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The Voice

This is the monthly newsletter of East Side Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

It can also be downloaded from our website.

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Dr. Thomas Krause Director of Music
Katrina Mitchell Accompanist

Worship Services

Saturdays

5:30 pm

Sundays

8:00 am 10:00 am

Radio Broadcast: KXRB 1140 AM or 100.1 FM

Sundays, 11:00 am

OnLine: Facebook and ESL Website

Sundays, 8:00 am

Radio

Sponsorship:



Many people benefit from the broadcast of our worship service each week, aired in five states!

The cost to sponsor a radio broadcast is \$255/Sunday!

Each Sunday we broadcast the 8:00am worship service over **KXRB Radio (1140 AM or 100.1 FM)** at 11:00am. You can also download our Sunday bulletins (PDF) to your mobile device by the Friday prior to the worship service.

Radio broadcast was sponsored on:

-April 21 — In honor of Don & Janet Messner's 70th Anniversary given by Joel & Julie & Jane Vipond



Online

Sponsorship:

Sponsor online broadcast \$50/Sunday!

-April 21 — by Gayle Lee, in honor of her grandchildren's birthdays (Aaron and Brianna)

-April 28— In honor of Pastor Layne and Jennifer Nelson's 30th Anniversary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 8:00 and 10:00 am worship 9:15 am King's Singers 10:00 am Sunday School 11:15 <i>Education Task Force Meeting</i>	1 Office Closed	2 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship In the Barn	3 Wednesday Activities Resume 5:45 pm Bell Practice 6:00 pm Supper 6:45 pm Confirmation for All Ages 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	4 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 10:00 am Women's Bible Study 12:00 Office Staff/ Council Lunch 6:00 pm Food to You	5	6 9:30 am Altar Guild 5:30 pm Worship
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WELCA NEWS

Spring Fling Luncheon

April 13th at Noon

You are invited to East Side Lutheran's Annual Spring Luncheon. This is a time of celebration and fellowship, as we grow closer to one another, and in our walk of discipleship. Bring a friend with you to join in the experience. All women are welcome. This is a great multi-generational opportunity.

(Vegetable and fruit salads are still needed)

NOTE:

April Bible Study is on the 10th at 1:00pm

April 9th is Election Day

East Side Lutheran is again honored to be "In the neighborhood for good" by serving as a polling site for elections. St. Arbucks will meet in the fellowship hall that day.

Women's Bible Study

By popular demand...

Join Rev. Michael Molland at 10:00am on Thursdays in the west conference room for a Bible Study on the lectionary texts for the coming week. This is a great chance to grow in knowledge and experience of discipleship.



Men's Bible Study is 8:00am Thursdays in the west conference center. You are invited!



ESL HEALING SERVICE

We all need a little shelter. Come experience the ESL Healing Service. It happens every month on the second Sunday at 11:15am in the Chapel.

Brief! Powerful!

Everyone Welcome!

You will be prayed for... your health, your concerns, and your loved ones. (Optional laying on of hands and anointing with oil is available.)

Your 2024 Church Council

- Layne Nelson. Pastor
- Ray Schut. President
- Michael MollandSecretary
- Brenda SchutTreasurer/Finance
- Todd Brower. Property
- Jon CisarStewardship/Visionary
- Carla MiddenFellowship
- Gwen Oakland.Education
- Danielle Champa Outreach
- Brian EnsbergEvangelism

Memorials

given by friends and relatives unless otherwise noted as of March 22nd



In Memory of

Allen Haiar

General Fund: Bob & Jane Himrich, Carol Thomsen

Radio Fund: Alice Kruse

Gene Buffington

Property: Marlin & Colleen Wangsness

Marilyn Nelson

General Fund: Judi Eliason, Family & friends

Duane Schellhouse

General Fund: Colin & Harriet Barrett

Jeanette Foster

General Fund: Colin & Harriet Barrett

Radio Fund: Alice Kruse

Mortgage Fund: Don & Janet Messner, Joyce Fuyok, Donna Murphy



Our Sympathies to the

Family and Friends of:

Duane Schellhouse

Jeanette Foster

Marilyn Bergman

Sharone Van Guilder

Dorothy Overfield

Arlene Jaqua

David Pruden

Tammy Pruden

In the Know about Finances

Our 2024 budget assumes that each week our Radio/Online Broadcast ministries are sponsored by individuals or families in our congregation. Each week sponsored is one less week this expense that comes out of our General Fund.

In the first quarter we have had 9 weeks of radio sponsorship (69%) and 4 weeks of online sponsorship (30%). THANK YOU to those of you that provided sponsorship! This is an incredible gift to East Side to provide Broadcast ministries to those in our community and surrounding areas that are not able to join us in person.

Second quarter still has plenty of opportunities available for sponsorship, please stop by the office to sign up.

You might be thinking "well I cannot afford a full sponsorship of \$255" and that is okay. You can ask a friend or two to join you and together you can sponsor a radio broadcast. You can also sponsor an online broadcast for \$50. The options are really endless when we all work together to fulfill this wonderful and impactful ministry at East Side.



-Brenda Schut, Treasurer

Sunday School Happenings



Sunday School Highlights

Our 5th graders prepared for their First Communion by making unleavened bread after class on Palm Sunday. This also included going over everything involved with their first communion on Maundy Thursday. All of our classes practiced singing in March for the processional on Palm Sunday.

Looking Ahead in May

May 5th we will be displaying each class's milestone in the Narthex. Our Sunday School year will conclude on May 12th.

By Jackie Swiden - Sunday School Director



CONGRATULATIONS!

...to Isaiah Herman on his baptism (son of Nathan and Shelly). You are a Child of God. May you walk with Jesus your whole life long. Your congregation supports you and promises to hold you in prayer.

Confirmation

- *Classes (and all Wednesday night activities) resume April 3rd! Yay!!
- *IMPORTANT: Field Trip/Service Project. On Wed., April 10th at 6:45pm, students will meet at **Trail Ridge Senior Living** for a night of leading bingo and games with the residents (3408 W Ralph Rogers Rd). Parents and siblings are welcome and encouraged to attend.

FOOD DRIVE

We live and serve amidst a community of need. Each day people come to the doors of your church in need of assistance. We are continuing a new tradition of an ESL food drive. **On Sunday April 21st**, shopping bags containing a short grocery list will be in the narthex. You are invited to take a bag, and return it the following week filled with the items on the list. These bags will then be distributed to people in need. May God bless our neighborhood.

Theological Education Opportunity for All

The Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago Learning Communities is offering NO-COST spring and fall programs via Zoom. April's 4 part class is on "Liturgy and the Natural World". Rev Dr. Benjamin M. Stewart is the instructor. Programs are offered on Sundays, and on Wednesdays. Register at: www.LSTC.edu/events

East Side Lutheran Congregation Council

Meeting March 17, 2024

Present: Ray Schut, Jon Cisar, [Carla Midden](#), Brian Ensberg, Brenda Schut, Todd Brower, and Michael Molland. Guest: Wayne Wosje, Business Manager

Excused absences: Danielle Champa, Gwen Oakland, and Pastor Layne Nelson.

President Ray Schut called the meeting to order at 11:15.

Opening Devotion - Pastor Michael Molland gave a devotion based on the book of Jeremiah and verses 31: 31-34 followed by a prayer.

Secretaries Report: Motion was made by Carla Midden, seconded by Jon Cisar to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2024, Council Meeting. Motion Carried.

President's Report: President Schut presented the results of the congregational survey. The results were similar between the congregation and the church leadership. Eight areas are listed as being at risk, ten areas with low scores, fifteen areas with medium scores, and three areas of high scores. The council had a discussion on the report and how to improve the areas that need improvement. The summary is to be presented in the newsletter.

Pastors' Report: Pastor Nelson reported in a written report that Nona Bixler is now a permanent front office volunteer, and that Devon O'Neal has agreed to Chair the Bereavement Committee. Also, we are still looking for youth committee members to form the committee. Sara Benning is working with our ELCA Youth convention. A New Member Coordinator is still needed.

The congregation needs to form a Stewardship Taskforce to plan and implement our new program. There have been many funerals this last month. There are four weddings planned for the rest of 2024 and one in 2025. The Worship Committee has suggested changes in the worship services that are being implemented.

The new sound system is operating with the congregation providing positive feedback. Lenten services conclude this week and Fifth Grade First Communion will happen on Maundy Thursday.

Financial Report: Brenda Schut, Treasurer, and Wayne Wosje, Business Manager, presented the following financial report: Revenue month to date is \$2,100.00 ahead of 2023. Year to date we are \$4,300.00 behind 2023. Expenses month to date we are \$13,000.00 behind budget compared to 2023 being \$17,600.00 behind. Year to date expenses is \$28,000.00 behind budget compared to \$42,900.00 in 2023.

Expenses are higher than expected for office equipment (computer / copier), also air conditioning repairs from 2023 billed this last month. We discussed upcoming facility repairs and improvements that we have allocated funds for.

Carla Midden moved; Todd Brower seconded to approve the Treasurers report. Motion Carried.

New Business: The council discusses how we are to interact with the people and organizations in our neighborhood. This is an ongoing study and discussion.

Council discussed the Call Process and will return to discussion next council meeting when Pastor Nelson is present.

Committees: Stewardship & Visioning – Jon Cisar is collaborating with Pastor Nelson to appoint a Stewardship Task force. The program will begin in April.

Education Committee –The new Woman's Bible Study Thursdays at 10 am is growing in numbers each week.

Property – Todd Brower reported on the status of repairs to the boiler. He has received several bids for sidewalk/curb and gutter replacement for the east and south sides of the church.

Outreach – Danielle reported in a written report that East Side helped with the food distribution from food to you. 138 families receive food that evening. Most were working poor families and expressed their thanks for the food. Donations are coming in for the 40 in 40 days Lenten collections.

Evangelism – Brian Ensberg talked about intentional evangelism and how our congregation can use this in our follow-up with both members and visitors.

Fellowship – Carla Midden on the large turnout for Bingo. She also reported on the upcoming Egg-Stravaganza.

President Schut adjourned the meeting at 12:55 pm

The next meeting will be on April 21 at 11:15 am

Respectfully submitted, Michael Molland, Secretary

A Message from Terry...

Well what Pr Joel said is so true. *You ask, you do.*

I suggested that we should have an explanation of what St. Arbucks is about. Given this task, I got to write an article about St. Arbucks.

I have only belonged to 3 churches in my 74 years. I grew up Methodist, became an alphabet Lutheran at the age of 25, later joining ESL at age 69. In the 5 years that I have gone to ESL I have more church friends than I had the other 69 years. Why is that, probably because GOD finally showed me the way to happiness. I started talking to others, I helped with activities in the kitchen, and went to Bible Studies.

When I came to ESL, I made up my mind to get involved. Well, this is where St. Arbucks comes in. All churches have Bible studies, all churches have greeters, and most churches serve coffee between or after the service (which I still don't understand why more people don't come to :-).

ESL is similar to other churches, but we have gone beyond. If you want to meet more people, St. Arbucks is where you go. We meet in the barn every Tuesday at 10:00am for lite food, fellowship, and laughter. We also take a moment to pray for one another.

If you are interested in even *more* socializing, I invite you to lunch! We have a group of 10 to 20 people that regularly go to dinner on Sundays right after church... **we would love for you to join us.**

What I am saying is the pastor gives you GOD's word, and hopefully you will take our fellowship with it. God Bless You. I hope to see you at St. Arbucks on Tuesdays for coffee, or to visit with you over lunch on Sundays.

Terry Bornitz

Fun Flashback

We received this receipt in the mail this month. On November 21, 1961 East Side Lutheran purchased a snow-blower for \$277.50 (including sales tax). That is equal to approximately \$2,835 in today's dollars.

Curious minds want to know... Did any of you ever operate this machine??

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St. Dymas is a long-time, wonderful partner to our congregation, whose office is located right in our building. Please see the important message below from Pastor Jeff.



“Remember the Sabbath to keep it holy; but where?”

By Pr. Jeff Backer, pastor to St Dymas Lutheran Church, SDSP

Greeting from your sisters and brothers in Christ behind the walls of the SD State Penitentiary system!

With all the conversation that is going on about building a new men’s prison, one question that I am repeatedly asked is, “will there be a chapel?” That is a very good question!

As chaplains to the various state facilities, we met with Deputy Secretary of Corrections, Doug Clark last fall and were told that there would be a space for chapel, but that it would be a multi-purpose space (i.e., an empty room that can be used by anyone, including DOC to use at their desire). In conversation with staff in Sioux Falls, they, too, have only been told that there would be space for chapel to happen; no details of what that would look like. Those of you that have visited St Dymas knows the beautiful space of Hope Chapel inside the SDSP. We are blessed to have this space dedicated to our gathering for worship.

As I have talked about this in my travels to congregations around the state of South Dakota, it has become increasingly apparent that having a dedicated chapel, like we currently have in our existing facilities, is a strong desire of the people of South Dakota. Statistics show that having good religious access and practices not only make the institution safer for those incarcerated and staff, but greatly impacts the problem of recidivism (returning to prison).

In a recent conversation with the Tuesday morning coffee group here at Eastside, I was asked to talk a little about this, and they asked, “how can we help?”

The best way to get involved is to talk to or write your elected officials; your legislators, the Governor, and the Secretary of Corrections. These are the decision makers for our corrections practices. A sample letter and the contact addresses are available at the church office. Secondly, talk about it with others; grass roots advocacy starts with a conversation. And lastly, to pray about it, give this to God, that he may make paths for a dedicated chapel to be part of our corrections practices in South Dakota.

Please know this; we are grateful for your partnership and all of the ways that East Side supports St Dymas. We have been long-time partners; and know that it makes a huge difference in the lives of people that don’t know Jesus Christ, or have not trusted in him in a long time. Thank you for all you do!

Volunteers are needed for Food to You

East Side Lutheran is the sponsoring organization for the distribution that will take place in our building on Thursday, April 4th. We have the privilege of providing both sponsorship dollars and volunteers. People are needed for 2 shifts: from 4:15-5:15pm, and from 5:15-7:00pm. Sign-up on the board next to the church office.

In March, 137 households were served (that’s 522 people!) 7,513 lbs. of food, plus sandwiches, bread, and other items.... all through the doors of East Side Lutheran. We have become the largest of the 4 distribution sites. *Thank you to all who served in March!*



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The Voice

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

How deep is your love/trust?

Alleluia! He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! This is the chorus we ring out on Easter. We do this, because the events that have taken place throughout Holy Week have changed our lives. In Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection the power of death has been defeated and we no longer need to fear. God has got us! And, that includes *you*. **Alleluia!** Do you trust this?

During Wednesdays in Lent, we spent time living with some of the "40 Stories" in the Bible... that is, stories that include 40 days and 40 nights, or even 40 years. We did this because this is often the way the Bible talks about the time it takes for "transformation".

We found that when we get down to it, transformation usually centers on a deepening of *trust*: trust that God will sustain and preserve creation, trust that God will make us a new people, trust that God will help us face and do hard things...

Still, "trust" (even trust in God) is something that many of us often struggle with. I think this is because it ultimately means relying on something *outside* of ourselves. After Jesus' resurrection, He addressed this difficulty to trust by showing Himself to the disciples, AND by promising them the Holy Spirit. He did not leave them alone.

This Easter, we remember that in your baptism YOU have received the gift of the Holy Spirit. God's power is at work in you to bring God's Kingdom to the lives of other people by the way we live with them. Think about how good you feel when you do that! That is really living. We are able to live this way, because we trust that God has already got us! Loving God is shown by living in ways that demonstrate that we trust Him. Remember we are in this...

Together in Faith,
Pastor Layne

THANK YOU!

Members of the Altar Guild extend a special Thank You to Brian Ensberg and Jim Smorada for making the candle holders for our church windows. Not only are they attractive, they will make decorating so much easier.