



APRIL 2024



*“Shining the
Light of Christ’s
Cross in the
World”*

On Christian Stewardship by Pastor Eric

The word stewardship or steward is not a common word we use today. I never really thought about that word much until I read (and later watched) Tolkien’s Lord of the Rings. The character Denethor II is the 26th ruling Steward of Gondor, who took his own life in depression during the siege of Minas Tirith (sorry to go all geek on you for a moment). Denethor II is not the best representation of a steward that we are looking for! Christian stewardship is a privilege that comes with responsibility. The following is taken from the LCMS Faith Aflame Stewardship Primer:

1 Corinthians 4:2 says, “Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy.” Scripture has much to say about Christian Stewardship. T. A. Kantonen writes in A Theology for Christian Stewardship, “Stewardship is the English word used to translate the New Testament word oikonomia. The Greek word is a compound of oikos, meaning house, and no-

mos, meaning law. It refers thus to the management of a house or of household affairs...Roy Bleick writes in *Much More Than Giving*, "In the New Testament, 'stewardship' [oikonomia]...relates primarily to the office of administration or management or to the implementation of a plan" (page 15). Stewardship is what the steward does and what the steward does is governed by God's Word. God's word suggests the following fundamentals of Christian stewardship: God owns all things, we own nothing. God owns us twice. He owns us because He created us. He owns us because He redeemed us (Psalm 24:1, Haggai 2:8, 1 Corinthians 6:19, 1 Chronicles 29:14, 1 Corinthians 4:7, Titus 2:14). Roy Bleick writes, "Though we may hold (possess) certain things, God really owns all... God's ownership reinforces the concept of stewardship as management. Strictly speaking, we cannot give anything to God, He already owns all. We can only manage its use" (page 12-13, "A Theological Statement Concerning Christian Stewardship").

Yes, tithing is a part of stewardship. However, Christian Stewardship is a much larger matter. Your life and all you have, or rather all you have been given comes from our Heavenly Father. God has so richly blessed us, and it is a privilege and an honor to manage his good gifts.



MEN'S CORNHOLE AND CORN TACO TOURNAMENT

Calling all corn-ivore men, he who has ears let them hear my husky voice, and I may stalk you to get you to come to the amaiz-ing "Men's Cornhole and

Corn Taco Tournament" on Saturday, April 13th 11:00am-2:00pm at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. O' shucks if you don't come. I promise it will be an event you will taco 'bout for ages. The kernel of truth is that it will create great hominy within our brotherhood. (Sorry, this is so corny.)

Easter is Over, Now What?

The celebration of our Lord's ascension into Heaven is an important Spring celebration. It completes his prophecies on earth and assures us of our place in Heaven. He has prepared a place for you and I and that is an incredibly good thing to think about and look forward to.

But since the holiday has passed, now what? It's over, correct? Absolutely not! We should celebrate Easter every day. We can do this by partaking of the Lord's supper, continuing studying the Bible, praying about everything each day. We need to ask our Father for guidance and patience to get through each and every day as he would want us to do.

God has blessed us with an incredible choir at Holy Cross and we should all sing our hymns with a meaningful heart and confess our sins to the Father because he will forgive us.

I repeat celebrate Easter every day. We will be with him and know him. Every year that passes, every month, day, hour, minute and second is closer and closer to his promised return. That will truly be a great day! I think about it a lot and it puts a smile on my face. Easter is a celebration that never ends for us. **COME LORD JESUS!**

May God's blessings be with you all,

Kevin T. Atkinson, Elder zone 2

"I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to myself; that where I am, there you may be also." John 14:1-3



NEW HOPE FOOD PANTRY



For the month of February, New Hope Food Pantry served 36 Families, 114 people, and gave 3 packages of diapers. The yearly totals through February are 68 families, 217 people, and 4 packages of diapers.

We do not need food donations. If you want to help us, we can use bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes. These are items that we must purchase.

As previously mentioned, we are still in need of an available truck driver, or somebody that can lend us a truck on the 1st and / or 3rd Wednesday morning each month. Depending on the need for supplies, it may only be necessary one Wednesday a month. You would not need to make an ongoing monthly commitment. It would only be times when you can help us out.

Another option would be if you have an SUV and could help us that morning. Please look at our sign-up sheet in the church narthex or speak with Joanne Vollbrecht. The warehouse loads all the food into our vehicle for us, and it takes about 2 hours. The warehouse is located in the Groesbeck and Hall Road area. We have helpers to unload the food into the church pantry room.

We are still looking for people to join our group. Please do not hesitate to visit us. We seem to be growing in helpers a little and that is a good thing.

You are more than welcome to join us or just come for a visit. The next food pantry meeting will be Saturday, April 6th at 10:00am the conference room across from the food pantry room.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome our newest members to Holy Cross congregation: Gus Batsikouras, Jasmine Crampton, Virginia Glinka, Suzette Katopodes, Gary & Carol Rinko, Susan Smiley, Cheryl Vickers, and Norma White.

As the Apostle Paul states in Romans 12:5-6, "... in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us..." You see, we are truly blessed in order to be a blessing to others.

Now go forth boldly as ambassadors of Christ Jesus.

MEMORIALS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

IN MEMORY OF PAUL MEYERAND

For the General Fund

Randy Falk
Joan McCoy
Carol Heidenreich



IN MEMORY OF MARCUS COON

For the General Fund

Joan McCoy

IN MEMORY OF CHUCK HEIDENREICH

For the General Fund

Arlene Coon
Earl & Pat Crilley
Janet Cook
Steve & Becky Northcott

IN MEMORY OF JULIE KONCHAL

For the Food Pantry

Fran Schaefer
Samatha Konchal

He is Risen

SENIOR BIBLE CLASS

Seniors join us on Wednesday, April 17th from 11:30am to 1:00pm. Lunch will be served, Chuck Schroeder will be hosting a sing along and Pastor Eisinger will be leading a devotion. Watch for more details to come in the weekly Herald. You will be able to sign-up in the Narthex or call the office. Hope to see you there.

Sing Along with Chuck





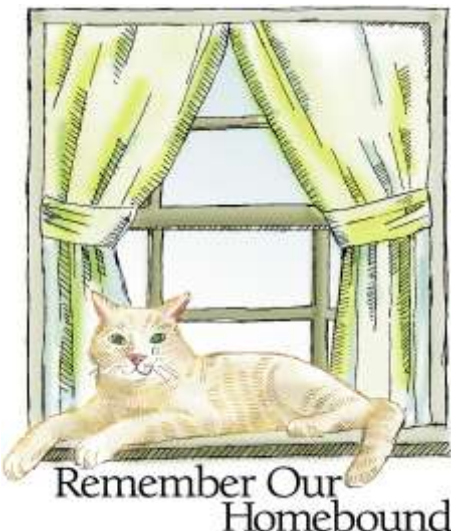
April BIRTHDAYS

Kristy Hicks	4/1
Ray Marchionda Jr.	4/1
Erick Nickel	4/1
Lily Clemons	4/2
Carol Rinko	4/6
Vickie Yuhase	4/6
Anna Llewellyn	4/9
Denise Ritthaler	4/10
Bryan Wiley	4/11
Lorrie Atkinson	4/13
Eric Hecker	4/16
A.J. Wojciechowski	4/16
Philip Green	4/18
Mary Brandenburg	4/19
Cindy Pfahlert	4/21
Mike Kramer	4/22
Mary Northcott	4/22
Chris Bastian	4/23
Lucy Grimm	4/23
Vivian Badalamenti	4/24
Robert Ehresman	4/24
Erica Grable	4/27
Marie Metcalfe	4/27
Dan Garza	4/28
Dana Hecker	4/28



April ANNIVERSARIES

Michelle & David Stokes	4/1/2017	7 year
Brian & Susan Williams	4/11/1987	37 years
Jon & Ashley Streufert	4/17/2018	5 years
Pastor & Jennie Shanburn	4/20/2001	22 years
Joseph & Julie Bastian	4/27/1991	33 years
Jim & Sadie Nowakowski	4/28/2006	18 years



Barb Ugo
Shirley Pontious
Donna Marshall
Donna Kaip
Lotte Weber
Harry Roberts
Dolly Ferries
Linda Troppman
Shirley Tallman

Barbara Unger
Jane Bennett
Siegfried Tyburski
Vern & Ruth Parker
Shirley Handy
**Keep them in your
prayers.**

HOLY CROSS WOMEN'S MINISTRY

LADIES GUILD

March lunch bags for FOG were assembled by the ladies after our March meeting. Sandwiches were prepared on the following Saturday, and all items were delivered to FOG on Sunday, March 10th by Steve Northcott. April lunch bags for FOG will be handled by the Ladies Guild and assembled at the next meeting on April 2nd at 1:00pm.

If you missed the Gluten Free Info class in March be certain to watch the Newsletter for future classes which will cover other topics.

Maurya Withrow, who oversees the Kitchen Committee, is wondering if you have any old ice cube trays that you would like to pass on to our kitchen. If you are interested in donating them to the kitchen please leave them on the kitchen counter with a note "for Maurya".

Linda Conger and Roberta Hanka are planning a Women's Mini-Retreat for May 18th. If you would like to help out in any manner, please contact one of these ladies.

Kitchen Towel Washing Schedule - this is one of those chores that most of us don't think about or are even aware of. But, if you are using the kitchen, even for a short cup of coffee, you expect to find clean towels and dishcloths in the drawer so you can clean up after yourself. If you have time to pick up the soiled towels, wash and dry them and bring them back promptly, please put your name on the schedule in the kitchen. As of this writing the dates for May are available. We are taking two week shifts to share in this task.

A Memorial Donation is being made, by the Ladies Guild, to the American Heart Association in memory of Carol Heidenreich's son, Chuck.

Women's Small Bible Study: will be on the third Saturday, April 20th for this month only. We will meet in the conference room at 9:30am. Please join us and bring a friend!

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Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML)

NEW-NEWS! LWML Spring Rally Event has a new Starting Time. For those that want to sleep in, we will begin registration at 11am and the event will start at 11:30am. We are also offering **Childcare** for our young mom's so they can enjoy the event while the children are being cared for.

The Spring Rally Event is Saturday, April 13th, at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church in Birmingham.

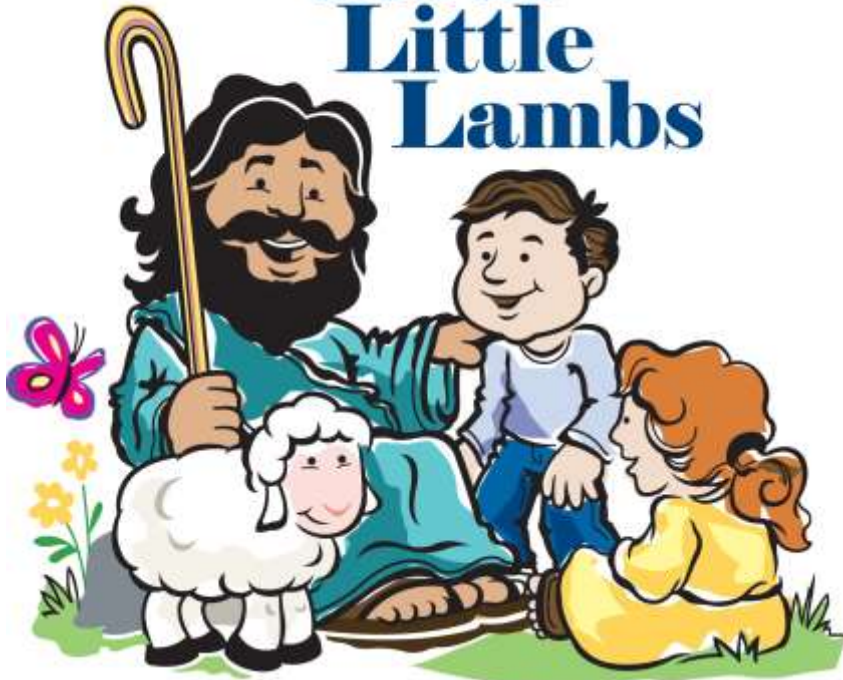
The cost is \$8.00 and includes lunch. Theme is "God's Garden" from 2 Corinthians 9:10. Our speaker is Carol Swenson, a Master Gardener from St. Paul Lutheran in Millington. She will speak about spring planting, preparation, and landscaping. The ingathering will go to Camp Restore Detroit Community Garden. We will be collecting vegetable seeds, garden gloves and gardening tools. Sign-up sheet is on the HCWM board near the back parking lot. All ladies and their friends are invited to join us.

LWML Michigan District Convention: is Friday June 28 through Sunday, June 30, 2024, in Grand Rapids, at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel. Our theme is "Taste and See that the Lord is Good" from Psalm 34:8. Registration began on March 15th through the www.lwmlmichigan.org website. You will enjoy fellowship with your Christians sisters, hear wonderful speakers and bible study leaders. You can participate in servant events, and on Saturday night there will be games around our theme of "Taste and See." Please consider joining us in beautiful Grand Rapids.

THANK YOU EVERYONE!

I would like to thank everyone for the honor of being Holy Cross' Woman of the Year for 2024. I feel truly humbled by this and appreciate all the kind words, cards, and hugs. May God continue to bless each one of you. Thank you, again. Carol Dehnke

Jesus' Little Lambs



Sunday School and Youth News

He has Risen! Blessings from our Lord and Savior Jesus! Spring is here and we have so much to look forward to coming our way.

Sunday School (Preschool-6th grade) and Youth Bible Study (7th-8th grade)
Sunday Mornings 9:00am-9:45am
April's Craft Sunday
April 14th during Sunday School / Youth Bible Study
All ages come together for devotion and craft. This is always a hit with the kids big and small.

Jr. Youth (3rd-5th Grade) and **Youth Group** (6th-12th Grade)
April 7th and 21st
6pm-7:30pm
Join us for fun and fellowship! Don't forget to bring a friend!

Summer Sunday School Cereal Sundays

Join us weekly for Cereal, Bible Study and Fun!

We will meet weekly in the Youth Room and learn what it means to be Lutheran, using "Lutheran 101 For Kids". Each week will be a new topic, taught by Ms. Laurel, after we enjoy a little breakfast and Bible study. We will have a chance to play with the many games the Youth Room has to offer. Remember to bring a friend!
Class begins June 23rd 9:00am-9:45am (No Class July 28th).

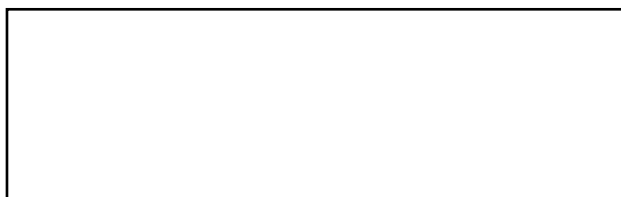
VBS 2024!

June 17th-21st 6:00pm-8:00pm

At Celebrate the Savior VBS, children (Preschool-6th Grade) investigate the Bible, God's Holy Word, and discover that Jesus gives us the joy of eternal life with Him! Our loving God has given us so much to celebrate: family, friends, food, and especially forgiveness through faith in Jesus, our Savior. Join us for a week of music, Bible lessons, games, snacks and so much fun!

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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

Saturday - 5:30pm

Sunday - 10:00am

BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

Saturday - 4:30pm

**Sunday - 9:00am Adult, Youth and
Sunday School for Children**