



# *EyeOpener*

*Our Savior's Lutheran Church*

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*April 2023*

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Aurora MN**

**Council Meeting March 19, 2024**

**Cancelled due to conflicting meetings.**



Please take time to examine ways we all can be aware of being good stewards in our lives, community and our church, and using our time, our talents and our money.

***"You are our church and your time, talents and generosity are valuable".***



## **Women of the ELCA April Happenings**

**More ways to connect...Ladies Luncheons open to all. In April we will have our ladies luncheon on April 9, gathering at 12:00 to 12:30 p.m. at The Hive. Time is very flexible -- come when you can. If anyone needs a ride, please let us know. This will be very informal, just a wonderful chance to socialize. Plan to attend and bring a friend. We hope to fill more than a couple tables. Questions, call Kate at 218-780-2436.**

**All Ladies are invited to attend the Laurentian Conference Spring Gathering on Saturday, April 6, 2024 at Immanuel Lutheran in Tower, MN. Kim Dickey from Global Health will be our featured speaker. Carpooling is available. The lunch price is \$8.00. Please let Kate Undeland, know if you plan to attend.**

**Quilting is ongoing and many creative designs are taking shape. Remember, no prior experience is necessary to join in and share time with these talented ladies, meeting every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. in the church basement.**

**The Rippers, Strippers and Rollers meet every Tuesday at 9:00; a wonderful time of fellowship while doing mission work.**

**These are great opportunities for fellowship and creating new friendships.**

**On Behalf of WELCA at Our Savior's,  
Kate Undeland (218) 780-2436**

**Swedish Meatball Dinner ` On Monday, April 15, 2024, WELCA will be sponsoring a Swedish Meatball Dinner here at Our Savior's. The dinner will be served from 4:30 P.M. until 6:30 P.M. and will include Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, salad, dinner rolls, dessert and beverage. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Tickets can be purchased from Kate Undeland at 780-2436 or Mary Hess at 290-3613. Other WELCA Board Members will have tickets as well.**

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**INTERCHURCH MINUTES**  
***East Range Churches Working Together***  
Tuesday, February 27, 2024, 2:00p.m.  
Our Lady of Hope Catholic, Aurora

The meeting was called to order by Joan Evans, Chair.  
Our hostess Introduced us to Deacon Mark Skala.

**ATTENDANCE: 11**

Debbie Servaty-Our Lady of Hope

Gloria Hammer-Our Lady of Hope

Pr. Mary Lou Sixberry-Trinity Methodist, HL

Janet Salo—Our Savior’s Lutheran, Aurora

Clair Lundberg-St. Mark’s Lutheran, Palo

Joan Evans-Biwabik UCC

Mark Skala- Our Lady of Hope

Pr. Chuck Barnes, Faith Lutheran, HL

Vicky Michels-Faith Lutheran, HL

Pam Peterson-Our Savior’s Lutheran, Aurora

Alta Spink-St. Mark’s Lutheran, Palo

**DEVOTIONS:** Deacon Mark gave devotions talking about mercy and suffering followed by prayer.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:** Alta read the minutes of the January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. There was one correction- the March 13<sup>th</sup> Lenten service is to be held at Faith Lutheran and not Trinity Methodist.  
Janet moved to accept, second by Mary Lou. MC

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Jan sent in her report in her absence. Beginning bal.: \$2,054.84; Receipts: \$1,122.00; No disbursements. Checking bal. 2/27/24: \$3,176.84. Savings: \$517.96.  
Pam moved to accept, second by Clair. MC

**MEMA REPORT:** Pr. Barnes reported no requests were made. Account balance remains at \$2,267.99.

**FOOD SHELF REPORT:** Clair reported not much change since last month– 177 households were served. Right now they are low on paper products. It was noted that they don’t turn anyone down even if they come from out of this territory.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There were 88 people at the first Lenten service at St. Mark’s.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Vicky checked with Mudder’s grocery in regards with a meal fund raiser and they are okay with our paying for food, etc. after the event has taken place. More food suggestions were given to help the cook.

Alta will be stepping down as secretary as of our April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Please consider and pray about this over the summer and volunteer by our September 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Deacon Mark announced that Fr. Kris, being in the Army Reserves, will be taking a leave and going to Ft. Bliss, TX for a year. Our Lady of Hope is doing a special for the Food Shelf this month.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Deacon Mark led us in prayer for the following: Fr. Kris, Marion Anderson, Gerry Larson, Carol Ann, Deanna, Madeline(33) who has cancer, Joan & family for comfort and peace on the death of her granddaughter, Art Dale.

We closed by joining in The Lord's Prayer.  
Adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 26 at Our Savior's Lutheran in Aurora.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alta Sprink, Secretary



Myla Fallos, daughter of Jared & Kari Fallos and Sawyer Feldt, son of Kevin & Katie Feldt took first Communion on Easter Sunday.



Joy and Kim Norman, Charlotte and Ken Carlson, Louise Ellingson, Glorene Clark, Bill Utley, Barb Swanson, Elsie Lehtinen, Susan Ray (Paula Skelton's sister), Tom and Lori Berrigan.

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**Prayer Chain** ~ When anyone needs prayer for special needs, concerns or support, please call Pastor Greg, or anyone on the list of the prayer chain. All requests and prayers are kept confidential. Members:

Lorraine Ekman 229-3328

Jan Moore 229-3466

Janet Salo 229-2332 or 404-3358

Debbie Maki 290-2728

Yvonne Trowbridge 229-2463

Kate Undeland 780-2436

Linda Loeffler 218-248-8511



Those Assisting  
in Worship

#### **April Ushers**

- 2 Don Berggren & Mark Boback
- 14 Jayda Bartlett & Melissa Murphy
- 21 Don Barstad & Mark Boback
- 28 Yvonne & Roger Trowbridge

#### **April Readers**

- 7 Dave Skelton
- 14 Steve Ekman
- 21 Kim Norman
- 28 Kathy Baxter

**April Deacon** ~ Kathy Baxter

**April Trustee** ~ Don Barstad & Kim Norman

**Altar Guild Members** ~ Paula Skelton & Kate Undeland

**April Music** ~ Diane Boback

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April 3	Dorothy Nelson
April 4	Jan Moore
April 6	Karen Plemons
April 5	William Utley
April 9	Louise Ellingson
April 11	Myla Fallos
April 13	Charles Olson
April 14	Matt Hill
	Zachary Jackson
April 15	Patrick Douglas
April 16	Pryce Robertson
April 17	Lorna Kallio
April 18	Wanda Fisher
April 20	Mary Castle
	DuWayne Peterson
	Susan Sowers
	Melissa Skelton
April 21	Richard Hess
April 24	Eisa Olson
April 27	Brian Mann
April 28	Tyann Jackson
April 29	Sarah Douglas
	Debbie Maki
	Ida Groves

May God bless you today on your birthday and every day after. May you be comforted by His presence in your life, and always follow His guiding light.

If any of your address, email, phone has changed, is incorrect or to be added to the directory, please email or call the church office and update your contact information. If you wish to receive church correspondence, please contact the church with any changes or updates. Thank you ☺

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Monthly Spotlight on OSLC Benevolent charities. Donation through the Metal Offering buckets go to World Hunger.

## ELCA World Hunger

More than 820 million people - that's about 11 percent of people in our world today - are hungry.

As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work.

Working with and through our [congregations](#), in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands Lutheran churches overseas and other partners, **ELCA World Hunger** is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty. [Learn More](#).

### Hunger facts

- 821 million people around the world - that's more than 1 in 10 - can't access the food they need to live active, healthy lives. [\[1\]](#)
- According to the most recent estimates, 736 million people live in extreme poverty on less than \$1.90 per day. That's 10% of the world's population. [\[2\]](#)
- At some point in 2017 (the most recent year available), more than 40 million people in the United States were unsure where their next meal might come from. [\[3\]](#)
- 39.7 million Americans were living in poverty in 2017. For a family of four, this means their annual household income was below \$25,094. [\[4\]](#)

## Our Approach

*For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. – Matthew 25:35*

God richly provides for daily bread — the earth can produce enough food for everyone. Yet, many of our sisters and brothers still go hungry.

By providing immediate relief to those who are hungry, we meet basic needs and recognize the universal human right to food. But ending hunger is about more than food. By connecting people with the resources they need to produce food and gain access to clean water, education, health care and sources of income, long-term, sustainable change can be accomplished.

We start with relationships marked by conversation and listening. We believe people know their own communities best. It is our congregations and our global companion churches that first identify the local needs and related solutions to help make a difference. Then, we partner with communities to help make those solutions a reality.

Working through ELCA congregations, global companion churches, The Lutheran World Federation and other partners like Bread for the World, Church World Service, Lutheran

Immigration and Refugee Service and Lutheran World Relief, the ELCA reaches more places more effectively than we could ever do alone. In addition to funding relief and development projects that assist our sisters and brothers in need, we engage members of the ELCA in education and advocacy to help change the systems that perpetuate poverty.

Through this comprehensive approach, we work to address hunger from all angles — both domestically and globally.

### **Our Impact**

Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger are making a difference. As a partner of churches, [social ministry organizations](#) and development and [advocacy](#) organizations, ELCA World Hunger helps reach communities most in need throughout the world. Our relationships in the U.S. and around the world create an infrastructure that allows us to be very cost efficient and effective — less than 15 cents of every dollar is used for program administration and fundraising.

### **In 2019, your support of ELCA World Hunger totaled over \$23 million**

From Alaska to Alabama, from Chile to China, your gifts are hard at work helping our neighbors near and far break the cycle of hunger and poverty. Your generous giving makes it possible for ELCA World Hunger to be present throughout the United States and throughout the world. In 2019, we are supporting:

- Projects in 34 U.S. states and territories
- 63 countries, including the United States

From health clinics to microloans, food pantries to soup kitchens, advocacy to community organizing, your gifts are supporting meaningful solutions that get at the root causes of hunger. Learn more about [these innovative and effective projects](#) around the world.

## **Domestic**

In the United States, the Caribbean and U.S. Virgin Islands, ELCA World Hunger works with individuals and congregations to raise awareness and address hunger and poverty in these key areas:

### **Community development**

We accompany and assist ELCA congregations, social ministry organizations and grassroots community-based nonprofits that address poverty, hunger and related social justice issues. By offering assessment and consultation services — as well as providing funding through ELCA World Hunger-funded [Domestic Hunger Grants](#) and the Developmental Loan Fund — we partner with others to build healthy, sustainable ministries.

### **Networking**

We depend on volunteers across the ELCA to raise awareness, share the story and promote the mission we are part of through ELCA World Hunger. Individuals, congregations and synods all play unique roles in eradicating poverty and hunger, and we leverage those networked efforts to make a difference. By sharing best practices and stories from our congregations, we multiply our effect.

### **Education**

Through a variety of learning opportunities for children, youth, and adults across our church we discover ways we can work toward the prevention and alleviation of hunger. ELCA World Hunger develops and provides educational [resources](#) and [events](#) that equip the members of this church to make a difference.

### **Advocacy**

We believe that government and elected officials play an essential role. We encourage funding that



helps people who need food, housing and healthcare, and we urge protection of the land and waters that people rely on for food and livelihood. By speaking with and on behalf of those who are hungry through [advocacy](#), ELCA World Hunger works to change the systems that perpetuate poverty.

# Get Involved

Want to know how you can make a difference through ELCA World Hunger? Here's how you can get involved in working toward a just world where all are fed.

## Learn

We each have a role to play in ending hunger and poverty. Throughout the ELCA, people are doing great work to address hunger in their local communities and around the world. Whether you are an individual or a part of a congregation, [ELCA World Hunger has resources](#) to help you make a difference.

## Get Connected

Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

Sign up for [email updates](#).

Sign up for [advocacy alerts](#).

## Donate

Every year, your gifts make it possible for ELCA World Hunger to respond strategically and help people living with hunger and poverty in more than 60 countries around the world, including the United States.

- [Give now](#) or find other [ways to give](#).
- Invite your congregation to participate in a special fundraiser or take an offering for ELCA World Hunger.
- Order [offering envelopes](#), brochures and other [fundraising resources](#) with no cost to you.

## Serve

**Make a difference in your community.** Through the ELCA World Hunger-funded Domestic Hunger Grants program, we support local, regional and national programs that work to alleviate poverty and hunger. [Learn more](#) about how your congregation or organization can apply for support.

Dear Friends in Christ,

You are receiving this letter because you have graciously contributed to the Northeastern Minnesota Synod Quilt Auction and Market Place for World Hunger, either by donating items, bidding or both! This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of joining together with other Lutherans to address the root causes of hunger and poverty. Over 828 million people world-wide do not have sufficient food and 1 in 6 Americans are not sure where their next meal is coming from. Programs supported by ELCA World Hunger, both here and abroad, seek to address the root causes of hunger and poverty in ways that are sustainable, authentic and effective. THANK YOU for being part of this Mission.

In 1999 the Northeastern Minnesota Synod began its commitment to World Hunger with "Quilts and Quarters" which raised \$25,000.00 at the Synod Assembly. Several Years later, the Marketplace was added to give non-quilters a home. Traditionally the Quilt/Marketplace auction was held in person at Synod Assembly. When we were no longer able to meet in person due to Covid, we added on-line bidding which expanded our pool of bidders. In October of 2023, due to changes in the Synod format, we moved the quilt auction from the assembly to the "Walking Together "event. One of the things we learned from this change was the importance of getting information out early and often—so here goes!!

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE NORTHEASTERN MINNESOTA QUILT AND MARKETPLACE FOR WORLD HUNGER

Because the 2024 Synod Assembly will be virtual, there will be NO Quilt Auction or Marketplace this spring and NO auction in the fall at the "Walking Together" Event. Please consider having a "mini" quilt auction or marketplace in your congregation and donate the proceeds to World Hunger. Check out [www.elca.org/wh50](http://www.elca.org/wh50) for congregational resources on the work of ELCA World Hunger.



## The Quilt Auction and Marketplace will return in person May 2025

The Marketplace and Quilt Auction will again be part of the NEMN Synod Assembly!! We look forward to seeing all the wonderful quilts and marketplace items. The Assembly will be May 3-4, 2025 at Breezy Point.

PLEASE OPEN READ AND SHARE THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE ATTACHMENTS TO THIS LETTER. IN EACH ATTACHMENT YOU WILL FIND CURRENT INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO SUPPORT OUR EFFORT TO FUND THE IMPORTANT WORK OF THE HUNGER APPEAL. SYNOD-WIDE EVENTS ARE BEING PLANNED TO INVOLVE AND INVITE ALL AGES AND ABILITIES TO TAKE PART. LET US WORK TOGETHER "UNTIL ALL ARE FED."

If you have questions, concerns, or ideas, please call or text:

Marybeth Jacob: 218-830-0355, Amy Loken: 218-391-4260 , Barb Murray: 218-244-0287

God Bless....Your Synod Quilt and Marketplace Team



# Bible Readings *for the Month*

<b>Mon. Apr. 1 — Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Monday</b>	Daniel 12:1-3	Psalm 16:8-11 (9)	Acts 2:14, 22b-32 Matthew 28:9-15a
<b>Tue — Apr. 2</b>	Genesis 1:20—2:4a	1 Corinthians 15:50-58	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
<b>Wed — Apr. 3</b>	Song of Solomon 3:1-1	Mark 16:1-8	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
<b>Thu — Apr. 4</b>	Daniel 1:1-21	Acts 2:42-47	Psalm 133
<b>Fri — Apr. 5</b>	Daniel 2:1-23	Acts 4:23-31	Psalm 133
<b>Sat — Apr. 6</b>	Daniel 2:24-49	John 12:44-50	Psalm 133
<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b>	Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 (1)	1 John 1:1—2:2	John 20:19-31
<b>Mon — Apr. 8</b>	Daniel 3:1-30	1 John 2:3-11	Psalm 135
<b>Tue — Apr. 9</b>	Daniel 6:1-28	1 John 2:12-17	Psalm 135
<b>Wed — Apr. 10</b>	Isaiah 26:1-15	Mark 12:18-27	Psalm 135
<b>Thu — Apr. 11</b>	Daniel 9:1-19	1 John 2:18-25	Psalm 4
<b>Fri — Apr. 12</b>	Daniel 10:2-19	1 John 2:26-28	Psalm 4
<b>Sat — Apr. 13</b>	Acts 3:1-10	Luke 22:24-30	Psalm 4
<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>	Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 (3)	1 John 3:1-7	Luke 24:36b-48
<b>Mon — Apr. 15</b>	Jeremiah 30:1-11a	1 John 3:10-16	Psalm 150
<b>Tue — Apr. 16</b>	Hosea 5:15—6:6	2 John 1-6	Psalm 150
<b>Wed — Apr. 17</b>	Proverbs 9:1-6	Mark 16:9-18	Psalm 150
<b>Thu — Apr. 18</b>	Genesis 30:25-43	Acts 3:17-26	Psalm 23
<b>Fri — Apr. 19</b>	Genesis 46:28—47:6	Acts 4:1-4	Psalm 23
<b>Sat — Apr. 20</b>	Genesis 48:8-19	Mark 6:30-34	Psalm 23
<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 (1)	1 John 3:16-24	John 10:11-18
<b>Mon — Apr. 22</b>	1 Samuel 16:1-13	1 Peter 5:1-5	Psalm 95
<b>Tue — Apr. 23</b>	1 Chronicles 11:1-9	Revelation 7:13-17	Psalm 95
<b>Wed — Apr. 24</b>	Micah 7:8-20	Mark 14:26-31	Psalm 95
<b>Thu — Apr. 25</b>	Amos 8:1-7	Acts 8:1b-8	Psalm 22:25-31
<b>Mark, Evangelist</b>	Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 57 (9)	2 Timothy 4:6-11, 18	Mark 1:1-15
<b>Fri — Apr. 26</b>	Amos 8:11-13	Acts 8:9-25	Psalm 22:25-31
<b>Sat — Apr. 27</b>	Amos 9:7-15	Mark 4:30-32	Psalm 22:25-31
<b>Apr. 28 Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	Acts 8:26-40	Psalm 22:25-31 (27)	1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8
<b>Mon — Apr. 29</b>	Isaiah 5:1-7	Galatians 5:16-26	Psalm 80
<b>Tue — Apr. 30</b>	Isaiah 32:9-20	James 3:17-18	Psalm 80

# OSLC Treasury Update February 2024

General Fund Net Assets decreased in February by  $-\$1,130$ ; decreased  $-\$2,247$  for 2024, less than last year's actual decrease of  $-\$4,651$  and greater than the  $-\$1,188$  budgeted decrease.

General Fund revenue was  $\$700$  less than budget while expenses were slightly less than the budgeted amount.

General Fund liquidity remains sufficient to operate for the near future with the use of available short- and long-term funds assuming no increased revenues or reduction of expenses. March revenue will be better than budgeted  $\$6,000$ /mo. ( $\$72,000$ /year) while budgeted expenses  $\$6,498$ /mo. ( $\$75,692$ /year) may be slightly lower resulting in a change in net assets near breakeven or above.

### Current General Fund Activity.

Statement of Activities	General Fund		Budget
	Feb-24	Jan - Feb 24	Jan - Feb 24
Total General Fund Revenue	5,390.08	10,530.17	12,000.00
General Fund Expenses	6,520.29	12,778.05	13,188.00
Net Increase or (decrease) Net Assets	<u>-1,130.21</u>	<u>-2,247.88</u>	<u>-1,188.00</u>

### Funds Availability (Short-Term)

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>8,897.91</b>
Camperships	315.00
Capital Improvements	2,191.56
Food Shelf	54.00
Food Stand	3,723.54
Sunday School Board of Ed	489.80
WELCA Quilting	517.00
Youth Activities	2,903.82
Miscellaneous	31.00
OSLC Youth Group	3,771.53
Altar Guild	411.34
Interest	12.98
Bible Day Camp	430.92
Total Designated Funds	<u>14,852.49</u>
Beverly Bailey Memorial	<u>76,760.75</u>
Cash & Liquid Investments	<u>100,511.15</u>

### Possible Uses of Funds.

	Low	High
New Back Steps	300.00	500.00
Parking lot maintenance	2,000.00	5,000.00
	<u>2,300.00</u>	<u>5,500.00</u>