

Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids
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Dell Rapids, SD 57022



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The Shepherd's Staff

Our Mission: Chosen to Serve † Sharing the Journey † Making Christ Known

May 2021

Worship Schedule:

May 2—8:30 am & 10:45 am

May 9—9:30 am (City Park)

May 16, 23, 30—One service at
9:30 am (Sanctuary)

The ingathering of gifts for "Go Live," our Media Ministry Special Appeal, begins May 16. The funds raised will provide the equipment needed to "Go Live" with our online worship, and compensation for a part-time Media Ministry Tech person to make it all happen.



Go Live!

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Baccalaureate in the Park
Sunday, May 9 @ 9:30 am

Join us for Worship in City Park on Sunday, May 9 at 9:30 am as we celebrate our graduating Seniors! This will start our 9:30 service time for the remainder of the summer. Following Worship there will be a reception of cake and drinks.

Coming Up at LCDR

- 5/2 Last day of Sunday School
SS Teacher Appreciation at both services
- 5/5 High 5, 7th Grade Route 67, 9th Grade Confirmation & HS Youth
- 5/9 SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS
ONE Service—9:30 am at City Park
Baccalaureate & Mother's Day Celebration
- 5/12 High 5, 6th Grade Route 67, 8th Grade Confirmation & HS Youth
- 5/16 Worship @ 9:30 am
- 5/19 Youth Group Slip N' Slide
- 5/20 Young at Heart
- 5/23 Worship @ 9:30 am
- 5/25 Mail June/July Newsletter
- 5/30 Worship @ 9:30 am



Summer Worship Schedule

Beginning on Sunday, May 9 we will move to our Summer Worship Schedule of ONE service at 9:30 am. The May 9 service will be held at City Park as we celebrate our 2021 graduating Seniors & Mother's Day! We invite you to bring your lawn chairs, join us for worship, and enjoy delicious cake and drinks afterwards.

Motion made and carried to approve the appointment of committee members that were added tonight. All the remaining committee positions will most likely be filled by next month. A complete list will then be included in the minutes.

b. PPP Loan – Grant reported that we did receive the PPP loan which was funded as of April 16, 2021. We received \$50,121.00. All use of these funds will be documented. We have from 8 to 24 weeks to spend this money. When we do that, the loan will be forgiven. Sixty per cent of it needs to be used for payroll.

In regards to Sunday coffee, some concerns have been raised by the service groups. People are not ready to serve coffee and treats at this time. Possible options were discussed.

New Business:

a. Usher deposit policies – A proposal was discussed regarding security and procedures. Motion made and carried to approve up to \$700.00 to be used towards this proposal. The money will come out of the property budget and the committee will coordinate with the tellers.

Stewardship/Mission Outreach – Media Appeal: Amy Ahlers reported the committee has been working on the media appeal. There is currently \$5,550.00 in this fund. The committee would like to use Venmo for donations. Donations made through Venmo would go straight to our church account and make it a very easy way to donate. Motion made and carried to approve this.

She reported that we will be doing Laundry with Love in June. This will be as part of the Church on the Street mission. This will involve collection of laundry supplies, quarters for the laundromat, and also some type of meal.

Property: The electrical relay will be replaced on the organ this week. They are checking on costs for additional lighting in the Chapel Hall. We will be replacing the mulch along the south wall of the chapel, moving the ground rubber to other spots and quartzite rock where the rubber mulch was.

Motion made and carried to approve the 2021 lawn care bid from AAA Tree and Landscaping for the amount of \$2,058.05. This will include fertilizer and weed control.

Motion made and carried to approve the 2021 service agreement with Lipetzky for the irrigation system for the amount of \$162.39. They will check the system and make sure it is working properly and will also do a check in the fall.

Steve reported that we do have two major projects in the future. There is work that needs to be done on the roof and we have problems with the parking lot. The roof will most likely run between 60 and 80 thousand. We don't have any quotes on the parking lot. There was some discussion regarding how these projects would be funded.

Worship: Lee reported the committee is searching for the optimal balance between traditional and contemporary worships. They are working on defining our church identity. They will be reaching out to the congregation for opinions on what people like and also what they might like to see changed or added. They have discovered that people really missed having the printed Order of Service. When preparing for re-opening, it was decided to eliminate that.

Motion made and carried to begin printing the order of Service again. We may be printing it on less expensive paper as a cost savings.

The Red Rock folk liturgy will be held on the second Sunday for the summer months, in the park (if possible).

There may be some changes regarding which Sundays we use the traditional and contemporary services. There are plans to make phone calls to members inviting them back to church after the Covid situation. That will begin about mid-summer.

Youth/Family Ministry: Beverly reported that we have a request to be involved in Spoke Folk on July 22. This is a 12-day mission trip where those involved ride bikes from church to church and present an evening program. We would provide housing (within the church), a place for the bicycles, an evening meal and breakfast. Motion made and carried to approve this event.

Technology: Josh reported that there is another work day coming up to do cabling and work on wireless access points. They are planning a field trip to the Reformed church to look at their livestream setup and equipment in regards to the media appeal.

Executive/Budget/Personnel: Resignation of Rachel Pierson//filling the position: Pastor Jeff presented the job description for the position. Duties are clarified and responsibilities delineated a bit more. Motion made and carried to approve the new job description.

Executive Session: Council went into executive session at 10:04 p.m. and ended it at 10:12 p.m.

Announcements: Next Council Meeting will be May 19 at 7:30 pm.

Synod Assembly Registration deadline is May 10. Assembly is June 4 and 5 and it will be entirely online. Delegates are Bryan Timperley, Jared Hohn, Rich Larson, Bob Harms, and Faithe Larson. Keri will get everyone registered.

Submitted by: Kathy Bongers

From the Associate Pastor—

Have a blessed May Day. I was really happy to have so many people show up for the first "Young At Heart" gathering since the beginning of the pandemic. It was so good to see so many of those who had been coming and doubly good to see several new people. God is good! God's Spirit does lead and guide. The next meeting will again be pot-luck at 12:00 noon on May 20. Mark your calendar. This is for everyone over the age of 60. Pray about becoming one of the people taking on a leadership role of this organization.

I remember the fun I had as a grade school age person, making May Day baskets, filling them with some candy, then going to the home of the girls in the area, leaving the basket on the door step, ringing the door bell and then running so that they couldn't catch me to kiss me, unless they were really good looking. I don't know that children have that kind of fun today. I think God created us to have fun, whether we are a small child, or a child in our 70's, 80's or 90's. The kind of fun that we may have may change with our age, but fun generally involves other people. This is true because God created us in God's own image. In Genesis we read that God created us to relate to God and then saw that it was not good for us to be alone. Fellowship with other people, regardless of our age is what brings joy and fun into our lives.

On May 9 we will celebrate "Mother's Day." I remember the fun that I use to have with my mother. Many times the fun that I had with her even involved some hard work. At other times the fun was just playing games or going some where with my mother. Those of you who still have your mother here with you need to take time to appreciate all the love that she has shared with you, and thank her. Mother's were made to help us have fun and enjoy life, as well as keep us us safe from the harm that can come to us, when we don't listen to our mother. Both my mother and my Grandmother lived with us for a period of time, at differing times, in their later years. That also brought joy and many good memories.

God blesses us in so many ways. Many of these blessings come from being together with other people, God created us to be social beings. Share you life, your time and your energy with others, it will bring joy and fun into your life. God is good! Have a blessed month of May. Join us for worship. ~Pastor Eldon Thurow

From the Record Books

80+ Birthday

May 11: Don Knutson

May 15: Charles Johnson

May 26: Dorothy Daugaard

May 29: Darlene Bye



Memorials



Designated Media Appeal Fund:

\$100—In Memory of Ron Peterson

Chapel Fund:

\$150 —In Memory of Luella Sandro

Position available now: Accompanist and/or Organist at the Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids.

Two/three Sundays per month accompanying a contemporary/blended worship team on piano, and once a month leading a traditional service on organ and / or piano. To apply or for more information, please contact Pastor Jeff Sorenson at lcdrpastor@siouxvalley.net.

Coffee & treats will resume on May 16 on a voluntary basis. There is no set schedule, but if anyone would like to make coffee or bring treats they are welcome to do so. Thank you!

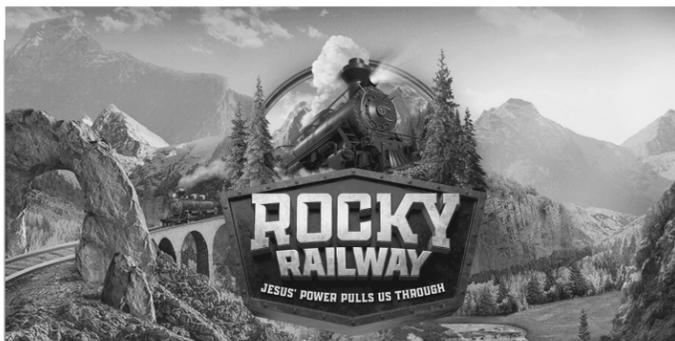


SUNDAY SCHOOL



May 2 Last Day of Sunday School
SS Teacher Appreciation at 8:30 & 10:45 am Worships

May 9 Baccalaureate in the Park @ 9:30 am with reception to follow



Mark your calendars for this summers Vacation Bible School on July 18—21, the Rocky Railway! Look for more details to come in the June Newsletter.

From the Sunday School Director:

Wow, what a year we've had as far as Sunday school is concerned. I'm so happy we were able to have in person for the kiddos, even though it was a shortened class time and not what they've learned to expect coming on Sundays (thank you to the teachers for making it fun and as close to normal as possible)...but let me tell you, next fall will be awesome!

We're planning for some big things for Rally Day to kick off our Sunday school season and are planning on doing all the gatherings with grandparents, dads, moms, etc. for the Sunday school year...plus singing! Expect those kiddos to be singing a lot in church as I've so missed that (as I'm sure you have to).

We are also planning for our VBS program to be as normal as we can, but as of right now, no details have been set for possible restrictions being in place, but we will have it at LCDR. The theme this year is Rocky Railway, **Jesus' Power Pulls us Through**. How appropriate a theme! Look for more details and a registration form in June's newsletter, but put the dates on your calendar – Sunday, July 18 – Wednesday, July 21. Happy May!

~Darcie

A huge **shout out** to all of our Sunday school teachers and helpers. It certainly wasn't our usual year, but I very much appreciate each and every one of these folks!

Bryan Timperley, Rachel Pierson, Nicole Amundson, Katie Diez, Shanna Moke, Alyssa Zweifel, Sadie Schmitt, Megan Hohn, Beth Howardson, Sara Stadem, Sara & Jerome Lang, Becky & Kurt Peppel, Nagi Katzer, Jill Smith, Kara Mergen, Becky Johansen, Jodi Behan, Jacque Lebrun

Also a big THANK YOU to our confirmation helpers: Nate & Tammy Henry, Alicia Anhalt, Melinda Tudor, Kim Hubers, and Joe Prasek.



Simply Giving

Simply Giving (electronic giving) sign up is available to sign up for on our website at lcdr-sd.org. To register—

- 1) Visit our website: lcdr-sd.org
- 2) Choose the "Simply Giving" at the top of the webpage.
- 3) Click "Sign In/Sign Up" in the corner of the box.
- 4) Click on "Create your GivePlus account."
- 5) Once you have created an account and are logged in, click on the three bars in the upper left corner of the box and then select "Payment Methods" and then "Add New." From here you can add your bank account information.
- 6) Next, click on the three bars in the top left hand corner and then selecting "Give Now." This will allow you to choose how much, how often, and to which funds you would like to designate your giving.

If you have any questions or run into any problems, please contact Keri at 428-3197 or lcdr@siouxvalley.net. Simply Giving can also easily be set up in person or over the phone.

If you, a family member or friend would like a Prayer Shawl, please contact the office at 428-3197.



"Shawls ... made for centuries universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify. Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles..."
~Janet Severi Bristow

LCDR CONGREGATION COUNCIL MINUTES April 21, 2021 (abbreviated)

Pastors' Reports:

Pastor Eldon reported that he has been able to start making home visits. Since the pandemic started, he has been sending birthday cards to those 65 and older. Now that he can visit, he will change that to only those who are 80 or more. He has been busier at home since Donna's accident which broke her wrist. She is progressing well so that should ease up somewhat.

Pastor Jeff reported that his family celebrated his dad's 90th birthday. He was very pleased that, with the vaccine now available, his family were able to get together in person to celebrate.

He commended the Council regarding their response to Covid 19. Beverly commented that the Pastor was a big part of that also. She stated how helpful it was that some of our Council members have expertise in the area.

The DRAMA group has authorized the Food Pantry location to be changed. The Food Pantry board requested a different place. Some of the clients had difficulty with the stairs at the present location and it is somewhat limited as to space. It will soon be located on the lower level of the Law Office on 4th Street. This location will have street access (no stairs) and much more space.

Rachel Pierson has resigned as organist. We will miss her. Kris Langer has agreed to fill in as much as possible while we recruit another organist/accompanist.

Unfinished Business:

a. Recruitment/Appointment of Committee Members

The Worship Committee added Bryan Timperley for a 1-year term and Linda Bunkers for a 3-year term. They now have all their positions filled.

The Property Committee has filled their positions. They have Allen Brown and Brian Wilber for 1-year terms. Ryan Lamer and Gaylon Trygstad for 2-year terms. Wayne Coffaa and Bill Nelson for the 3-year terms.

The Stewardship/Mission Outreach Committee has added Mitch Mergen and still needs to fill one more position.

All the Technology positions have been filled with the addition of Marc Mathis and Josh Howardson in the 1-year terms.

Five of the positions for the Fellowship/Community Outreach have been filled. They now have Dianna Puttmann and Eric Strobel in the 1-year positions, Lee Kaffar and Shanna Moke in the 2-year slots, Crystal Dahl has a 3-year term.

YOUNG AT HEART

The Young at Heart will gather together in celebration on Thursday, May 9 at 12 pm in the Fellowship Hall for a plated potluck. Young at Heart is for those 60 year & older for ideas, food and fellowship. We look forward to seeing everyone!

Storehouse Community Food Pantry Update

The Storehouse Community Food Pantry is sustained by this wonderful community through donations and volunteers. The youth have been essential this past year and we appreciate their help, along with their supervisors.

Since October 3, 2012 we have been in partnership with the United Methodist Church. We have been truly blessed with this arrangement; however, our clients and volunteers are aging and find the stairs a bit of a challenge. For that reason only we are moving to a ground level facility in the Dell Rapids Professional Building.

There will be no change in the structure of the Board, not the fact that we work under DRAMA. The pantry provides services to Dell Rapids, Colton and Trent.

Watch your announcements and the paper about the upcoming move. Please be ready to help us out when the time comes.

Again, thank you for all you do to help fight hunger insecurity in and around the Dell Rapids community.

— The Storehouse Board

WE NEED YOUR HELP

With Council approval of a partial “re-opening” of our COVID precautions beginning April 1, volunteers needed to assist with worship now are:

- 2 Ushers—with changed duties
- 4 Communion Servers
- 1 Greeter

We NEED your help in order to make this a smooth transition. If you have ANY questions please do not hesitate to ask! Our goal is to equip everyone with the information they need to make assisting in Worship enjoyable and simple. THANK YOU to everyone willing to help!

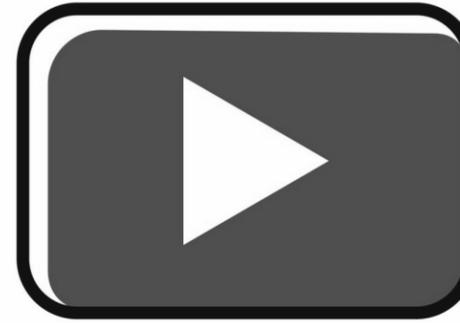


Thank you very much for all you have done for Church on the Street this month, from making 625 snack bags, to adding cards to our prayer squares—your help makes it possible to better serve those living with food and housing insecurity in the city of Sioux Falls. We are grateful and blessed by your partnership and support. -Pastor Rebel & Pastor Shelley



May Altar Committee
Team 4:
Bev Rieck & Diane Wirkus

Funding appeal will help offer live broadcasts of church services



Go Live!

Over the next few weeks, the Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids will hold a special appeal so we can offer live broadcasts of our Sunday church services and possibly funerals, weddings and more. In order to make live broadcasts a reality, the church needs to raise funds for a multi-camera system, computer, software, and a new part-time media ministry coordinator.

LCDR first started offering prerecorded church services on Facebook and YouTube in March 2020 when the COVID-19 pandemic began. Some services have had 100+ views, while one video a few weeks ago had more than 1,000 views.

Many of our members who were originally watching services online have since rejoined us again in person. So who's still watching online?

1. Our snowbirds who want to remain connected to their church back home while they are away.
2. Members who are experiencing health challenges that make it difficult for them to leave home.
3. Families who are out-of-town for the weekend.
4. People we've never met in person from places around the country. These viewers include a 60-year-old cancer survivor, a woman who lives four hours away in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, and a nursing home employee in Florida who hasn't actively engaged in a church community for decades. Our church's message is no longer limited to inside of our own walls.

Why do we want to “Go Live” vs continue offering a prerecorded service?

Whether you're watching a sporting event, an awards ceremony, or a church service, some things are just

better when you're watching them live. You feel like you're an active participant, not an outside spectator.

Plus, online platforms favor live content. They give more visibility to live content than prerecorded videos. But, even if we offer live broadcasts, viewers can still access the recordings at a later time.

Additionally, many of our people spend hours putting together the prerecorded services. Pastor Jeff, Pastor Eldon, praise band members, our youth leader Hans, and a volunteer meet every Thursday evening to record the sermon, songs and prayers that will be used in the service. Then Hans spends additional hours editing together each segment, adding in the song lyrics and uploading the files.

Going Live will require a new part-time employee to prepare for the live broadcast, but the hours will be significantly less than those required for a prerecorded service. More importantly, it will allow us to offer a more engaging experience while continuing to expand our reach far beyond our sanctuary walls.

We couldn't have offered prerecorded services without Hans. He's been able to devote time to these recordings because COVID altered our ability to offer our usual youth activities during the school year. Now we need to start freeing up Hans's time for when youth activities resume in fall.

Doesn't the church already have equipment that we can use for live broadcasts?

Unfortunately, no. Our current equipment and software don't have what we need to offer a good experience for our viewers. You may remember that we tried offering a live service last summer, but the quality was poor.

Please consider contributing to this special appeal so the church can continue spreading God's message beyond the church's walls.

On Sunday, May 16, we will receive gifts during the worship service. You're also welcome to mail your contribution to the Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids, 701 Orleans Ave., Dell Rapids, SD 57022.

Thank you for being part of this exciting congregation. Sincerely,

Jared Hohn
Council President

Amy Ahlers
Stewardship Chairman

Youth Ministry

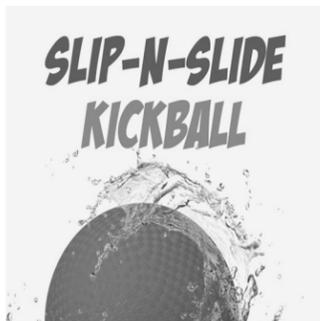


FUNDRAISING

**Saturday, May 8 @ 9:30 am
LCDR Parking Lot**

As our final fundraiser of the school year, we will be selling Krispy Kreme Doughnuts. The National Youth Gathering, which only happens every three years, is next Summer! This is a great way to raise funds for our youth attending. Swing by the LCDR parking lot on Saturday, May 8 at 9:30 am to get some delicious Krispy Kreme doughnuts!

Youth Group Slip 'n Slide Kickball



Wednesday, May 19

5th, 6th & 7th Grade : 5:00 pm—6:15 pm

8th & 9th Grades: 6:30 pm—7:30 pm

High School Youth: 7:30 pm—8:30 pm

All youth are invited to join us for some slip-n-slide kickball on Wednesday, May 19 at City Park at the designated time for each grade. What's that you ask? It's kickball, with pools for bases, and slip-n-slides in between! Join us for some fun. Sign up sheet will be on the youth board soon!

May Youth Ministry Events

- May 5** 3:30 pm High 5
6:15 pm Youth Brown Bag Supper
6:30 pm 7th Grade Route 67
9th Grade Confirmation
7:30 pm HS Youth Group
- May 8** 9:30 am Krispy Kreme Doughnuts
- May 9** 9:30 am Baccalaureate Service at City Park w/ reception to follow
- May 12** 3:30 pm High 5
6:15 pm Youth Brown Bag Supper
6:30 pm 6th Grade Route 67
8th Grade Confirmation
7:30 pm HS Youth Group
- May 19** **Slip N Slide @ City Park**
5:00 pm—6:15 pm 5th, 6th & 7th
6:30 pm—7:30 pm 8th & 9th Grade
7:30 pm—8:30 pm HS Youth

HS Day at Sica Hollow State Park

Thursday June 3 @ 9 am – 9 pm

Join us for a day up in Northeast SD as we explore Sica Hollow State Park. We will cook lunch over a fire, hike, get ice cream in Waubay, and make a special surprise stop! Please sign up on the youth board so we know how much food to bring.

SPOKE FOLK

**Musical Performance
Thursday, July 22**

We've got a special treat coming in July, so mark your calendars! A group called Spoke Folk will be biking around Minnehaha county and performing at local churches with a Gospel centered production. They will be staying at the church for the night, and we will be playing games and doing fellowship beforehand. Times of each activity will be coming soon!

5th & 6th Hiking at Palisades State Park

Wed, June 2 @ 10:30 AM – 1 PM

Join us for a morning hiking in the Palisades and a picnic lunch! Please sign up on the youth board or by emailing Hans so we know how much food to bring.



7th & 8th Hiking at Newton Hills State Park

Wed, June 2 @ 2 PM – 6:30 PM

Join us for an afternoon hiking at Newton Hills State Park with a picnic dinner at the end! We will be hiking 5+ miles, so be prepared for some physical activity out in creation. Please sign up on the youth board or by emailing Hans so we know how much food to bring.



To ALL the mothers whether you are a past, present or soon to be mom, may your day be filled with love, joy and laughter. Join us Sunday, May 9 at 9:30 am in City Park to celebrate (and receive a small gift).



We have County Fair Gift Cards in increments of \$25, \$50 and \$100 available to purchase in the office. Our youth ministry receives 5% back!

LCDR Seeking Donations & Volunteers for Laundry with Love



LCDR will be helping with the Church on Street's Laundry with Love program, and we're looking for donations and adult volunteers.

Laundry with Love provides three loads of laundry at no cost to participants who are unhoused or struggling financially. We would like to raise approximately \$700, and we need several adult volunteers.

What donations can you provide?

- Quarters
- Laundry Pods
- Drier Sheets
- Money to be used toward meals that volunteers will serve to participants during the event.

We are collecting donations now through Sunday, June 6.

How will volunteers help?

LCDR volunteers will be helping on Tuesday, June 8, at The Laundromat Company, 701 N. Cliff Ave, in Sioux Falls from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Shifts are available if you can't help the entire time. Volunteers will help count quarters, fill bags with soap and drier sheets, sort and straighten donations, assist guests, serve a meal, tidy up, and pick up bread.

To volunteer, write your name on the sign-up sheet in the entryway, send an email to ldcr@siouxvalley.net, or call (605) 428-3197.