

Pastor's Page

¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰ The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

What is the point of church? The point of church is to embody the good news of Jesus Christ for the world.

How does the church do this? By proclaiming the good news of God's victory over sin, death and the powers of evil and seeking to live as if it is true.

These are questions that the church should always ask, they are related to Jesus cleansing the Temple from the passage above. Jesus has accused the leaders of the people of making the house of God into a marketplace. The business of worship, the trade in sacrificial animals and money. Jesus answer to this was to overturn everything and point to a new beginning. Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up..." He was, of course, speaking of "the temple of his body." That isn't of course just a reference to his resurrection, but to the creation of his body, the church, of which he is the head and into which we are being built up.

The language of the "body" continues after Jesus is raised from the dead and Paul used it frequently to remind the churches to which he wrote that their common life mattered, that it embodied in some mysterious way through the power of the Holy Spirit, the very life of Jesus Christ.

⁹ For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

¹⁰ According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled^[b] master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. ¹¹ For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— ¹³ each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. ¹⁴ If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. ¹⁶ Do you not know that you^[c] are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

1 Corinthians 3:9-16

Paul's question is rhetorical, but the people in the congregation at Corinth did not know it to be real for them or in their way of being in the world. Paul's question is powerful, because it is a big claim. Messing with or dallying with being the church is the kind of thing that should make us live with a bit of fear and trembling – as Paul himself claimed. Living out the life of the church is not just about getting together for a little fellowship or come to church to get a little religion in us. If Jesus death and resurrection has accomplished the salvation of the world and us, then we are participants in the life of God together. The church embodies something that we don't possess apart from it. Life in the body is life in the Holy Spirit.

Someone else has put it this way:

Wrapping Up

So, what do I do with this information?

Great question, I'm glad you asked. I would ask yourself a series of diagnostic questions...

Do I contribute to the care of the church, God's temple?

Do my actions and attitudes bring unity or division?

Do I pray for the body to which I belong?

Do I participate faithfully in the "assembly," or do I neglect God's dwelling?

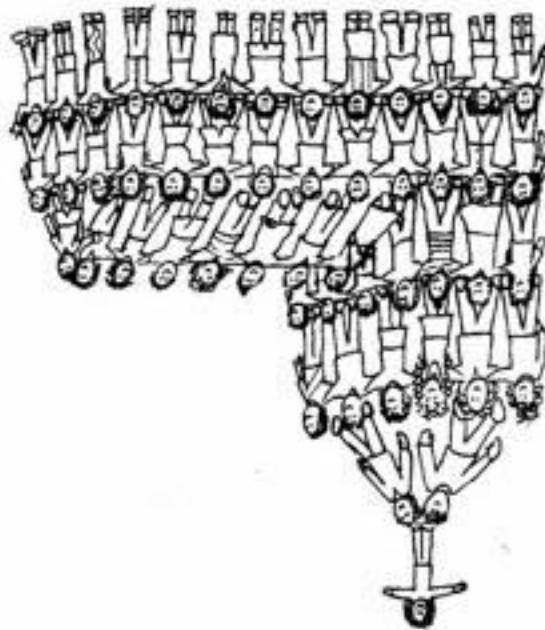
Do I use my gifts and talents "for the common good" (1 Cor. 12:7) or do I exacting in my expectations?

The church is Christ's bride, the temple of the Holy Spirit. Corporately we are not only the bride of Christ, we are his home. How we care for the church matters dearly to the Lord, it should matter to us as well.

<https://trinitywallawalla.org/blog/gjpx5jdpby#:~:text=Here%20is%20the%20full%20text,temple%2C%20God%20will%20destroy%20him.>

These are questions for all of us and each of us. Lent is a good time to ask ourselves such questions that Jesus might cleanse us as his temple, his dwelling place in the world. The church must always be reforming itself, praying that God would cleanse us and our lives in the world until we too are raised, incorruptible, imperishable, on the far side of death. May God continue to clean house among and in us.

That's plain enough, isn't it? You're no longer wandering exiles. This kingdom of faith is now your home country. You're no longer strangers or outsiders. You belong here, with as much right to the name Christian as anyone. God is building a home. He's using us all—irrespective of how we got here—in what he is building. He used the apostles and prophets for the foundation. Now he's using you, fitting you in brick by brick, stone by stone, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone that holds all the parts together. We see it taking shape day after day—a holy temple built by God, all of us built into it, a temple in which God is quite at home. (Ephesians 2:19-22, The Message, Eugene Peterson, NavPress, 2005))



Worship Notes for March

March 3 – Third Sunday in Lent

Readings: Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

Theme: The central promise of the Old Testament is the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. God is at work in us, getting the world and our sin out of us, so that it can be replaced by God's justice, mercy and peace in Christ.

March 10 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Readings: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

Theme: The promise God makes to Moses that those who look on the bronze serpent will live reminds us that Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live.

March 17 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

Theme: God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's love and truth into our hearts. Today we celebrate the new covenant rooted in the body and blood of Christ, as some of our young members receive their first communion.

March 24 – Palm Sunday

Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 11:1-11

Theme: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. We enter this holy week thirsty for the celebration of the victory of God's astonishing work. We don't celebrate to make it so, but because we get to, once more, observe God making it so.

March 28 – Maundy Thursday

Readings: Exodus 12:1-10 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Cor. 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Theme: We gather in remembrance of Jesus words and actions on the night in which he was betrayed. We hear the story of his washing us clean so that we might participate in his love and love one another as he has loved us.

March 29 – Good Friday with Our Savior's, at Our Savior's

We worship on Good Friday with our sisters and brothers at Our Savior's once again at 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m.

March 31 – Easter Sunday

Readings: Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8

Theme: Jesus Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the reality of Christ's death and resurrection. God's conquest of evil is complete, affirming once again that all Creation is caught up in the saving power of God.

Adult Education

- **Women's Bible study**
 - We continue the study of **Paul's Letter to the Romans** on Mondays at 3:00 p.m.
- **Men's Bible Study**
- **Luther's Catechism and its Foundation in the Bible**

- **On Saturdays at 8:00 a.m.**, we continue our study of **Luther's Catechism with Explanation from Scripture**. Come and join us in seeking to understand the Christian faith through its Lutheran expression in Luther's Small Catechism.
 - **Chosen Study on 2nd Monday at 5:30 p.m.**
 - **Sunday Adult Bible Studies during Sunday School**
 - We continue to meet and discuss the lectionary lessons for each Sunday.
- Confirmation and 6th Grade Classes Resume Wednesday, April 3rd**

Wednesday classes resume after Easter on April 3rd. Students are expected to participate in Lenten worship with their small groups.

Lent Continues, Theme: Messy Discipleship

Lenten services are at 6:30 p.m. after that and the meal will be at 5:15 p.m.

“Messy Discipleship” Based on the Life of Jacob, son of Isaac, son of Abraham.

The story of Jacob is a great account of life, transformation and discovering of God's purposes from the book of Genesis. Discipleship is a word we generally associate with the New Testament, but Jacob is a child of promise who connives and wrestles with God, his brother, his uncle and others on his way to becoming the father of a great nation that was promised to Abraham and that Jacob cheated his way to receiving from his own father. Come, see and hear this story of a person who seems the opposite of a faith as he is transformed into one who is blessed by God and reconciled with those with whom he once competed or cheated. If you would like to have a way to do some Bible study with the series, you can purchase the book [Limping With God](#) by Chad Bird, which is a source for some of the ideas in the series.

March 6	Genesis 28:10-22 Dreams of Heaven or “We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder”, but it seems more like a Cross to Us
March 13	Genesis 29-31 Marriage and Family: the Sisters who Wrestled with Jacob and Each Other to Create Israel
March 20	Genesis 32 & 33:1-6 Religion: Wrestling with and “Limping with God”

Wednesday Services:

March 6,13,20

Meal at 5:15pm

Worship at 6:30pm



In our
thoughts
and
prayers



Eric Madsen as he goes through cancer treatment

Lisa Brown and Family on the loss of her Grandmother

Carl Zeidler's sister, Becky, who is hospitalized

JoAnn Huss on recovering from a fall

Sheila Friske recovering from surgery

JoAnn Schmidt recovering from surgery

Stacy Rewitzer as she recovers from illness

Peg Isaacson as she continues to have chemo therapy

...and please pray for all those who are struggling with grief, depression, mental illness and addictions and who do not ask for support



*Thank
You*

From Eva Harder... for the Get Well and Christmas cards sent to her after her fall. Also, for the beautiful poinsettia...it really cheered her home! Last but not least for all the prayers said for her...she is well on the way to recovery!

An appreciation of Generosity
from Lutheran Social Services for
the donation from Christ the King
Lutheran Church

Thanks from the New Ulm Area Food Shelf for
donations and volunteer services!

Thanks from Tanner, Maddie, and
Freja Peterson for meals which
helped with settling in after Baby
Freja was born. Everything was
delicious, and they can't wait to
welcome Freja into the congregation
at Christ the King!



Join the choir!

Did your list of New Year's Resolutions include any of the following: get out more, try new things, meet new people, volunteer, get more involved in church, sing? Even if you didn't make a list, or your goals aren't on this list, the choir is inviting you to join us. We meet on Wednesdays from 6:45 – 7:45 p.m. We would love to welcome you! Contact Anne-Lise Johnson if you have questions.

Did you know.....

That team

Hearthstone Meals



Christ the King Lutheran Church has a Hearthstone Ministry? There are a of people who will provide a meal for families who have a need as they may be recuperating from surgery, having a baby, are ill, or grieving from a loss, or any other reason where to cook and prepare meals is a hardship. Call the Church Office, 507-354-4672, or call Helen Christenson, 507-276-3551 if you would like a meal delivered to your home, or to someone you know that might be in need of meal.

And did you know.....



That there is a team of ladies that knit or crochet Prayers Shawls for people who could benefit from having a nice, warm and cozy, wrap to have while recovering from surgery, or during an illness, or going through troubling times, or grieving the loss of a loved one. Call the Church office at 507-354-4672 or Helen Christenson if a Prayer Shawl is needed.

Thanks to everyone who has donated food for the Little Pantry! We continue to be a welcome service for those in need. Supplies continue to run low so any food donations, as well as diapers and paper goods, are gratefully appreciated!



- Pantry Items Needed**
- Macaroni and Cheese
 - Pasta, Tuna & Cream of Mushroom Soup
 - Pasta & Spaghetti Sauce
 - Canned vegetables
 - Canned fruit
 - Canned pasta such as Ravioli or Spaghetti Os
 - Boxed meals such as Tuna Helper, can of tuna
 - Cake Mixes
 - Pancake Mix & Syrup
 - Cereal
 - Baby Food
 - Toilet paper
 - Paper towels
 - Cleaning supplies
 - Personal Hygiene products
 - Diapers & Wipes



Stewardship Creed

I believe in the gifts of God and feel gratitude for all I have been given,

These gifts are not mine to have, but mine to share.

When they are shared, my gifts will make a difference for others. And I believe the act of giving is more important than the gift itself. I will make giving a priority.

I will give to others because so much of what I have comes from others.

I will give of who I am, what I do, and what I have.

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving! It's Easy! You will no longer need to write out checks and prepare envelopes every week. Even when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services. Automating your financial commitments means your contributions will be received on a steady, uninterrupted basis. Authorization forms can be picked up in the office or found on Christ the King's Website - www.christtheking-newulm.org under forms.

Friday, March 1st is World Day of Prayer 2024, an ecumenical celebration of informed prayer and prayerful action. Join in the worship service written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Palestine, using the theme "I Beg You...Bear With One Another in Love" based on Ephesians 4:1-7. With these words as a backdrop, both men and women are invited to learn about Palestine's history and culture. Three women of Palestine share their stories witnessing the power of bearing with love. Join us Friday, March 1, 2024 at Oakwood United Methodist Church, New Ulm at 9:00 for coffee and the 9:30 World Day of Prayer Worship Service.



Youth News



- Mar. 3 – First Communion Lessons 9am to 11am
- Mar. 17 – First Communion
- March 8 and 9 - Senior High Youth Gathering
- March 27th - Easter Escape room and Glow in the Dark Egg Hunt
- March 30 Easter Egg Hunt

Club 1515 is open to youth in 3rd-5th grade. We meet from 3:30-5:00 on Wednesdays throughout the year. There will be snacks provided, a short lesson, and games and activities. Kids shuttle over to Washington School and we walk up to church. Come and check it out!



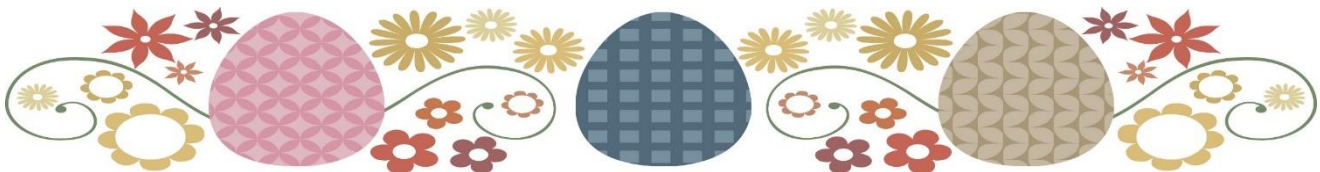
First Communion will be celebrated March 17th, 2024

Easter Egg Hunt! Saturday March 30th at 10:00am! Come out and enjoy the fun! Also, we are seeking donations of small candies or toys and trinkets to fill the eggs. There will be a box in the Narthex to drop donations or you can drop off at the office anytime during business hours. Thanks for your help!

Thanks to everyone who came out and supported the Youth at the Sweetheart Spaghetti Dinner February 4th. We raised over \$500.00 for Youth Scholarships!

-and-

***Thanks to everyone who dined at Applebee's on February 15th
for the Dining to Donate event!***





MARCF 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 9am World Day of Prayer	2 8:00am Men's Bible Study 5:33pm Worship
3 9am Worship & FB Live	4 Election Set up 1:30pm Prayer Shawl 3:00pm Women's Bible Study 5:00pm Youth Ministry Mtg	5 Primary Election 9:00am Staff Mtg 10:00am Worship TV Public Access 3:45pm Personnel Comm	6 5:00pm Worship TV Public Access 5:15pm Lenten Meal Service 6:30pm Lenten Service 7:10pm Choir	7	8	9 8:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am League of Women Voters 5:33pm Worship
10 9am Worship & FB Live 	11 1:30pm Parkinson's 3:00pm Women's Bible Study 5:30pm Renewal Group 7:00pm Women of Today	12 9:00am Staff Mtg 10:00am Worship TV Public Access 4:30pm United Players	13 5:00pm Worship TV Public Access 5:15pm Lenten Meal Service 6:30pm Lenten Service 7:10pm Choir	14	15	16 8:00am Men's Bible Study 5:33pm Worship
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24 8:00am Palm Sunday Breakfast 9am Worship & FB Live 	25 3:00pm Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Adoption Mtg	26 9:00am Staff Mtg 10:00am Worship TV Public Access	27 5:00pm Worship TV Public Access 6:45pm Choir	28 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service 	29 Good Friday at Our Savior's 12:00 and 7:00pm 	30 8:00am Men's Bible Study 10:00am Easter Egg Hunt 5:33pm Worship 
31 Easter Sunday 9AM and 10:30AM 						

Puzzle!

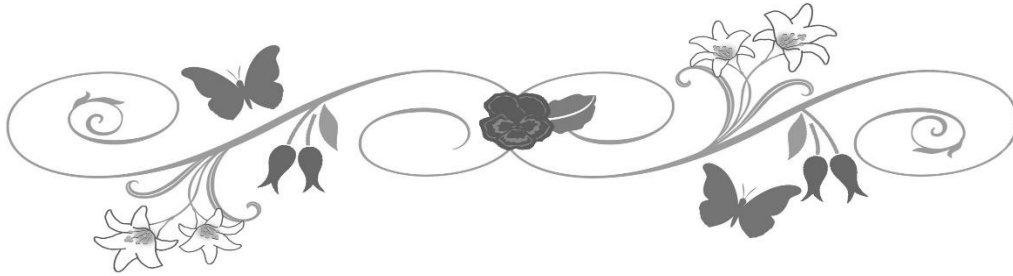
Connect the dots to find two symbols of Easter. Then write the words in the correct blanks to complete an Easter poem.

17 ● holy 19 ● righteous 27 ● He 28 ● died 29 ● to ● 30
 16 ● the 20 ● loving 23 ● ● 24 ● one 32 ● save 33 ● ● 31 ●
 15 ● ● 21 ● ● 25 ● ● 26 ● He 34 ● ● 35 ● ● 36 ●
 14 ● Son 12 ● his 24 ● one 44 ● he 45 ● rose 46 ● ● 47 ●
 13 ● ● 2 ● God 44 ● he 45 ● rose 46 ● ● 47 ●
 11 ● ● 3 ● ● 44 ● he 45 ● rose 46 ● ● 47 ●
 10 ● Christ 9 ● ● 44 ● he 45 ● rose 46 ● ● 47 ●
 Jesus gave 4 day 43 42 ● Easter on ●
 8 ● ● 7 ● us 5 ● ● 42 ● Easter on ●
 7 ● ● 6 ● ● 42 ● Easter on ●

2 4 6 8 10 12 14
 16 18 20 22 24
 26 28 30 32 34 36 38 40
 40 41 42 43 44 45 46

Answer: God gave us Jesus Christ, his Son, the holy, loving, righteous one. He died to save us all from sin, and on Easter day he rose again.

Happy Easter!



Happy Easter!

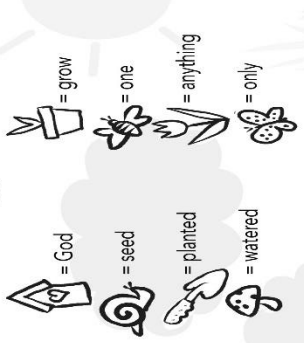
Puzzle!

PLANT, WATER, GROW

Building a faith community takes work. How did the church in Corinth come to be?

Directions: Use the code to fill in the words and complete a teaching of the apostle Paul.

KEY



I _____ the _____, Apollos _____ it,

but _____ has been making it _____.

So neither the _____ who plants nor the _____

_____ who waters is _____

but _____, who makes things _____.

1 Corinthians 3:6-7, NIV

Answer: planted, seed, watered, God, grow, one, anything, only, God, grow



*Douglas G. Larsen
Scholarship*

*Palm Sunday
Breakfast*


*Join us for eggs, sausage,
baked goods and fruit*

**Free Will donation to
benefit the Scholarship
Fund**

8am to 11am

**Sunday March 24th
2024**

**Sign Up Sheet in the
Narthex, and in the
Office, for Donations and
Volunteers**





Holy Week Calendar

Palm Sunday
March 24 9:00am

Maundy Thursday
March 28 7:00pm

Good Friday
March 29 @ Our Savior's - 2 services
Noon and 7:00pm

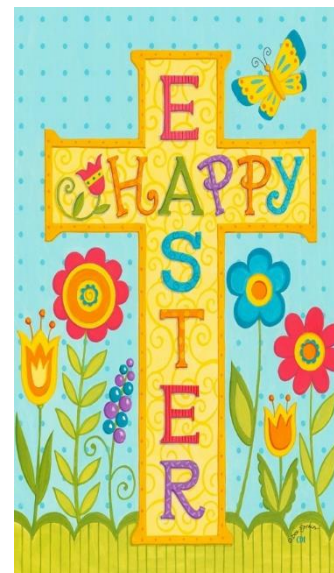
Easter Vigil
March 30 5:33pm

Easter
March 31 9:00am and 10:30am



Easter Flowers for the Altar - If you'd like to donate in memory or honor of someone, please let the office know by March 20th to be listed on the special insert. You are invited to bring lilies or other potted spring flowers to decorate the altar on Easter.

Would you like to bring joy to those who are on Christ the King's Carelist at Easter time? The simple and loving sending of a card would let them know we at Christ the King are thinking of them and holding them in our hearts and prayers! We have the Carelist and addresses in the office





CtK's Helping Hands Fund

For January

Given - \$ 461.00
Utilities - \$ 606.68
Housing - \$1,379.23
Gas Cards - \$ 377.79
Groceries - \$ 316.49
Misc - \$.00

Financial Report for January

Given - \$24,357.67
Budgeted - \$27,401.32

Given YTD - \$ 24,357.67
Budgeted YTD - \$ 27,401.32

Christ the King Council Members

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Choir Director:
Anne-Lise Johnson
(interim)

CtK's Council Minutes

Meeting – January 16, 2024

Mission Statement of our Congregation: “A Family of Christians welcoming all as we journey with God to teach, love, and serve others.”

Highlights from past month – Christmas had our best attendance in a long time. Good ending to the year of giving. Our new custodian has been very good at keeping us clean and organized. Staff is functioning and serving very well. Building is being used by many outside our congregation for events of outside groups. Adult education is the most I have seen since I have been here.

Pastor's Report:

- Council Nominees: Kurt Johnson, Amy Johnson, Elmer Rettig
- **Subsplash:** We are moving ahead slowly with the uploading and transfer of information with the new company. Working on app and will soon move to website and data transfers.
- **Lent:** The theme will be “Messy Discipleship,” using the life of Jacob as the basis for the theme. We will have help from confirmation groups.
- **Adult Bible studies:**
 - **Men's study: Luther's Catechism and the Biblical Foundation**
 - **Women's study: The book of Romans**
 - **The Chosen Study meets 2 Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m.**
 - **Bible Study on Sundays during Sunday School hour**

Youth Ministry Report, Geri Groebner - Polar Blast no school day went well with 15 kids and 3 teen helpers. Movie nights continue to go well with 21 kids at the last one. Camp Sunday will be this weekend with cinnamon rolls being served. Sweetheart Spaghetti Dinner will be February 4th. Plans in progress for first communication. Camp spots are saved for week 2.

Committee Reports:

- Property Committee – Bill Steinke – waiting for doors to be replaced, making plans for furnace replacement

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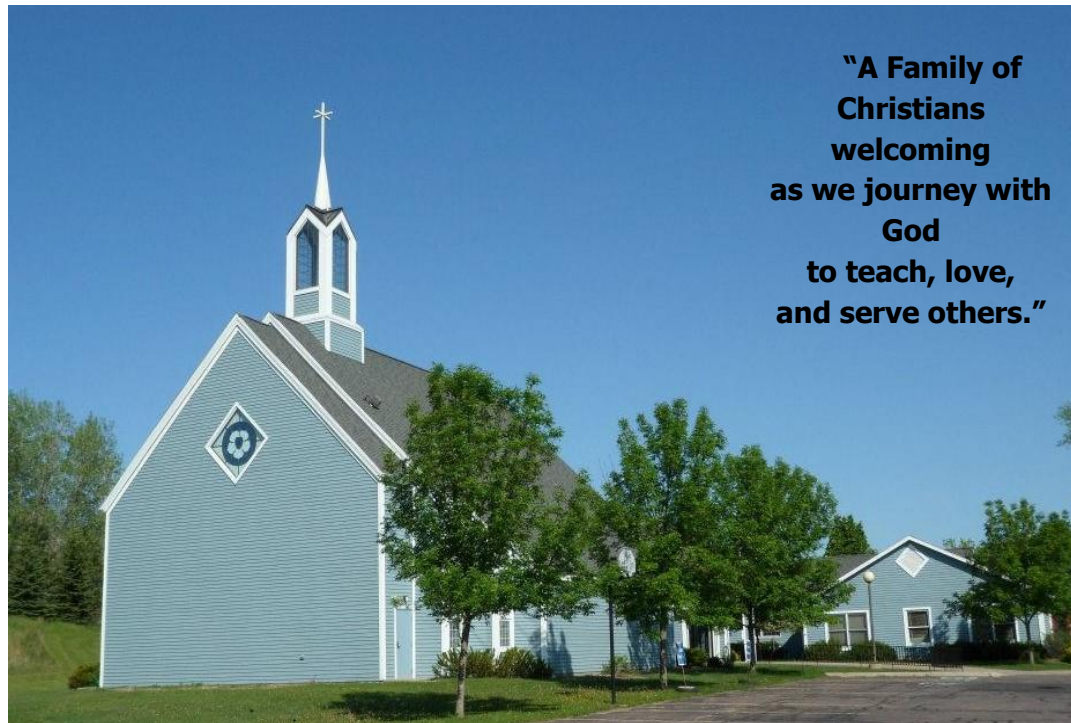
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Return Service Requested



March 2024

***Worship Services Streamed on
Facebook Live
and
Saturday Available on
5:33pm Public Access
Television
Sunday Tuesdays 10am
9:00am Wednesdays
5pm***



**"A Family of
Christians
welcoming
as we journey with
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to teach, love,
and serve others."**