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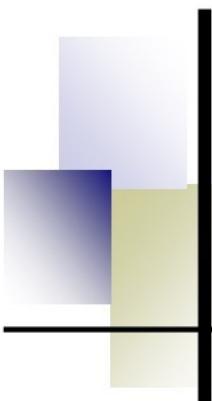


Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.



***“Be thou comforted,  
little dog, Thou too in  
Resurrection shall  
have a little golden  
tail.”***

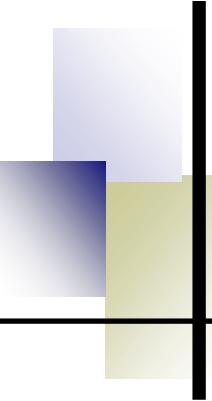
—Martin Luther



# APRIL 2021

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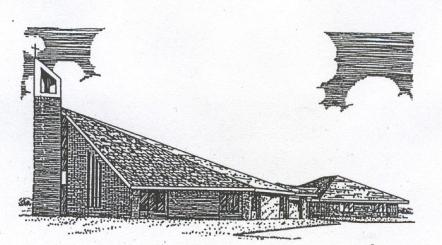


# MAY 2021

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March-April-May  
2021



## From the Pastor's Desk...



This photo of the sign above is what you see on my office door. There are a few specific reasons why it hangs there. First, Yoda is my spirit guide & leadership guru. That little green dude from Star Wars has gotten me out of a few jams in life. Second, the quote on this sign is one of my

favorites. It's deep and rich. "Try" is often a weak & wasted word - it's a way to remove responsibility from our plate, usually when we should own it. One of the things I say is "clarity is next to godliness." Try isn't a clear word.

Now, there's a pretty big reason why often in our world, people are not clear. When people are clear, they run the risk of ruining, threatening, or ending relationships. When teachers are clear, they end up running the risk students will fail, and parents won't like them. When bosses are clear, they end up running the risk of rebellion and mutiny in the workplace and making their job unstable. When politicians are clear, they run the risk they'll never get elected or re-elected. When pastors are clear, they run the risk of getting crucified. After

all, it didn't work out so well for Jesus at first.

Our world is fuzzy. And some forces in the world want it that way. Perhaps 2020-21 this fuzziness is the difficulty. Our world got even fuzzier. And the reason our world is so fuzzy? Well, it's simple. Teachers, bosses, co-workers, politicians, doctors, truck-drivers, electricians, pastors, well, everyone... all of us have an innate desire for other people to like us. In the short run, a fuzzy lack of being clear ends up with better odds people will like us.

Well, while we're all fuzzy and use words like "I'll try," I think it's a good thing Jesus didn't really roll that way. After all, in Matthew 5:37 he did say "Let your yes be yes and your no be no." It's the same thing. And if

## Staff

- Rev. Lyle Snyder, Pastor
- Seth Boerboom, Parish Associate
- Lauren Winn, Financial Assistant
- Judy DeCramer, Organist
- Gunvar Dombek, Organist
- Mary Hauschild, Organist
- Seth Boerboom, Pianist
- Judy Hoeft, Pianist
- Melinda Grohs, Preschool Director
- Lisa Rosenboom, Assistant Teacher
- Melissa Doose, Assistant Teacher

## Congregation Council

- Daren Kesteloot, President (term ends Jan. 2021)
- Jasmine Steffen, Vice President (term ends Jan. 2021)
- Josh Allerson, Treasurer (term ends Jan. 2022)
- Paula Petersen-Giles, Secretary (term ends Jan. 2021)
- Bill Cowden (term ends Jan. 2022)
- Abby Dubs (term ends Jan. 2021)
- Carlton Johnson (term ends Jan. 2022)
- Erin Kuehl (term ends Jan. 2022)

you look across the good news accounts of Jesus' life & ministry, you'll find much of the same.

You don't hear Jesus saying "I'm going to try and heal you." No. Jesus says to many "be healed."

You don't hear Jesus saying "could you all try to do better?" No. when Jesus was on the cross he said "Father forgive them, be-

cause they don't know what their doing."

You don't hear Jesus say "I'm going to try and forgive your sins." "No. Jesus says "This is my body given for you."

You don't hear Jesus say "I'm going to try and die on the cross for you all." No. Jesus just gives up his life, sacrificing it for us.

It doesn't get much clearer than that.

In our fuzzy time, may the absolutely clear love of God speak to you loudly.

In Christ  
+Pastor Lyle Snyder

## Readings for April & May 2021

Date	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Gospel
04/04	Acts 10:34-43	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Mark 16:1-8
04/11	Acts 4:32-35	1 John 1:1--2:2	John 20:19-31
04/18	Acts 3:12-19	1 John 3:1-7	Luke 24:36b-48
04/25	Acts 4:5-12	1 John 3:16-24	John 10:11-18
05/02	Acts 8:26-40	1 John 4:7-21	John 15:1-8
05/09	Acts 10:44-48	1 John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17
05/16	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	1 John 5:9-13	John 17:6-19
05/23	Acts 2:1-21	Romans 8:22-27	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
05/30	Isaiah 6:1-8	Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17

## Worship in Sanctuary!

- Two services at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
- Strongly encouraging the elderly or those with vulnerable health to attend at 8:30 a.m., as the least amount of people will likely attend 8:30 a.m.
- We ask that those medically not able to wear a mask, refrain from attending the 8:30 a.m. service.
- Open at 100% capacity.
- 6 feet of social distance must be maintained between households.
- We encourage everyone to follow the mask mandate in accordance with state law.
- We encourage everyone to offer grace and understanding to those not wearing masks.
- We will not have coffee or fellowship during this time.

## January & February 2021 Financials

Jan	Actual	Budget	B/(W) Budget
Giving/Income	55,846.31	28,952.30	26,894.01
Expenses	20,842.07	26,889.96	6,047.89
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>35,004.24</b>	<b>2,062.34</b>	<b>32,941.90</b>

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Feb	Actual	Budget	B/(W) Budget
Giving/Income	19,556.73	29,618.66	(10,061.93)
Expenses	17,268.79	24,829.11	7,560.32
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>2,287.94</b>	<b>4,789.55</b>	<b>(2,501.61)</b>

Feb YTD	Actual	Budget	B/(W) Budget
Giving/Income	75,403.04	58,570.96	16,832.08
Expenses	38,110.86	51,719.07	13,608.21
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>37,292.18</b>	<b>6,851.89</b>	<b>30,440.29</b>

General Fund Checking Account	273,505.86
Prior Balance	274,754.34
Mortgage	654,169.63

## Ministry Team Schedules

### Lectors

Date	8:30 am Reader
April 4th, 2021	TBA
April 11, 2021	Paul Bridgland
April 18, 2021	Michelle Castor
April 25, 2021	Judy DeCramer
May 2, 2021	Eric Wallen
May 9, 2021	Bethany Janachovsky
May 16, 2020	Randy Bakke
May 23, 2020	Brenda Citrowske

Date	10:30 am Reader
April 4th, 2021	Citrowske, Brenda
April 11th, 2021	Grannes, Kirk
April 18th, 2021	TBA
April 25th, 2021	TBA
May 2nd, 2021	Laleman, Billie
May 9th, 2021	Loft, Kelly
May 16th, 2021	Marty, Jennifer
May 23rd, 2021	Monson, Scott

### Projector

Date	8:30 AM
April 11th, 2021	Marty, Vance
April 18th, 2021	Parks, Max
April 25th, 2021	Schaffran, Ethan

Date	10:30 AM
April 11th, 2021	Mertz, Olivia
April 18th, 2021	Rosenboom, Kaitlyn
April 25th, 2021	Skogrand, Kyra

## Projector, continued...

Date	8:30 AM
May 2nd, 2021	Sullivan, Samara
May 9th, 2021	Winn, Ava
May 16th, 2021	Branstner, Maverick
May 23rd, 2021	Swanson, Brock

Date	10:30 AM
May 2nd, 2021	Doose, Paige
May 9th, 2021	Winter, Alexander
May 16th, 2021	Doose, Paige
May 23rd, 2021	Schaffran, Ethan

## Communion Team

Date	8:30 am Communion
April 11, 2021	Ardis and Roger Green
April 18, 2021	Michelle Castor
April 25, 2021	John DeCramer
May 2, 2022	TBA
May 9, 2020	Hailey Brandt
May 16, 2020	Catherine Weedman
May 23, 2020	Paul Bridgland

Date	10:30 am Comm. Assistant
April 11, 2021	Carol and Lyle Moseng
April 18, 2021	Daren Kesteloot
April 25, 2021	Karen Bielinski
May 2, 2021	Braden Meyer
May 9, 2021	Kris Seanor
May 16, 2021	TBA
May 23, 2021	Zachary Allen

## Video

## Altar Guild

Date	Video 10:30 AM
April 4th, 2021	Craig Holland
April 11th, 2021	Cody Kesteloot
April 18th, 2021	Troy Kepler
April 25th, 2021	Craig Holland
May 2nd, 2021	Cody Kesteloot
May 9th, 2021	Troy Kepler
May 16th, 2021	Craig Holland
May 23rd, 2021	Cody Kesteloot

Date	Name
April 11th, 2021	Marc & Reagan Craigmile
April 18th, 2021	Brenda Citrowske
April 25th, 2021	Gina Buss
May 2nd, 2021	Melissa Doose
May 9th, 2021	Nicole Lewis
May 16th, 2021	Kari Loft
May 23rd, 2021	Emily Snyder
May 30th, 2021	Gina Buss

## Assisting Ministers

Date	<b>8:30 am Assisting Minister</b>
April 11, 2021	Karanja, Faith
April 18, 2021	Leibfried, Joshua
April 25, 2021	Mattison, Aidan
May 2, 2021	Moline, Summer
May 9, 2021	O'Donnell, Mason
May 16, 2021	Rhea, Kieler
May 23, 2021	Swanson, Payton

Date	<b>10:30 am Assisting Minister</b>
April 11, 2021	Kompielien, Joshua
April 18, 2021	Wixon, Brody
April 25, 2021	Lewis, Elly
May 2, 2021	Meyer, Jada
May 9, 2021	Ochocki, Eastyn
May 16, 2021	Peterson, Austin
May 23, 2021	Schreurs, Luke

## Acolytes

Date	<b>8:30 am Acolytes</b>
April 11, 2021	Sanow, Noah
April 18, 2021	Leibfried, Katelyn
April 25, 2021	Mattison, Ethan
May 2, 2021	Bursell, Victoria
May 9, 2021	Grams, Hudson
May 16, 2021	Miller, Karson
May 23, 2021	Monsen, Mickensy

Date	<b>10:30 am Acolytes</b>
April 11, 2021	Zahnow, Gavin
April 18, 2021	Brewers, Owen
April 25, 2021	Lewis, Samantha
May 2, 2021	Mattison, Ethan
May 9, 2021	Winter, Wyatt
May 16, 2021	Guetter, Grady
May 23, 2021	Schreurs, Audrey

## Eldon & Jan Krull Say Goodbye!



Dear Pastor Lyle and St. Stephen Lutheran,

We bid you a fond FAREWELL as we are moving back to Iowa to be closer to our family.

You have each truly blessed our lives while we were here. Thank you to our Praise Team and St. Stephen Choir members for allowing us to share our love of music.

Thank you to Pastor Lyle and church for all your prayers and acts of kindness while I was going through cancer. I felt each one and am so grateful for their healing power.

We will always have great memories of you that we take with us.

May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You Till We Meet Again,

*Jan and Eldon Krull*

## St. Stephen Happenings



*On January 31st, Lyra Hoekstra was baptized!*



*On February 21st, Grace & Rose Fischer were baptized!*

*On March 10th, Brian West spoke to confirmation about his vocation in law enforcement.*



*On March 14th, Braylee Wellnitz was baptized.*



*On March 6th, Hannah Sell & Nathan Zeinstra were legally married as their witnesses signed their marriage license. They celebrated their wedding in Mexico on March 12th.*



*On March 17th, Michael Weiss spoke to confirmation about his journey with cancer.*

## Preschool Happenings



A huge thank you to all that donated milk jugs to  
the preschool!

With all those milk jugs we were able to make this  
awesome igloo for us to play in!

### HyVee Gift Cards

The preschool will continue selling HyVee Gift Cards this year. We will not have them on hand at the church but if you would like to order some contact Melinda @ [melinda.grohs@ststephenmarshall.org](mailto:melinda.grohs@ststephenmarshall.org) or at (507) 537-1516.

Thank You for supporting St. Stephen Preschool!



Painting (above)



Reading a story during Dr. Seuss Week (Right)



Eating a snack outside (left)





**Mom & Me Minis benefitting the St. Stephen Preschool!**  
**Sign Up at [ststephenmarshall.org](http://ststephenmarshall.org)**