



**MORNING STAR**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# NEWS letter

April 2024



## **Resurrection of Our Lord Sunday 2024 featuring Precious the Lamb**

*A very special thank you to Scatter Joy Acres for bringing Precious and several baby chicks for us to enjoy on Easter Sunday!*



## **Easter Egg Hunt 2024**

*Thank you to all of you for providing candy, eggs, and your time to set up this fun event!*



**Palm Sunday Celebration 2024**



**Maundy Thursday Service & First Communion**

*Congratulations to Audrey Schu and Jack Seier upon receiving First Communion!*



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**April Green Envelope**

This month we support Lutheran Family Services with our Green Envelope offering! LFS expresses God's love for all people by providing quality human care services that build and strengthen individual, family, and community life. Your green envelope donations help them achieve their mission in the following areas:

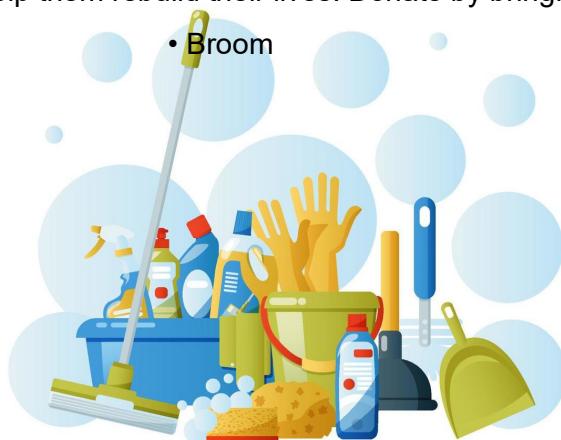


- Behavioral Health** ~ Supporting individuals and families through the highs and lows of life.
- Children Services** ~ Providing for the needs of children and teens through prevention, intervention, permanency and well-being.
- Family Services** ~ Building stronger families through parent education, child support, and early detection and intervention.
- New Americans** ~ Welcoming refugees and immigrants through career, housing, legal, and translation support.

**April's Volunteer Opportunity**

We are collecting household items for Lutheran Family Services Well-being Box Program. LFS, one of the largest resettling agencies in the region, will assist LFS clients and refugees who come into the country with only two suitcases containing everything they own. Your donation will help them rebuild their lives. Donate by bringing any

- Sponges
- All-Purpose cleaning spray
- Toilet Brush
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Dish Soap
- Laundry Detergent
- Disinfectant wipes
- Trash bags
- Paper towels
- Hand Soap
- Cleaning Towels
- Mop & bucket



*Congratulations to Max Engel upon receiving the sacrament of Baptism on Easter morning! He joins his family Tyler & Ciprianna, parents, and sister Ruby in placing his membership here at Morning Star!*

**April Worship Assistants**

**Sunday, April 7**

Comm: Betty Fiddelke, Sarah Lieske & Donna Walter  
 Reader: Gloria Miller  
 Usher: Marge Morgan & Carol Smith  
 Acolyte: Kate & Luke Lieske  
 Altar: Diane Meyer

**Sunday, April 14**

Comm: Kyle Wolfe, Bob & Lauren Gilmore  
 Reader: Bob Gilmore  
 Usher: Todd & Deb Washburn  
 Acolyte: Brynn Wiebers & Renny Maxwell  
 Altar: Lauren Gilmore

**Sunday, April 21**

Comm: Kim Hawkins, Dave & Lynn Blagg  
 Reader: Kim Hawkins  
 Usher: Chris Hedican & Nick Saitta  
 Acolyte: Theo Hedican & Luke Beck  
 Altar: Lynn Blagg

**Sunday, April 28**

Comm: Nick Saitta, Rod Anderson & Arielle Wolfe  
 Reader: Kyle Wolfe  
 Usher: Dan & Laurel Mooney  
 Acolyte: Charlie & Will Beck  
 Altar: Tim, Dawn & Abigail Karnish



Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in the Youth Room!

**THE  
HOLE  
STORY**

Bible story time and donuts for all generations

There are only three Hole Story lessons left this school year! Join us at 9:30 AM on April 7, April 21 & May 5. Teachers are needed for these weeks. Contact the Church Office for lesson materials!



Join us for worship April 21 at 10 AM. As part of worship on this Sunday, we will celebrate recovery and offer hope and healing for those in need.



The DBSA (Depression, BiPolar Support Alliance) meets at Morning Star Thursdays at 7<sup>PM</sup>. This meeting is open to anyone in need!



Al-Anon meets at Morning Star on Wednesdays at Noon.

Alcoholics Anonymous is open to all! Groups that meet at Morning Star are:

Tuesdays at 5:30<sup>PM</sup>  
 Tuesdays at 8<sup>PM</sup>  
 Wednesdays at 5:30<sup>PM</sup> ~ Women Only



If you would like to be a sponsor, see the calendar in the Welcome Center or call the Church Office. Thanks **Piccolo Florists** for providing our Altar Flowers at a reduced rate and thanks to **Great Harvest Grain Company** for free Communion Bread every week.

**Flower Sponsors**

**Bulletin Sponsors**

	Flower Sponsors		Bulletin Sponsors
April 7	Susie Syx	James & Shaila Clark	Carol Smith
April 14	Gloria Miller	Pam Chelesvig	<b>Available</b>
April 21	Elaine Kemper	Alan & Alyce Berk	<b>Available</b>
April 28	Karen Hawkins	Karen Hawkins	<b>Available</b>



Thank you to all who pitch in each and every week to help make worship happen! We could not do it without you! We need help to read scripture, serve communion, usher/greet and set up and tear down

worship every week. Very little commitment is needed! Contact the Church Office to find out how you can help!

# Church COUNCIL HIGHLIGHT

- Planned Easter/Holy Week service schedules
- Received an update on the new baptismal font and prayer garden designs
- Worship in fellowship hall is going extremely well!



Check out our **Little Free Library** located on the parking island next to 85<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Take a book or leave one. As always, all books are free!



The Prayer Shawl Ministry provides handcrafted blankets given to those that need comfort. Prayers for peace and healing are prayed over each one as they are made. Contact the Church Office to pick one up.



Thank you so very much for your generous donation from your soup drive to the Kountze Food Pantry. Your continued dedication is greatly appreciated by our volunteers and especially our guests. It is only because of people like you that we can continue to fulfill our mission to "Feed the Poor in Christ's Name".

Blessings,  
Susie Henry, Director  
Kountze Food Pantry

## **Sanctuary Remodel Prayer Team**

As we began the process of renovating the sanctuary and other facilities here at Morning Star, Pastor Chris and the Church Council saw the importance of holding all involved in making this arduous journey together in prayer. To that end a prayer team has been formed under the leadership of Pastor Glenn. The team members are Betty Williams, Jeffrey Wegner, Shari Page, Dean Mathisen, Campbell Mooney and Pastor Glenn.

We have been meeting every other Tuesday evening for prayer and meditation. We have developed a prayer request form that allows us to be more fully informed regarding the prayer needs here in our congregation, our families, our neighborhoods, our schools and any other joys and/or hurts you may be experiencing. You can access the form at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdKZsto-zZUmdvqvwr3x\\_3xjNebLt-LJtXmUdkiiZc2Rt2vA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdKZsto-zZUmdvqvwr3x_3xjNebLt-LJtXmUdkiiZc2Rt2vA/viewform) or by snapping the QR code below. Please know that any and all requests will be kept in strictest confidence. The only person outside of the prayer team who may be informed of the requests made will be Pastor Chris. In closing the prayer team asks that you remember the words of Paul to the church in Philippi:

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, 'Rejoice.' Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ~ Philippians 4:4-7*



# April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month



Be sure to check out Morning Star's display of blue pinwheels on the parking island next to the Little Library to raise awareness for Child Abuse and its prevention! Thank you to Kathy W. from the preschool for putting up the display!



## ***Good News from the Preschool...***

- State inspection on March 28 was great, there were no findings.
- We received a technology grant and we will be receiving 15 new tablets, 1 laptop, a new printer, and a wireless router for internet.
- We hired a cook, Chef Nickie, and she will be starting on April 22. We are excited to have her!
- Our Infant Teacher, Ms. Holly is celebrating her 9th year at Morning Star AND received her CDA (Child Development Associate Credential) this month! Congratulations Ms. Holly! You are an amazing teacher and by getting your CDA, you have shown your commitment to caring for young children and expanding your knowledge of child development. We are so lucky to have you!
- The Preschool staff is continually learning to improve their work with young children and to be the best they can be! Monday, April 1 the center was closed for a teacher's training day focusing on Continuity of Care with CLASS.





# April



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	<b>1 APRIL</b> <b>FOOL'S DAY</b>  Church Office Closed Preschool Closed for In-Service Training	<b>2</b> 9:30 Staff Meeting 5 Exec Team Meeting 5:30 AA Grp 1 7 Dancers Practice 8 AA Grp 2	<b>3</b> 10 Bible Study 12 AI Anon 5:30 AA Women Only	<b>4</b> 7 DBSA	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9 Quilting Group 11 Virgene Kobold Memorial Service 5:30 Worship	
<b>7</b> 9:30 The Hole Story 10 Worship	<b>8</b> 7 Outreach Committee	<b>9</b> 9:30 Staff Meeting 5 Enlighten Prayer Team Meeting 5:30 AA Grp 1 7 Dancers Practice 8 AA Grp 2	<b>10</b> 10 Bible Study 12 AI Anon 5:30 AA Women Only 6:30 Confirmation Class	<b>11</b> 7 DBSA	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 5:30 Worship	
<b>14</b> 10 Worship	<b>15</b> 4:30 Enlighten Team 5:30 Faith Partner's Meeting 6:30 Church Council	<b>16</b> 9:30 Staff Mtg 5:30 AA Grp 1 7 Dancers Practice 8 AA Grp 2	<b>17</b> 10 Bible Study 12 AI Anon 5:30 AA Women Only 6:30 Confirmation Class	<b>18</b> 7 DBSA		<b>20</b> 5:30 Worship	
<b>21</b> 9:30 The Hole Story 10 Hope & Healing Worship Service	<b>22</b> 4:30 Preschool Parent Teacher Conference (Conference Room)	<b>23</b> 9:30 Staff Mtg 4:30 Preschool Parent Teacher Conference (Conference Room) 5 Enlighten Prayer Team Meeting 5:30 AA Grp 1 7 Dancers Practice 8 AA Grp 2	<b>24</b> 10 Bible Study 12 AI Anon 1:30 Lydia Circle 4:30 Preschool Parent Teacher Conference (Conference Room) 5:30 AA Women Only 6:30 Confirmation Class	<b>25</b> 12:30 Sarah Circle (Arboretum) 4:30 Preschool Parent Teacher Conference (Conference Room) 7 DBSA	<b>26</b> 4:30 Preschool Parent Teacher Conference (Conference Room)	<b>27</b> 5:30 Worship	
<b>Preschool Parent/Teacher Conferences</b>							
<b>28</b> 10 Worship	<b>29</b> 8 Swanson Parking Lot Use	<b>30</b> 9:30 Staff Mtg 5:30 AA Grp 1 7 Dancers Practice 8 AA Grp 2					



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Address Correction Requested

## Prayer Requests

Rae Austin  
Mike Behm  
Donna Crouse  
Kim Hawkins, Jr.  
LouAnn Henkens  
Sandy Heskett  
Elaine Kemper  
Neil Lindquist  
Bev McCollum  
Emily McWhirter  
Rev. Kent Morse

Don Page  
Nick Saitta  
John Walter  
Mary Ziska  
Brian *(friend of Ande & Adam Johnson)*  
Bruce *(JoAnn Wollenburg's nephew)*  
Cassie *(friend of Schacht's)*  
Dan & Sherry *(friends of Dan & Bev Hartman)*  
Dave *(brother-in-law of Maxwell's)*  
Eulish Moore *(friend of Pr. Schacht)*

Henry Buschmann  
Irene Bruckner *(Susie's mother)*  
Jaxon *(Dawn Karnish's cousin)*  
Joan *(Betty Fiddelke's sister)*  
Judy Hopkins *(friend of Kathy Hawkins)*  
Lonnie Mefferd *(Patsy Behm's sister)*  
Mary Lou *(family of Maxwell's)*  
Nicholas *(grandson of Schacht's)*  
Patti & Traci *(friend of Maxwell's)*  
Phil Glassman *(friend of Patsy Behm)*  
Rich Fiddelke

Rich & Sue *(Roger Hass's sister & husband)*  
Rick *(friend of the Bergstrom's)*  
Rylee Koers  
Sloan, Bill & Connor *(cousins of Maxwell's)*  
Sue *(friend of Pam Chelesvig)*  
Theo Throckmorton  
Theresa *(friend of a member)*

## April Birthdays

Tarah	Peterson	4/1	Tinsley	Garges	4/8	Ryan	Clark	4/19
Corey	Stafford	4/1	Jesse	Warboys	4/8	Nicholas	Bowman	4/20
Amelia	Hassler	4/2	Fletcher	Placzek	4/9	John	Jacobson	4/20
Laurel	Mooney	4/2	Ronald	Ruh	4/9	Dianne	Misiunas	4/20
Bryce	Nabity	4/3	Lynnette	Lindquist	4/10	Anna	Moeller	4/20
Hallie	Tonniges	4/3	Donna	Walter	4/11	Karen	Hawkins	4/25
Christopher	Hedican	4/4	Mona	Lierler	4/12	Amy	Hawkins	4/25
Leonidas	Hull	4/4	Janet	Ericson	4/13	Lauren	Gilmore	4/27
Tim	Karnish	4/5	Michael	Williams	4/13	Astrid	Elshire	4/29
Lesley	Turner	4/5	Brynn	Wiebers	4/14	Noah	Hawkins	4/29
Debra	Washburn	4/6	Kylie	Warboys	4/15	Carole	Langan	4/30
Beverly	Jessen	4/7	Drake	Stafford	4/16			
Kyle	Wolfe	4/7	Irene	Bruckner	4/18			

If you don't see your birthday or anniversary in the monthly newsletter, contact the Church Office as we do not have it in our records.



## April Anniversaries

Don & Bonnie	Daubman	4/3
Dan & Sherry	Charf	4/15
Adam & Ande	Johnson	4/24
George & Marcia	Bergstrom	4/29