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2024

APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**April 7 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER w/Holy Communion,
Guest Pastor Vue Lee**

**April 14 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER w/Holy Communion,
Guest Pastor Ben Kangar**

**April 21 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER w/Holy Communion,
Guest Pastor Aaron Kuehn**

**April 28 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER w/Holy Communion,
Guest Pastor Bruce Laabs**



Prayers for Pastor Matthew & Patience and all who will be
traveling with them as they visit Liberia during April

“Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. But you said, 'We will not walk in it.' A man's heart plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps. *Jeremiah 6:16*

Travel Prayer: O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them home safely at their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

LCMS Stewardship Ministry | Newsletter article – April 2024

Whose Is It Anyway?

If you have ever bought or sold a house, you are acquainted with the concept of a “title search.” Before you can sell your house, and before anyone else will feel comfortable putting down the money to buy it, you have to prove that you really own it. So a title company looks through the public records to ensure that you bought it from the person who really owned it, who bought it from the person who really owned it before that, all the way back to the earliest records of your state, including when your state was only a territory or colony of England.

Peak into a preschool classroom during playtime and you’ll see a simplified version of this. A child starts playing with a ball, but another child says, “That’s mine: I had it first.”

You can’t understand the Seventh Commandment without understanding this concept of ownership or title. As the Small Catechism puts it:

You shall not steal. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor’s money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

Your neighbor’s possessions are his: you don’t have a right to take them. And likewise, your possessions are yours. Ownership and property rights are foundational to any functioning society.

But there is something deeper to know about ownership, and that is the question of who has the title and ownership to you? Paul says, “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price” (1 Cor. 6:19–20).

If you yourself are owned by God, then of course everything that you own, you really only possess by God’s leave: all of it, at bottom, belongs to Him since you belong to Him. For you were bought with the blood of Christ.

This notion is the foundation of all Christian stewardship. It all belongs to God. It should all be used for things that bring honor to His name, blessings to our neighbors and the extension of His kingdom.

A Message from Pastor Matthew. . .

KEEP YOUR EYES ON CHRIST JESUS

The month of April signals the official beginning of spring! With the very mild winter we've experienced pretty much this year, it has looked and felt like spring until few days ago when we seriously got hit with two days of snowstorm. However, it still feels good outside. The snow seems to be melting fast, and the forecast for the week looks good as I write this.

Pretty soon the plants and trees will begin to bud, and flowers will start to bloom. You may have been thumbing through garden and seed catalogues, getting ideas and making plans for the upcoming planting season.

As the weather will soon start to warm up, a strange phenomenon occurs – something I call “garden fever.” People will want to get out (including my mom) and prepare the soil in our garden beds for future planting. Turning over the soil releases a wonderful earthy smell that takes me back to spring plowing as I watch the farmers. Plowing that first furrow across the field was very important because all of the other furrows depended on the straightness of this first one. If the first furrow was crooked, all of the other furrows would also be crooked. What to do? Fix your eyes on a point all the way across the field – a tree in the fence line or a rag that you tied to the fence itself. Keeping your eyes fixed on this point on the horizon enabled you to plow a straight furrow.

In God's Word, we read this: **“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, scorning the shame, and is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God”** (Hebrews 12:2). For the child of God, we are called to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus – not unlike the farmer who must keep his eyes fixed on that landmark across the field in order to plow a straight furrow. What happens when we get distracted and take our eyes off Jesus? Like that farmer, what follows are some very crooked lines that are evident to anyone who looks at them. So many times, in our journey of faith we veer off course because we aren't looking to Jesus, but looking at other things that can divert us and draw us away from the Savior. This past Lenten season was a call for each one of us to live out in real time what we read about in worship: **“Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love”** (Joel 2:13).

What causes you to become distracted in faith? What makes you veer off-course and lose focus? What do those crooked furrows look like when you do not keep your eyes fixed on Jesus? The good news is that no matter how crooked our furrows may be, Jesus has come to set them straight. He did this not by telling us, “Hey! You can do better than that. Just try harder!” He didn't do this with mere words, but with the sacrifice of his very life on the tree of the cross as payment for all of our crooked ways, what Scripture calls sin. Jesus came to be the atoning sacrifice for all of our sin and disobedience. Jesus **“was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification”** (Romans 4:25).

The recent journey through Lenten season was one of preparation. It was not an end in itself, but gives way to something even more important: Easter! Good Friday led us to Easter Sunday. The crucifixion led us to the resurrection. Death is defeated and the King is alive, hallelujah!

It is my prayer as we go through this month, that the power of the Holy Spirit that raised Christ from the dead and working in you will enable you to keep your eyes fixed on Jesus, the Savior-- who died so that you might have life in Him.

Christ is risen! He's risen indeed, Alleluia!

Love Your Neighbor Lasagna Dinner & Talent Show
Let's love our Neighbor and our Community with a great meal and great entertainment!



Invite your family, friends and neighbors and consider buying their ticket. Tickets are \$12 and will be sold through Sunday, April 7th or contact the church office. Menu includes: Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread and assorted Pies, Coffee and Punch. Where: Gloria Dei, 3014 McKinley Street NE, Minneapolis When: Saturday, April 13th – Doors Open at 4:30PM, Dinner at 5 PM, Talent Show starts at 6 PM

Do you have a hidden talent you want to showcase? Sign up for the talent show! Everyone is welcome to perform!

If you are able, please consider volunteering!

The Outreach/Evangelism team will need help putting this event together! The team will need help making the Lasagna, making pies, and with the setup/clean up.

This event is hosted GDLC's Outreach/Evangelism Team, Daniel and Katie Beth Carlson and Verlayne Sather. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions!



PORTALS OF PRAYER

Please feel free to pick up your copy of the April – June 2024 **Portals of Prayer**. They are located on the table in back of the Church – Help Yourself! If you would like a copy mailed to you, please call the church office and be sure to specify which size you would like.

Thanks!



The warmer weather brings more gatherings with friends and family!

Remember to save your Aluminum Cans

Gloria Dei is always collecting cans.

Proceeds go to the mission of the Church Council's choosing!



SALVATION ARMY FOOD SHELF



Please continue to fill our cart with food to be donated to the Salvation Army Northeast Food Shelf. Thank you for always generously supporting your community!

As a reminder, our “cart” is always located in the lobby for your donations. Let’s help envision a future where all our neighbors and community members have access to healthy food and no one struggles with food insecurity. **This year, Gloria Dei will again donate the Spring Offering to the Central Avenue Salvation Army Food Shelf, located at 2727 Central Ave NE.** The Salvation

Army is always seeking food, hygiene and monetary contributions to help restock their shelves. Donated food items are put to immediate use, helping to feed the hungry in our neighborhoods. High demand items include 100% juice, healthy cereal, canned chicken, salmon and pork, and culturally specific items like coconut milk, bamboo shoots, jasmine rice and fish sauce. Personal hygiene items such as toilet paper and toothpaste are also highly requested items.

The Salvation Army staff appreciates your efforts to help us in the fight against hunger!

Free community dinners at St. Timothy’s | April 9 @ 5 - 6:30 pm

St. Timothy’s Lutheran Church, 825 51st Ave. NE, in Columbia Heights, serves a free community drive through dinner the second Tuesday of each month. The drive through dinner goes from 5-6:30 pm (or until the food is gone). The dinners are free and everyone is welcome! Please spread the word!! Info: 763-571-9721.

Matter of Balance

“A Matter of Balance,” a falls prevention program for seniors 60+ will be held eight consecutive Tuesdays April 2-May 21, 10 am to 12 pm at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 4101 Washington Street NE. This program is for you if you are concerned about falls, have had a fall in the past, restrict activities because of concerns about falling, want to improve balance, flexibility and strength. Registration: <https://yourjuniper.org/Classes/Register/4369>

DOORS OPEN MINNEAPOLIS NEEDS GREETERS

Doors Open Minneapolis is a weekend-long event that gives the public a chance to explore the buildings that tell the city’s story, Saturday and Sunday May 18-19. Volunteers are needed to welcome attendees to the venues and count them as they enter, encourage attendees to register for Doors Open Minneapolis via a mobile QR code or weblink and be entered in a raffle to win prizes, distribute stickers to attendees, assist with the flow of foot traffic and answer general questions about the event. There is a mandatory volunteer information session in late April/early May. Multiple sessions (in-person and virtual) will be scheduled for your convenience. You get to choose the venue you volunteer at, and you can sign up with a friend. You will receive a pass that allows you priority access at venues, allowing you to skip venue lines for the duration of the event, a free Doors Open Minneapolis t-shirt and be invited to a post-event volunteer appreciation party that includes food and beverage. Greeter volunteers will sign up for one or more 4-hour shifts. Shifts are 9:30 am-1:30 pm and 1:30-5:30 pm. Signup at <https://www.doorsopenminneapolis.org/volunteer>.



POTHOLE PALOOZA

The Pothole Palooza benefit concert is coming to the historic Hollywood Theater, 2815 Johnson Street NE, **Saturday, April 6** with five bands playing five different genres. Support this local business effort. All proceeds go to repair the public Merchants' parking lot at 29th & Johnson St. NE. Music starts at **3 pm** with 12-string guitarist **Peter Ruddy** playing traditional Celtic music; at **4 pm** the **Bullfrogs** play blues and Americana; **5 pm** the **Walker Brothers Band** takes the stage with Latin & folk; **6 pm** **Johnny Holliday & Willie Moore** serenade with Latin jazz and; **7 pm**, **Tropicante** will fill the auditorium with percussion and high energy Latin jazz. Tickets are \$15 in advance at www.audubonneighborhood.org, or \$20 at the door. This concert is sponsored by the Audubon Neighborhood Association, Audubon Business Network, Turbo Tim's, Northeaster Newspaper and Fredrikson & Byron P.A.

Fix-it Clinic

Get help with your broken stuff and learn valuable repair skills at an upcoming Fix-It Clinic. At the clinic, you'll get guided assistance from volunteers with repair skills to disassemble, troubleshoot, and (hopefully) fix small household appliances, clothing, electronics, mobile devices and more. 12-4 pm, with the last items accepted at 3:30 pm. First come, first served. **Saturday, April 13**, Grace Center for Community Life, 1500 6th Street NE.

Earth Day 5K Bee Run/Walk/Cleanup – April 20 @ 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Sponsored by the Great River Coalition, the National Park Service and Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, the 9th annual Earth Day 5K Bee Run/Walk is back at Boom Island Park, 724 Sibley St. NE, Saturday, April 20. Purpose: Protect pollinators and their habitat. 8:30 am, kids' run starts; 9 am, fun run starts; 9:30 am, river cleanup starts (bags & gloves will be provided). Family-friendly, dogs welcome, music and booths. Costumes are welcome; prizes for the best. Runners register at <https://register.chronotrack.com/r/75196>. Registration for the 5K is \$40 pre-race; \$45 race day. No charge for kids' run or river cleanup volunteer.

Photography Basics: Bring your own smart phone: Wednesday, April 24, 5:30-7 pm. Join Rumriver Art Center photography and artist Glenn in learning the basics of photography. This class will touch on the aspects of photography that are common to all camera types: visual composition, timing (when to snap), light at different times of day, getting natural expressions, backgrounds, etc. Review saving and filing your photos, sharing and printing. Funded by the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Columbia Heights Library, 3939 Central Ave. NE. For more information, call 763-706-3690 or visit www.anokacountylibrary.org. Registration required for most programs and opens 4 weeks in advance.

NE Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast

The Northeast Minneapolis Kiwanis Club will hold an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast **Sunday, April 28, 7:45 am-12 pm** at the Northeast Minneapolis Armory, 1097 Broadway Street. Presale tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children. Tickets at the door are \$10 and \$6. Tickets: kiwanisclubofnempls.ticketspice.com.

MSP Home Tour

The MSP Home Tour will be held **April 27 & 28 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.** both days. Visit 23 homes around the metro, including two in St Anthony. This year's tour features homes in a wide variety of styles. Save the date. www.msphometour.com

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

WCCO 830 AM Radio

Heard each Sunday morning at 6:05 am

Hosted by Dr. Michale Zeigler
(unless otherwise noted)

April 7 "Raise the Flag" (Acts 1:1-11)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Learn how the followers of Christ are raising God's flag in the world.

April 14 "Breathe In, Breathe Out" (Acts 2:42-47)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez
The Holy Spirit breathes life into the Church and the Church breathes that life out to the world, with the love of Christ.

April 21 "More Than He Bargained For" (Acts 3:6)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Whatever we ask of Jesus is probably too small, because Jesus provides more than what we expect.

Main Street Living North

Main Street Living is an hour-long Lutheran television program that airs new episodes each Sunday morning. The Twin Cities program is broadcast **at 9 a.m.** Central time on WFTC channel 29/9-2. Each Sunday, viewers enjoy a 30-minute remastered episode of **"This is the Life,"** a popular Lutheran Hour Ministries series from the 70s and 80s. The episode is followed by a modified Lutheran worship service—led by a different local pastor each week. Main Street Living (Twin Cities) is endorsed by the Minnesota South District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod; however, the program receives no funding from the District. It is totally funded by viewers and congregations of the WFTC viewing area.

MARCH OFFICIAL ACTS

None



Keep Up-to-Date with GDLC!

Gloria Dei's Facebook page is a great way to stay connected and you don't have to be on Facebook to access it.

In your search engine, simply type in:

www.facebook.com/GloriaDeiLutheranMinneapolis

You can also find the Sunday Service there as well as on YouTube at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpDaOjUPivdq6f4ieiJFqIA>

The May/June Spring Offering will again go to the Salvation Army NE Food Shelf. Use your "May Mission Offering" envelopes to contribute. ☺

Time of Grace

Straight talk about God's Word and real hope for this life. A strong gospel message delivered in an informal Bible study style. Subscribe to Time of Grace resources to be delivered to your email inbox daily. You will receive daily devotion emails with "Grace Moments" written devotions and "Grace Talks" video devotions.

Pastor Mike Novotny, The Core Appleton, WI

KARE (NBC 11) 10:30 am
www.timeofgrace.org

April Special Occasions



5th Larry Schlais
10th Wenda Schwoch
11th Diane Volner
13th Robert Kluwe
13th Emilie Ohnstad
21st Pam Morelli

1st Bob & Dolores Kluwe
3rd Richard & Diane Volner
11th Al & Pam Morelli

APRIL SERVANTS

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Please sign up to Usher on the bulletin board in the Church lobby.

Counters

7th Shirley Holzinger and Verlayne Sather
14th Sandy Westling and Tom Harris
21st Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer
28th Al, Pam and Aaron Morelli

Candles

7th Shirley Holzinger – In Memory of brother-in-law, Greg’s birthday (4/11)
14th Verlayne Sather, In memory of Jim
21st OPEN
28th Sandy Westling – Granddaughter Cassie’s birthday

Flowers

7th
14th
21st
28th

If you sign up for flowers or candles after the newsletter is published, be sure to let the office know. We want to make sure that flowers are ordered and you are properly acknowledged in the bulletin.

Thanks!

Each Sunday service is followed by Fellowship where treats and coffee are served. If you are available to make and/or purchase sweet treats to share, please sign up for the date that works best with your schedule.

Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the Lobby.

Coffee is always provided. **THANK YOU**

APRIL 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Please note: Pastor Matthew will be traveling/mission trip the entire month of April.</p>	<p>1 <i>Church Office Closed</i></p> <p>7 pm AIAnon (upstairs) 7 pm Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 11 am Bible Study w/Fellowship (lead by Sandy Westling)</p>	<p>4 5:30 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>5 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal</p>	<p>6 10 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night</p>
<p>7 Second Sunday after Easter 10 am Worship w/HC, Guest Pastor Vue Lee 11:45 am Royal Family Worship 6 pm NA</p>	<p>8 <i>Church Office Closed</i></p> <p>7 pm AIAnon (upstairs) 7 pm Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 11 am Bible Study w/Fellowship (lead by Sandy Westling)</p>	<p>11 5:30 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>12 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal</p>	<p>13 10 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 5 pm Lasagna Dinner 6 pm Talent Show 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night</p>
<p>14 Third Sunday after Easter 10 am Worship w/HC, Guest Pastor Ben Kangar 11:45 am Royal Family Worship 6 pm NA</p>	<p>15 <i>Church Office Closed</i></p> <p>7 pm AIAnon (upstairs) 7 pm Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)</p>	<p>16 5 pm GDLC Council Meeting</p>	<p>17 11 am Bible Study w/Fellowship (lead by Sandy Westling)</p>	<p>18 5:30 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>19 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal</p>	<p>20 10 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 4 – 5 pm Living Word Board Meeting 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night</p>
<p>21 Fourth Sunday after Easter 10 am Worship w/HC, Guest Pastor Aaron Kuehn 11:45 am Royal Family Worship 6 pm NA Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>22 <i>Church Office Closed</i></p> <p>7 pm AIAnon (upstairs) 7 pm Beginners AIAnon (downstairs)</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 11 am Bible Study w/Fellowship (lead by Sandy Westling)</p>	<p>25 5:30 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>26 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal</p>	<p>27 10 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night</p>
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