommended that a study be completed regarding one service only, starting fall 2024. Further information will be provided in the future.
  - D. Family Rolling Snack / Refreshments / Ushering – Tabled at this time.
  - E. David, Merrill, and Pastor Allison participated in a zoom meeting regarding Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church. The National Synod is gathering information regarding possible changes to the Constitution of the ELCA. This will be an ongoing process.
  - F. Mark Swanson will lead 8:00 am and 10:00 am church services on May 5, 2024.  
Motion made by Barb to adjourn meeting. Ann 2nd. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.  
Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Marsh, Secretary

# SIMPLY GIVING ONLINE OFFERINGS

Churches have obligations just like families and businesses. When church members agree to an automatic payment arrangement, we can better budget our income because we know how much is coming and when. And if you leave town and miss worship, your giving and promised contributions are taken care of for you automatically so you don't have to worry about it.



Visit the website: [www.sslcmn.com](http://www.sslcmn.com) or email [sslcfinance@windstream.net](mailto:sslcfinance@windstream.net), or the church office if you are interested in Simply Giving.

## NOISY OFFERINGS COMING UP



May 19

**CHILDREN INTERNATIONAL  
SPONSOR CHILD  
REMARK CANON**

We give children in poverty the tools they need to create brighter futures for themselves and their communities. With the support of our donors and sponsors, children and youth gain the skills and confidence they need to create promising futures

June 23

In 2004 CARE began serving seniors within a 10-mile radius of Foley. In 2010 the



**CARE**  
Community Action  
Respecting Elders

board of directors revised the acronym to more accurately reflect what CARE does, Community Action Respecting Elders. By 2013 our program had expanded to a service area which included all of Benton County and its surrounding areas. As we move into the future, our focus will be to meet the needs of the increasing numbers of seniors asking for help to remain living in their homes.

### MARCH OFFERINGS

General Fund	\$23,110
Building Mort	\$3,085
Bldg Repairs	\$580
Noisy Offering	\$137
Mission Trip	\$100
Prayer Garden	\$619
Youth	\$10
Coffee	\$10
Sunday School	\$55
Backpack Buddies	\$5
Other	\$5
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27,717</b>

**I AM THIRD.  
GOD. OTHERS. ME.**

### FACTS AND FIGURES










Funds	Month	YTD
Total Income*	<b>\$29,487</b>	<b>\$72,454</b>
Total Expenses	<b>\$20,526</b>	<b>\$83,398</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$8,960</b>	<b>-\$10,943</b>

\*Total Income combines all Offerings PLUS any other income we have received for the month.




### Attendance 8/10 AM

3/3	68 / 34
3/6	116
3/10	74 / 141
3/13	116
3/17	67 / 36
3/20	99
3/24	78 / 65
3/28	29
3/29	44
3/31	26 / 152 / 148

# MAY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4 It's a Girl Thing 11:30 am— 2 pm  Flower Fundraiser Delivery Afternoon
<b>5</b> 8 am Worship 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship <b>GRADUATE QUILTS GIFTED</b>  <b>CINNAMON ROLL SUNDAY</b>	<b>6</b> Priscilla Bible Study 9 am Sunshine Group 10 am Cemetery Cleanup 6 pm	<b>7</b> Men's Bible Study 10 am 	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Council meets 6:30 pm	<b>10</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>11</b> Graduate Quilting 9 am
<b>12</b> 8 am Worship 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Men's Bible Study 10 am	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> McDonald's meats Fundraiser 9:30—6:30 	<b>17</b> OFFICE CLOSED McDonald's meats Fundraiser 9:30—6:30 	<b>18</b> Mission Quilting 9 am McDonald's meats Fundraiser 9:30—2:30 
<b>19</b> 8 am Worship 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship 11 am Kids Carnival <b>NOISY OFFERING- C.I. SPONSOR CHILD</b> 	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Men's Bible Study 10 am Out to Lunch Noon at Bailey Ray's 	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 9 am Worship	<b>27</b> OFFICE CLOSED HOLIDAY	<b>28</b> Men's Bible Study 10 am	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> OFFICE CLOSED	

# JUNE 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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<b>2</b> 9 am Worship-Outdoors	<b>3</b> Priscilla Bible Study 9 am  Sunshine Group 10 am	<b>4</b> Men's Bible Study 10 am	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>8</b> Abfalter wedding 2 pm
<b>9</b> 9 am Worship Wray Baptism	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Men's Bible Study 10 am	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Council meets 6:30 pm	<b>14</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9 am Worship-Outdoors	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Men's Bible Study 10 am  Blood Drive 10 am—4 pm  	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9 am Worship Gerber Baptism  <b>NOISY OFFERING-FOLEY C.A.R.E.</b>  	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Men's Bible Study 10 am	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9 am Worship						

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*We are a congregation whose core values seek changed lives through the power of the Holy Spirit by forming and sustaining life-long personal faith in God through Christ Jesus. We practice this by engaging in cross-generational ministry and radical hospitality as it is revealed by God's Word. We do this by connecting with our congregation, the community and the world.*

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Worship Sunday at 8 am & 10 am

**9 AM STARTING MAY 26**

Sunday School at 9 am

**Office Hours** Monday 8:30 am—3 pm

Tuesday 8:30 am—3 pm

Wednesday 8:30 am—3 pm

## CHURCH NEWS



### **Christ in our Home**

Is a daily devotional booklet for all ages. Please feel free to pick one up in the church entry.

### **PASTOR VISITS/NOTIFICATION:**

If you or someone you know will be hospitalized and would like a call or visit from Pastor Allison please contact the church office or her directly at 651-391-7467.



**FARE FOR ALL**  
*Food that Makes Cents*

### **Dates for 2024**

Monthly on a Monday from 3:30 pm–5:30

May 13, Jun 17, Jul 22,

Aug 19, Sept 16,

Oct 21, Nov 11, Dec 9

Salem Lutheran Church,  
90 Riverside Drive, St. Cloud

### **Free Food distribution**

Oakwood Church in Becker

First Wednesday at 10:30 am



### **Free Frozen Meals distribution**

C.A.R.E. in Foley  
Second Monday  
from 11 am to  
noon