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MARCH 2024

St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church
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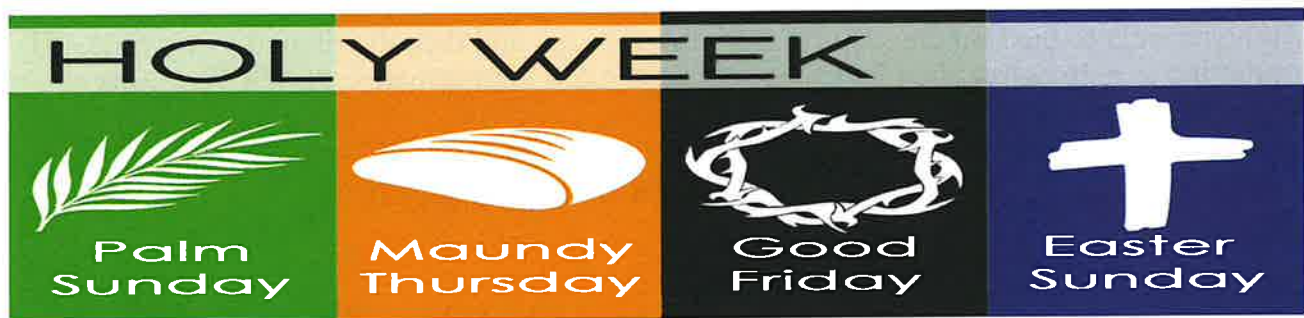
*The
Season
of
Lent*



Everyone is invited to join us for:

Soup Supper @ 5:30pm
Holden Evening Prayer @ 6:30pm
on the following dates:

March 6
March 13
March 20 (Pie Auction)



March 24th - Palm Sunday (Holy Communion)
(9:30am Communion Service)

*April link
articles are
do to Kim
by March
22nd*

March 28th - Maundy Thursday
(6:30pm Communion Service)

March 29th - Good Friday
(6:30pm Worship Service)

March 31st - Easter Sunday
(9:30am Communion Service)



Easter Flowers and Memorial Gift Forms are
inside this newsletter. Please fill out your form and
return it to church by March 17, 2024



Be Mission Minded !

Wondering what to give up for Lent? Forget it! That usually only lasts a couple of weeks anyway. This year, instead of GIVING UP something, let us GIVE something!! The St. Ansgar's Mission Committee would like your help in putting together Personal Care Kits as a Lenten project.

Creating Personal Care Kits is a simple way to offer comfort and hope to people living in the direst situations. In 2023 St. Ansgar's, with the help of Thrivent, was able to assemble 54 kits. We're challenging you to help us exceed that number this year. We found that you can locally purchase the items needed for one kit, for under \$13. You can bring one item weekly or bring all of the items at one time, on or before Easter Sunday. Just put items into the baskets provided in the narthex near the display. Confirmation students will be helping us assemble and pack the kits. The kits will be brought to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse and then distributed worldwide. If you would like to help defray the \$2.65 shipping cost, mark your donation "LWR Care Kits". Thanks for GIVING!

February 18-----**Bath Towel**, lightweight, dark color (20"X40" to 27"X52")

February 25-----**Toothbrush**, one adult size in original packaging

March 3-----**Comb**, sturdy, large

March 10-----**Nail Clippers**

March 17-----**Bars of soap**, 2-3 bath-size equaling 8-9 oz. (in original wrapping)

March 24 & 31-----Make up weeks.

Globe Offering – Food Shelf

Our globe offering for February & March will help support our local food shelf. If you would like to make a monetary donation, you can just drop it in the globe which is sitting on the table in the narthex, or put in the offering plate, being sure to designate that it is for the food shelf. Food and personal care items are also needed. There are shopping bags in the grocery cart in the narthex with a list of the most needed items attached. Take a bag, go shopping, fill your bag, bring it back to the church and put it in the grocery cart. Let us see how many times we can fill the cart!

The Mission Committee along with the CF Food Shelf thank you all for your generous support of this worthwhile project.

Quilt Raffle

The Mission Committee will be raffling a bright and cheery quilt before Easter. Cost of the tickets will be \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 and will be on sale beginning Sunday, February 18th. Drawing will be held March 24th after the service. Proceeds will go to the parking lot fund.



We need over 5000 eggs! Do you know who can help?

St. Ansgar's is hosting the easter egg hunt with the Cannon Falls Chamber this year!!! What a fun way to celebrate with our community. With the extra exposure to the community, we will need EXTRA congregational support.

Beginning next week, we will have the eggs returned last year in the Narthex waiting to be RE-FILLED. Please take a bag home and fill it with candy; please make sure they are wrapped candy!! **Return your full eggs to St. Ansgar's by Sunday, March 24th!**

To make this a success, we need volunteers to help set up and clean up on the 30th. Set up will begin at 7:00 am on the 30th. The set-up crew will mark the hunt areas with flags and place all the eggs there! We ask that set-up and clean-up help at 10 when the hunt begins with crowd control. Clean-up will include putting flags away, picking up wrappers, and sorting empty eggs again. Please let Pr Kira know if you will help!

CCIC Update

The Community Churches Interaction Council is a group of Cannon Falls Churches who have come together to have a positive, gospel-centered impact on our community. During the pandemic activities were limited but the group has re-formed and has new energy. The council meets quarterly, the last meeting was on January 22.

The support for Feed My Starving Children and the Good Samaritan Fund continues to be strong, and there are many additional ministries we can come together to support. The Goodhue Habitat for Humanity is in need of volunteers. They are looking for local people with all sorts of skills: carpentry, plumbing, electric, and even quilting and cooking, to name a few. Ideally, Cannon Falls would have a team of capable volunteers ready to jump in whenever there are housing needs (even small repairs and home improvements) through the Habitat for Humanity program. The Senior Center continues to grow its programming and involvement. There are many programs we can support there including fabric donations for the Dress a Girl program. Lastly, the CCIC has agreed to better support and eventually take the lead on the Thanksgiving Community Meal again (look for more information in the fall).

When we come together, just as Jesus called us, the possibilities are endless. The CCIC is currently accepting Dream Ideas as we imagine what we can achieve for the greater good of the Cannon Falls Area. I hope you will consider getting involved in at least one of these meaningful service opportunities.

March 2024

Serving Schedule

*Wednesday Lenten Services 6:30pm	**Maundy Thursday 6:30pm	***Good Friday 6:30pm						
Date 2024	Acolyte	Computer	Usher's & Greeters (3)	Sound board	Live Streaming	Reader	Ring Bell	Communion
3-Mar	Bryer Gustafson	Louie Otto	Deb, Jeff & Lydell	Bob	Bob	Paul Jacobson	Jeff Samuelson	Shari, Jeff + I
6-Mar	n/a	n/a	Scott, Megan & Charlie	Doug	n/a	n/a	n/a	*Lenten
10-Mar	Carsen Eckhoff	Paityn Banks	Paul, John & Linda	Bob	Mitch	Barbara Middaugh	John Hobert	
13-Mar	n/a	n/a	Deb, Jeff & Lydell	Doug	n/a	n/a	n/a	*Lenten
17-Mar	Georgia Quiggle	Kingston Caldwell	Dallas, Shari & Bill	Bob	Carie	Deb Norstad	Dallas Forsman	Jeff, Bob & Paul
20-Mar	n/a	n/a	Kirk, Scott & Megan	Doug	n/a	n/a	n/a	*Lenten
24-Mar	Oscar McManus	Shane Culbertson	Charlie, Maureen & Tony	Bob	Paul	Vicky Duden	Tony Busiahn	TBD
28-Mar	Kingston Caldwell	Oscar McManus	Deb, Jeff & Lydell	Bob	Bob	Linda Henderson	Curt Burdick	Bob, Shari & Tony
29-Mar	Carsen Eckhoff	Paityn Banks	Paul, John & Linda	Doug	Mitch	Barbara Middaugh	John Hobert	***Good Friday
31-Mar	Kingston Caldwell	Louie Otto	Kirk, Scott & Megan	Bob	Bob	Maxine Rademacher	Curt Burdick	Easter Sunday- TBD

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please find someone to trade with. Thank You.

Altar Guild

Carie Dicke and Judy Johnson

Offering Counters

March 3 Donna & Debbie

March 10 Kris & Deb

March 17 Debra & Mary

March 24 Cheryl & Gary

March 31 Bryce & Danielle



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

Eva Marie Bergstrom,
Linda Rifenberick, Lorraine Johnson, Paralee
Lamberty, Bruce Kreutzian, Alice Groth, Samuel
Eroglu, Chuck Bracken, and Ryan Epps.

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

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 2nd Sunday of Lent Sunday School Youth Kick Off - Fund Raiser Intro 9:30am Worship Contemporary Service	26 1:30pm Morning Circle (Cannon Rivers)	27 7:00am Lydia Prayer Group	28 8:00am NDP Meeting (Library) 5:30pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Holden Evening Prayer-Lenten service 7:15pm Choir Practice	29	1 World Day of Prayer	2 7:00am Men's Bible Study 10:00am Nancy Kreutzian Funeral
3 3rd Sunday in Lent Sunday School 9:30am Communion Service 11:15am Youth Team	4 Robin - Vacation	5 Robin - Vacation 7:00am CFBC (Cannon Falls Breakfast Club) 7:00am Lydia Prayer Group 10:00am Mission Team	6 Robin - Vacation 8:00am Courage Retreat - School 5:30pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Holden Evening Prayer-Lenten service 7:15pm Choir Practice	7 Robin - Vacation 8:00am NDP Meeting (Library) 1:00pm Pastor Kira - Spiritual Direction	8	9 7:00am Men's Bible Study
10 4th Sunday in Lent Daylight-Saving Time Begins 9:30am Worship Service 10:45am Ministry Meeting 12:00pm Executive Team	11 8:00am Finance Team 1:00pm Mission Quilting	12 7:00am Lydia Prayer Group 10:00am Retired Teacher Meeting 6:00pm Property Team	13 5:30pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Holden Evening Prayer-Lenten service 7:15pm Choir Practice	14 8:00am NDP Meeting (Library) 9:30am Cannon River Conf - Our Saviors (Faribault) 2:00pm Pastor Kira (FCTE)	15	16 7:00am Men's Bible Study
17 5th Sunday in Lent First Communion Milestone Class St. Patrick's Day 9:30am Communion Service 10:45am Forum (Canines for Vets) 2:00pm Bombers Dance Banquet	18 10:30am CVSC St. Patrick's Day Luncheon 1:30pm Elizabeth Circle	19 First Day of Spring 7:00am CFBC (Cannon Falls Breakfast Club) 7:00am Lydia Prayer Group 6:30pm Church Council	20 Pie Auction - Youth Team 5:30pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Holden Evening Prayer-Lenten service 7:15pm Choir Practice	21 8:00am NDP Meeting (Library)	22	23 7:00am Men's Bible Study
24 No Sunday School Palm Sunday 9:30am Communion Service	25 Pastor Kira -PTO 1:30pm Morning Circle (Cannon Rivers)	26 Pastor Kira - PTO 7:00am Lydia Prayer Group	27 6:30pm Choir Practice	28 Maundy Thursday 8:00am NDP Meeting (Library) 6:30pm Worship Service	29 Good Friday 6:30pm Worship Service	30 7:00am Men's Bible Study 10:00am Easter Egg Hunt 5:00pm Community Table (First Congregational /Bethel Rock Church)
31 Easter Sunday First Communion Milestone Class No Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service	1	2 7:00am CFBC (Cannon Falls Breakfast Club) 7:00am Lydia Prayer Group 10:00am Mission Team	3 6:00pm Faith Night 6:30pm Choir Practice	4	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 in order to check on availability and fill out a **"Facilities Use Request"** form

St. Ansgar's Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 11, at 6:30pm

Meeting called to order – President Jim Lundell
Minutes taken by Secretary Deb Norstad

Devotions & Refreshments: Jim Lundell

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.*

2. **Approval of the Agenda** – Motion, Seconded and Passed to Approve Agenda with addition of items 7B & 7C

Any additional Items to be brought up or added to the business agenda?

3. **Read and Approve December Minutes:** MSP to accept
Communion Servers list

Financial Reports: Review the December EOM Financial Report, along with the reports of the Finance Committee. MSP to accept. .

December Income:	\$ 54,845.11	Building Fund	\$ 24,813.90
December Expenses:	\$ 25,611.72	Designated Svgs:	\$129,816.35
Net difference:	\$ 29,333.9	Parking Lot Loan:	\$ 48,600.24

YTD Difference:	\$ 0	Parking Lot Fund:	\$1,344.42
YTD Income:	\$274,547.62	YTD Expenses:	\$371,547.62
We owe ourselves \$	0		

Per previous motion Finance Committee moved \$5,900.00 from Estate Gifts fund to cover the shortfall.

Reports:

Updates from Pr. Kira

Thanked the Council for their service and those ending their Council commitments.
Enjoyed the beautiful Christmas Season here at St. A's with the choir cantata and the children's program

Had a wonderful vacation time after the busy month of December.

PAC reports/questions/discussion. One motion to approve all reports as submitted - MSP

Other

6. **Old Business:**

Restructure of Committees: Business; Faith & Education; Community Outreach – every Council Member committed to supporting the restructure. Final update on Insurance Company change – our new insurance provider is: American Church Group. Deductible is \$15,000.00. Roof is covered at 2% of the value of the building.

Property Committee – security camera update. Endowment Committee gifted \$1,000.00 toward cameras. Motion made, seconded and passed to authorize the Property Committee to purchase 4 cameras up to \$1,000.00.

Nominating Committee updates – Most positions are filled. Any open positions will try to be filled at the Annual Meeting.

Lenten Soup Suppers:

Feb 14 – Youth

Feb 21 – Property Committee

Feb 28 – Welcome & Outreach

Mar 6 – Choir

Mar 13 – Council

Mar 20 – Youth with the Pie Auction.

New Business:

A. 2024 Budget finalization – MSP to accept the 2024 budget and present it at the Annual Meeting.

a. Mission Committee recommendation: St. Ansgar's designate a line in the 2024 budget, and ongoing, as benevolence to the ELCA. After discussion, Council agreed to include line for ELCA in the amount of \$4,500.00.

b. Motion made to fulfill this commitment to ELCA, quarterly.

B. Announcement of Annual Meeting date and time

a. January 28 @ 10.45AM

C. Council Soup Supper Proceeds – MSP that proceeds from the March 13 Soup Supper, served by the Council, will go to the three students going to the Youth Gathering this year. The three students will come to help set up, serve and clean up.

Recap Committee Actions for follow up:

*Property Committee to create more detailed plan for the repair of the parking lot. – tabled until spring.

Tickler File: Three Month Calendar Review –

Any highlights, FYI's, follow ups, announcements of events, or questions?

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, February 20: 6:30pm

*Devotions & Refreshments: Danielle Lingenfelter

Motion for Adjournment

Close with the Lord's Prayer



← March 10

March 17 →



**Circle Sunday, March 17th at 10:45am.
Mark your calendar. That's the Forum's
program, and the topic is**

"Believet Canine Service Dogs Partners".

**It's a non-profit organization that trains
dogs, for free, for disabled veterans. Learn
how Believet dogs are sought, trained, and
paired with worthy veterans. Hope to see
you there.**



Youth News

The Youth Committee is hosting the Lent dinner on Wednesday, March 20th. As a fundraising opportunity, please join us on Wednesday, March 20th at 5:00 pm to raise money for your youth account. The students will help set up and serve the meal.

Just to remind you, there is **no Faith Night during Lent**. HOWEVER, your confirmation student's children have sermon notes due (10 before May). And this is a great opportunity for them to come and do them!



**Volunteers are needed for Senior
Blanket Tying.**

**Saturday April 13th
9am until done**

**Fellowship Hall
All are welcome, easy to learn.**

**Thanks!
Carie**



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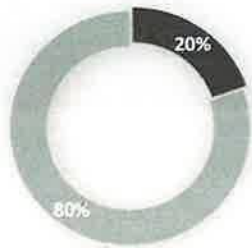
community
outreach
ministry

Join in the ministry committee conversation St. Ansgar's in 2024

SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH @ 10:30 AM
(IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP)

The council of St. Ansgar's is inviting the congregation to join them for an informational learning session. The council will present the vision for our committees structure as we move into 2024. Be a part of the conversation, ask questions, get informed, and be a part of moving forward together!

Parking Lot Remaining Loan



■ Principal repaid ■ Remaining

Parking Lot Update!

We started with a
\$60,000.00 loan
and we now owe
\$48,159

Thank You!



*Congratulations to St. Ansgar's New Church Council &
Executive Members*

<i>Jim Lundell</i>	<i>President</i>
<i>Bob Durdahl</i>	<i>Vice President</i>
<i>Danielle Lingenfelter</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
<i>Shari Ekstrom</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
<i>Paul Jacobson</i>	<i>Member</i>
<i>Tony Busiahn</i>	<i>Member</i>
<i>Josh Dicke</i>	<i>Member</i>
<i>Jeff Samuelson</i>	<i>Member</i>
<i>Jason Nelson</i>	<i>Member</i>
<i>Megan Hansen</i>	<i>Member</i>
<i>Linda Henderson</i>	<i>Member</i>

Executive Team

*Jim Lundell
Bob Durdahl
Danielle Lingenfelter
Shari Ekstrom*



ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCH



Mark your
calendars!

When:

Monday, March 17,
11:30am– 1pm

Where:

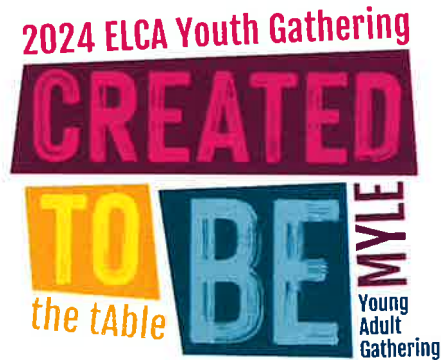
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What:

Join us for a
traditional St.
Patty's Day meal of
corned beef,
cabbage and all the
fixins'. We'll be
singing Irish tunes
with the Cannon
Valley Singers!
Everyone is
welcome!
Sponsored by the
CVSC.

Sponsorship for St. Ansgar's as we attend the Youth Gathering, Summer 2024 in New Orleans!

Three High School students from St. Ansgar's are attending the ELCA Youth Gathering with Pastor Kira and we are looking for sponsors. It will cost our participants around \$5,000 to attend this event! Please consider sponsoring at one of three levels listed below. All of the funds raised will go towards; our fee for the gathering, travel expenses of flight & hotel, and the meals. Thank you for your consideration!!



_____ Is the amount I have chosen to sponsor and have already paid!

Sponsor Name(s): _____

email: _____

phone #: _____

Address: _____

I am excited to sponsor our youth attending the Gathering, 2024 in New Orleans! My commitment to sponsor the youth will be;

☐ **one-time payment of \$100.00**

- you'll receive a postcard from a student while they are attending the gathering
- and one ticket to attend the Sponsorship Dinner (August 11th, 2024 @ 5pm)

☐ **one-time payment of \$250.00**

- email updates regarding the planning of the trip
- you'll receive a postcard from a student while they are attending the gathering
- and tickets for my household to attend the Sponsorship Dinner (August 11th, 2024 @ 5pm)

☐ **one-time payment of \$_____.**

This donor gets to choose the amount above \$250.00 they wish to sponsor.

- email updates regarding the planning of the trip
- you'll receive postcards from all four attendees while they are attending the gathering
- and tickets for my household to the Sponsorship Dinner (August 11th, 2024 @ 5pm)

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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



WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday Morning
9:30am Worship Service

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together actively reaching out to the community.”

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