

Trinity Lutheran Parish
Mona Lutheran Church, Mona, IA
Six Mile Grove Lutheran Church, rural Lyle, MN
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We are called. God's Work. Our Hands. God's Family!

April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Palm Sunday Confirmation Sunday 9 A: Mona w/HC & SS 10:30 A: BS at SMG 6:30 P: BS at SMG and kids 2	Pastor Scott's Day Off 3	4		Mundy Thursday 7 P: Mona	Good Friday 7 P: Our Savior's	8
Easter Sunday 7 A: SONrise at Mona w/HC 8 A: Easter Breakfast at Mona 10 A: Festival at SMG w/HC & Choir	Pastor Scott's Day Off 10	1 P: Mona BS H&L: Alouise 7 P: TLP Council Mtg followed by both Church Council Mtg's	11	12 7 P: Mona Worship	13	14
Second Sunday of Easter & Confirm Sunday 9 A: SMG w/HC & SS 10:30 A: SMG BS 6:30 P: SMG BS Potluck	Pastor Scott's Day Off 17 9:30 A: Naomi Circle, H: Kathy H, L: Joan S	18	19	7 P: Mona Worship	20	21
Third Sunday of Easter 9 A: OS w/ SS 10:30 A: SMG BS 7 P: Movie Night at OS	Pastor Scott's Day Off 24 6:30 P: Mona LL, H: Ramona	25	26	7 P: SMG Worship	27	28
Fourth Sunday of Easter or Good Shepherd Sunday 9 A: OS w/ SS 10:30 A: SMG BS	HC=Holy Communion BS=Bible Study SS=Sunday School OS=Our Savior's SMG=Six Mile Grove	NOTES:				29

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Trinity Lutheran Parish Monthly Newsletter: Mona & Six Mile Grove Lutheran Churches

April 2023

From the Pastor

"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

"So what's new in your life?" we ask people we haven't seen or talked to in a while. Just to be polite, the person's answer usually ignores anything potentially

'news worthy,' and the response is something like, "Oh nothing.

What's new with you?"

What's new with you?" wouldn't it be incredible if we could be honest with each other and actually talk about things that were important to us?...



I woke up this morning to the news of another school shooting.

Seven people died at a Christian school in Nashville, Tennessee, including 3 nine-year-old children. Undoubtedly, people talking about it today (if they even ARE, since it's become so commonplace) are saying how sad it is and that we should, once again, pray for the families of the victims. I would certainly add that we should also be praying for the family of the shooter, and for an end to the violent and hateful tendencies of what seems like a growing number of people.

But here's what's new with me today: I actually DID say a prayer when I got to my office. I certainly prayed for the situation in Nashville, but also that people might think about their lives in relationship to God, and how the good news of Easter should give us hope!

The news I woke up to didn't necessarily affect me personally. I don't even know anyone in Nashville. But it does affect me emotionally and spiritually. It is yet another reminder that we live in a sinful world, and that, when left on our own, we really have no hope of redemption. That is why Easter is so important to us as people of faith. It tells us that, in spite of the violence and evil going on in the world, Jesus' resurrection means the old, sinful world is on its way out. Christ has made us 'new creations,' and that should affect everything we say and do!

If someone asks you, "What's new in your life?" I hope your answer is affected by your faith in the risen Lord Jesus. Say something like, "Well, I've got some bad stuff going on, and I'm sure sad about the news I keep hearing. But hey, Christ is alive! And that gives me hope!"

Please join us for one of our Easter services. 7:00am Sunrise service at Mona (followed by an Easter breakfast), and 10:00am service at Six Mile Grove. Happy Easter! See you in church!

Pastor Scott

YOUTH

Sunday School:

>Every Sunday at the hosting church for 9:00 am worship. Children will leave worship after the children's sermon for class. See calendar or inside under Church info to see where Sunday School will be.

Confirmation:

Confirmation Sunday will be April 2nd for Mona and April 16th for SMG.

Youth for Christ in Austin

The building is on the northside across the street from the High School (400 3rd Ave, Austin). Contact, John Englestad, the Director, #507-481-4894. Feel free to check it out on FB, Facebook Group: Austin Youth for Christ.

Breakfast Clubs:

Middle School on T & Th from 6:55-7:45 A at Bethlehem

Church, Austin

High School on W & F 7:30 -8:15 A at the Youth for Christ

Building.

After-school Club

Tuesday's and Thursday's from 3:30-5:30 pm. Enjoy a light meal, games and activities, and for sure, a Bible based life message.

VBS: "Ready, Set, Move" Follow Jesus here, there and everywhere.

Save the date July 10-14 from 6-8 pm at Our Savior's. Registration forms will be available soon.

God is like WAL-MART
He has everything.

PRAY

Make a
**HANDPRINT
BUTTERFLY**

The butterfly is a symbol of new life and of the Resurrection.

After three days, Jesus rose from the dead and gave us hope for a new life.

What you need:

- Bible verse Luke 24:5-6 (NIV)
- tempera paint or acrylic paint
- paintbrush
- 1 sheet of light-colored construction paper
- paper towel
- or baby wipe

What to do:

1. Draw a picture of a butterfly's body. Make it wide enough to write this verse inside the body:

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!"

2. Use the paintbrush to paint the palm of your hand.
3. Make a butterfly wing with your handprint by pressing your hand down next to the butterfly body.
4. Clean your hand with the paper towel or baby wipe.
5. Repeat steps 2-4 with the other hand.
6. Let the butterfly remind you of the sacrifice Jesus made for us and of the beauty of his Resurrection.

Just for
KIDS

"Behold my hands and my feet ... Luke 24:39 (KJV)

Hands play an important role in the story of Jesus' death and Resurrection. Use this hand alphabet to retell the Easter story.

Jesus' _____ were _____ to the tree

Two criminals were also crucified, one on the right and the other on the left of Jesus.

Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."

The _____ of Jesus trends
Him from the cross to the tomb.

Jesus showed His

Bring you _____ together in _____
and thank God for His Son Jesus.

Answer: HANDS, NAILED, RIGHT, HAND, LEFT, FATHER, HANDS, HANDS, CARRIED, THOMAS, HANDS, HANDS, PRAYER.

God isn't deaf

Little Sonia was praying loudly to God and asking for a new doll for her birthday. Her mother interrupted her and said, "There's no need to shout. God isn't deaf." Sonia responded, "No, but Grandpa is and he's in the family room watching TV."

Prayers of Healing and Strength to:

Joan Anderson	Lorna Anderson	Ted Anderson	Barb Fossey
Gary Fredrickson	Parker Gennert	Alex Hanson	Dawn Helgeson
John Mickelson	Lydia Mittag	Emily Nelson	Jack Rector
Nikki Sampson	Kyle Tytten	Deanna Wagner	Norma Wangen

Please pray for God's protection of our troops and HIS wisdom for their commanders. "Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands."

Christopher Slindee	Thomas Frank	Kelly Fredrickson
Riley Wondra	Adam Dublinske (M)	Skyler Thomas (N/G)
Ed Dreyer (M)		

Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of the Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

(NG=National Guard), (M=Marines) (AF=Air Force), (A=Army), (N=Navy)

Missions to pray for:

- > Pastor Samuel, his family and church members in Oaxaca.
- > Friends of Ngong Road children and their families – Lenny Kamanda, Josephine Wairimu, Monica Wanjiku, Sharon Mideva, Victor Nyarega, Faith Mumo, Emily Wanjiku, Godfrey Otieno and Swinny Mbone.
- > Peace and Power, Marie Sandvick Center, Lyle Food Shelf, Good Earth Village, Noah's Ark Adventure, Haiti

Prayers for guidance:

Pastor Scott ~ Parish Council ~ Church Councils ~ Sunday School Teachers
~ Members of Six Mile Grove, Mona & Our Savior's Lutheran Churches

God is like ALLSTATE
You're in good hands with Him.

Enable us to learn to love and obey you, Lord, so that we may fulfill whatever mission you have for each of us.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

CHURCH INFO

LECTOR:

	Name
Sunday, April 2 - M (<i>Palm & Confm Sun</i>)	Wanda Hanson
Thursday, April 6 - M (<i>Mundy Thursday</i>)	Griffin Haugen
Friday, April 7 - O (<i>Good Friday</i>)	-----
Sunday, April 9 - M & S (<i>Easter</i>)	-----
Thursday, April 13 - M	-----
Sunday, April 16 - S (<i>Confirmation Sunday</i>)	Brian Mason family
Thursday, April 20 - M	Becky Fredrickson
Sunday, April 23 - O	-----
Thursday, April 27 - S	-----
Sunday, April 30 - O	-----

USHERS:

Mona: Larry and Ramona Schatte (*Sunday's*)
 Courtney Whalen and Skyler Thomas (*Thursday's*)
SMG: Timm & Deb Ehret Family and Brian & Stacy Mason Family

COMMUNION ASSIST.:

Mona Becky Fredrickson or/and Nancy Mickelson
SMG Timm Ehret, Jim Sampson or/and Teri Zimmermann

COMMUNION SERVERS:

Mona: Larry & Ramona Schatte and Courtney Whalen & Skyler Thomas
SMG: TBD

FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE:

Every Sunday following worship at hosting church.

*Thank YOU for the giving of YOUR time
 and having a Servant Heart!*



APRIL / HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Sunday, April 2	9:00 am	Mona
Maundy Thurs, April 6	7:00 pm	Mona
Good Fri, April 7	7:00 pm	OS
Easter Sun, April 9	7:00 am	Mona w/Breakfast
	10:00 am	SMG
Thursday, April 13	7:00 pm	Mona
Sunday, April 16	9:00 am	SMG
Thursday, April 20	7:00 pm	Mona
Sunday, April 23	9:00 am	OS
Thursday, April 27	7:00 pm	SMG
Sunday, April 30	9:00 am	OS
Thursday, May 4	7:00 pm	SMG

PARISH/CHURCH COUNCIL MTG's

- Parish Council will meet, Tuesday, April 11 at Mona, 7 pm.
- Mona Council will meet following TLP mtg
- SMG Council will meet following TLP mtg
- It is important that you as a council member attend these mtg's.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

LaVerne Ehnke is the newest member to join Six Mile Grove. Welcome to our church family LaVerne!

TWO CONFIRMATION SUNDAY'S

April 2 at Mona - Griffin Haugen son of Matthew and Candice Haugen along with Jadon Whalen son of Jeff Whalen and Stephanie Whalen.
 April 16 at SMG - Alice Mason daughter of Brian and Stacy Mason along with Kilijan Barth son of Chris and Brandi Spinler at SMG.
 Congratulations and Blessings to all!

READERS NEEDED

Please sign up to read the Lessons on Sunday mornings or possibly for the Thursday evening Services. If there is a day that will work for you, please contact the office if you don't see clipboard and I will make sure to get you the readings for that day. Thank YOU! Wanda

MOVIE NIGHT

American Underdog will be shown at Our Savior's in Lyle on Sunday, April 23rd at 7:00 pm. It's a true story about NFL Quarterback Kurt Warner. After

the movie we will have a discussion and if you would like a guide prior to the movie, please contact Doug Sievert or go to underdoginspires.com. All are welcome! There will be popcorn!

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Good Samaritan Society in St. Ansgar is looking for anyone interested in volunteering. This could include helping with activities, visiting 1-1 with a resident, passing waters/snacks, or any other task one is willing to help with! We would love to add a few new faces to our family. Please contact Kelsey at 641-713-4912 to volunteer.

SMG BIBLE STUDY (AKA ABC=Adult Bible Class)

Sunday's at 10:30 am and also at 6:30 pm. All are welcome! Sunday Evening Bible Study at SMG Update: More people have been joining the group! Please feel free to come any Sunday evening! Children's Bible study is held too with fun activities and kids bring home a craft related to our lessons. Today starting at 6:30 pm we will review Ezekiel Chapter 4. On April 9th we will not gather. On April 16th we will have a Bible Study again with a Potluck! Bring any dish to pass.

YOU ARE INVITED!

We would love to have you join us for the New Coffee Club. Gatherings will be the second Tuesday of the month at 9:00 am for Coffee, Conversation and Christian Study at Our Savior's Lutheran in Lyle.

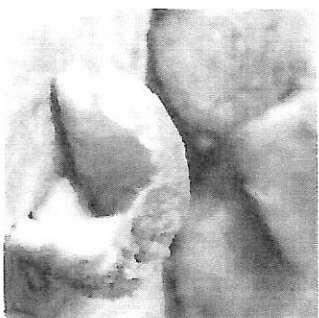
WELCA / CIRCLES

- >SMG WELCA – No mtg in April
- >Naomi Circle – Monday, April 17 at 9:30 am, H:Kathy H, L: Joan S
- >Mona M&M Circle/BS – April 11 at 1:00 pm, H&L: Alouise
- >Mona LL – Monday, April 24th at 6:30 pm, H: Ramona

CONCERTS / TOURS

- **Youth for Christ Comedy Cafe** - Seriously funny night with a seriously funny guy. Join us for an unforgettable night of comedy that goes to support the life changing ministry of Youth for Christ. Comedian, David Dean will be in Mason City on March 31 and April 1 and in Clear Lake on April 13. Go to clbetadreamhosters.com for more info.
- **Elevation Worship Concert** on Friday, April 21st at Target Center, 7:00 pm. Go to myktis.com for ticket info.
- **Rend Collective** on Saturday, April 29 at Grace Lutheran in Eden Prairie at 7:00 pm. Go to myktis.com for ticket info

Resurrection Rolls



a bowl. Press the dough out into a circle. Roll a marshmallow in the butter and then the cinnamon sugar and place on the dough. Pinch the circle closed around the marshmallow and roll the dough in the butter and cinnamon sugar. Place in the baking dish. Repeat until you've used all the dough. Let rest 15 minutes and then bake for 15 minutes or until golden. Serve immediately.

You can now talk to the kiddos about the resurrection and how Christ's body wasn't there, but that just like how the rolls have become sweet so is death sweet because all of us can live again because He is Risen. In fact, I like to just barely under bake them so a little marshmallow is remaining and talk about the white burial clothing that remained in the tomb.

How to Explain Resurrection rolls

These empty tomb rolls (or resurrection rolls) are meant to made along with the story of Christ's body being wrapped in the white clothing, the butter represents the oils they anointed him with as well as the cinnamon sugar for the spices and herbs, then he is placed in the tomb, and finally resurrected on the third day. When you tell the story, make sure you get to the part where he is not found in the tomb and open up your rolls at the same time. Kids and adults love it!

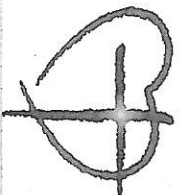
- 12 Rhodes rolls or crescent roll dough
- 12 Marshmallows (normal size)
- 1/4 c Granulated sugar
- 1 T Cinnamon
- 1/4 c Melted butter

How to Make:

Heat the oven to 350 degrees F. Grease a 9x13-inch baking dish. Mix the sugar and cinnamon in

God is like SCOTCH TAPE
You can't see Him, but you know He's there.

YOUTH FOR CHRIST[®] AUSTIN



February, 2023

Dear Partners in Christ,

Youth were asked these last few weeks, "Where do you need rest for your soul?" One student responded, "I am stressed about schoolwork." For about ten minutes she went on to say, "My family and I have been sick, and I have to take care of them all. I take care of my brothers and sisters when my parents are gone, which is often. I take care of my parents. I also have my chores..." Jesus said,

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."



Our youth bear the same burdens and heavy ladens that we all bear. We all need someone to walk with us. After listening, I asked her if she would like to turn her burdens over to the Lord in prayer. We prayed and she sat in silence for a moment, with a sense of peace on her face. She still has the same responsibilities, but now she doesn't have to bear them alone. She gave her life to Christ only a month ago. Now she has someone to bear her heavy load. Yoking with Jesus has eternal benefits that start on this side of heaven.

Thank you for your encouragement, support, and prayers so that we can walk with youth in the messiness of life.

John Engelstad

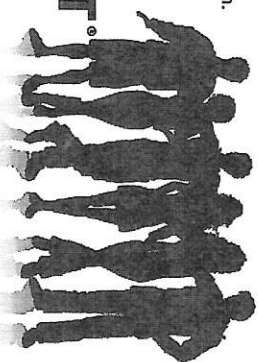
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COMMUNITY

Farm Boy BBQ

Saturday, April 1st from 4:30-8:00 pm at the Lyle Legion.
Free-will Donation. Meat available: Ribs or Chicken
In memory of family of friends lost to cancer.

Queen of Peace Annual Spring Dinner

on Sunday, April 2 from 4-7 pm in Lyle. Free-will Offering.
Menu: Turkey, Stuffing, Corn, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Dinner Roll, Pie.

Toeterville Fish Fry

Thursday, April 13th from 3:00 pm until gone. Drive Thru!
Free-will Donation. Menu: Fish, Tarter Sauce, Coleslaw, Baked Potato, Corn and Dessert

Lyle Food Pantry/Shelf

The last Saturday of the month (April 29th) at Our Savior's in Lyle
will hand out food bags at 10:00 am.

Can Drive: At HOME First = Helping Others Means Everything
Please deposit your empty aluminum pop cans
into the fenced trailer at Mona Lutheran Church. Thank YOU!

Cans for Cancer

Collecting aluminum cans though out the year with a collection box behind
the Lyle Legion. Please donate your empty aluminum cans to a very worthy
cause.

FOOD SHELF AT OUR SAVIOR'S

The food pantry at Our Savior's is *grateful* for your support, please help us
keep our shelves full.

THANK YOU!

Thank YOU to everyone who helped with the Mona Steak Supper!