

Church Chatter

He is Risen! Alleluia!

“He is going ahead of you...there you will see him...just as he told you.”

Siblings in Christ, I am honored to have shared with you, this holy season of Lent, Holy Week and the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Easter Sunday. You have welcomed me with love and caring hearts. And I want to say, “Thank You.”

Now, you find ourselves standing at the doorstep of a future: a future of unknowns. Who will join you on your journey of transition? What does the future look like for Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer? What are the challenges you will meet? What gifts has God equipped you with to meet those challenges? How is God calling you to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, into the community of Ft. Morgan, in this time and into the future? How has and is God shaping you to be faithful followers of Christ, into the future?

These and many more questions are before you. My prayer is that God shower you with a Spirit of possibilities, opportunities and curiosity to engage in the questions as they come. And, when curiosity, possibility and opportunity thinking seems fleeting and beyond your reach, remind one another of this...

“He/Jesus is going ahead of you...there you will see him...just as he told you.”

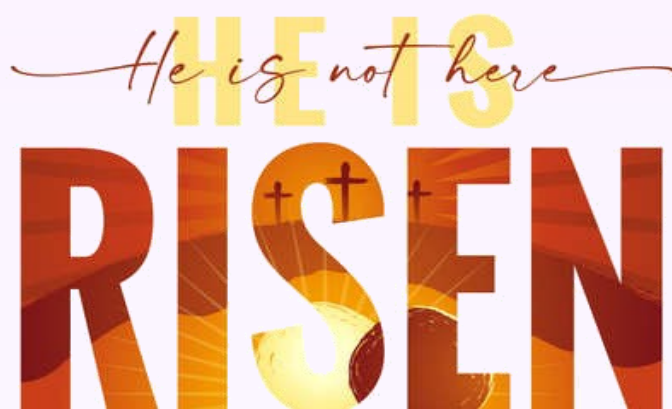
This is a divine promise that is worthy and able to embrace all your questions about the unknowns. Remember, Siblings in Christ, Jesus is alive, out

ahead of you and calling you into life abundant, with Christ.

I will be praying for you and I humbly ask that you do the same for me. And, when our paths meet again, I will celebrate and give thanks to our loving and living God.

Peace be with you.

Pastor Michael TeKrony



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Welcome Pastor Narucki

Dear Community of the Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer,

It is my honor and pleasure to be with such a warm and welcoming community. Let me tell you a little about myself. I am married to Pastor Marcel Narucki, we have 3 daughters, 7 grandchildren, and 2 dogs. I went to seminary in 1987. I attended The Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary at Berkeley (PLTS). It was the year most of the Lutheran churches united and became, The Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA). I still have my size 6 tee shirt that reads "Catch the Spirit." I left seminary after completing 3 years. My middle daughter had become seriously ill. The good news is she recovered, became an optometrist, and has a wonderful life.

I returned to PLTS and completed my Master of Divinity. I have served five churches in different capacities. I have been an Interim, Developer, Re-developer, Lead Pastor, and Senior Pastor. Through these varied experiences I have learned: to agree to disagree, lift others up, it is not about me, give love freely and God has our back.

I will be with you as an Intentional Interim. Together we will explore ways to continue God's work into the future. I am with you until we complete our interim transition process and you have secured a permanent pastor. During our time together I pray I will be a benefit to you.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Ruby Narucki



**Next Meeting is Saturday April 27th
Noon to 1:30 PM
Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer
1100 W. Platte Ave. Fort Morgan,
CO 80701
Facilitator: Kay Johnson email
kayjohnson.licsw@gmail.com**

**= GOOD GRIEF =
A new grief group to help us deal with
LOSS of ALL Kinds.
It's normal and healthy to grieve. To grieve in**

Mobile Food Pantry Monthly

No Requirements-Open to All Every Saturday 10AM-12PM

1st Saturday -Pagel's Trailer Court

2nd Saturday-Log Lane Village

3rd Saturday- Landmark Trailer Court

4th Saturday -Gateway Apt.



LCOR's Annual Spring Clean-Up Day will be held on Saturday, April 27th beginning about 8:30 until the afternoon. Snacks will be served mid-morning along with a lunch served by the Women of the ELCA.

Projects will be both inside the church and outside on the church property.

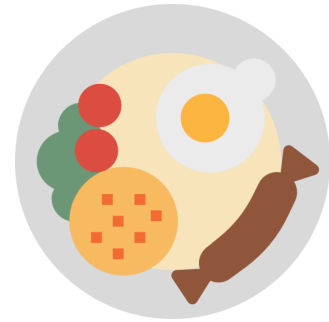
Please join the group for friendship and fun while we work together.

**Evelyn Cleary's
Life Celebration will be here at LCOR on
April 20th, 2024 at 11:00.**

**Everyone is invited - she loved the church and all the members!
Her Family gives Thanks for everything!**



Prairie Parish Event Peace Lutheran Sterling Breakfast
Served @ 9:30 AM



**THANKS TO THOSE WHO DONATED
LILIES FOR THE LCOR
EASTER MORNING SERVICE!**

In Memory of

Robert Hutcheson & Jean Schwindt

LeRoy & Barb Baumgartner

Joanne Ruppel

Pete & Kathrine Ruppel

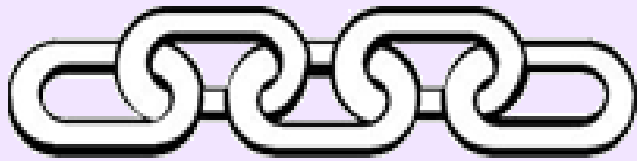
Art, Greg & Tiger Zepnak

In Honor of

Richard & Anita Ruppel

Mary Zepnak





PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

Please pray for the following who have been submitted to our prayer list:

Prayers for , Brandy Ernst, Deb Williams, Kate Barnes, Lester Woodward, Carl Antholz, Kate Barnes, Ron and Kay Seilor, John Strauch, Owen Strister, Gina Sheets, Randi Warbasse, Dayle Neddo, Jessa & Taylor Pickering, Andrei, Joanna & Atlas, Nicoleta and Rebecca, James, Sidonia and their children, Christine Reedy, Jodi Brown, Callie Sidor, Mikaela Martinez-Harman, Ed & Pam Dorn, Luke Lay, Braxton Speicher, Luke Makings, and Zach Griffith

happy birthday

April Birthdays

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| Rick Mai | 3rd |
| Kay Carter | 4th |
| Leonard Steinke | 11th |
| Maxine Covey | 13th |
| Vickie Hoffman | 14th |
| Karen Liston | 14th |
| Charlie Lauck | 18th |
| Marjorie Dorn | 22nd |
| Wanda Rosten | 26th |
| Kaitlyn Kral | 28th |
| Madison Kral | 28th |
| Erich Dorn | 29th |

HAPPY Anniversary!

April Anniversaries

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| Scot & Carri Brown | 15th |
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Please call the church office if we have missed anyone or if there is an error.

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

February Financials

February 1, 2024 Balance (\$12,722.49)

February Receipts \$5,967.27

February Disbursements (\$6,740.25)

Balance February 29, 2024 (\$13,495.47)

Daily Bible Readings

Monday April 1, 2024

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Genesis 1:1-19
1 Corinthians 15:35-49

Tuesday April 2, 2024

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Genesis 1:20—2:4a
1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Wednesday April 3, 2024

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Song of Solomon 3:1-11
Mark 16:1-8

Thursday April 4, 2024

Psalm 133
Daniel 1:1-21
Acts 2:42-47

Friday April 5, 2024

Psalm 133
Daniel 2:1-23
Acts 4:23-31

Saturday April 6, 2024

Psalm 133
Daniel 2:24-49
John 12:44-50

Sunday April 7, 2024

Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133

1 John 1:1—2:2

John 20:19-31

Monday April 8, 2024

Psalm 135
Daniel 3:1-30
1 John 2:3-11

Tuesday April 9, 2024

Psalm 135
Daniel 6:1-28
1 John 2:12-17

Wednesday April 10, 2024

Psalm 135
Isaiah 26:1-15

Mark 12:18-27

Week around Easter 3

Thursday April 11, 2024

Psalm 4
Daniel 9:1-19
1 John 2:18-25



Friday April 12, 2024

Psalm 4
Daniel 10:2-19
1 John 2:26-28

Saturday April 13, 2024

Psalm 4
Acts 3:1-10
Luke 22:24-30

Sunday April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

Monday April 15, 2024

Psalm 150
Jeremiah 30:1-11a
1 John 3:10-16

Tuesday April 16, 2024

Psalm 150
Hosea 5:15—6:6
2 John 1-6

Wednesday April 17, 2024

Psalm 150
Proverbs 9:1-6
Mark 16:9-18

Week around Easter 4

Thursday April 18, 2024

Psalm 23
Genesis 30:25-43
Acts 3:17-26

Friday April 19, 2024

Psalm 23
Genesis 46:28—47:6
Acts 4:1-4

Saturday April 20, 2024

Psalm 23
Genesis 48:8-19
Mark 6:30-34

Sunday April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

Monday April 22, 2024

Psalm 95
1 Samuel 16:1-13
1 Peter 5:1-5

Tuesday April 23, 2024

Psalm 95
1 Chronicles 11:1-9
Revelation 7:13-17

Wednesday April 24, 2024

Psalm 95
Micah 7:8-20
Mark 14:26-31

Thursday April 25, 2024

Week around Easter 5
Psalm 22:25-31
Amos 8:1-7

Acts 8:1b-8

Friday April 26, 2024

Psalm 22:25-31
Amos 8:11-13
Acts 8:9-25

Saturday April 27, 2024

Psalm 22:25-31
Amos 9:7-15
Mark 4:30-32

Sunday April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

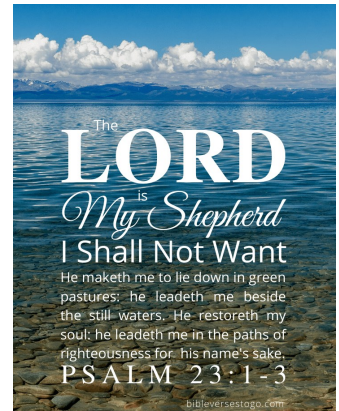
Monday April 29, 2024

Psalm 80
Isaiah 5:1-7

Galatians 5:16-26

Tuesday April 20, 2024

Psalm 80
Isaiah 32:9-20
James 3:17-18



Fun Family Volunteering

Volunteering together at a local shelter or food bank

Weekend retreat

Book club

Talent show

Art classes

DIY workshops

Seminar series

Back-to-school carnival or school supply drive

Games such as croquet, volleyball or badminton

Contests or competitions

Bible Trivia



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

Council Minutes

March 11, 2024 @ 5:00

Council members present were Karen Temple, Kay Carter, Marian Robertson, Kay Johnson, Jeff Edwards, and Karen Liston. Also present were Pastor Michael, Pastor Ruby Narucki, and treasurer Terresa Lauck. Meeting was called to order by council president, Karen Temple at 5:07.

- Opening prayer by Pastor Michael
- Pastor Michael Comments- Pastor Michael brought us the question of, "What's God calling us into as we talk with Pastor Ruby, as a church council, as Pastor Michael prepares to leave our church, and as LCOR?"
- Interview - Ruby Narucki
- Approval of Agenda: Jeff moved to approve. Marian seconded; all approved.
- Approval of Secretary Report: Kay J. moved to approve. Marian seconded; all approved.
- Approval of Treasurer Report: Kay J. moved to approve. Karen L. seconded; all approved.

Committee Reports:

- Buildings and Grounds- Discussion was held about the boiler and the need to financially prepare for purchase of a new one. All agreed that the congregation needs to begin a conversation and that it needs to be a line item on the budget at some time.
- Men's Group- The Men's Group will be in charge of hosting and preparing the upcoming Easter breakfast.
- Audit Committee- The audit has been completed and everything overall audited well.

Old Business:

- Pastor and Administrative Assistant -Pastor Michael shared outcomes of discussions he has had with Francie. The two of them decided that the general function of the office and office business needs to be worked out between the Pastor and Francie. This will allow for consistency and less confusion about communication and processes.

b. Easter schedule- The Maundy Thursday Service will be on March 28 at 6:00 p.m. The theme of the evening will be, "Love One Another".

- -Good Friday service will be at 6:00.
- Saturday will be a bonfire at Elsie's shop.
- -Easter Sunday will start with a breakfast at 8:00. A \$250.00 Thrivent request has been made to pay for the event. There will be no egg hunt, but a sharing of gifts for both adults and children. The service will begin at 10:00.
- Outdoor Project - This will be tabled until next month.
- Community Life Forum w/ Congregation - Barb Martins suggested that to improve communication we should hold regular meetings for the congregation to share, ask, complain, talk together, ie possible quarterly fellowship conversation?
- Covenant Behavior Agreement- Discussion as to the possibility about this being a part of the transition process and if there should be a covenant for both the congregation and one for the council.
- Transition Team - Clarification was given that the major purpose for this group is to help the congregation through the transition process.
- Other Business - Kay C. shared that she has a possible insurance broker for LCOR that should be better for the budget.
- A motion was made in terms of hiring Pastor Ruby: The motion to approve hiring Ruby Narucki as an interim pastor for LCOR, with a salary of \$46,000 annually prorated according to start date and we hold a Special meeting of the congregation on April 7 to make the necessary adjustments to the annual budget. LCOR also agrees to reimburse the attendance expenses for the Interim Pastor to attend the Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly and the Theological Conference , has passed.
- There is no longer a need for LCOR to keep an apartment as Pastor Ruby does not need it. We have given our 30 day notice to give up the apartment, and this will be a cost savings to the budget. We will need to clean out the apartment by April 14.

New items:

1. Terresa is finalizing the numbers for the budget and we will be able to get that out to the congregation before the meeting on April 7th.
2. Ruby's new start date will be April 21. We already have secured Charlene Holzworth to be the Lay Pastor for April 7th, so we will need to get another supply pastor for April 14 so we can have communion. Terresa will need to make adjustments in the budget for the later start for Pastor Ruby and for the two supply pastors.

3. New item- We have approximately \$300 left in our Open Doors grant. The deadline to spend this money is coming up next month or so. The requirement for spending the money, is it needs to be spent on something new that would also involve the community. An idea is to spend the remaining amount on the stuffed mugs we will be using on Sunday for Easter. Terresa will get the stuff, but we could reimburse her out of this grant money, especially since we have not given Easter gifts to adults in the past. There is really not enough left to do a whole lot with, and we already have this planned, so it might be a good use of the funds.

4. Ruby sent an article for the newsletter to introduce herself to the congregation, so watch for it.

Adjourn with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Liston, Council Secretary

We thank those who offer their gifts in leading worship this month.

| April, 2024 | 7 | 14 | 21 | 28 |
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| Lector | Rowana Ernst | Margie Dorn | Bob Dorn | Karen Liston |
| Acolyte | - | Stefanie Liston | - | Stefanie Liston |
| Usher/Greeter | Rockie & Rowana | Bob & Margie Dorn | Bob & Margie Dorn | Karen Liston |
| Altar Guild | - | Wanda Rosten | - | Wanda Rosten |
| Communion Assistant | NA | Eric Walek | NA | Wanda Rosten |
| Teller | Shelly Bristol | Margie Dorn | Carol Foos | Carrie Brown |
| Fellowship Host | Gerry Mersinger | Diane Nicklas | Karen Temple | Jeff & Tracey Edwards |
| Council Steward | Kay Johnson | Karen Temple | Karen Temple | Karen Temple |
| Organist | Diane Nicklas | Diane Nicklas | Kristal Sneed | Kristal Sneed |

LCOR Congregation Council Members & Officers

The Congregation Council is the core leadership body of the congregation. They are charged with overseeing and directing the life and mission of our church. We encourage you to talk with them! Please pray for their ministry as they provide leadership to LCOR.

- Karen Temple, President 380-9260
- Jeff Edwards, VP 467-2721
- Karen Liston, Secretary 842-4819
- Kay Carter (505) 573-9043
- Kay Johnson (917) 589-6283
- Marian Robertson 867-2552
- Terresa Lauck, Treasurer 768-3143



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April 2024

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| 7 Worship 10:00 | 8 Council Meeting 5 PM | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 Prairie Par- ish 9:00 AM Sterling |
| 14 Worship 10:00 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20  Evelyn Cleary Life Celebra- tion 11:00 AM LCOR |
| 21 Worship 10:00 | 22  Earth Day | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 Spring Cleanup 8:30 am Grief Group 12:00-1:30 PM |
| 28 Worship 10:00 | 29 | 30 | | | | |

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