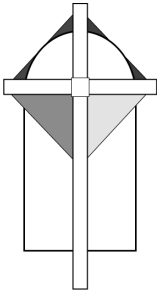




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April 2024
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from the Pastor...



When this newsletter was in process, Pastor Barbara and Bob were in the Chicago area attending the funeral of Pastor Barbara's stepmother, Linda Morgan. They wish to thank all of you for your care of them during this time of loss.

from the PMA...

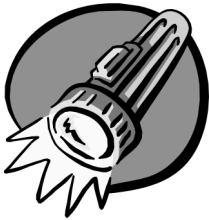
FAITH PARTNERS

Last October I participated in a workshop about Faith Partners led by the Nebraska Synod. The Mission of Faith Partners of Nebraska is to help faith communities develop a team approach to prevention and recovery. Its purpose is to grow capacity in faith communities to respond with grace to alcohol, drug and behavioral health challenges. Goals are to have faith communities play their full role in prevention and reduce stigma and isolation by openly addressing alcohol, drug and behavioral health issues.

I personally have been impacted by these situations in my extended family. In response to this workshop, I have taken a class that further addressed these situations and the position of congregations in addressing them. As a result, I propose forming a Faith Partner team at St. Mark's. A survey was handed out at worship on March 17 to poll the congregation as to their consideration for forming a team for this ministry.

Pending the results of this survey, a team may be formed. If you were not present at worship that day, there are surveys available in the narthex on the console between Jan's office and the conference room. Surveys can also be mailed to you. Thank you for your consideration.

PMA Karen King



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

**This is a synopsis of the Council meeting held on
March 12th, 2024**

- Monies from the Valley Days Pancake Feed paid the entire electrical bill for the work done at COPE.
- The Sunday School will sing at worship on Palm Sunday.
- The Sunday School will have an Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday.
- The Sunday of June 2nd is the Nebraska Synod Assembly. The schedule for that day is as follows: 9:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service.
- St. Mark's will donate \$100 to D.C. West for the Post Prom Party.
- The Council decided that there will be NO fellowship time on Easter Sunday.
- Our custodian, Mary Enloe, will not be cleaning here after some time in May. The HR Committee will be seeking a replacement for her.
- Great Plains will be furnishing the internet, phone, etc. to replace Cox. Great Plains is able to give us a faster internet.
- The Spring Clean Up will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.
- There will be a Leadership Training event for Council members on Saturday, April 13, from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon. The event will be done via Zoom.

A PRAYER FOR ST MARK'S PASTOR AND COUNCIL

God of hope, open the eyes of all who lead at St. Mark's to more fully appreciate the sacrifice made by Christ on the cross and help others experience it through our lives. Amen.

APRIL NEWS FOR WOMEN OF ST. MARK'S

FAITH CIRCLE NEWS

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE NEWS

We met on March 11 with 6 members in attendance. Sharon Wilson led our Study "Twelve Extraordinary Women" and Barb Kahlandt served as Hostess.

We discussed the upcoming Salad Luncheon on April 26 and signed up for working & Making Salads.

.Our next meeting will be on April 1 at 6:30 Sharon Wilson will continue to lead our Study of Chapter 1 on Eve and Bert Harrifeld will serve as Hostess. Please join us if you can.

JOY/PEACE CIRCLE NEWS

After being researched by Bev Griffin and Karen Authier the Circle Board decided to give the \$400.00 set aside for Human Trafficking to the Salvation Army trafficking effort, Karen found they are giving the most support to directly helping the victims of this crime.



American Red Cross

BLOOD DRIVE

Valley Community
St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Saturday, April 20, 2024
7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: VALLEY to schedule an appointment

Questions...
Contact Sharon at (402) 669-3588

ATTENTION WIDOWS!!!



Amid confusion and traumatic loss, most widows are asking, "What's next for me?"

We will be starting a new ministry, called "Refocusing Widows, a ministry of Fresh Hope, especially for widows, at United Faith Community Church, 218 W. Gardiner St., Valley, NE (parking in back) meeting weekly beginning **Wednesday, April 3rd at 1 PM.**

Refocusing Widows will help widows process the profound grief that results from the loss of a spouse and begin to discover the new purpose and destiny that God has for them. This peer-led group will create a safe environment where widows can grow in self-awareness and their ability to hear God. They will learn to thrive, and begin to live joyful, fulfilling, and abundant lives despite their tragic loss. Please plan to join us, and feel free to invite your widow friends!

You can register online at www.refocusingwidows.org or contact: Judy Argintean, 402-660-5555 and/or jrargintean@gmail.com

SCRIPTURES FOR SUNDAYS IN APRIL 2024

April 7

Second Sunday of Easter

First Reading	Acts 4:32-35
Responsive Psalm	Psalm 133
Second Reading	1 John 1:1--2:2
Gospel Reading	John 20:19-31

April 14

Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading	Acts 3:12-19
Responsive Reading	Psalm 4
Second Reading	1 John 3:1-7
Gospel Reading	Luke 24:36b-48

April 21

Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading	Acts 4:5-12
Responsive Reading	Psalm 23
Second Reading	1 John 3:16-24
Gospel Reading	John 10:1-18

April 28

Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading	Acts 8:26-40
Responsive Psalm	Psalm 22:25-31
Second Reading	1 John 4:7-21
Gospel Reading	John 15:1-8

Birthdays in April



It has been requested to have personal birthdates put in the newsletter. If we are going to do this we need you to be sure that we have your birth date.

Please let the church office know your date if you have not already done so.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING"

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| 1 – Bobbi Munson | 20 – Ann Riepl |
| 2 – Linda Lewis | 21 – Calla Janke |
| 4 – Lori Dyas | 21 – Susan McKie |
| 8 – Jacob Richmond | 21 – Mike Sip |
| 8 – Bobette Volquardsen | 24 – Mary Caffey |
| 9 – Carmen Dau | 24 – Marv Trofholz |
| 10 – Morgan Kerwin | 25 – Nicholas Frost |
| 10 – Scott Mayer | 25 – Roberta Harrifeld |
| 10 – Sydney Mayer | 26 – Hannah Haun |
| 12 – Ronnie Boardman | 26 – Joseph Haun |
| 13 – Troy Hardman | 26 – Aiden Oltjenbruns |
| 13 – Susie Sip | 27 – Addison Welding |
| 18 – Nick Stanzel | 28 – Lisa Wittgren |
| 18 – Hilarie Calek | 30 – Brian Foutch |
| 19 – Noelle Josoff | 30 – Hannah Gutierrez |

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Cell Numbers: Pastor Barbara Oshlo – 202-5495
Jan Reis – 490-2330

To Our Church Family,

John and I would like to thank you all for all the many cards, calls, and prayers since John's accident.

We especially want to send a huge thank you to Teri Dreessen and her "Driving Miss Lorrie" project and to each one of you that gave of your time to drive me to Nye Legacy to be with John. Then, to bring me back home again!

You'll never know how very grateful we were for our wonderful church family.

We will be leaving Fremont soon to live at Heritage Point. It is an assisted living facility near 168th and Blondo in Omaha.

We hope you will come and visit after we are settled in. We will really miss your all, and our great Pastor has been so very helpful through all of this.

Many thanks Pastor Barbara.

Blessings to you all,
John and Lorrie



WATERLOO FIRE & RESCUE PANCAKE FEED & AUCTION

Sunday, April 28, 2024

7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Goodwill Donations

Waterloo Fire Department

405 7th Street

Waterloo, NE



Blessings in Bloom



St. Mark's Women of ELCA

Is sponsoring a

Salad Luncheon

Friday, April 26, 2024

Event to include a Silent Auction

Doors open at 10:30 a.m.

1st seating at 11:00 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.

2nd seating at 12 noon to 1:00 p.m.

There will be a variety of delicious salads available
\$13.00 per person.

Walk-ins welcome Carry out available

Bring your family and friends

Do you have a family favorite salad recipe? We need volunteers to make those delicious salads and also help the day of the luncheon. We are seeking donated items for the Silent Auction, please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or contact Barb Kahlandt 402-957-7930 or Karen Frost 402-740-6677.

Funds raised by the event will go towards our Charitable Giving

Please see sign-up sheets in Narthex for additional information

Mail advance ticket orders are available

Questions call Marilyn Ramsey at 402-359-5130 or email Barb Kahlandt at bkahlandt@gmail.com

Come join us!