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Prayer List: Government officials, World leaders and Local leaders.

Paula Cotrill, Janice Key, Rodger, Michele (parents), and Dylan Slott, (spinal cord injury) Rich and Sharon Cooper, Grayson Chapeau, Pat Patterson (cancer), Rhian Elmido, Clifford & Elsie Hanson, Larry Jebens (cancer problem. Les and Karen's neighbor) and Connie Zimbleman.

Please let Marie know of any changes.

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Pastor Randy Hedge

The '60s & '70s were radical times – counterculture religious movements, & a renewal of the Holy Spirit.

Songs of the Beatles

2025 Lenten Sermon Series

- March 9: "Long & Winding Road" Luke 4: 1-13
- March 16: "Let It Be" Luke 13: 31-35
- March 23: "All You Need is Love" Luke 13: 1-9
- March 30: will be a break in the series
- April 6: "Hey Jude" Isaiah 43: 15-21
- April 13: "Here Comes the Sun" Luke 19: 28-40
- April 20: Easter! "Revolution" John 20: 1-18

"YOU are invited."
- Jesus

**"Teach us to number our days,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom." Psalm 90:12**

As I ponder a topic this morning for the April issue of Inspire, this Psalm is speaking to me. Psalm 90 reminds me of the "Tortoise and the Hare" story - the hare is fast, but gets distracted. The tortoise is wise and focused, slowly working his way to the finish. Yes, our personal lives are like this, and our ministry together is like this as well.

Life is short. We need to avoid distractions. We can't do everything; we must focus on important things - the people that we care about, and the things that truly make a difference. "To hasten slow" means to go slow with the urgency of our purpose (doing what we care most about, and doing it well). And, I think we are doing this!

I hope to see you at our special services this Easter season. Palm Sunday is Sunday, April 6. The Maundy Thursday communion service is 12N on Thursday March 17, the Service of the Shadows is Friday, April 18 at 12N, and Easter Sunday is April 20th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The "Songs of the Beatles" has been a fun series this Lent. There is so much in life that relates to the teachings of Jesus! I had a ball hearing the various people perform solos, and I actually had a great time writing these sermons for you also. Well, Easter Sunday is the last Sunday for the Beatles' series. I bet we'll hear a great rendition of "Revolution" that day.

Bring your friends to church!
Pastor Randy

PASTOR RANDY'S office hours have been adjusted slightly. They are now Tuesdays 9-11 a.m., Wednesdays 1-3 p.m., and Thursdays 3-5 p.m. If you would like to schedule a visit or need to see him, please call the office and let Marie know, or email him at: pastor-randy1057@gmail.com.

RECOVER the PEWS CAMPAIGN: Here's an opportunity to help cover the costs of re-upholstering our pews! Both the seat and the back will be upholstered. Your gift or memorial will be recognized with a plaque attached to a pew or chair. It will be like the current plaques on the pews. The placement of a plaque is not a seat or pew reservation!! The project cost is estimated to be \$21,100.00. Your gift or memorial may be paid in a lump sum at the time of your gift or in equal semi-annual, quarterly or 12 monthly payments. Hear are the details:

Pews in the Nave at \$600 a pew - 30 available. Pews in the Choir Loft at \$500 a pew - only 4 available on a first come basis. Chairs in the Chancel at \$200 a chair - only 3 available on a first come basis.

Pledge forms are available in the office. Thank you for your consideration.

COFFEE TIME: Looking for a great small group? Our weekly coffee group is a social group with a purpose. We meet every week for an hour, and after some social time, we dig into the Word a bit. This group gets a preview of the scripture and discusses the topic and direction the sermon may be headed on Sunday. **Join our group for the Coffee/Bible Study at Burger King at 9:00 a.m. every Tuesday.**

Deacons Meeting is on Sunday, April 13th.

COUNCIL MEETING is scheduled for **Sunday, April 13th.**, after the service.

Women's Fellowship will meet on **April 16th at 1:00 p.m.**

The 2025 LITURGISTS and USHERS, GREETERS: Don't forget to sign up!

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT.

Office Manager Search Extended

We are continuing to search for a permanent replacement for the office manager position. As you may have heard, Shirley Brost has agreed to serve in the position temporarily as we complete the search. We have extended the deadline for applications to May 15 and will readvertise after Easter. If you have questions about the position or know someone who may be interested, please ask one of us. The announcement will be on our website and posted on Job Service's website, Facebook, and other places.

Pastor Randy

Shirley Jensson, Moderator

Jim Hood, Treasurer

Mission News

We will continue to provide fruits and veggies for the Good Shepherd Clinic on the 3rd Monday of each month. A new volunteer sign up sheet for 2025 is on the glass counter. We are looking for volunteers through December. More information is available on the sign up sheet.

Our Lenten Food Collection to benefit the Spearfish Food Pantry continues thru Palm Sunday, April 13th. The collection bin is on the table in the back of the church to receive your non perishable food donations. This is a wonderful opportunity to help those in need

~ Calendar for April 2025 ~

Tues.	4/1	9:00 a.m.	Coffee/Bible Study@ BK
Wed.	4/2	12:00 Noon	Lenten Lunch at Our Saviors Lutheran Church/FINAL
Thur.	4/3	5-7 p.m.	Bereavement Support Group
Sunday	4/6	9:30 a.m.	Worship/Fellowship Communion
Tues.	4/8	9:00 a.m.	Coffee/Bible Study@ BK
Thur.	4/10	5-7 p.m.	Bereavement Support Group - FINAL
Sunday	4/13	9:30 a.m.	Worship/Fellowship Palm Sunday After Worship
Deacon's Mtg.			
Tues.	4/15	9:00 a.m.	Coffee/Bible Study@ BK
Wed.	4/16	1:00 p.m.	Women's Fellowship
Thurs.	4/17	12:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Communion Service
Thurs.	4/18	12:00 p.m.	Good Friday - Service of the Shadows
<u>Easter Sunday 4/20 9:30 a.m. Worship</u>			
Tues.	4/22	9:00 a.m.	Coffee/Bible Study@ BK
Sunday	4/27	9:30 a.m.	Worship/Fellowship
Tues.	4/29	9:00 a.m.	Coffee/Bible Study@ BK

Marie's Office Hours:
M,T,W,T: 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Closed Fridays

April Altar & Tables Committee
Cindy Merkel: Altar
Cindy Merkrl: Tables

April Birthdays

12th: Lynne Quissell
13th: Lorie Umphrey
15th: Betty Zehfus
21st: Alan Merkel
23rd: Dorothy Gadd
27th: Sally Levensgood
28th: Jim Hood
30th: Barbara Cummings
Stephen Digioia

Happy Birthday!

April Liturgists

6th: Holly Hedge
13th: Lorie Umphrey
17th: Jo Hansen
Rene' Stewart-**Good Fri.**
20th: Rene' Stewart-**Easter**
27th: Rosalie Aslesen

April Ushers & Greeters

6th:
13th: Lynn Quissell
17th:
18th:
20th:
27th:

March Attendance & Facebook Viewers

March 2nd: 37 / FB Viewers: 2
March 5th: 19 / Ash Wednesday
March 9th: 51 / FB Viewers: 3
March 16th: 47 / FB Viewers: 2
March 23rd: 50 / FB Viewers: 1
March 30th:

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