

June 2024

St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church
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Sunday August 18, 2024

St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church will celebrate our 155th Anniversary as a church.

Join us **after worship** to share memories that have shaped your faith throughout the years.

June 30th | July 7th | August 4th | August 11th

Dear St. Ansgar's Community,

As the warm days of summer unfold and we see the celebration of our 155th Anniversary approaching, we find ourselves blessed with the perfect opportunity to gather, reflect, and share the rich tapestry of our faith in community together. This summer I am inviting you to participate in a special series dedicated to "St. Ansgar's Storied Faith".

Our faith is more than a collection of beliefs; it is a living narrative woven through our personal experiences, trials, triumphs, and daily encounters with God. Every story, whether it is a testimony of overcoming challenges, a tale of unexpected blessings, or moments of quiet, steadfast faith, adds to the beautiful mosaic of our communal life. Sharing our faith stories serves several profound purposes:

- 1. Building Community:** By listening to each other's experiences, we foster a deeper connection and understanding within our church family. Each story brings us closer together, reinforcing our shared values and common purpose.
- 2. Encouraging Growth:** Hearing about the diverse ways God works in our lives can inspire and encourage us in our own spiritual journeys. It reminds us that we are not alone and that our struggles and joys are part of a larger, divine narrative.
- 3. Witnessing God's Work:** Personal stories of faith highlight the tangible presence of God in everyday life. They serve as living testimonies of His love, power, and faithfulness, reinforcing our collective belief in His constant presence.

How Can You Participate?

Join Our Sunday Services: Each Sunday, we will center our worship on stories from the Bible that call us to reflect on how that story intersects with our life. Our time together in worship will offer insight and inspiration to us all.

Small Group Gatherings: Join us for conversation after worship, where there will be a more intimate setting to share and reflect on your personal faith experiences. These gatherings will provide a safe space to speak from the heart and listen with compassion. They will be on June 30th, July 7th, August 4th & August 11th.)

Submit Your Story: In the month of June we will introduce a question and response form for you to share your stories. Please take time to reflect on the questions and then write back. We will keep the responses anonymous unless permission is given by you to share a personal reflection.

I believe that by sharing the stories of our faith, we can strengthen our bonds, deepen our understanding, and celebrate the myriad ways God moves in our lives. As we embark on this journey together, let us open our hearts to listen, to share, and to grow in faith as a community. I look forward to hearing your stories and witnessing the incredible tapestry of faith that makes St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church so special.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Kira Anderson
St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church

Thank
you 



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Community Assistance Network

Helping People. Changing Lives.

We would like to Thank all of our church family for the thoughts and prayers for our Granddaughter Mackenzie and Great Granddaughter Sophie Elanor. Kenzie is healing quite well and getting rest. Little Sophie is now up to 5#2oz and doing very well. If all continues to go well Sophie will get to come home by end of June. It will be a great day, as big sister Riley will get to meet her little sister. Kenzie and Andrew want to thank you all for the prayers.

Thank You also to the quilting ladies for the lovely baby quilt!

God Bless You All,
Thank You,
Bill and Shari Ekstrom

Globe Offering for June, we will collect money for “Assistance Network” Make checks payable to St. Ansgar’s and write “Assistance Network” in the memo.

Assistance Network is a fund to help members of St. Ansgar’s Lutheran Church who are in financial difficulty, (ie., heat, electric, water, daycare, rent, phone or food).

Money/checks may be placed in the Globe sitting out in the Narthex or in your pledge envelope



Music Sign up for Summer 2024 is located in the Narthex. Anyone and everyone who is musically talented is being asked to participate this summer.

Please check with Jane Bracken to schedule your rehearsal time with her.

Do not hesitate if you need help in your song selection or if you have any questions., please reach out to Jane Bracken or Cindy Hayward.

Please Join us for VBS...!!!

**Summer Fun with
St. Ansgar's & First English**



REGISTER ONLINE AT
<https://forms.gle/SdwPwqZjDe7KEAhj9>

**HAVE YOUR FAMILY JOIN US ON
WEDNESDAY AT 7:30PM FOR A
CAMPFIRE AND RECAP**

St. Ansgar's will be hosting dinner for VBS on Wednesday June 26th. We are looking for people to donate food and volunteer. Please let Pastor Kira know if you are able to help out with this task!



Our
Church's
Graduates

*Congratulation's to
the following
2023-2024 Seniors*



***Braeden Eckhoff
Arianna Moellers
Giovanni Caldwell
Evelyn Nelson
Dylan Banks
Annika Rickert
Talan Duden
Brekken Erickson
Madison Burr***



THE KEYS

St. Ansgar's is updating their security within the church. Everyone who has keys for the upstairs and downstairs will need to turn them in to me (Kim Durdahl) on or before June 7th

If I am not here when you return them, you will need to leave them in an envelope with the following information.

1. Name
2. Why the keys were issued to you

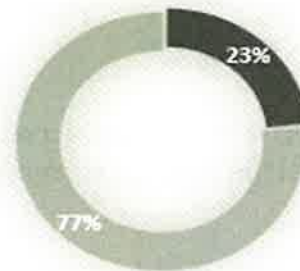
If, anyone is aware of non-church member's holding keys to the building, please contact them and have them turn their keys in as well.

Parking Lot Update!

We started with a \$60,000.00 loan and we now owe \$46,064
Thank You!

*Submit
July link
articles before
June 20*

Parking Lot Remaining Loan



■ Principal repaid ■ Remaining

St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church - **COUNCIL MINUTES**
When: *Tuesday, April 16th* Time: *6:30pm* Location: *Library*

Meeting Called to Order: President: Jim Lundell
Minutes taken by; Secretary Danielle Lingenfelter
Devotion provided by; Paul Jacobson

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.

COMMUNION SERVER VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP – passed around.

Approval of the Agenda: Motion, Seconded/Passed – Accepted & APPROVED!

(Read, Proof & Approve) **MARCH Minutes: Motion to ACCEPT & Approved!**

Financial Reports: Treasurer Shari Ekstrom – *Report Accepted*

Income: \$20,466.12

Expenses: 20,569.98

Under: -\$103.86

YTD Over: +\$5,855.42

Designated Savings: \$151,641.71

Parking Lot Balance: \$47,260.16

**All accounts are re-organized to manage and align better for and with new business model:
“Business Ministry, Community Outreach Ministry and Education & Worship Ministry.”*

Reports:

Updates from Pastor Kira:

Staff Reviews & Sign-Offs on calendar. Employee Handbook is complete.

CCIC – Visioning Religion Release Day for Public Schools and passing of it by Cannon Falls School Board and what that future vision may look like. Tony stated;

why miss out on learning in school. Megan than proposed that looking at (time after) Early Release Days could potentially be an option.

Review on First Pillar Meeting and Council discussed positively how communication with church all around will flow nicely by transitioning to the three committee team groups. “Worship & Education Ministry Committee”, “Community Outreach Ministry Committee”, “Business Ministry Committee”.

Easter Egg Hunt went phenomenal. Looking forward to NEXT YEAR!

Motion to APPROVE 'Worship & Education Ministry Committee Team' Meeting Minutes. Over-all and review with how first meeting went smooth with a positive outlook for the next two team ministry meetings.

OLD Business:

NEW Business:

Community Outreach Ministry Meeting – MAY 14th @ 6:30pm

Business Ministry Meeting – June 11th @ 6:30pm

Council Member will fill in writing Secretary Minutes for June Council Meeting while Danielle is on Family Vacation.

Shari Ekstrom questioned 'Preparing Food in the Kitchen'. Church Kitchen is available for all Church Sponsored Events. Required however: Funeral meals must be catered in.

Tickler 2-MONTH Calendar - REVIEWED

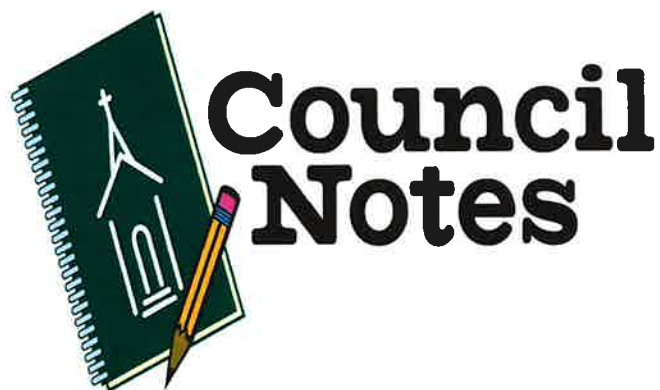
NEXT Council Meeting: TUESDAY May 21st @ 6:30PM in Library

MAY DEVOTION: Danielle Lingenfelter

Motion to Adjournment

Closing with the Lord's Prayer

“Thank-you to each member serving on Council & every Congregation member that makes St. Ansgar's the Church and Family it is.”



June 2024

Date 2024	Acolyte	Computer	Usher's & Greeters (3)	Sound board	Live Streaming	Reader	Ring Bell	Communion
2-Jun	Volunteer	Bryer Gustafson	Deb, Jeff & Lydell	Doug	Bob	Vicky Duden	Dallas Forsman	Bob, Megan & Josh
9-Jun	Volunteer	Nolan Hanson	Charlie, Maureen & Kirk	Bob	Mitch	Bev Sundheim	Curt Burdick	
16-Jun	Volunteer	Oscar McManus	Paul, John & Linda	Doug	Carie	Glenn Schulz	Jeff Samuelson	Bob, Danielle & Tony
23-Jun	Volunteer	Louie Otto	Deb, Jeff & Tony	Bob	Paul	Paul Jacobson	John Hobert	
30-Jun	Volunteer	Georgia Quiggle	Scott, Megan & Charlie	Doug	Bob	Barbara Middaugh	Tony Busiahn	

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please find a replacement.

Altar Guild

Maureen Sabrowsky
Barb Monroe



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

Linda Rifenberick, Paralee Lamberty, Samuel Eroglu, Janine Hayward, Sophia, Joanne Farrier, Sue Samuelson, Bob and Marge Kurtz



For those who have been called to active military service and for our mission partners around the globe. Amen.

Offering Counters

June 2 Kris and Deb
June 9 Debra and Mary
June 16 Gary and Cheryl
June 23 Bryce and Danielle
June 30 Donna and Debbie



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ELCA Youth Gathering

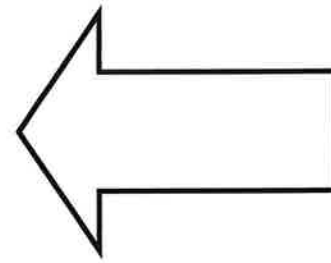
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It's a competition... which region will be able to bring the most items to #ELCAYG2024 to donate to our neighbors in New Orleans in preparation for the next disaster?

Won't have extra space in your suitcase? You can shop through our Amazon and Target wishlists and have your items sent directly to our partners in the Big Easy. 🛒

<https://www.elca.church/gathering/about/offering>



The Youth Gathering is collecting and making Hurricane Relief Kits, and battery chargers from our area of the country, and it looks really easy to click on their link and buy them and they go right to them via Amazon or Target. They are not cheap, \$20 each.

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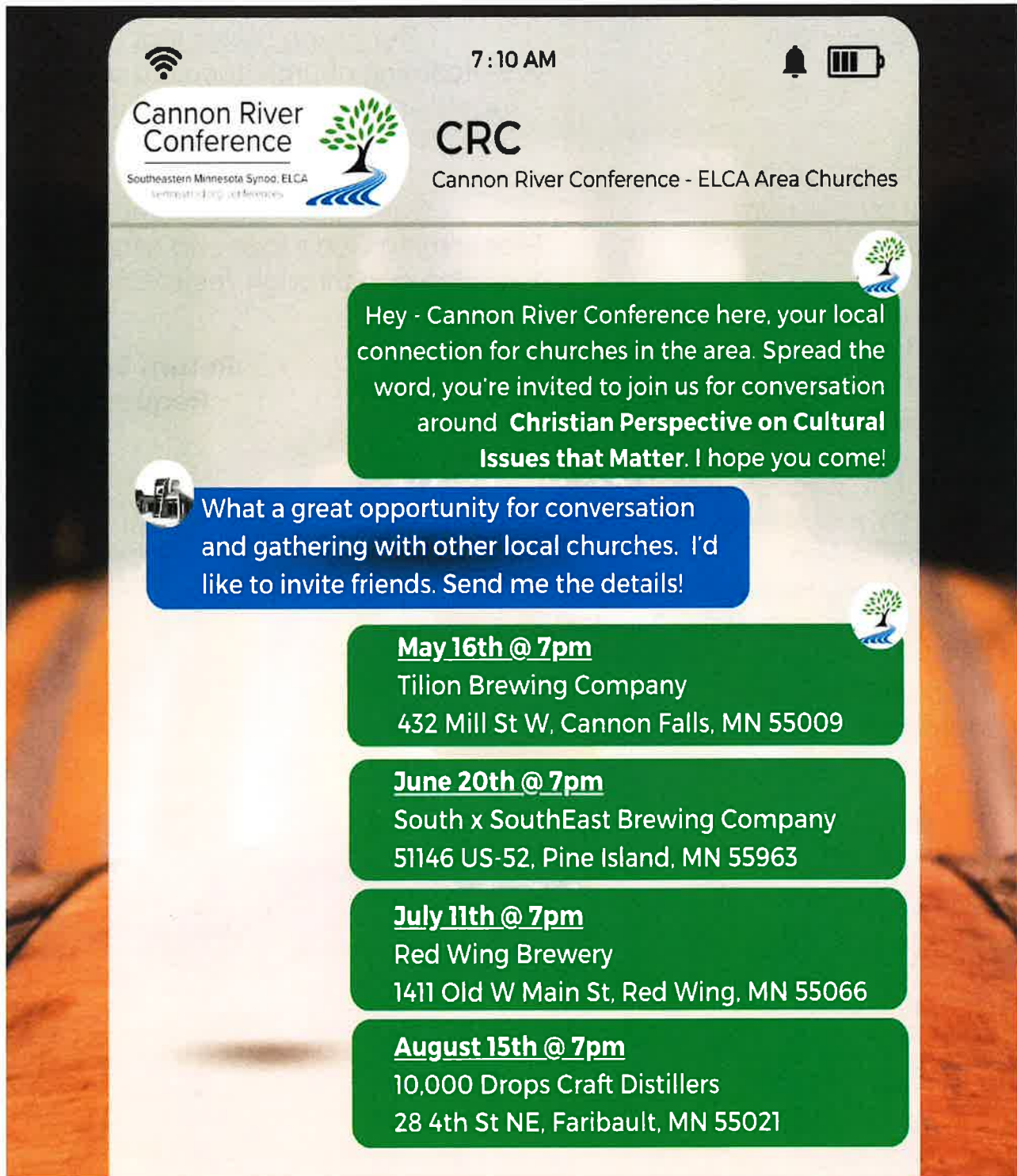
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Trinity Sunday 9:30am Contemporary Service	27 Church Closed Memorial Day 1:30pm Morning Circle (Cannon Rivers)	28 7:00am Lydia Prayer Group	29	30	31	1 7:00am Men's Bible Study
2 9:30am Communion Service	3	4 7:00am CFBC last day 7:00am Lydia Prayer Group 10:00am Mission Team	5	6	7	8 7:00am Men's Bible Study
9 Pastor Kira - Vaca 9:30am Outdoor Worship Service 10:45am Executive Team	10 Pastor Kira - Vaca 8:00am Finance Team 1:00pm Mission Quilting	11 Pastor Kira - Vaca 7:00am Lydia Prayer Group 10:00am Retired Teacher Meeting 6:00pm Property Team 6:30pm Business Ministry	12 Pastor Kira - Vaca	13	14 Flag Day	15 7:00am Men's Bible Study
16 Father's Day 9:30am Communion Service	17	18 7:00am Lydia Prayer Group 6:30pm Church Council	19 Juneteenth	20 First Day of Summer 10:00am Cannon Rivers Senior Community Church Service 7:00pm Cannon River Conference South x Southeast Brewing (Pine Island)	21	22 7:00am Men's Bible Study
23 Pr Kira @ OSLC and Pr Scott Olson @ St. A's 9:30am Contemporary Service w/Baptism (Alex Cherwinka)	24 1:30pm Morning Circle (Cannon Rivers) 5:30pm VBS	25 7:00am Lydia Prayer Group 5:30pm VBS	26 5:30pm VBS (Campfire)	27	28	29 7:00am Men's Bible Study 5:00pm Community Table (First Congregational /Bethel Rock Church)
30 Storied Faith 9:30am Hymn Sing Service	1	2 7:00am Lydia Prayer Group 10:00am Mission Team	3	4 Church Closed Independence Day	5	6 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.

This is EVERYONE'S invitation to join the ELCA churches in our area for conversations around issues that matter. There will be 4 events!

Grab a friend and let's chat!



The Link



WORSHIP WITH US

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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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community."

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