

Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids
701 N. Orleans Ave.
Dell Rapids, SD 57022

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Coming Up at LCDR

- 3/3 Worship at 8:30 and 10:45 am, Nursery-Kindergarten Sing @ 10:45 am
- 3/6 High 5!, Soup Supper, Lenten Worship, Route 67, Confirmation, Chancel Choir
- 3/10 Worship at 8:30 and 10:45 am, Grades 1-5 sing at 10:45, Sunday School Pajama Jam, Healthy Congregations Workshop
- 3/12 Elder Connection, 150th Anniversary Planning Meeting
- 3/13 High 5!, Soup Supper, Lenten Worship, Route 67, Confirmation, Chancel Choir
- 3/17 Worship at 8:30 and 10:45 am, Sunday School
- 3/20 High 5!, Soup Supper, Lenten Worship, Route 67, Chancel Choir, Council Meeting
- 3/21 Young at Heart Seder Meal
- 3/24 Palm Sunday Worship at 8:30 and 10:45, Nursery - 5th Grade sing at 10:45, Baskets for Bidding begins
- 3/27 Assemble Newsletter, Chancel Choir, No Youth Activities
- 3/28 Seder Supper for 1st Communion Youth and their families
- 3/29 Good Friday Service at 7:00 pm
- 3/31 Easter Sunday Services at 6:30 am, 8:30 am and 10:45 am; breakfast following the 6:30 Sunrise Service

March 2024



The Shepherd's Staff

Chosen to Serve † Sharing the Journey † Making Christ Known



LCDR ROOF REPAIR APPEAL

As authorized at our annual meeting, LCDR is conducting an appeal for funds to replace the roof and the AC units on our Fellowship Hall. Cost of the project is expected to be \$130,000 or more. With gifts in hand designated to this project, our fundraising goal is \$80,000. A donor is also offering matching funds up to \$60,000 – so that gifts up to that amount are doubled! Any excess funds raised will go into a Building Repair Fund for future needs of the congregation's facilities.

This appeal will begin in late March. Roofing bids are due mid-March. We expect to hold a congregation meeting in April to give contractors the go-ahead, and complete the project this summer.

Thank you for your support of this important project to repair, upgrade and protect our wonderful facilities at LCDR.

Easter 2024 Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 24
Worship Services
8:30 am & 10:45 am

**Maundy Thursday
March 28**
First Communion
Seder Supper at 6 pm
(1st Communion Youth
and their Families)

Good Friday, March 29
Worship Service
7:00 pm

Easter Sunday, March 31
Sunrise Worship
Chapel at 6:30 am

Worship Services
8:30 and 10:45 am

Easter Breakfast
7:30 am

2024 TIME AND TALENTS

Included with the March newsletter is a Time and Talents Survey for 2024. Please complete the form and return to the church office. We are especially in need, each week, of members who will usher, help serve communion, read the day's scripture lesson and greet people on arrival to worship. Signing up simply puts your name on a list to be asked periodically to help fill these needs. Through the month of March, very brief training for these roles will be offered immediately after each worship service. Thank you!

Welcome to our new LCDR Members



Andrew, Samantha,
Charlotte, Owen and Marek
Konechne



Seth, Katie, Finleigh and Knox
Litka

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2024 Council Members
Shanna Moke, President
Alyssa Zweifel, President Elect
Lee Weidauer, Past President
Kathy Bongers, Secretary
Tom Morris, Treasurer
Sue Bredlow, Kayla Carstensen, Bob Harms, Dawson Hohn, Steve Munk, Karen Nielsen, Bev Rieck, Scott Zellmer

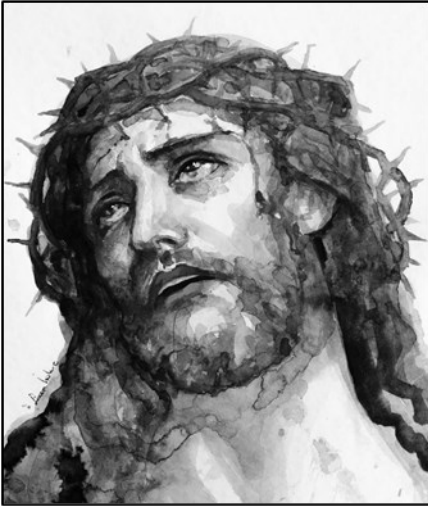
Financial Snapshot for January 2024

Monthly Total Income Goal:	\$37,559.59
January Total Regular Income:	\$26,411.25
January Expenses:	\$32,225.32
YTD through January:	
Income	\$26,411.25
Expenses	\$32,255.32
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7.5% of Offering is paid to Synod monthly

From the Senior Pastor:

THE EASTER FACES OF CHRIST



Dear people of LCDR,

We are asking through our Lenten season this year, of the many faces of Christ, “When might we see this face of Christ? When is this the Jesus we hope to see?”

We will see him hurt when we turn from him. He is loving and tender. Jesus grieves with us at death and loss. He angers at the harm we cause one another. He is merciful, and persistently seeks us. But we especially look forward to celebrating that ALL of those facets of Jesus point to what happened on our behalf at Easter: that he was wounded and died for our sin, and rose joyfully triumphant on Easter morn!

Note above the contrast in the artistic rendering of these Easter faces of Christ. The Good Friday face of Christ, wounded by a crown of thorns and the lashing of soldiers, as he quietly walked to his crucifixion and death. And then, after three days, in all his risen glory, Jesus is radiant with Easter joy. For by his death on our behalf, our sin has been forgiven and death has been defeated. And by his rising once for all from death, we too will arise to live eternally with him!

Our hope in this Lenten/ Easter season is that the center and hope of our faith will come alive in the face of Christ for you. Join us in worship, please. May you know Christ’s heart yearning ever to be close to you. May you see his compassionate face looking ever with love, directly upon you.

In Christ,

Pastor Jeff Sorenson

March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 8:30 am Worship Service Chancel Choir 9:30 am Sunday School Coffee/treats 10:45 am Worship Service Nursery-Kindergarten sing	4	5	6 1:30 pm Quilting 3:30 pm High 5! 5:30 pm Soup Supper 6:15 pm Lenten Worship 6:45 pm Route 67 Confirmation Chancel Choir	7 2:00 pm Prayer Shawl	8	9
10 8:30 am Worship Service 9:30 am Sunday School-Pajama Jam Coffee/treats 10:45 am Worship Service Grades 1-5 sing 12-2 pm Healthy Cong. Workshop Daylight Savings Time Begins	11	12 4 pm Elder Connection 7 pm 150th Task Force	13 3:30 pm High 5! 5:30 pm Soup Supper 6:15 pm Lenten Worship 6:45 pm Route 67 Confirmation Chancel Choir	14	15	16
17 8:30 am Worship Service - High School Youth lead worship 9:30 am Sunday School Coffee/treats 10:45 am Worship Service - High School Youth lead worship	18	19 3:45 Staff Meeting	20 3:30 pm High 5! 5:30 pm Soup Supper 6:15 pm Lenten Worship 6:45 pm Route 67 No Confirmation Chancel Choir Council Meeting	21 12 pm Young at Heart Seder Meal 2 pm Prayer Shawl	22	23
24 Palm Sunday 8:30 am Worship Service / Praise Band 9:30 am Sunday School Coffee/treats 10:45 am Worship Service / Praise Band Nursery - 5th Grade Sing Baskets for Bidding Begins	25	26 2:30 DNRC Worship	27 No Youth Activities 1:30 pm <i>Gather</i> Bible Study at LCDR 6:30 pm Chancel Choir	28 Maundy Thursday 6 pm Seder Supper for 1st Communion youth & families	29 Good Friday 7 pm Worship Service	30

LCDR CONGREGATION COUNCIL MINUTES
February 21, 2024 (abbreviated)

Thank you to retiring members/welcome new members:
Shanna Moke presented certificates of appreciation to the outgoing members (Kurt Peppel, Josh Anhalt, and Ethan Kringen) and thanked them for their service. Each outgoing member spoke about what they liked about the experience and a bit of advice. Shanna welcomed new Council members, Scott Zellmer, Kayla Carstensen, and Dawson Hohn.
Consent Agenda: Motion carried to approve the consent agenda (committee reports and January minutes).

Committee Reports: **Education** - Discussion has begun on the Seder Supper. We are planning on having the kids create decorations for the Easter services. Vacation Bible School is planned for July 14 to 17. **Fellowship/Community Outreach** - Kayla will be taking over as committee chair. We are planning to hold an event in April. This would have a potluck, bingo, possibly a talent show and/or mario brothers competition. **Property** - No meeting in February. A bid request for the roof was sent out in February with a deadline of March 14. **Stewardship** - The Church on the Street - approximately 200 guests were served. Laundry with Love will be on July 23. A draft for the committee chairperson position was reviewed. **Technology** - no report **Worship** - The summer service schedule has been put together. A grief share program is planned to start in April. It has been decided in the case of funeral flowers, they will be displayed for only one Sunday following the funeral. The Easter service schedule has been set. **Youth/Family Ministry** - The pancake fundraiser was a success. There was discussion about setting up a sponsorship program where sponsors would receive text messages and pictures during the New Orleans event. We expect to have 23 students in confirmation camp. March 17 will be Youth Sunday with our youth leading on that day. Baskets and bidding will also start at that time.

Member Actions: New members joined on February 18. They are Andrew and Samantha Konechne, Charlotte, Owen and Marek; Seth and Katie Litka, Finleigh and Knox. Motion carried to approve the new members.

Treasurer's Report: Tom reviewed the treasurer's report. Motion carried to approve the treasurer's report.

Pastor's Report: A multi-generational mini-retreat for the whole family is being planned. There will be food and activities. The date is April 7 from noon to 3 p.m. The other item is grief support. Motion carried to use the money left in the natural church development fund (which is no longer active) for costs of this program. Pastor Jeff noted that council members should have a new contact list. As of today, the church directory is online. The app allows you to bring up someone's

picture, then tap on a phone number or email and be connected directly to that person. There is a conference assembly on March 10. Anyone can go to that if they wish.
Unfinished Business:

- 150th Anniversary Task Force - Old time worship is on and it will include a picnic on May 19. The website is up and running. The anniversary theme song is "Blessed be the Rock". Some of our past clergy that we have reached out to have responded. The cookbooks are still for sale and will be through the final event. The history book is coming along after some initial difficulties. The next meeting's agenda will be to work on the venue, menu, decorations, etc. Our Sunday School kids will be creating doves which will be on display from April 28 through the anniversary service.
- John Green print - Pastor Jeff and John will be visiting with John Green with suggestions from the group.
- Fellowship Hall roof updates - Steve noted that the current property committee will be handling this project. He thanked Scott Zellmer for his assistance. The request for proposal went out to 4 potential bidders for a response to be received by March 14. They will be available for the Council to review at their March meeting. The bids will hold for 60 days. If we don't go with roof mounts, it would require additional ducting/venting, etc. We would like 3 to 4 bids on the hvac costs with at least two options shown. Quality Heating has been contacted to present a plan. The flyer for the appeal is nearly complete. A poster will be made and a couple of brief temple talks are planned. A member has pledged to match up to \$60,000.00 raised in the appeal. The council will prepare a recommendation once we have bids, etc. Motion was made that any excess funds raised will be placed in a designated building repair fund for future needs of the congregation facilities.

New Business:

Service helpers - It was noted that Time and Talents sheets need to be updated and all members need to fill these out. It is planned to get the Time and Talent sheets out in the March newsletter. It was decided to not go with the service group plan at this time.

Spring Fling - The Fellowship Committee would like to have this on April 14th and include a 50/50 activity. Baskets and bidding ends that day. Motion carried to approve April 14 for the event. Motion carried to approve the 50/50 raffle.

Executive Session: No executive session was needed.

Announcements: Next meeting will be March 20, 2024
Committee reports are due by noon on Monday, March 18.

Adjournment: Motion carried to adjourn.

Submitted by: Kathleen Bongers, Church Council Secretary



**From the
Record
Books**

80+ Birthdays:

March 12: Ardis Croon
March 19: Wayne Mitchell

Prayer Shawl Ministry



*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

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry meets
the 1st and 3rd Thursday of
each month at 2:00 pm.



**March Altar
Team: All**

Thank you for your time and dedication!

If you are interested in joining the Altar Committee Ministry, please contact Sue Bredlow at 605-321-1185 for more information.

From the Associate in Ministry:



I hope you have seen the Generation Connection logo somewhere in the past few months. And I hope you have enjoyed one or more of the opportunities to interact with those older or younger than you...to find how much fun it is getting to know each other!

Each generation is different. Individuals within a generation are also different, but there are characteristics that are common to a majority of people within a given generation. What really connects us to each other is knowing our similarities and differences, and understanding each other better. We are being intentional here at LCDR to bring the generations together, to talk together, eat together, learn together, and play together.

An opportunity for all of these things is being planned for April 7th from noon to 3:00. We're calling it a **'MINI' RETREAT**, and we will try to teach a portion of what our Elder Connections team taught at the women's retreat last September in the Black Hills. The fun difference at our **MINI RETREAT** is that it will be all ages learning and playing together.

We hope you all will want to come (!) and that you'll bring friends and family of all ages with you. We'll have a Pizza Bar, Salad Bar, and Ice Cream Bar; we'll do some fun activities to get to know each other; the kids will have a movie while others learn more about the generations; and we'll end with the kind of talk around the tables that we have learned to love in this place. Thanks to a Thrivent Action Grant, there will be no charge!

Watch for chances to sign up (so we know how many pizzas we'll need!)

Come enjoy some **GENERATION CONNECTIONS!**

Pat

Youth Ministry NEWS

From the Youth & Worship Leader

In like a lamb, out like a lion? Well, the first part of that prediction seems to be holding true as we near the beginning of March! I can't predict what the weather will be doing the rest of the month, but I do know that the coming weeks will be roaring with a ton of activities for our youth. Please check out all of the announcements in this issue of the Shepherd's Staff.

John Pollmann



No Youth Activities Wednesday, March 27

There are no youth activities (High 5, Route 67 or Confirmation) on Wednesday, March 27 due to preparations for Easter.

Activities will resume on Wednesday, April 3

New Orleans Sponsorships

We have almost reached the goal of raising the remaining funds needed to send 4 LCDR youth and 2 adult chaperones to New Orleans this summer for the ELCA National Youth Gathering! In order to close this gap, we are offering the opportunity to become a *trip* sponsor. Those who sign up to become a sponsor will be included in communications from New Orleans during the event, and they will also be invited to a special appreciation dinner this summer featuring an update from the attendees and a New Orleans-inspired meal. Look in the back of the church beginning on Sunday, March 17 for your chance to help send this group to the Big Easy!

Become A Sponsor!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 6** 3:30 pm High Five
5:30 pm Soup Supper
6:15 pm Lenten Worship
6:45 pm Route 67/Confirmation
- March 13** 3:30 pm High Five
5:30 pm Soup Supper
6:15 pm Lenten Worship
6:45 pm Route 67/Confirmation
- March 17** Baskets and Bidding Begins
- March 20** 3:30 pm High Five
5:30 pm Soup Supper
6:15 pm Lenten Worship
6:45 pm Route 67/No Confirmation
- March 27** No Youth Activities
- March 31** 7:30 am Easter Sunday Breakfast
- April 3** 3:30 pm High Five
5:30 pm Soup Supper
6:15 pm Lenten Worship
6:45 pm Route 67/Confirmation
7:30 pm 8-12 Youth Group

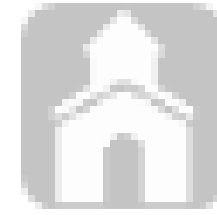
If you have any questions, please contact John at 605-370-8092 or lcdryouth@siouxvalley.net



Youth in Charge! Sunday, March 17

Prepare to be inspired during a unique worship experience led by the youth at LCDR on Sunday, March 17! From the opening announcements to the closing song, our youth are stepping up to lead worship at both services on this day. We still have a few roles to fill, so if you know a youth in grades 8-12 who would like to usher, help serve communion, sing or play another role in the service, please let John know!

VIEW OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE!



FREE App for iPhone, iPad & Android

Our church directory is a great resource tool to get to know our church family better! Simply go to the App Store, search for **Instant Church Directory** and download the FREE app to begin.

Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids 150th Anniversary Celebration September 28th & 29th, 2024 Website: www.lcdr_sd.org

Anniversary Themes

Main Theme: 1 Samuel 2:2 "There is no Rock like our God." **Additional Theme:** Isaiah 51:1 combined with 1 Corinthians 10:4 "Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug ... and the rock was Christ."

Theme Song: "Blessed Be The Rock"

Anniversary Celebration Kick-Off

"Old Time Worship and Picnic": This event is being planned for May 19th. This is the start of our summer schedule with only 1 service which will be held in the Chapel. We are promoting the wearing of old time clothing and all that goes with that, so use your imagination! Following the service there will be a picnic lunch. More details to come...

Anniversary Venue

Saturday Event - held at Hefty's Morton Center. (Fellowship Time, Catered Banquet and Program)

Sunday Event - held at LCDR. (Special Worship Service, and Fellowship Event)

Things to Know

"Save the Date" Magnets: If you did not receive this mailing, please call the church office 605-428-3197. If you know someone, who was at LCDR, who is no longer here and/or has moved away, we would like to get in touch with them.

"Sharing of Memories" Project: If you would like to share some of your "favorite" LCDR memories, we would love to capture them! We can meet with you,

You will use the email address you submitted on the registration form for the directory to CREATE A LOGIN the first time you use the directory app. If you have not registered, you will not be able to create a member account. The form to register can be found on the church website and church office. Please submit the completed form to the church office or email to lcdr@siouxvalley.net.

If you have trouble logging into the app, please contact the church office via phone 605-428-3197 or email lcdr@siouxvalley.net.

record, or tape these for you or you can also send them in an email or word document. Please contact Deb at the church office 605-428-3197 to set up or email lcdr@siouxvalley.net. We are also working on some other fun ways for you to share your memories, so, stay tuned!

"LCDR Cookbook" Project: The cookbooks are here. The cost of this heirloom cookbook is only \$15 and can be purchased at the church office.

"John Green" Project: The artist, John Green has been commissioned to do a special painting of LCDR. Prints will be available for purchase later this year.

"History Book" Project: We are currently working on a History Book to capture and commemorate LCDR's "150 Years of Faith". If you have anything historical that you think might be of interest to include, please contact Deb at the church office 605-428-3197 or email the information to lcdr@siouxvalley.net.

Message from the Task Force

We hope that all of you are as excited as we are! We would love to hear your ideas, and we can always use more help for this special milestone celebration! Please feel free to talk to anyone on the Task Force for more information or better yet, attend a meeting.

Task Force Planning Members: Pastor Jeff, Steve Munk, Sue Bredlow, Jody Stone, Becky Randall, Regan Stone, Nicole O'Bryan, Karen Nielsen, Sandra Lamer






Easter Sunrise Service
March 31 at 6:30 am
Worship in the Chapel

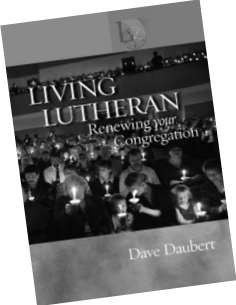
Christ in Our Home

Christ in our Home is a quarterly devotional that encourages readers to live out their faith daily. Each reflective reading is accompanied by a daily scripture reference and prayer for the day that follows the Revised Common Lectionary.



Living Lutheran

Living Lutheran is your source for news, reflections & stories from the ELCA. Stay connected to the wider ELCA community – locally and globally.




These resources are available to pick up in the Church Entrance



Join us
Palm Sunday
March 24, 2024
Worship at
8:30 am and 10:45 am




Spring Ahead
Sunday, March 10



The 2024 WELCA Handbook is available to pick up in the church entrance. There is a lot of useful information in this handbook about the programs offered by WELCA, a calendar of events, and an updated list of Service Teams (every family at LCDR is placed on a service team when they join our congregation).

March WELCA Events:

March 6 - Quilting, 1:30 pm
 March 7 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, 2:00 pm
 March 21 - Prayer Shawl Ministry, 2:00 pm
 March 27 - Gather Bible Study, 1:30 pm



Gather Bible Study

Wednesday, March 27
 1:30 pm at LCDR

The Bible Study this month will be at Friendship Village. The study will be “Scripture and Nature: Teachers of Faith: Lesson 3” from the March/April Gather Magazine. All are welcome.

No preparation necessary. Just come.

STAY CONNECTED




⇒ **Live Worship posted for 10:45 am Worship services at LCDR**

⇒ **Follow LCDR on Facebook**

⇒ **Subscribe to our YouTube channel**

⇒ **Find current activities and worship materials on our website lcdr-sd.org**

Visit our website, lcdr-sd.org, to find a link to our YouTube channel!



Meals on Wheels & Backpack Program

Thank you to all who have signed up to serve! It is greatly appreciated.




Wednesdays in Lent will continue to feature a soup supper from 5:30-6:15 p.m. hosted by our youth and their families. Please see below for the schedule, and be on the look-out for a sign-up from John!

March 6	Grade 6
March 13	Grade 5
March 20	Grade 7

Please watch for the Sign-Up Genius link!

Thank you to all of the families providing food and service for these events!




Baskets and Bidding

March 17 - April 14

“Baskets and Bidding”, our final major youth fundraiser of the year, kicks off on Sunday, March 17. “Baskets and Bidding” is a silent auction fundraiser that features baskets of items donated by the families of LCDR.

A few important notes:

- Any individual or family can contribute a basket, not just those with youth
- Those with youth in grades 5-12 are strongly encouraged to participate (only 1 basket per family)
- Please have baskets to the church by **Friday, March 15**
- Bidding will close at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 14.



Attention All LCDR High School Seniors

We need a senior photo of you (either print your own 4x6 photo or email high-resolution image) and your post-graduation plans. Please get both to John (email to lcdryouth@siouxvalley.net or text to 605-370-8092) ASAP. Also include parent/guardian names and color preferences for the fleece blankets to be given at the baccalaureate service on May 5. Thank you!

Easter Sunday Continental Breakfast


Breakfast will be served after the 6:30 am Sunrise Service. Join us for muffins, rolls, fruit, juice & coffee!



Online Giving Made Easy!


Giving with Venmo

You can now use Venmo for your online giving. In your Venmo account, select to pay lcdr@siouxvalley.net.



Simply Giving

Please call the office to set up your Simply Giving (secure electronic giving)! All you need is your routing and account numbers. If you prefer to sign up online, the link is on our website at lcdr-sd.org.



If you have any questions or run into any problems, please contact the church office at 605-428-3197 or lcdr@siouxvalley.net



We have County Fair Gift Cards available to purchase in the office. Our youth ministry receives 5% back from County Fair—so for every \$2,000 sold our youth receive \$100 (no cost to the buyer)!

Our Children's Ministry



From the Director of Sunday School:

We've had quite a few new children start at Sunday school and I can't be happier! One of the families I met about 4 weeks ago, and ever since then, I get the biggest hug every single time she sees me at school...whether it's in the crosswalk, on her way to her locker or wherever she is walking to. It just makes my heart smile when I see her knowing I'm going to get a great big hug! Now, before I met with her and her family at church, she'd walk by me in the hallway and I'd say "good morning" but didn't know her name as she was new to the school too and I don't go in her classroom. But once she made the connection with me to church, it all changed! I'm so blessed! Just goes to show how church and Sunday school can make such an impact, even when we're not in the church building. Happy Easter!

Darcie



March 3	Sunday School N-K sing at 10:45 service 5 th graders etching First Communion chalice during Sunday school
March 10	Sunday School Pajama Jam (daylight savings) 1st - 5th Grade sing at 10:45 service
March 17	Sunday School
March 24	Nursery - 5 th grade sing at 10:45 service
March 28	Seder Supper for the 1st Communion Youth and their families
March 31	Easter Sunday - No Sunday School

PAJAMA JAM

Daylight Savings is coming...have you ever been so tired on a Sunday morning that you wish you could just roll into church in your pajamas and slippers? Well, on March 10th, you can expect to see a lot of kids (and maybe some adults) in their PJs and slippers! Don't worry, we invited them to do that, because LCDR is experiencing an event called PAJAMA JAM! Let's make the most of losing an hour of sleep by eating donuts in our PJs and slippers!



Thank you to the Andersons (Dells Theater) for donating popcorn for the movie during the Annual Meeting. The best popcorn!

VBS Save the Date July 14 - July 17



More info in next month's newsletter

5th Grade Youth receiving their First Communion include:



Maddox Amundson	Parker Matzke
Makenzie Anderson	McKinley Pierson
Paislee Burggraff	Dawson Ronfeldt
Gabriella Carstensen	Owen Ronshaugen
Myelle Evans	Tyson Roth
Mara Hauglid	Easton Stadem-
Miles Hendrickson	Heinemann
Quin Howardson	Tate Velkamp
Logan Hubers	

SEDER SUPPER

First Communion Youth and Parents
March 3: Etch Communion Chalice at 9:30am
(during Sunday School)
March 28: Seder Supper at 6 pm for First Communion youth and families

Easter Lilies

If you would like to buy an Easter Lily to beautify our sanctuary Easter morning, the sign up sheet is on the counter in the church entrance or call the office at 605-428-3197. They are \$20 each. Checks can be made payable to LCDR.



Thursday, March 21
12:00 PM
Seder Meal

The Young at Heart will gather together at noon in the Fellowship Hall for a Seder Meal!
Young at Heart is for those 60 year & older for ideas, food and fellowship.



150th Task Force Meeting
March 12 at 7:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

GRIEF SHARE

What and why:

- + Extends help to people from other churches and/or unchurched people (Brings new people to LCDR for necessary services)
- + Christ-centered, video-based
- + Equips lay people to comfort and encourage grieving people
- + Offers practical insight and tools to work through the grieving process
- + Provides essential community support (there are currently no support groups in the Dell Rapids area)

Need:

- + Up to **33%** of grieving people suffer adverse mental or physical effects
- + Over **25%** of non-Christians seek help from churches following trauma
- + Over **500,000** people search online for support groups every month

Topics:

- A few of the **topics** covered in the 13-week class:
- Difficult emotions
 - Loneliness
 - Relationships
 - Guilt and regrets
 - Questions for God
 - Moving forward

When and Where:

- + Begins Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 6:00, at LCDR;
- + Meets at 6:00 every Wednesday until June 26, 2024. (13-week class)
- + Proposed to be offered once per year going forward

Cost:

\$15 / person for the workbook

Led by Pat Eidsness, AiM, Associate Minister at LCDR

