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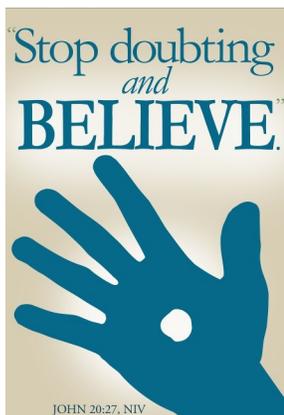
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From the Pastor

The Sunday after Easter (April 8) we will hear about doubting Thomas. When Jesus appeared to his disciples after his resurrection, Thomas was not with them. Afterwards the disciples told Thomas about Jesus' appearance to them. But Thomas told them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." (John 20:25)

Flannery O'Connor, American writer and essayist (1925-1964), wrote about doubt saying: "I think there is no suffering greater than what is caused by the doubts of those who want to believe. I know what torment this is, but I can only see it, in myself anyway, as the process by which faith is deepened. A faith that just accepts is a child's faith and all right for children, but eventually you have to grow religiously as every other way, though some never do."



"What people don't realize is how much religion costs. They think faith is a big electric blanket, when of course it is the cross. It is much harder to believe than not to believe. If you feel you can't believe, you must at least do this: keep an open mind. Keep it open toward faith, keep wanting it, keep asking for it, and leave the rest to God."

"When we get our spiritual house in order, we'll be dead. This goes on. You arrive at enough certainty to be able to make your way, but it is making it in darkness. Don't expect faith to clear things up for you. It is truth, not certainty." (The Habit of Being)

It is ironic that the Christian worshipping community, as represented by Thomas in the gospel story, comes head on with doubt immediately following the joy and assurance of Jesus' resurrection. But isn't this part of the life of faith? The follower of Jesus lives in the paradox of cross and resurrection, death and life. Therefore, we live with both dread and hope, with both anxiety and trust.

In our worship, Christ identifies our dread and names our doubt. Then he renews our faith and points the way, reveals the truth, and shares the life that the Father has granted him.

Is not this a miracle?

Pastor Mary Gilthvedt Δ

Council Update

Greetings, members of Zion!

Council met on Thursday, March 15. We found that February was another incredible month of giving, with offerings totaling over \$17,000. Thank you for your continued dedication to stewardship at Zion!

We once again paid our monthly \$500 benevolence to the ELCA, and we plan to revisit this item at next month's meeting to see if we are able to increase this amount. The Building Fund received dedicated offerings totaling over \$4,000, and we paid just over \$41,000 in remaining bills to our contractors. The Building Committee is withholding about \$5,000 in payments while our contractors complete a checklist of final items.

We are excited to announce that online giving is now available! A link is currently live on Zion's

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Do you have an interest in attending the Synod Assembly as a delegate from Zion?

June 8-9, 2018: NW MN Synod Assembly on the theme Reconciliation: Unbinding Hearts, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Moorhead.

Zion is allowed two delegates to the assembly. If you would be interested in attending, please contact Pastor Mary. Δ

*One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much.
Luke 16:10a*

Council Meeting

The council will meet Thursday, April 19, at 6:00 pm. Δ



Memorial Committee is looking to the future!

Now that we are in our new building the Memorial Committee has a renewed enthusiasm! We would like to remind everyone that you can designate your gift in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Please designate your gifts to the Zion Building Fund or the Zion Memorial Fund. Δ

Zion Lutheran Church Financial Update

Fiscal year is October 1 through September 30.

General Operating Account as of February 28, 2018

Income	Feb	YTD
General Envelopes	\$8,633	\$71,474
Electronic	\$8,323	\$42,479
Loose Offerings	\$180	\$2,009
Misc.	\$460	\$3,093
Total	\$17,596	\$119,055
Expense	Annual Budget	YTD
Support Staff	\$190,701	\$78,473
Benevolence	\$14,800	\$4,375
Parish Wellness	\$200	\$93
Admin	\$16,401	\$5,711
Worship & Music	\$1,720	\$632
Christian Ed	\$1,749	\$88
Outreach Services	\$4,485	\$1,741
Property	\$18,292	\$7,936
Total	\$248,349	\$99,047

Loan Repayment Account as of February 28, 2018

Dedicated Funds	Feb	YTD
Deposits	\$708	\$4,246

Building Fund as of February 28, 2018

Dedicated Funds	Feb	YTD
Gifts Received	\$4,658	\$413,520
Loan	\$0	\$0
Building Fund Account Balance		
Security State		\$116,409
ELCA MisInvFnd		\$2,427
Total		\$118,836
Payments	Feb	YTD
The Verdin Co.		\$8,461
City of Warroad		\$59,088
E&L Electric		\$28,849
Peterson Sht. Mtl.	\$41,206	\$41,206
Other		\$2,217
Loan Interest		\$6,036
Loan Principal		\$200,000
Total	\$41,206	\$345,856

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Note 1: Monies received from Warroad Community Church will be dedicated to the repayment of our building loan.

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Tidings from Zion is a communication tool circulated monthly among the members and friends of Zion Lutheran Church, Warroad, Minnesota. The copy deadline for the next publication is April 20, 2018.

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website and prepared to accept online offerings! We are also now linked to an app called Give Plus, for both Android and iPhone. Individuals can give a one-time donation or set up recurring donations, pay for radio broadcasts, or give general or specific fund offerings. Donate as a guest, or create an account and save your payment method! Stay tuned for more information and instructions!

Last year, Council had authorized a Décor Committee that would be tasked with finding places for all the furniture and keepsakes that were moved into our new church building. At our March 15 meeting, representatives from the Décor Committee presented Council with a comprehensive plan for furnishing our new gathering space, cry room, and education wing. While resources remain in the Building Fund to finish previously planned projects for our new church home, such as paving the parking lot, this new plan needs a little boost to get off the ground. Consider utilizing our new online/mobile giving options to help make our beautiful new space even more inviting!

Zion received correspondence from our synod stating that there will be a call process at the 2019 Northwestern Minnesota synod assembly to elect a new bishop. Bishop Larry Wohlrabe has served as bishop for our synod since 2007 and has announced that he will not be seeking another term. We have greatly appreciated his help and support on our congregational journey, and wish him all the best!

In Christ,

Kelly Thiele
Church Council Secretary Δ

He has risen! Alleluia!

Shelley Galle

The Worship & Music Committee has made it through the busy seasons of Christmas and Lent/Easter and now have a chance to focus more on its current projects.

Pew Bibles: We continue to raise funds to purchase 100 new pew Bibles. If you wish to contribute to this project, please put your donation in an envelope and mark it "PEW BIBLE PROJECT" and place it in the offering plate, drop it off in the church office marked as such, or hand it to one of the committee members below. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Once the new ones are purchased, the present Bibles will be placed in the foyer available for giving to those in need.

Upcoming Concert/Fundraiser: Remember the fun concert in 2017 from the duo of piano and bass, L'Ambizioso!? Brock and Brayden Drevlow are once again touring in Northern Minnesota and will be entertaining us on Tuesday, June 26, at 7:00 pm. Check them out at www.LAmbiziosoDuo.com! The Worship & Music Committee will follow that concert with an Ice Cream Social as a fundraiser for the pew Bibles. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**

Special Music: Maybe you've noticed in the past month that in addition to our church choir and bell choir providing us with beautiful and inspirational music Sunday mornings, we have also been implementing special music during the prelude to help us all get into the attitude of prayer and worship. We hope you have been blessed as much as we have. If God is nudging you to participate in this ministry, even for only one

time, please contact Shelley/Jeff Galle or Jim Hallan. There is no age requirement.

Wooden stands/banners: With our new building layout, the sanctuary needs have changed. We now have a wide-open area to fill with items such as banners and live plants to enhance our church seasons, plus we are working on replacing our present wooden stands used for communion as our current ones are warped and in need of repair. Watch future publications for updates and progress on these projects.

Ushers: Just a reminder – your station has been relocated to the sacristy.

As always, we thank those who volunteer their time and talents to worship here at Zion Lutheran Church. It is such a blessing to serve!

Shelley Galle, Chr
Diane Erickson
Carol Hallan, Sec
Brenda Baumann, Vice-Chr
Joan Powell
Kari Sprenger
Jeff Galle, Council Rep
Pastor Mary, Ex-Officio Δ

truth If Easter means anything to modern [human], it means that eternal truth is eternal.

You may nail it to the tree, wrap it up in grave clothes, and seal it in a tomb. But truth crushed to earth shall rise again.

Truth does not perish. It cannot be destroyed. It may be distorted. It has been silenced temporarily. It has been compelled to carry its cross to Calvary's brow ... but with an inevitable certainty, after every Black Friday dawns truth's Easter morn.

—Donald H. Tippet

Christian Education News

Christian Education Theme Verse for 2017-18:

He answered,
"You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your strength,
and with all your mind;
and your neighbor as yourself."
Luke 10:27

SAVE THE DATES

Sparkhouse Family

Book Fair

Shop faith-filled children's books
at a special discount!



April 22 through May 6
at Zion Lutheran Church

Noisy offerings
will be collected
Sunday, April 15.

All donations will go to
"God's work. Our hands."
projects.

Pre-Confirmation resumes April 11

Shawn Brunelle

During the after school snack with project time from 3:30 to 4:15, we will be making baskets and flowers for the "God's work. Our hands." project on May 6. Class times are as follows:

For grade 6 4:30-5:15
For grade 7 5:30-6:15
April 4: No class
April 11: Class
April 18: Class
April 25: Class

On April 18, we will be going to the Senior Living Center to play bingo with the St. Mary's Catholic Church kids from 3:30-4:15.

On May 6, we'll have a congregational "God's work. Our hands." project following 9:00 am worship where we'll be filling baskets to share with the residents of the Senior Living Center. This will be to thank them for allowing us to spend time with them this past year. Δ

Confirmation schedule for grades 8 and 9:

Class begins at 7:00 pm and ends
at 7:45 pm:

April 4: No class
April 11: Class
April 18: Class
April 25: Class Δ



Sunday School classes are offered every Sunday!

Kristi Lien

The Sunday School schedule for
April is:

April 1: Happy Easter!
No Sunday School
April 8: Class at 10:05
April 15: Class at 10:05
April 22: Class at 10:05
April 29: Class at 10:05
May 6: Singing during 9 am
worship followed by a
"God's work. Our hands."
project Δ

Acolyte Sign-up

Pastor Mary

Students in grades 6-8 who took acolyte training are invited to sign up on the bulletin board (across from the offices) to acolyte for either a Wednesday or Sunday service. All 9th graders are invited to sign up as an acolyte. Δ



Thank you for your
"Our Family" upc barcodes!

Zion's Christian Education program receives \$.05 per barcode from "Our Family" products. You may place your barcodes in the collection box on the Christian Ed bulletin board by the church offices. Δ

You are invited to host a Summer Coffee

Julie Jones

Spring has arrived and summer is not far behind! Committees, Circles, families, groups of friends, here is your opportunity to serve a Sunday summer coffee. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the near future including dates from June through August. The Church Council will serve Snowbird Sunday coffee on June 3, followed by the Women of Zion Brunch on June 10.

Plan to serve about 100, include coffee and a cold beverage, and a treat or two. It is good to include something to accommodate those who have diabetes or those needing to limit their sugar intake. Please contact Julie Jones at 386-3692 for more information. Δ



Zion Movie Night

Sunday, April 22

Potluck supper at 5:00 pm

Baked ham and beverages will be provided.
Bring a side dish, salad, bread, or dessert to share.

“The Stray”

Movie at 6:00 pm

You are welcome to bring a camp chair or bean bag.
This event is for all ages; kids under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

Freewill donation benefits VBS Daycamp with Pathways.



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Online giving and Give + are new giving options at Zion

Brenda Windahl

The Stewardship Committee would like to announce that we now have some new giving options. There is a new feature on Zion's website which allows you to give directly from the site. You can also pay for things from the website such as flower orders, VBS, radio broadcasts, etc.

You can also make a contribution to our church through a mobile app! To get started, download GivePlus Church for free from the App Store or Google Play. Simply search for “GivePlus Church” to quickly find and download the app today. Then, you can easily make donations directly from your smartphone using your debit/credit card or checking/savings account. You can choose to donate as a guest or set up an account that allows you to securely and conveniently schedule recurring donations and manage and review your giving history.

If you need assistance or have questions, please contact Vicki at the church office. We hope you enjoy this new way to contribute to our ministry. Thank you for your support! Δ

Preparations for the spring Lutheran World Relief pick-up are underway

Marlene Lewis

The quilters started quilting the first Monday in March and will continue through the end of April. We have had small groups but have been able to complete several quilts. We could use more help. If you have time on Mondays from 9:00 to noon, please consider joining us at the Community Center.

It looks like the date for LWR pick-up will be May 4. We will send quilts, personal care kits, and wrapped bars of soap. You can donate 4 ounce bars of soap, toothbrushes in their original packaging, fingernail clippers, and/or sturdy combs which are items included in the personal care kits. If you donate a towel, the maximum size is 27" x 52" with the minimum size 20" x 40". Just drop the items off at the church. You can put them in the basket on the Secret Pal table.

I have been asked, "**Why doesn't LWR work in the U.S.?**" Here is the answer from their website:

lwr.org/faqs

LWR has expanded its projects and ministries all around the world, seeking to improve the lives of the most marginalized populations. This means that LWR's work has focused on very remote regions within developing countries, perfecting its techniques and capabilities overseas. As mandated by our founding Lutheran church bodies, we've remained an international humanitarian organization in order to be the most effective and have the greatest impact. Since LWR's niche is overseas relief and development work, LWR relies on domestic agencies, such as

Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Social Services, and Habitat for Humanity to address those in need in the U.S. Δ

"Advice on Disregarding Spiritual Sweetness"

John of the Cross (1542-1591)

If a man is moved to love God apart from any sweetness he feels, he is already focusing his love upon God, whom he does not feel.

If he sets his will upon pleasurable and consoling feelings, thinking about them and resting in them, he is setting his will on creatures or related things, making them into an end instead of a means.

That man would be very ignorant who thinks that because sweetness and delight are failing him, God is failing him, or should think that in having these he is having God.

He would be still more ignorant if he followed God looking for sweetness, and rejoiced and rested in it when obtained. In this case his love is not set purely on God alone above all things, for in clinging to and desiring what is created, his will cannot soar to God.

2018 Graduating Seniors

Take Note!

Traci Pederson and Heidi Lien

A wonderful scholarship opportunity sponsored by the Women of Zion is now available. The Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (WELCA) have a \$500 scholarship available for any member-student

of Zion Lutheran Church who will be attending a Lutheran college or university. There will be a maximum of four scholarships available. This scholarship is often equally matched by the college thus increasing the value to \$1000. Scholarships are awarded to second semester college freshman to be used for tuition or books.

To be eligible, the following criteria must be met:

1. Be a graduating high school senior with a "B" average or above
2. Be an active member of Zion Lutheran Church
3. Be attending a Lutheran college
4. Be a confirmed member of an ELCA Church

Application forms are located on the Zion website (zlcw.org, under "Quick Links") and in the Warroad High School counselor's office. Applications must be completed, properly signed, and postmarked or e-mailed no later than April 19, 2018. The scholarship money is sent directly to the college. Recipients will be notified in May. If you have any questions, please contact Traci Pederson at 242-1596 or Heidi Lien at 242-5015.

Additional scholarship monies are available through the Northwestern Minnesota Synodical Women's Organization. A link for this application is located on Zion's website. Δ



Love WARROAD

Be a part of the
kindness explosion!

Saturday - August 18, 2018

We love him,
because he
first loved us.

1 John 4:19 (KJV)

Love Warroad is an event like no other!

The Warroad Ministerial Association is planning an exciting event for our community to share God's love in a practical way. Love Warroad will be held on August 18th with a pre-event rally on the 17th. It consists of three main components: a Friday evening kickoff, a Saturday morning and afternoon Kindness Explosion and a Saturday evening Community Appreciation

Dinner and music fest. The goal is to have area church members be involved in the event and participate in a way that shows the body of Christ working together and impacting the city of Warroad in a powerful and simple way through loving acts of kindness and service. More information will be forthcoming. Be sure to save the date and please pray about how you can be a part of this community outreach opportunity!



Liz Curtis Higgs
Shares God's
Endless HOPE
April 14, 2018

Area-wide Women's Conference

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Roseau High School Gym

For more information and registration, go to LIZINROSEAU.COM

WELCA CONFERENCE ONE SPRING GATHERING

Saturday, April 28

9:00 am to 12:30 pm

First Lutheran in Karlstad

306 Roosevelt Avenue
(Across from Tri-County School)

Guest Speaker,
Kathy Levenhagen



Speaking on **THE JOURNEY** –
How God sees us through the
obstacles we encounter in life.

Also special music, fellowship,
and inspiration

REGISTRATION \$15, includes
morning coffee and luncheon

Pre-registration is requested by
4/15/18.

(Numbers only to help with meal
planning. Contact Eldonna Grahn
by email: firsteidsvold@wiktel.com
or by phone 218-436-2406)

Your Word is a lamp unto my
feet, and a light unto my path.

Psalms 119:105

**"HE HAS
RISEN!
He is
not here"**

Mark 16:6

APRIL 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>Easter</p> <p>6:30 am- Sunrise worship with Holy Communion 7:30-8:45 am- Easter Breakfast No Sunday School 9:00 am- Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Easter Monday</p> <p>Church offices closed 9:00 am to 12:00 pm- Quilting for Lutheran World Relief at the Warroad Area Community Center</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:15 pm- Christian Education Committee meeting</p>	<p>4</p> <p>12:00 pm- <i>Items for Bulletin due</i></p> <p>6:15 pm- Worship with Holy Communion 7:15 pm- Handbell Choir practice</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30 am- Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:00 am- Choir rehearsal 9:00 am- Worship with Healing Service 10:00 am- Coffee fellowship 10:05 am- Sunday School</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00 am to 12:00 pm- Quilting for Lutheran World Relief at the Warroad Area Community Center</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:30 am- Staff meeting 12:15 pm- Personnel Committee meeting 6:00 pm- Parish Wellness Committee meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:30 am- WSLC Communion 12:00 pm- <i>Items for Bulletin due</i></p> <p>3:00-6:00 pm- Food and homework time 3:30 pm- Kids at WSLC 4:30 pm- 6th grade Pre-Confirmation 5:00 pm- Supper 5:30 pm- 7th grade Pre-Confirmation 6:15 pm- Worship with Healing Service 7:00 pm- 8th & 9th grade Confirmation 7:15 pm- Handbell Choir practice</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:30 am- Rostered Leaders Conference meeting, Roseau 5:15 pm- Rebecca Circle meeting (4:00-7:00 FH, MP2) 5:30 pm- Worship & Music Committee meeting 6:30 pm- Alzheimer's Support Group at WSLC</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:30 am- Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>14</p> <p>11:00 am- Funeral: Mary "Mimi" Marvin</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:00 am- Choir rehearsal 9:00 am- Worship with Holy Communion and Noisy Offering 10:00 am- Coffee fellowship 10:05 am- Sunday School</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:00 am to 12:00 pm- Quilting for Lutheran World Relief at the Warroad Area Community Center 6:00 pm- Stewardship Committee meeting</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Synod Theological Day</p>	<p>18</p> <p>12:00 pm- <i>Items for Bulletin due</i></p> <p>3:00-6:00 pm- Food and homework time 3:30 pm- Kids at WSLC 4:30 pm- 6th grade Pre-Confirmation 5:00 pm- Supper 5:30 pm- 7th grade Pre-Confirmation 6:15 pm- Worship with Holy Communion 7:00 pm- 8th & 9th grade Confirmation 7:15 pm- Handbell Choir practice</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:00 pm- Council meeting</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:30 am- Men's Bible Study</p> <p><i>Items for Tidings monthly newsletter due</i></p>	<p>21</p>
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<p>29</p> <p>9:00 am- Worship 10:00 am- Coffee fellowship 10:05 am- Sunday School</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:00 am to 12:00 pm- Quilting for Lutheran World Relief at the Warroad Area Community Center</p>	<p>Abbreviations</p> <p>(R) or () Building use requested/granted FH Fellowship Hall S Sanctuary MP Multipurpose Room # _____ CY Classroom Yellow CB Classroom Blue K Kitchen YR Youth Room</p>				

27 Remember in prayer leaders and delegates gathered for the Eastern Washington-Idaho and Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana synod assemblies, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them for God's work in the world and growing the church.

28 The ELCA Fund for Leaders supports students of promise attending one of our seven seminaries. Pray for generous support of the fund and for its work to enable more future ministers to go to seminary in response to God's call to ministry by making seminary more affordable and easing student debt.

29 Pray we live in Christ as Christ lives in us, that our words, actions and endeavors bear abundant fruit wherever people are most in need of good news, hope and healing in our relationships, congregations, communities and world.

30 For the lengthening days of spring and the welcome, uplifting gift of light in our lives, we give thanks and praise to God.



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

PRAYER VENTURES

APRIL 2018

These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA, as well as for the needs and circumstances of our neighbors, communities and world. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.

1 *Easter Day* Christ is risen! We rejoice and ask God's Spirit to live in us and dispel our doubts, hesitations and fears and fill us with faith and amazement over God's miraculous, unconstrained love for us.

2 The body of Christ spans every nation and all people, without partiality. Ask God to make us bold witnesses of our faith and the good news of Jesus Christ – close to home and throughout the world.

3 Continue to pray for victims of gun violence and their families; for communities, students and those terrorized by all too familiar acts of violence and those who are unmoved by these tragedies. Ask God's forgiveness for our failings and the ways in which we have – knowingly or unintentionally – cultivated or supported a culture of violence, hatred, anger and fear. Pray God will guide and embolden us to do what is necessary to turn the tide of violence and build a counter-culture where people can experience God's intended peace and life abundant.

4 Remember in prayer, especially during Arab American Heritage Month, the diverse gifts and challenges of our Arab and Middle Eastern brothers, sisters and congregations, and their unique stories and heritages that are part of a larger story that makes up the ELCA and reminds us of the rich history and tradition of Christ's church in the world.

5 Pray for the churchwide officers, synod bishops and other elected members of the ELCA Church Council gathered for their work of providing guidance, support and leadership for the churchwide organization and the ELCA.

6 "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Look around and give thanks for all God has made, accomplished, blessed us with and is working through us – children of God, followers of Christ.

This resource may be copied and shared among members and friends of the congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Contact info@elca.org for additional information. Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 8765 W. Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631. Telephone: 800-638-3522, ext. 2458.

7 We produce more than enough food in the world to feed everyone, yet 815 million people still go hungry. Thank God for the work of providing relief and ending hunger that ELCA World Hunger is doing through ELCA congregations, global companion churches, The Lutheran World Federation and other partners like Bread for the World, Church World Service, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service and Lutheran World Relief.

8 Pray God breaks thorough our walls of skepticism and confusion and touches our lives that our faith may be renewed and strengthened.

9 *Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945)* Give thanks for bold servants of Christ, like Dietrich Bonhoeffer, whose lives are guided by their faith, exercise deliberation in their decisions and actions, and take risks for the sake of the gospel, justice, peace and humanity.

10 Pray God will sustain, strengthen and energize ELCA synod bishops, staff and volunteers serving congregations, church leaders, special ministries and diverse communities across the United States and in the Caribbean region.

11 Thank God for the blessings and joys of living in community, and pray for grace, patience and mutual understanding when we encounter conflicts that challenge our unity.

12 Remember in prayer our ELCA missionaries serving in the schools of the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Slovakia; ask God to bless and guide their work with the church in Slovakia of educating young people for service and leadership roles in the church and nation.

13 Pray we are influenced by the Spirit to share with joy and a sense of mutual concern and responsibility our assets, possessions and financial resources with those of our faith community and our neighbors in need, that all may have what they need and thrive.

14 Remember in prayer rostered ministers awaiting calls, that the Spirit will stir in them patience, wisdom and discernment, faith and continued enthusiasm for serving the church in new ways and places.

15 We ask God to open our minds to Scripture and God's promises and ways, that our light will shine brightly in the world – in what we say, do and wrestle with together – as wise yet humble witnesses to the life-giving good news of Jesus Christ.

16 Pray the workshops for church musicians, sponsored by the ELCA in partnership with the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians and Lutheran Summer Music, grow the skills, theological knowledge, creativity and leadership abilities of musicians across the United States.

17 It's God's love for us that identifies us unambiguously as children of God – forgiven, cherished, gathered in time and time again, and given the gift of life eternal with God.

18 Give thanks for the seminary professors and theologians of our church, and pray their faith, curiosity, hunger for learning and commitment to teaching and faith formation is sustained and inspired by the Spirit.

19 Give thanks for the ELCA's dedication to supporting work with HIV and AIDS advocacy and education in our church and communities, as well as partnering with companions around the world accompanying and advocating for people affected by HIV and AIDS; pray for effective and accessible prevention initiatives, education, treatment, care and the training of health care providers and educators, especially in underserved regions of the world.

20 Praise God, for the Lord is attentive, gracious, comforting and puts gladness in the hearts of the faithful.

21 The ELCA and The Episcopal Church are committed to prayer, fasting and advocacy addressing cuts to public programs that are vital to hungry people who are living in poverty. Remember to pray for these concerns, our leaders and people in need on the 21st of each month through December 2018.

22 *Earth Day Sunday* Praise God for the gift of creation in all it's beauty and wonder; thank God for sustaining life through Earth's abundant resources given to us and entrusted to our care, stewardship and sharing justly.

23 ELCA outdoor ministry leaders are meeting at the LOM Executive Directors' Gathering in Tallapoosa, Ga., to explore the most relevant and important questions facing their work today. Ask God to deepen their collective wisdom and inspire them to arrive at real-world solutions and approaches to ministry with people of all ages and backgrounds.

24 Praise God for leading us to be faithful, fearless followers and bearers of the good news in the world and for comforting and restoring us when we stumble, grow weary or feel fragile.

25 Ask God to bless ELCA Global Mission Gatherings held in conjunction and partnership with synod assemblies and other ELCA events and programs in upcoming months, that participants and congregations will be further equipped for God's work in global and local realities and wherever these realities intersect in life.

26 Remember in prayer leaders and delegates gathered for the Alaska Synod Assembly, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them for God's work in the world and growing the church.

April Volunteers

Ushers/Greeters

4/1, 6:30 am Trent & Sheri Hard
Matthew and Sam
4/1, 9:00 am Joe & Joan Olafson
4/8 Joe & Joan Olafson
4/15 Steve, Susan, Jacob Hagen
4/22 Joyce Strand, Julie Jones
4/29 Dave & Nancy Pellett

Sunday Lector

4/1, 6:30 am Kamarra Brunelle
4/1, 9:00 am Gretta Brunelle
4/8 and 4/29 Dr. Deb Erickson
4/15 Trent Hard
4/22 Dan DeMolee

Altar Care

4/1 Martha Whaley
Juanita Kling
4/4 and 4/18 Lynn Kofstad
4/15 Harriet Heinen

Communion Assistants

4/1, 6:30 am Liz Hardwick
Jeff Galle / Trent Hard
Martha Whaley / Juanita Kling
4/1, 9:00 am Kelly Thiele
Brian & Lori Schaible
Martha Whaley / Juanita Kling
4/4 and 4/18 Lynn Kofstad
4/15 Liz Hardwick
Marty Howes / Dan Lykken
Harriet Heinen / Virginia Storey

Projector Attendants

Volunteers are needed each week.

Sound Board Attendants

4/1, 8, 15, 29 Brenda Haats
4/22 Volunteer needed
4/4, 11, 18, 25 Brenda Haats

Acolytes

4/1, 6:30 am Matthew Hard
4/1, 9:00 am Ella Rourk
Volunteers are needed for the
remaining Sundays in April.

Snow Shoveling and Snow Plowing

Volunteers are needed for any
snow events in April.

Attendance

	Sun. AM	Mid-wk. PM	Week Total
2/28*		91	
3/4	71		162
3/7*		80	
3/11	86		166
3/14*		84	
3/18	84		168
3/21*		61	
3/25	126		187
3/28*		No worship	
3/29**		tba	
3/30***		tba	

* Mid-week Lenten services

** Maundy Thursday

*** Good Friday

Radio Broadcast Sponsorship

March 4 - to the glory of God by
Laurence & Avis Wright in
honor of their anniversary.

March 11 - by Cindy & Steve
Sandahl in memory of Elayne
Sandahl and in honor of
Lorraine Carlson whose
birthdays are this week.

March 18 - in loving memory of
Wayne and Jeremy Windahl by
Brenda and Brittany Windahl
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March 25 - in loving memory of
Rudy & Dolores Hegstad by
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Building Fund: \$1,187.50

Offerings for week ending 3/11:

General Offerings: \$2,588.00
Warroad Food Pantry: \$246.00
Building Fund: \$25.00

Offerings for week ending 3/18:

General Offerings: \$5813.00
Building Fund: \$1830.00
Warroad Food Pantry: \$205.78

Computer Fund: \$25.00

Pew Bibles: \$20.00

Offerings for week ending 3/25:

To be announced Δ



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6:30 am- Sunrise Easter worship service with Holy Communion
7:30-8:45 am- Easter Breakfast
9:00 am- Easter worship service with Holy Communion
No Sunday School



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is Lord*

Easter Breakfast

Eggbake, muffins, fruit, and beverages.

Sunday, April 1
7:30 to 8:45 am

Sponsored by the
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