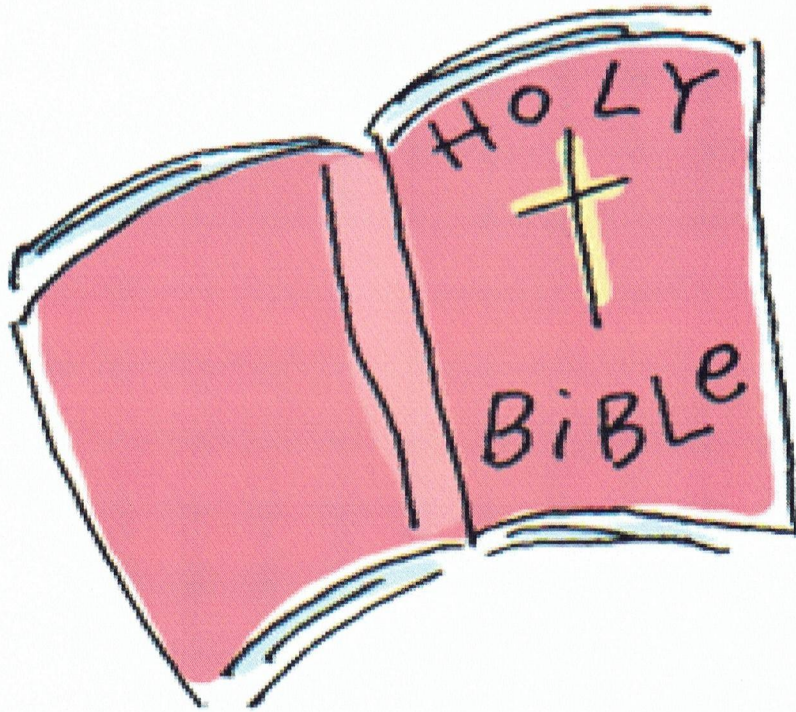


Trinity Lutheran Parish
Mona Lutheran Church, Mona, IA
Six Mile Grove Lutheran Church, rural Lyle, MN
PO Box 69
Lyle, Mn 55953

T.L.P. IN TOUCH

APRIL 2024



We Believe!

God's Not Dead!

April 2024

We are called. God's Work. Our Hands. God's Family!

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Wanda Hanson, Office Sec O# 507-325-2487 C# 515-290-0936 monaandsmg@gmail.com	H/C=Holy Communion SMG=Six Mile Grove OS=Our Savior's SS=Sunday School ABS=Adult Bible Study CC=Confirmation Class	Notes:					

T.L.P. IN TOUCH

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



Baptized on Sunday,
March 17 at Mona is
Karsyn Danielle Thomas.
Parents are: Skyler and
Courtney Thomas.
Sponsors are: Machalla
Gustafson and Garrett
Thomas.
Congratulations and
Blessings to one and all!



Baptized on Sunday,
March 10 at SMG is
Taylor Marie Hutchinson.
Parents are: Michael &
Schlyer Hutchinson.
Sponsors are: David &
Sophia Morse and Nate &
Haley Williamson.
Congratulations and
Blessings to one and all!

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 14 for SMG students (special
service at 10:30 am) and April 21 for OS students.
>Confirmation Class on Wednesday's at Our Savior's in Lyle with
Supper at 6 pm and Class at 6:30 pm.

Youth for Christ in Austin

*The building is on the northside across the street from the High School
(400 3rd Ave, Austin). Contact, John Engelstad, 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 M & 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.

GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE

Fellowship following worship at Mona on Sunday, May 5th will be in honor of Morgan
Blood's graduation from High School. She is the daughter of Todd and Karen
(Haugen) Blood, the granddaughter of Nancy Mickelson and Terry & Faye Haugen.

Save for a Rainy Day

Any day is a good day to start saving money for a rainy day. Make your own "Rainy Day Fund" bank.

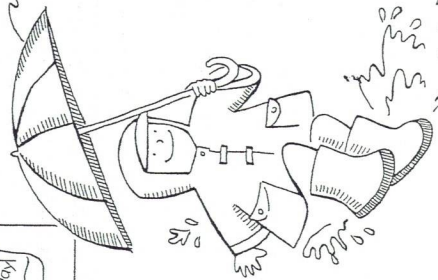
Here's what you'll need:

- A clean plastic jar (peanut butter jars work well)
- Scissors
- Felt
- White glue
- Permanent marker



Here's how to make it:

1. Clean and remove the label from the plastic jar.
2. Cut out an umbrella shape from felt and glue it to the side of the jar.
3. Use the marker to write "Rainy Day Fund" on the jar.
4. Cut a slot in the lid (you may need an adult to help).
5. When you get your allowance or earn money doing something for someone, put the money in the lid's slot.
6. Save the money for something special or important. Spend money wisely and remember to give an offering to your church or Sunday school.



Just for KIDS

Thank God for Rain

Each spring the Lord sends April showers to water the earth. Without rain nourish our trees, plants, flowers, fruits and vegetables, there would be a poor growing season and very little to harvest. Thank God for rainy weather!

Write the words from the raindrops on the numbered lines below. Read the Bible verse.

Words in raindrops: 1 gives, 2 storm, 3 the, 4 in, 5 Lord, 6 field, 7 men, 8 clouds, 9 He, 10 Ask, 11 is, 12 to, 13 everyone, 14 who, 15 makes, 16 He, 17 plants, 18 rain, 19 Lord, 20 showers, 21 and, 22 the, 23 rain, 24 to, 25 of, 26 springtime, 27 the, 28 for, 29 If, 30 the, 31 of, 32 the.

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Zechariah 10:1 (NIV)

PRAY

Prayers of Healing and Strength to:

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| Owen Anonson | Brian Barber | Mark Borchardt | Carol Ekle |
| Barb Fossey | Gary Fredrickson | Parker Gennert | Myron Hemann |
| Galen Holst | Andres Knudsen | Troy Murphy | Chet Nelson |
| Emily Nelson | Verdon Olson | Jack Rector | Pat Sandmeyer |
| Beth Whalen | Scott Willert | | |

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

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| Christopher Slindee | Thomas Frank | Kelly Fredrickson |
| Riley Wondra | Adam Dublinske (M) | Skyler Thomas (NG) |
| Ed Dreyer (M) | Gage Thompson (AF) | |

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 Nong Road children and their families - Lenny Kamanda, Josephine Wairimu, Monica Wanjiku, Sharon Mideva, Victor Nyarega, Faith Mumo, Emily Wanjiku, Godfrey Otieno and Swiny 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

Sympathy and Prayers

...for the family of Marie Quast

LIVING DONOR

Have you ever thought about being a living donor? Brian Barber of Austin, MN is in need of a Kidney. He has started the process of dialysis. If this is something you have thought about or not, please pray about it. If you want to see if you would be a possible donor for Brian, please contact him at 507-440-9548. He then can let his transplant center (Mayo) know he may have someone willing to donate so testing can begin at the appropriate time. Prayers for you and Brian are encouraged!

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

LECTOR:

Name

Sunday, April 7 – S Dawn Helgeson
Sunday, April 14 – M Margaret Meyer
Sunday, April 21 – O -----
Sunday, April 28 – S Kathy Helle

USHERS:

Mona: Larry and Ramona Schatte
SMG: Timm & Deb Ehret Family / Brian & Stacy Mason Family

COMMUNION ASSIST.:

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

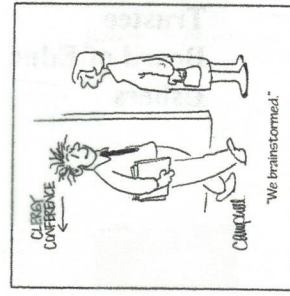
COMMUNION SERVERS:

Mona: Larry and Ramona Schatte
SMG: TBD

FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE:

Every Sunday following worship at hosting church.

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



FROM THE PASTOR...

April 2024

"As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross." Matthew 27:32

The following is from a devotional called 'Bearing the weight of the Cross, from 'deprece.org'...

You could sense all of it pressing down on [Jesus]. Walking through the crowd, he recognized all their fickle responses, which oscillated from the ecstatic "Hosanna!" one day to the venomous "Crucify" by week's end. All that blood. The uneven weight of a cross beam as he walked the path toward certain death. The heaviness of soldiers doing their Roman work perfectly, as Pharisees and rule keepers looked on in approval at what was to come. There was too much weight – physical and mental – for one human being to handle. It was too much and he was too weak. Everything seemed lost in this moment. He had walked as far as he could and there was nothing left in him.

Most people would not choose to pick up responsibility when the circumstances are this dire. But these are exactly the circumstances that Simon of Cyrene wandered into. Matthew, Mark, and Luke all share this moment in Jesus's journey to the cross to unfold this gracious lesson. God's providence brings this North African into the moment perfectly and ends the gospel journey where it began: God will use whom he chooses, when he chooses... Simon's bearing of the cross of Jesus is a beautiful moment of incompleteness. It's part of a work in progress.

The reality is that sometimes you and I will have to bear weight just like Simon did. It is all part of God's cosmic weaving. Simon only gets a glimpse of the physical weight of wood, but Jesus bears the weight of humanity's sin and the Father's wrath. Jesus bears your cross, my cross. And when we receive this gift, we offer ourselves as cross bearers for others in his name.

How are we asked to 'carry someone else's cross?' How have others helped to bear OUR cross?

The story of the crucifixion reminds us that, at certain key moments, we are all asked to step in and help carry someone's burden. And it's no accident! God intentionally chose Simon of Cyrene to carry Jesus' cross, just like he uses you and me to help others. But who benefits the most, we who carry the burden, or the one being relieved? I guess it doesn't really matter, as long as we know "It's part of a work in progress."

Happy Easter, and we'll see you all in church!

Pastor Scott

CHURCH INFO

APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Sunday, April 7	9:00 am	SMG w/HC and SS
Sunday, April 14	9:00 am	Mona w/HC, Choir and SS
	10:30 am	Confirmation at SMG w/HC
Sunday, April 21	9:00 am	OS w/HC, Confirmation and SS
Sunday, April 28	9:00 am	SMG w/SS
Sunday, May 5	9:00 am	Mona w/HC and SS

PARISH/CHURCH COUNCIL MTG'S

- Parish Council will meet, Tuesday, April 9 at SMG, 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.

TWO CONFIRMATION SUNDAY'S

- April 14 at SMG – Worship will be at 10:30 as Mona will host the scheduled worship at 9:00 am. That way, there should be room for everyone that wants to attend either worship.
- April 21 at OS – Worship will be at 9:00 am as scheduled.

NORMA WANGEN FUND

If you would like to give to this fund, please write Norma Wangen in the memo line on your check. She could use some financial help.

Thank YOU to Jeff and Robin Meyer of Lyle Liquor for donating all the eggs for the Easter Breakfast this morning.

OPEN HOUSE BRIDAL SHOWER

for Hilary Austinson will be held Saturday, April 6th at 1:30 PM in the fireside room at Our Savior's.

SMG BIBLE STUDY

Every Sunday at SMG at 10:45 am in the Dining Hall. We are studying biblical prophecy. The book we are using is by Dr David Jeremiah, entitled "The Book of Signs". It is interesting and eye opening to see what biblical prophecies are being fulfilled today. The group meets at 10:45 in the SMG dining room. There is plenty of lively, thought provoking discussion, and always room for more people. All are welcome!

PLEASE NOTE:

The Small Group Council has asked us, Kathie and Wanda to combine the announcements on Sunday's. So please have any announcements you would like in the bulletin to Kathie or Wanda by *Thursday* evening. Thank you! Here is our contact information: TLP Office Sec, Wanda: O# 507-325-2437 or C# 515-290-0936 ~ monaandsmg@gmail.com
OS Office Sec, Kathie Dahl O# 507-325-4684 or C# 507-481-6969 ~ oursaviorslyle@gmail.com

GAME NIGHT

Anyone interested in hosting game nights or have any ideas please contact the church OR your Council President.

DELEGATES FOR LCMC NATIONAL GATHERING

This will take place from Sept 29 – Oct 1 in Cedar Rapids, IA. Would you like to go with Pastor Scott to this gathering? Let Pastor Scott, Steve Sampson or Craig Whalen know if you are interested in this.

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 LL – Thursday, April 4, H: Carol R
- >Naomi Circle – Monday, April 15 at 9:30 am, H: Kathy H, L: Diane K
- >Mona M&M Circle/BS – April 9 at 1:00 pm, H: Alouise
- >Mona LL – Monday, April 22 at 6:30 pm, H: Ramona

CONCERTS / TOURS

- Kingship Radio's Day for Women, "Love be the Loudest" on Saturday, April 13th in Mankato. Go to <https://kinshipradio.org/home/a-day-for-women-conference-schedule/> for more info
- **Mercy Me and Newsboys Concert** on Friday, April 13th at Target Center, 7:00 pm. Go to myktis.com for ticket info.
- **We The Kingdom** in the Twin Cities on May 10th and special guest, Katy Nichole are coming to Grace Church Eden Prairie! Go to myktis.com for ticket info

THANK YOU!

Thank YOU to Jeff and Robin Meyer of Lyle Liquor for donating all the eggs for the Easter Breakfast this morning.

Very Big Thank YOU to everyone who helped in any way with the Mona Steak Supper!

Empty Bowls Soup Fundraiser raised \$1342.00 for the Food Shelf. Thank YOU to all who participated!

Easter Lilies

SMG: (given In Memory of Loved Ones = IMOLO)

Wayne & Joan Skov - IMOLO

Jeff & Kathy Helle - IMO Hamlin and Alice Ashley

Dale & Joan Anderson - IMOLO

Becky Fredrickson - IMOLO

Ron & Lonna Ellis - IMOLO

SMG Ladies - IMOLO

Mona: Being we don't have Easter Services at Mona church we would like to keep our loved ones in our thoughts this Easter Season: Terry & Faye Haugen and family, Gary & Becky Fredrickson and family, Nancy Mickelson and family, Alouise Anderson and family, Don & Karen Whalen and family, Craig & Beth Whalen and family, Kim Whalen and family, Jeff & Stephanie Whalen and family, Wayne Hanson and family, Dick & Rosie Hagelund and family, Kurt & Paula Meyer and family, Pastor Scott & Tracy Meyer and family, Wayne & Nielene Johnson and family, Lowell & Margaret Meyer and family, Sue Horgan and family, Cheryl Jones and family, Duane Rohde and family.

- Only when the last tree has died and the last river has been poisoned and the last fish has been caught will we realize we cannot eat money. —Cree Indian proverb

Jesus Is My Creator

Jesus is our Creator. He knows us before we are born. He also gives us a special purpose in life, just as He did to people in Bible times. The scrambled names in the puzzles all belong to people from the Bible. The scripture clues on the right will help you find who they are. Unscramble the names and write them in the boxes. When you're done, write the letters from the shaded boxes in the correctly numbered blanks to complete a special verse from Isaiah. Some letters have been filled in to help you. Then read the verses and talk about the special purpose each of these people was created for. What purpose do you think God might have for your life?

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NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH

Donate LifeSM is the national symbol for the cause of organ, eye and tissue donation.

National Donate Life Month is celebrated every April. It features local and national activities to educate and encourage Americans to register as donors and consider living donation, as well as to celebrate those who have saved and healed lives through the gift of donation.



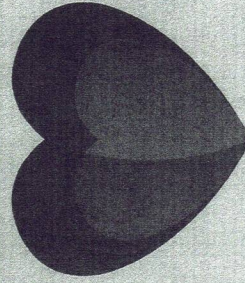
BLUE & GREEN DAY is April 12!

The public is encouraged to wear blue and green to help share the Donate Life message.

Did You Know?

60%+ of organ, eye and tissue donors are authorized by donor registration.

National Pediatric Transplant Week



The final week of April focuses on the powerful message of ending the pediatric transplant waiting list.

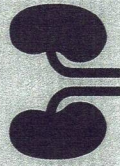
More than **2,100** children under the age of 18 are on the national transplant waiting list.

More than **1,900** children were saved by the generosity of donors & donor families in 2023.

The Need is Great

More than **100,000** people are waiting for lifesaving organ transplants.

More than **46,000** organ transplants from 23,000 donors brought new life to patients and their families in 2023.



More than **78,000** corneal transplants helped to restore sight in 2023.



More than **2.5 million** tissue transplants heal lives each year.



More than **170 million** people are registered organ, eye and tissue donors.

Thank you to all donors, donor families, registered donors and champions of the Donate Life cause!

Deceased Donation



1 Organ, Eye and Tissue Donor
Saves up to **8** lives
Restores sight to **2** people
Heals the lives of more than **75** people

Living Donation



86% of patients waiting are in need of a kidney.

Living donors can provide a kidney or a portion of their liver to a waiting patient.*



10% of patients waiting are in need of a liver.

*Living donation is not included in your donor registration.

? Top Frequently Asked Questions

Does registering as a donor change my patient care?
No, your life always comes first. Doctors work hard to save every patient's life, but sometimes there is a complete and irreversible loss of brain function. The patient is declared clinically and legally dead. Only then is donation an option.

Does donation affect funeral plans?

Funeral arrangements of your choice are possible, including a viewing. Through the entire donation process the body is treated with care and respect. Following donation, funeral arrangements can continue as planned.

Does my religion support organ, eye and tissue donation?

All major religions support donation as a final act of compassion and generosity.

Does my social and/or financial status play any part in whether or not I will receive an organ if I ever need one?

No. A national system matches available organs from the donor with people on the waiting list based on blood type, body size, how sick they are, donor distance, tissue type and time on the list. Race, gender, income, celebrity and social status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression does NOT prevent someone from registering as an organ donor.

What can I do to increase organ, eye and tissue donation?

- 1** Register your decision to be a donor at RegisterMe.org.
- 2** Tell your family and friends about your decision to [Donate Life](http://DonateLife.net).
- 3** Visit DonateLife.net to discover ways you can be a champion of the cause.
- 4** Ask others to visit DonateLife.net to learn more and register.

Data from Donate Life America EOY 2022 Registry Overview Report, and Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN), as of January 2024. National Tissue Recovery through Utilization Survey (NTRUS) AATB.org, 2022 Eye Banking Statistical Report, Washington, DC: Eye Bank Association of America; 2023. Donate LifeSM is a registered service mark of Donate Life America. © 2024 Donate Life America

COMMUNITY

Farm Boy BBQ

Saturday, April 6th from 4:30-8:00 pm at the Lyle Legion.
Free-will Donation goes to the Lyle Area Cancer Telethon.
This supper is in memory of family of friends lost to cancer.

Queen of Peace Annual Spring Dinner

on Sunday, April 7 from 4-7 pm in Lyle. Free-will Offering.
Dine in or Carry out.

Toeterville Fish Fry

Thursday, April 4th from 3:00 pm until gone. Drive Thru!
Free-will Donation.

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.

LYLE FOOD SHELF/PANTRY

>The food pantry at Our Savior's is *grateful* for your support, please help us
keep our shelves full. **Needed:** *Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Fruit, Cereal,
Soups, Canned Meat (chicken, tuna, etc).* Cash is always appreciated also.
>The last Saturday of the month (April 27? – watch and listen for more info)
at Our Savior's in Lyle, they will hand out food bags at 10:00 am

Ruby's Pop-up Pantry

Austin's Grace Lutheran Church hosts Ruby's Pantry the third Thursday of
each month from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. Doors open at 4:00 PM

Pub Theology

Different Brews ~ Different views ~ Beer, Conversation & God
All perspectives welcome!
Meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at Worth Brewing Company.
(835 Central Ave, Northwood, IA)

Hosted by First Lutheran and Northwood UMC

Protect our water from CO2 pipelines!

Water permits for Summit Carbon Solutions' pipeline project would use an
estimated billion gallons of water per year of Iowa's precious, public natural
resource for private gain. Join us on April 4 to learn more.

What: A webinar with Iowa experts Carolyn Raffensperger and Chris Jones
about the impacts of CO2 pipelines on our water

Who: Anyone who cares about protecting Iowa's water

When: Thursday April 4, 2024 6:30—8:00 PM

Where: Join us on Zoom or at the watch party closest to you!

Watch Party Locations:

Oelwein Public Library
201 E Charles St, Oelwein, IA 50662

Oakland Community Center
614 Dr. Van Zee Rd, Oakland, IA 51560

Iowa CCI Office
202 S Washington St, St Ansgar, IA 50472

2001 Forest Ave, Des Moines, IA 50311

To register for Zoom or a location above, please contact kira@iowaccj.org