



**SHEPHERD'S HILL  
AT THE  
CROSSROADS**  
ST. JOHN, NORTH DAKOTA

Presents:

# - A NIGHT AT CAMP - AT SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH, BISMARCK

801 E. Denver, Bismarck, ND 58502

**APRIL 14, 2023**

**5:15-8:30 PM**

**SUPPER SERVED AT 6:30 PM**

**Fun for all ages!**

Come and experience what a night at camp looks like at a church near you! Hear about what is happening at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads and how you can help. Begin the night with some camp games and Bible study, followed by a delicious meal, dessert, "canteen" time, a sing-a-long and more!

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Our theme for 2023:

**AND THE ROCK  
WAS CHRIST**

1 Corinthians 10:4

*Mayfest 23*

**Saturday, May 6, 2023, 4-9pm**

**Bavendick Stateroom**

**Bismarck State College NECE Building**

**Social Hour, Dinner, Silent Auction, & Live Auction**

**Mayfest is the largest single fundraising event for Martin Luther School.**

**We encourage you to be a part of this fun event.**

**To purchase your tickets online for  
\$60 each or \$420 table of 8**

**Go to: [www.tinyurl.com/Mayfest2023](http://www.tinyurl.com/Mayfest2023)  
or scan the QR code.**



"Does the snow have you looking forward to warmer, sunnier days? Then mark your calendars for **June 6-8, 2023** for Shepherd of the Valley's Vacation Bible school "God's Living Water."



# Happy Birthday!

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

## Baptism BIRTHDAYS

Sam N	4/1
Doug H	4/5
Joe K	4/7
Bryce O	4/8
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

## April ANNIVERSARIES

Dwight & Shirley C 04/20



### April 2023

1-15 Kevin O

16-31 Craig H



“He is risen! He is risen indeed!” These are the most important words in all the world! “For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.” Romans 6:5 This is the message at the center of the Main Street Living Media Ministry.

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”. Worship services

from the five other MSL broadcast areas, as well as weekly *This Is the Life* programs, are also available for viewing on the website.

Thank you for your 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 2023:

**April 2:** Rev. Kent Borglum, St. John’s Lutheran Church, Montevideo, MN, presents the message: “The Only True King” based on Zechariah 9:9-10. *This Is the Life* 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.

**April 9:** Rev. Nabil Nour, Trinity Lutheran Church, Hartford, SD, and 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President of the LCMS, presents the message: “Swallowed Up” based on Isaiah 25:6-9. *This Is the Life* program: “Three Days” - The disciples’ reactions and interaction in the days between Jesus’ death and resurrection.

**April 16:** Rev. Tom Eckstein, Concordia Lutheran Church, Jamestown, ND, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Adrian, ND, presents the message: “The Resurrection and Scripture” based on Luke 24:36-49. *This Is the Life* program: “Gates of Glory” - Thomas recounts his experience with doubt and belief as he meets the risen Jesus.

**April 23:** Vicar Brandon Johnson, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Moorhead, MN, presents the message: “Peter’s Restoration is Our Restoration” based on Acts 2:36-39. *This Is the Life* program: “Betrayed” - A man struggles to do what is right after a reporter uncovers shady dealings in his business.

**April 30:** Rev. Thomas Clark, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hankinson, ND, and St. John Lutheran Church, Belford Township, ND, presents a message: “Your Shepherd Calls You by Name” based on John 10:1-10 and I Peter 2:19-25. *This Is the Life* program: “Aftermath” - A father tries to make things right with his daughter after a life of bad choices.





LWML is about meeting other sisters in Christ, whether that is within your own congregation, the city in which you live, or across the nation. Spring is a great time to meet other women at a Spring Rally. Our zone is hosting a Rally on April 15, at Messiah Lutheran Church in Mandan, starting at 9:15 a.m. It is a time of fellowship, worship, being in God's Word, and of course food – there is always **coffee** and some wonderful treats!

Another opportunity to meet the women of LWML within our ND District is by volunteering during the district convention which will be held in June, 2024, right here in Bismarck. The friendships formed during these gatherings are beautiful. Make the decision to join us for the Spring Rally on April 15, and catch up with old friends or make beautiful new ones.

Our LWML group at Bethel invites you to check us out! Bethel's monthly LWML meetings are the second Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

Sue Hartley-Wolfgram



### Farmboy Music Presents ... Mylo Hatzenbuhler

Friday, April 28 6:30 PM  
(Clyde Bauman will also sing a set  
of Christian songs)

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran  
801 East Denver Avenue  
Bismarck, ND 58504  
Free Will Offering



The Church Council, in consultation with the Elders and Pastors, has decided to implement a single service on Sunday mornings. This will start on Sunday, May 28th and will be done on a trial basis through the summer months. The Sunday morning service will be held at 9:00 a.m. and will be followed with an education hour at 10:15 a.m. The Wednesday evening service will remain to be held at 6:00 p.m. Please direct any questions or concerns to an Elder or a member of the Church Council.



### Greetings Martin Luther School Supporter!!!

Spring is coming (we hope), and that means Mayfest is right around the corner. Mayfest will be held on Saturday May 6th starting at 4 PM with a social hour at the Center for Energy Excellence on the BSC Campus overlooking the mighty Missouri River. Once again, there will be an online silent auction beginning May 1st and running through May 6th. There will also be in-person silent and live auction the night of Mayfest, along

with the always popular paddle game and backwards bidding. We would greatly appreciate your continued support for MLS. You can support Mayfest in one of four ways:

- 1. Become a Mayfest sponsor or item donor.** If you or someone you know, whether a business or not, has a new item, event tickets, gift cards, etc., we would love to include those items in one of the Mayfest auctions. Alternatively, or additionally, we are also looking for Mayfest sponsors. Again, these can be families or businesses. There are 4 different sponsorship levels available with a varying number of tickets and benefits. Sponsorships start at \$250. We would like items and sponsors to be in by April 21st, but can take them after also.
- 2. Come to Mayfest.** We would love to see you at Mayfest. Tickets can be purchased online or in person at the school. Mayfest is a fun night supporting a great cause. If you purchase your tickets buy Friday April 7th; you will be entered into a drawing for \$50 in SCRIP gift cards.
- 3. BID, BID, BID.** Bid early, bid often. Bid online, bid in-person. Wherever you are, bid!! While we cannot ship most items, you can bid even if you can't make it to Mayfest. We will hold your items at the school for pickup. You can even bid on the auctions held in-person at Mayfest by putting in a proxy bid.
- 4. Donate.** You can submit a donation for Mayfest online, in-person at the school, or mailed to the school. So, even if you can't make it to Mayfest and/or you do not see anything you would like to bid on, you can still support Martin Luther School.

The link to all things Mayfest online (buy tickets, donate money, bid, preview live auction items) is: [tinyurl.com/Mayfest2023](https://tinyurl.com/Mayfest2023)

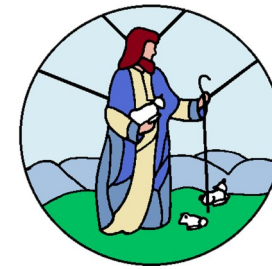
If you have any questions concerning Mayfest, would like to donate an item, be a sponsor, or submit a proxy bid, please contact Tom Langer or Denise Wolfgram.

Thank you for your support to Martin Luther School as we continue to educate the Bismarck-Mandan children with a Lutheran, Classical education. God's blessings to you and your family as we await the celebration of the Risen Christ this Easter.

Sincerely,

Martin Luther School Mayfest 2023 Committee

# April 2023



Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church  
 "A church family that shares, nurtures, and lives our faith  
 in Christ"

April 2023, Newsletter

## What are Tiny Deviations? - Part I

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
						1 <u>9:30am:</u> Soup Making
2 <u>8:15am:</u> Divine Service <u>9:30am:</u> Education Hour <u>10:45am:</u> Divine Service	3	4 <u>4:00pm:</u> Evangelism <u>4:30pm:</u> Human Care <u>5:30pm:</u> Stewardship <u>6:00pm:</u> Bible Study	5	6 <u>6:00pm:</u> Maundy Thursday	7 <u>12:00pm:</u> Tre-Ore Ser- vice @ Messiah <u>6:00pm:</u> Good Friday Service	8
9 <u>7:00am:</u> Sunrise Service <u>8:00am:</u> Easter Breakfast <u>9:00am:</u> Easter Service	10	11 <u>6:00pm:</u> Bible Study	12 <u>6:00pm:</u> Worship <u>6:00pm:</u> Catechism	13 <u>7:30pm:</u> Trustees	14 <u>5:00pm:</u> SH@CR night at SOTV	15 <u>8:00am:</u> Men's Network @ Holy Cross
16 <u>8:15am:</u> Divine Service <u>9:30am:</u> Education Hour <u>10:45am:</u> Divine Service <u>1:00pm:</u> MS Youth	17	18 <u>6:00pm:</u> Bible Study	19 <u>6:00pm:</u> Worship Service <u>6:00pm:</u> Catechism	20 <u>10:30am:</u> People Matter <u>6:30pm:</u> MLS Musical	21	22 <u>9:00am:</u> Mercy Meals @ Messiah
23 <u>8:15am:</u> Divine Service <u>9:30am:</u> Education Hour <u>10:45am:</u> Divine Service <u>1:00pm:</u> SH Youth Games <u>7:00pm:</u> Council	24	25 <u>6:00pm:</u> Bible Study	26 <u>6:00pm:</u> Worship Service <u>6:00pm:</u> Catechism	27 <u>7:30pm:</u> Elders	28 <u>6:30pm:</u> Mylo Hatzenbuler / Clyde Bauman Concert	29 <u>8:30am:</u> Board of Education
30 <u>8:15am:</u> Divine Service <u>9:30am:</u> Education Hour <u>10:45am:</u> Divine Service						

In our Sunday Morning Bible Studies this last month we have been doing a study called "Tiny Deviations." The basic idea is that, when it comes to God's truth, even the smallest errors are potentially fatal. Luther wrote, "In philosophy a small error in the beginning is a very serious error in the end. So also in theology a slight error will destroy the whole doctrine . . . for the doctrine is like a mathematical point; it cannot be divided, that is it cannot brook either subtraction or addition . . . hence the doctrine must be one continuous and round golden ring, in which there is no break. If even the least break occurs, the ring is no longer perfect." (St L. IX:644 f cited in Pieper, Francis Christian Dogmatics Vol 1, CPH, St Louis, MO, 1950, p 139-140)

In other words, doctrine is like a gold ring. Every detail matters. What may appear like a tiny deviation now, becomes something much greater down the road. Consider the launching of a rocket to Mars. If the trajectory is only 1 degree off, it may appear like an insignificant error. However, multiplied by millions of miles, that single degree will have sent your ship careening off into the emptiness of space. It would prove fatal. If this is true in relation to earthly, temporal matters, how much more should we take care to exercise precision when it comes to heavenly matters?

This ties directly into the subject matter of our last several articles on "Why I am a Lutheran." In Confessional Lutheranism there is great care and diligence when it comes to doctrine. We are, more than any other denomination that I know of, extremely careful to follow Scripture alone. We add or subtract nothing from Scripture (Bible =/- nothing). We also cling to salvation by faith in Christ alone (Jesus +/- nothing.) This is so critical because even the tiniest deviation from these two things (Scripture alone and Christ alone) is spiritually perilous as we will see in upcoming articles and Bible Studies.

Trusting in Jesus Alone,  
 Pastor Woodside