

NEW SCANDINAVIA LUTHERAN CHURCH APRIL NEWSLETTER 2025



EASTER MESSAGE FROM BISHOP MARTIN



I can still remember the pound of my heart to this day. It was Good Friday in the year 1995. I was working at Lutherdale Bible Camp as a year round staff and my task that day was to dismantle the several hundred foot zipline. It was a warm spring day, but I still experienced the wind that caused the tree that I was attached to to sway far more than I wanted it to. The tree itself was dying and thus it could no longer serve as the anchor of the zipline where the platform was. It was on that platform where youth and staff alike would find themselves transferring the rabbit ears attached to their harness to the zipline that would lead to the ensuing rush of emotions. As I stood on that platform, connected to a couple of tree staples with my own rabbit ears, I

loosened the hardware that secured the zipline cable to the tree, bolt by bolt. It was quite a surreal experience.

As I loosened the final bolt, that cable released about a foot away from my face, causing my heart to beat in a way it has never beaten before or since. The sound haunted me for those few seconds as the cable fell to the ground about 40 feet below. Once I collected myself, all I could think about was how appropriate it was to watch the death of the zipline on Good Friday. That element was always the climax on the high ropes course. It was the final adventure for countless youth as they experienced the challenges of that course. Just step off the platform, trust, and fly!

I was saddened to see that zipline fall. But then I was overjoyed to see it rebuilt in a new and more secure location! It reminds me of that great Easter spiritual that states, "It's Friday, but Sunday's coming." It's the reminder that we call it Good Friday only because as Christian believers, we know that Easter is coming. Without Easter Sunday, Friday would have been even more devastating as it already was. Jesus' followers were lost, confused, and in deep sorrow. Those emotions resulted from the trauma that they were experiencing. But Easter reversed the pain of that trauma and turned it into a joyous chorus of "Alleluias"

where we can now see God's almighty power being revealed! We can see how God has power over death itself and not just for Jesus. God's power to give life to all believers in all times and in all places through the death and resurrection of Jesus is what brings us joy, hope, comfort, and faith itself! God's power to renew our lives each and every day through the gift of forgiveness cannot be understated. God's desire to heal our broken relationship because of our sinfulness indicates the depth of that love, knowing that God so desperately desires to be with us forever.

That old zipline was a source of joy for so many people. But when contrasted with the joy we can experience daily, it simply pales in comparison. Friends, live into that joy of the resurrection. Remember the gift that Jesus embodies that is truly the greatest gift we've ever had - the gift of God's unconditional love. Despite the various losses that we grieve each year, some that appear to be quite unbearable at the time, remember the gift of Jesus. We are a resurrection church. We are a forgiven and forgiving people. And we bask in the glory of God's amazing grace. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Bishop Martin

New Scandinavia Lutheran Church Council Minutes March 11, 2025

Called to order by President Tom Ebler, Jr.

Devotions by Shelly Shipley – “Spring Cleaning”

Non-Council members/visitors – none

Last month's minutes – **M/S/C** – Marion/Kristal

Treasurer's report -

Currently we have a \$384 deficit. Annual insurance is coming due in the next couple months, we are seeing a substantial increase in premiums.

New Business – None

M/S/C to accept Treasurer's report – Michelle/Chris

Pastor's report -

Lenten services begin March 12. Confirmation classes are done for the year, a big thank you to Kristal. Youth in Christ will be at NSLC this weekend, March 16. Pastor Sara will be taking the week off after Easter. She will ask Addison to lead worship on Sunday, April 27.

Deacon Ministries – Easter lilies and palm branches have been ordered. Quilting efforts continue.

Trustee Ministries – The on demand water heater in the unisex bathroom has been replaced by Robert. Tom fixed the outside faucet & replaced the inside faucet. A new cartridge for the mop closet faucet has been ordered. Dishwasher has been removed, still need to install a support under sink.

Children Youth and Family Ministries - Kristal finished classes with the Confirmation students. Last day of Sunday school will be May 4, along with blessing of the quilts and Senior Recognition.

Old Business – Discussed the 150th Anniversary Celebration planned for Sunday, October 12, 2025. Committees and corresponding Council volunteers include Food (Kristal), Advertisement

(Dawn/Michelle), Worship (Pastor Sara/Kristal) & History/Video (Janelle). Members of United Lutheran have offered to serve the celebration meal. Tom will speak to Clarence Wicken about grilling on his flip flop trailer. Suggestion was made to put a float in local parades – Rice Lake, Chetek, Ridgeland, and Prairie Farm. Ice Melt purchased with Lamperts credit.

New Business – Minutes of Luther Park Bible Camp submitted by Renee & Charlie Rihn. Will address the leaning retaining wall when weather is milder, Charlie Rihn has a small excavator to assist with this effort. April 26 is Synod Assembly at Bethany Lutheran in Rice Lake. Tom & Marion have volunteered to attend.

Adjourn – **M/S/C** – Dave/Michelle

Next meeting – April 8, 2025 at 6:30 pm

Devotions – Marion

Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Sue Dau, NSLC Council secretary

Present – Tom Ebler, Jr., Robert and Dawn Bryngelson, Sue and Dave Dau, Chris Broten, Kristal Gifford, Shelly Shipley, Marion Wigen, Pastor Sara Feld, Kelly Martinson, Janelle Gordon and Michelle Klefstad

Absent – Debbie Schieffer



CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Luther Park Bible Camp:

Final Camper Payments Due: June 1st

If you are attending a full week the discount code is NSFull and for a shortened week it is NSHalf – when you register online. We can also offer Camper Scholarships to other Christian Bible Camps if you let Kristal Gifford or Pastor Sara know. Contact Kristal Gifford/Pastor Sara for questions.

Upcoming Events April 2025:

Sunday School and Confirmation Classes 10:00 am to 10:55 am EVERY SUNDAY – Please join us!!!!

Lent Service is coming up and we would like you to attend or watch the Facebook/YouTube services for NS and United Lutheran in Prairie Farm.

April 2 Lenten Services at NS

April 9 Lenten Services at Prairie Farm

April 13 Palm Sunday

April 20 Easter Sunday

Easter Lilies are on sale for \$15.00 payable to the NS Lutheran Church. They will be delivered on 4/18 and you may take them home on 4/20.

THIS IS OUR CORE CURRICULUM BEFORE AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM:

Pre-K and K: 2 or 3 table prayers and or bedtime prayer, The Lord's Prayer, and church manners.

1st and 2nd Grade: The Lord's Prayer, Apostle's Creed and the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd The Commandments.

3rd and 4th Grade: The Lord's Prayer, The Apostle's Creed, The Commandments 1-10, Bible usage (looking up verses).

5th and 6th Grade: The Lord's Prayer, The Apostle's Creed, The Commandments 1-10, Psalm 23, John 3:16, Matthew 22:37-39, John 14:6, Matthew 7:7, Matthew 7:12, The Beatitudes Matthew 5:3-12, Isaiah 40:3,5, Matthew 7:1-2, Matthew 5:43-44, 1 John 1:7, Matthew 28:19-20.

7th and 8th Grade: The Lord's Prayer, The Apostle's Creed, The Commandments 1-10, Psalm 23, The Beatitudes Matthew 5:3-12, Ephesians 2:8-9, Matthew 18:20, John 11:25-26, Matthew 25:40, Matthew 6:19-21, Mark 9:23b, Psalm 100, Roman 3:28, John 8:31b, 32, 1 Corinthians 10:13, John 20:23 and Matthew 18:18.

High School: Be a leader and good role model, open your Bible and devotion books 3-4 times a week or daily;), read any of the above Bible verses, The Lord's Prayer, The Apostle's Creed, The Commandments 1-10, Psalm 23.

Make homemade cards for our shut-in members. Smile often and sing –Hugs to you all!

Confirmation Students: It is MANDATORY to fill out at least 10 Sermon Notes or volunteering dates during worship service during the school year. Sermon note pages are on the back of the NS Church on the information table. It is recommended that confirmation students attend as many Lenten Services as possible. The dates, times and locations will be determined later and communicated to you

Kristal Gifford Superintendent~ Board of Education and Family Ministry- Kelly Martinson, Michelle Klefstad, and Shelly Shipley



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| Bonnie Swanson | 04/01 | Duane Link | 04/14 |
| Renee Rihn | 04/02 | David Driver | 04/16 |
| Dorathy Parker | 04/04 | Aaron Bryngelson | 04/19 |
| Jane Wicken | 04/06 | Ethan Gifford | 04/25 |
| Marion Wigen | 04/07 | Dawson Klefstad | 04/25 |
| Emmit Hundley | 04/10 | Nathan Skoug | 04/28 |
| Lily Wigen | 04/13 | Niki Mundinger | 04/29 |



80th Birthday Celebration for Marion Wigen

Sunday, April 6th

Fellowship Hour 10-10:55 am

Birthday Cake and other snacks will be served in Marion's honor.

Hope to see you!

WELCA Report

WELCA met Mach 12, 2025.after quilting.

Gladys opened with devotions Lamentations 3:22-23.

We sang "Great is thy Faithfulness."

Our Bible Study was Faithfulness – Faith Adventures with Peter and Cornelius.

"We sang Come All You People."

The Secretary report was read and approved.

We discussed the 150th anniversary.

We sang Happy Birthday to Mary Brown.

The next meeting will be April 8th with quilting in the morning and Bible Study at 1:30p.m.

Quilting will also be April 10th in the morning.

Offering was taken. We sang "We Give Thee but Thy Own."
We closed with the Lord's Prayer.
Chris Broten secretary



A Special Thank you to Lenore and Marion for working on the bulletin board

150th Anniversary



If you have any ideas how we should plan our 150th Anniversary please let a Council member know.

APRIL 2025

| SUNDAY | MON. | TUES. | WED. | THUR. | FRI. | SAT. |
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| | | 1 | 2 Lenten Service at New Scandinavia 6:00 supper 7:00 Service | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 5 th Sunday of Lent Marion Wigen Birthday Celebration 10:10:55 SS & Confirmation 10:10:55 | 7 | 8 Quilting 9:00- 12:00 noon WELCA meeting 1:30pm. 6:30 pm. Council Meeting | 9 Lenten Service at United Church Prairie Farm 6:00 supper 7:00 Service | 10 Quilting 9:00- 12:00 noon | 11 | 12 |
| 13 Palm Sunday  SS & Confirmation 10:10:55 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 Maudy Thursday Service at United Church Prairie Farm 7:00 | 18 Good Friday Service at New Scandinavia 2:00 | 19 |
| 20 Blessed Easter  | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 2 nd Sunday after Easter SS & Confirmation 10:10:55 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |

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***Return Service Requested**

“In Christ, we reach, teach and celebrate God’s Word.”

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