

February 2025

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

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Pastor Scott Meyer C# 507-319-0715 scottmeyer39@hotmail.com						1
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5th Sunday after Epiphany 9 "SOUPER" Bowl Sunday 8:15 A: Choir Practice 9 A: OS w/HC, SS & F 10:45 A: ABS at SMG	Pastor Scott's Day Off 10	7 P: TLP Council Mtg at SMG followed by Church Council Mtg's 11	6 P: Confirmation Supper and Class at OS 12	7 P: Worship Committee Mtg at OS 13	Happy Valentines Day!  14	Pastor Scott on Vacation Feb 15-22 → 15
6th Sunday after Epiphany 16 9 A: SMG w/HC, SS & F Pastor Karl Dalager, Supply Pastor 10:45 A: ABS at SMG	Pastor Scott's Day Off 17 9:30 A: Naomi Circle, H: Kathy H, L: Diane K	7 P: Small Group Council Mtg at OS 18	6 P: Confirmation Supper and Class at OS 19	20	21	22
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Wanda Hanson, Office Sec O# 507-325-2437 C# 515-290-0936 monaandsmg@gmail.com	HC=Holy Communion SS=Sunday School F=Fellowship BS=Bible Study ABS=Adult Bible Study OS=Our Savior's SMG=Six Mile Grove	Notes: >Turn in Calendar info				

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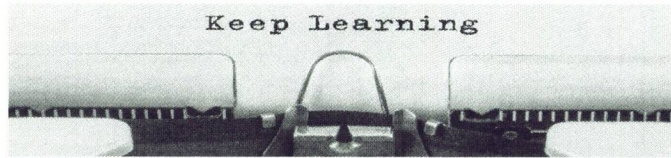
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T.L.P. IN TOUCH

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



Plan Your Growth and Development This Year!

By Christian Huntley,
LCMC Coordinator for Leadership and Pastoral Development

New year. New budget. New learning. New opportunities. LCMC's focus on LeaderCare recognizes that healing, growth, and development are not one size fits all, and attention to one's health and wholeness, personally and professionally, is important. It is important that congregations support their pastor's growth and development, and it is important for pastors to support the growth and development of their congregational leaders.

Right now, I am preparing to be with pastors and leaders at the Texas District Winter Retreat. For three days, we will pause to rest and reflect on the importance of relationships.

Others of you are making plans to be at the Augustana District Theological Convocation focused on mental health. I have no doubt the material will be rich, and I pray that the personal connections will be equally as enriching.

What about you? Where will you invest in your growth and development this year? How can you encourage the leaders around you to do the same? So, make a plan. Book the trip. Buy the book. Check out our blog for a few suggestions to get you thinking!

Love, Love, Love

That's what it's all about. Cause God loves us and we love each other
Mother, father, sister brother. Everybody sing and shout!
Cause that's what it's all about.
It's about Love, Love, Love. It's about Love, Love, Love!

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 to see where Sunday School will be.

Confirmation:

Wednesday's at Our Savior's - 6:00 Supper and 6:30 Class

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 Club:

Middle School on T & F from 7:30-8:15 A at Bethlehem Church, Austin. Before school, come and have some hot chocolate and breakfast to start your day right. We do fun ice breakers, play music and have a daily life message based on bible verses.

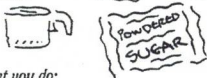
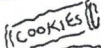
Jesus Loves Me this I know
For the Bible tells me so.

LOVE TREATS

Show others love by baking them a lovely treat!

What you need:

- ♥ An adult to help
- ♥ Refrigerated cookie dough (sugar or chocolate chip)
- ♥ Jar of red jam (raspberry or strawberry)
- ♥ 1 or 2 heart-shaped cookie cutters. (If you use 2, make sure they are different sizes.)
- ♥ Powdered sugar
- ♥ Sifter
- ♥ Knife



What you do:

1. Follow the cookie dough directions for rolling out the dough.
2. If you are using one cookie cutter, cut out the heart-shaped cookies and transfer to a baking sheet. Try to have an even number of hearts when finished.
3. If you are using two cookie cutters, cut out the large hearts. Take half of the hearts, and cut out a small heart window in the center with the smaller cookie cutter. Now you have a heart inside another heart.
4. Have an adult help you bake the cookies according to the dough directions.
5. After baking, place the cookies on a cooling rack.
6. When the cookies are cooled, make cookie sandwiches by spreading jam onto the flat side of half the cookies, and then placing another cookie on top of each one. (If you made cookie windows, use those for the tops.)
7. Sprinkle powdered sugar over your heart sandwiches with a sifter.
8. Share the cookies with the people you love.



But the Greatest of These Is LOVE!

God shows love to us every day and in many ways. Fill in the blanks below with the missing letters to see how God loves us perfectly!

“For God so lo _ _ ed the world,
 that he g _ _ ve
 his on _ _ y
 begott _ _ n
 So _ _ ,
 _ _ hat whosoever
 believeth _ _ n Him
 should _ _ ot perish,
 but have _ _ verlasting life.

—John 3:16, KJV

Answer: valentine

PRAY

Prayers of Healing and Strength to:

Ruby Alph Ted Condradt Carol Ekle Barb Fossey
 Bennett Hanson Margie Harrison Denny Helgeson Bob Johnson
 Eric Johnson Andres Knudsen Charlene Krueger Ann Meyer
 Troy Murphy Emily Nelson Jerry Sampson Roger Vreeman
 Betsy Wuebker Fabiola (Oaxaca)

Palliative Care: Darlene Meling

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 (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 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 Teacher ~
 Members of Six Mile Grove, Mona & Our Savior’s Lutheran Churches

Sympathy and Prayers

...for the family of Michael Gautschi. He was the Uncle to Pastor Scott, Lowell, Sue and Kurt.

Jesus, Jesus, Fill us with Your Love

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

LECTORS:

Sunday, Feb 2 – M
Sunday, Feb 9 – OS
Sunday, Feb 16 – SMG
Sunday, Feb 23 – M

Name

Beth Steinhovden

USHERS:

Mona: Don and Karen Whalen
SMG: Barb Goslee Family /Jamie and Jill Patterson Family

COMMUNION ASSIST.:

Mona Becky Fredrickson and/or Nancy Mickelson
SMG Deacons

COMMUNION SERVERS:

Mona: Don and Karen Whalen
SMG: TBD

FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE:

Every Sunday following worship at the hosting church.

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

John 3:16 says that God so loved the world he gave his only begotten son.

That whoever believes in him will never die but have eternal life.

Clap Clap Clap

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FROM THE PASTOR...

February 2025

“He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.’” Mark 8:34

“I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.” Romans 8:18

I went for a walk down a gravel road with our dog Penny the other day. It



was unusually mild for January (I think it got close to 60 degrees later that day), there was almost no wind, and the sky was clear blue. All in all it was a gorgeous day, and Penny and I were having an absolutely delightful walk!

Then I started noticing how dusty the road and the ditches were, and I

thought about how dry the fields and the lawns will be this spring and summer if we don't get some snow this winter. It really spoiled the mood and my whole experience thinking about the effects little or no moisture will have on the land and vegetation, at least in this area.

We as Christians have a similar experience sometimes. When things are going well in church or in our personal lives, we tend to focus on the positive aspects of our faith. We feel good about following Christ, we're thankful for God's blessings, and it's easy to come to church and worship. Then something happens that reminds us of how difficult it is being a Christian in today's world. Like it says in Mark, being a true believer sometimes means putting ourselves last, sacrificing our own happiness, and being rejected by the world for the sake of following Christ.

But unlike the experience I had walking that day, this doesn't need to spoil our mood or make us feel negative about our faith. It is, however, meant to set us apart from the rest of the world and help us trust in God for all things. Following Jesus isn't supposed to make us sad or depressed. It's supposed to give us strength to overcome the challenges of this life, so that we can look forward to the *next* life with joy and anticipation.

See you all in church!

Pastor Scott

CHURCH INFO

WINTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Fellowship follows worship each Sunday morning.

Feb 2	9:00 am	Mona w/HC & SS
Feb 9	9:00 am	OS w/HC, SS and Choir
Feb 16	9:00 am	SMG w/HC & SS
Feb 23	9:00 am	Mona & SS
March 2	9:00 am	OS w/HC & SS
March 5	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday at Mona

AUTOMATIC DEPOSIT FOR OFFERING AVAILABLE

Mona – Vanco Online <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZP73/home>

YEARLY CALENDAR

Still in need of info. Please turn into Wanda. Please use this email: monaandsmg@gmail.com. Yearly calendar deadline was Feb 2nd.

PARISH/CHURCH COUNCIL MTG'S

- Parish Council will meet, Tuesday, Feb 11 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.*
- Small Group Council Mtg is Feb 18th at OS.

SMG BIBLE STUDY

Every Sunday at SMG 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!

MONA MEMBERS

Mona Steak Supper will be discussed after fellowship on Sunday, Feb 2nd. The Steak Supper will be March 11th.

EMPTY BOWLS FUNDRAISER

For the Lyle Food Shelf on Sunday, February 2 from 5-7 pm at Our Savior's in Lyle. Join us for a variety of soups and fellowship for a free-will offering. Choose an empty bowl to take home as a reminder there are always empty bowls in our community.

"SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY

Bring a can(s) of soup to church at Our Savior's on Sunday, Feb 9th to help support the Lyle Food Shelf.

ANNUAL REPORTS

If you need one, please reach out to Wanda and she will email it to you or make sure you get a paper copy.

GAME/FUN/FAMILY EVENT

Anyone interested in hosting game nights or have any ideas please contact the church OR your Council President. Jeff Helle will be planning a Ski or Tubing Event, watch and listen for more info.

YOU ARE INVITED!

We would love to have you join us at the 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 – No meeting
- >Naomi Circle – Monday, February 1 at 9:30 am, H: Kathy H, L: Diane K
- >Mona M&M Circle/BS – No info
- >Mona LL – No meeting

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of you who turned in a report for the Annual Report.
Wanda

Shine, Jesus, Shine

*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.*

*Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with love and mercy;
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!*

MISSIONS

The dates for the OAXACA 2025 trip are February 11 thru the 19th. There will be 6 people going.

The proposed project has changed. Pastor Israel's congregation, Garcia Abundant, is unable to commit to the construction of their facility at this time.

Even without their project, our group will have a very busy week. Some of our activities will be: 1) We will be guests at a family blessing celebration; 2) we will assist and provide food, blankets and care packages to the 120 or more of the patient's visitors at the hospital ministry breakfast; 3) we will assist and provide coffee and bread to 150-200 men who come to the city from mountain villages seeking daily or short term employment; 4) we have been invited and will be honored guests at the annual New Generacion Pastor's Conference on February 16th. At the conference we will present Bibles, children's gift bags and we will present the monetary gifts--from your contributions—to the receiving congregations; 5) we will visit a congregation who recently purchased land for their future worship space—possibly our 2026 project; and 6) other things as time allows!!

We look forward to seeing our Oaxaca Family!! Plan to join us next year! Questions?? Call Monica at 507-438-2291 or Jan at 507-438-8627. (Participants pay all their own expenses.)

CHRISTIAN ENTERTAINMENT

- Steven Curtis Chapman in concert on Feb 20, 2025 at NIACC in Mason City, IA. Call for tickets 641-422-4188 or www.niacc.edu/boxoffice. Ticket prices start at 25.00.
- CAIN's **Jesus Music Tour** is coming to the Twin Cities on April 26! This show also features Ben Fuller ("Who I Am"), Katy Nichole ("God Is In This Story," "In Jesus' Name"), Caleb & John ("Somebody Like Me"), and Joseph O'Brien! CAIN is a band of three siblings who love Jesus and music. They have quite a few hit songs, including the popular "Rise Up (Lazarus)" and "Yes He Can." The siblings' voices blend beautifully to create a unique and beautiful sound. You definitely don't want to miss their stunning harmonies! Tickets are on sale now! Grace Church Eden Prairie, 9301 Eden Prairie Road, Eden Prairie, Minnesota 55347. Go to: <https://www.myktis.com/event/cain-is-on-their-way-to-the-twin-cities/>

COMMUNITY

Lords of London Snowmobile Club Breakfast

Feb 2 from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Lyle Legion. Menu: French Toast, Pancakes, Sausage Patties, OJ and Coffee. Free-will donation. L.A.W.W. 4-H Club will also be having a Bake Sale.

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 (Feb 24? – 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

Mower County Fair Grounds host's Ruby's Pop-up 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