

GOOD TIDINGS

March 2018

Special points of interest:

- Holy Week Schedule
- Easter Celebration Event

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last fall I did something that I had never done: I ran a 5K race. It was a fundraiser sponsored by District 91, so Sonya – being an employee of District 91 – talked me into it. I don't like to run and I am pretty sure that I had never run more than two miles straight in my entire life. I am in awe of those who drive around with the "26.2" bumper sticker on their cars, bragging to the world that they have run a marathon. 26.2 miles – at once????!!!! Why would you ever want to do that? But, hey, as my daughter says, "You do you."

In preparation for the 5K, Sonya and I picked a path of about 1½ miles around our neighborhood to train. A week later we added a couple of blocks to make it 2 miles. A couple of weeks later we added a little more to make it 2½ miles. The day of the race I kept wondering – would the difference between 2½ miles and 5 kilometers (a difference of about ½ mile) do me in? We left Kelvin Grove and wound our way through the neighborhood. After about 2½ miles, we turned the next to the last corner and there was a sign that said, "1/2 Mile to Go." I was going to make it – the last ½ mile! We crossed the finish line and I even won a medal as the fastest male above the age of 50 (I think I was the only male above 50. Hey – I got a medal.).

Lent is a 40-day journey that we make alongside of Jesus. It begins with Ash Wednesday and the reminder that says, "You are dust and to dust you shall return." This year our journey has taken us through Jesus' *Sermon on the Mount* and His call for all of us to be salt and light for the world. In the same way that we know where Lent begins, we also know where Lent ends. Lent ends at the brink of dawn on Easter morning. Our journey ends in awe and joy and confusion as the disciples enter into the empty tomb.

Join us as we enter into the final stretch of this Lenten journey.

On Palm Sunday, March 24-25, we enter Jerusalem with Jesus as the crowd waves palm branches and sings "Alleluia."

Maundy Thursday - We continue that home stretch on **Thursday evening at 6:30pm** as we mark the story of Jesus washing the feet of His disciples, after which we retire to the church fellowship hall where our youth will serve us a meal and then we will celebrate the Last Supper.

Good Friday - We will continue the following day at **12:00 noon** as we begin our community **Cross Walk** at Shepherd of the Hill and proceed from church to church marking the path of Jesus through Jerusalem. That evening, at **7:00pm**, we will return to Shepherd of the Hill where we will mark **Good Friday** using the traditional **Stations of the Cross**.

Holy Saturday - Saturday evening we will return for our **Easter Vigil service at 7:00pm**, as we begin the transition from Lent to the dawn of Easter.

Resurrection Sunday - **Easter morning** we will celebrate Jesus' resurrection with all the sights and songs of Easter. **Easter morning worship** will be at **9:00am and 11:00am with a youth-sponsored breakfast in between the two services**.

We are coming to the last ½ mile. Join us as we cross the line between death and new life.
Pastor Jon



Greetings,

Over the past few years we have had the privilege of creating something special for our Maundy Thursday service. We have blended worship, education, service, and food into a beautiful evening. In 2016 we hosted a Seder Meal with the help of Jews for Jesus, in 2017 we hosted the Meal in the Upper Room. Both of these were great events and ones that we hope to repeat in the future. It has always been a vision of ours to have at least three things to rotate on Maundy Thursday in order to provide a fresh experience, so this year we will have a service of handwashing.

The service of handwashing is based on the John 13. Before Jesus shared the last supper with his disciples he washed their feet an act of service, a task that only a servant would do. The service will begin in the sanctuary, and contain elements of a traditional worship service including the reading of the lessons, confession, and prayers. During the service we will have the congregation wash each other's hands, an act of service and an act of humbling ourselves to each other. As a part of the service we will go downstairs and have a community meal served by our youth. The meal will be plated and will be served by our youth. At the conclusion of the meal we will celebrate communion together, then return to the sanctuary in silence to witness the stripping of the altar.

One of the classes I am currently taking in seminary is on Spiritual Formation. One of the topics we covered was food and feasting. The meal we will serve with Maundy Thursday and the meals we serve each Thursday through lent are more than a fundraiser for our youth. They are meals that provide community and life. If you have not yet come out to one of our Thursday Lenten Soup and Sandwich Suppers you still have a few opportunities to do so. The meal starts at 6:15 and service begins at 7:00 on March 15th and 22nd.

Maundy Thursday's Service will begin at 6:30 in the sanctuary, we will move to basement for the dinner and the remainder of the service. The whole event will probably be about an hour and a half. In order to prepare the right amount of food we need to have an accurate head count. There is a sign-up sheet located in the narthex. We will take a freewill offering during the meal for our youth camps and trips.

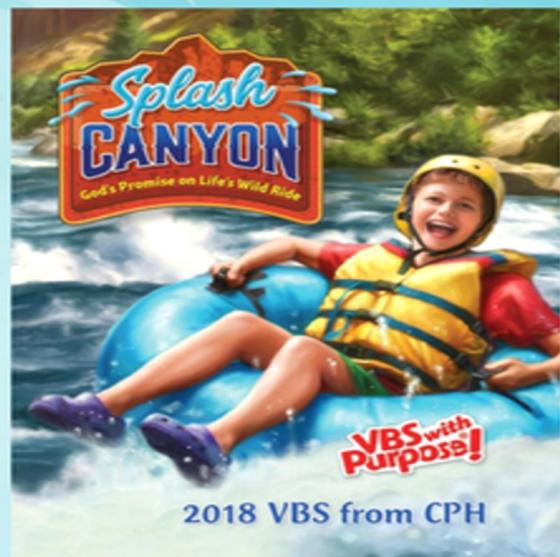
Peace,
Mike Markwell
Youth Ministry Coordinator

VBS - SAVE THE DATE

July 16-20, 2018

Strap on your life jacket and get ready for a rip-roaring river ride with *Splash Canyon: God's Promise on Life's Wild Ride*. Life is full of thrills and spills, and we may not know what's around the bend, but God does! At Splash Canyon VBS, kids discover that on life's wild ride, Jesus is always by our side (based on 2 Corinthians 1:20).

**Volunteers are needed, see
Mike for details**





During the month of March, the students will be excited to welcome Spring by talking about flowers, rainbows and St. Patrick's Day. The students in the four year old program will be traveling to Joliet Junior College on March 19th to see Charlotte's Web. During the last week of March, the children will participate in an interactive prayer service to celebrate Holy week.

Preschool registration is now open. There are openings in both the three and four year old programs, but the four year old program is filling up fast. If you are interested in registering your child, please contact the preschool office at 815-838-0708.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support.
The Shepherd of the Hill Preschool Staff



EASTER Celebration

Saturday, March 31st
10:00AM - Noon

Snacks

Easter Egg Hunt

Fun Crafts

Puppet Performance

Pictures with the Bunny
Bring your camera

Bible Quiz

According to Matthew's account, what was torn when Jesus died?

- A. Mary's headdress — she tore it as a traditional Jewish sign of grief
- B. A Roman guard's sash — Peter grabbed and ripped it in anger
- C. Jesus' robe — the soldiers divided it among themselves
- D. The temple curtain — torn in two from top to bottom

Answer: D (See Matthew 27:51.)

Set free

“Christ's death becomes the rod, the cudgel that breaks the necks of the fears that are the enemies of my peace; his Word becomes the staff by which he holds on to me and rescues me from danger.”

—Sinclair B. Ferguson, *Deserted By God?*

Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church Council Minutes

Tuesday, Tuesday, February 20, 2018

President Steve Kirk called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Present: Steve Kirk, Ken Bobek, Amber Gayhart(Nickel), Dennis Wellsandt, Pastor Jon Pedersen, Nell Pieper, Pricey Rogan and Tom Gustafson

Absent: Phil Sleezer and Rick McManis

The Council shared personal “highs/lows” and prayed for one another.

Special Order of Business / Guests – Detective Chris Neyhart from Lockport PD presented on Active Shooter Training called Avoid Deny Defend (ADD). Discussion will continue at March Council meeting.

Minutes of the January 16th Council meeting were approved prior to the meeting via email.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Wellsandt presented a financial report for the month of January. Explained preschool income versus expenses and how they are represented. Giving was down substantially from last month. Considerations of incomes less expenses are as followed: payroll taxes in January, three pay periods this month for salaries, snow removal, and 8% giving to NI Synod.

Pastor’s Report (Highlights): Pastor Pedersen presented his monthly report. He highlighted the following:

- The Financial Peace University program was postponed from originally date and will be from March 3rd to April 28th.
- Encouraged Council attendance to the Congregational Resource Event on March 10th. There will be more info shared within church bulletin in the coming weeks.
- Fundraising will be kicking off for summer confirmation camp.

President’s Report: President Kirk received resignation letter from Lois Reil and Personnel Committee with be informed and begin identifying process for her replacement. Also, shared two thank you letters, one from Pastor Kurt Nordby (Northern Illinois Synod – ELCA) and other from Wartburg Lutheran Seminary where Tom Redig is attending.

Council discussion of Ministry teams and liaison assignments for 2018 year:

- a. Communications: Tom Gustafson will move to Endowment Ministry Team and Pricey Rogan will take over as the Communications liaison. The Committee held their monthly meeting on February 10th. There were no recommendations to Council.
- b. Evangelism/Fellowship & Caring: Rick and Amber will continue as liaisons. Rick will submit the flyers to the school for Easter event on 3/31 at 10am. It is similar to last year. We need to get volunteers to help that day, along with figuring out a craft. Kim Bell's daughter will be the Easter Bunny again. Chris G will put advertisement in the paper. Next Easter Family Event planning meeting will be after first service on Sunday, February 25th.
- c. Stewardship: Pastor
- d. Learning & Youth: Amber will continue to be liaison and work closely with Mike Markwell.
- e. Preschool: Nell will continue to be liaison, no recommendations, and enrollment for 2018-2019 is looking good.
- f. Property: Phil Sleezer was absent. No report.
- g. Worship: Pastor / working on worship services coming up, more info to come of Holy Week details

Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church Council Minutes

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Congregational Ministry Teams / Reports:

Finance/Audit: Dennis will continue to be the nominated representative, no recommendations

Memorial Gifts – Nell will continue to be the nominated representative, no recommendations

Personnel – Ken will continue to be the nominated representative, no recommendations

Nomination – Still looking for a nominated representative, no recommendations

Endowment: finished paperwork for monies transferred, discussed current committee members and terms and they are as followed: Chair will be Daryl Caneva, Secretary will be Sharon Grabenhofer, and Treasurer will be Kathleen Likens. Three year terms are Likens, Grabenhofer / two year terms are Dave Helfert and Daryl Caneva / one year terms are Don Lawler and Ken Franz

Youth Ministers Report:

Council received the Youth Ministry Coordinator's report from Mike Markwell. It included a schedule of activities through April 1 (Easter Sunday/Breakfast). The youth will be hosting an Ash Wednesday pasta dinner and will be involved with the soup suppers held during Lent.

Old Business:

HVAC / Plumbing update: The project is finally moving forward.

Building Use form: Tabled until March.

New Business:

Pastor asked for Installation of New Council Members at the 9:00am service on Sunday, February 25th.

Next Council Meeting will be Tuesday, March 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Ken Bobek moved for adjournment (2nd by Nell Denis Wellsandt). The meeting adjourned at 8:12am and was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Amber Nickel-Gayhart / Secretary



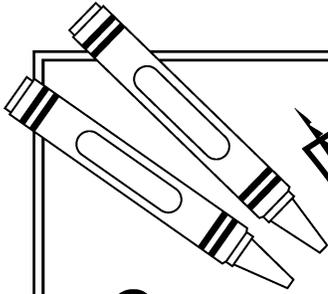
Thursdays

February 22– March 22

Services 7:00pm

Soup and Sandwich Supper 6:15pm





PUZZLE

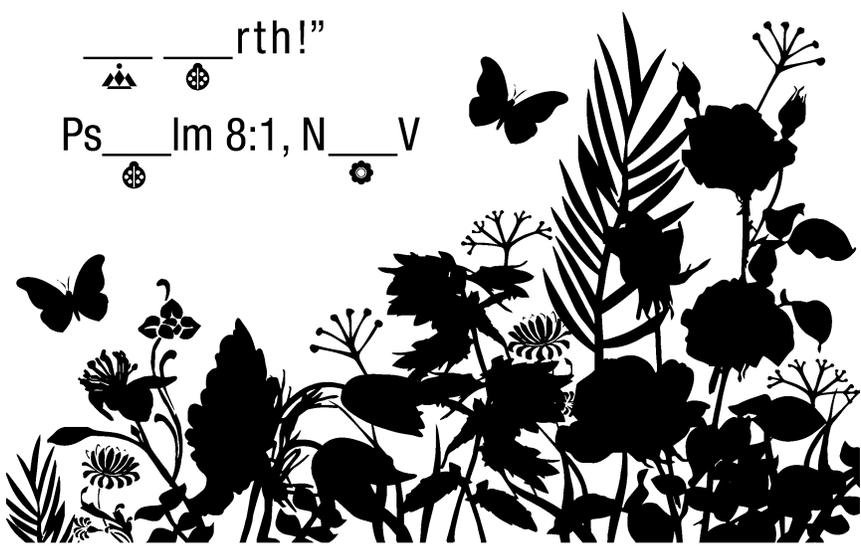
Spring's Beauty

During springtime, the beauty of God's creation emerges in many ways.

Directions: Use the vowel code below to complete Psalm 8:1, NIV.

A = E = I = O = U =

"L__RD, __r L__rd, h__w
 m__j__st__c __s y__r
 n__m__n __ll th__
 __rth!"
 Ps__lm 8:1, N__v

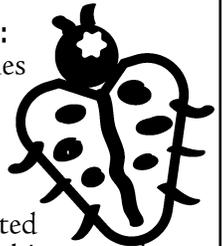


FRUIT LADYBUGS

Get creative in the kitchen with this sweet springtime snack.

What you need:

- Strawberries (washed)
- Knife
- Plate or wax paper
- ½ cup melted chocolate chips
- Zippered baggie
- Scissors
- Blueberries (washed)
- Adult help



What you do:

1. De-stem the strawberries. Cut in half and then cut a small V atop each half to make the ladybug body. Set them on a plate or wax paper.
2. Place the melted chocolate in a baggie and cut off the tip of a bottom corner.
3. Pipe a dividing line and "spots" on each strawberry. Also use the chocolate to attach a blueberry "head" by the V shape.
4. Pipe chocolate antennas and legs onto ladybugs.
5. Let harden. Enjoy!

Answer: "LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Psalm 8:1, NIV

March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 3:15pm—Tutoring 6:15pm—Soup Supper 7pm—Lenten Service	2 9:30am—Dominoes	3 9:00am—Financial Peace Class 5:00pm—Worship
4 9:00am—Worship 10:35am—Worship 10:35am—Sunday School 11:30am—Beginner Bells 12pm—Reverberations 5:30pm—Allegro Bells	5 7:00pm—Dartball	6 5:30/6pm—Weight Watchers Weigh In/Mtg 6:00pm—1st Communion Class 7:00pm—Worship Comm.	7 9:30am—Small Group 9:30am—NO Mom's Group B/S 6:00pm—Shepherd Ringers 6:30/7:30pm—AA 6:30pm—Confirmation 6:30pm—High School Youth 7:10pm—Chancel Choir	8 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 3:15pm—Tutoring 6:15pm—Soup Supper 7pm—Lenten Service	9 9:00am—Dominoes 4:30pm—Girl Scouts	10 9:00am—Financial Peace Class 9am—Communication Committee 5:00pm—Worship
11 9:00am—Worship 10:35am—Worship 10:35am—Sunday School 11:30am—Beginner Bells 12pm—Reverberations 5:30pm—Allegro Bells	12 7:00pm—Last Dartball Game of Season	13 5:30/6pm—Weight Watchers Weigh In/Mtg 6:00pm—1st Communion Class 6:30pm—Altar Guild 7:00pm—Preschool Board	14 9:30am—Small Group 9:30am—NO Mom's Group B/S 6:00pm—Shepherd Ringers 6:30/7:30—AA 6:30pm—Confirmation 6:30pm—High School Youth 7:10pm—Chancel Choir	15 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 3:15pm—Tutoring 6:15pm—Soup Supper 7pm—Lenten Service	16 9:00am—Dominoes	17 9:00am—Financial Peace Class 10:00am—Visitation Group Training 1-4pm—1st Communion Class Makes Bread 5:00pm—Worship
18 9:00am—Worship 1st Communion Celebration 10:35am—Worship 10:35am—Sunday School 11:30am—Beginner Bells 12pm—Reverberations 5:30pm—Allegro Bells	19	20 Election Day Voting at SOTH Preschool Closed 5:30/6pm—Weight Watchers Weigh In/Mtg. 6:30pm—Council 7:00pm—Deborah Circle	21 9:30am—Small Group 9:30am—Mom's Group B/S 6:00pm—Shepherd Ringers 6:30/7:30—AA 6:30pm—Confirmation 6:30pm—High School Youth 7:10pm—Chancel Choir	22 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 12:00pm—Caregiver Group 3:15pm—Tutoring 6:15pm—Soup Supper 7pm—Lenten Service	23 9:00am—Dominoes	24 9:00am—Financial Peace Class 5pm—Worship
25 Palm Sunday 9:00am—Worship 10:35am—Worship 10:35am—Sunday School 11:30am—Beg. Bells 12pm—Reverberations 5:30pm—Allegro Bells	26	27 5:30/6pm—Weight Watchers Weigh In/Mtg 7:00pm—Ruth Circle	28 9:30am—Small Group 9:30am—NO Mom's Group B/S 3:15pm—Tutoring 6:00pm—Shepherd Ringers 6:30/7:30—AA 6:30pm—NO Confirmation 6:30pm—NO High School Youth 7:10pm—Chancel Choir	29 Maundy Thurs. 9:30am—Prayer Shawl 12:00pm—Caregiver Group 6:30pm—Worship & Meal	30 Good Friday 9:00am—Dominoes 12:00pm—Crosswalk 7:00pm—Good Friday Service	31 Easter Sat. 9:00am—Financial Peace Class 10:00am—Easter Egg Hunt/Pictures with The Easter Bunny 7:00pm—Easter Vigil Service



VOLUNTEERS: VERY VALUABLE!

	Assisting Minister 9am Only	Communion Assistant 9am	Lay Reader 9am Only	AV Operator All Services	Ushers 9am Flink/Gaddis	Counters Weekly
3/3 - 3/4	Susan Mead	Bill Bunting Brian Rauworth	Susan Mead	Sat. 5pm Jake Zacharias Sun. 9:00am Andy Neil Sun. 10:35am Aiden Grabenhofer	Flink/Gaddis	Chris Toso Sally Unmisig
3/10 - 3/11	Gary Wintersteen	Dan Gaddis D. Rothlisberger	Heidi Habas	Sat. 5pm Jake Zacharias Sun. 9:00am Nathan Helfert Sun. 10:35am Andy Mack	Flink/Gaddis	Don Lawler Sharon Grabenhofer
3/17 - 3/18	Dave Helfert	Gary Wintersteen Jeri Rigoni	Donna Woods	Sat. 5pm Bryan Rauworth Sun. 9am Andy Neil Sun. 10:35am Kris Glowczynski	Flink/Gaddis	John Yudt Ed Grabenhofer
3/24 - 3/25	Linda Bunting	Kirstin Mack Dave Helfert	Jan Rauworth	Sat. 5pm Jake Zacharias Sun. 9am Bryan Rauworth Sun. 10:30am Aiden Grabenhofer	Flink/Gaddis	Chris Toso Sally Unmisig
3/31 Easter Vigil	TBD	TBD	TBD	Sat. 5pm Phil Sleezer		
4/1 Easter 9am	Dave Helfert	D. Rothlisberger Gary Haut	Jeri Rigoni	Sun. 9am Bryan Rauworth	Flink/Gaddis	Don Lawler Sharon Grabenhofer
4/1 Easter 11am	Linda Bunting	Harold Sager Bill Bunting	Jan Sleezer	Sun. 11am Kris Glowczynski		
4/7 - 4/8	Nancy Monken	Donna Woods Lynn Reed	Carole Ziemke	Sat. 5pm Bryan Rauworth Sun. 9am Nathan Helfert Sun. 10:30pm Andy Mack	Fred/Gaddis	John Yudt Ed Grabenhofer
4/14 - 4/15	Linda Bunting	Tina Baker Dan Gaddis	Lynn Reed	Sat. 5pm Jerry Liston Sun. 9:00am Susan Mead Sun. 10:35am Aiden Grabenhofer	Flink/Gaddis	Chris Toso Sally Unmisig
4/21 - 4/22	Gary Wintersteen	Dave Helfert Nancy Baumgart	Jan Rauworth	Sat. 5pm Kris Glowczynski Sun. 9:00am Andy Neil Sun. 10:35am Jerry Liston	Flink/Gaddis	Don Lawler Sharon Grabenhofer
4/28 - 4/29	Dave Helfert	D. Rothlisberger Kirstin Mack	Tina Baker	Sat. 5pm Bryan Rauworth Sun. 9:00am Nathan Helfert Sun. 10:35am Susan Mead	Flink/Gaddis	John Yudt Ed Grabenhofer
5/5 - 5/6	Jim Forbes	Bill Bunting Harold Sager	D. Rothlisberger	Sat. 5pm Jerry Liston Sun. 9:00am Phil Sleezer Sun. 10:35am Andy Mack	Flink/Gaddis	Chris Toso Sally Unmisig
5/12 - 5/13	Jim Forbes	Jeri Rigoni Tina Baker	Gary Haut	Sat. 5pm Jerry Liston Sun. 9:00am Andy Neil Sun. 10:35am Aiden Grabenhofer	Flink/Gaddis	Don Lawler Sharon Grabenhofer
5/19 - 5/20	Nancy Monken	Gary Haut Jan Rauworth	Dave Helfert	Sat. 5pm Jake Zacharias Sun. 9:00am Andy Neil Sun. 10:35am Jerry Liston	Flink/Gaddis	John Yudt Ed Grabenhofer
5/26 - 5/27	Jeri Rigoni	Lynn Reed D. Rothlisberger	Dan Gaddis	Sat. 5pm Jake Zacharias Sun. 9:00am Bryan Rauworth Sun. 10:35am Andy Mack	Flink/Gaddis	Sally Unmisig Sharon Grabenhofer

Executive Committee Members

Steve Kirk President
 Rick McManis..... Vice President
 Amber Gayhart Secretary
 Dennis Wellsandt..... Treasurer

Council Member

Ken Bobak Nell Pieper
 Pricie Rogan Tom Guftafson
 Phil Sleezer

Council Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the
 Month at 6:30PM



- 3/1 Thomas Calderaro
- 3/2 Tawnya Novander, Gunnar Waldvogel
- 3/3 Kathleen Likins, Marion Skelton
- 3/5 Brandon Marolda, Erik Pintoy
- 3/8 Francesca Martino, Carol West
- 3/9 Nancy Naylor
- 3/10 Austin Johnson, Maximillian Pappageorge
- 3/12 Carol Liston
- 3/13 Adelyn Fuss, Alan Mead
- 3/14 Katherine Tarrant
- 3/15 Patty Redig
- 3/16 Elliott White
- 3/17 Norma Burkhardt, Donna Helfert,
Ronald Ripke
- 3/18 Tori Anians
- 3/19 Esther Williams
- 3/20 Judy D'Amico
- 3/22 Mary Ann Anderson, Ginger Kelm
- 3/23 Nolan Fuss, Sharon Marolda
- 3/25 Georgia Alberico
- 3/26 Brandon Jones
- 3/28 Samantha Calderaro
- 3/29 Dorothy Bell, Harvey Bolton, Anna Ter Horst
- 3/30 Gary Flink, Lora Hajek, Nell Pieper
- 3/31 Miranda Andrews, Stephanie Canales,
Douglas Meurer

Monthly Financial Report January 2018		
Income		
General	\$	19,059.50
Loose Offering	\$	717.00
Simply Give	\$	1,695.00
SG fees	\$	(42.79)
Building Usage		
Sunday School	\$	50.00
Special Env	\$	672.00
Income		\$ 22,150.71
Preschool-wages *	\$	2,636.99
Preschool -utilities	\$	350.00
preschool-snow removal	\$	150.00
Special Projects	\$	200.00
Debt Reduction	\$	2.50
Fish Pantry	\$	200.00
Music	\$	-
Gifts	\$	315.00
Ornaments	\$	-
Nicaraga	\$	265.00
Income		\$ 4,119.49
Total Income		\$ 26,270.20
Expenses		
Salaries/Benefits	\$	27,335.54
Preschool-wages	\$	5,273.98
Mortgage	\$	2,571.00
Insurance	\$	1,429.09
Child Care/Hospitality	\$	304.81
Audio/Web	\$	39.00
Sunday School	\$	-
Maintenance	\$	3,549.85
Utilities	\$	3,314.82
NI Synod ELCA	\$	6,980.00
Office Expenses	\$	511.18
WW payment-Elana	\$	125.00
Worship & Music	\$	485.39
Learning/Youth	\$	1,434.33
Endowment Fund payment	\$	745.25
Nicaragua	\$	100.00
Ornaments	\$	1,015.00
Total Expenses		\$ 55,214.24
Income less Expenses		\$ (28,944.04)

*Preschool prepaid 1/12/2018 payroll in December 2017



- 3/27 Gregg and Lisa Bickus



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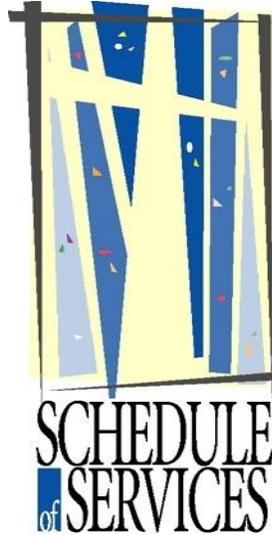
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Mission

"To Know Jesus And To Make Jesus Known"

Vision

"Transforming Lives, Families And Our Community Through Jesus Christ"



SERVICE SCHEDULE

Saturday

5:00PM

Sunday

9:00AM and 10:35AM

Sunday School

10:30AM

Childcare Available

GOOD TIDINGS

Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, March 25th

Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 31st

7:00PM Easter Vigil

Thursday, March 29th

Maundy Thursday

6:00PM Service and Meal

Sunday, April 1st—Easter Sunday

9:00AM Service

11:00AM Service

Friday, March 30th - Good Friday

12:00PM Crosswalk

7:00PM Stations of the Cross

Our youth will be serving breakfast between services on Easter Sunday. Please join us.



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appear in the next issue, assuming the articles are not date sensitive. Remember that we depend on your input in order to be able to have information to publish

"Don't start looking in the Bible for the answers it gives. Start by listening for the questions it asks."

—Frederick Buechner