

# Tidings from

April 2019

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## Sunrise

(author unknown)

*The world slept fitfully,  
sleep disturbed by memories  
of God, dying,  
slain by our need to be  
religiously perfect,  
and self-sufficient.  
Night terrors stalked humankind  
as souls fought off  
their need for God's redemption.  
Darkness.  
Silence.  
Death.*

*Then the pale of morning light  
crept from behind the horizon,  
opening to view another way.  
With gentle, caring touch  
the clouds of night were brushed aside  
and with them angry dreams  
and pitiful memories.  
Women walked, bathed in sunrise  
to find home released from bondage.  
Humankind  
does not contain nor kill  
the power of One  
who loves more than we can hate.  
Morning does not depend on us.  
Sunrise belongs to God.*

## This year's NW MN Synod Assembly will be a don't-miss-it event: Would you like to go?

Would you like to be a voting member to the NW MN Synod Assembly? Zion is able to send two lay voting members (one man and one woman) and one confirmed youth (up to age 30). This year the assembly gathering will take place June 7-9 at Concordia College in Moorhead. The main matter of business will be voting on a new bishop for our synod. Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Michael Chan who will deliver three "TED-talk" Bible studies, exploring the assembly theme on hospitality in the church. The expenses for the assembly will be paid by Zion. If you are interested, please let Pastor Mary or Vicki Dalager (Office Manager) know. Δ

## Lent continues

by Pastor Mary Gilthvedt

Midweek Lenten worship (6:15 pm) services continue on Wednesdays, April 3 and 10. The worship themes will be:

**April 3: John 14:23; 19:25-27**  
***Home in the Presence of God***

**April 10: John 21:25**  
***More to the Story***

During Holy Week, the midweek services will be on Maundy Thursday (April 18) and Good Friday (April 19).

Loose offerings for Wednesdays in Lent will go to the Warroad Food Pantry.

Meals will be served on Wednesdays starting at 5:00 pm. Lenten suppers are fundraisers for the organizations that serve the meals. Please contribute generously to their freewill donations. The following groups will be serving the remaining Lenten meals:

April 3 – Christian Education Committee

April 10 – Rebecca Circle Δ

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# Zion Lutheran Church Financial Update

Fiscal year is October 1 through September 30.

General Operating Account  
as of February 28, 2019

Income	Feb	YTD
General Envelopes	\$6,970	\$77,132
Electronic	\$9,310	\$46,617
Loose Offerings	\$113	\$2,068
Misc.		\$1,399
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,393</b>	<b>\$127,216</b>

Expense	Annual Budget	YTD
Support Staff	\$186,544	\$79,005
Benevolence	\$16,000	\$2,150
Parish Wellness	\$200	\$93
Admin	\$17,966	\$6,513
Worship & Music	\$1,720	\$149
Christian Ed	\$1,800	\$126
Outreach Services	\$4,581	\$2,128
Property	\$20,287	\$8,272
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$249,098</b>	<b>\$98,436</b>

Loan Repayment Account  
as of February 28, 2019

Dedicated Funds	Feb	YTD
Deposits*	\$708	\$3,587

\* Monies received from Warroad Community Church will be dedicated to the repayment of our building loan.

Building Fund  
as of February 28, 2019

Dedicated Funds	Feb	YTD
Gifts Received	\$4,186	\$26,130
Loan	\$0	\$0
<b>Building Fund Account Balance</b>		
Security State		\$27,268
ELCA MisInvFnd		\$2,440
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$29,708</b>

Payments	Feb	YTD
The Verdin Co.		\$1,649
Marvin Home Ctr.		\$192
E&L Electric		\$0
Peterson Sht. Mtl.		\$5,000
Other		\$677
Loan Interest		\$4,313
Loan Principal		\$78,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$90,331</b>

<b>Building Loan</b>		
Principal Outstanding		\$266,500
Repayment Account		\$21,505
<b>Net Loan Balance</b>		<b>\$244,995</b>

## Easter Lilies Order Form

Please attach your check made payable to Zion with this order form and place in the offering plate or turn into the office by Sunday, April 14.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8.50 Total: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Celebration of \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

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by prior arrangement.

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Office Manager/Editor Vicki Dalager  
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# Christian Education News

## Grades 6 and 7 Pre-Confirmation

Shawn Brunelle

Lenten services continue on April 3 and 10. Be sure to take a sermon note. Palm Sunday is April 14 and Holy Week services are on Maundy Thursday, April 18, and Good Friday, April 19. Easter worship, Sunday, April 21, is at 6:30 and 9:00 with a breakfast between the two services with a free will donation.

Pre-Confirmation class will meet again on Wednesday, April 24, at 5:15 pm. Δ

## Grades 8 and 9 Confirmation

Shawn Brunelle  
Pastor Mary Gilthvedt

Required attendance at our Lenten services continues. All confirmation students are to attend Wednesday night Lenten services on April 3 and 10 at 6:15. There is a soup supper starting at 5:00 with a free will donation. Palm Sunday worship is April 14 at 9:00 am with Holy Week services on Maundy Thursday, April 18, and Good Friday, April 19. There are two worship services on Easter Sunday, April 21, (6:30 and 9:00 am) with a breakfast between the two services.

Grade 8 confirmation class will meet again on Wednesday, April 24, at 5:30 pm.

Grade 9 confirmation class will meet again on Wednesday, May 1, at 2:15 pm. Δ



It is time to plan your trip to Bible camp! Pathways Outdoor Ministry is a fabulous time for kids of all ages. There are many opportunities for people of all ages to participate in a camp experience. Kids can attend camp and there are opportunities for parents to volunteer to help out in different areas while your child is hanging out, singing songs, enjoying Bible talk, and the glorious outdoors. Pathways brochures are located in the Gathering Space. Δ



**During Lent**, class lasts only 30 minutes so that families can attend the Lenten meal and church service together. Meals are served each Wednesday beginning at 5:00 pm. Evening worship begins at 6:15 pm. Come!

**Palm Sunday is April 14.** The Church School kids will be carrying palms during the first hymn at the 9:00 worship service. All kids should meet at 8:45 in the usual classroom so we can pass out palms and line up for the service.

Mark your calendar: the **last date of Church School will be May 1.** We'll be making May Day baskets on April 24 and will deliver them on May 1. Watch for details about a special supper on May 1! Δ

## SAVE THE DATES!

# VBS

## Daycamp 2019

### June 23-27



"Growing Together" is the theme for this year's VBS Daycamp—and it is scheduled for a month earlier than we usually have it. Spread the word and invite your friends!

We'll be learning about how God's love can transform us and how we in turn can change the world around us by living through generosity, compassion, justice, and forgiveness in the example of Christ.



It'll be a fun time at the next

## Creative WORKS at Zion

Sunday, April 7

Creative Works is an opportunity to focus on your sewing or quilting, crafting, scrapbooking, art, or any other hobby you want. You can bring your own project to work on, take a class, or help out on a church project. Or, just come, enjoy a hot beverage, read a book, surf the web, visit, or just hang out!

We'll be "open" right after worship (about 10:00) and through the afternoon (no later than 5:00). Everyone is welcome to attend.

This month, an optional featured class will be offered beginning at 11:00 am. (*If you want to take the class, you will need to pre-register.* Details are below.)

A couple notes:

- If you are going to bring your sewing machine or another powered crafting tool, you may want to bring your own extension cord. Some will be available.
- An iron and ironing board will be available.
- A meal will be provided at 12:30 pm. A free-will offering will be taken to help cover the cost of lunch and beverages. Supper will not be served.
- You are welcome to bring a snack to share with others throughout the day.

### April's Featured Class

Making a Succulent Planter  
11:00 am

Class space is limited, so sign-ups will be taken on a first come / first served basis.

The cost of the class is \$5, plus \$2 for each succulent plant you put in your planter. Nancy from Nancy's Greenhouse on Birch Beach will be bringing all the supplies except for the pot/planter. YOU get to bring your own container – and you can be as creative as you want! Will it be an old shoe? A teacup or mug? A wooden box? A favorite bowl? A cute little pot? A hollow tree branch or log?



Here are guidelines for choosing your container: Think small. The container should be no more than 3 to 4 inches in diameter and/or hold approximately 2 cups of dirt. Items that are porous (like shoes, baskets, wood, etc.) will be lined with plastic which will be available at the class.



Contact the church office with questions and to register. See you on April 7! Δ

## Quilting update

Marlene Lewis

Quilting started March 4. We've had from five to eight volunteers working on Mondays.

We are thankful to the Warroad Senior Living Center for donating their velour blankets to us. We are using them for fillers, so we have not had to order polyester fill so far. The blankets were sized, trimmed, or enlarged to back in February. They now are ready for us to use. We also put together some donated fleece pieces to use as filler. We have enough tops and backs ready to complete our quilts for this spring. We will probably have to order polyester fill at least once before we finish quilting.

The quilts, personal care kits, and wrapped bars of soap will get picked up in Roseau May 3.

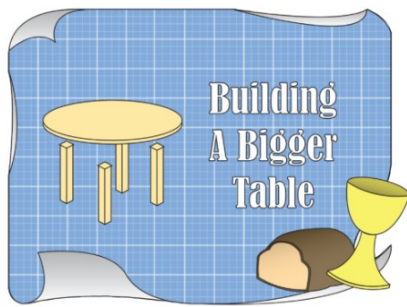
We are still looking for more volunteers. If you have a free Monday morning in the month of April, come to the Community Center between 9:00 am and noon and give us a hand. We have all the supplies you need to help tie the quilts.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call:

Marlene Lewis 386-2018  
Judy T. Landin 242-0589  
Nancy Reinhart 386-1017 Δ

### Could you collect "Our Family" UPC barcodes for us?

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



Northwestern Minnesota  
Synod Report to the 2019  
Roseau Conference Assembly  
Bethel Lutheran Church, Greenbush  
March 17, 2019

1. ***One year ago, we shared the sad news*** that the synod had experienced a budgetary shortfall in excess of \$100,000 at the end of the 2017 fiscal year. This led to reduction of one assistant to the bishop staff position and other fiscal austerity measures.

***Today we have glad news!*** As of January 31, 2019 the members and congregations of our synod had remitted \$1,432,124.64 in mission support for the 2018 fiscal year. This is \$82,164.64 **ABOVE** our (revised) 2018 mission support goal of \$1,350,000. This means (factoring in some under-spending of the budget) we ended the fiscal year \$96,033.33 in the black. Though subject to audit, we're very grateful for the strong financial support of our members and congregations for the mission and ministry of the synod and our whole ELCA. *Thanks to you all.....and thanks be to God!*

2. ***One year ago we announced a matching gift challenge during 2018***, to raise funds for scholarships for seminarians from our synod (via the NW MN Synod Fund for Leaders Endowment) and educational debt-retirement grants for first-call pastors (via the NW MN Synod Next Generation Fund).

***Today*** we are pleased to report that this one-year effort brought in **\$283,242.38** (in contributions plus matching gifts) for these two funds. *Thanks for your gracious giving....and thanks be to God!*

3. ***One year ago*** we announced the ending of the two-year pilot project in which our synod was one of six synods to work with the ELCA Mission Investment Fund in outsourcing our bookkeeping services to their *Synod Financial Services* program.

***Today we're happy to report the conclusion of our first full year of working with Haga-Kommer CPAs of Fargo.*** We've been pleased with the bookkeepers who have worked with us, in the synod office once a week. We recently mailed out the 2019 monthly remittance forms to all congregational treasurers; please make sure that your treasurer received and is using these forms to remit ELCA/synod mission support and ELCA designated gifts to the synod office. We also remind you that it's not too late to submit your congregation's

- *2019 Statement of Intent* mission support forms,
  - *2018 annual parochial reports*, and
  - *2019 Congregation Information* forms.
4. ***Last year*** we reported that across our church the Campaign for the ELCA had raised \$138.6 million of which over \$2.3 million had been given by our synod.

***This year*** (as of 12/31/2018) the Campaign has raised \$175 million in gifts and commitments plus another \$45 million in planned gifts, across the ELCA. Our NW MN Synod has raised over \$3.15 million toward our \$4.75 million

Campaign goal. Please note that the ELCA Campaign has been extended to run through June 30, 2019, so there's still time to get on board!

5. ***Last year we talked about the work of the "Bish Commish"***—the Committee for the Transition in the Office of the Bishop of our synod. Folks across the synod had just received a chance to participate in "The Landscape" online survey as we ponder what we're looking for in our next bishop.

Earlier this year fifteen pastors were pre-nominated for the office of synod bishop, of whom six provided the synod with biographical forms: Pr. Genelle Netland, Pr. Susan Peterson Koesterman, Pr. Bradley Skogen, Pr. Jill Steichen, Pr. William "Bill" Tesch, and Pr. Kristina Weber. Your conference rep on the Bishop Election Committee is Patti Swanson of Kennedy. More information on the bishop election is at <http://nwmnsynod.org/the-2019-bishop-election/>

6. ***Last year our synod assembly experimented with a new location***, Good Shepherd in south Moorhead, and it was a wonderful experience.

***This year our synod assembly will be longer (due to the bishop election process), June 7-9*** at Concordia College of Moorhead. Our theme is *Building a Bigger Table* (on the faith practice of radical hospitality), and our keynoter will be Dr. Michael Chan, former professor of Old Testament at Luther Seminary, St Paul. The Rev. William "Chris" Boerger, Secretary of the ELCA, will be our churchwide representative, and he will preside over those portions of

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the assembly during which we will conduct the bishop election. A Friday evening banquet and program will mark the retirements of Bp Wohlrabe and Pr Natwick of the synod staff. Registration for the assembly is OPEN NOW at <https://nwmnsynod.regfox.com/2019-synodassembly> so please make sure that your congregation registers its full complement of voting members and that they plan to attend the entire assembly. To submit your congregation's entry in the Congregational Vitality Table's "Building a Bigger Challenge" drawing, go to: <http://nwmnsynod.org/assets/Building-a-Bigger-Table-Flyer-and-Submission-Form.pdf>.

7. **Finally**, an overview of upcoming synod events:
- **April 11:** Joint EaND-NWMN Synod Theological Day with Dr. David Daubert (Dilworth)
  - **May 4:** School for Lay Ministry on Genesis, Dr. Mark Throntveit, Luther Seminary (TBD)
  - **May 9:** Boundaries in Ministry Training at Grace Lutheran Church, Detroit Lakes
  - **June 7-9:** Synod Assembly at Concordia College, Moorhead
  - **August 5-10:** ELCA Churchwide Assembly, Milwaukee
  - **August 31:** End of Bishop Wohlrabe's term
  - **September 1:** New synod bishop takes office
  - **September 8:** Installation of the new bishop (time and location TBD)
  - **September 15-17:** Theology for Ministry Conference, Fair Hills, with Dr. Karoline Lewis.
  - **June 5-7, 2020:** Synod assembly (tentative) Δ

## WELCA CONFERENCE 1 SPRING GATHERING

"A Mustard Seed  
of Faith"

**Saturday, April 27**  
9:00 am

**Bethel Lutheran Church**  
in Greenbush

with speaker, Brianna Ingraham

REGISTRATION is \$15, includes  
morning coffee and lunch.

See more details and registration  
information on the flyer on the  
bulletin board or contact Marilyn  
Grandstrand at 763-258-9217.

Send registration to  
Karen Stephens, 23366 1106h St,  
Strathcona, MN 56759

## Council Meeting

The next council meeting will be  
Monday, April 15, at 6:00 pm. Δ

**Pathways**  
**Wednesday and Sunday,**  
**April 24 and April 28**  
by Pastor Mary

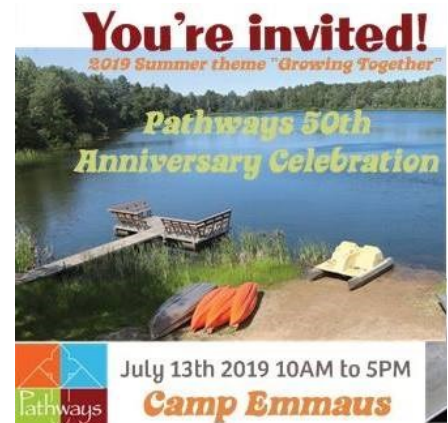
Andrea Wright, Pathways Program Director, will meet with the Wednesday School children on April 24 at 5:15. We will have a Pathways worship that day at 6:15. Then on Sunday, April 28, Andrea will return to join us for worship for Pathways Sunday. For both worship services, she will preach and update us about Pathways Bible Camp Ministries. Δ

## A Celebration of 50 Years of ministry at Pathways Bible Camps

You are invited to celebrate 50 years of ministry at Pathways Bible Camps! A special celebration will be held Saturday, July 13, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. The day will be filled with activities for all ages that bring the heart of camp life alive. Games, Bible study, arts/crafts, and canoeing will all be offered on the hour. Wilderness walks, WiggleTime (kids 0-5), and a campfire jam session will be built into the day along with lunch and a time for each generation to reminisce. You can also look forward to *Growing Together* in a time of worship which will reflect on the previous 50 years as well as taking a moment to look toward the future.

Visit [pathwaysbiblecamps.org](http://pathwaysbiblecamps.org) for more information and/or RSVP to Pathway's Facebook page: "Pathways Lutheran Outdoor Ministries." A schedule of events and more details are on the "Pathways 50th Anniversary Celebration" Facebook event page.

Since 1969, thousands of people have had the chance to visit one of the camps and experience faith and friendship in new ways. Come to celebrate this milestone! Δ





## Our neighbors around the world are facing disaster and need our help.

### You can support them through Lutheran Disaster Response

#### U.S. Flooding

A late-winter “bomb cyclone” caused heavy rainfall and rapid snow melt that has triggered major flooding across at least four states. So far, three people have died, hundreds of homes and businesses have been affected, and roadways and bridges have been swallowed. Mandatory and voluntary evacuation orders remain in place. According to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 200 miles of levees have been compromised in four states and historic flood levels have been recorded at 42 locations across six states. Though water is receding, more rain is anticipated in many areas, along with warmer weather that may melt snow and ice and raise water levels further.

ELCA’s Lutheran Disaster Response is responding to this emergency through congregations, synods, and affiliates across Nebraska, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Missouri.

#### Cyclone Idai in Zimbabwe, Mozambique, and Malawi

Cyclone Idai made landfall in Mozambique on March 14. It has caused widespread flooding and destruction in parts of southeast Africa including Mozambique, Zimbabwe, and Malawi. At least 300 people have been killed across the impacted region and thousands more are at risk due to the continued rise of flood waters. At least 1.5 million people have been

affected by this devastating storm, being reported as one of the worst weather-related disasters ever recorded in the southern hemisphere.

Lutheran Disaster Response is working with global partners and companions to respond to this disaster. In Zimbabwe, for example, ACT Alliance members are planning on providing blankets, hygiene kits, food, clothing, and diapers for up to 6,000 affected people to ensure that basic needs are met. LDR is also reaching out to companion churches in the region as they assess needs in their communities and prepare to respond.

#### U.S. Tornadoes

On March 3, powerful tornadoes hit Alabama, Georgia, and Florida, causing widespread destruction. Many have died and others are still unaccounted for. More than 1,000 homes have been damaged and thousands of people lost power.

Lutheran Disaster Response is working with those in the impacted states including partnering with

congregations in the Southeastern Synod to respond with immediate relief.

#### Madagascar Measles Outbreak

A measles outbreak in Madagascar has led to 800,000 reported cases and an estimated 900 deaths since October 2018, worsened by food shortages and drought. Children are most at risk.

Aid is coordinated with the Malagasy Lutheran Church’s nine hospitals and thirteen dispensaries.

Gifts that you designate to a specific disaster will be used in full (100 percent) to assist those affected by that disaster until the response is complete. Donations to Lutheran Disaster Response’s general fund mean that they can respond quickly whenever and wherever disaster strikes.

Unfortunately, not every disaster that should be front-page news makes the headlines. But even when they don’t, we can still accompany our neighbors by our support to Lutheran Disaster Response. Please give today. Δ

### Yes, I want to help!

Give through your congregation to aid the response to disasters. Complete and include this form with your donation or write the designation on your check’s memo line.

\_\_\_ Lutheran Disaster Response: U.S. Flooding \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_ Lutheran Disaster Response: U.S. Tornadoes \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Lutheran Disaster Response: Where Needed Most \$ \_\_\_\_\_

You can give directly to Lutheran Disaster Response online by going to [elca.org](http://elca.org), and selecting “Our Work”, then “Relief and Development”, and finally “Lutheran Disaster Response”... or you can do a browser search for ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response.



# April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 9:00 am to 12:00 pm- Quilting for Lutheran World Relief at the Warroad Area Community Center  5:30 pm- Christian Ed Committee meeting 6:30-9:00 pm- WST (MP3)	<b>2</b> 2:00 pm- Staff meeting  6:30-9:00 pm- WST (MP3)	<b>3</b> 12:00 pm- <i>Items for Bulletin due</i>  5:00 pm- Lenten Soup Supper served by the Christian Ed Committee 5:15 pm- Church School (ends at 5:45 pm) 6:15 pm- Lenten Worship 7:15 pm- Handbell Choir practice	<b>4</b> 9:30 am- Rostered Leaders Conf. meeting in Roseau  5:00 pm- Creative Works planning team meeting 5:15 pm- Rebecca Circle (YR 4:45-7) 6:30-9:00 pm- WST (MP3)	<b>5</b> 6:30 am- Men's Bible Study  6:30-9:00 pm- WST (MP3)	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:00 am- Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 am- Coffee fellowship 10:00 to 5:00 pm- Creative Works	<b>8</b> 9:00 am to 12:00 pm- Quilting for Lutheran World Relief at the Warroad Area Community Center  6:00 pm- Stewardship Committee meeting 6:30-9:00 pm- WST (MP3)	<b>9</b> 12:00 pm- Personnel Committee meeting 2:00 pm- Staff meeting  6:00 pm- Congregational Care Committee meeting 6:30-9:00 pm- WST (MP3)	<b>10</b> 10:30 am- WSLC Communion 12:00 pm- <i>Items for Bulletin due</i>  5:00 pm- Lenten Soup Supper served by the Rebecca Circle 5:15 pm- Church School (ends at 5:45 pm) 6:15 pm- Lenten Worship 7:15 pm- Handbell Choir practice	<b>11</b> 6:30 pm- Worship & Music Committee meeting 6:30 pm- Alzheimer's Support Group at WSLC 6:30-9:00 pm- WST (MP3)	<b>12</b> 6:30 am- Men's Bible Study  6:30-9:00 pm- WST (MP3)	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> 9:00 am- Worship 10:00 am- Coffee Fellowship	<b>15</b> 9:00 am to 12:00 pm- Quilting for Lutheran World Relief at the Warroad Area Community Center  6:00 pm- Council meeting 6:30-9:00 pm- WST (MP3)	<b>16</b> 2:00 pm- Staff meeting  6:30-9:00 pm- WST (MP3)	<b>17</b> 12:00 pm- <i>Items for Bulletin due</i> <i>Items for Tidings monthly newsletter due</i>  5:00 to 6:10 pm - Food & Fellowship for all 5:15 pm- Church School (ends at 6:05) No Wednesday Worship Service 7:00 pm- Handbell Choir practice	<b>18</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b> 6:15 pm- Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion 8:00-10:00 pm- WST (MP3)	<b>19</b> <b>Good Friday</b> 6:30 am- Men's Bible Study  6:15 pm- Good Friday Worship Service 8:00-10:00 pm- WST (MP3)	<b>20</b> set-up for Easter Breakfast  12:00-3:00 pm- WST Auditions (YR)
<b>21</b> <b>Easter</b> 6:30 am- Easter Sunrise worship with Holy Communion 7:30-8:45 am- Easter Breakfast 9:00 am- Easter Worship with Holy Communion	<b>22</b> <b>Easter Monday</b> 9:00 am to 12:00 pm- Quilting for Lutheran World Relief at the Warroad Area Community Center Church offices closed  6:30-9:00 pm- WST (MP3)	<b>23</b> 2:00 pm- Staff meeting  5:30 pm- Property Committee meeting 6:30-9:00 pm- WST (MP3)	<b>24</b> 10:30 am- WSLC Communion 12:00 pm- <i>Items for Bulletin due</i>  5:00 to 6:10 pm- Food & Fellowship for all 5:15 pm- Church School (ends at 6:05): Pathways Wednesday 5:30 pm- 6th/7th Grade Pre-Confirmation Class 5:30 pm- 8th Grade Confirmation Class 6:15 pm- Worship: Pathways Wednesday 7:00 pm- Handbell Choir practice	<b>25</b> 6:30-9:00 pm- WST (MP3)	<b>26</b> 6:30 am- Men's Bible Study  6:30-9:00 pm- WST (MP3)	<b>27</b> 9:00 am- WELCA Conference 1 Spring Gathering at Bethel, Greenbush
<b>28</b> 9:00 am- Worship: Pathways Sunday 10:00 am- Coffee fellowship	<b>29</b> 9:00 am to 12:00 pm- Quilting for Lutheran World Relief at the Warroad Area Community Center  6:30-9:00 pm- WST (MP3)	<b>30</b> 2:00 pm- Staff meeting  6:30-9:00 pm- WST (MP3)				



26 Remember in prayer the leaders, voting members and others gathered for the assemblies of the Alaska and Northern Texas–Northern Louisiana synods, that the Spirit will strengthen, guide and encourage them in doing God's work in the world, proclaiming the gospel and growing the church.

27 Pray for the service and witness of the Revs. Kirsten Fryer and Michael Parker, ELCA missionaries accompanying our companions in Egypt, as they work with the seminary community, refugee advocacy and support, and an international congregation in Cairo.

28 We can all relate to the apostle Thomas, who questioned Jesus and asked for proof that God was alive and well in the world. Pray that the Holy Spirit will fill us with faith in God's loving presence and activity in the world, even when we are doubtful, curious, weak or confused.

29 When we do God's work in the world, we share in the resources, assistance and commitment of many partners, including the Lutheran World Federation, the World Council of Churches and the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA. Thank God for our partners and companions.

30 Consider how our lives manifest God's love and mercy each day; ask God's forgiveness for times when we have fallen silent about our faith or failed to let our witness shine brightly in the world

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## “Chick” It Out! Let's *SPRING* into action for a Backpack Program Fundraiser

A fundraiser for Warroad School's Backpack Program will be held Thursday, April 11, in the Warroad High School Commons from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Pulled pork BBQ with all the trimmings for \$7.00 will be served.

The Warroad Backpack Program provides weekend food for elementary students to prevent hunger and to contribute to the wellbeing of our community's children. Δ



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## PRAYER VENTURES

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### APRIL 2019

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*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 Remember in prayer the eight young people working alongside our companions in Argentina and Uruguay as part of the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program. Remember also Krystle Moraska and Ignacio Madrassan, YAGM country coordinators; Caitlyn Meillo, Horizon intern; and Alberto (Gustavo) Driau, ELCA regional representative for South America.
- 2 Give thanks for the coming of spring, with its stirring of new life, its blossoms and flowers, and its lengthening days filled with light. Pray for those who are suffering, feeling hopeless or experiencing depression, that their spirits will be lifted and refreshed by the changing season, the care and encouragement of others and the newness we have in Christ.
- 3 God is our source of strength and forgiveness all day long, every day. Be glad, rejoice and shout for joy!
- 4 Pray for the churchwide officers, synod bishops and other elected members of the ELCA Church Council as they gather for discussion, discernment and decision-making, that they might guide, support and provide leadership for the churchwide organization and our church.
- 5 Pray that, as the body of Christ, we are able to perceive Christ in one another, affirm each other as new creations in Christ, and venture together into our communities and the world as bearers of the gospel and as witnesses to what God is doing in the world for our sake.
- 6 Give thanks for those who help care for our infants and children – grandparents and relatives, nursery attendants, day care workers, preschool teachers and babysitters.
- 7 Pray that we resist judging the offerings and contributions of our brothers and sisters in Christ and that, instead, the Holy Spirit moves us to encourage

and affirm one another in being generous in sharing what we have – time, money, resources, wisdom, skills and spiritual gifts – with our neighbor.

**8** Spring and summer bring severe weather and flooding to some regions of our nation. Pray that congregations, neighbors and communities will work together to create disaster-response plans and will gather resources to share in the event of a disaster. Pray for the safety and well-being of those who face the impact of storms, and give thanks for the work of Lutheran Disaster Response, faith-based agencies and other organizations as they bring care, hope and healing to our neighbors in need.

**9** Pray that we are energized to continue to work toward the goals and priorities identified in ELCA Future Directions 2025, helping our church to journey faithfully and effectively together in the years ahead to do what God is calling us to do.

**10** Pray for congregations, Lutheran Services in America organizations, ecumenical partners and community agencies that support men and women in prison and those reentering society, encouraging their faith and hope and caring for their families. Pray for the development of resource networks, services and places of grace and acceptance for those seeking to rebuild their lives after prison – spiritually, socially, emotionally and economically.

**11** Thank God for our special relationship with the United Church of Christ, a full communion partner with the ELCA since 1997. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, and pray that together we find strength and new resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.

**12** Remember in prayer the service and witness of the 10 young people serving alongside our companions in Hungary and Serbia as part of the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program, and the Rev. Rachel Eskesen and Zachary Courter, YAGM country coordinators for Central Europe.

**13** Pray that the fulfillment of God's promises and great love for us will permeate our thoughts and replace our sorrow and tears with joy.

**14** *Palm Sunday* Pray that, in the telling and retelling of the story of Jesus' passion, we capture a sense of God's boundless, sacrificial love for us that renews and deepens our faith.

**15** Give praise and glory to God for the humility and sacrifice of Christ Jesus on the cross, that we might know and experience true love and life, now and eternally.

**16** Reflect prayerfully on what the cross means to you, what we proclaim when we make the sign of the cross on ourselves or others, and how God

turns an instrument of torture and death into a symbol of God's power and love and our new life in Christ Jesus.

**17** Give thanks for our many opportunities to read, hear, study and reflect on the word of God – during worship, in Bible-study groups, at ELCA gatherings and events, in many languages, and using our dog-eared, marked-up Bibles at home.

**18** Ask God to inspire and equip us, through the work of the Spirit, to be servants in the world who exemplify and follow the teaching, actions, humility and sacrifice of Jesus, who commanded his disciples and us, "just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

**19** *Good Friday* Pray that our faith be uplifted and strengthened in the knowledge that God shows us mercy and grace, and that we understand the depths of our weakness and the darkness of humanity through the suffering and death of Jesus, son of God.

**20** Pray for the relief of all in the world who suffer, that they might experience healing, hope and God's presence in their life and circumstances.

**21** *Easter Day* There's good news for everyone – Christ is risen! Alleluia! Through the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus, God has broken every human restraint of sin, hopelessness and death; we are set free to live life anew with joy, gratitude and love. Give thanks and praise to God!

**22** Pray that faith in Jesus Christ, the risen son of God, will give us the courage and enthusiasm to share the good news with the world, trusting that all who believe will be transformed by God's gift of love and forgiveness.

**23** God has given us this and every day to live with purpose, freedom and boldness in the world as redeemed children of God. Search for new, prayerful words and expressions to celebrate and be glad today!

**24** Give thanks for choirs, musicians, rock bands, organists, cantors and handbell choirs that share their creative gifts in praise and glory to God and invite us to express our faith and joy through diverse styles of music.

**25** Pray for the work and advocacy of our church, partner organizations and communities that address the root causes of violence and respond to the people and communities it affects. Pray that we remain committed to our convictions expressed in the ELCA social message on "Community Violence" no matter where our pursuit of justice and peace might lead us, or how long it might take to bring about meaningful change.



## April Volunteers

### Ushers/Greeters

4/3 Volunteers needed  
 4/7 Gordon & Judy Landin  
 4/10 Heather Davis  
      Rick Arntzen  
 4/14 Steve/Susan/Jacob Hagen  
 4/18 Volunteers needed  
 4/19 Volunteers needed  
 4/21, 6:30 Keith/Deb/Erick Landin  
 4/21, 9:00 Buck & Barb Bue  
      Maynard Nelson  
 4/24 John Davis  
      Volunteer needed  
 4/28 David & Nancy Pellett

### Sunday Lectors

4/7, 4/21 (6:30/9) Cindy Sandahl  
 4/14, 4/28 Dan DeMolee

### Altar Care

4/7, 4/21 Sheri and Ella Rourk  
 4/18 Martha Whaley  
      Joyce Strand

### Communion Assistants

4/7 Sheri and Ella Rourk  
      Liz Hardwick / Dan Lykken  
      Laurence Wright  
 4/18 Martha Whaley  
      Joyce Strand / Liz Hardwick  
      Deb Lalim / Laurence Wright  
 4/21, 6:30 Sheri and Ella Rourk  
      Jeff Galle / Liz Hardwick  
      Deb Lalim  
 4/21, 9:00 Sheri and Ella Rourk  
      Dan Lykken / Jeff Galle  
      Heidi Lien

### Acolytes

4/3 Leah Loeffler  
 4/7 Volunteer needed  
 4/10 John Davis  
 4/14 Volunteer needed  
 4/18 Volunteer needed  
 4/19 Volunteer needed  
 4/21, 6:30 am Volunteer needed  
 4/21, 9:00 am Volunteer needed  
 4/24 Leah Loeffler  
 4/28 Volunteer needed

### Projector Attendants

Volunteers are needed each week.

## Attendance

	Sun. AM	Mid-wk. PM	Week Total
2/27		17	
3/3	50		67
3/6		84	
3/10	49		133
3/13		65	
3/17	67		132
3/20		81	
3/24	82		163
3/27		tba	
3/31	tba		tba

## Radio Broadcast Sponsorship

March 3 - by the Swift Circle in memory of all the saints that have gone before us.

March 10 - by Laurence & Avis Wright in memory of Avis' mom, Marjorie Robinson.

March 17 - in loving memory of Wayne and Jeremy Windahl by Brenda and Brittany Windahl.

March 24 - in loving memory of Rudy & Dolores Hegstad by Wes & Claudia McFarlane.

March 31 - by Joyce Wright and family in remembrance of Lyle and Shannasey. Δ



### Sound Board Attendants

Weds/Evenings Brenda Haats  
 4/7 Dan Curtis  
 4/14 Trent Hard  
 4/21, 6:30 Dan Curtis  
 4/21, 9:00 Jim Provance  
 4/28 Trent Hard

### Snow Shoveling

week beginning...

4/1 Dean and Alex Rourk

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 and more!



## Tithes and Offerings

### **Offering for week ending 2/24:**

General Fund: \$2,48.47

Building Fund: \$100.00

### **Offering for week ending 3/3:**

General Funds: \$5,231.00

Building Fund: \$1,257.00

Choir Music Fund: \$10.00

### **Offering for week ending 3/10:**

General Fund: \$2,198.00

Building Fund: \$100.00

Warroad Food Pantry: \$10.00

### **Offering for week ending 3/17:**

General Funds \$6,759.00

Building Fund: \$1,420.00

Warroad Food Pantry: \$265.11

### **Offering for week ending 3/24:**

To be announced

### **Offering for week ending 3/31:**

To be announced Δ

Summer Sunday  
 Fellowship  
 is just around  
 the corner!

Julie Jones



Committees, please plan to serve a summer coffee after worship again this year. Several of the Women of Zion Circles have participated in the past also. A simple menu of bars, cookies, a cold beverage, and coffee is perfect. It is good to think of something to serve that is appropriate for those watching their sugar content also. Julie Jones will be preparing the sign-up sheets shortly for June through August. If there is a special date you wish to reserve, please contact her at 386-3692. Δ





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## Tidings from Zion April 2019

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## Lent, Holy Week, and Easter

### April 3 and 10

5:00 pm- Soup Supper

6:15 pm- Lenten Worship (Loose offerings will go to the Warroad Food Pantry)

### April 14: Palm Sunday

9:00 am- Worship service with children processing with palms

### April 17: Wednesday

No worship service or meal

### April 18: Maundy Thursday

6:15 pm- Maundy Thursday worship service with Holy Communion

### April 19: Good Friday

6:15 pm- Good Friday Tenebrae worship service

### April 21: Easter

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

## Easter Breakfast

Scrambled eggs with ham,  
muffins, fruit, and beverages.

Sunday, April 21  
7:30 to 8:45 am

Sponsored by the  
Christian Education Committee.  
Proceeds from free-will donations will  
go to Vacation Bible School daycamp  
with Pathways Outdoor Ministries.