

Church Chatter

Siblings in Christ, as we continue on our journey through this holy season of Lent, we continue to follow Christ to the cross, to death and to resurrection. This is the holy and daily journey we are called into, and we make ourselves available to be transformed by God's faithful promises of love, forgiveness, mercy and life abundant.

Certainly, this is not an easy journey. There are bound to be challenges, bewilderment, fear, confusion, and sighs that are too deep for words. And yet, God promises to journey with us, providing all along for all that is needed, to be faithful followers of Christ. And, Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, you can count on these promises of God because these are promises of God. And, God keeps God's promises.

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, as a community of faith, you share this holy journey with one another. You journey together into the future with unknowns and you will have questions of: where, how, when, who, and even, why. You can find similar questions presented by the disciples as they followed Christ on the way to the cross. You are in good company with your questions. Other faithful siblings in Christ have and are wondering and wrestling with these and similar questions. You are in good company.

There will be temptations along the way that will challenge you and your primary identity as Children of God. Christ, understands that temptation of being distracted and drawn away from what his and our Father in Heaven proclaims to Jesus and all of us in our Baptisms: You, Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer are Children of ... God. First and foremost, you are God's Children and that matters. It matters that you remember and remind one another of who you are: Children of God. It mattered to Jesus. It matters to me. It matters to you.

As you continue your shared journey as a community of faith, into the future filled with all kinds of questions, I pray you remember who you are and who you are called to follow.

You are God's beloved, cherished and forgiven children. You, Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer are called, with all your questions, to follow Christ. The same Christ that was present at your baptisms, journeyed to the cross, died and rose again as a commitment and promise to you that God will be with you, always.

May God bless you on your faithful journey together, following Christ

Peace,

Pastor Michael TeKrony

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Good Friday

Good Friday Service

There will be Good Friday Service -watch upcoming bulletins and emails for details/time

Church COUNCIL

Thank you Bob Dorn and Rick Mai for your service on our 2023 council.

Thanks to Kay Carter, Karen Temple and Karen Liston for serving in 2023 and for continuing to serve in 2024.

Congratulations to our elected council members who will serve for 2024:
Kay Johnson

Congratulations to our newly elected council representatives, Jeff Edwards who will serve for a three year term
Marion Robertson was elected for another one year term.

Each of you are a wonderful blessing to LCOR!

Easter Breakfast

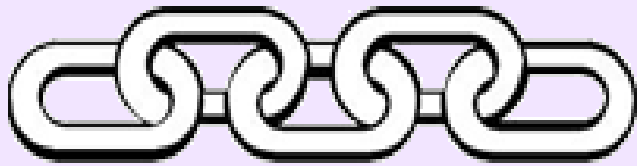


Easter Breakfast – Sunday, March 31, 2024

The Men’s Group of Lutheran Church will host an Easter Breakfast on Sunday, March 31, 2024, beginning at 8:00 and serving until 9:30 a.m. This annual event will include pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, and cobblers. Thrivent Financial is providing funding for this event.

The free-will offering collected will be shared between the Men’s Group and Rising Up of Morgan County.

Please plan to attend and enjoy!



PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

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

Prayers for Kate Barnes, Ron and Kay Seilor, Nora Earley, 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

Please Either Call the Church (970)867-8432 or Email lcor-morgan@msn.com if needing or wanting to add anyone to the list!



March Birthdays

Jacob Kral	1st
Kristen Frasco	3rd
Jennifer Parker	7th
Josh Bristol	15th
Drew Gerken	15th
Carol Foes	16th
Elsie Menken	16th
Nancy Lauck	17th
Myer Wickham	18th
Bob Dorn	22nd
Sara Parker	25th
Nick Holland	31st

HAPPY Anniversary!

March Anniversaries

Andy & Dawn Gerken	9th
Rockie & Rowana Ernst	20th
Charlie & Terresa Lauck	25th

Please call the church office if we have missed anyone or if there is an error.

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer January Financials

GENERAL FUND

January 1, 2024 Balance (\$10,067.51)

January Receipts \$5,734.00

January Disbursements (\$8,388.98)



Spring Break Vacation Bible School

For children in Kindergarten to 6th Grade

When: March 11 - 15, 2024

Where: The Sanctuary, 14587 Hwy 34, Fort Morgan, CO 80701

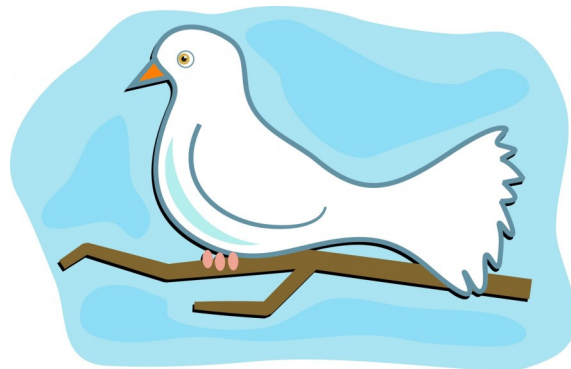
Time: 8:00 a.m. to Noon

Activities provided include Bible Lesson, Crafts, Games, Science and Music.
Breakfast is provided along with a sack lunch at Noon.

As space is limited, we ask that you pre-register by contacting
Pastor Chris by e-mail at sisterchris1@aol.com or
text Heidi at 970-2767

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Friday March 1

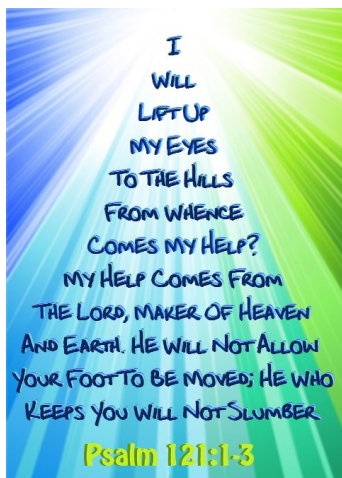
Psalm 19
Exodus 19:9b-15
Acts 7:30-40

Saturday March 2

Psalm 19
Exodus 19:16-25
Mark 9:2-8

Sunday March 3

Third Sunday in Lent
Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22



Monday March 4

Psalm 84
1 Kings 6:1-4, 21-22
1 Corinthians 3:10-23

Tuesday March 5

Psalm 84
2 Chronicles 29:1-11, 16-19
Hebrews 9:23-28

Wednesday March 6

Psalm 84
Ezra 6:1-16

Mark 11:15-19

Week around Lent 4

Thursday March 7
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Genesis 9:8-17
Ephesians 1:3-6

Friday March 8

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Daniel 12:5-13
Ephesians 1:7-14

Saturday March 9

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Numbers 20:22-29
John 3:1-13

Sunday March 10

Fourth Sunday in Lent
Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

Monday March 11

Psalm 107:1-16
Exodus 15:22-27
Hebrews 3:1-6

Tuesday March 12

Psalm 107:1-16
Numbers 20:1-13
1 Corinthians 10:6-13

Wednesday March 13

Psalm 107:1-16
Isaiah 60:15-22
John 8:12-20

Week around Lent 5

Thursday March 14

Psalm 51:1-12
Isaiah 30:15-18
Hebrews 4:1-13

Friday March 15

Psalm 51:1-12
Exodus 30:1-10
Hebrews 4:14—5:4

Saturday March 16

Psalm 51:1-12
Habakkuk 3:2-13
John 12:1-11

Sunday March 17

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

Monday March 18

Psalm 119:9-16
Isaiah 43:8-13



2 Corinthians 3:4-11

Tuesday March 19

Psalm 119:9-16
Isaiah 44:1-8
Acts 2:14-24

Wednesday March 20

Psalm 119:9-16
Haggai 2:1-9, 20-23
John 12:34-50
Week around Passion Sunday

Thursday March 21

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Deuteronomy 16:1-8
Philippians 2:1-11

Friday March 22

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Jeremiah 33:1-9
Philippians 2:12-18

Saturday March 23

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Jeremiah 33:10-16
Mark 10:32-34, 46-52

Sunday March 24

Sunday of the Passion
Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16
Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 14:1—15:47 or
Mark 15:1-39 [40-47]

Monday March 25

Monday in Holy Week
Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 36:5-11
Hebrews 9:11-15
John 12:1-11

Tuesday March 26

Tuesday in Holy Week

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 71:1-14
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
John 12:20-36

Wednesday March 27

Wednesday in Holy Week

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 70
Hebrews 12:1-3
John 13:21-32

Three Days—Easter

Thursday March 28

Maundy Thursday
Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Friday March 29

Good Friday
Isaiah 52:13—53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
John 18:1—19:42

Saturday March 30

Resurrection of Our Lord—Vigil of Easter
Romans 6:3-11
John 20:1-18

Sunday March 31

Resurrection of Our Lord—Easter Day
Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43
Mark 16:1-8 or John 20:1-18

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

Council Minutes

February 12, 2024

Council members present were Karen Temple, Kay Johnson, Kay Carter, Marian Robertson, Jeff Edwards, Karen Liston, and Pastor Michael via Zoom. Terresa Lauck was also present.

Meeting was called to order by council president, Karen Temple at 5:13.

Pastor led the opening prayer.

Approval of Agenda: Kay J. moved to approve. Jeff seconded; all approved. Pastor asked if he is able to vote and the constitution says that it is permitted.

Pastor wanted to share some things before we started. It is new for him to be a part-time Pastor. He will be in Ft. Morgan from Saturday morning through Sunday after service. He will be available for needs and pastoral care. He is willing to be here for a Saturday morning Bible study. Pastor said that he is sharing his personal phone number and for us to please respect the use of it for emergencies only. He is very available by email. Pastor Michael said that with his being here through Easter, he is planning to fully be here and he is willing to do his best for LCOR. He wants us to all have good, open conversations, communicating in a respectful and loving manner with each other. Pastor shared that he is intrigued by the congregational covenants around the building and is wondering if we need a fresh one or just make sure we follow the old one. Kay C. shared that she would like to see both congregational and council covenants.

Approval of Secretary Report: Kay J. moved to accept the report. Jeff seconded; all approved.

Approval of Treasurer Report: Terresa explained each page of the report for new and existing council members. Kay C. moved to approved the report. Marian seconded; all approved.

Committee Reports:

There is nothing to report as no committee turned in a report for this month.

The Audit Committee Appointees were presented as Elsie Menken, Carol Foos, and Shelly Bristol. Karen L. moved to approved all who were listed as auditors. Kay C. seconded; all approved.

Old Business: We need to get the specifics of the grant information for the landscaping project for the outside of the building. This has been requested y Eric Walek and Rocky Ernst.

New Business:

Membership Roster- Karen T. wants a current list of members to be at the front of the annual

meeting, including the total number of members and the number needed to make quorum.

Process to review roster with the definition of a member being agreed upon- Voting members are those members who have given money and have taken communion in the last two years. This was explained directly from the Constitution.

Karen T. would like the Constitution and by-laws to be updated. Pastor shared that the synod has a model constitution that can be used as a resource. Once the material is updated, it needs to be brought to the congregation to vote on the proposed changes.

Evangelism Team- The initial thought for the Evangelism Team would be to contact people who have been members in the past and to see if they want to continue or if they want to be removed. Pastor informed council that there is a letter to be utilized for this contact that can be obtained from the synod.

Kay J. brought up the need for the team to be more involved in true evangelism activities, such as checking on members to see how they have been, see how the church can help them, etc. Pastor is willing to be on a team to make a list of questions to help with this communication. It was also suggested to ask the congregation who would be interested in serving on the Evangelism Team.

LCOR currently does have an active Card Committee. It was suggested that communication be shared between the Card Committee and the Evangelism Committee to have good communication.

Evaluation of Admin Assistant-Pastor Liliana and Karen T. met with Francie for a 90+ day evaluation. It was two weeks prior to Saturday, February 10. The purpose was to see how Francie is feeling with the position and how the job is being taken care of. Karen T. reported that the meeting was very positive and that suggestions were shared to support Francie in her position. She said that Francie is very eager to do a good job. During the evaluation the chain of command was re-established in terms of who Francie contacts about duties, decisions, and processes as they arise. The first person for contact is Pastor, then Council President, and then Council Vice President. Francie is also responsible for putting the minutes into the church binder and keeping it up to date each month. Karen T. and Pastor Michael will have an informal evaluation/conversation with Francie before Pastor Michael leaves LCOR.

Evaluation of Custodians- A date will be set by Pastor Michael and Karen T. for this conversation. The purpose is to offer support to them just as was done with Francie. It is also just good business practice to evaluate the position and not the person. Currently, the custodians are well within the budgeted hours. They are working 12 of the 24 monthly hours that had been agreed upon.

Transition Team- discussion was held on the upcoming formation of a Transition Team for LCOR. The Transition Team is to put together information about significant events in the history of LCOR, both good and bad, and also to consider how those events have shaped our church. The Transition Team also needs to be thoughtful as to who we want to be as a church in the future. The question was raised as to who should be on the team. People who are respected, not carrying agendas, and having an open spirit for working on a team and carrying out the needed duties. Council agreed to move this conversation to the agenda for the next council meeting so we can go to the ELCA website for the guidance book in order to have a quality, in-depth conversation.

Easter schedule- Pastor Michael will be willing to have services for Maunday Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. The events planned for Easter Sunday are and Easter breakfast, and and egg hunt. Kay C. and Dave Jorgensen will meet with Pastor Michael to work out the specifics.

Other Business:

Congregation Members' Comments- Ideas and comments have been shared with council members since the last meeting. It was brought up to look at a different format for the bulletin. The thought is trying to support Francie and the use of a different style could be easier to work with. Another suggestion was brought up by a congregation member for the council to look at a calendar at the monthly meeting and have council members sign up for specific worship service duties in order to have the information in a format that might help Francie in getting people to cover the various duties. Both Pastor Michael and Karen T. said that the Francie is the person to decide what system works best for her and that she is getting more and more comfortable with the process she was trained on by Terresa. It is ultimately Francie's preference.

Another congregation member brought up concerns following the recent annual meeting. This member said that the annual meeting process needs to be followed as printed in the agenda for the meeting. Things that are not on the agenda should be taken to council to discuss prior to the annual meeting, whether it be concerns, questions, or bringing up situations from the past. The annual meeting is not the time or place and the agenda needs to be respected. After discussion it was voiced that at the beginning of the annual meeting it needs to be stated that only agenda items will be discussed.

Council Officer Elections- Kay J. nominated Karen T. for president. Kay C. seconded; all approved. Karen L. nominated Jeff for Vice President; Kay C. seconded; all approved. Kay C. nominated Karen L. for secretary. Marian seconded; all approved.

Karen T. and all of the new council want to thank Bob and Rick for their years of service and their time and diligence in fulfilling their positions when they were on church council. They are both very appreciated.

Adjourn with the Lord's Prayer – 8:11

Next Council meeting will be on March 11 at 5:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Liston

Council Secretary

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

March, 2024	3	10	17	24	31
Lector	Bob Dorn	Karen Liston	Karen Temple	Rockie Ernst	Margie Dorn
Acolyte	Wanda Rosten	Stefanie Liston	Wanda Rosten	Karen Liston	Wanda Rosten
Usher/G	Shelly Bristol	Margie Dorn	Carol Foos	Jeff & Tracie Edwards	Dorns
Altar Guild	NA	Wanda Rosten	NA	Bob Dorn	Wanda Rosten
Communion Assistant	NA	Wanda Rosten	NA	Eric Walek	Evi Salgado
Teller	Shelly Bristol	Margie Dorn	Carol Foos	Carrie Brown	Margie Dorn
Fellowship Host	Kay Carter	Karen Liston	Karen Temple	Rockie & Row Ernst	Easter Breakfast
Council Steward	Kay Carter	Karen Liston	Karen Temple	Jeff Edwards	Kay Carter/
Organist	Kristal Sneed	Diane Nicklas	Kristal Sneed	Kristal Sneed	Diane Nicklas

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.

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




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March 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1 World Prayer Day	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Council Meeting 5 PM	13 WELCA Bible Study Hostess Barbara Mai	14	15	16
17	18	 19 Newsletter Articles Due	20	21	22	23
24	25				29 Good Friday Service	30
31 Easter						

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