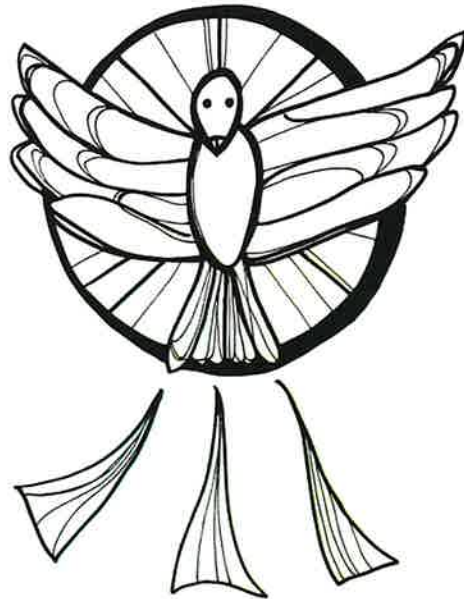


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## **Lay Ministry Team**

Beginning in May, our new Lay Ministry Team will serve as an outreach to our homebound and assisted living members. Visits with the members will include conversation, communion, and fellowship. There will be informational and training sessions on April 26 and May 3. Questions? Feel free to contact Pastor Andrew either through email, [pastorandrewstansgars@gmail.com](mailto:pastorandrewstansgars@gmail.com), or text, (920) 517-4020.

# **Spring Salad Luncheon**

Saturday April 25, 2026, 10:00 AM

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

Welch, MN

## **Village Partnership for Education**



Speakers Bruce and Brenda Blair will share their experiences working with the Village of Mondema in Sierra Leone West Africa. They are

working with the community to convert a vacant church building into this new Center for Education.

**Musical Performance: Alison Bondy, Sue Hastings, Linda Kleven**

*Donations to the Village Partnership for Education will be graciously accepted.*

**Love Offering Donations to: Village Partnership & First Choice Village Partnership:** dry erase markers, ABC cards, chalk & chalk board erasers, pencils, men's and women's underwear for the teachers (size: medium)

**For First Choice:** Baby Hygiene products: Body wash/shampoo diaper rash cream, Unscented wipes, Clothing 18 months to 5 yrs, Hooded towels and washcloths, gift cards to Target, Walmart or Amazon so they can purchase large baby items, **Clinic supplies** toilet paper, paper towels, disinfecting wipes, copier paper



Lutheran  
Disaster Response

## ELCA Disaster Response

In April, St. Ansgar's will be collecting funds for ELCA Disaster Response. In 2025, LDR provided significant aid for several disasters.

**Los Angeles Wildfires** (January 2025) Assisted with long-term recovery following fast-moving fires that destroyed thousands of structures.

**Texas Flash Floods** (July 2025) LDR mobilized in response to catastrophic flooding which caused loss of life and massive destruction of homes.

**Ukraine Conflict** (Ongoing) ELCA continues to support refugees by providing shelter, food, and long-term care.

**International Disasters (2025)** Through partnerships, LDR provided food, water, tents, and tarps to victims in Myanmar and Caribbean countries following crises.

The team works to rebuild lives and communities in the United States and 50 other countries. Lutheran Disaster Relief stays long after first responders are gone. Your donation will help make that possible.

**Thanks for supporting the April Globe Offering**



St. Ansgar's is going to participate again in the County Highway Cleanup project. We have a stretch of county #24 that starts on the pavement right across highway #19 from the Church and extends south to the roundabouts by highway #52.

**Saturday, April 25, 2026**

**Meet at St. Ansgar's Church @ 10am**

This event is open to everyone ages 12 or older. Kids under 12 will need to be accompanied by a chaperone. We would love to have an intergenerational group walking and working together. Many hands make light work!! We will provide safety vests and garbage bags. Please wear sturdy shoes, long pants, long-sleeved shirts, and work gloves if you have them. We will have a few extra sets of gloves available.

Let's get out to enjoy each other's company and clean up God's world.

7. Review 2-month Calendar - Reviewed

8. Old Business:

- a) Lay Ministry Team – Pastor Andrew will be doing training April 26 and May 3 after worship. A sign up sheet has been posted
- b) Committee Assignments – This was completed last month. Council members were reminded that they should determine who is the Convener, Secretary, and Reviewer for their respective committee
- c) Recognition for Kim March 22nd – A card was passed around and signed. It will be presented along with a gift of appreciation this coming Sunday

9. New Business:

- a) Synod Assembly – need one more person to go – This happens on May 2. Pastor Andrew will make an announcement Sunday
- b) Palm Sunday event at the State Capitol – There will be a large outdoor worship service on the lawn at the State Capitol. A flyer has been posted with a QR code for registration and more information. Busses are heading up there from Red Wing and Northfield churches.
- c) What we Believe Forum – Pastor Andrew will be presenting on various topics after worship in the weeks ahead

10. Adjournment and Closing Prayer – Motion, Second, Approved. Closed with the Lord’s Prayer

End of February	
Original loan	\$ 60,000
Principal repaid	\$ 32,563
Remaining	\$ 27,437

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, April 21st  
 2026 6:30pm  
 Devotions – Megan

Respectfully Submitted,

Tony Busiahn  
 Council Secretary



5. Memorial Team

Nothing to report

6. Communication and Technology team

New projector has been installed and is working

Church website is being updated and maintained by Preston

7. Cemetery Committee

Materials are ready for the new sign at cemetery, waiting for good weather to put together and install

8. Audit Committee

Next audit January 31, 2027

9. Stewardship committee

10. Nominating Committee

11. Next Meeting June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 6:30 pm

**Thank you to everyone  
who came to the  
rescheduled  
St. Patrick's Day event  
on March 22nd!**



## April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 <b>Palm Sunday</b> <b>Pie Auction</b> <b>9:30am Worship Service</b>	30 6:30pm Cub Scouts	31 7:00am Lydia Prayer Group 1:00pm Pastor - Text Study 6:00pm Handbell Rehearsal	1 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	2 <b>6pm Worship Service</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b>	3 <b>6pm Worship Service</b> <b>Good Friday</b>	4 7:00am Men's Bible Study
5 <b>Easter Sunday</b> <b>9:30am Worship Service with Communion</b>	6 6:30pm Cub Scouts 6:30pm Worship and Education	7 <b>7:00am CPBC</b> 7:00am Lydia Prayer Group 1:00pm Pastor - Text Study	8 6:00pm Faith Night 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	9	10 <b>Pastor - Out of Office</b>	11 7:00am Men's Bible Study
12 <b>Pastor - Out of Office (Continuing Ed)</b> <b>9:30am Worship Service</b> <b>10:45am Executive Team</b>	13 <b>Pastor - Out of Office (Continuing Ed)</b> 1:00pm Mission Quilting 4:00pm Finance Team 6:30pm Cub Scouts	14 <b>Pastor - Out of Office (Continuing Ed)</b> 7:00am Lydia Prayer Group 10:00am Retired Teacher Meeting - Meeting in Library 1:00pm Pastor - Text Study 5:00pm Property Meeting	15 <b>Pastor - Out of Office (Continuing Ed)</b> 6:00pm Faith Night 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	16 <b>Pastor - Out of Office (Continuing Ed)</b>	17 <b>Pastor - Out of Office</b>	18 7:00am Men's Bible Study
19 <b>9:30am Worship Service</b>	20 1:30pm Elizabeth & Ruth Circle 6:30pm Cub Scouts	21 <b>7:00am CPBC</b> 7:00am Lydia Prayer Group 1:00pm Pastor - Text Study 6:30pm Church Council	22 <b>Administrative Professionals Day</b> <b>Earth Day</b> 6:00pm Faith Night 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	23	24 <b>Pastor - Out of Office</b>	25 7:00am Men's Bible Study
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***When scheduling an activity at the Church please contact the office at (507-263-3645) or email [sachurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:sachurchoffice@gmail.com) as soon as possible for availability and fill out a "Facilities Use Request" form.***