

St. Mark & St. Luke Newsletter THE MESSENGER



I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD!"
Psalm 122:1



Dear Friends in Christ,

The church is not a building. The church is not a social club. The church *is* a group of people who often meet in a building and occasionally have social activities. Along with that, the church also provides educational opportunities for all ages. The church also looks for ways to help the less fortunate and those in need. However, one of the primary reasons for the church is so people can gather (together) and worship God.

Many Christians have forgotten this.

Many Christians have come to believe that coming to a worship service is all about what they get out of it... And don't realize it should be more about what *you* put into it.

If you come to church focused on what you get out of it, more often than not, you are going to be disappointed. After all, not every sermon is awe inspiring. Not every hymn or song is going to touch our soul. Sometimes, the readings are going to be hard to understand or may say something we don't want to hear. Sometimes, the worship services are going to be too long and too boring and we wonder why we even came.

If the desire to worship came naturally, God would not have given us the Third Commandment. This commandment is all about worship. This is how Martin Luther explained it in the Small Catechism . . . Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

How I hope and pray that we as a church will gather together and worship ... gladly hearing God's word ... not just because God says so... but because we want to.

If you haven't worshiped in church for a while, now is the time to renew that obligation and privilege.

*In Christ,
Pastor Smiles*

WORSHIP

*The
Season
of
Lent*



Lenten Midweek 2

Feb 28

11:15 am Order of Service- Special Order
Holy Communion is brought to the pews.

7:30 pm Order of Service

Holy Communion is offered at the Floor level.

Elder Mel Hansen

Elder Assistant Paul Timm

The Third Sunday in Lent

Mar 3

10:15 am Order of Service- Divine Service Setting 1 (Pg. 151)

Holy Communion is offered at the Altar level.

Elder Ryan Poppy

Elder Assistant Dan Riske

Acolyte Zoe Krueger

Lent Mid-Week 3

Mar 6

11:15 am Order of Service- Special Order- Lent

7:30 pm Wednesday- Special Order- Lent (Printed Out)

Elder Steve Handrich

Elder Assistant Keith Timm

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Mar 10

10:15 am Order of Service- - Creative Worship (Printed Out)

Elder Wayne Wendt

Elder Assistant Austin Heideman

Acolyte Emma Smith

Lent Mid-Week 4

Mar 13

11:15 am Order of Service- Special Order- Lent

Holy Communion is brought to the pews

7:30 pm Wednesday- Special Order- Lent (Printed Out)

Holy Communion is offered at the Floor Level

Elder Mel Hansen

Elder Assistant Brian Much

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Mar 17

10:15 am Order of Service- - Divine Service Setting 1 (Pg. 151)

Holy Communion is offered at the floor level.

Elder Arnold Heideman

Elder Assistant Dale Voie

Acolyte Dillon Krueger

Lent Mid-Week 5

Mar 20

11:15 am Order of Service- Special Order- Lent (Printed Out)

7:30 pm Wednesday- Special Service (Printed Out)

Elder Ryan Poppy

Elder Assistant Paul Timm

HOLY WEEK BEGINS:

Palm Sunday

Mar 24 10:15 am Order of Service- Special Order- Palm Sunday (Printed Out)
ALL Sunday School Children Sing.
Elder Steve Handrich Elder Assistant **Dale Voie**
Acolyte Peyton Larson

Weds. Mar 27 No Worship

Maundy Thursday

Mar 28 11:15 am Order of Service- Special Order
Holy Communion is offered in the pews.
Elder Arnold Heideman

7:30 PM Order of Service- Special Order
Holy Communion is offered with the Common Cup at the floor level.
Elder Wayne Wendt Elder Assistant **Todd Olsen**
Acolyte Carter Moericke

Good Friday

Mar 29 2:00 pm Order of Service- Special Order
Elder Arnold Heideman

7:30 pm Order of Service- Special Order- Tenebrae "Service of darkness"
Elder Steve Handrich Elder Assistant **Keith Timm**
Acolyte Madeline Heideman & Zoe Krueger

Easter Sunday

Mar 31 6:00 am "Son" Rise- Order of Service- Special Order
Holy Communion is offered at the Floor Level
Elder Mel Hansen Elder Assistant **Shannon Hansen**
Acolyte Ella Marquardt

Mar 31 10:15 am Order of Service- Special Order
Holy Communion offered at the Floor Level
Elder Ryan Poppy Elder Assistant **Dan Riske**
Acolyte Addison Claussen

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**

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



ST LUKE'S ELDER/USHER TEAMS

Mar. 3 Tom Feucht
Mar. 10 Les Wilson
Mar. 17 David Bork
Mar. 24 Tom Feucht
Mar. 31 Les Wilson
Apr. 7 David Bork

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, and we pay extra postage.

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!



STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

We made a deposit of \$7,716.25 on February 6, 2024. Of that, \$7,016.00 was for current expenses. All mid-February expenses have been paid. Looking below to the end of February expenses, we are not sitting too well here into February. There is a chance we will need to move money from our savings to get through; we will evaluate this closer toward the end of the month.

Checkbook Balance (as of 2/7/2024): - \$576.29
Monies to designate (memorials/fundraisers): \$174 (Thrivent choice to savings)
Upcoming Expenses: \$9,795.56
Missions Collected: \$595.50 (so far)
Youth Collected: \$0 YTD
Endowment Fund Collected: \$0
Project Fund Collected: \$112.00 (so far)
Total Expenses: \$10,677.06

Ending balance: - \$11,253.35
Savings Account Balance (2/7/24): \$20,748.37

OFFERING ENVELOPES & STATEMENTS If you would like your offering envelopes and/or 2023 statement, please let the church office know and we will get them to you. Thank you.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS: Please consider designating your Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. Mark. If you do not designate the dollars **by March 31st**, the money is lost. It is a use it or lose it situation. Your choice dollars play an important role in our Church. Thank you to those who do offer to designate them here!

THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone for making the 2024 chili luncheon another success. A special thank you to Sally Timm and all the Sarah Circle members for organizing the event. We thank you for donating groceries and pies. Thank you to Nikki Voss for doing all the advertising again. Thanks to the food prep workers and servers, the dishwashers, and anyone else who helped. We were busy and we needed all those volunteers! Of course, thank you as well to all those who came to eat and enjoy the fellowship; it made it a great fundraiser for St. Mark.

If you missed it, maybe you can help next year as the more, the merrier! No experience necessary.

The Goodfellows of Clintonville/Marion sent a thank you to the Busy Bees quilting group to say thank you for donating fourteen twin blankets in December! The support of the girl's work helps the Goodfellows to continue their kids coat distribution and annual holiday distribution!!

EASTER EGG HUNT!! Palm Sunday, March 24th, after 10:15 AM worship (approximately 11:30)

If you would like to help with donations of candy or small items to put in the plastic eggs, prizes for the guessing games, or snacks/beverages for the morning, please contact Audrey Partika or the church office.

Everyone welcome! Bring a friend!
Activities designed for AGES 12 AND YOUNGER!
Free Refreshments provided.



Sunday, March 24th (Palm Sunday)

11:30 AM

Egg Hunt

Guessing Games

Lots of fun!!



SARAH CIRCLE BAKE SALE Our annual Spring bake sale will be held on **Sunday, March 24th**. Remember to bring extra cash to purchase goodies!



POTATO PANCAKE SUPPER All set for **April 14th** this year!! **Save the Date!!**

We will need everyone's help and support with donating items and working at the supper!



GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS



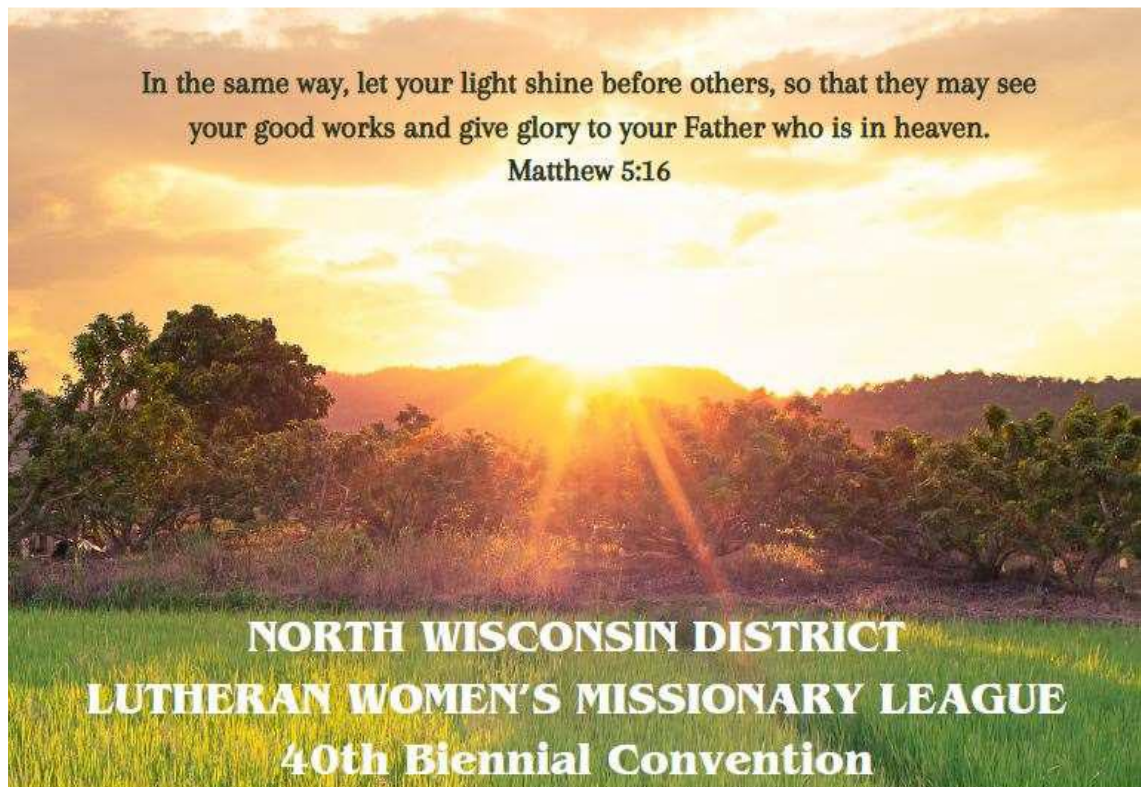
YOUTH EVENT!!

ALL YOUTH GRADES 6th-High School are invited!

Wednesday, March 13th at 7:15-8:15 right after catechism class. Hope to see you there!

EASTER SNACKS . . . It is always nice to offer refreshments after the Easter morning services. . . But we need someone to coordinate things. . . If you would be interested in helping or if you have any questions, contact the church office.

NWD LWML (North WI District Lutheran Women's Missionary League) CONVENTION:
40th 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) _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone: _____ Cell: _____
 Email: _____
 Home Church: _____ LWML Zone _____

First time attending a District Convention:
 Registrant Spouse

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)

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

- Registration (postmarked by May 15, 2024) Under 18 free
- Spouse registration: Name _____
- Late Registration (postmarked after May 15, 2024 or on-site)
- 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

- 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	

- Convention Jewelry: Pin Charm (each \$5.00)

	\$ 5.00	
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- 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)

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

Registration opens at 1 pm CDT - Thursday, June 13, 2024 at the hotel

PLEASE MAKE A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS.

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Faith, Family, Friendship



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 could not 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 today.

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Bring your family and friends to Camp Luther this year! Stay in one of our cottages, enjoy God's creation and some classic Camp Luther activities.

www.campluther.com

REGISTER FOR CAMP!! As of a week ago, camps are 65-95% full! Register today if you still want a spot!

www.campluther.com/summer



VOLUNTEER WEEK! April 22-26th

Join Camp Luther and Johnson Brothers Construction of Munising, MI for this week of service and fellowship. Come for all or a portion of the week. Projects begin on Monday, April 17 at 11:30am with lunch and volunteer orientation.

Meals and housing are provided at no cost to you - thanks for volunteering!