

**PARENTS!!!! Alumni, friends and supporters of Martin Luther School: We need your help to make Mayfest a success!**

**You might be asking, "How can I help?"**

**Here's how:**

**AUCTION ITEMS: We need items for our live and silent auctions at Mayfest.**

**Consider asking a business if they would like to contribute something for the auction. We will have a chart on display by the school office for you to indicate if a business has been asked so that we don't end up asking twice. Forms for donations can be found there.**

**Do you own a business that could provide an item or service for Mayfest? That works, too!**

**Do you know of a source for a donation, but would like someone else to do the ask? Let us know!**

**Are you crafty, creative, or has a special skill that could be helpful in creating a classroom creation?**

**Think outside the box--Do you know of someone who has a timeshare that could be used as part of a vacation package? Or a pontoon that could offer an hour long river ride as part of a evening out package?**

**So as you can see, it takes all of us to make Mayfest a success. There are many ways that we need your participation outside of just the regular meetings. Call 701-224-9070.**

**NEXT MAYFEST MEETING! April 5th 5:15**

**Mayfest is Saturday, May 7, 2022**

**4:00—8:00 PM**

**Bismarck State College**

**Bavendick Room**

**April Youth Update**



New Energy In An Old Tradition—Lenten Worship

This year we made some changes in our Lenten evening worship that have really made a difference in our attendance. We moved the worship time up to 6:00 and our various elected leaders have provided a soup-and-sandwich type of meal. Pasta dishes, potato bar and taco-in-a bag are yet other meals we have enjoyed. Having the Lenten worship service earlier has made such a difference! We have enough time to eat and then move right into the Lenten service rather than having to wait until 7:00. The 6:00 time also works MUCH better for families with young children as it doesn't interfere as much with those early bed times.

I've always appreciated attending Lenten worship as it is such a meaningful time of the church year. However, this year is different. There is so much more a sense of fellowship and family at these services as we are seeing more people in attendance than then we have in the past. The congregational singing is fuller! We hear the voices of toddlers now and then in the service! (A wonderful, welcomed sound!!). I've seen people I haven't seen in a while especially since Covid made its mark. This maybe odd to say about Lenten worship, but it really is so much more joyful for me than it has ever been in the past, and what has made the difference is people!

I know that COVID has brought about the ease of worshipping at home via livestream. It has also gotten many people out of the habit of attending in general. From what I have experienced this Lenten season, if you are able to attend, I strongly encourage you to come back to worship! I cannot tell you the joy it brings to have that fellowship and encouragement from our brothers and sisters in Christ. Consider returning to worship at Shepherd. We'd love to see you!

In Christ,

Denise Wolfgram

The Rite of Confirmation will take place on April 24 during the 10:45 Divine Service. We rejoice with these students as they confirm the faith into which they were baptized. Those being confirmed this year include: Ella , Reese D, Aspen R, and Brekken Z. Please remember these students in your prayers as they celebrate and confess their faith in the crucified and risen Lord Jesus.



Every Sunday Communion begins in May! You will have the opportunity to celebrate the Lord's Supper every Sunday and Wednesday evening service beginning in May. We rejoice in this tremendous blessing as we receive Christ Himself in these forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins as we rejoice in the new life He offers to us freely. If you have questions or concerns please visit with Pastor Wolfgram, Pastor Woodside, or an elder.



# Birthdays Blessings

- Brittni W 4/1
- Brad N 4/2
- McKinlee H 4/6
- Hunter P 4/7
- Norman C 4/9
- Walter R 4/9
- Marion M 4/10
- Andrew W 4/11
- Ken P 4/14
- Lytic P 4/15
- Micheal H 4/15
- Lowell F 4/16
- Joel W 4/18
- Marge G 4/20
- Julie L 4/22
- Irene D 4/27
- Jim H 4/28
- Kevin O 4/29



Dwight & Shirley Cook 04/20



### BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

- Sam N 4/1
- Doug H 4/5
- Joe K 4/7
- Bryce Olson 4/8
- Bobbie B 4/12
- Dorrie B 4/12
- Carla U 4/13
- Brent P 4/14
- Cheryl P 4/17
- Josh L 4/19
- Dan H 4/20
- Zeva B 4/22
- Corrin F 4/26
- Julie L 4/30

### April 2022 Elders

- 1 to 15 Dick Dever
- 16 to 31 R. Burkhardsmeyer



- \*Apr 3 Reese D. 815am
- Aspen R. 1045am
- Apr 10 Brekken Z. 815am
- Ella C. 1045am
- \*Apr 17 Olivia D. 700am(Easter)
- David A. 900am(Easter)
- Apr 24 Daisy A. 815am
- Shaylee C. 1045am

### Holy Week Worship Schedule

- April 10 8:15 & 10:45 Divine Service Palm Sunday—Bring A Friend To Church
- April 14 6:00 PM Maundy Thursday Divine Service
- April 15 12:00—3:00 PM Good Friday Tre-Ore at Messiah, Mandan
- April 15 6:00 PM Good Friday Worship Service
- April 15 7:00 PM—7:00 AM Good Friday Prayer Vigil
- April 17 7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service
- April 17 8:00 AM Breakfast served by youth
- April 17 9:00 AM Easter Divine Service

### The 2022 Tre-Ore Schedule

| Time        | Words from the               | Preacher   | Liturgist |
|-------------|------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Noon-12:30  | “Father Forgive              | Vicar Moon | Woodside  |
| 12:30-12:55 | “Truly, I say to             | Woodside   | Voss      |
| 12:55-1:20  | “Woman, behold your son      | Voss       | Walla     |
| 1:20-1:45   | “My God, my                  | Walla      | Thompson  |
| 1:45-2:10   | “I Thirst”                   | Thompson   | Wolfgram  |
| 2:10-2:35   | “It Is Finished”             | Wolfgram   | Marcis    |
| 2:35-3:00   | “Father, into Your hands...” | Marcis     | Zellers   |



## The Living Last Supper

A Drama Presented By  
Bethel Lutheran Church

7:30 pm  
Friday & Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>

In this “Living Last Supper” dramatization, the disciples speak their minds to themselves, each other, and their Lord. They are reacting to the words they just heard Jesus speak; “One of you will betray me.”

You are invited to come and watch the drama unfold!  
Please invite your friends and neighbors.

This is a FREE Presentation ⇄ Same performance both evenings  
No reservations required

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The Spring Clean Up day is Saturday, April 9. We will begin at 10:00 am. Plan to join us!

Whom will you invite to join you for worship on Palm Sunday for our Friendship Sunday? It will be a great day of celebration with Hosanna Hand Bells and the Sunday School Children participating in the service.



It is that time of year where everyone is looking for some nice weather in order to get out of the cold and COVID winter doldrums and back into the fresh air, with the sun shining and a spring in our step. It is also the time between the Christmas season and Easter, which is now just a few short weeks away.

In our church, one of the positive signs of things getting back to normal is the great attendance at our Wednesday Lenten services. Each week one of our boards has been providing a meal at 5:00 PM for an increasing number of members, growing from 25 served to over 40 this past Wednesday. Attendance has been quite good at the service too, with numbers in the 60-68 range. By the time you read this, there will still be one more Wednesday to put on your schedule. Food, fellowship and worship...not a bad way to end a Wednesday.

Our Board of Trustees has been extremely active over the last few months, with several projects in the works. New heaters will be installed in the main bathrooms, remedying a situation that quite a few members have said is long overdue! There is also a proposal to replace flooring in the four bathrooms and kitchen. Since the dollar amount for this project exceeds what was budgeted for annual maintenance, the council recommended and I agreed to call for a Special Voter's Meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 AM to bring this topic to our congregation for final approval/disapproval.

The Trustees have also set our annual Spring Clean-up for Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM. More hands available make the work go much quicker, so if you can carve out 20-30 minutes from your weekend schedule to help clean up inside and outside of the church, it would be greatly appreciated.

We are also celebrating Friendship Sunday on Palm Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Bring a friend or someone new to church and the Board of Evangelism will have treats in between services and a visitor bag for each of them.

On the theme of returning to normal, we are also looking for greeters and ushers for the services, just as we used to do prior to COVID. The task has fallen on the pastors and elders over the past two years, but just like spring cleaning, the more people helping out helps ease the responsibility and is a simple but very meaningful way to serve. It's funny, because 30-60 minutes out of the 10,080 minutes each week doesn't seem like a lot; however, it makes a big difference in our church family.

And last but not least, we have six boards and three committees at SOTV that help take care of all of the church needs and requirements. We are always looking to have more people help serve on the boards and committees. It's becoming a broken record, but the more members involved, the better the ideas and the easier the task becomes. If you are interested in any way, please talk to me, an elder or Pastor Wolfgram or Pastor Woodside and we can direct each of your unique talents to a grateful board, committee, usher or greeter list.

Blessings to you as we celebrate Easter!

Steven Reiman  
President, SOTV



## “MAIN STREET LIVING” MEDIA MINISTRY

APRIL UPDATE

“And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain, and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom He did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins ... **But in fact Christ has been raised from**

**the dead, the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.”** 1 Corinthians 15:14-20. This is the primary message of our MSLN ministry! **He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!**

Please continue to share information about our LCMS “Main Street Living” media ministry with others. In addition to being broadcast each Sunday morning, you can view archived programs anytime at [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) – then click on the link under the picture identified as “Fargo.”

Thank you for your much-needed financial support! Checks may be sent to “Main Street Living NORTH,” 821-5th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103, or donate by Credit Card or your PayPal account on the website. God's blessing in Christ!

-Ken Koehler / MSL North Volunteer Coordinator

### “MSL North” Programs for April 2022:

**Apr 3<sup>rd</sup>:** **Rev. Adam Welton**, St. Peter Lutheran Church, Wentworth, SD, presents the message: **“Conscience Cleansed,”** based on Hebrews 9:13-14. *“This Is The Life” segment special program: “Holy Land Tour pt. 1” - A video tour of locations in Jesus' earthly ministry, led by SD pastor Nabil Nour, who grew up in Israel.*

**Apr 10<sup>th</sup>:** **Rev. Robert Hill**, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Wimbledon, ND, Our Savior Lutheran Church, Pettibone, ND, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Woodworth, ND, and St. Paul Lutheran Church, Kensal, ND, presents the message: **“The Sacrifice is Made,”** based on Luke 23:18, 32, 44-45. *“This Is The Life” segment special program: “Holy Land Tour pt. 2” - A video tour of locations in Jesus' earthly ministry, led by SD pastor Nabil Nour, who grew up in Israel.*

**Apr 17<sup>th</sup>:** **Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler**, Speaker of the Lutheran Hour, presents an Easter message titled: **“With.”** This sermon is based on John 20:1-18. Visit [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) for more information. *“This Is The Life” segment special Lenten program: “Three Days” - The disciples' reactions and interaction in the days between Jesus' death and resurrection.*

**Apr 24<sup>th</sup>:** **Rev. Matthew Harrison**, president of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, presents a message celebrating the 175th anniversary of the LCMS. Visit [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) for more information. *“This Is The Life” program: “Gates of Glory” - Thomas recounts his experience with doubt and belief as he meets the risen Jesus.*

“MAIN STREET LIVING” is a locally-produced TV program that includes a 30-minute worship service led by participating pastors of the Minnesota North and North Dakota Districts of our LCMS, along with a 30-minute Lutheran Hour program (normally *“This Is The Life,”* along with occasional church-season specials).

Programs are broadcast starting **at 10:00 am Central Time / 9:00 am Mountain time on the following WDAY XTRA Channels:**

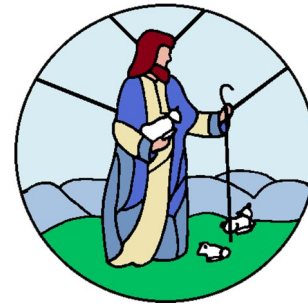
Bismarck/Dickinson

KBMY Xtra Channel 17.3 MidCo channel 594

Minot/Williston

KMCY Xtra Channel 14.3

Please check your cable and satellite providers for the corresponding channel on your system. MSLN programs are also archived for one year and can be viewed at any time on [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com) **then click on “(Fargo)”**.



**Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church**  
*“A church family that shares, nurtures, and lives our faith in Christ”*  
 April 2022, Newsletter

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| <b>3</b><br><b>*8:15am:</b><br>Divine Service<br><b>9:30am:</b><br>Ed. Hour<br><b>*10:45am:</b><br>Divine Service                                                                 | <b>4</b><br><b>8:30am</b> Cir-<br>cuit Winkle @<br>Beulah | <b>5</b>                                               | <b>6</b><br><b>5:00pm:</b> Lent<br>Supper<br><b>6:00pm:</b> Lent<br>Worship<br><b>6:00pm:</b><br>Confirmation @<br>Bethel | <b>7</b><br><b>7:30pm:</b><br>Trustees                                                             | <b>8</b><br><b>7:30pm:</b><br>Living Last<br>Supper @<br>Bethel                                                                                  | <b>9</b><br><b>9:30am:</b><br>Spring Clean<br>up<br><b>7:30pm:</b><br>Living Last<br>Supper @<br>Bethel |
| <b>10</b><br><b>8:15am:</b><br>Divine Service<br><b>9:30am:</b><br>Ed. Hour<br><b>*10:45am:</b><br>Divine Service                                                                 | <b>11</b><br><b>4:30pm:</b><br>Stewardship                | <b>12</b>                                              | <b>13</b>                                                                                                                 | <b>14</b><br><b>6:00pm:</b><br>Maundy<br>Thursday<br>Service                                       | <b>15</b><br><b>12:00pm:</b> Tre<br>Ore Good<br>Friday @<br>Messiah<br><b>6:00pm:</b> Good<br>Friday Service<br><b>7:00pm:</b> Pray-<br>er Vigil | <b>16</b>                                                                                               |
| <b>17</b><br><b>*7:00am:</b><br>Sunrise Service<br><b>8:00am:</b><br>Easter Breakfast<br><b>*9:00am:</b><br>Divine Service                                                        | <b>18</b>                                                 | <b>19</b><br><b>6:30pm:</b> MLS<br>Planning<br>Meeting | <b>20</b><br><b>6:00pm:</b><br>Worship                                                                                    | <b>21</b><br><b>6:30pm:</b> MLS<br>Musical<br><b>7:30pm:</b><br>Elders                             | <b>22</b>                                                                                                                                        | <b>23</b>                                                                                               |
| <b>24</b><br><b>8:15am:</b><br>Divine Service<br><b>9:30am:</b><br>Ed. Hour<br><b>10:45am:</b><br>Divine Service<br><b>1:00pm:</b> Middle<br>School Youth<br><b>7:00pm:</b> Coun- | <b>25</b>                                                 | <b>26</b><br><b>5:30pm:</b><br>Human Care              | <b>27</b><br><b>6:00pm:</b><br>Worship                                                                                    | <b>28</b><br><b>Newslet-<br/>ter and<br/>Calendar<br/>infor-<br/>mation<br/>due by<br/>12:00pm</b> | <b>29</b>                                                                                                                                        | <b>30</b>                                                                                               |

**Blessed Shall You Be**

“Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your cattle, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.” (Deuteronomy 28:3-6)

This is God’s promise to the Israelites as they stood beyond the Jordan outside of the Promised Land. He promises blessing to His people. He will make them prosper, whether they are in the city or the field. He will make their fruit of their work to prosper, whether from the ground, their wombs, their flocks, or their herds. He will make them to prosper in all things, whether upon their coming in or their going out.

But there’s a catch. He would do this for Israel only “if you obey the voice of the LORD your God.” (Deut. 28:2b) If they did that, He would cause that “all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you.” (Deut. 28:2a). If they didn’t obey the voice of the Lord, if they didn’t keep the commandments of the Lord and “walk in his ways” (Deut. 28:9), they would be met with curse and woe. The blessings would be replaced with curses. Everything that the Lord promised to prosper and bless would be cursed and fail.

Thanks be to God that our Lord Jesus Christ has come into our flesh and fulfilled the law for us – in our place and for our benefit. Our Lord Jesus Christ died for us – in our place and for our benefit. Our Lord Jesus Christ is risen from the dead for us – in our place and for our benefit. By this we have justification before God. We are forgiven, clean, holy, and righteous. The blessing of God is promised to us in Christ Jesus. It depends upon his work, not ours.

All this is ours in Holy Baptism. For in Holy Baptism, God claims us as His own, makes us His children, His heirs, and His holy people. And so it is that the work of our hands and its fruit is holy because we are holy in Christ. It is pressed into His service, and it thereby becomes a blessing to us and to our neighbor.

He further blesses us with forgiveness and life as Christ comes to us in the Lord’s Supper. A question that we address in Luther’s Catechism is the benefit of the Sacrament of the Altar. *These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.* Because of the wonderful promises of the Lord that are given through this gift, **we will offer the Lord’s Supper every week beginning in the month of May!**

For this great gift, our reception of the blessings of God because of Christ Jesus our Lord, it is our duty to thank and praise, serve, and obey Him. This is not in order to receive the blessings but because in Christ we already have. With this in mind, we sit down on the first day of the week and set aside as He has prospered us to give to His church for His work of blessing in our midst (1 Cor. 16:2).