

SCANDIAN GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER



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July 2023

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

PLEASE



for a

Congregational Discussion

on

Being Mortal

on Sunday, July 16, 2023 at 4:00pm
at Scandian Grove Lutheran Church

Facilitated by

Pastor Matthew & Jackie Rodning



Grattis på årsdagen!

Scandian Grove will be celebrating its

165th Anniversary

on Sunday, July 23, 2023

There will be a catered brunch after the service with a free-will offering to cover the cost.

The Historical Committee will have a program filled with interesting facts about the church cemeteries, the Pioneer Cabin will be open, and everyone is invited to share stories and remembrances throughout the morning.

Happy 165th Anniversary Scandian Grove!

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Scandian Grove will be serving supper at Trinity Lutheran Church, Saint Peter, on

Monday, July 17, 2023

We would like to have a pork chop dinner, with hot dogs, corn, watermelon, chips, and lemonade.

Volunteers are needed including donations of food and cash.

If you wish to donate by check, please make it out to Scandian Grove and write *"The Kitchen"* in the memo.

Sign-up sheets will be at church in the narthex.

The Saint Peter area is not hosting any summer food programs for school age kids this year, so we are planning to serve over 100 people.

All of your donations are very much appreciated!



servicing a free meal to those in need

Contact Joni Anderson with questions at 507-380-6691 or email:

jonigailanderson@gmail.com



The **Churchmen** are sponsoring a trip to the

MoonDogs Faith Night

on Sunday, July 23 at 5:00pm

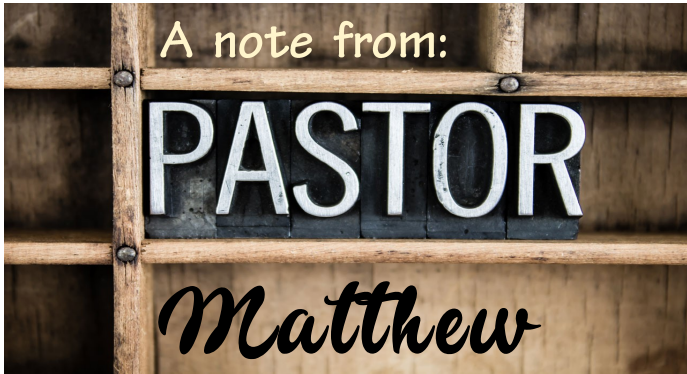
A limited number of tickets are available at \$10.00 each.

The ticket includes a hot dog, soda, & chips.

Look for the sign-up sheet in the church narthex.

Call Jim Allerson for more information at 507-354-1426.

EVERYONE is welcome to join in this event.



Know That We Are Loved & Accepted

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Galatians 5:1 says, *"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."* These words from the Apostle Paul remind us of the incredible gift of freedom that we have received through Jesus Christ.

As Christians, we often talk about freedom from sin and death, and rightly so. Through Christ's death and resurrection, we have been set free from the power

of sin and death, and we have been given new life in Him. This is a freedom that we could never earn or achieve on our own, but one that has been freely given to us by God's grace.

But what does it mean to stand firm and not be burdened again by a yoke of slavery? Paul is warning us against the temptation to turn back to the law as a means of earning our salvation or maintaining our relationship with God. The law, which includes things like circumcision and following dietary restrictions, was given to God's people in the Old Testament as a way to set them apart and to remind them of their need for a Savior. But when we try to use the law as a means of earning God's favor, we are burdening ourselves with a yoke of slavery that we were never meant to bear.

So how do we stand firm in our freedom? By putting our faith in Jesus Christ and relying on His grace and mercy, rather than our own efforts. We can trust that Christ has already done everything necessary for our salvation, and that nothing we do can earn us more favor with God. Instead, we can live in the freedom and joy that comes from knowing that we are loved and accepted by God, not because of what we have done, but because of who He is.

As we go about our daily lives, let us remember the freedom that we have in Christ, and let us live in a way that reflects that freedom to those around us. May we stand firm in the truth of the gospel, and may we never again be burdened by a yoke of slavery.

*In Christ,
Pastor Matthew Garavalia*

It's Vacation Bible School Time!



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

Monday, July 10 - 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.

See you there!



**Happy Anniversary
Pastor Matthew!**

We're so glad your here!!

Saturday, July 1 will mark the **one-year anniversary** of Pastor Matthew's start date of his call to serve at SGLC. He has done a fabulous job of getting to know us individually as well as the needs of our congregation. If you wish, send him a card of appreciation!



Save the Date of **Tuesday, August 15** for **Beer & Hymns** at the **St. Peter Legion** from **6:00 to 8:00pm**. *More information will be included in the August Newsletter.*



Scandian Grove Lutheran Church Council Minutes

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

Members Present

Collin Johnson, Joni Anderson, Theresa Bjorklund, David Hermanson, Dick Kinkeade, Gary Miller, Pam Rogich, Jeff Allerson, and Pastor Matthew Garavalia

Excused Jay Hanson, Heidi Scheurer, Rhonda Hermanson

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:31pm by President Gary Miller

Devotions by Pastor Matthew - Mirror Christ's Ministry in our Lives

Secretary's Report

It was noted that the May Property Committee minutes should read – 'Trees – Some trees were planted in the windbreak and park'; Joni motioned to approve the May Minutes as amended, seconded by Dick and carried.

Financial Secretary's Report for May

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

Savings Account Balance as of 5/31/23

Family Medical Fund Balance:	\$5,245.67
Improvement Fund Balance:	7,569.06
Memorial Fund Balance:	4,793.96
Scholarship Fund Balance:	7,272.76

Treasurers Report

Beginning Balance: (5/1/23)	\$1,582.34
Total Deposits:	12,680.40
Total Expenses:	-\$14,888.23
Checking Balance:	\$625.49
+Sunday School Fund:	592.46
Ending Balance: (5/31/23)	-\$33.03

Treasurer's Report

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

Committee Reports

CONSTITUTION UPDATE COMMITTEE

Bill Kastens, a member of the Committee, presented the redlined copy of the Updated Constitution. Special acknowledgement to the Committee for their efforts and to Beth Kinkeade for her organizational efforts, to keep minutes and to keep the Committee moving forward. The updated Constitution has been forwarded to our Synod Rep for review; no response as of yet. The SGLC Council now has the duty of reviewing the Constitution by the July Council meeting and giving input.

PROPERTY

Hwy 22 easement on the East Cemetery - To accommodate the Highway 22 road project taking place in the future, Scandian Grove has been offered payment for an easement on the East Cemetery. After discussion, Dick made a motion that the contract from the MN Department of Transportation be accepted; seconded by Pam. It was signed by SGLC Council President and Vice President. SGLC will be paid \$500 for the easement land.

Handrail for Altar Step - Being investigated.

Trees - Trees planted in the North Grove and in the park. Clean up of the windbreak to continue.

Repairs - Fan issues and toilet issues in the kitchen bathroom were managed by the Property Committee Members; issues seem to be resolved. Capacitor for the parsonage vintage air conditioner was replaced.

Steeple - Property Committee Member to contact contractor regarding where/why the moisture coming into the sanctuary. Windows in pastor's office to be checked by contractor and give a bid.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Music Copyright - One License acquisition continues to be worked on by Marie E and Vicki H.

EDUCATION

Green Lake VBS - So far, ten children from SGLC are planning to attend. Numbers from other churches are not known. Children going into kindergarten thru 6th grade are eligible. The full cost for Green Lake to lead a child is \$100 for the four days. SGLC will pay \$60, registrant to pay \$40. Scholarships are available through Scandian Grove by speaking with Pastor Matthew.

MISSIONS

Serving at "The Kitchen" - is next scheduled in Saint Peter on July 17th. Picnic themed meal for about 100 people will be served. Volunteers, donations and food being sought. Sign-up sheet to be put on the counter.

Lutheran Social Services contacted a GAC employee about a family needing help with settling into the Saint Peter area. Scandian Grove was forwarded the information. It was questioned whether the Islamic Center provides the types of services needed. They will be contacted to help direct assistance.

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Sunday, July 23rd will be the 165th Anniversary Celebration of Scandian Grove Lutheran Church. The meal will be catered by Gustavus; a free will donation will be accepted to help cover costs. After discussion, Dick motioned for the church to cover any expenses over and above the free will donation, seconded by Collin.

EVANGELISM & SOCIAL MINISTRY

It was clarified that the purpose of the Care Team is to *supplement* the work of Pastor Matthew and this Committee, *not* to take its place. Team Members to help coordinate people who may be willing to drive those who desire transportation to Scandian Grove for worship services. Church members willing to help with transportation and/or those who desire a ride to church services to contact Pam or an Evangelism & Social Ministry Team Member.

Care Team - Moving forward with visiting and activities. Members seem receptive to visits.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Matthew reviewed the many activities and tasks he has been involved in throughout the month.

Old Business

Training on Defibrillator Use - to be provided on July 16 at coffee time. Jeff Allerson will teach this important training session.

Council Retreat - A Council Retreat was discussed and it was decided it would be a beneficial opportunity. Possible topics to be included: Goal Setting, Donation Wish Lists, Constitution Review, Grow as Spiritual Leaders. Morning of Saturday, September 9, 2023, then after Annual Meeting in 2024 with new Council Members.

Pictures From Library - Are being worked on and will be put into an album. Tabled.

New Business

Member Transfer - David made a motion and Jeff seconded the approval of the transfer of Holly, Henry, Arthur, Gretta and Winston Hokenson to Peace Lutheran Church in Watertown. Motion passed.

Beer and Hymns - SGLC being asked by Trinity and St Paul's to co-sponsor Beer and Hymns in August. The Council agreed to co-sponsor.

South African Partnership - Thursday, August 31, 6:00-8:00pm. Pastor Bob Stover asked that Scandian Grove host the meeting of the South African Partnership by providing the Fellowship Hall for the meeting and a meal for 10-15 people. Gary will speak with possible persons to put together the meal.

GIFT Sunday Update - Council discussion centered around the success of the Sundays. There was concern for the number of gatherings on top of events already happening within the churches and churches being left empty on so many Sundays. For the future, the Visioning Committee made the decision that in the upcoming year, there will be 3 GIFT Sundays when SGLC, Trinity and St Paul's will join together to worship, each church to create a "Signature Sunday" to plan for.

Graduate Recognition - Sunday, June 18. Council to provide cake/ice Cream. Gary will order cake, Pam to purchase ice cream. Service options discussed to recognize the Graduates during and after the service.

Church At The Fair - SGLC to lead church services at the Nicollet County Fair on Sunday, August 13. Pastor will preach and volunteers will be sought. Thrivent Action Team sponsorship will be sought to help with an after service treat for those in attendance; please contact someone on the Council if you are willing to share your Action Team Dollars.

Connecting Nicollet County Leadership Training - Over the years, Scandian Grove has spon-

sored a church member to attend this program that helps participants to develop leadership skills while learning more about Nicollet County. Contact a Council Member if there is an interest.

Adjournment

Dick motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:21pm, seconded by Joni and carried.

Next Monthly Meeting

On Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 6:30pm hosted by Jeff Allerson.

Communion Assistants for July are Joni Anderson and Collin Johnson

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Bjorklund, Church Council Secretary



SWEET ADELINE OF THE YEAR AWARD

June 6, 2023

Our Sweet Adeline of the Year is **Louise Fitzke-Poncin**, who has been in Minnesota Valley Chorus since September, 2014, or almost nine years. Her attendance has been admirable, even through Pandemic when we were on Zoom, and although not the most tech-savvy person, Louise figured out a way to be with us. That's Louise, a person who lives her life "figuring out a way to get things done."

As much as anyone, Louise, with her quiet but determined personality, kept us together through difficult times, including bringing in our latest member and tenor, Alyssa Dodgen. Beyond that, she helped keep the tenor part soaring in the chorus when she and Vicki volunteered to team up to provide those thrilling high notes for us.

Louise has served for many years as our Sunshine & Birthday Girl, making sure we recognize every member's Birthday or when we need a Get Well Greeting. She always remembers practical things that we need: a table cloth or two, napkins and plastics for our picnics and snacks at Grace. What a cook; we look forward to the food additions and thoughtfulness she provides.

She is one of those quiet, humble, indispensable members who also has strength of character. We were all overjoyed recently, when she came back, with Herb in tow, just days after her surgery.

Through the Sweet Adeline of the Year Award, we look beyond official data about our members and we embrace the opportunity to recognize the REAL woman who is generous in her singing and also generous in her friendship. **That person is our 2023 Sweet Adeline of the Year, Louise Fitzke-Poncin!**

Submission by Alyssa Dodgen



CONGRATULATIONS to Maria Lokensgard

who was just elected to a four year term as **Vice President of the Southwest Minnesota Synod Council**. As the Bishop serves as President, Maria will be the most highly elected lay-person in our synod. We know that she will do great and we are proud to call her one of our own at Scandian Grove. **God bless Maria** as she serves faithfully, carefully, and diligently to help our synod remain one of the best in the ELCA.

JULY BIRTHDAYS			
2	Gary Webster	17	Maria Lokensgard
3	Lynda Ostrom	18	Collin Johnson
5	Michael Johnson	19	Beth Bjorklund
6	Lexi Malashenko	20	John Langr
7	Jackie Rodning		Jacob Anderson
9	Joshua Bode	23	Stacia Masters
	Ashley Schultze	24	Carol Gunderson
10	Maxwell Herrera		Steve Jaster
	Mallory Malecek	27	Elizabeth Berger
14	Chloe Kendall		
	Paul Scheurer		

New Member

Spotlight



**Laddie
Dosedel**

Laddie Dosedel, who's hometown is West Chicago, now lives in St Peter. He has a brother who lives in Arizona and two sons.

Sports such as Ice Hockey, Football, and Baseball are of interest to Laddie as is playing his guitar. Laddie is a proud Veteran.

A yellow lemonade and seafood fan, he enjoys coffee time at Scandian Grove and getting to know other members, listening to Pastor Matthew and the other staff of the church.

Welcome Laddie!

Lafayette is the hometown of **Paul Scheurer**. He now lives in the Norseland area with his wife Heidi and there two children, Braxton & Aubrey. Paul's interests include hunting, fishing, and working on his mustang. It's pink lemonade over yellow Lemonade for Paul and he'll gladly take either a steak or seafood!

Please take time to welcome these new Scandian Grove members!



**Paul
Scheurer**

Welcome! 

We're so glad you're here!



The Cemetery Board would like to **thank all** of those who attended and helped at the Memorial Day Service & Pie. Additional donations may be sent to the Cemetery Board Treasurer, Terry Pankratz. The funds

will be used for upkeep of the cemeteries.



LEAH MARGARET GERMSCHIED

daughter of Zach & Kathryn Germscheid, was baptized on Sunday, June 11, 2023.

We pledge our prayerful support as you seek to educate **Leah Margaret** in the way of the Scriptures and the Spirit.

Serving as sponsors for **Leah Margaret** were Charles Wolf and Simon Germscheid. Grandparents are Norman & Joanne Wolf.

Join us as we celebrate with the family of Leah Margaret on this special moment in her life. We welcome this child into the family of God and into Scandian Grove's Church Family.

“Through water and word she has become a child of God and sealed as Christ’s own forever!”



Fred Hanson will be moving to the Benedictine Court on July 1, 2023. His new address & phone number are:

Benedictine Court
1906 N Sunrise Drive, Apt 211
Saint Peter, MN 56082

Phone Number: 507-934-8304

Jay Hanson has been moved to Laurels Peak Rehab Center to receive help while he recovers from his accident. The address for Laurels Peak is:

Laurels Peak Rehab Center
700 James Ave Mankato, MN 56001



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REMINDER
FROM THE OFFICE!**

A reminder from the office. The most accurate church calendar can be found on our church website. If you are planning an event, use this resource to investigate date availability. In the same manner, if your event or meeting is not scheduled through the office, the calendar becomes inaccurate for

others who are planning their event which could lead to embarrassing conflicts that could have been prevented. Please let Anna know when you plan to hold meetings and she will keep the schedule current.

We extend our Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of Rhonda (Don) Hermanson whose sister **Robbyn Ruth**



Shiell passed away on Thursday, June 8, 2023. A Memorial Service was held Friday, June 23, 2023 at the Edina Community Lutheran Church in Edina, MN.

Rhonda and family, we share in your grief and sorrow at the passing of your sister!

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.” Matthew 5:4

	<u>July 2023</u>	<u>August 2023</u>
ALTAR GUILD	Kelly Norell	Laurie Webster
READERS	Jay Hanson	Paul Engel
USHERS	Lee Schott, Paul Engel	Dick & Beth Kinkeade
COUNCIL COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Joni Anderson Collin Johnson	Jeff Allerson Dick Kinkeade
COUNCIL HOST	Jeff Allerson	Dick Kinkeade

Scandian Grove Lutheran Church Calendar

July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Welcome



1
1 Year Anniversary of
Pastor Matthew being
called to SGLC
1st Anniversary

<p>2 9:30am Worship Service w/Holy Communion 10:00am KNUJ "A New Day"</p>	<p>3 6:30pm Lay Ministry Care Team Mtg</p>	<p>4 Independence Day 12:00pm Larson Family Reunion in the Park Shelter </p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9 9:30am Outdoor Worship Service 10:00am KNUJ "A New Day" 3:00pm Norseland 4-H Mtg</p>	<p>10 3:00 to 6:00pm VBS at Gaylord City Park and at St Paul's Lutheran</p>	<p>11 3:00 to 6:00 pm VBS at Gaylord City Park and at St Paul's Lutheran 6:30pm Church Council</p>	<p>12 3:00 to 6:00 pm VBS at Gaylord City Park and at St Paul's Lutheran</p>	<p>13 6:00 pm VBS Family Meal 7:00 pm VBS Program</p>	<p>14 Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>15 Church Reserved for Wedding Newsletter Deadline Don't Miss the DEADLINE!</p>
<p>16 Food Shelf Sunday 9:30am Worship Service w/Holy Communion 10:00am KNUJ "A New Day" 4:00pm "Being Mortal" an Open Congregational/ Community Discussion</p>	<p>17 "The Kitchen" Meal – SGLC is serving 6:30pm Lay Ministry Care Team Mtg</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 2:30pm Golf Tourna- ment, Redwood Falls 3:00pm Green Lake Lutheran Ministries Annual Quilt Auction Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>22 Church Reserved for Wedding 9:00am Green Lake Lutheran Ministries Annual Quilt Auction</p>
<p>23 165th Anniversary Celebration of SGLC 9:30am Worship Service w/Catered Meal after worship 10:00am KNUJ "A New Day" 5:00pm Faith Night MoonDogs Game </p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 9:30am Worship Service w/Hymn Sing 10:00am KNUJ "A New Day"</p>	<p>31</p>	<p></p>				

PASTOR'S SUMMER Hours & Day Off

Office Hours by appointment only through Labor Day.

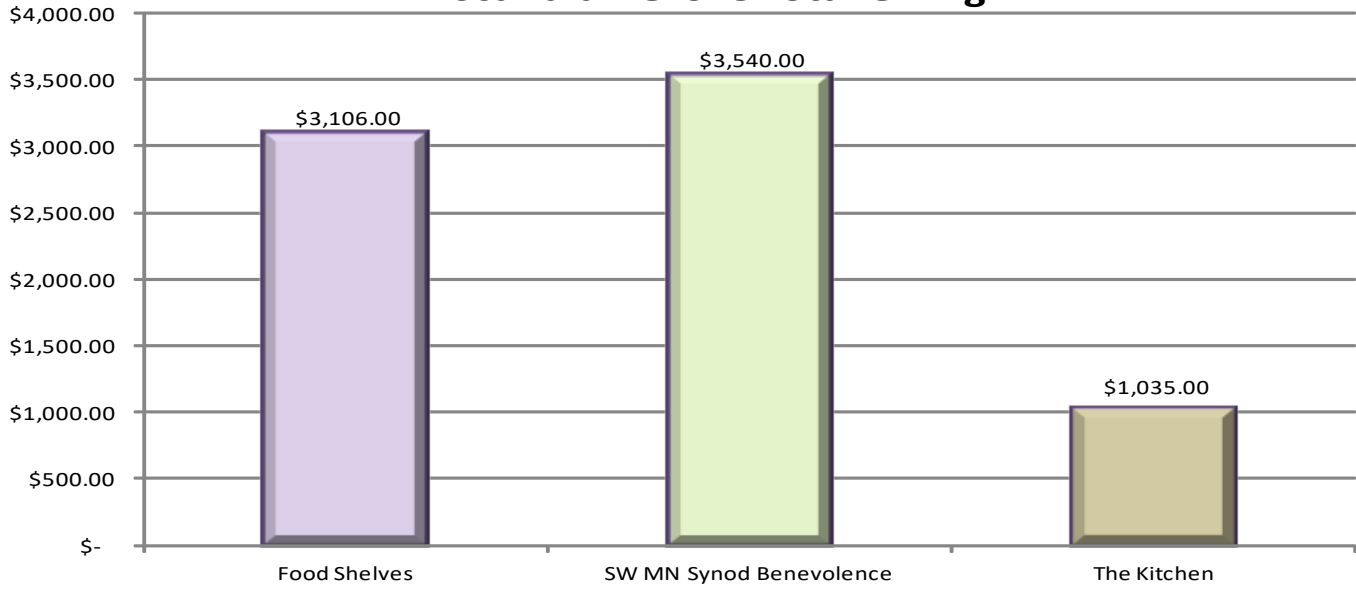
Pastor is happy to meet with you at your convenience by calling him at 651-283-0434 or by emailing him at: pastorsglc@gmail.com

Friday: Pastor's Sabbath Day (day-off)



The **Quilting Ladies** are taking a hiatus from quilting for the whole month of July! There will be **no** quilting on Mondays or on the third Saturday in July! *Stay tune for when they will resume their quilting schedule.*

Scandian Grove Total Giving



Total benevolence giving thru May 31, 2023--\$7,681.00

Financial Report-May 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-\$1,582.34	823.77	12,680.40	14,888.23	(1,384.06)
Checking/Pastor's Stole	100.00	-	-	100.00
Checking/Keyboard	158.57	-	-	158.57
Checking/Sunday School Funds	562.42	-	-	562.42
Checking/Historical Bldg. Upkeep	500.00	30.04	-	530.04
TOTAL CHECKING/SUNDAY SCHOOL	2,144.76	12,710.44	16,499.18	(33.03)
Credit Line	750.00	-	-	750.00
Family Medical Savings Account	4,944.56	301.11	-	5,245.67
Improvement Savings Account	6,504.06	1,065.00	-	7,569.06
Memorial Savings Account	4,583.96	210.00	-	4,793.96
Scholarship Savings Account	7,272.76	-	-	7,272.76
Mission Investment Fund	80,611.00	-	-	80,611.00
LPL Fund	36,408.25	314.50	-	36,722.75

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



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ATTENDANCE

Sunday, May 28 Church at Trinity Sibley	0
Monday, Memorial Day	67
Sunday, June 4	76
Sunday, June 11	67
Sunday, June 18	81
Sunday, June 25	63



Scandian Grove Lutheran Church

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Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

SIoux TRAILS CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS continues its **Summer Noontime Organ Recitals** at 12:10pm on **Tuesdays in Mankato**. After a break for the July 4 Holiday (no recital), the series continues at Grace Lutheran Church, 110 N. 4th St, Mankato, with a performance by Garrett Steinberg (7/11). The series then moves to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 S. 2nd St, for performances by Wayne Wagner (7/18) and Craig Hirschmann (7/25). Each recital is free. Visit www.agsiouxtrails.org for more information.

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION invite you to the **29th Annual Golf Tournament** in Redwood Falls on Friday, July 21st. Check in begins at 2:30pm with a shotgun start at 3:00pm. **REGISTRATION IS DUE BY Monday July 17th** and forms are available in the Narthex. Lutheran Men in Mission provides seminary tuition scholarships for individuals seeking to serve in rural settings. *More info on the bulletin board.*

GREEN LAKE LUTHERAN MINISTRIES is holding its **39th Annual Quilt Auction** on July 21 & 22, 2023.

See the poster in the Narthex for the daily schedule and all the details of what's new this year, or visit <https://www.gllm.org/upcoming-events.html> for more information.



Newsletter Deadline

July 15

