

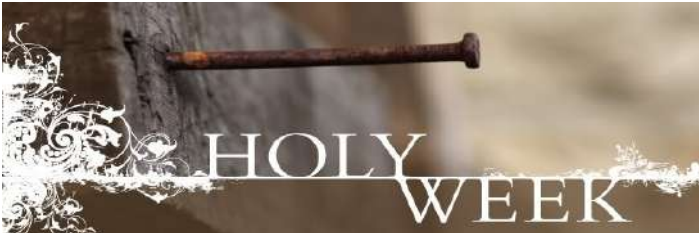
SCANDIAN GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER



County Road #52 • Saint Peter • MN • 56082 • 507.246.5195 April 2023

Striving to Live, Love, Serve, all for the Glory of God.



Schedule of Holy Week Events

~Palm Sunday Worship - April 2 @ 9:30am
with Traditional Palm Processional

~Maundy Thursday Worship - April 6 @ 7:00pm
in the fellowship hall

Lamb Supper will be served before
worship by the Book Club Members at
6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall and
All are welcome!

~Good Friday Worship - April 7 @ 7:00pm

~Easter Sunday Worship - April 9 @ 9:30am
with coffee & rolls prior to church with
serving from 8:15am to 9:15am

Women of Scandian Grove Lutheran

Do you need some time for yourself? Come to the **2023 Synodical Women's Convention** for some inspiration and refreshment. You will not be disappointed by the experience of worship, speakers, displays, and a little bit of business in a beautiful Bible camp setting! The convention will take place on **Friday, May 5, at Shetek Lutheran Ministries** near Slayton, MN. For registration information, contact Maria L. **Registrations are due April 22!**

CHURCH MEN'S BREAKFAST



The Churchmen will be having their monthly breakfast meeting on **Saturday, April 15** at 8:30am. After the breakfast meeting, and weather permitting they will be planting trees. All men of the church are welcome and encouraged to join the men!

We Invite You To Come Join Us!



Women of ELCA

All are invited to join us for breakfast on
Saturday, April 1

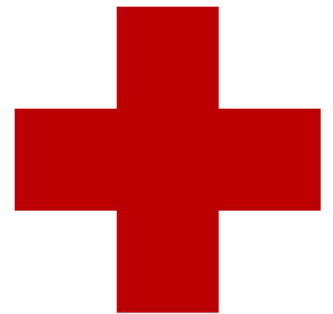
We will be going to Luke's Cafe in Le Sueur. You may meet us there at 9:30 or carpool from Scandian Grove at 9:00am. *Questions?*

Contact Maria Lokensgard or Joni Anderson!

Give blood.

Every 2 seconds someone
in the U.S. needs blood.

American Red Cross



Blood Drive

American Legion Nicollet

715 3rd Street Nicollet MN 56074

Monday, April 17, 2023

1:00pm to 7:00pm

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [Red-CrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: Nicollet to schedule an appointment.

Be cool. Give blood. Come give April 1-23 for an exclusive American Red Cross and PEANUTS T-shirt featuring Snoopy as the coolest beagle in town, Joe Cool! Get yours, while supplies last - then show off your cool, kind spirit.



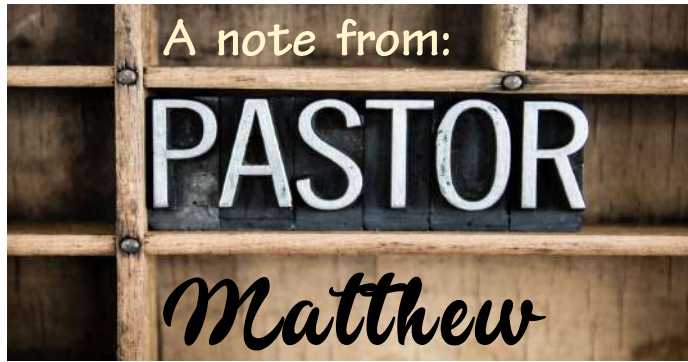
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Our Identity And Purpose

By Pastor Matthew Garavalia

Mathematics is not my strong suit. I mean sure I can add and subtract small numbers, but long division? Forget about it. I can remember many sleepless nights in high school where I found myself praying to God saying, "Please God! I am not asking for an A or a B or even a C, just please help me pass my math test so that I can make it to the weekend!"

The same thing is true for science. I can't tell you the process for distillation, how a liquid turns into gas, or

how to dissect a frog. Most of the time when I went to science class I was hoping there wasn't a quiz on the periodic table, and that maybe, just maybe, today was the day when we got to blow something up.

The only science class that I ever took that I ever really enjoyed was human anatomy, which was an elective I took my senior year. Here are a few fun facts that I learned about the human body.

- ◆ The only part of the body that has no blood supply is the cornea of the eye. Oxygen is obtained directly from the air.
- ◆ The heart of a human pumps 48 thousand gallons of blood over the course of a life.
- ◆ The embryo acquires fingerprints at the age of 3 months.
- ◆ 80% of the heat of the human body goes out of the head.
- ◆ A person uses 17 muscles when smiling, and 43 when frowning.
- ◆ The adult person takes approximately 23 thousand breaths per day.
- ◆ The size of the human heart is approximately equal to the size of the fist. The weight of the adult's heart is 0.5-0.6 lb.

Even though all of our body parts are important on their own, when all of our body parts work together, we can do cool stuff like throw a football, jump into a lake, or ride a bicycle. Encouraging all of the body parts to work together is exactly what the Apostle Paul is trying to do when he writes his letter to the church at Corinth, and here is why.

The poster child for messy churches is the church at Corinth, and reading through Paul's two letters to the Corinthians reveals that their church was deeply divided. Just one of the issues that divided the church was the division over spiritual gifts. The reason the church was divided is because people in antiquity were intensely aware of and concerned with social rank. Gender, class, wealth, education, freeborn or slave, urban or rural dwelling, and spiritual gifts, were all things that determined a person's social standing.

It was a fact of life that gatherings were occasions when the honorable were honored and those with low social rank were reminded of their shameful position.

Using the metaphor of the body, Paul is attacking those in the Corinthian church who have turned the assembly into such an event.

Paul writes, "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body."

The message that Paul shares with the Corinthian church, is one that still rings true today. Unity and togetherness is the mark of the church. Each and every one of us in the body of Christ has different gifts, and each one of us has an essential function to the body as a whole. There are not some parts that are useful and some that are useless, for if one member fails, we all fail, if one member succeeds, we succeed together.

One thing that Paul is not saying is that we all need to be the same. In fact, what Paul is saying is the exact opposite. Diversity is beautiful and necessary because if we were all feet, there would be no body. But what I really want to focus on is how Paul closes this passage.

He writes, "The members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body,

but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it."

Could you imagine what our church would look like if we carried this out? Could you imagine what would happen if we treated the weak as indispensable, clothed the less honorable with greater honor, and treated the less respected with greater respect?

As is common in many churches, it is the pastors who receive the most honor and recognition. We develop and lead worship, we preach and administer the sacraments, and we stand up here and face you when all of you are facing us. Most of the time, the spotlight is on us as if we are the only parts of the body that are essential. This of course is not true, because all of us are equally important to the body.

You see, the church is about love. Love is the greatest of God's gifts and that of course is what unites us and gives us identity and purpose. Love is not the same thing as control nor is love a competition, but love is communion and mutuality and having a common purpose. It is the sharing of all things between persons who are completely open to one another. Love is equality and most of all love is a desire of the presence of the other.

Brothers and sisters, I know that sometimes we have a hard time finding our mission and purpose. When life brings us questions, and hardships, and brokenness, it is really hard to know exactly what it is we are called to do. And that's okay! That is understandable! Heck! Even Jesus at times struggled to find his mission and purpose.

But as followers of Jesus, we make his mission ours. That mission is not one of bickering and division, but our mission is one of love and service toward our neighbors. Who are our neighbors you ask? The poor, the sick, the hungry, the blind, the captives, the oppressed, the brokenhearted, and the lonely.

This is our mission brothers and sisters, and should we fall into division all we have to do is look to the Cross. It is the Cross of Christ that unites us all, and it is in the cross of Christ that we discover our greatest gift of all, the love and mercy of Christ. That is our identity and purpose, and despite the things that could divide us, it is the cross of Christ that makes us one. *Amen.*



Scandian Grove Lutheran Church Council Minutes **Monday, March 13, 2023**

Members Present

Jay Hanson, Collin Johnson, Joni Anderson, Theresa Bjorklund, David Hermanson, Dick Kinkeade, Gary Miller, Heidi Scheurer, Pam Rogich, and Pastor Matthew Garavalia

Excused Rhonda Hermanson and Jeff Allerson

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by President Gary Miller

Devotions by Pastor Matthew Letter of Call - Each of us, have been called to serve on our Scandian Grove Church Council and in their personal lifetime ministry. Never forget how important your role is because He has called you – Help us to serve in life in His glory - keep up the good work!

Secretary's Report

Dick motioned to approve the minutes with the corrections of revising the Borgeson Fund to Erickson Fund, including David Hermanson as a Council Member and Vicki Hermanson as a church employee, seconded by Pam and carried.

Financial Secretary's Report for January

Collin reviewed the report for the group. Pam motioned to approve this report, seconded by Heidi and carried.

Savings Account Balance as of 2/28/23

Family Medical Fund Balance:	\$4,683.87
Improvement Fund Balance:	6,288.53
Memorial Fund Balance:	6,109.23
Scholarship Fund Balance:	7,270.93

Treasurers Report

Beginning Balance: (2/1/23)	\$11,474.77
Total Deposits:	9,458.14
Total Expenses:	-\$11,794.89
Checking Balance:	\$9,138.02
+Sunday School Fund:	472.42
Ending Balance: (2/28/23)	\$9,610.44

Treasurer's Report

David reviewed the report for the group. Joni motioned to approve this report, seconded by Pam and carried.

Sunday School CD and Two Ericksen Fund CD's were renewed for a higher rate of interest.

Memorial money discussed, was tabled for a future meeting to further discuss how to best utilize when appropriate.

Committee Reports

PROPERTY

A special thank you to the snow removal crew for all their efforts this snowy winter. Pam has sent Thank You notes on behalf of the Council.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Keyboard Update – Marie/Scott continue to look for an acceptable option.

Music Copyright – One License acquisition is being worked on. Having this license would protect SGLC from copyright infringement when using songs within services and on video.

Lent/Holy Week –

Palm Sunday – palms and lilies ordered

Holy Week – Book Club will host a Maundy Thursday Lamb Supper. Guests are asked to arrive at 6:00pm with program beginning at that time. Pastor will speak with Anna and Bonnie about promoting in announcements and newsletter.

Tenebrae Service (Good Friday's Service)

Easter Coffee Time prior to Easter Sunday Service: Rolls – Theresa, Juice/Milk – Pam, Strawberries – Pastor, Variety of sliced cheese – Gary

EDUCATION

Green Lake VBS – St Paul's Gaylord turn to take the lead – July 10-13. Registration Information will be received from the Education Committee.

TECHNOLOGY

A church owned laptop and case for the use of the church's pastor is being shopped for.

MISSIONS

"The Kitchen" was discussed as a four times a year commitment from Scandian Grove to host a meal. Two "The Kitchen" Board meetings have already been attended by SGLC members to gain information about hosting a meal. "The Kitchen" Board agreed to a contribution from SGLC of \$1,000.00 that will be put toward needed supplies. On Monday, April 3, will be the first event hosted by SGLC; 50-60 persons typically attend. Food for "The Kitchen" is to be made at the culinary approved kitchen of Trinity. **Jay H. made a motion to approve \$1,000 to contribute to "The Kitchen" and agreed to as a congregation, serving four times per year, seconded by Dick, motion carried.** Food Safety Requirements were stressed. The SGLC Council felt that this was a good learning opportunity for SGLC members to become educated on the topic of food safety improvements in general when we serve potlucks, funerals, and the Fall Supper. Heidi has regularly trained on this topic and offered to organize a discussion time for our congregation to be held during a future, after service coffee time.

Constitution: The Constitution Committee has met with the Synod Rep. Adam Roberts to discuss updating the SGLC Constitution which has not been updated since 2010. Members Include: Bill & Beth Kastens, Gordy Rodning, Beth Kinkeade, and Theresa Bjorklund.

EVANGELISM & SOCIAL MINISTRY

Visitation Team – Seminary Student, Jill Norell will be putting together a training for members of Scandian Grove, Trinity Sibley, and St Paul's. Those interested in helping to share time and conversation with members of Scandian Grove, Trinity Sibley, and St Paul's can contact Pastor Matthew or Jill. More information to follow.

GIFT Sunday will be hosted by SGLC on Sunday, March 26. The service will include the washing of hands, Passion, stripping of the Alter, and Communion by table in the fellowship hall. **Potluck** and SGLC will be in charge of the Main Dish, Trinity & St Paul's are asked to bring sides and desserts, Theresa will create a sign-up sheet to include Main Dish, Napkins, Table Decorations. **Set up** will take place on Wednesday, March 22 after the Lent Service. The **Intergenerational Activity** will be a Backwards Easter Egg Hunt.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Reviewed the Pastors report. Pastor has taken on the role of the Dean of the MN River Valley Conference.

Old Business

Update completed **Bulletin Board** - Looks nice, thanks to the creator!

New Members – Continue to welcome new members by putting together a brief “information sheet.” Pictures will be displayed on a bulletin board to help parishioners to recognize and get to know our new members better. Theresa volunteered to create the information sheet and distribute them to the new members. It was suggested that the names of the new members be added to the Prayer Chain Email List to share this information with them.

New Business

Training on Defibrillator use to be done by a trained expert at a later date. The possibility/reality of CPR training was also considered.

March Food Shelf - Pam has access to economical non-food items that can be purchased to in turn donate to local food shelves. (lotions, soaps, toiletries, diapers, etc.) A motion was made by Pam to utilize \$100 from Food Shelf donations to purchase these types of non-food items not accessible through Second Harvest Food Bank, but still appreciated by those who utilize the food shelves. The items would then go to local food shelves in March to be doubled. Jay seconded the motion which passed.

Mowing Bids - Due Monday, April 10

Adjournment

Dick motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:19pm, seconded by Collin and carried.

Next Meeting

On Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 6:30pm hosted by Pam Rogich.

Communion Assistants for April are Joni Anderson and Pam Rogich

Respectfully submitted, Theresa Bjorklund, Church Council Secretary

Last Call.....

Accepting Mowing Bids NOW

The Church Council invites interested parties to submit a bid for **mowing the church grounds for the 2023 season**. This does not include the cemeteries. Bids should be turned into the Church Office or a Council Member **by Monday, April 10** so that they may be considered at the Tuesday, April 11 Council meeting. *Thank you!*



APRIL BIRTHDAYS			
2	Burt Norell	16	Jessica Masters
3	April Schech	17	Tanner Jaeger
4	Jody Braun	19	Don Wiest
6	Nathaniel Johnson	21	Jennifer Bode
	Kathryn Germscheid	22	Howard Roy Rivard
7	Marjorie Renneke	25	Audrey Kloeckl
10	Ryan Swenson	26	Dieter Miller
11	Mills Anthony Kramer	27	Bob Rodning
12	Clara Elizabeth Berger	28	Dale Jonason
	Cohen Michael Berger	29	Grace Hanson- Mechtenberg
13	Bella Swenson		

We extend our Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of **Kelly A. Pankratz** who passed away on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. Her Celebration of Life service was held on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at Scandian Grove Lutheran Church with interment in the church cemetery.

Terry, Katelynn, Cole and all her family, we share in your grief and sadness at the loss of your wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, and aunt!

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”

Matthew 5:4



Remember in prayer...

We pray for those who are having difficulties in their relationships, the lonely, neglected, hungry, and those financially strained, those fighting anxiety and depression, recuperation from illness and surgeries, those grieving the loss of a loved one, and those serving in the military along with their families still at home. Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.



We would like to say *thank you* from the bottom of our hearts to everyone at Scandi-an Grove for the generous outpouring of love that you have shown our family this past week and throughout the years.

Thank you to those of you who supported Kelly during her fight against cancer with visits, prayers, and conversation. It meant a lot to her.

Thank you to those of you that supported our family with meals during our times of need and in the days after Kelly's passing. We can't thank you enough for your generosity.

Thank you to the Funeral Committee for all of your hard work to make the service and our shared meal possible as we celebrated Kelly's life.

And finally, *thank you* to Pastor Matthew for your support of Kelly. She so enjoyed your visits and you brought her comfort and peace, especially in her final days. We are also grateful for your support of our family during this time of sorrow.
- The Pankratz Family

Remember that March was Food Shelf Month!



All designated gifts dated in March **and** received **by April 2nd** will be distributed to local food pantries. These gifts are matched in a way that helps them acquire additional supplies from Heartland Harvest Food Bank and

stretch the ability to serve those in need among us.

SGLC Lamb Supper

Maundy Thursday - April 6 at 6:00pm

Our communion worship service will connect with a lamb supper on Maundy Thursday in the Fellowship Hall.

This will be a time of contemplation as we reflect on Jesus' instructions to his disciples at the Lord's Supper.



All are welcome!

Calling all kids
 Pre-K to 6th grade!
 It's almost time for
Vacation Bible School!



Like last year we will be partnering with Trinity and St. Paul's in Gaylord, but this year we invited **Green Lake Bible Camp** to come and lead Vacation Bible School. VBS will be held

Monday, July 10

through

Thursday, July 13

in Gaylord at the City Park and St. Paul's from 3:00 to 6:00pm.

On Thursday at 6:00pm there will be a family meal followed by the VBS program at 7:00pm. Registration/health forms are available in the narthex. Look for more details to come as the date gets closer. **See you at VBS!**

	April 2023	May 2023
ALTAR GUILD	Jim Allerson	Rhonda Hermanson
READERS	Joni Anderson	Don Hermanson
USHERS	Jim Allerson, Charles Johnson, and Wayne Bjorklund	Wallace & Kazuko Larson
COUNCIL COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Joni Anderson Pam Rogich	Rhonda Hermanson Heidi Scheurer
COUNCIL HOST	Pam Rogich	Dave Hermanson

SW MN Synod Lutheran Men in Mission

will hold their



Spring Gathering

on

Saturday, April 15

at Gloria Dei Church in Redwood Falls

The cost is \$25 per person OR \$75 total if three or more men attend.

Registration forms are in the Narthex and are due April 10, 2023.

The theme is

"Faith and Trust in God in our Lives"

The schedule for the day is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

The Women of MN Valley

Spring Conference

will meet on

Saturday, April 15

at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hector

**Registration begins at 11:30am
with lunch at noon**



The program will be the Legend of Santa Lucia. Traditions: the customs, beliefs, legends handed down from generation to generation.

All women are encouraged to come.



Bernadotte Lutheran Church

will be hosting a Choir Concert

presented by the

Vettern College of Music

from Jonkoping, Sweden

On **Tuesday, April 18**, beginning at **6:00pm** the 42 member choir will be performing choral music from different times and traditions.

All are welcome!



HELP

The Church Council approved a motion to join the schedule for serving at *"The Kitchen,"* a free community meal, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Saint Peter.

We have agreed to a reduced schedule of four times a year.

Our first meal is Monday, April 3, 2023.

We are looking for preparation helpers, servers, greeters, and kitchen clean-up. Workers must be fifteen years old or older.

We welcome donations of checks made to Scandian Grove with *"The Kitchen"* in the memo.

Please watch for a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Opportunities for workers and food donations needed. Questions, contact Joni Anderson at jonigailanderson@gmail.com.



serving a free meal to those in need



WELCA - 2023 Triennial Convention for Women of the ELCA will be held on **September 18-20, 2023, in Phoenix, AZ.** More details to come as the convention dates get closer.

Please join us for
a Come & Go

BRIDAL SHOWER

Honoring

Emily Annexstad

Bride-to-Be of Anthony Bosch

April 29th, 2023 at 10 am

Norseland Lutheran Church
37777 MN 22 St Peter, MN 56082

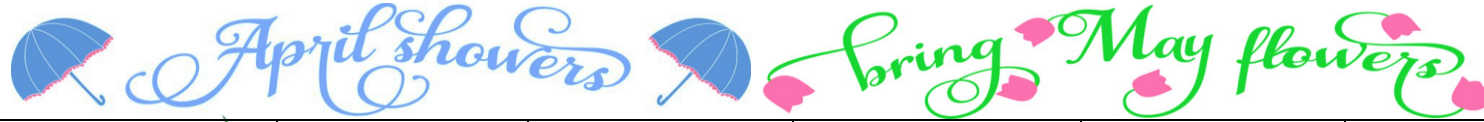
Please bring your favorite recipe to share
with the Bride and Groom

*The Couple is registered at The Swedish Kontur,
Cooks and Co., Crate and Barrel and Target*

Scandian Grove Lutheran Church Calendar

April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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1 April Fools Day
9:30am WELCA Mtg at Luke's Café, Le Sueur

<p>2 Palm Sunday 8:30am Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service w/Holy Communion 10:00am KNUJ "A New Day" Deadline for March Gifts Designated to Food shelves</p> 	<p>3 9:00am Quilting 5:30pm SGLC is Preparing & Serving the Meal for "The Kitchen," at Trinity in Saint Peter</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 9:00am to 5:00pm Pastor's Office Hours 7:00pm Sr Choir Practice</p>	<p>6 Maundy Thursday 6:00pm Lamb Supper 7:00pm Worship Service w/Holy Communion</p> 	<p>7 Good Friday 7:00pm Worship Service Pastor's Day Off</p> 	
<p>9 Easter Sunday 8:15 to 9:15am Coffee & Rolls 9:30am Celebration Worship Service w/Holy Communion 10:00am KNUJ "A New Day" 3:00pm Norseland 4-H Mtg</p> 	<p>10 9:00am Quilting Mowing Bids Due to Council for Mowing the Church Grounds SWMN Synod Lutheran Men in Mission Registration Due for Spring Gathering</p>	<p>11 6:30pm Church Council</p>	<p>12 9:00am to 5:00pm Pastor's Office Hours 7:00pm Sr Choir Practice</p>	<p>13 7:00am to 1:00pm Fellowship Hall Reserved</p>	<p>14 Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>15 8:30am Churchmen's Breakfast 9:00am Quilting SW MN Synod Lutheran Men in Mission Spring Gathering, Redwood Falls Women of MN Valley Spring Conference, Hector Newsletter Deadline</p>
<p>16 Food Shelf Sunday G.I.F.T. Sunday at St Paul's 8:30am NO Sunday School 9:30am NO Worship at SGLC 10:00am KNUJ "A New Day" 4:00pm Book Club</p>	<p>17 9:00am Quilting 1:00 to 7:00pm Blood Drive Nicollet Legion</p>	<p>18 6:00pm Swedish Singers from Sweden are having a Choir Concert at Bernadotte</p>	<p>19 9:00am to 5:00pm Pastor's Office Hours 7:00pm Sr Choir Practice</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>22 Earth Day Synodical Woman's Convention Registrations Due</p> 
<p>23 8:30am Adult Forum 9:30am Worship Service 10:00am KNUJ "A New Day"</p>	<p>24 9:00am Quilting</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 9:00am to 5:00pm Pastor's Office Hours 7:00pm Sr Choir Practice</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>29 10:00am Come & Go Bridal Shower for Emily Annexstad at Norseland Lutheran Church</p>
<p>30 9:30am Worship Service w/Hymn Sing 10:00am KNUJ "A New Day"</p>						

Kinship Radio
presents their 14th Annual
"A Day For Women"
on Saturday, May 6, 2023

at Hosanna Lutheran Church in Mankato.

This year's *Keynote guest* is:

Angela Thomas-Pharr, author of 1

REDEEMED: GRACE TO LIVE EVERY DAY
BETTER THAN BEFORE

She is a gifted teacher and story-teller speaking to thousands each year.

We are also welcoming back
Kiersten King as our special speaker!

There will be music, ministry, lunch, and mini-sessions.

Space is limited so call 507-526-3233
or go online to KinshipRadio.org

**Registration begins
Monday, March 27 at 8:00am**

Cost: \$40

Additional info is posted on the bulletin board or the website.

 **KINSHIP CHRISTIAN
RADIO**
KJLY 104.5FM

Their headquarters is at 860 Madison Ave, Mankato. Contact Anna or visit the website at <https://kinshipradio.org/home/> for questions or more information.

Scandian Grove's
Book Club

invites you to
read & discuss on

**Sunday, April 16
at 4:00pm**

at Jackie & Gordy Rodning's home.
Solveig Olsen will be leading our discussion for

**The Last Report on the
Miracles at Little No Horse**

A novel by Louise Erdrich

A New York Times Notable Book "For more than a half century, Father Damien Modeste has served his beloved people, the Ojibwe, on the remote reservation of Little No Horse. Now, nearing the end of his life, Father Damien dreads the discovery of his physical identity, for he is a woman who has lived as a man. To further complicate his quiet existence, a troubled colleague comes to the reservation to investigate the life of the perplexing, possibly false saint Sister Leopolda. Father Damien alone knows the strange truth of Leopolda's piety and is faced with the most difficult decision: Should he tell all and risk everything, or manufacture a protective history though he believes Leopolda's wonder-working is motivated solely by evil?" *Back cover of the book*

In **May**, we will be discussing...

Lincoln Unbound

How an Ambitious Young Railsplitter Saved the American Dream
by Rich Lowry

The Simply Giving Program Through Vanco

~ *Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving* ~

No matter where you live now or how infrequently you attend services, many of you probably have your religious roots here or regard this congregation as your religious home. If you are not making regular donations, we hope that you will consider contributing to the support of our congregation. Your donations now and throughout the year are needed and greatly appreciated!

The Simply Giving Program is a modern-day stewardship program. It's a convenient, safe and simple way for individuals to make automatic payments to non-profit organizations through electronic funds transfers (EFT) directly from checking or savings accounts.

The Simply Giving Program is operated by Vanco Services, LLC, an industry leader in electronic payment solutions.

Scandian Grove Lutheran Church has contracted with Vanco to provide this option for members and friends of our congregation to help support our ministry. Scandian Grove pays for any fees, so there are no additional fees to you. A number of our member families already use

it, and it has been a great blessing for the church.

As you contemplate future contributions, would you like to begin using the Simply Giving Program? If so, you will need to fill out an authorization form.

Authorization forms are included below and on the bulletin board in the church narthex.

If you have already been using Simply Giving, maybe you want to change your donation amount or date. Just as easy, fill out an authorization form, mark the type of authorization form and change the information needed for what you are changing.

You will need to give any completed form to the Treasurer of Scandian Grove, Vicki Hermanson either in person or by mailing it to the following address:

*Scandian Grove Lutheran Church ATTN: Vicki Hermanson-Treasurer
42869 County Road 52, St. Peter, MN 56082*

Do you have questions about this program? If you would like more information or questions on the Simply Giving program, contact Vicki. You may email me at scandiantreas@gmail.com or call my cell phone at 507-351-5421.

Thank you for your consideration!

AUTHORIZATION FORM

The **Simply Giving** Program
endorsed by



Name of the organization: Scandian Grove Lutheran Church

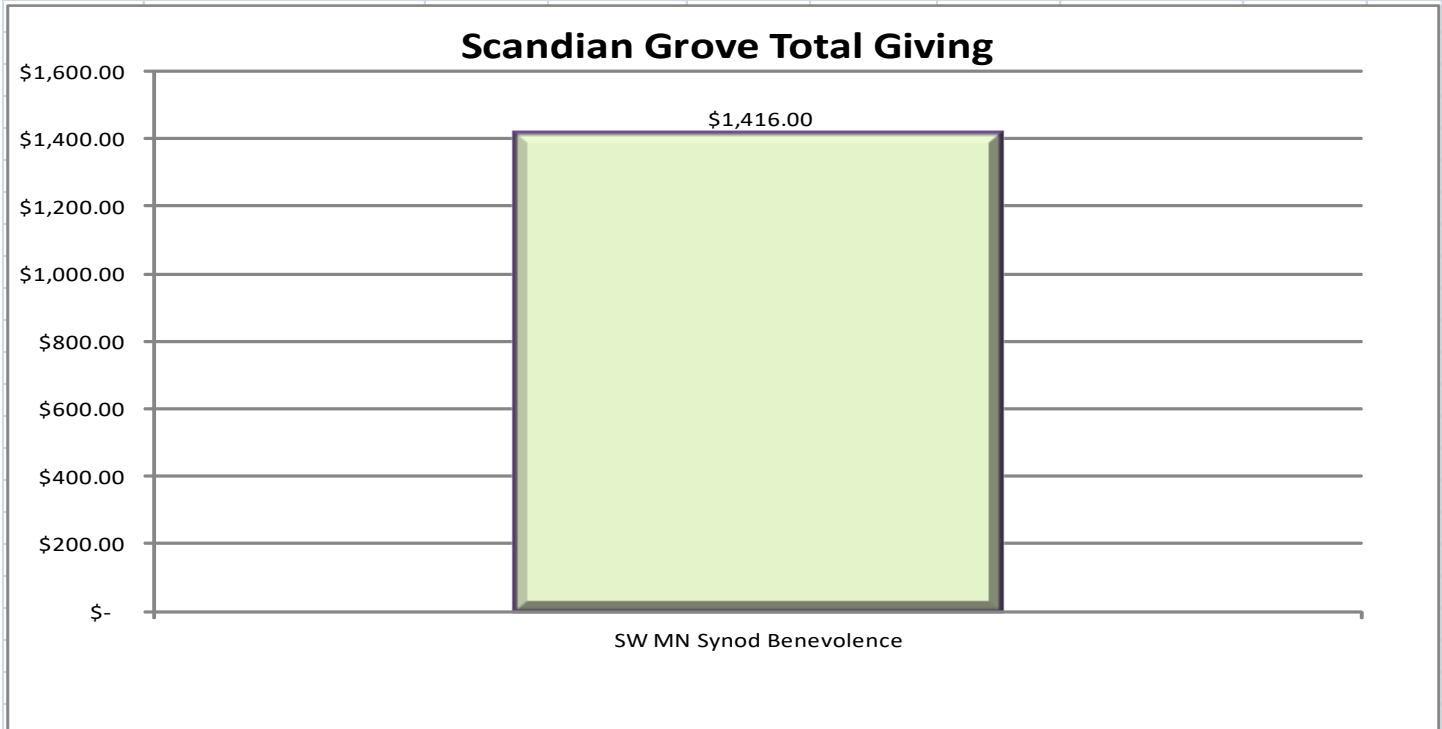
FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	ENVELOPE/DONOR #	DATE
Effective date of authorization: ____/____/____		
Type of authorization: <input type="checkbox"/> New authorization <input type="checkbox"/> Change donation amount <input type="checkbox"/> Change donation date <input type="checkbox"/> Change banking information <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue electronic donation		
Last Name		First Name
Address		
City		State Zip
Email Address		
DATE OF FIRST DONATION: ____/____/____	FREQUENCY OF DONATION: <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly – Mondays <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 15 th	FUNDS: <input type="checkbox"/> General/Operating \$ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ \$ _____ Total \$ _____
CHECKING / SAVINGS	Please debit my donation from my (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Savings Account (contact your financial institution for Routing #) <input type="checkbox"/> Checking Account (attach a voided check below)	
	Routing Number: _____ <i>Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3</i> Account Number: _____ 	
I authorize the above organization to process debit entries to my account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.		
Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____		

If using a checking account, please attach a voided check at the bottom of this page.

Mail to the following address: Scandian Grove Lutheran Church **ATTN:** Vicki Hermanson
42869 County Road 52, Saint Peter, MN 56082



A few more **2023 SGLC Schedule/Directory Books** have been published. Members who haven't gotten one yet should pick one up soon. These books have the corrections added. If you picked a book up prior to today, make sure you pick up the page of additions/corrections. *Thanks everyone for your help with this big project!*



Total benevolence giving thru February 28, 2023--\$1,416.00

Financial Report-February 2023

Fund	General Checking Fund Beginning Balance Less Historical/Choir Music/ Keyboard	Deposits/Transfers/ Increases	Expenditures/Transfers/ Decreases	General Checking Fund Ending Balance Less Historical/ Choir Music/Keyboard
General/Checking Fund-\$11,474.77	8,786.76	9,458.14	11,606.88	6,638.02
Checking/Choir Music	188.01	-	188.01	-
Checking/Keyboard	2,000.00	-	-	2,000.00
Checking/Sunday School Funds	472.42	-	-	472.42
Checking/Historical Bldg. Upkeep	500.00	-	-	500.00
TOTAL CHECKING/SUNDAY SCHOOL	11,947.19	9,458.14	11,794.89	9,610.44
Credit Line	-	-	-	-
Family Medical Savings Account	4,315.02	368.85	-	4,683.87
Improvement Savings Account	6,276.53	522.00	510.00	6,288.53
Memorial Savings Account	6,109.23	-	-	6,109.23
Scholarship Savings Account	7,270.93	-	-	7,270.93
Mission Investment Fund	80,611.00	-	-	80,611.00
LPL Fund	33,811.04	2,388.80	-	36,199.84

THANK-YOU!! Your gifts are "**making a difference**" in the congregation, community, and throughout God's World.

ATTENDANCE

Wednesday, March 1	44
Sunday, March 5	77
Wednesday, March 8	47
Sunday, March 12	65
Wednesday, March 15	42
Sunday, March 19	56
Wednesday, March 22	40
Sunday, March 26	127



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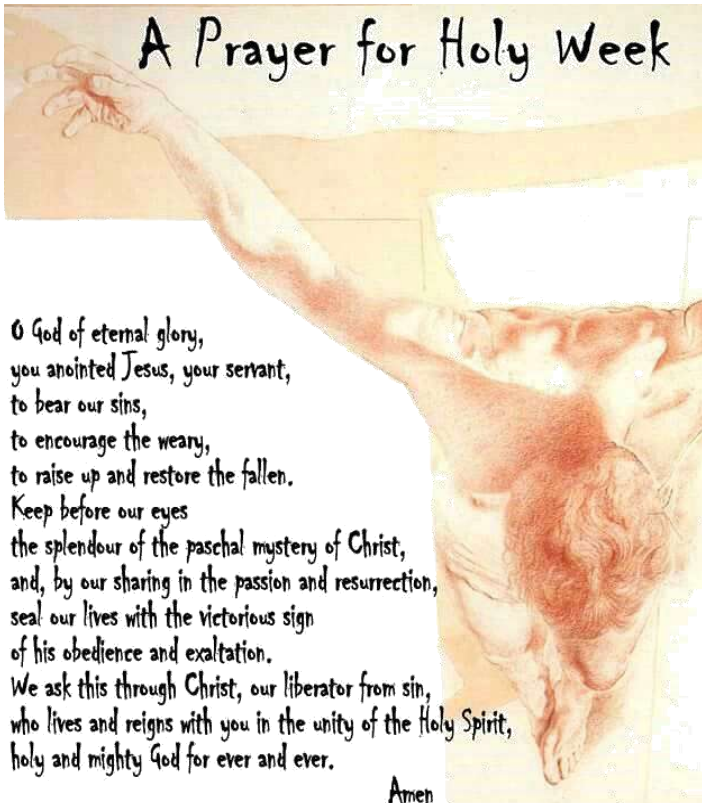
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**Newsletter
Deadline**

April 15





A Prayer for Holy Week

O God of eternal glory,
 you anointed Jesus, your servant,
 to bear our sins,
 to encourage the weary,
 to raise up and restore the fallen.
 Keep before our eyes
 the splendour of the paschal mystery of Christ,
 and, by our sharing in the passion and resurrection,
 seal our lives with the victorious sign
 of his obedience and exaltation.
 We ask this through Christ, our liberator from sin,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 holy and mighty God for ever and ever.

Amen

HE IS RISEN
alleluia