

## HE HAS RISEN!

### HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 28: Maundy Thursday Worship at 7 pm

March 29: Good Friday Worship at 7 pm

March 31: Easter Sunday Worship at 6:30 am, 8 am & 10 am

### EASTER EGG HUNT

FOR ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL

AND BREAKFAST CLUB KIDS

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 AT 9 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME!



NELSON NURSERY HAS EXTENDED OUR ONLINE GIFT CARD SALES UNTIL APRIL 8. YOU STILL HAVE TIME TO ORDER FOR MOTHERS DAY!



GO TO [NELSONNURSERY.COM](https://nelsonnursery.com)—CHOOSE ORANGE “FUNDRAISER BOX” TO GO TO OUR STORE

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Is scheduled for Sunday, April 7, from 8:30 am to 10 am.

Join us for breakfast and support our families who plan to attend summer bible camp!



### NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

You're invited to join us on Sunday, April 14, 2024, (11 AM -1 PM) for an opportunity to learn more about membership here at SSLC. Meet Pastor Allison, our children's, youth and adult ministry coordinators and other SSLC members and hear about who we are and where God is leading us! Lunch will be provided.

Pastor Allison will walk through the basic theology, our congregation and how it might be very similar or different than the churches people are coming from. This isn't a pass/fail moment, but rather a chance to better understand our work as followers of Jesus in this setting. And yes - all are welcome! Even people who've been here for 40 years!

Member welcome will be Sunday, April 28.

Please contact Dee Punton, Adult Ministry Coordinator at [deepunton@yahoo.com](mailto:deepunton@yahoo.com) or call/text 612-719-2344 or the Church office for more information or to register.

### SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER FOR CLAYTON LERDAHL



will be held at Benton Station, Sauk Rapids, MN on Sunday, April 28 from 1-6 pm. Clayton was diagnosed with PXA, a rare form of a central nervous system tumor in Feb 2024. Treatment will include radiation and chemotherapy. All donations will offset medical expenses, lodging during treatment, lost wages, etc.

There will be a bake sale as a part of Clayton's benefit on April 28th. If you would like to donate any baked good items, please bring them to SSLC by 9 am on Sunday, April 28th. Please contact Jennifer Koenig at 320-293-2052 if you have any questions.

Thank you so much for your support!



# CHURCH NEWS

## 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!



## 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 up there. Any questions please call Richard Harshman at 763-662-2741 or Bill Rogers at 320-743-3031.



Out to Lunch for May will be on  
Tuesday, May 14 at noon, at Bailey  
Ray's in Santiago. All are welcome  
to join us!



## Our annual Women's ministry event

"It's a Girl Thing" will be held on  
Saturday, May 4 from 11:30 am to  
2 pm. Lunch will be served, and a  
message from an inspirational  
speaker. Bring all your ladies and join us!



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



Thank you for your gifts!

## HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS

It only takes a couple of hours per week to make a difference. Our volunteers share their gifts of companionship and support to patients and their families during their last stages of life.

Make a difference by:

- Providing companionship and socialization
  - Giving caregivers a brief respite
- Playing games, reading or reminiscing
  - Serving a fellow Veteran in our Vet-to-Vet program

Hospice volunteers are needed in communities across central Minnesota, and bring joy and comfort to those they serve.

If you are inspired to give back, talk to a  
volunteer specialist today!

We will help you find the right opportunity.

Contact CentraCare at 320-359-9375 or  
or 800-835-6610

## The Energy Assistance

Program: Serves both renters  
and homeowners. The pro-  
gram provides

benefits to pay for home heating ranging from \$ 200 to \$1,400. Benefit amounts are based on the household's heating costs, household size, and income. The Energy Assistance program provides help with energy disconnections, no/low fuel in the tank, and homeowners' furnace repairs.

Eligibility for the program is based on the household's past 1 month of income and assets are not counted. Applications for the program and income guidelines are available at Tri-CAP's website: [www.tricap.org](http://www.tricap.org) or call Tri-CAP at (320) 251-1612 for an application to be mailed or for more information about the program.



## 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).



### PALM SUNDAY KIDS



# 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!

## 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

*"I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord. Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!" Psalms 104:33-35*



I love singing. I have never been a great singer, but I did participate in choir in school, and I was a member of the church choir many, many years ago. I have loved to sing since I used to sing along with my Partridge Family albums and Casey Kassim's Top Forty Countdown on KDWB back in the nineteen seventies. I have not made it a secret that I can no longer sing. I have tried to lead worship and sing the liturgy, but if you were around that Sunday, well you know what a disaster that was. Yet, that has not stopped me from singing whenever I get the chance, much to my children's displeasure. You see, they can actually sing and have good voices.

A love of music, an appreciation of music stays with us our entire lives. One of the most treasured memories I have of my mother in her last few months was the day I walked into the memory unit she was living in and saw her in worship. The chaplain was just finishing up her service so I stood in the back of the room where I could watch the residents without interrupting them. They said the Lord's Prayer and then Pastor Jan handed out song sheets and said "Let's sing a song or two." They started singing "Kumbaya," my mother stopped Pastor Jan and told her the words meant 'come by here,' Pastor Jan told her she was right, and mom insisted those were the only correct words to sing and would only sing them. After the song was over, they sang "Amazing Grace" and Pastor Jan started picking up the song sheets. By the time Pastor Jan was finished, mom's head was down on the table, and she had withdrawn again. I had never in my life heard mom sing "Kumbaya" let alone realized she knew what the words meant. My mother was never one to sing along to the radio, she never went to a concert unless dad took her to a pops concert at Orchestra Hall. Usually, mom told us to turn the racket off whenever we played any music other than Christmas songs. Yet in those final weeks, through the haze created by the Alzheimer's and the cancer, mom sang praises to God. It was amazing to see and hear.

While I doubt God might find my voice pleasing today, I do know that God finds our singing, our praises, pleasing. We don't have to be professional grade, classically trained or even mediocre. God loves all our praises, said, sung, or rapped. We are repeatedly told to sing our praises to the Lord in the Psalms. On Sundays we are given the opportunity to learn and sing three different hymns. On the sermon note form the confirmation youth are expected to fill out, they need to list the three hymns and let me know which one of the hymns speaks the strongest to them, which line, or words. Music is such an important part of our worship. We sing to praise God, to voice our pain and laments, to give our thanks for all the gifts we have been given. Music expresses so much more than we can say.

On Palm Sunday our choir blessed us once again with a cantata. This music was beautiful and helped many of us refocus on the meaning of this season. The music helped us remember that God sacrificed Jesus Christ for us, for our salvation. Let us carry both this music and this message with us as we sing God's praises all the days of our lives.

All God's blessings,  
Pastor Allison



# APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



## BIRTHDAYS

4/01 Elsie Bistodeau  
 4/01 Wyatt Harkin  
 4/01 Alyssa Hansen  
 4/02 Isaak Herbst  
 4/02 Lyra Willhite  
 4/02 Brady du'Monceaux  
 4/03 Lincoln Hendricks  
 4/04 Dee Punton  
 4/04 Carey Janisch  
 4/04 Emmett Stang  
 4/06 Denise Fowler  
 4/07 David Darsow  
 4/08 Joe Berthiaume  
 4/08 Dave Reisem

4/08 Sheri Haus  
 4/09 Julie Johnson  
 4/09 Hannah Uecker  
 4/11 Miles Bistodeau  
 4/13 Scott Bursch  
 4/14 Amanda Timm  
 4/13 Hanna Klimmek  
 4/14 Ralph Johnson  
 4/14 Jake Schuster  
 4/15 Beth Stang  
 4/17 Sierra Winkelman  
 4/19 Everly Stang  
 4/20 Clayton Lerdahl  
 4/21 Layla Fowler  
 4/27 Danny Jergenson  
 4/28 Karla Zerwas  
 4/28 Brooklyn Bierschbach  
 4/29 Mike Kydd  
 4/30 Diana Graning  
 4/30 Brenda Jergenson

## ANNIVERSARIES

4/12 Ted & Kathy Hochsprung  
 4/28 Randy & Kim Bader

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

	4/7	4/7	4/14	4/14	4/21	4/21	4/28	4/28
	8 AM	10 AM	8 AM	10 AM	8 AM	10 AM	8 AM	10 AM
READER	P. Ament	A. Trautner	S. Empting	T. Miller-Hess	S. Empting	Confirmands	T. Binnall	T. Zehnder
READER				B. Marsh		Confirmands		
USHERS	L. Hanzlik, L. Kupczyk	K. Kotzer, J. Jensen	C. Klimmek, C. Pany	N. Mielke, H. Karls	A. Mlenek	Confirmands	S. Keeler	H. Heitkamp
HEAD USHER	R. Harshman		R. Harshman		R. Harshman		R. Harshman	
GREETERS								
ACOLYTE	C. Haus		B. Bolton	G. Baldry	S. Prokott	Confirmands	P. Willhite	K. Waters
KITCHEN HELPERS								
GOODIES								
COMMUNION HELPER			B. Empting, S. Empting, M. Macauley	T. Miller-Hess, T. Zehnder	B. Empting, S. Empting, M. Macauley	Confirmands		
ALTAR GUILD			L. Fowler, B. Stang, D. Pozorski	K. Lamp, B. Marsh	B. Stang, D. Pozorski	B. Marsh		

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

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COA49A4A922A6FA7-47038724-april#/>

## ADULT MINISTRY

Hello and happy April!

I have a heartwarming story to share with you all. Our senior high students have been exemplifying the spirit of service during this Lenten season by delivering soup suppers to those unable to attend our services. However, their kindness didn't stop there. One recipient shared that when our senior high students delivered dinner, they also took the initiative to clear snow from the deck area. Insert heart emojis here, right?



This beautiful gesture got me reflecting on the many instances I hear about and witness within our SSLC community where individuals and groups are making a difference, both inside and outside our church walls. It's inspiring to see acts of kindness and grace, big and small, as our community comes together to do God's work. I hope you are experiencing this as well.

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you who selflessly gives their time and talents to our various ministries and activities within our church. This includes everyone who contributes to the smooth operation of our church. Your dedication, passion and tireless efforts truly make our church a welcoming and loving community for all and your commitment does not go unnoticed.

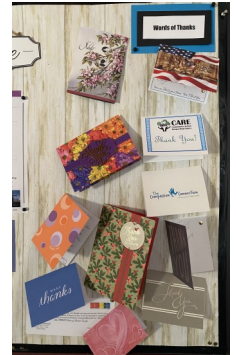
Lastly, but certainly not least, I want to express my gratitude to each member of our congregation for your continued support, prayers and active participation in the life of our church. Your presence and involvement in worship services, events and outreach are truly what make our church a vibrant community. Remember, your contributions, regardless of size make a significant impact and for that, we are genuinely grateful.

As we continue our journey together in faith, hope and love, may God bless each and every one of you abundantly.

Warmest regards and happy spring!

Dee

SOUP DELIVERY



## THANK YOU FROM TERESA ZEHNDER

This is little Magnus in Oslo, Norway. He just got released from the hospital today. He has been there for a year and a half. They wanted me to thank our church for all the prayers that came from SSLC in America!



## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BREAKFAST CLUB

HE IS RISEN, HE IS RISEN INDEED!

I can't believe Spring is already here and the school year is almost over. The children have been actively learning the stories of the Bible while also learning about God's awesome animals through our Sunday school curriculum videos. This year we have learned about bats, flying squirrels, lightning bugs and recently sloths.



Encourage the kids to learn their Bible Buck memory verses to earn Bible Bucks. In April the Bible Buck cart will be open every Sunday for children to use their Bucks to buy lots of cool toys, treats, and gadgets.

Mark your calendars for May 19 at 11:00 am -2:00 pm for our 2nd annual Spring Carnival. See flyer for more details.

Take a look at the bulletin boards in the narthex the remaining of the school year. Our Sunday School children classes are displaying some of their awesome work! February's board was the preschool & kindergarten, March was 1st & 2nd graders, April is 3rd & 4th graders and May will be our Breakfast Club kids. Thank you to all the teachers as they helped the kids prepare and make their awesome masterpieces!

VBS dates are August 4-8. Featuring the "Zoomerang" program. Blimey!

Happy Spring!  
Karla Zerwas



## THANK YOU TO:

- \*Helen Swanson and Natalie Pozorski for leading singing for Lenten services;
- \*Thomas Zerwas, Aaron Miner and Kaleb Waters for delivering Lenten meals;
- \*Mission trip families for serving Soup Supper;
- \*Ralph Johnson for burning the brush pile;
- \*Confirmation students for helping with Lenten worship;
- \*Sandy Empting, Dee Punton and Karla Zerwas for teaching First Communion bread making;
- \*Ralph Johnson and Chuck Busch for building maintenance and for redeeming the aluminum cans;
- \*Relay for Life team for serving Soup Supper;
- \*Sunday School families for serving Soup Supper;
- \*Stella Prokott and Alyssa Hansen for helping with First Communion;
- \*Helen Swanson and Pastor Paul for leading singing for Lenten services;
- \*Mission Trip families for serving Soup Supper;
- \*Prayer Garden supporters for bringing and serving soup supper;
- \*All families who donated Easter Gift baskets;
- \*All families who purchased tickets in support of the Easter baskets;
- \*Heidi Lecy and all choir members for their beautiful Easter Cantata;
- \*Karla Zerwas and all Sunday School kids for singing on Palm Sunday;
- \*Bruce Peterson for narrating the Cantata;
- \*Dennis Stang, David Darsow, Buster Graning, Ralph Johnson, Jeff Bluhm, Rich Alickson for snow removal.




## 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 Voided 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

### CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Saturday, April 13, from  
9 am to 3 pm

BRING YOUR IDEAS FOR  
STOLE EMBLEMS!



### Confirmation Sunday

Confirmation Sunday is April 21 at  
10 am worship for ninth graders who  
will be affirming the promises that  
their parents and godparents made at  
their baptisms.



### SAVE THE DATE!

### GRADUATE QUILTS

will be gifted on Sunday, May 5.

Invite your family and friends to help celebrate the day!

### MCDONALDS MEATS FUNDRAISER



MAY 16—17—18

WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS!

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.



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

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Shelley Fassler, Glen & Carol 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), Korey Lucas (Curt Jarvi's daughter, Clayton Lerdahl, Craig Lecy, Becky Rasmussen (Janelle Uecker's Mom), Don Mekeland (Shane Mekeland's Dad), Shirley Graftaas (Eric Graftaas' Mom), Jack Wiltsey (Harshman's neighbor), 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

# High School Ministry

He is ALIVE, Hallelujah!

We hope you all had a self reflecting time during Lent and a Blessed Easter. As we finish up the school year we have a couple fun things planned for our youth. Our biggest event is Random Acts of Kindness on April 17. We will be blessing the town of Palmer , Santiago and parts of Foley with our gifts of kindness. If you would like to donate to the cause feel free to reach out to me.



Thank you all who participated in the Easter basket fundraiser, those who donated baskets, bought tickets and helped sell tickets. It was very successful fundraiser and fun to watch the kids (and adults) get excited to win the baskets.

Thank you to all who helped the youth in the flower fundraiser. Through Gertens I promise you won't be disappointed in the flowers you ordered. All flowers will be here on May 4.

Thank you to all who helped run the soup suppers for Lent. We truly have an awesome church and the love that is felt is genuine.

I would like to expand the youth program by building a support board to help plan, engage the youth, and grow the youths faith in God. If you would like to be apart of that please reach out to me.

Gods blessings to you this Spring!

Karla Zerwas



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# MARCH 14 , 2023 COUNCIL MINUTES

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

**MINUTES HAVE NOT  
BEEN APPROVED**

1. Opening Devotions – Pastor Allison shared devotion for March 14, 2024, from Christ in Our Home Devotional.

2. Call to Order by Merrill at 6:42 p.m.

3. Open Forum

A. Karla Zerwas shared information about SSLC Youth Mission Trip to Salt Lake City, Utah. The Mission Trip will be from July 12, 2024 – July 20, 2024. The group will be driving. There are 24 kids and 7 adults signed up to go. Karla shared that the Youth will be doing a fund raiser at McDonald's Meats stand on a Thursday, Friday and Saturday. All youth that work the fundraiser will earn money that will go into their individual accounts. Karla stated the youth will be participating in Random Acts of Kindness again this year. This has been a very successful activity in the past.

B. Shelly Bluhm shared with council members that South Santiago Lutheran Church finances are at -\$20,000.00 and projected giving from our budget is much less than what was identified in the 2024 budget. There was a lengthy discussion on ways that we could possibly cut costs and increase our income.

4. Adoption of agenda – Motion made by Kristin. Seconded by Greg. Passed.

5. Adoption of consent agenda – Motion made by Kristin. Seconded by Barb. Passed.

A. February Council minutes

B. Review of Annual Minutes

C. Treasurer's report

D. Reports in Dropbox (Pastor, Staff, Committees)

6. Unfinished Business

A. Council Members will be given names and phone numbers of individuals to contact who have not yet completed church questionnaire - Tabled until next month.

B. Background checks - Tabled until next month.

C. Council Retreat - We will meet at Kristin Forner's home on April 7th, 2024, for a barbecue.

D. A/V Equipment - Tabled until next month.

E. Treasurer - Greg Prokott accepted Treasurer position.

F. HVAC System Maintenance - Wilson HVAC completed inspection on geothermal system. Filters need to be changed again in August. This will be completed by SSLC.

7. New Business

A. Finances – Motion made by Ann, seconded by Greg to discontinue purchasing plastic water bottles for South Santiago Lutheran Church. Motion passed.

Motion made by Kristin, seconded by Ann to send out most newsletters by email. Printed newsletters will be available at church for anyone who would like a printed copy. Newsletters will be mailed to home bound members. Motion passed. Motion was made by David, seconded by Kristin to change amount of money sent to Synod each month from \$1,200.00 to \$800.00. Motion passed.

B. Council Meeting Day / Time – Council meetings will continue to be held the 2nd Thursday at 6:30 pm every month.

C. Mailings / Mailboxes at church - Motion made by Kristin, seconded by Ann to send out most newsletters by email. Printed newsletters will be available at church for anyone who would like a printed copy. Newsletters will be mailed to home bound members. Motion passed. No changes to be made with mailboxes at church at this time.

D. Family Rolling Snack / Refreshments / Ushering – Tabled until next month.

E. Bank Account Changes – Motion made by Chuck and seconded by Kristin to remove Lyn Peterson and add Merrill Binnall on church bank account.

8. Motion made by David and seconded by Kristin to adjourn meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 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



**April 28**

### HILLSIDE HOPE THRU HOOVES RAMSEY, MN

The heart of our program is to provide a faith based sanctuary and equine ministry for individuals, families, and groups to experience hope, healing and personal growth.

The focus of Hillside HOPE Thru Hooves is to provide a Christ-centered foundation of services using the healing bond with horses to mentor, and empower behavioral changes, and enhance skills for people of all ages. This learning approach is a powerful tool for people of all walks of life dealing with real life issues related to emotional, behavioral, communication and relationships.

**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 free from poverty.

### FEB OFFERINGS

General Fund	\$13,306
Building Mort	\$1,480
Bldg Repairs	\$345
Noisy Offering	\$167
Mission Trip	\$25
Prayer Garden	\$50
Youth	\$10
Coffee	\$62
Backpack Buddies	\$10
Other	\$10
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,465</b>

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

### FACTS AND FIGURES

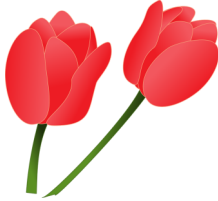




Funds	Month	YTD
Total Income*	<b>\$22,379</b>	<b>\$42,581</b>
Total Expenses	<b>\$34,695</b>	<b>\$62,871</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-\$12,316</b>	<b>-\$20,290</b>

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










### Attendance 8/10 AM

2/4	86 / 30
2/11	82
2/14	110
2/18	74 / 36
2/21	88
2/25	72 / 41
2/28	94

# APRIL 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>1</b> Priscilla Bible Study 9 am  Sunshine Group 10 am	<b>2</b> Men's Bible Study 10 am	<b>3</b> Confirmation 6:30 pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>6</b> Graduate Quilting 9 am
<b>7</b> 8 am Worship 9 am Sunday School 9 am Pancake Breakfast 10 am Worship	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Men's Bible Study 10 am	<b>10</b> Confirmation 6:30 pm	<b>11</b> Council meets 6:30 pm	<b>12</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>13</b> Confirmation Retreat 9 am—3 pm
<b>14</b> 8 am Worship 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship 11 am New Member class  	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Men's Bible Study 10 am	<b>17</b> Confirmation & High School students 6 pm Random Acts of Kindness	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>20</b> Mission Quilting 9 am
<b>21</b> 8 am Worship 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship <b>CONFIRMATION SUNDAY</b> 	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Men's Bible Study 10 am	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 8 am Worship 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship <b>NEW MEMBER WELCOME</b>  <b>NOISY OFFERING--HILLSIDE HOPE THRU HOOVES</b> 	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Men's Bible Study 10 am				

# 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  Out to Lunch Noon at Bailey Ray's 	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  McDonald's meats Fundraiser Time: TBA 	<b>17</b> OFFICE CLOSED  McDonald's meats Fundraiser Time: TBA 	<b>18</b> Mission Quilting 9 am  McDonald's meats Fundraiser Time: TBA 
<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	<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	

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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.*

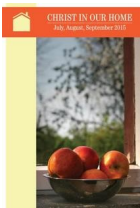
### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Worship Sunday at 8 am & 10 am

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  
Apr 15, 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