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**END OF YEAR
SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATION**

SUNDAY, MAY 5TH 10-11 AM
GAMES & ACTIVITIES TO CELEBRATE OUR
AWESOME YEAR OF SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR
ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS
(PRESCHOOL-6TH GRADE)



→ WE ARE KINDLY ASKING FOR
DONATIONS OF **CUPCAKES** OR **COOKIES**
FOR A CAKE WALK, BAGS OF **CANDY**, &
BLOW POP SUCKERS. THANK YOU!



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

March General Fund

Auto Exp (Mileage)	826.58
BCBS Exp	907.74
Church Supplies.....	116.88
Confirmation Exp	34.40
Custodian HIR Exp	250.00
EaND Synod (3 mos.)	1,071.82
Electricity Exp (Ottertail)	906.00
Envelope Giving Exp (EFT)	36.20
Gas (MDU) Exp	507.00
Insurance Exp.....	1,371.00
Maintenance Exp.	571.81
Snow (Feb.): 442.50	
Mac's Hardware: 129.31	
Office Equip.	413.44
Office Supplies.....	213.76
Miscellaneous Exp.....	8.57
Pastor Housing Allowance	1,366.68
Pastor SS Allowance	410.56
Payroll Exp.....	499.34
Pension/Ins	3,121.50
Postage Exp.....	62.19
Retreat Ctr. Exp	150.00
City of DL	125.33
Spec. Gifts-Out	1,250.00
Transfer to BIF—200.00	
Transfer to Altar Guild—50.00	
Transfer to BIF Elevator—1,000.00	
Sunday School Exp.....	(20.66)
NDTC	452.45
Vocal Director Exp	325.00
Wages.....	10,013.20
Worship Supplies	53.50
Total Expenses.....	\$25,433.29
Total Income.....	\$24,583.14

Retreat Center Fund March Expenses

Greater Ramsey Water ..	35.00
Guide One Insurance ...	150.00
Nodak	66.00
MDU	98.72
Total Expenses	\$349.72



May Mission of the Month Lake Region Celebrate Recovery Group

The clear box at the back of the sanctuary (entrance) is set up at each worship service to bring awareness to missions that we want to support with our donations. Each month we will highlight the mission of the month. The mission of the month for May is Lake Region Celebrate Recovery Group.



Celebrate Recovery is a Christian centered, 12 step recovery program for anyone struggling with hurt, hangups, and habits of any kind. It is a safe place to find community and freedom from the issues that are controlling our life.

The Lake Region Celebrate Recovery Group meets Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. at United Methodist Church, 601 5th St. NE, Devils Lake.

Help Us Grow Through EGiving

Electronic giving is a convenient, easy way to support St. Olaf. By giving electronically, you can:

- Give anywhere, anytime from your computer, smartphone or tablet.
- Donate to one of our special project funds.
- Set up recurring payments and never worry about bringing your checkbook or cash again.

Get started today! Visit our donations page to set up your online contribution: www.stolafchurchdevilslake.com

Elevator Update:

Otis Elevator Company has started the upgrade process. One of the parts ordered was not the correct part. They have placed the order and have expedited the shipping. They will be back soon!

Stained-glass Windows

Donations & Memorials received as of
April 25, 2024:
\$47,205.88
Total Project: \$127,528.00

General Fund Envelope Giving & Memorials & Designated Funds

Date	SUNDAY		General Fund: Envelope Giving	General Fund: Gifts & Memorials	Designated Funds: Memorials/Donations
	7am	9:30am			
March 31	25	155	\$4,850.00	\$100 .00	\$225.00
April 7		89	\$4,051.00	\$30.00	\$462.00
April 14		93	\$4,311.00		\$757.00
April 21		107	\$6,676.00		

Electronic Giving for MARCH (29 Households): **\$3,710.00**

FAITH MATTERS;

~ Pastor Lori ~

REST

Matthew 11:28-30

28 “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke up on you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Jesus spoke these words they have been tested throughout the ages and found true by untold numbers of simple believers who put their trust in Him. The reports keep coming in- God is faithful! God is Love!

What an invitation “Come to me” An invitation of the One who gave you life who called you into existence, who oversees your every breath, and He is calling, inviting YOU to come to me! Even after all we have done, He says **“I’ll forgive you- Come To Me!”**

This passage is for **us!** For each of us who call Jesus Savior and Lord. The foundation of our salvation rests completely in who Jesus is and what he has done and is doing and will do for us! He only asks

that we remain firmly on that foundation, not giving in to temptation of taking our destiny back into our own hands... of trying to find another way to heaven. We are called to remain under the shadow of God’s protection in Christ. We are called to hold fast our confession- **“For** God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)

Do we struggle with doubting God at times? Do we take things into our own hands sometimes, disobeying His leading in our hearts? Do we worry and fret because we give more faith to our circumstances than we do to the Word of God? Most of us can probably say, “Yes, I mess up. “Well, as His Child, we can come boldly to the throne of grace—the only true place of rest for our souls- and to obtain God’s mercy and find the power to overcome, in the face of our struggles and our cares. **“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest”**

Be Blessed, Pastor Lori Pankratz



- Alyssa Schall
- SSgt. Sherri Read & SSgt. Barry Read
- Cpl. Jeffrey J. Olson
- Sgt. Jesse S. Olson
- Grant Thompson
- Justin & Jill Johnson
- Derrick Owens
- Jonathan Pearson
- Matthew Martin
- Sgt. Major Brian Soper
- Nevon Heisler
- Brian Pederson
- Cory Schall
- Brent Schall
- Amy & Cory Everson
- Austin Dammen
- Ryan Mertens
- Gregory Fritz
- Spc. Jade Baker
- Major Miranda Iverson
- SSgt. Billyjo Sandberg
- Captain Cassidy Wilkins
- Kaitlyn Thompson
- Matthew Alexander
- Trentin Ystaas

If you know of someone serving in the military, please let the church office (662-4911) know.



If you or someone you know are in need of prayers, please contact the church office: 662-4911.

Your name and concern will be held before God and prayed for by everyone on the Prayer Chain.

You will be asked if you would like to be included in the prayers at Sunday worship or you may request it.



St. Olaf & Our Saviors
Summer Day Camp
July 22-25
At Ruger Park



Rummage Sale

SATURDAY, MAY 4

8:00 am - 1:00 p.m.



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Morning Coffee &
Sweet Treats
starting at 8:00 a.m.
and
BBQ Lunch
starting at 11:00 a.m.
AL A CART PRICING

FREE WILL
GIVING ON
NON FOOD ITEMS
UNLESS MARKED



Donuts
for
Sale
\$8⁰⁰
per dozen



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601 Sixth Street NE | Devils Lake



Color, Coffee & Conversation

Thursday, May 23

@ 1:30 p.m.

This event is for all adults, men and women, who enjoy coloring in adult coloring books or would like to try it. Colored pencils and coloring books will be provided, but you may also bring whatever you have. If you wish you can come just for the coffee and treats and social interaction.

Please RSVP to Jean Aardahl at 662-9227

Leave a message if no answer



Happy Spring St. Olaf Ladies

*Quilting has been quite busy. Several People have donated materials, Thank You! We are so Grateful for it all. A Quilt was given to the silent Auction for DeAnn

Brown's Medical Benefit. Several other items were donated as well. WELCA was in charge of setting up and marking all the items, and "Manning the Booth". Thanks to all who baked or/and worked to help out with this Special Event.

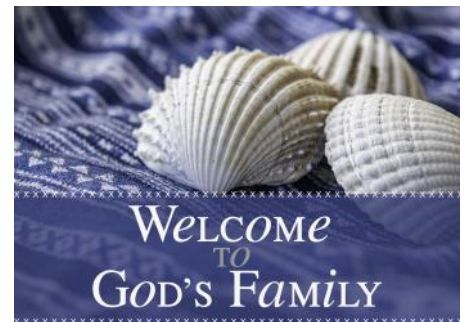
*Loretta and I attended the Spring Roundup/Retreat held at the Sheyenne Riverbend Farm, just south of Valley City. It was a very good day, some great speakers and Music provided by Triplcity from the May-Port Area. One of the speakers was the Director of Red Willow and Park River Bible Camps. The last speaker was a 14 year old girl from Hope Lutheran in Fargo, Sawyer Anderson who has raised money for water and wells in Africa and other countries who need clean drinking water, since she was 10 years old. She also wrote and illustrated her own book called "WATER WORKS". We purchased a copy for the Library in hopes that the Sunday School Teachers would use it as a good teaching lesson.

*We also are working hard getting ready for the Spring Rummage Sale. PLEASE help when and where you are able! Thank you!

*Thanks to all who helped with the Donut Days as well, you are so appreciated!

*As I write this I think of our Ladies who are shut in or in the care centers, we send our greetings to you as well!

Stay Well! God's Blessings,
Myrna Unger, President



Sutton Lynn Cosley
Daughter of Tucker &
Gabrielle Cosley



Ardy Salisbury

April Church Council Meeting Minutes

The St. Olaf Lutheran Church council met on April 9, 2024.

Present: Michael Kitsch, David Oehlke, Colette Boehmer, Arne Berg, Kristi Trottier, Harris Saele, Rodger Haugen, Louise Oleson, Glenn Crowe, Crystal Eversvik, Jeri Steffan, Pastor Lori Pankratz

President Michael Kitsch called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Pastor Lori opened the meeting with a devotion and a prayer.

The council welcomed Arne Berg as treasurer replacing Mike Boehmer.

The minutes of the March council meeting were reviewed. Dave moved to accept the minutes. Louise seconded. The minutes were approved.

Arne Berg presented the Treasurer's report as prepared by Mike Boehmer. Balances as of March 29, 2024 - Designated Funds: \$87,806.73; Building Fund: \$73,816.49; General Fund: \$1003.47.

Pastor Lori's report was reviewed by the council.

Christian Education: Kristi reported that the next meeting of this committee will be on April 10. The Sunday School children will sing during service on April 28. The Sunday School carnival will be held on May 5 in the church basement.

Church Properties: Church Properties meeting minutes from April 2 were reviewed. Harris reported that he has been in contact with a representative from Culinex concerning the dishwasher. A nonfunctioning water softener may be the reason for spots remaining on dishes and silverware following the rinse cycle. Harris gave information and prices on water softener options. Louise moved to purchase a water softener from Menards. Crystal seconded. The motion was approved. Individuals from the Properties committee will install the softener. The Properties committee has plans to refurbish the church garage.

Life in Ministry & Mission: Louise reported that she continues her outreach by sending cards, calling members, and doing in person visits.

Stewardship: No report from Jeri at this time.

Youth & Family Ministry: Crystal reported that they will be meeting with the youth and parents from Our Savior's church that will be attending the ELCA National Youth gathering to coordinate fundraising and travel. Kristi and Crystal worked with the confirmation students when Pastor Lori was gone.

Worship & Music: Glenn stated that there needs to be a process in place to communicate schedule changes for the lead singers, especially for unexpected or last minute absences. Pastor Lori will visit with MiChelle Nybo regarding this matter.

Unfinished Business: Michael reported that the elevator repair and update project will begin on April 15. The elevator will not be working for approximately 3 weeks. Michael reported that the company that will be doing the stained glass window repairs are looking to start at the middle of August. There will be upcoming meetings with the architect to evaluate the structure of the church building before any work can begin on the windows.

New Business: Arne Berg, council treasurer, will need to sign signature cards at First United Bank and Bremer Bank.

The meeting was adjourned. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Colette Boehmer

**Cove Road Clean-up
Day**

Saturday, May 11

10:00 a.m.

**for all Middle School and High
School Youth**

Faith & Care Group #3—May 2024

Duaine Ash
Lisa Bachmeier
Robert Banet, Bailee, Caleb
Roxanne & Mike Barendt, Morgan, Hannah
Rodney Bennes
Terry & Beth Black, Molly, Elle, Charly
Judy Borgen
Zachary & Samantha Bounds, Hudsynn,
Kayson, Madalynn
Janice Breakey
Jared & Deann Brown, Ellen, Emma
Jon & Cindy Brown, Drew, Casey, Reagan,
Bailey
Gene & Melissa Burkhard, Brady, Toby
Paulette Clemenson
Kermit & Glenna Garske
Judy Hager
Leonard Jemtrud
Dona Krahler, Jady & Zachary
Amber Lara
Richard Mahoney
Brandon & Kelsey Mertens, Holden,
Leightyn, Gannon
Don Mertens, Ryan
Duane Moen

Kent & Hayley Ness, Ty
Chuck & Barb Olson
Linda Olson
Derrick & Holly Owens, Alexander
Stella Papachek
Jacqueline Peterson, Jesse
Myrna Peterson
Harry & Darlene Pflaum
Mabel Rabadeaux
Bonnie Rader, James
Sharon Rance
Anne Rasmusson, David, Blake
Jeanette Rohrer
Marlene & Dana Salisbury
Cory & Tobey Schall, Austin, Alyssa
Shannon & Don Senger, Preston
Valerie Skadsem
Gaylene Tollefson
Nicole Tollefson, Austin
Kristi Trottier & Travis Pflaum
George Wang & Ericka Eversvik, Blake
Orville & Audrey Wang, Autumn
Nancy Watt
Kristi Ystaas

Faith & Care Group #4—June 2024

Carly & Jesse Braathen, Riley, Tommy,
Bodey, Radley
Wade & Rebecca Christianson, Cayden,
Ethan
Lisa Craddock, Charles
Robert Dahl
John & Kim Dahlen, Cassandra &
Christopher
Yvonne Erickstad
Eric & Crystal Eversvik, Gannon, Bryer, De-
lainey, Amelia
Tammy Fischer, Garrett, John, Michael
Steven & Evonne Geigle, Kade, Micah
Dale Giedd & Loretta Bloomquist
Rob Hendrickson
Ken Hunt
Jason & Amber Hunter, Gabriella, Ryder,
Hudson
Kristen Johnson, Chase
Jan Johnson, Brittany & Kayla
Jerry & Kara Johnson, Jeremiah

Mike & Kristina Kuntz, Jack & Mallory
Kathy Lovseth
Doris Michaels
Vernon Moen
Charles & Helen Nelson
Robert Nelson & Marte Stensli, Mathea &
Liam
Louise Oleson
Judy Ovre
Mark & Kristel Peterson, Craig, Kelsey
Becky Reiersen, Maria, Isabelle
Betty Jane Rushfeldt
Tyler & Emily Schiele, Kynlee, Tucker, Bo
Sheldon Severtson
Helen Simon
Kyle Sletteland
.Don & Barb Sowatzki
Ray & Judy Strong
Janice Thompson
Kris Thompson, Kayla, Kaitlyn, Austin

SIMPLY GIVING: As a part of our desire to make giving simple and convenient; we have created an online giving page through Vanco. Each part focuses on one of the causes here at St. Olaf and a couple outside as well. Our hope is that this site will allow you to see more of what you can give to and make an impact through the ministries of St. Olaf. The QR code below can be scanned via smartphone and will take you straight to the site or find it at: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZA6T/home>



Memorials

BUILDING FUND: Elevator

Given in MEMORY of:

Evon Thompson from Connie Whitney

Stained Glass Windows

Given in MEMORY of:

Ed Mlynar from Kathy Lovseth
Ardy Salisbury from Shirley Owens, Bruck & Vicki Loyland, Bab & Don Sowatzki, Colette & Kory Boehmer
Andy Horner from Myrna Unger

General Fund

Given in MEMORY of:

William Landen (Lanny) Riggin from Dennis & Karen Rigg

Evon Thompson from Jerry & Daria Miller

Retreat Center Fund

Given in MEMORY of:

Evon Thompson from Armen & Connie Hanson

St. Olaf Foundation

Given in MEMORY of:

Ardy Salisbury from Rodger Haugen

WELCA

Given in MEMORY of:

Ardy Salisbury from Myrna Unger





MAY

2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 10:30 Staff Mtg. 6:15 Confirmation (Final)	2 1:00 Brain Injury Support Group	3	4 Spring Rummage Sale 8am—1pm
	9:00 –4:00 Rummage Sale Set-up					
5 9:30 Worship w/ Communion 10:00 Sunday School Celebration (3rd Floor) 10:30 Coffee Fellowship	6	7 9:00 Quilting 10:00 Text Study	8 10:30 Staff Mtg. 7:00 Youth Activity at Our Saviors	9 1:00 WELCA Meeting & Memorial	10	11 10:00 Cove Road Clean up Day for all Middle School and High School Youth
12 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee Fellowship	13	14 9:00 Quilting 10:00 Text Study 5:30 Council Meeting	15 10:30 Staff Mtg.	16	17	18
19 9:30 Worship with Communion & Graduates Recognition 10:30 Coffee & Syttende Mai Observance 11:30 Sons of Norway Appreciation Dinner	20	21 9:00 Quilting 10:00 Text Study	22 10:30 Staff Mtg.	23 1:30 Color, Coffee & Conversation in the Library	24 4:00 Spire Newsletter Deadline	25
26 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee with F&C Group #4 2:00 DLHS Graduation	27 Memorial Day Closed	28 9:00 Quilting 10:00 Text Study	29 10:30 Staff Mtg.	30	31	