

**A Monthly Publication of Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, MN**



# April 2024

## CrossTalk Newsletter

**The Mission of Our Savior's Lutheran Church and School is 'connecting families in Christ' by proclaiming the forgiveness of sin in the Gospel and the Sacraments.**

### “GREIN-DINGS” from Pastor’s desk:

There are two pillars upon which the Christian Church stands. One is the virgin birth of Jesus, and the other is His resurrection from the dead. Because these are the two pillars of Christianity, it is not surprising that these two teachings come under attack by the Church’s enemies.

An attack on the teaching of Jesus’ resurrection from the dead took place on a TV program some years ago. It claimed that the bones of Jesus had been found in an ossuary (a container in which the bones of the dead are placed). Etched on that ossuary were the names Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. Keep in mind, however, that all three of those names were very, very common in the New Testament era. The name Jesus was so common, in fact, that it was necessary for Jesus, the Christ, to be identified as Jesus of Nazareth. The words, “of Nazareth,” served to identify which Jesus was being spoken of.

The virgin birth of Jesus has also been attacked in times past. There have been those who’ve claimed that a Roman soldier was Jesus’ father. They say that the virgin birth story was an attempt to cover up Mary’s sin. This, of course, is purely speculation.

Though both the virgin birth and Jesus’ resurrection are the two pillars of Christianity, a case can be made that the most important of the two is the resurrection. One reason is that God’s Word speaks directly of its importance. Scripture says, “... *if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins*” (1 Cor. 15:17). On the other hand, God’s Word merely informs us of Jesus’ birth of the virgin Mary. It informs us of this in the prophecy of Isaiah (Isaiah 7:14), and then in that prophecy’s fulfillment in the Gospel of Luke (Luke 1:26-31).

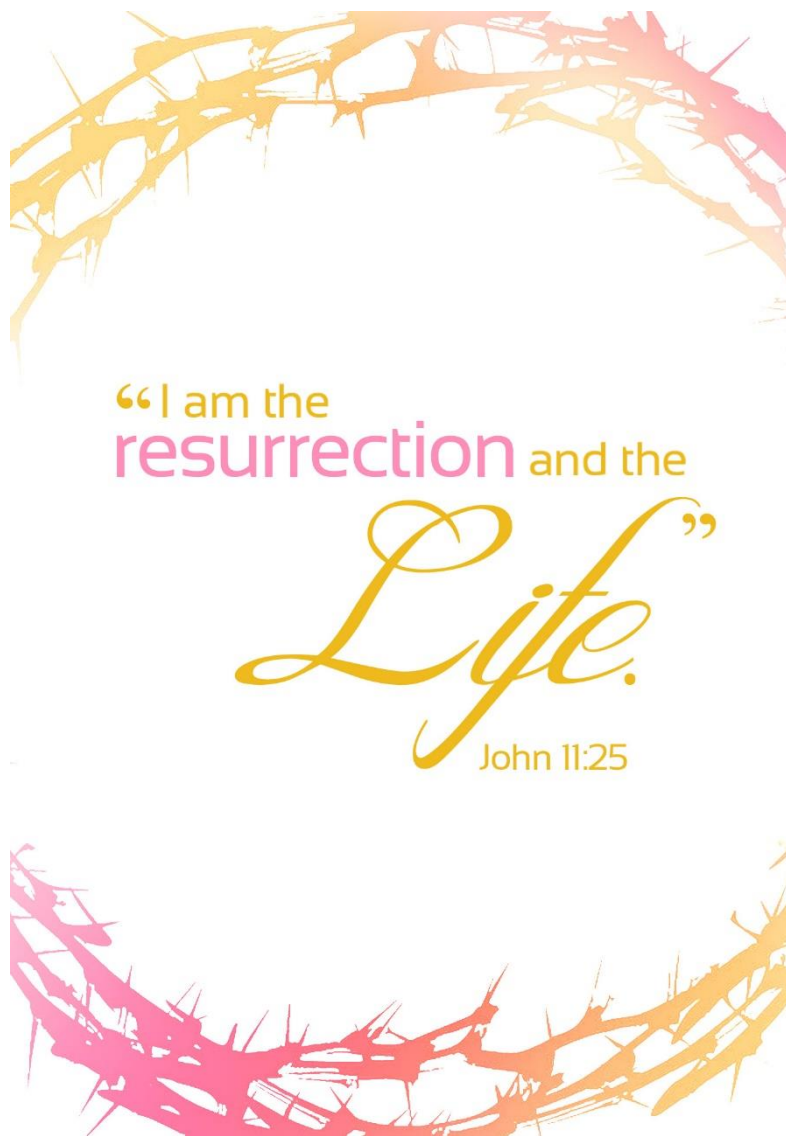
Another reason Jesus’ resurrection from the dead is of greater importance is because it is verifiable, whereas the virgin birth is not. It’s verifiable because the tomb was empty, and Peter and John were eyewitnesses of this. Their written witness we have yet today in the Bible. The authenticity of their witness is so good that their witness would stand up in a court of law. This is the case because there are no documents from all of antiquity that are more reliable than those of the New Testament.

We also have the witness of others who were alive at that that time, people who saw the risen Christ. We have the witness of Mark, Luke, and the apostle Paul. And from the pen of the apostle Paul, we’re told that over 500 brethren saw the risen Christ at once (1 Cor. 15:6).

Jesus' resurrection is also of great importance because it gives us the assurance that Jesus' death on the cross did, indeed, pay the penalty for our sins and the sins of the whole world (1 Cor. 15:17 & 1 John 2:2). It assures us that Jesus is the Son of God (Rom 1:4) and that His teachings are true. It also assures us that one day there will be a resurrection of the dead, God's Word declaring that Jesus is the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Cor. 15:20). And about Himself Jesus said:

*I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die (John 11:25-26).*

This message, the message of Jesus' death for the sins of the world and the message of His resurrection from the dead, are the messages Christ's Church must always proclaim. They will continue to be proclaimed and emphasized at Our Savior's in the month of April and beyond as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection during the seven-week season of Easter. Actually, those teachings will be proclaimed and emphasized for the rest of the year as well.



# Go First!

## Go First! Ministry Conference



April 19 -20, 2024

Concordia Academy  
2400 Dale Street  
Roseville, MN

Plan now to spend time with your brothers and sisters in the body of Christ - learning and growing in your life of service.

Pastors, parish professionals, educators, and lay people are all invited to experience the *encouragement* and *inspiration* of this two-day event.

Break-out sessions will be led by people involved with ministries that can be replicated in your congregation and community and are focused on one or more of the *Go First!* areas: Life Together, Soul Care, Intentional Outreach, or Collaboration.

### Registration Has Begun!

Go to the website below and reserve your *free* ticket today!  
(Sales end April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024.)

<https://www.mnsdistrict.org/go-first-initiative#go-first-ministry-conference>



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

# Minnesota South District

...joyfully serving together in making disciples of Jesus Christ

# Our Savior's Lutheran Women's Guild News

## OSL LWML Women's Guild Meeting Highlights

The OSL Women's Guild met on Saturday March 9, 2024 at 9:00 am. Twenty attendees were present including five guests.

Jill Decker from Integration Wellness and Recovery of Hutchinson gave a very interesting presentation about how she and her husband began a residential treatment program for women recovering from substance abuse. They also operate an outpatient program for the same purpose designed for both men and women.

The OSL Guild voted to donate \$100.00 to Integration Wellness and Recovery of Hutchinson and \$50.00 to the Mcleod Emergency Food Shelf as our March mission projects.

Candace Metzger Christian Life/Human Care Chairman presented ideas for items to be collected for Common Cup of Hutchinson as our next Human Care project. She has made a list of these items for LWML and congregation members to collect and has placed boxes in the rear of the church for people to place their donations.

Jeanette Bening reported that she gave a presentation highlighting the work of the quilters' group at last Wednesday's soup supper. The group will be meeting on Monday, March 18 at 9:00 am in the Commons to tie quilts. More quilt kits to sew quilt tops are available in the rear of the church.

Sharon Haberkamp thanked members for bringing items for the food shelf to the meeting. She will be setting up a table in the sanctuary to collect items/cash donations before and after church services this Sunday, March 10, 2024. Sharon continues to travel to AbleLight (Bethesda) Thrift Store on the second Thursday of each month. Please contact her if you wish to travel along.

Gwen Dahl reported that the Guild served the soup supper on Ash Wednesday.

Lucie Penkert volunteered to serve as an alternate delegate to the District Convention in June.

Seminarian Mark Esser has been approved for the Guild and our congregation to support. He is currently serving a vicarage in Florida at Grace Lutheran Church. His address is Mark Esser 301 Bates Avenue SE, Winter Haven, FL. 33880. His email address is [esserm@csl.edu](mailto:esserm@csl.edu). His wife's name is Paige, and they have a daughter, Maria. Members were encouraged to send cards to the family.

The group voted to send a prayer shawl and quilt to Randy Lee, nephew of Gwen Dahl, who is currently hospitalized.

Roxann Field will be assisting the confirmands in constructing banners for their Confirmation day - April 14, 2024.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, April 9, 2024. Kevin Mathews will be speaking at 11:30 am before lunch as he needs to leave for another meeting. Regular business meeting to follow lunch.



## Upcoming Guild Events-Join us when you can!

- Ⓢ Regular meeting on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 beginning with speaker Kevin Mathews Director of McLeod County Emergency Services at 11:30 am. Lunch/regular business meeting to follow.
- Ⓢ Trip to AbleLight (Bethesda) to help at Thrift Store on Thursday, April 11, 2024. Contact Sharon Haberkamp for details.
- Ⓢ LWML McLeod Zone Spring Rally on Saturday, April 13, 2024 at St. John's in Winsted begins with registration and coffee and treats at 8:30 am and program at 9:00 am. All are welcome. No registration fees. Program concludes with lunch. Check Guild bulletin board for sign-up sheet and carpooling.
- Ⓢ Quilting on Monday, April 15, 2024 at 9:00 am in the Commons.
- Ⓢ Food collection for Food Shelf throughout April-place items in shopping cart in back of church.

## Upcoming Meeting Dates

### April

Regular meeting on Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Kevin Mathews, McLeod County Emergency Services Director will be speaking at 11:30 am.  
(Kevin needs to speak before lunch due to another meeting commitment)  
Lunch to follow along with regular business meeting.

*LWML McLeod Zone Spring Rally to be held on Saturday, April 13, 2024*

*St. John's Lutheran Church in Winsted*

*Speaker will be Dr. Jeffrey Burkart presenting on:*

*Do Not Be Anxious about Anything...Let Your Mouth be Filled with Laughter...*

*based on Philippians 4:6*

*Gifts of the Heart donations will go to King of Kings Lutheran School in St. Paul, MN*

*Everyone is invited!!*

*Sign-up sheet on Guild Bulletin Board in hallway as you enter the Activity Center.*

*See poster in Crosstalk for more details.*

### May

Regular meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 beginning with lunch at 11:30 am in the commons.

Speaker after lunch will be Mona Hjerpe Director of Meghan's Place in Hutchinson.

Regular business meeting will follow.

### June

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Begins with lunch at 11:30 am in the commons.

Program presented by Deb Vinkemeier from Cancer Companions and Phil's Friends.

Meeting to follow speaker.

June 20-22 2024 LWML MN South District Biennial Convention

"Walk in Love" from Ephesians 5:1-2 Mankato, MN.

Check Guild bulletin board for more details.

# Common Cup Collection

## Common Cup Collection

(Our Savior's Women's Guild is collecting items for our Human Care Project....continuing through April) *Common Cup is collecting items all the time.*

### Supplies Needed for the POPP (Provision of Personal Products) Program

(please provide full size products)

- Shampoo and conditioner (men's and women's-15 oz bottle)
- Bar soap, body wash and hand soap
- Deodorants and body spray (men's and women's)
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes and dental floss
- Maxi-pads and tampons
- Hair brushes, combs, hair picks and hair ties
- Ethnic hair products (these are harder to find and of course more expensive)
- Lip balms

### Other supplies needed at Common Cup

Cleaning Supplies

New underwear for all ages (Women's size was requested)

Disposable plates/bowls/spoons/cups, etc,

Pull ups and diapers (larger sizes are most needed)

Standard Bed size pillows (not body pillows nor fancy pillows)

Snow Clothing/Boots (new and gently used)

# Common Cup Collection

## **Backpack Food Program**

Consider sponsoring a McLeod County Elementary student for a year. \$200 will provide weekend food and school supplies.

The Backpack Food Program is a program to send food home in the backpacks of area elementary school students who receive free and reduce-priced lunches. The food will be placed discreetly in the students' backpacks on Fridays, to help tide them over for the weekend. During the summer, it helps support our Summer Lunch Program.

Common Cup is always in need of your donations. If you would like to donate food, use the list below to help you shop for items. We prefer cash donation as we can make your dollars go further with our bulk buying options. But the bottom line is Common Cup needs your support!

## **SHOPPING LIST FOR BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM**

- Small boxes of cereal
- Fruit cups/Applesauce cups
- Hot chocolate packets
- 100% juice boxes
- Pudding cups
- Instant oatmeal packets
- Kraft Easy Mac packets
- Granola bars
- "Jif to Go" small peanut butters
- Chef Boyardee cups
- Beanee Weenee (7.75 oz)
- Carnation Instant Breakfasts
- Small boxes of raisins
- Cheese & breadstick crackers

### **HELP SUPPORT THE BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM**



# Save the Dates

**Save the Date**  
for the 30<sup>th</sup> Biennial  
LWML MN South District Convention



June 20-22, 2024  
Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center  
Mankato, MN

## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The next social event of this group is scheduled for Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30-3:00 p.m. It will be hosted by Anita Crosby and Vonnie Broten in the Commons here at OSL. All widows and widowers are welcome!

*"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God." (II Corinthians 1:3-4)*



## Semi-Annual Voters' Meeting

The spring meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Please plan to join us for this important meeting. If you need a ride, please call the church office so arrangements can be made.



Please come and help the Trustees clean up the church grounds on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Many hands make light work!



# From Our Health Ministry

## When You Hit Your Head

### What's Your Risk?

- As people age, they may be at a greater risk to fall and hit their head due to a decline in strength, balance and reflexes. Osteoporosis and arthritis may also increase risk for injury.
- As you age the brain tends to shrink, which means that the brain has more space to move around and for blood vessels which are more rigid with age to tear upon impact.
- Medications such as blood thinners as well as regular use of aspirin and ibuprofen may also cause more bleeding in the brain upon injury.
- Frequent or excessive alcohol consumption may also raise falling and bleeding risk.

### Is It an Emergency?

- First rule of thumb with a head injury is when in doubt do not hesitate to seek help.
- Get immediate help if you experience any of the following: weakness, numbness, decrease in coordination, slurred speech or increased agitation or confusion or develop a headache that is worse than you have ever experienced.
- Other red flags are a change in pupil size, changes in vision such as blurriness or double vision, seizures, or a loss of consciousness.
- A skull fracture may also result in delayed bleeding which can progress in very unpredictable ways minutes, hours, or days after a head injury.

### What To Do

- If you are at high risk for a head injury you should seek emergency treatment after hitting your head even if your symptoms are mild.
- In a non-emergency situation such as hitting your head on a cabinet door it is a good idea to check in with your doctor.
- It is also a good idea to tell a loved one if you have hit your head.

### How to Prevent Falls

- Remove hazards-keep clutter off the floor and secure any rugs.
- Dress for balance-wear stable, well-fitting shoes and use your cane or walker.
- Customize your space-add railings to your bathtub, shower and toilet and stairway areas.
- If you need more help-check to see whether your insurance policy covers fall risk assessments, which are completed in-home by an occupational or physical therapist.

Adapted from "When You Hit Your Head" Consumer Reports ON HEALTH June 2022



# This and That

## Answering the “What Ifs” of Abortion

A question is often more than just a question – it’s important to hear the arguments and assumptions behind the questions people are asking and listen carefully to what is being said. What if we took a closer look at what both sides really mean?

“What if abortion is healthcare?”

*Pro-abortion:*

Abortion is essential healthcare and women suffer without it.

*Anti-abortion:*

Abortion isn’t medically necessary and nearly all abortions are committed for elective reasons.

(Above information is adapted from studentmag.org)

*There were several requests for the appetizer recipe Barb Field shared at a recent Lenten soup supper session. She was kind enough to share it.*

## Holiday Wrappings

1 pkg. 2.5 oz. dried beef or corned beef  
8 oz . cream cheese  
½ cup sour cream  
½ cup Swiss cheese  
1 garlic clove- finely diced

2 Tablespoon shredded Parmesan cheese  
¾ tsp. Hidden Valley Ranch dressing mix  
¼ tsp. ground pepper  
24 Wonton wrappers

Preheat oven to 350°. Chop beef finely. Combine all ingredients (except Wonton wrappers) in a bowl. Blend until smooth. Separate Wonton wrappers and place one in each cup of a greased mini muffin pan. Press each wrapper into cup. With a small scoop or spoon, fill cups with cheese mixture. Wet your fingers slightly and pinch the top of each Wonton wrapper together. Bake 15 mins. Cool for 10 minutes before serving. Makes 24.

**Diaper Drive** - Our Savior’s will be collecting diapers and wipes for Common Cup during the month of April. There will be a playpen in the back of the sanctuary to collect your donated diapers. The bigger sizes are the most needed. Donations of cash are also appreciated; mark your check for Common Cup diapers and put it in the offering. Your donation of diapers helps families in need and is very much appreciated! If you have any questions, contact Dale Ewald at (320-587-6090) or Common Cup Director Bev Bonte (320-234-8344).



# This and That

## Minnesota Political Contribution Refund Program

(Support the party or candidate(s) of your choice **without any cost to you.**)

Under Minnesota law, once a year Minnesota residents can donate up to \$75 per person or \$150 per married couple to a qualified political organization or candidate and receive a full refund through the state's Political Contribution Refund (PCR) program. The steps to participate are as follows:

### Step One

Send your contribution to the candidate of your choice for a MN State House seat or to either:

Republican Party of Minnesota	or	Minnesota Democratic Farmer Labor Party
7400 Metro Blvd Unit 424		255 Plato Blvd
Edina, MN 55439		St. Paul, MN 55107

### Step Two

After your contribution is received, the candidate's treasurer or the party's treasurer will promptly mail you a receipt. You'll also receive a MN Department of Revenue refund form.

### Step Three

Complete the MN Department of Revenue refund form (it only takes about two minutes) and mail it and the receipt provided to the MN Department of Revenue.

### Step Four

The State of Minnesota will mail you a check, or initiate a direct deposit, fully refunding your contribution. It will arrive in approximately four to six weeks.

NOTE: It is permissible to divide your contribution between the party of your choice and the candidate or candidates of your choice. Still, the total reimbursable contribution remains \$75 per person or \$150 per married couple. Eligible political candidates, however, are only those running for a state office. Thus, the only eligible candidates this year in 2024 are candidates for the MN House. Thus, a married couple could give the party of their choice \$75 and the MN House candidate of their choice \$75.00, or any combination of amounts totaling \$150.00. Each recipient would send to the donor a receipt and a refund form. All receipts would then be mailed with one refund form to the MN Department of Revenue for reimbursement.

### Justification for Including the Above in Our Church's Newsletter

Justification is found in our Lutheran Confessions, Article XVI of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession. There it says:

*The writings of our theologians have profitably illumined this whole question of the distinction between Christ's kingdom and a political kingdom. Christ's kingdom is spiritual; it is the knowledge of God in the heart, the fear of God and faith, the beginning of eternal righteousness and eternal life. At the same time it lets us make outward use of the legitimate political ordinances of the nation in which we live, just as it lets us make use of medicine or architecture, food or drink or air.*

In our nation, Christians should involve themselves in our government as civil servants and as supporters of the party and/or candidates that are aligned with what we believe as Christians. Not to be involved creates a vacuum that will be filled.

# News from the Early Learning Center

Welcome to the Easter Season!

We have been learning about Easter, anticipating Easter Sunday. Each of the children received an Easter Egg with a Jesus inside. It was amazing to see and hear the comments: "It's our friend Jesus", "The prize inside is Jesus", "I love my Jesus". When we wonder if they hear what we teach.... they do!

Even though we are predicted to have winter return, we are looking forward to May and planning for our Graduation Program which will be on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Come join us to see our soon-to-be Kindergartners in their cap and gown!

Thank you for the continued support through prayers, help and donations. Everyone's help and prayers keep us faithful and persevering.

Lori Holtberg  
ELC Director



## Special Congregational Business Meeting

will be held in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 11, 2024, for the purpose of reviewing the nominations of the Call Committee and extending a Divine Call to a new pastor. Paper copies of the entire call list, nominations of the Call Committee, and a biographic summary of each nominee (3) are available on the information desk in the back of the Sanctuary beginning March 31<sup>st</sup>. You may also request an email copy of this information commencing April 1<sup>st</sup> by contacting Sherry at [oslsecretary@oslhutch.com](mailto:oslsecretary@oslhutch.com). Contact Keith Kamrath or any of the Board of Elders if you have questions. Please pray that the Holy Spirit grants peace and guidance throughout our call process.

If you need a ride to the meeting, please call Sherry (320-587-3318) in the church office to arrange for transportation.

# Call Update

## The Divine Call

It has been 24 years since the congregation at Our Savior's called a pastor. As the call committee is preparing to present a list of pastors to the voters, it would be good to review the concept of the Divine Call.

God has given us clear instructions on the markers we should look for when seeking a new pastor. In I Timothy 3:2-7, Paul describes the characteristics of those who are eligible to serve as an "overseer" (pastor) in Christ's church: *2 Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, 3 not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. 4 He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, 5 for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? 6 He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. 7 Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.*

Because all the men on our call list were provided by President Woodford, we are to assume that all of them possess the characteristics cited above and are eligible to serve us.

Though it's true that all Christians have a general call to proclaim Christ, the public ministry of Word and Sacrament is not entrusted to all (1 Corinthians 12:28). It is a unique calling or designation by God and not determined by the will of man. We know this to be true because overseers are told to pay attention to themselves and to all the flock that the Holy Spirit has entrusted to them (Acts 20:28). Once our new pastor is installed, we can be confident that God the Holy Spirit has placed him here among us to be our overseer.

When it comes to the calling of a pastor, God has not commanded any specific process. Because of that, Christian denominations differ significantly in that regard. The divine nature of the call, regardless of the process, is that a man is given the authority to preach and teach God's Word and administer the Sacraments. This authority is given through the call of the congregation and is thus divine. Truly, it is God's will that this be done. Thus, the divine nature of the call.

We are all familiar with the human resource procedures for hiring a new employee and it would be natural to expect a similar process for filling the most important position in our church. Most of the common procedures – interviews, background checks, checking references – are designed to keep bad things from happening and to, somehow, gain knowledge of what might happen in the future if one were to hire a particular candidate. All of this is based on gathering information and then applying human reason to make a decision.

Admittedly, some these common procedures are used in the calling of a pastor in our church body and will be used here at Our Savior's. Beyond those common procedures, however, there is another dimension. That dimension is the working of the Holy Spirit. We believe that He will be at work among us to guide us in our evaluation of the men on our call list and lead us to the one best suited to serve us. We trust that God has already called and prepared the man who will serve as our next pastor. Thus, God, in a sense, has already made this decision for us. Trusting that to be the case, we can be at peace with the outcome. God be praised!

The current mechanism to reveal who will be our next pastor is that the elders, as the call committee, are evaluating the fifteen candidates President Woodford has supplied. Plans are to narrow the list to three to present to the voters for a decision on which candidate to call. When that decision is made, a divine call will be extended to him.

Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the Call Committee and Voters Assembly to the man He has already chosen to serve us.

Contributed by Pastor Grein and Keith Kamrath.

# Confirmation

Confirmation Questioning will be Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and Confirmation will take place on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to join the confirmands and their families as they commemorate this special time in their lives. We have four youth being confirmed this year:

**Emery Blumhoefer, Kaylee Rannow, Rachel Sauter and Matthew Schumann**

They are sharing with the congregation their selected confirmation verse as well as the reason they chose that verse. Congratulations and God's Blessings to our Confirmands!



## Emery Blumhoefer

*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I (Jesus) have come that they may have life and have it to the full.*

*John 10:10*

I chose this bible verse because of the great promise God promised to me as a child of God; I have been promised an "abundant" life. I may not always have the fanciest clothes, perfect health, be the best basketball player nor have everything I want but what I know is that I have faith and a promise of grace and salvation through him. And what more could we need than an abundant life in and through Christ!!



## Kaylee Rannow

*"I (Jesus) have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have trouble. But take heart; I have overcome the world."*

*John 16:33*

I chose this bible verse because it offers me comfort knowing that God is in total control of me and this world. During my lifetime, I know there will be stressful times of trials and temptations. God will protect me and offer me peace during those stressful times. God says to be encouraged for He has conquered the world.

# Confirmation

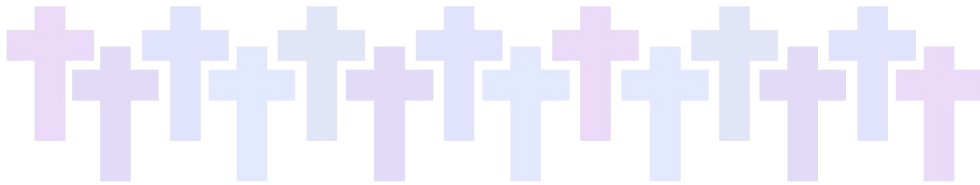


## Rachel Sauter

*"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."*

*Romans 10:17*

I chose this verse because it shows that faith comes through hearing the word of God. I also understand it as saying that faith can come through listening in church, but it is stronger when it is truly the word of God. Another reason I chose this verse is although it is quite short, it shows that the word of God is truly what we need to listen to even during times of stress. Overall, this verse shows me that God is in my life, even if it is something as simple as listening to His word.



## Matthew Schumann

*"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"*

*John 14:6*

I chose this verse because I wanted a verse that shows all that Jesus has done for us and that there is no life without Jesus.

# Sages

ANNOUNCING



S. A. G. E. S.



GATHERING XXXIV

At Country Inns and Suites, Mankato MN



MAY 6 AND 7, 2024

**Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy,  
Featured Presenter**

**FINISHING STRONG**

**PSALM 71 FOR SENIORS**

v.17- SINCE MY YOUTH, GOD, YOU HAVE TAUGHT ME, AND TO THIS DAY  
I DECLARE YOUR MARVELOUS DEEDS.

**THREE PRESENTATIONS, SEVEN WORKSHOP choices, MUSIC,  
FELLOWSHIP, BANQUET WITH ENTERTAINMENT BY  
The Benson Family Singers**



*Presented by S.A.G.E.S. (Saints Alive, Growing, Ever Serving)  
Minnesota South LCMS Older Adult Ministry*





# Sages



## S.A.G.E.S.



(S.A.G.E.S. = Saints Alive, Growing, Ever Serving)

### PROGRAM FOR GATHERING XXXIV MAY 6 & 7, 2024

#### MONDAY, MAY 6

- 12:00 – 1:15 p.m. Registration  
1:00 – 1:20 p.m. Vocal Exercise  
1:20 – 1:30 p.m. Welcome and  
Opening Prayer  
Rev. James Vehling,  
S.A.G.E.S. President  
1:30 – 2:30 p.m. **“Finishing Strong”**  
Rev. Dean Nadasdy  
2:30 – 2:40 P.M. Physical Exercise  
2:40 - 3:15 p.m. Break  
Visit Displays  
3:20 – 4:20 p.m. S.A.G.E.S. WORKSHOP I  
4:30 – 5:45 p.m. Reception – LCEF  
5:15 – 5:45 Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 p.m. SAGES Evening Banquet  
Entertainment:



Closing devotion –  
Rev. Dr. Lucas Woodford  
MNS District President

#### TUESDAY, MAY 7

- 6:30 – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast –  
complimentary for Hotel Guests only  
7:30 – 8:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal  
8:00 – 8:15 a.m. Vocal Exercise  
8:15 – 8:30 a.m. Business meeting  
8:30 – 9:15 a.m. **“Finishing Strong”**  
Rev. Dean Nadasdy  
9:15 – 9:25 a.m. Physical exercise  
9:25 – 9:50 a.m. Break  
Visit Displays  
9:55 – 10:55 a.m. S.A.G.E.S. WORKSHOP II  
11:00 – Noon S.A.G.E.S. WORKSHOP III  
12:00 – 12:55 p.m. Lunch  
1:00 – 2:00 p.m. **“Finishing Strong”**  
Rev. Dean Nadasdy  
2:00 – 2:30 p.m. Installation of officers  
Rev. David Preuss,  
Chaplain  
Closing Devotion  
Rev. Adam Matheny,  
Our Savior’s Lutheran, Mankato

**THE MISSION:** S.A.G.E.S. is organized to enhance the Older Adult Ministry of the MNS District LC-MS, by providing experiences in Christian fellowship, service, and life enrichment.

**THE MOTTO:** “They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green.”

Psalm 92:14 NIV

# Cups & Conversations

**Diaper Drive** - Our Savior's will be collecting diapers and wipes for Common Cup during the month of April. There will be a playpen in the back of the sanctuary to collect your donated diapers. The bigger sizes are the most needed. Donations of cash are also appreciated; mark your check for Common Cup diapers and put it in the offering. Your donation of diapers helps families in need and is very much appreciated! If you have any questions, contact Dale Ewald at (320-587-6090) or Common Cup Director Bev Bonte (320-234-8344).



## Bring a Friend & Your Coffee Cup **Cups & Conversation**

Saturday April 6, 2024  
9 - 10:30 a.m.

OSL Church Activity Center  
Enter via the North Door

SPEAKER

Theresa Hoff  
Ma's Sweet Shoppe

"The Art of Cookie Decorating"

*Hosted by Our Savior's Lutheran Health Ministry*

# Celebrating this Month



4/1 Tammera Paulson  
4/2 Cody Link  
4/3 Alyson Farley  
4/4 Susan Forcier  
4/4 Jameson Turner  
4/9 Adam Field  
4/11 Shirley Alsleben  
4/12 Stacy Messner  
4/15 Nicholas Ortloff  
4/19 Gail Roethemeier  
4/19 Michael Sauter  
4/22 Justin Sauter  
4/24 Shawn Smithers  
4/25 Kevin Ostlund  
4/27 Dianne Brenhaug Haffley  
4/29 Jeanne Niesche

4/18 Ronald and Marilyn Field 54 Years  
4/21 Roger and Cheryl Beilke 45 Years



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Sherry Drahos..... Administrative Assistant

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Keith Messner  
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