

The Link

JULY

2024

St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church
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Cannon Falls, MN 55009

Dear St. Ansgar's Family,

As we approach the 4th of July, I thought it would be a wonderful opportunity for us to reflect on the meaning of **freedom** as people of God.

Freedom is deeply woven into the fabric of our country. We celebrate the vision of those who sought to establish a land where liberty and justice are paramount. Yet, as followers of Christ, we know that the most profound freedom comes not from any earthly government, but from Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ frees us from sin and shame because of his death on the cross, which allows us to walk boldly. This freedom empowers us to love without fear and to serve without hesitation. It's a freedom that calls us to higher standards, not for our own sake, but for the sake of the Gospel.

Galatians 5:13 reminds us, "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love." Our freedom in Christ is a call to action. It compels us to reach out to others, to lift up others, find ways to be united instead of divided, and to be advocates for justice and peace.

As we enjoy the fireworks, the barbecues, and the gatherings with family and friends, as we gather to celebrate this 4th of July holiday, let's also take time to celebrate the freedom we have in Christ, to make a positive impact in our community. Whether it's through acts of kindness, supporting those in need, or sharing the inclusion of the Gospel with others, we can make a difference.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Kira

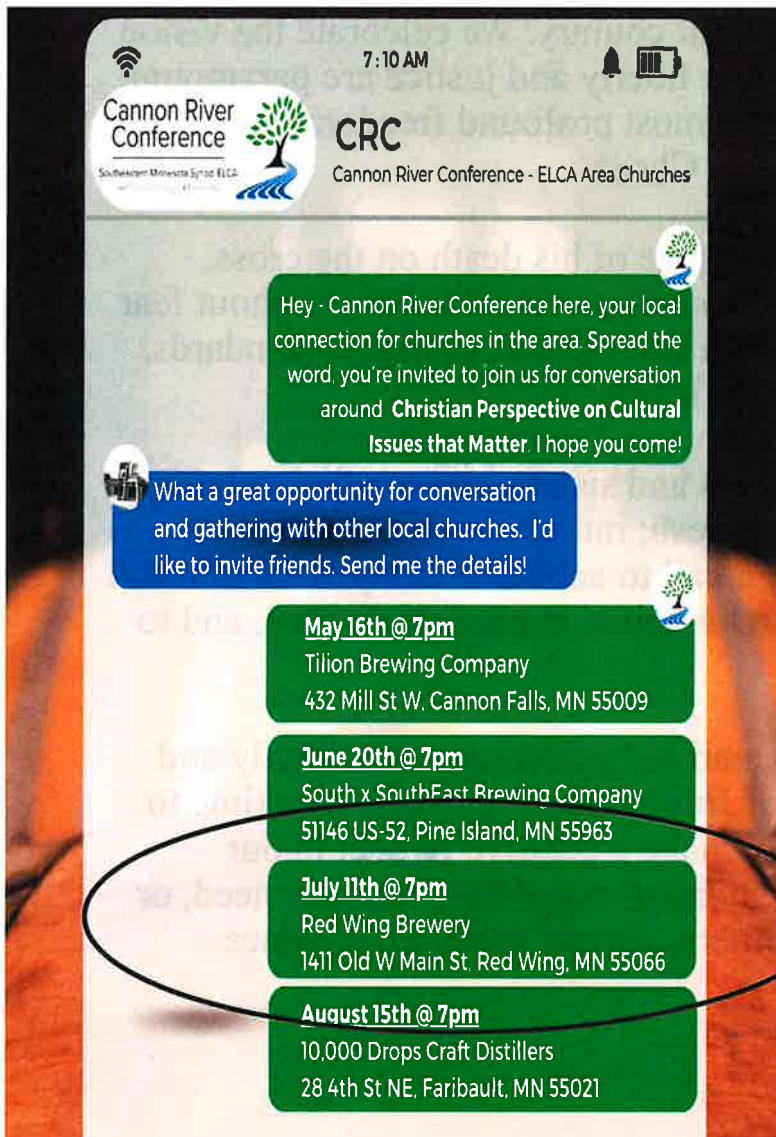
Time to Celebrate

St. Ansgar's will be celebrating their 155th Anniversary on August 18th. Please join us for worship at 9:30am followed by pie and conversation.

If you need a ride so you can join us, please contact Kim at 507-263-3645 or sachurchoffice@gmail.com to arrange for a ride to and from St. Ansgar's by August 1, 2024.

Upcoming Worship Services and Events.

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| July 7th | Storyed Faith |
| July 14th | Outdoor Worship |
| July 21st | Hymn Sing |
| July 28th | Contemporary |
| August 4th | Storyed Faith |
| August 11th | Storyed Faith |





Globe Offering : “Habitat for Humanity”

We will collect money for “Habitat for Humanity”
Make checks payable to St. Ansgar’s and write
Habitat in the memo.

Thank You

Lois Johnson would like to Thank everyone who sent her cards, best wishes, emails, text and for all the phone calls for her birthday.

It was very appreciated.

***Bob Hawley from Habitat for Humanity will be doing a temple talk at St. Ansgar’s on July 7th during the 9:30am service.
Please join us.***

Vacation Bible School
was held June 24-26 at First English .
Thank you to all that joined us!



St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES - Tuesday, May 21st - 6:30pm Library

Meeting Called to Order: *Vice President Bob Durdahl*
Minutes taken by; Secretary Danielle Lingenfelter

Devotion provided by: *Danielle Lingenfelter*

Vision Statement: A Welcoming Church focused on Christ,
together actively reaching out to the community.

Mission Statement: Proclaiming God's love and salvation for
everyone through Jesus Christ.

Accepted 5/21 Council Agenda

Read, Proofed & Approved APRIL 16th, 2024 Council Minutes

Financial Reporting: *Shari Ekstrom* – Report Accepted

Income: \$16,893.77

Expenses: \$23,166.98

Under: (\$6,273.21)

YTD: (\$417.79)

Designated Savings: \$154,155.47

Parking Lot Balance: \$46,063.91

Reports:

Updates from Pastor Kira – May's Pastor Report

Storied Faith vision overview, dates set after worship 6/30, 7/7, 8/4,
8/11

VBS dates set for: June 24, 25, 26 with First English

RECEIVED 'Community Outreach' Ministry Committee Meeting
Minutes

OLD Business:

a. Pastor Kira's Review by Exec 5/22/24 – Staff Reviews scheduled June
by Kira

NEW Business:

Motion was made to approve up to \$2,000 to change and update 5 new exterior door locks. Physical Security of St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church updates will include; new door locks/codes, new keys, all old keys turned in to office. 8am-noon office hours will be posted and signage on doors.

Council Meeting 6/2 to Vision & Plan 155th Anniversary of St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church celebration planned for Sunday, August 18th

Business Ministry Meeting – June 11th @ 6:30pm (Jim will convene)

Tickler File: 2-Month Calendar – REVIEWED

NEXT Council Meeting: Tuesday, June 18th @ 6:30 Library

Devotion: Tony Busiahn

Motion for Adjournment made.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

*Submit
August link
articles on
or before
July 22nd*

*Thank you so much
for really connecting me
towards God during
my middle/high school
years! He has truly
helped me through so
many battles! I also want
to thank you for the
blanket, it is beautiful
and already my favorite
to use at night! :)*
-Madi Burr

July 2024

Date 2024	Acolyte	Computer	Usher's & Greeters (3)	Sound board	Live Streaming	Reader	Ring Bell	Communion
7-Jul	Volunteer	Kylie Sindt	Paul, John & Linda	Bob	Mitch	John Hobert	Dallas Forsman	Jim, Megan and Josh
14-Jul	Volunteer	Norah Thiel	Deb, Jeff & Tony	Doug	Carie	Maxine	Curt Burdick	
21-Jul	Volunteer	Bob	Dallas, Shari & Bill	Bob	Paul	Cathy Hanson	Jeff	Bob, Danielle & Paul
28-Jul	Volunteer	Owen Anderson	Kirk, Scott & Megan	Doug	Bob	John Hobert	John Hobert	

Altar Guild

Cindy Hayward, Maureen Sabrowsky and Lori Banitt

Offering Counters

July Charlie & Maureen

July 14 Kris & Deb

July 21 Debra & Mary

July 28 Gary & Cheryl



As a community of faith, we invite you to hold these people in prayer this week:

Linda Rifemberick, Paralee Lamberty, Samuel Eroglu, Sophie, Joanne Farrier, Sue Samuelson, and Jerry Taube, Marge Kurtz and Beatrice Hall, James Lillemoen, Adriana Walman, and Wayne Groth



July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Storied Faith 9:30am Hymn Sing Service	1	2 7:00am Lydia Prayer Group	3	4 Church Closed Independence Day	5	6 7:00am Men's Bible Study
7 Storied Faith 9:30am Communion Service 10:45am Executive Team	8 8:00am Finance Team 1:00pm Mission Quilting	9 7:00am Lydia Prayer Group 10:00am Retired Teacher Meeting 6:30pm Worship & Education Ministry	10	11 7:00pm Pub Night (Red Wing Brewery)	12	13 7:00am Men's Bible Study
14 9:30am Outdoor Worship Service w/Baptism	15	16 ELCA - Youth (New Orleans) 7:00am Lydia Prayer Group 6:30pm Church Council	17 ELCA - Youth (New Orleans)	18 ELCA - Youth (New Orleans)	19 ELCA - Youth (New Orleans)	20 ELCA - Youth (New Orleans) 7:00am Men's Bible Study
21 ELCA - Youth (New Orleans) 9:30am Hymn Sing Service (Bracken family)	22 1:30pm Morning Circle (Cannon Rivers)	23 Pastor Kira Off 7:00am Lydia Prayer Group	24 Pastor Kira Off	25 Pastor Kira Off	26 Pastor Kira Off	27 Pastor Kira Off 7:00am Men's Bible Study 5:00pm Community Table (First Congregational /Bethel Rock Church)
28 Pastor Kira Off 9:30am Contemporary Worship Service (Rev. Mark Rydberg)	29 Pastor Kira Off	30 Pastor Kira Off 7:00am Lydia Prayer Group	31 Pastor Kira Off	1 Pastor Kira Off	2	3 7:00am Men's Bible Study

When scheduling an activity at the Church please contact the office at (507-263-3645) or email sachurchoffice@gmail.com as soon as possible for availability and fill out a "Facilities Use Request" form.

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WORSHIP WITH US

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Council President: James Lundell
Ministers: EVERY member of the congregation
Organist: Jane Bracken
Choir Director: Cindy Hayward
Custodian/Maintenance: Robin McManus

Interim Children, Youth and
Family Coordinator.—Abby Engbretch

Sunday Morning
9:30am Worship Service

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