

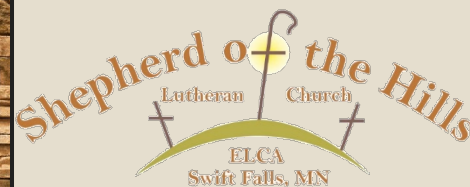
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A Monthly Insight into Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SURPRISES...

“Now on that same day, (of Christ’s resurrection), two of Jesus’ followers were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem....” Luke 24:13

Now that we have made our way through Lent & Holy Week, we are now getting to enjoy the seven week worship season of Easter. You know what means for us this year, don’t you?

It means that we will get seven great post-resurrection stories from the Gospel of John, even though the rest of this year will be from Luke. **However, that also means we will miss the chance to read the awesome story from Luke 24:13-35, which has been nicknamed, “The Road to Emmaus Story!”**

I would recommend looking this one up in your Bible, or on your laptop, or phone. It is a beautifully detailed unfolding of how Jesus chooses to appear in his resurrected form, just as two dejected followers were going home, very confused and disheartened.

It is a wonderful portrayal of how God finds ways to encounter us all along our journeys of life, opening our eyes, opening our hearts, and turning our sorrows into new opportunities for God’s grace.

So come and worship throughout the Easter season, as we feast on the stories of John. But also, give this Emmaus story a look!

In Christ – Pr. Steve

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS...

Thursday, April 21:	Zoom Bible Study 6PM
Friday, April 22:	Radio Devotions KSCR 93.5FM
Saturday, April 23:	Saturday Kids Club at EZ, 3-5PM
Sunday, April 24:	9:30am WZ & 11am EZ
Monday, April 25:	WELCA Spring Gathering, Our Redeemers in Benson, 430PM
Tuesday, April 26:	SOTH Bulletin Deadline
Wednesday, April 27:	Confirmation Classes at SOTH, 6:30PM
Thursday, April 28:	Zoom Bible Study 6PM
Friday, April 29:	Radio Devotions KSCR 93.5FM
Sunday, May 1:	9:30am – SOTH, Fellowship & Sunday School to follow
Wednesday, May 4:	Confirmation Classes at SOTH, 6:30PM
Thursday, May 5:	Zoom Bible Study 6PM
Friday, May 6:	Radio Devotions KSCR 93.5FM
Sunday, May 8:	9:30AM EZ & 11AM WZ
Wednesday, May 11:	Confirmation Classes at SOTH, 6:30PM
Wednesday, May 11	SOTH Church Council Meeting, 7:30PM
Thursday, May 12:	Zoom Bible Study 6PM
Friday, May 13:	WELCA SWMN Synod Convention, Our Redeemers in Benson
Friday, May 13:	Radio Devotions KSCR 93.5FM
Sunday, May 15:	9:30am – SOTH, Fellowship & Last Day of Sunday School
Wednesday, May 18:	Confirmation Classes at SOTH, 6:30PM
Thursday, May 19:	Zoom Bible Study 6PM
Friday, May 20:	Radio Devotions KSCR 93.5FM
Sunday, May 22:	9:30AM EZ & 11AM WZ
Wednesday, May 25:	Confirmation Classes at SOTH, 6:30PM
Thursday, May 26:	Zoom Bible Study 6PM
Friday, May 27:	Radio Devotions KSCR 93.5FM
Sunday, May 29:	9:30am – SOTH, Fellowship to follow
Thursday, June 2:	Zoom Bible Study 6PM

Please note that Summer schedule may change. SOTH council has requested we stay on the same schedule and time of 930AM, however the other congregations have not met yet to decide.



LENTEN SOUP & SANDWHICH MEALS/EASTER BREAKFAST

*Thank you to everyone who visited church on Wednesday evenings during Lent for a light meal prior to church services and to those who joined us for Easter Breakfast. **A HUGE THANK YOU** to our Luther League families for organizing, making and serving the meals.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS >>>

CHURCH RENTAL

Make sure to visit the website, speak with a church secretary or grab a facilities use policy contract from the Office door for to reserve the church or its tables and chairs for your special events! There are rental fee's and deposits required for insurance purposes.

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

May 1st – Emily Reich

May 15th – Tate Kobbermann



SUMMER SCHEDULE & OUTDOOR SERVICES

The summer schedule is still being solidified with the other two churches, however SOTH council has requested to continue the same rotation and time throughout the summer months. As that information is confirmed, we will let you all know!

Since scheduling of the park for a summer worship service is difficult because of campers using shelters they have not reserved, council gave the green light for Pastor to conduct any summer worship service that he chooses, outdoors on the south side of the church as weather permits!

DEADLINE UPDATES

NEWSLETTER

Email soth2008@live.com or call Jim Ostlie at 320-444-1113 with announcements by the Monday prior to our last service of the month.

BULLETIN

Email soth2008@live.com or call Jim Ostlie at 320-444-1113 with announcements by the Tuesday before each service.



Next Church Council Meeting is Sunday, May 11 @Church @730PM!

TOPIC: ZOOM BIBLE STUDY ON ACTS

A great book to investigate with a group! It is the primary first-hand accounts we have of what it was like for people to become believers in Jesus after his death, resurrection, and ascension into heaven.

Every week on Thursday, 6:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83494014612?pwd=T3RmT1ZnMDFpTXpaVDkzNTlycm1mZz09>

PRAYERS

The family of Gloria Knutson and for peace in Ukraine.

MAY ALTAR GUILD:

Jenny Trump & Carrie Anderson

RADIO DEVOTIONS

Fridays at Noon on KSCR 93.5.



DAILY PRAYER TIME



Monday through Friday at 10AM on Facebook.

ON-LINE GIVING OPTIONS

Shepherd of the Hills has partnered with Tith.le to make it easier to give! Tith.le is recommended by the Southwest Synod of the ELCA and is notably safe. Tith.le offers automatic withdrawals, one time giving and more. Follow the link for easy step by step instructions.

<https://www.shepherdofthehillslc.com/giving>



COUNCIL SECRETARIES REPORT >>>

Janine Ellingson

APRIL 2022

Present: Troy, Betsy, Roxanne, Jim, Laura, Rick, Pastor Steve

Meeting was called to order

Pastor Steve opened the meeting with a prayer

Jim made a motion to approve the secretary's report, while Betsy seconded. Motion passed

Troy made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, while Betsy seconded. Motion passed

Troy mentioned during the Trustee report that Chris Larson had pumped the septic and there has not been another incident of water leaking into the church. Hoping to have Scott Thompson come and look at the leak in the hallway this spring as well.

It was discussed to encourage people to bring their own flowers by Saturday to use for decorations at the Easter service.

Pastor's report outlined the Luther Crest Leadership Training Proposal. Jim made a motion and Betsy seconded, to move forward with the training. Pastor will be meeting with both East and West to discuss the proposed dates in early fall for the trainings.

Deacon's Report was only to encourage additional people to sign up for readings a church.

New Business included the upcoming youth mission trip. Pastor reported that all chaperones will need to complete a background check prior to going. Laura made a motion and Betsy seconded to pay for pastor's portion of the mission trip which will come out of the church budget. Roxanne made a motion and Betsy seconded to pay for \$1350 of each of the SOTH youth attending the trip as well, which will come from the Luther League funds. Both motions passed. Once again want to thank the Showalter, Nelson, and Jergenson families for their generous donations within the omelet breakfast and Carol Hagemeyer's directly for the mission trip.

There was a conversation around communion moving forward. There was a motion from Jim and seconded by Betsy to move forward with regular communion following the Easter service, but also still have the option of the kits for people who feel more comfortable not gathering at the alter. Motion passed.

Summer church service schedule was discussed. The council asked Pastor Steve to propose to East and West Zion's that SOTH stick with the 9:30 service every other Sunday in order to stick with the same schedule. Pastor also asked if we would be open to having more services outside on the lawn at church and it was agreed to weather permitting .

Troy made a motion while Betsy seconded it to go ahead and purchase the \$300 software for Pastor Steve to be able to organize the services and display on the tv screen. This would decrease his Sunday prep work immensely. Motion passed.

Roxanne and Stephanie with will coordinating scheduling and food planning for the upcoming VBS sessions.

Pastor led the council in the Lord's Prayer

Betsy made motion to adjourn and Roxanne seconded, motion passed

Respectfully submitted by Laura Ostlie



APRIL 2022

COUNCIL TREASURER'S REPORT >>>

JIM OSTLIE

Please see financial spreadsheets at the end of the newsletter.

Income to date 4/25/22: \$18,691.19

Income to date 4/25/21: \$21,653.05

(does not include COVID relief or Thrivent Funds)

APRIL 2022

WELCA TREASURERS REPORT >>>

Debbie Flaten

Beginning balance: \$588.99

Project income.....\$250.00

Meeting offering....\$77.00

No Expenses

4/13/22 Ending balance: \$915.99



APRIL 2022

WELCA SECRETARIES REPORT >>>

Sherri Fahl

April 3rd meeting of WELCA was cancelled.

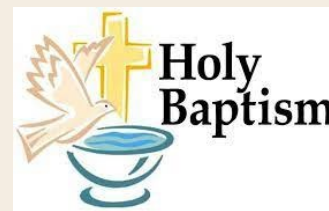
No Report.

Reminder to WELCA members to give your \$20 donation!



BAPTISM

Atlas Orion Henderson, son of Chauntel Louise Smith & Spencer Ryan Henderson, who was born on March 4, 2022 in Sioux Falls, SD will be baptized on Sunday, May 15, 2022 at Shepherd of the Hills. Godparents are Tyler Smith & Mark Klassen. Congratulations Chauntel & Ryan and welcome Atlas!



SUMMER MISSION TRIP – ALL SET FOR PUERTO RICO!

Within the last month, plans have fallen in place for 5 youth and 4 adults, mostly from SOTH, to go on a great adventure to the north shore of Puerto Rico. Teaming up with the organization based in Golden Valley, MN, called "YouthWorks," our group will spend 5 days in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, with 30 other youth and adults from other churches, doing various forms of service and interaction with the local people.

Each day will also include: making their own meals, worshiping and interacting with the other church groups. At the end of the trip, our SOTH group will spend a couple of days relaxing and exploring around Isabelle, Puerto Rico.

The group includes: **Hannah Rosen, Hailee Ellingson, Kaitlyn Kobbermann, Lilly Ostlie and Leah Olson, along with adults: Dee Rosen, Janine Ellingson, Tiffany Kobbermann & Pr. Steve.** The trip will start on Saturday, July 23rd, with a return flight on Sunday, July 31st. Please keep these folks in your prayers!



**REGISTRATION OPEN FOR SW MN SYNOD
WELCA CONVENTION**

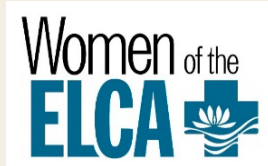
Date: 5/13/22

Location: Our Redeemers Lutheran Church, Benson

Time: 8AM-330PM

Cost: \$50

Registration packets can be found in the Narthex and are due April 18th!



WORSHIP COMPUTER SCHEDULE

May 1 - Lilly Ostlie / Hailee Ellingson

May 15 – Tyler Kent / Hannah Rosen

May 29 – Madison Anderson / Shelbie Anderson



**CONFIRMATION CLASSES TO
RESUME FOR SPRING SESSION**

When: 6:30 – 7:20 April 27; May 4, 11, 18, 25

Parent Movie Nights: April 27, May 11, May 25

This class of seven 8th graders will continue to follow the stories of Jesus' life and the people he encounters using the four Gospels and episodes of the series: "The Chosen." The parents are a part of this learning, as they too get to follow the unfolding of Jesus' ministry in this new Bible Series.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS

Please consider donating items for these kits! They are due May 13th at the WELCA Synod Convention at Our Redeemers Lutheran Church in Benson. Kits that are asked to be made include personal care kits, fabric kits, fleece blankets and school kits. Marge Anderson has Thrivent funds available to purchase the fabric. Dates will be announced in near future to put kits together once donations have been received. A list of items requested to be donated can be found on the Narthex table.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

