

Pastor's Letter for April Newsletter

Greetings Friends!

April is here! We are still in the season of Lent and will make our way to the cross towards the end of the month. I am looking forward to celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ with you all! It will be a joyful time and a reminder of Jesus' deep love for us.

Our Zoom Bible Study is meeting on Tuesday nights at 7pm. We are finishing up our Lenten Bible Study-Lent in Plain Sight: A Devotion Through Ten Objects.

Exciting news! We will have the Maundy Thursday Soup Supper at 5:30pm with the worship service following at 7pm on Thursday April 14. On Sunday April 17, Easter Sunday, worship will take place at 8am with breakfast provided by the men of the church afterwards. I hope you will join us for these two special events. It will be a great time of fellowship and fun!

Thanks to everyone who helps with our worship service. I am so very thankful for Ann Driver, Paul and Ann Riggs, Bob Tracy, Wayne Trom, Steve Willert, Steve Springsted, Howard Gransee, Jane and Don Hesser, and Dan and Gayle Kaufeld. Thank you to our liturgists for the month of March: Ann Driver, Rosalie Trom, and Larry Pedersen. Thank you to everyone who set up coffee and brought food for fellowship this month.

My verse for us this month comes from Colossians 3:1, "So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God." As we reflect on Jesus' resurrection this month, may we remember to seek God's will for our lives in everything that we do.

I am so grateful to be your pastor.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Amanda





April 2	Don Hesar
	Bill Stromme
April 5	Chad Prenzlowl
April 6	Vincent Boukal
April 8	Ethan Gruhn
April 11	Char Sveska
April 13	Richard Archer
April 18	Dan Gruhn
April 20	Gordon Law
April 28	Steve Springsted

Prayer Chain

Pray for our service men in the military.

*Todd Livingston with the U.S. Air Force

*Peyton Wilke with the US Marines.

*Carol Prenzlowl - continuing rehabilitation.

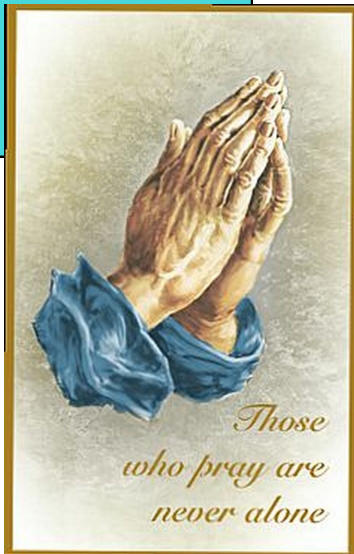
*Donna Dutton - for health and continued well being.

*Grady Lundgren - as he continues treatment.

Also, his family for continued strength

*Brevig Family - for continued strength

* Elaine Gransee - recovering from fall



Session Meeting *Hosanna!*

April Session

Meeting on

April 12th at 5:30 PM



PW Meetings

***April Fellowship Circle on Apr. 7th at 9:30 AM**

***April PW Meeting on Apr. 21st at 2:00 PM**

Church Events



***Grady Lundgren Benefit on Saturday April 2 from 2pm-12am at Spring Grove Fest Building, 110 N Division Avenue**

***Baptism of Emily Noel Fogal on Apr. 10th**

***Soup Supper on Maundy Thursday at 5:30 PM**

***Easter Breakfast on Easter Sunday following 8:00 AM Service**

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Wednesday & Friday 9am—noon

Sunday School 9:00 am

Worship 10:00 am



Greetings all PW,

Here we are at the end of March and the ground is not white – even though according to folklore the month should be ending like a lion, hopefully we will not have a snowstorm; however, some rain would be good to wash away the dirt and add to the ground moisture. Easter is getting closer and that brings thoughts of daffodils and tulips along with the Easter Bunny and colorful eggs, so some rain along with warmer weather would be helpful in bringing out the colorful blossoms.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW activities are scheduled to begin again in April. The two circles have been combined to form a Fellowship Circle and the first meeting for that group is scheduled for Thursday, April 7th at 9:30 AM in the church fellowship hall. The regular meeting for PW is scheduled for Thursday, April 21st at 2:00 PM in the fellowship hall so please mark these two events on your

calendar and plan to attend. Service Group B is in charge for the PW meeting. Meals on Wheels are being delivered this week so we are not scheduled again for this duty until May. Many thanks to all who participate in delivering these meals, and many thanks to Sharon Law for keeping this organized.

Grady Lundgren and his family continue to be in need of all your prayers; they have been very helpful so far as Grady is now at home continuing his recovery progress – YAY for Grady!!! Please also keep Carol Prenzlöw and Elaine Gransee in your thoughts and prayers as they continue on the road to recovery as well as the Brevig family for support and encouragement; and as always prayers are needed for everyone in the military, law enforcement, public officials, health care workers and Christian leaders. Also, many prayers are needed for all involved in the Ukraine crisis; pray for an end to that conflict and that peace will once again reign in that country.

Easter is fast approaching, so here is some Easter trivia. The egg itself became a symbol of the Resurrection. Just as Jesus rose from the tomb, the egg symbolized new life emerging from the eggshell. In the Orthodox tradition, eggs are painted red to symbolize the blood that Jesus shed on the cross. The egg-coloring tradition has continued even in modern secular nations. Although eggs, in general, were a traditional symbol of fertility and rebirth, in Christianity, for the celebration of Eastertide, Easter eggs symbolize the empty tomb of Jesus, from which Jesus was resurrected.

You'd be forgiven for thinking that Easter eggs came from chickens. Forgiven, but still wrong. Easter eggs are actually the produce of the Easter bunny, a mythical creature who delivers eggs to children. The modern-day rabbit comes from the 17th-century folkloric *Osterhase*, a German egg-laying hare. AND, along the line of Easter candy, the modern chocolate Easter egg was first made by Cadbury's in 1875 two years after the first chocolate egg was conceived by J.S. Fry & Sons of England. (ALMOST EVERYBODY likes chocolate, right??)



WHEN EASTER LILIES BLOOM

Reginald Holmes

I marvel at God's handiwork When Easter lilies bloom, How such loveliness is raised from Winter's tomb.

I view with awe the artistry of every stalk and leaf, Crowned with snow-white glory that challenges belief;

And yet my faith is strengthened For well I know that man Will never reach the magnitude of God's creative plan; And the old, inspiring story of empty cross and tomb, Has a new and deeper meaning

When Easter lilies bloom.

EASTER

June C Bush

Jesus, our Redeemer, arose on Ester morn, Thus fulfilled the purpose for which He had been born.
In anguish in the garden, all our sins He bore, Suffered on the cross that we might live forevermore.
His love, unequalled, transcends all we know on earth. He died that we might partake of that great Rebirth.
How can we thank Him for this in our own small way? What we do for others is for Him, the scriptures say.
If you would imitate Christ, take sin by the throat and the sinner by the hand. W. H. H. Murray

PASSION WEEK

And while they were still eating Jesus took a loaf, blessed it and broke it and gave it to them, with the words,

“Take this, it is my body”. Then He took a cup, and after thanking God, He gave it to them, and they all drank from it, and He said to them: “This is my blood which is shed for many in the new agreement. I tell you truly I will drink no more wine until the day comes when I drink it fresh in the kingdom of God!” Then they sang a hymn and went out to the Mount of Olives.



Wishing each and everyone of you a very blessed and Happy Easter; stay healthy and happy!!



Fellowship Circle

We are starting a new circle which we are calling Fellowship Circle. We are meeting Thursday, April 7th at 9:30 AM in the fellowship hall.

We invite the women of the church to help make a strong and active organization that reaches out to our community.

Come and enjoy coffee, conversation and camaraderie.

Grady, Dana and the entire Lundgren/Heser family, thank you for the thoughts and prayers these past few months. We are humbled and eternally grateful for the cards, texts, calls and support offered by our church family. We continue to fight this awful cancer with strength and vigilance with your continued support.

Thank you, Jane and Don Heser



Bible Study

Zoom Bible Study April 2022

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Zoom Bible Study will meet virtually on Zoom starting on Tuesday nights at 7pm.

Here's what we are studying in April.



Lent in Plain Sight: A Devotion Through Ten Objects by Jill J. Duffield

God is often at work through the ordinary: ordinary people, ordinary objects, ordinary grace. Through the ordinary, God communicates epiphanies, salvation, revelation, and reconciliation. It is through the mundane that we hear God's quiet voice. The book, *Lent in Plain Sight*, draws readers' attention to ten ordinary objects that Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem.

This year our church will use the season of Lent to facilitate conversation and connection to each other and the meaning of this time in the church year. The goal of this group study will be to focus on spiritual lessons and recognize how the seemingly ordinary can reveal the extraordinary presence of God in our lives.

Tuesday April 5 at 7pm- Sixth Week of Lent: Oil

We explore what the authors of Exodus, Psalm 23, Matthew, and James have to say about oil and its meaning in our lives today.

Tuesday April 12 at 7pm -Holy Week: Coats, Towels, Thorns, Stones

We will look at how coats, towels, thorns, and stones all play a role in Jesus' journey toward the cross this week.

Bible Study will be taking a break after Easter!





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Bits and Pieces of News for Us

Friends, please read the note from Pastor Charlie Swartz below and keep him in your prayers.

— Pastor Amanda

Hello Rev. Amanda Boss!

This is Charlie Swartz. I served Kasson as pastor in the 90's. My wife and I have many happy and rich memories of our time with your congregation. Since then, I served in Bellevue Washington (a suburb of Seattle), and have been serving in Avon Lake (a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio) these past ten years. I hope that your ministry is fruitful and giving you joy and meaning.

This past summer I was diagnosed with a rare neurological disease called multi systems atrophy (MSA). I actually came to Mayo for a second opinion. It is a serious enough disease that I have been forced to go on disability, which will start January 3. As I am relatively young (61) it is much sooner than expected to stop work.

It would mean a lot to me if you could let the congregation know and ask for their prayers.

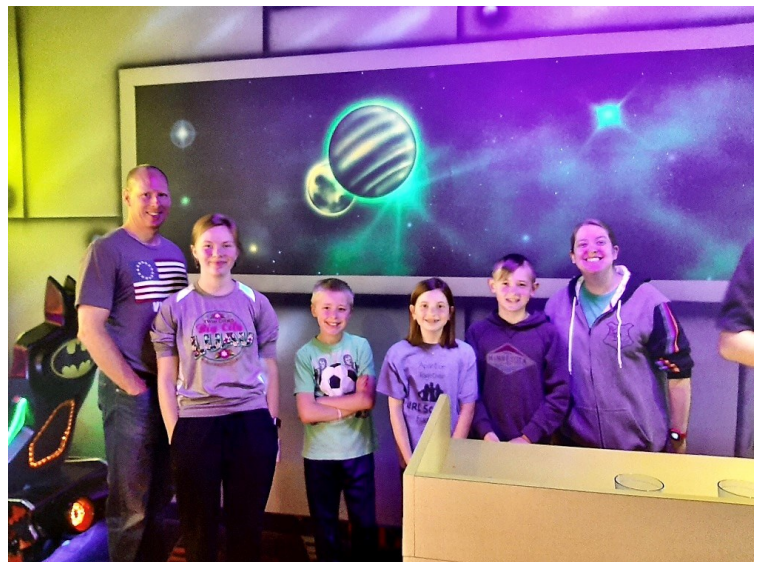
Sincerely,

Charlie



Our Confirmation class had an outing on Sunday, March 20. Pastor Amanda took the class to have a blast playing laser tag at Bowlocity Entertainment Center in Rochester.

Pictured: Steve and Olivia Willert, Ian Frodermann, Carli & Jett Mittelstadt and Pastor Amanda.





Support Grady's Gladiators!

Grady has been diagnosed with a rare form of cancer called NUT protein carcinoma. He is currently undergoing treatment at Mayo Clinic. Grady is the son of Dana (Heser) Lundgren, the nephew of Andy and Casey Heser and Leah and Mark Ness and the grandson of Don and Jane Heser all from the K-M area. Gladiators!

Our church has been holding Jane and Don Heser's grandson, Grady Lundgren in prayer as he undergoes cancer treatment. The church Session donated \$1,100 out of the local mission fund (*loose offering moneys*) to help sup-

port Grady's medical expenses. Below is more information if you would like to support Grady and his family during this challenging time.

On Saturday April 2 from 2pm-12am there will be a fundraiser for Grady at the **Spring Grove Fest Building, 110 N Division Avenue**. There will be a corn hole tournament, food, dance, and silent auction. All the proceeds will go to the family.

Bean Bag Tourney - Starts at 1pm
Silent Auction
Food

Raffles
Dancing

If You Would Like to Contribute Money

Checks can be made out to "Grady Lundgren's Benefit." The check can be mailed directly to Merchants Bank in Spring Grove. The address is 126 W. Main St. PO Box 625 Spring Grove, MN 55974.

Our church has contributed two themed baskets.

Kid-Themed Basket item suggestions: board games, card games, coloring books, markers, stickers, jump rope, playground ball, candy, popcorn, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, nerf guns, toys, play doh, books, football, silly string

Camping- Themed Basket item suggestions: cooler, flashlight and batteries, duct tape, bug spray, sunscreen, poncho, band aids, smores supplies- graham crackers, chocolate bars, marshmallows, drink cups, plates, wet wipes, lighter, playing cards, frisbee, towel, canteen, cook stove, tent, camp chairs, hand warmers



Easter Word Search

P	I	E	R	C	E	D	S
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ANGELS	MARY
APOSTLES	NAILS
BETRAYAL	PASSOVER
BLOOD	PIECES OF SILVER
CALVARY	PIERCED
CROSS	PILATE
CROWN OF THORNS	RESURRECTION
CRUCIFIXION	ROBE
DARKNESS	ROMANS
DEATH	SACRIFICE
EARTHQUAKE	SIMON OF CYRENE
EASTER	SOLDIERS
GOLGOTHA	SON OF GOD
HIGH PRIEST	SPEAR
JESUS CHRIST	STONE
JOSEPH	TEMPLE
JUDAS ISCARIOT	THIEVES
KING	THREE DAYS
LAMB	TOMB

APRIL KID'S PAGE

Hosanna!



H A P P Y +

The gift of God is **E**ternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Romans 6:23*

I am the Living One: I was dead, and behold I am **A**live forever and ever! *Revelation 1:18*

The Father has sent His Son to be the **S**avior of the world. *1 John 4:34*

I am the Way and the **T**ruth and the Life. *John 14:6*

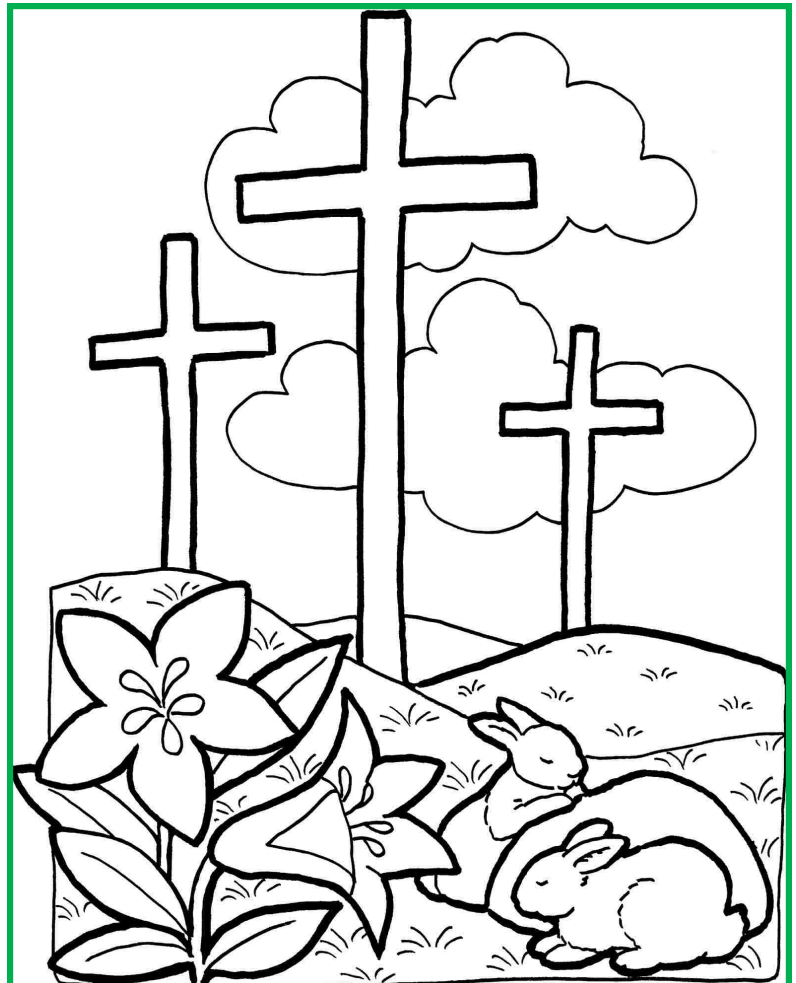
God has given us **E**ternal life, and this life is in His Son. *1 John 5:11*

Remember Jesus Christ **R**aised from the dead. *2 Timothy 2:8*

Easter Fun

Look at the pictures and circle the correct word.

1. Fairy 2. Angel 3. Bird 	1. Bowl 2. Plate 3. Basket 	1. Bunny 2. Hare 3. Bug 	1. Chicken 2. Goose 3. Duck 	1. Arrow 2. Triangle 3. Cross 
1. Tomato 2. Egg 3. Onion 	1. Egg Hide 2. Egg Seek 3. Egg Hunt 	1. Jelly Beans 2. Juicy Beans 3. Jam Beans 	1. Goat 2. Lamb 3. Lamp 	1. Lilies 2. Roses 3. Tulips 
1. Cases 2. Combs 3. Candles 	1. Fireworks 2. Firemen 3. Firefighters 	1. Stove 2. Lantern 3. Bulb 	1. Wreath 2. Round 3. Circle 	1. Miracle 2. Belief 3. Wonder 
1. Leaf Sunday 2. Palm Sunday 3. Glory Sunday 	1. Last Supper 2. First Supper 3. Easter Supper 	1. Pain 2. Torture 3. Passion 	1. Crucifixion 2. Crossing 3. Cruelty 	1. Renaissance 2. Reassurance 3. Resurrection 





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Worship Committee Mtg. After service.		Zoom Bible Study - 7 PM	Choir Practice 6:30 PM	Fellowship Circle 9:30 AM		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Palm Sunday		Session Mtg at church @ 5:30	Choir Practice 6:30 PM	<u>Maunday Thursday</u> Soup Supper 5:30 PM Service & Communion 7:00 PM		
Baptism		Zoom Bible Study - 7 PM			Good Friday	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Easter Service at 8:00 AM Breakfast following service			Choir Practice 6:30 PM	PW Mtg 2:00 PM		
	Tax Day				Earth Day	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
			Deadline for Newsletter Choir Practice 6:30 PM		Arbor Day	

Notes: