

# ENGLISH - NEWS - ST LUKE

OUR CHURCH IN OUR COMMUNITIES



Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

April 2022

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### Medina

April 9, 2022 starting @ 1:00 pm

at the Medina Park

Preschool to Grade 6

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### Streeter

April 16, 2022 @ 12:00 noon

at the Streeter Park

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**R.S.V.P.**

ELC 100th Anniversary

by May 16, 2022

if you are planning to attend

See page 11 for more details

**Our Mission:**

**Called to be shepherds, doing God's work, daily.**

## Palms to Cross to New Life

As our Lenten pilgrimage comes to an end this year, we enter one more time into the mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus. There are so many places in the story that invite us in - to imagine the joy, sorrow, and confusion of those days. Where do you find yourself standing this year? Jesus approaches Jerusalem and there is a buzz in the city and the crowds gather. Cloaks are thrown into the street to line the path to David's royal city. Palm branches wave in the air as the people greet the one they hope will become king. Stand with the crowds and shout Hosanna on Palm Sunday. What do you hope for? What do you long for? Who do you look to as a leader? Some people, including some of the disciples, thought that Jesus becoming King would be a good thing, a solution, to years of oppression and occupation. Who today doesn't take that line at times, "If people would only follow Jesus, everything would be ok." What do you think?

Days after Jesus comes to Jerusalem, there is another energy in the city. Jesus has been arrested, and people gather outside the fortress of the Roman Governor. If Jesus won't put up a fight- maybe the resistance leader Barabbas will. "Give us Barabbas," the people cry. And we cry out with them. We lend our voices to the wisdom of the crowd. How often today do we continue to follow the crowd and forget that Jesus leads in a new way. The crowds follow Jesus to the hill where he is hung on the cross, and then melt away. Where do we turn when death and pain surround us? Jesus dies and his body is sealed in a hole in the ground. We all know the pain of broken expectations, the past few years have sometimes seemed like a never-ending series of plans and cancelations. The hopes and dreams that lifted the hearts of the people on Palm Sunday, were pierced and deflated. The crowd will always find something new to follow. How do we linger in the midst of our grief and be open to the reality of the brokenness around us? Do we stay at the foot of the cross, or walk away?

Easter morning breaks with confusing news: the tomb is empty! As we celebrate the resurrection this year, we remember that Jesus meets us on the way. Jesus seeks out the ones who walked away from the cross and headed home to Emmaus. Jesus entered the locked room and offered himself to other gathered disciples. Jesus is alive and offers that new life to us. How do we respond to the gift of new life in Christ Jesus this year? First and foremost, we give thanks to God for God's faithfulness and love that continues to be poured out on us today. The Living Christ is seen in the face of our neighbors and we continue to serve Christ in what we say and do. In the midst of our joy, sorrow, and confusion Jesus offers a word of assurance: I will be with you always.

Happy Easter.  
Pastor Erik Weber

## **Lent Schedule 2022**

Wednesday, **April 6** 7:00 pm at English

Maundy Thursday      April 14                      time tbd at Zion UCC

Good Friday              April 15              7:00 pm @ Medina Methodist Church

On Wednesdays during Lent, the 9<sup>th</sup> grade confirmands and their adult partners will share faith stories as part of the evening worship service.

### **Bible Study during Lent**

**on Thursdays @ 10:00 am in person at English**

*Drawn to the Word* Lenten video series by Pastor Paul Oman

Artwork created as we hear Miracles of Jesus from the Bible.

\*\*Pastor Kristi Weber will lead a discussion about the Miracle and the

Artwork presented in the video for each week.

**April 7**              Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead (John 11:1-44)

A ZOOM option for this Bible Study will be offered Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm led by Pastor Erik Weber

# **Discernment Process among South Central North Dakota ELCA Congregations**

## **Overview**

The Planning Team is in the middle of months that focus on communication and developing options for the eight congregations.

Half the planning team members are on the Presentation and Listening Team. They have travelled in groups to visit each congregation. Their purpose is to share what was heard during the January/February listening sessions. They will also continue to listen to how each congregation responds to the topics and concerns raised by other congregations. Each congregation has been visited once by this team.

The other half of the planning team members are on the Options Team. They will use the information shared in the listening sessions to develop a set of options that will be presented to the congregations. After additional feedback, they will refine the options. Following a meeting of both teams on March 15, it was decided to direct additional time and efforts into developing additional viable options. To allow time for this work, the timeline for second visits from the Presentation and Listening Team has been adjusted.

## **Adjusted Timeline**

January 16-February 10—Video presentation and initial listening sessions with each congregation

February 16—March 20— Presentation and Listening Team visits each congregation

March 16—April 19—All Planning Team members working on developing multiple viable options

April 20—May 18—First set of Options will be presented to each congregation for feedback

May 20—June—Refined options and a recommendation from the Planning Team will be presented to each congregation. Congregations will be asked to decide whether or not to continue as they are or to accept the recommended option(s) and begin implementing those plans.

## **Next Steps**

When dates are announced for visits from the Presentation and Listening Team, please plan to participate. Expect the next opportunities to be after Easter.

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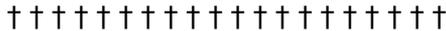
**Every option being developed will share these core values:**

- Jesus Christ calls these congregations to be in mission in our communities
- Relationships within and among congregations are important
- Joy for volunteers, participants and staff will sustain this model
- Communication within and among congregations is essential

**Planning Team Members:**

Phillip Hoffman and Bryan Behm – English Lutheran, Medina  
 Brett Thielges and Char Freeberg – St. John’s Lutheran, Jamestown  
 Joni Zink and Bob Toso – Trinity Lutheran, Jamestown  
 Deb Elhard and Jodi Bruns — Christ the King, Ellendale  
 Ben Pesek and Lucinda Malm — Zion, Kulm  
 Derek Hust and Bonnie Denning — Emmanuel, Gackle  
 Teagan Thompson and Deb Hatlewick — Immanuel, Jamestown  
 LeAnn Fuchs and Tory Hart — Atonement, Jamestown

Pastors and Pastoral Leaders from these congregations participate as advisory members. They are Nathan Wicks, Linda Schauer, Mary Jo Kinzler, Lucinda Lien, Susan Haukaas, Erik Weber, Kristi Weber



**Clean Up Day at English Lutheran**

April 24, 2022 from 10 am to Noon has been set aside to do Spring cleaning of our church and grounds in preparation for the 100th anniversary celebration in June.

A pot luck lunch will be held following the cleaning.

There will be a limited worship service that day.

Be watching for more details on our Facebook page.

Your help is needed to get our church all cleaned up for the 100th anniversary.

## Youth Event in Gackle



## Fun in the Winter Sun

Toasting marshmallows indoors for S'Mores. Playing corn hole and extreme ping pong. Exploring our faith together and getting to know one another were some of the activities as youth from 8 ELCA congregations were invited for some Fun in the Winter Sun on Sunday afternoon February 27 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Gackle.

The next group event for 6th-12th graders will be Wednesday, May 11 at 7:00 pm at Atonement Lutheran Church, Jamestown, ND.

Pastor Paul Oman will lead the group in an Easter painting event.

**RSVP** to Pastor Erik Weber by May 4 so painting supplies can be ready for the event.





## English WELCA Meeting March 13, 2022

- Present at the meeting: Julie Opp, Shirley Judin, Irene Otto, Renae Olson, Jennifer Hayes, Patty Roemmich, Ethel Heinle.
- President Julie Opp began the meeting with a reading of the mission statement, a devotional and a prayer.
- Minutes were read from the February 13, 2022 meeting by Secretary Jennifer Hayes. No additions or corrections were made.
- Treasurer's report was presented by Ethel Heinle. There is about \$2600 in the account. Donations and expenses have been paid. World Day of Prayer (hosted by ELC) received donations/offering. Twenty attendees from the three churches in town – 2 Methodist, 6 UCC and 12 ELC. Bold Women's Day, WELCA spent \$110 on the items to distribute to all the women of the church. Confirmation, baptism and 1st communion supplies have been purchased.
- Discussion to support local youth wanting to attend the mini-groups instead of large conference that was cancelled – will know more closer to when youth would be attending.
- Discussion on donating to the Medina Post Prom committee - \$25 donation to be made.
- Discussion on supporting the youth in music at Medina School for the music trip the youth go on every other year. Discussion of donating \$100 this year and \$100 in 2023 before the trip.
- Fall Festival Activities – WELCA to continue to work the coffee & pie and Bingo activities at the Legion Hall during Fall Festival.
- Graduating seniors (2) to receive blankets from WELCA – double checking spelling of names to ensure accuracy.
- Renae attended the Board Meeting for the WELCA Synod held at ELC on March 12, 2022. This board decided to have ELC host the conference on September 24, 2022. The WELCA Board will plan all activities for the day, ELC WELCA will be in charge of providing meal and snacks. Set up will be Thursday and Friday before. Board members to travel to Medina to set up and attend. Projecting about 120 attendees for this fall meeting hosted by ELC WELCA. All women in the area are invited and encouraged to attend. Create a "Save the Date" for this.

(con't WELCA March 13 meeting minutes)

- Discussion on options for the WELCA Board members to lodge in the area – Patty Roemmich will check dates for use of her cabin for 5 people. Contact Sue & Wayne Reardon, Sherry & Joe Schmidt and Jeanine Schmidt about rooms at their respective hotels/b&b. Discussion on possible use of parsonage to host some WELCA board members.
- Renae will be attending the Synod convention June 5<sup>th</sup> representing the WELCA board.
- Discussion held on how often for the WELCA to meet. Decided to meet every month – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month to develop and maintain connections and continuity. In April, WELCA will not have an official meeting due to holiday schedules for services.
- Bible study will begin on March 20, 2022. Held during the coffee hour. All are welcome to attend the Bible Study. Will continue on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.
- Reminder of the 100<sup>th</sup> year celebrations for ELC are June 10 – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- Renae presented information from WELCA on *discipleship* and how this can apply in daily lives. Women practice seven marks of discipleship: praying, studying, worshipping, inviting, encouraging, serving, and giving.  
**dis·ci·ple·ship noun [di-'sī-pəl'ship]**
- a: discipleship is a lifelong journey of living out and spreading the good news of Jesus Christ.
- b: disciples are followers of Jesus who are intent on carrying out the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19–20) and the Great Command (Acts 1:8).
- Closed the meeting with saying of the Lord's Prayer.

Presented by WELCA Secretary Jennifer Hayes

## **Legacy Planning Seminar**

### **There comes a time...**

As the author of Ecclesiastes tells us, “there is a time for every purpose under heaven.” There is a time to collect and build up, and a time to tear down and cast away. Sooner or later the time comes when you no longer need all that you have built and collected.

There comes a time when you no longer need the house you once lived in. There comes a time when that vacation home or winter retreat is no longer the source of refuge and recreation it once was. There comes a time when the kids and grandkids decide they don’t want the family farm, business or cabin. There comes a time when you realize your retirement savings will likely out-live you.

### **When that time comes, what will happen next?**

Being prepared is important if you want your life’s work to still have meaning and purpose even when the time comes to let it go. Having a good strong plan in place will be essential to passing along not only your wealth and possessions, but the story of who you were and what was most important to you.

### **Will you leave it to chance, or will you have a plan?**

Many people don’t think they need a plan. They think a few verbal instructions or a simple will covers things. They underestimate the complexity of what happens after you die. Without a proper plan you can leave your loved ones with a rat’s nest of details to be sorted out. And if a clear plan is not in place it is likely that the courts will have to get involved (probate), causing more delays, more work for your heirs, and more costs.

## **Legacy Planning Seminar**

Trinity Lutheran Church  
523 4<sup>th</sup> Ave SE  
Jamestown  
Sunday, May 1  
4:00-5:00 pm

There is no charge for this seminar.

### **Meet Your Regional Gift Planner**

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# BIRTHDAYS

## April

Everett Hayes	Apr 1
Daniel Olson	Apr 2
Joey Guthmiller	Apr 2
Alex Irlmeier	Apr 3
Lindsay Hoffmann	Apr 4
Martha Dewald	Apr 7
Janine Hofmann	Apr 9
Ceph Dockter	Apr 9
Teddi Shay Dockter	Apr 9
McKenzy Dockter	Apr 13
Liam Shipley	Apr 15
Travis Guthmiller	Apr 20
Dirk Otto	Apr 22
Kaden Schmidt	Apr 23
Ritchie Nenow	Apr 23
Bruce Dammell	Apr 30

## May

Ben Juelfs	May 1
Sharon Otto	May 3
Molly Harr	May 3
Alice Opp	May 6
Ardis Hochhalter	May 7
Addison Hofmann	May 8
Mindy Kapp	May 10
Benjamin Juelfs	May 12
Hudson Zillmer	May 13
Micaiah Kliem	May 14
Katie Dewald	May 14
Jayme Andres	May 16
Eldroy Salinas	May 16
JaSondra Schmidt	May 18
Carley Kliem	May 18
Zachary Hofmann	May 21
Daven Dockter	May 25

## Celebrating Apr/May Anniversaries

Ben & Patrice Juelfs	Apr 18, 1980
Bryan & Kendra Behm	Apr 22, 2006
Eldroy & Dawn Salinas	May 17, 2003
Frank & Tammy Reis	May 21, 1982
Maynard & Adeline Link	May 26, 1963