

**Stordahl Lutheran Church
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VELKOMMEN NEWS

--- MARCH 2024---

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Stordahl Lutheran Church

News—Announcements—Reminders

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Church Council



The church council meets March 6 @ 6:30pm

Ushers



March 3 & 10 – Joe Goplen + Stuart Peterson

March 17 & 24 – Gerhke + Nordquist Families

Acolytes

- March 3 – Whoever is Available
- March 10 - Whoever is Available
- March 17 – Whoever is Available
- March 24 – Whoever is Available
- March 28 – Whoever is Available
- March 29 – Whoever is Available
- March 31 – Whoever is Available

Scripture Readers



- March 3 – Marlin Rude
- March 10 – Robyn Hoven
- March 17 – Marcia Goplen
- March 24 – Tom Rude
- March 28 – Thursday Reader ?
- March 29 – Friday Reader(s) ?
- March 31 – Darik Rude

Altar Guild

Sara & Marlin Rude Lower
Scott & Cyndie Gehrke

WELCA NEWS



Quilting dates yet to be determined.



Reminder!

Daylight Savings time change is
Sunday, March 10, 2024

Please remember to spring forward one hour.



Church Cleaning



- March 3 Scott & Cyndie Gehrke
- March 10 Tom & Nichole Rude
- March 17 Luke & Pattie Nordquist
- March 24 Darik & Minde Rude
- March 31 Brian & Robyn Hoven

Sunday Coffee & Treats



Served before church by volunteers:

- March 3 -
- March 10 -
- March 17 -
- March 24 -
- March 31 -

Thank you for your ministry of fellowship!

ALTAR FLOWERS



There is a sign up sheet by the back entry way.
We are still worshipping downstairs – we may be upstairs come Easter

FYI – From the Pastor

Remembering in Prayer:
Betty Peterson, Mary Lubahn,
Krissy Langley, Lisa Hagar, Cindy Grove
Greg Hoven, Roger & Carol Fredrikson
Jody Swenson, Doris, Ruth, Bonnie,
Amy, Don, Keith, & Dawn

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please identify who you are in subject of
email + Stordahl – I get over 150 email’s
every day (I delete ones I don’t know).
Good to put Stordahl in text or email

Many Thanks to Darik Rude who created
our Monthly Calendar in a Word Doc.
He does good work of many kinds
like so many of you!

TREASURER’S NOTES

	- February -	
Offering	Expenses	Budgeted
\$3,129	\$3,905.46	\$5,139

MARCH Birthdays



3/3 Jackie Auseth
3/8 Kevin Kennedy

The Role of John's Gospel in the Three Year Lectionary

The ELCA uses a three-year series of readings for Sunday starting with the season of Advent, four weeks before Christmas Day. For each Sunday and festival, three readings and a psalm are suggested and include: a Gospel reading, an Old Testament reading, and a New Testament reading. The lectionary is a work of The Consultation on Common Texts, an ecumenical consultation of liturgical scholars and denominational representatives from the United States and Canada, who produce liturgical texts for use in common by North American Christian Churches.

Each year of the Revised Common Lectionary centers on one of the synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark and Luke. The Gospel of John is read periodically in all three years and is especially frequent in Year B.

As you know the 3 years repeat. Matthew (year A), Mark (year B), Luke (year C).

We are presently in Year B. John’s Gospel reading are spread over the 3 years. Of the 70 that are John, 20 each appear in A + C, and 30 in B. Most appear in Lent and Easter.

Favored passages occur every year. In Holy Week for example John chapters 12,13, 18 +20. The foot washing only occurs in John. At Christmas John 1:1-14. occurs every year (Word made flesh)..

In Lent we have the great symbolic passages, and in Easter those concerned with Jesus' final advice to his disciples (John 13:17). Thus Lent (mostly in Year A) brings us Jesus as the new temple (2:13-22), the bringer of new birth (3:1-17), living water (4:5-42), light (9:1-41) and resurrection life (11:1-45). As a general guide, in the season of

Lent the Lectionary uses passages from John which focus on who Jesus is. In the season of Easter the focus is on being the Church.

The following is from William Loader: The Gospel of John deserves to be treated differently. It is quite appropriate that we hear something from it in every year. It has been called 'the spiritual gospel', not because the others are unspiritual, but because it has a special way of drawing our attention to who Jesus is and challenging us to make a personal response to him. John's Gospel reflects a lively Christian community of the late first century, which, perhaps, traces its roots to the apostle John, who gave the gospel its name.

John's gospel belongs in a community which loved symbols. Probably this was because many of them had been Jews who had loved symbols and spoke about God's Law using symbols. Old Testament and Jewish tradition hailed the Law as life, light, bread, water, wine, and as Wisdom, the wise woman. Now they used all these images of Christ. Wisdom the wise woman is now Jesus the Word. Anecdotes about Jesus, much like those which appear in the other gospels, became the platform from which to launch profound reflections about Jesus. Thus the feeding of the 5000, which appears in all the gospels, becomes in John 6 a meditation on Jesus as the bread of life. The healing of the blind man in John 9 becomes a reflection on Jesus as the light of the world. The raising of Lazarus in John 11 is now a celebration of spiritual resurrection and life.

In developing their portrait of Jesus the community of John's gospel expanded earlier material and created speeches and dialogues in which Jesus, himself, expounded these symbols. What God was saying in the whole event of Jesus' coming is now crystallised in speeches and sayings throughout the gospel. For the preacher this means that you will find that the message of many passages is the same, over and over again; only the imagery varies. You then need to decide which aspects should be to the fore, but you will do well to let the symbols inspire both your sermon and your liturgy.

The message which returns over and over again is that Jesus is the bringer of light, life and truth. Behind it is the message that God is the source of that life and that it is by trusting in Jesus that we can share in that life, often called eternal life in John. The gospel constantly calls us to a relationship of trust. The call is not to a complex system of beliefs, but simply to believe that Jesus really is from God and that to relate to him is to relate to God. He is God's Word in human reality (1:1-18).

The concerns of the community of John's gospel at the time are reflected in these chapters. They tell us what the Church heard Jesus saying to them and also believed was the kind of thing Jesus would have said to his disciples on that last night. In a community threatened by division and lack of trust the message is: love one another! (13:31-35). That is how we remain connected to the true vine (15:1-12). Throughout the gospel, relationships of love are fundamental. This is how God relates to Jesus, Jesus relates to us and we are to relate to one another. It is Jesus' prayer for his own: unity in love (17:20-26). This is not something abstract. It needs to show itself in concrete action, as 1 John 3:16-17 reminds us. By the time 1 John was written there had been a split in the community. We can hear John 13:17 as trying to prevent that failure.

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Custodians: Scott & Cyndie Gerhke
3 9:45 Coffee Fellowship 10:30 Communion Worship Reader: Marlin Rude Ushers: Joe Goplen & Stu Peterson	4	5	6 Church Council 6:30 pm	7	8	9 Custodians: Tom & Nichole Rude
10 9:45 Coffee Fellowship 10:30 WOV Worship Reader: Robyn Hoven Ushers: Joe Goplen & Stu Peterson	11	12	13	14	15	16 Custodians: Luke & Pattie Nordquist
17 9:45 Coffee Fellowship 10:30 Communion Worship Reader: Marcia Goplen Ushers: Gerhke & Nordquist Families	18	19	20	21	22	23 Custodians: Darik & Minde Rude
24 Palm Sunday 9:45 Coffee Fellowship 10:30 Communion Worship Reader: Tom Rude Ushers: Gerhke & Nordquist Families	25	26	27	28 Maundy Thursday 7:00 Worship	29 Good Friday 7:00 Worship	30 Custodians: Brian & Robyn Hoven
31 Easter 8:30 Easter Breakfast 10:00 Communion Worship Reader: Darik Rude Ushers: Smothers Family						