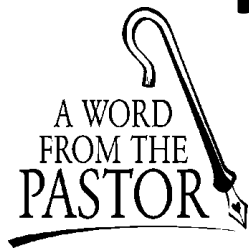


# St. Mark & St. Luke Newsletter

## THE MESSENGER



Alleluia! Christ is Risen . . .  
He is Risen indeed Alleluia!



2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

Easter is a big deal for Christians. For us it is more than decorated eggs, bunnies, and baskets. Sure, we recognize that many of the things that are part of our modern-day Easter celebrations are based on the pagan celebrations that revolve around spring, new life, and fertility, but for the Christian, the celebration of Easter is more than that. It is the focal point of our faith. The fact that Jesus our Savior (who really died on the cross) was raised from the dead on Easter morning gives us hope in a way that no other religion or belief or faith can give.

Have you ever really stepped back and thought about this. It is a rather ridiculous concept to accept. That the whole world could have the hope of eternal life all because one man -- Jesus Christ -- died for us and rose again is really foolishness to a certain extent. I sometimes wonder why we believe it. There is no scientific proof it ever happened. No one has ever seen someone rise back to life after they had died. And yet we Christians base our understanding of the world and our hope for eternal life on this idea. And we do so out of faith.

If you have friends or neighbors or family members who scoff at your faith, don't despair. There have always been unbelievers. There have always been those who reject God and his truth. Think of the time of Noah and his family. Everyone in the world had drifted so far away from God and his truth, that only Noah and his family still believed. Look what happened to those who rejected God's truth. They perished in the flood of God's wrath.

The day will come when all of us who have faith and who believe God's truth will see the ultimate victory of what Christ did for us through his death and resurrection.

In the mean time we will stand firm and confess with the church though the ages that it *is* true . .

**Alleluia! Christ is Risen . . . He is risen indeed Alleluia!**

### Why does the date of Easter change ever year?

Easter's exact date varies so much because it actually depends on the moon. The holiday is set to coincide with the first Sunday after the Paschal Full Moon, the first full moon after the vernal equinox. Though the equinox's exact date can vary each year according to the [Old Farmer's Almanac](#), the church always recognizes the vernal equinox as March 21.

So why does Easter come after the Paschal Full Moon? Early Christians wanted Easter to coincide with Passover, because Christ's death and resurrection happened after the Jewish holiday, Because the Jewish calendar is tied to solar and lunar cycles, the dates of Passover and Easter fluctuate each year.

*In Christ,  
Pastor Smiles*

# WORSHIP

## Second Sunday of Easter

Apr 3 7:30 pm Order of Service- - Worship Packet- D.S. 3 (Printed Out)  
Holy Communion offered at the Floor level  
**Elder Wayne Wendt** **Elder Assistant Paul Timm**

*Reach out* Apr 4 A bi- monthly Communion Service for those who have difficulty coming to the front of church for the Lord's Supper or wish to avoid large crowds but want to attend worship.

Apr 7 10:15 am Order of Service- - Divine Service Setting 3 (Pg. 184)  
Holy Communion offered at the Altar level  
**Elder Arnold Heideman** **Elder Assistant Austin Heideman**  
**Acolyte Madeline Heideman**

## Third Sunday of Easter

Apr 10 7:30 pm Order of Service- - Creative Worship (Printed Out)  
**Elder Steve Handrich** **Elder Assistant Brian Much**

Apr 14 10:15 am Order of Service- - Creative Worship (Printed Out)  
**Elder Mel Hansen** **Elder Assistant Dale Voie**  
**Acolyte Ella Marquardt**

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

Apr 17 7:30 pm Order of Service- Worship Packet- D.S. 3 (Printed Out)  
Holy Communion offered at the Floor level.  
**Elder Ryan Poppy** **Elder Assistant Keith Timm**

*Reach out* Apr 18 A bi- monthly Communion Service for those who have difficulty coming to the front of church for the Lord's Supper or wish to avoid large crowds but want to attend worship.

Apr 21 10:15 am Order of Service- Divine Service Setting 3 (Pg. 184)  
Holy Communion is offered at the Floor level.  
**Elder Wayne Wendt** **Elder Assistant Shannon Hansen**  
**Acolyte Addison Claussen**

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

Apr 24 7:30 pm Order of Service- - Prayer and Preaching (Printed Out)  
**Elder Mel Hansen** **Elder Assistant Paul Timm**

Apr 28 10:15 am Order of Service- Prayer and Preaching (Printed Out)  
**Elder Arnold Heideman** **Elder Assistant Dan Riske**  
**Acolyte Nicholas Much**

Sixth Sunday of Easter / Confirmation

May 1 7:30 pm Order of Service- Worship Packet- D.S. 4 (Printed Out)  
Holy Communion offered at the Floor level.

**Elder Steve Handrich Elder Assistant Todd Olsen**

May 5 10:15 am Order of Service- Special Order (DS 4)- Confirmation  
Holy Communion is offered at the Altar level, Individual Cup  
Confirmands-Holy Communion is offered at the Altar level, Common Cup

**Elder Ryan Poppy Elder Assistant Austin Heideman**  
**Acolyte Emma Smith**

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, ask someone to take your place. And PLEASE call the office (920)596-3241 to let the Church Secretary know when you exchanged with someone else.  
Thank You!

**Have You Moved?**

If you or someone you know has moved or will be moving, and the address or telephone number has changed, PLEASE inform the church office. The newsletter is not forwarded when we have a wrong address. It is returned to us, and we pay extra postage.

**ST LUKE’S ELDER/USHER TEAMS**

**Apr. 7 David Bork**  
**Apr. 14 Tom Feucht**  
**Apr. 21 Les Wilson**  
**Apr. 28 David Bork**  
**May 5 Tom Feucht**

**STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE**

**FINANCES:** We made a deposit of \$4,964.00 on March 19, 2024. Of that, \$4,493.00 was for current expenses. We are looking below at what is left for our March expenses. We are going to fall about \$5,000 short for the month, but we won’t transfer over anything from our savings just yet. Our next deposit will be early April, and there are 3 deposits between April and May. I’m hoping we will be able to catch ourselves back up.

Checkbook Balance (as of 3/20/2024): - \$3,627.94

Monies to designate (memorials/fundraisers): \$0.

Upcoming Expenses: \$1,025.00

Missions Collected: \$849.33

Youth Collected: \$0 YTD

Endowment Fund Collected: \$0

Project Fund Collected: \$210

Total Expenses: \$2,084.33

Ending balance: - \$5,712.27

Savings Account Balance (3/20/24): \$23,063.65

**THANK YOU!!** Thank you to all who gave to the Thrivent Choice Program; our March contribution was in the amount of \$710!! Last year, we received a total of \$2,550.00 through the Thrivent Choice program!!

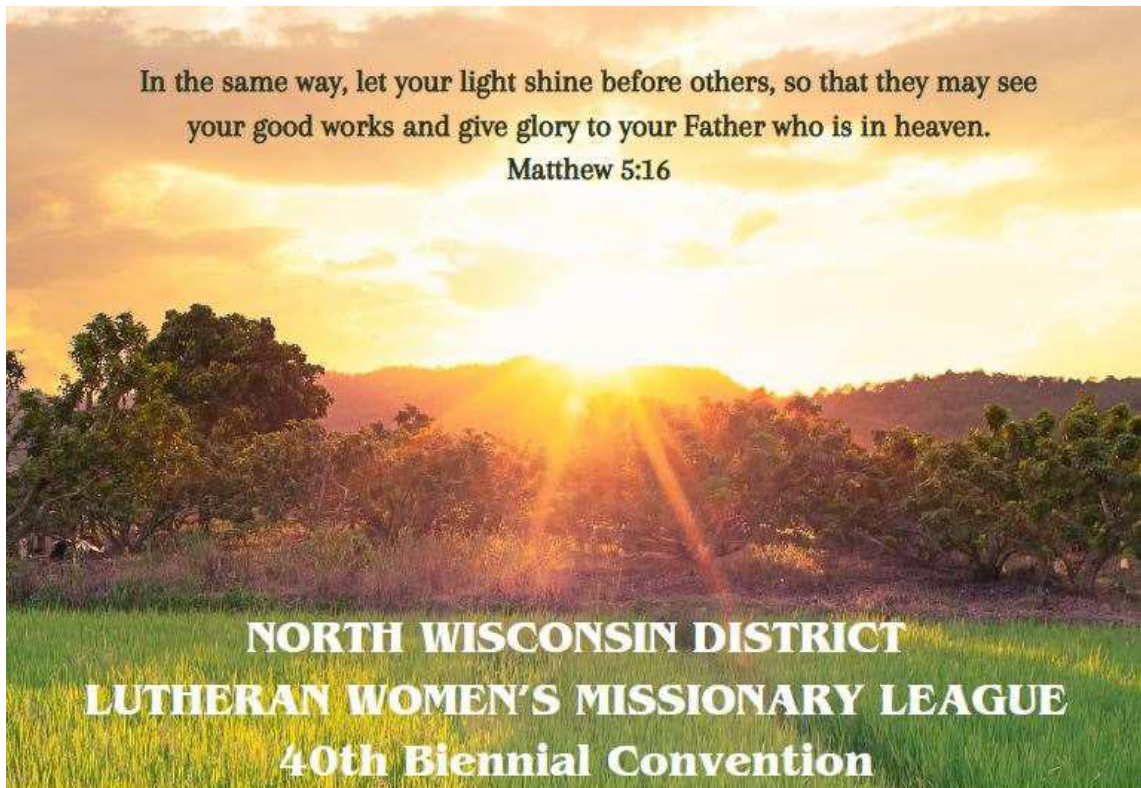
**OFFERING STATEMENTS:** If you would like your 2023 offering statements, please let the church office know and we will get them to you. Thank you.

# GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

**YOUTH GROUP EVENT!** Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> will be our next youth event (after catechism) from 7:15-8:15 PM. Hope you can make it!!



**NWD LWML (North WI District Lutheran Women's Missionary League) CONVENTION: 40<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention:** Details below. The registration form is on the next page for anyone interested in attending!



In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

## NORTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE 40th Biennial Convention

### Servant Events

Thursday, June 13  
1 - 4 p.m.

### Mission Walk

Friday, June 14  
4:45 - 5:45 p.m.

Watch for details and registration in the next issue of the Mission Tidings.



Thursday, June 13 – Saturday, June 15, 2024

Hilton Appleton Paper Valley Center  
333 W College Ave, Appleton, WI

### Hilton Appleton Paper Valley Hotel Reservation Information:

The rates will be \$109 per night for single to quad rate for two queen beds. 100 rooms have been blocked off for the nights of June 13 and June 14 until Sunday, May 15, 2024.

Individuals should make their reservations by calling 800-774-1500, ask for the Hilton Appleton Paper Valley Hotel and the Lutheran Women's Missionary League – Booking Code LWML.

Online registration: <https://group.hilton.com/9m9mz1>

Individuals are responsible for all charges including taxes and any incidentals.

Check in time is 3 p.m. and check out is 11 a.m.

Breakfast is not included but is available in the hotel restaurant or nearby.



**NORTH WISCONSIN LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE  
40TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION  
HILTON APPLETON PAPER VALLEY HOTEL, APPLETON, WI  
June 13-15, 2024**



Please Type or Print Clearly (Use blue or black ink)

Name (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_ LWML Zone \_\_\_\_\_

Please check (X) only 1 category

- A.  Delegate
- B.  Alternate
- C.  General Registration
- D.  Young Woman Rep (YWR)
- E.  Youth/Child
- F.  District LWML Board Member
- G.  Special Guest/Pastor
- H.  Exhibitor
- I.  Heart to Heart Sister (H2H)

First time attending a District Convention:  
 Registrant  Spouse

**NOTE: All people attending any portion of the convention activities (other than the worship service) must pay the registration costs.**

(Please extend amount of fees to the column on right/Total)

**Registration fee is NON-REFUNDABLE**

1. Registration (postmarked by May 15, 2024) Under 18 free
2. Spouse registration: Name \_\_\_\_\_
3. Late Registration (postmarked after May 15, 2024 or on-site)
4. Friday Luncheon (check one)
  - A.  Turkey Club Roll \*\*
  - B.  Door County Smoked Ham Sandwich\*\*\*

Quantity	Fee	Total
	\$ 75.00	
	\$ 75.00	
	\$ 85.00	
	\$ 18.00	
	\$ 17.00	

**Luncheon Speakers (Indicate 1st, 2nd, 3rd choice) Max of 125**

- A. Kaye Wolff, LWML VP Special Focus Ministries (2015-2019)
- B. Arlene Naasz, LWML VP Organizational Resources
- C. Rev. Kevin Robson, LCMS Missions
- D. Rev. Jeff Kazmierski, Faith in Action - Seminary Student Adoption

5. Friday Banquet with Entertainment (check one)
  - A. Chicken Marsala (served with garden salad, carrots, rice pilaf, and dessert)
  - B. Honey Thyme Pork Loin (served with garden salad, broccoli florets, herb roasted potatoes, and dessert)

	\$ 33.50	
	\$ 33.50	

6. Convention Jewelry: Pin  Charm  (each \$5.00)

	\$ 5.00	
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7. Thursday Servant Events/ Gifts from the Heart  Attending (check if participating)  
 Servant events are currently scheduled from 1:00-4:00 pm on June 13, 2024

**NOTE: Mission Walk Registration is a separate form.**

Make your check or money order payable to: North WI District LWML Convention      Your Check Number ->       Total

Special Needs (Physical and/or Dietary)

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All registration forms must come by US mail  
 Mail to: NWD-LWML Convention  
 ATTN: Sondra Reiersen  
 N6234 County Road K  
 Ogdensburg, WI 54962  
 Contact with any questions at 920-244-7720

Please make your own hotel reservations:  
 Hilton Appleton Paper Valley Hotel  
 1-800-774-1500 Ask for the Hilton Appleton  
 Paper Valley Hotel  
 Lutheran Women's Missionary League ->  
 Booking Code - LWML (Good until May 15, 2024)  
 Room rate: \$109.00 plus tax (Parking is extra)

\*\*Turkey Club Roll ->roasted turkey breast, tomato, Swiss cheese, avocado, bacon, lettuce, on a ciabatta roll  
 \*\*\*Door County Smoked Ham Sandwich ->ham, cherry chutney, Swiss cheese, apple, honey, on marbled rye



# CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

**QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING** will be on **Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.**

## **THANK YOU!**

The Volunteers at the Manawa Area Food Pantry extend a most sincere thank you to the members of St. Mark for your continued support. The thanks we get for helping the needy is being forwarded on to you. It is only through your help that we can be there for them!

Wishing each of you a blessed Easter,  
Barb Lightfuss

## **PANCAKE SUPPER! April 14<sup>TH</sup> 4:00 – 6:30 PM**

Sign-up Sheets are out! This IS a CONGREGATIONAL event. The Sarah Circle has agreed to coordinate the supper again, but they'll need extra help to make this event happen! Please consider signing up to either help setup, serve, or clean-up. If you are unable to donate time, please consider donating a grocery item to prepare the meal!



# **ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH PANCAKE SUPPER**

**Sunday, April 14, 2024  
4:00 - 6:30 PM  
(or until they're gone)**

## **SERVING:**

**Potato and Buttermilk Pancakes, REAL Maple Syrup, Sausage, Applesauce, Cheese, Dessert**

**Adults.....\$10.00  
Children (6-12) .....\$5.00  
Children Under 6...FREE  
Supplemental Funding by Thrivent  
(Thank You Thrivent)**



## S'more about Camp Luther...

**GIVE TO CAMP LUTHER** - You play a vital role in the ministry of Camp Luther through your contributions. Your gifts make it possible for Camp Luther to enhance and expand programming, maintain care for wonderful facilities and property and reach out in love to those who couldn't afford to attend camp on their own. Thank you for your generous support of this important ministry that touches and transforms thousands of lives each year with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Visit [www.campluther.com/donate](http://www.campluther.com/donate) today.



*Faith, Family, Friendship*

### **NEW COTTAGE DUPLEX!**

For the first time in over 20 years Camp Luther is adding bedrooms! We are building a new Cottage Duplex to be used for Family Camp and retreats in the Fall, Winter, and Spring.

Thanks to a very generous supporter of Camp Luther a new Cottage Duplex has been mostly funded and will be matching the last \$100,000 of the project. We need your help to reach this goal by March 2025.

Prayerfully consider supporting this match so that we can further our mission of, Building up all people in Christ for service and witness to the world.

[campluther.com/give#100K](http://campluther.com/give#100K)

### **WORKING AT CAMP LUTHER; WE'RE HIRING!**

**Retreats Program Manager, Summer Program Manager, Office Coordinator, and Food Service Assistant**

Do you have anyone in your life who would enjoy working at Camp Luther full-time year-round? Please encourage them to check out our "Employment" page on the Camp Luther website. There are job descriptions for each position and information on how to apply.

[campluther.com/hiring](http://campluther.com/hiring)

[#campluther](https://twitter.com/campluther) [#workatcamp](https://twitter.com/workatcamp) [#nloma](https://twitter.com/nloma)

### **SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE IS OUT**

Go to [www.campluther.com](http://www.campluther.com) (summer camp page) to see general camper information and the summer 2024 lineup!