

Food Share Month Extended

Reminder, March is Food Shelf month! As an extra incentive to donate this year, the Endowment Committee will donate \$2 for every dollar or pound donated by the congregation (up to \$2000!). They will be matching donations up to Easter Sunday (April 4) so get your donations in!

Nordland Council 2021

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Thank You

Dear Nordland Family,
Thank you for the scholarship funds to help pay for my college education at University of Minnesota Morris. I appreciate your support and generosity!
- Tori Everson

Mental Health Help

Reminder: If you or someone you love needs help with mental health, please reach out to Pastor Mark or church office. We can help you with referrals and with funds to help pay for visits to a Mental Health Practitioner. For more info, please check out Nordland's website.

NLCW

Nordland Lutheran Church Women. Ten ladies met March 3rd to tie and stitch quilts at church. Got two graduates done. Planning an extra day for other graduate quilts on March 31, 9:00. Regular Christian Service Day April 7 at 9:00. All are welcome. Looking for place to order rolls of batting for quilts. Please consider making a donation for their purchase.

There is a tub for Personal Care Kits and Christian Literature in Church entry.

Kit Items: Light weigh bath towel 20 X 40 to 27 X 52. (Check your linen closet-the flowered ones we used to use for decoration and are in great shape)

Adult size tooth brush
Good sturdy Comb
Bath soap, no Motel soap
New nail clipper

Lenten Daily devotions are in your Gather magazine till Easter. Gather has our monthly bible study. Also available for \$9.95 for new subscribers. Last of the series on " Journey with Angels" will be at our meeting on April 14, 9:30. Check out the video. Google Gather magazine April Bible Study. Christa Von Zychlin, the writer of the Study is a delight to watch.

Avie Hunt is looking for Volunteers to take care of monthly needs for Family of God. Funds are available from Marie Deadrick to purchase items.

Children-teen Bibles will be taken over by the Education Board. NLCW will donate funds to the Education Board for their purchase.

No one has come forward to put together ideas for a fall retreat so will think ahead for next year. No plans have been announced for us to plan any activities so no booklet has yet been put together.

- Marlys Pearson

April Anniversary & Birthday List

1. Chad Powers, Glen Oakleaf
2. Gerald VanDorsten, Kathy Pickle
Chole Sweetman
3. Erin Pearson, Darin Voecks
4. Erica Gaebe
5. Marcia Hunt, Marten VanDorsten
Renee Gaebe
6. Erika Vandeputte
7. Allen & Joyce Anderson
8. David Percival
9. Loren Roberg
10. Elizabeth Balbach, Ryan Hemingson
Lori Nygaard, Brooke Richards
Corbin Soine, Russel & Joan Schmidt
11. Shaylei Brutger
12. Dave Moline
14. Nolan Lukenbill
15. Michelle Weiss
16. Ernie Miller
17. Diane Christle, Richard Thompson
18. Shirley Fletcher
19. Nathan & Melissa Warriner
Emilee Fernkes
20. Patty Crawford
Kenny & Nancy Drange
24. Keith Pearson
26. Kevin Olson
27. Kaiden Clark
28. Abigail VanDorsten
29. Laurel Hanson, Duane Davidson
30. Debra Roberg, Maureen Zeleny

April Events

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| April 1 | Maundy Thursday Service
7:00 p.m.
First Communion for 4th/5th Graders |
| April 2 | Good Friday Tenebrae Service
7:00 p.m. |
| April 4 | Easter Sunday Worship
8:30 & 10:30 a.m. |
| April 11, 18, 25 | Sunday School
9:45-10:15 a.m. |
| April 11, 18, 25 | Worship
10:30 a.m.
(In-person & Online) |
| April 3 | Guy's in the Basement
8:00 a.m. |
| April 7 | Christian Service Day
9:00 a.m. |
| April 14 | Women's Bible Study
9:30 a.m. |
| Apr. 14, 21, 28 | Confirmation
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. |
| April 15 | Church Council
7:00 p.m. |

College Scholarships

Notice: Nordland members who will be attending a school of higher education for the 2021-2022 school year are encouraged to apply for a scholarship. Contact the church office or go to the Nordland website for an application. Please return application to the church office by April 15, 2021.

To schedule a meeting, please contact the church office. You can find the Indoor Small Group and Worship Protocols at nordlandlutheran.org.

World Day of Prayer

Because of COVID our Annual World Day of Prayer event needed to be cancelled for March 5th. However, I want to tell you about the women of the country that wrote the program for this year's theme. You can google the whole story written by the women of the Republic of Vanuatu and get a geographic idea of where Vanuatu is located.

These islands were formed from Volcanic ash about 4000 years ago in the south pacific. Republic consists of 80+ small islands with about 65 inhabited with people of Melanesian descent. Located south east of the Solomon Islands and New Guinea and west of Fiji. The islands were discovered by Europeans in 1606. Population numbers about 275,000. Has tropical climate, most raise their own food and export lots of fish and root vegetables. Papaya's, pineapple, mango's plantains (bananas) and sweet potatoes are abundant most of the year. Coconut milk and coconut cream, flavor many dishes. Very little food is fried. Good education program with 2 Universities. They pay no taxes. Two very large cities and a democratic government. Sport is Soccer. Christianity is the predominant religion, 1/3 are Presbyterian. Country Motto is "With God we stand". They have a parliament and are members of the United Nations. (Sounds like a healthy and great place to live!). No snow but lots of rain, which is the reason for their great rain forests and even not having the best soil, they can produce a great amount of food. Look up this Republic. You will enjoy their stories and pictures

- Marlys Pearson

Stay Connected

We encourage you to stay connected with Nordland through our Facebook page and our Youtube channel, our website, or via phone. Worship and messages will continue to be found online, and if you prefer to receive a DVD of those please let us know and we will have one delivered to you every week.

Giving

We continue to be blessed and humbled by the ongoing support from all of you! Thank you for your support.

Your contribution continues to matter! In this time, we encourage you, if you are able, to continue your regular giving through the following ways. You can mail in your contributions to the church, or use Simply Giving or the Give Plus app. These two will both allow you to set up your giving to take place automatically.

- Give Plus app - on this app you can designate to the General Fund or Benevolence Fund.
- Simply Giving - a number of you have signed up. The form can be found on our website, or can be mailed to you if you prefer.

Book Study - 'Love is the Way'

Our book study for 'Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times' by Bishop Michael Curry is under way! If you would still like to be a part of it, contact office or Pastor Mark. We meet via zoom on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

From the book:

"The beloved community of God...This is often called 'the dream of God.' And love - unselfish, sacrificial, unconditional, and liberating love - is the way, frankly the only way, to realize God's dream of the beloved community, on earth as it is in heaven. It's the only thing that can, and that ever will, make the world a better place."

There are 10 people working through this book together, but there is still room for you!