

SCANDIAN GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

# NEWSLETTER



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March 2023

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

## Lenten SOUP Suppers

Serving starts at 5:30 to 6:30pm with worship at 7:00pm.

This season, we are encouraging families, or groups, along with singles to make and serve a simple evening meal for about 40-50 people at church. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for your names and what's planned for supper. Thanks for being a vital part of our *Community of Faith!!!*

A "free will" donation will be taken to support a cause TBD.

## Sr. High Youth Gathering

March 10 - 11, 2023

Luther Crest Bible Camp, Alexandria, MN

The SW MN Synod Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO) is overjoyed to invite students in 9th – 12th grade to the Annual Senior High Youth Gathering!

Contact Pastor with your questions and how to get signed-up.

The theme this year is "*Where God Guides, God Provides,*" based on Isaiah 58:11.

## CHURCH MEN'S BREAKFAST



The Churchmen will be having their monthly meeting on Saturday, March 11 at 8:30am at the Nicollet Café in Saint Peter. All men of the church are welcome to join for this breakfast and meeting!

## Welcome!

Sunday  
March 12

New  
Members!

On Sunday, March 12 will be **New Member Sunday.** That day during our regular church time of 9:30am we will officially welcome & install new members:

- ♥ **Spencer & MacKenzie Dickinson**
- ♥ **Laddie Dosedel**
- ♥ **Tanner Jaeger**

The Church Council will serve treats and coffee after church in their honor. Please join us in making this a special time for them!

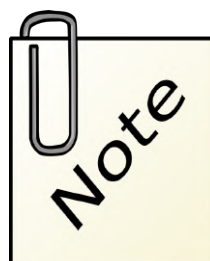
For those who will become a new member on Sunday, March 12, or anyone interested in becoming a member of SGLC, Pastor will be hosting a **New Member Forum** before church on **Sunday, March 5 at 8:30am.** This will be in the Library and consist of a casual time for questions and answers about membership and what it is to be Lutheran.

We are blessed to have our new members and thank them for their commitment to our church.

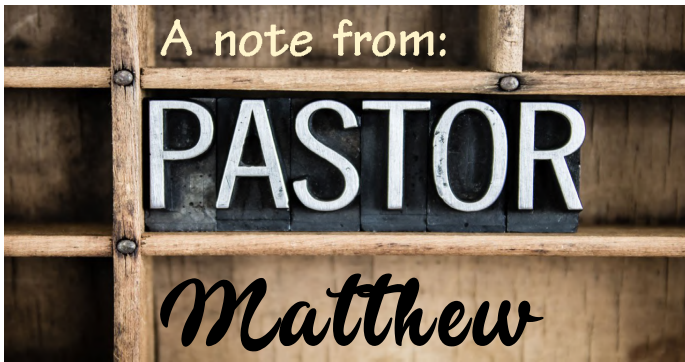
*A heartfelt welcome to each of you and we're very glad you're here!*

## LENTEN Loose & Designated Offering

Lent season has begun and continues with Lent Services every Wednesday through March 29. These services are held at 7:00pm. The Council has decided that **Loose & Designated Offering** received at our Lent Services will benefit the Food Pantries in Saint Peter, as well as Le Sueur, and Sibley counties.



**Schedule Books** for 2023 have been published and are available in the Narthex. Please limit one per household. If you live afar and need a copy, please email Anna at [secretarysglc@gmail.com](mailto:secretarysglc@gmail.com) or leave a message on the office phone 507-246-5195. She will mail one out to you.



## Letting It Shine?

*By Pastor Matthew Garavalia*

I was a first generation college student and I feel very fortunate. My grandparents worked in a manufacturing plant, my parents worked in that same manufacturing plant, and although it would have made perfect sense for me to follow in their footsteps, after hearing my dad complain for years about the poor working conditions, and watching his body deteriorate, I knew I had to take a different route.

So after I graduated from high school, I attended college. For me, college was a wonderful experience. I did things that I never thought possible, I met people from all around the globe, and I learned how to live out in the world on my own. Which at the time was both terrifying and thrilling. Academically, I learned a lot, and I credit my professors for really pushing me to be a better reader and writer, and be more detail oriented. College also taught me a lot about work ethic, determination, and consistency.

Even after all these years I still remember studying one topic. That is the topic of nature versus nurture. The debate of nature versus nurture is one of the age-old debates, and if you have never heard of it, it is relatively easy to explain.

There are some who believe that our behavior is inherited genetically. Then there are those who believe that behavior is learned through our environment such as childhood experiences, how we were raised, and our surrounding culture.

At this point the debate is pretty much over. Most people would agree that it is not our genetics that determine our behavior, but rather our behavior is learned. Everything we do from eating, to tying our shoes, to how we treat other people is learned. I want to make the assertion that the same is true of discipleship.

One of the main concerns in the church today, is a decline in numbers. I hear the concerns of people who say there are so few people coming to church these days, or they say our young people just aren't interested in coming to church. Believe me, I am well aware. But if behaviors are learned and passed on, then isn't it up to us to fix the problem?

As the bible tells us, John the Baptist, although an odd character, spent much of his time testifying and pointing to Jesus as The Chosen One. On more than one occasion the testimony of John inspired people nearby to follow Jesus, and after spending time with Jesus, those people led others to Jesus. In other words, the testimony of John set off a chain reaction of testimony and discipleship.

Now based upon my years in the Lutheran church, there are a few things Lutherans do really well. Lutherans are really good at making Jell-O. I don't know if there is a Jell-O hall of fame, but if there is, we are in it. One more thing Lutherans do well is protect their pews. You want to see an angry Lutheran, just sit in their pew on Sunday morning. And Lutherans are really good at remembering their family histories and studying them closely. But what Lutherans don't do well is share their personal testimony and invite people to church. I am just as guilty as the next person.

So this begs the question. How can we expect our youth to be interested in Jesus if we don't talk about him? How can we expect new people to come to church and follow Jesus, if we don't extend an invitation? How can we expect anyone to know Jesus or believe that Jesus even exists, if we are not willing to stand up and say Jesus has redeemed me, Jesus walks with me, Jesus loves me for who I am, and because I have Jesus in my life my life is better!

So, if we were to make some goals for the year our first goal should be to go out and tell people about the amazing treasure we have in Jesus. What does that look like? Sharing personal testimony, publicly confessing faith in Christ, extending an invitation to come to church, and by golly, if that means brining someone to meet Jesus, then do that. These aren't vague directions; these are concrete actions that we can make today.

Brothers and sisters, I love coming to church. Because when we come to church it brings us yet another opportunity to renew our commitment to follow Jesus, and rejoice in the good news, that even when we are imperfect, God's love for us remains steadfast. In a dark and weary world, we have the light of Jesus. My question is, should we hide it under a bush, or should we let it shine, let it shine, let it shine? Amen.



# Scandian Grove Lutheran Church Council Minutes

## Monday, February 13, 2023

### Members Present:

Jay Hanson, Collin Johnson, Joni Anderson, Theresa Bjorklund, Dave Hermanson, Dick Kinkeade, Rhonda Hermanson, Pam Rogich, and Pastor Matthew Garavalia

Excused: Gary Miller, Heidi Scheurer, and Jeff Allerson

### Call to Order

- ◆ The meeting was called to order at 6:38pm by Vice President Joni Anderson
- ◆ Devotions by Pastor Matthew

### Secretary's Report

- ✦ **A motion was made** by Dick K. to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Rhonda H., carried.

### Savings Account Balance as of 1/31/23

Family Medical Fund Balance:	\$4,315.02
Improvement Fund Balance:	6,276.53
Memorial Fund Balance: (\$20,000 CD)	6,109.23
Scholarship Fund Balance:	7,270.93

### Treasurers Report

Beginning Balance: (1/1/23)	<b>\$13,133.56</b>
Total Deposits:	14,173.64
<u>Total Expenses:</u>	<u>-\$15,832.43</u>
Checking Balance:	<b>\$11,474.77</b>
+Sunday School Fund:	472.42
<b>Ending Balance: (1/31/23)</b>	<b>\$11,947.19</b>

### Financial Secretary's Report for January

- ✦ **A motion was made** by Pam R. to approve this report. Seconded by Dick K., carried.

### Treasurer's Report

- ✦ **A motion was made** by Rhonda H. to approve this report. Seconded by Pam R., carried.
- ✦ **Dick K. made a motion** to renew the \$500 Sunday School CD at 4.1% ASAP. Seconded by Pam R., carried.
- ✦ **Rhonda H. made a motion** to renew 2 Borgeson Fund CDs at 4.1% ASAP. Seconded by Collin J., carried.

### Committee Reports

#### PROPERTY

- ✦ **Jay H. made a motion** to move \$510 from Improvement to the General Fund Checking Account to cover the cost of 30 potted Black Hills Spruce Trees. Seconded by Dick K., carried.

#### WORSHIP & MUSIC

- ◆ Keyboard update - Committee meeting on Wednesday, February 15 to discuss options
  - ✦ **Dick K. made a motion** to take funds from the General Fund to cover one License (\$210) for a music copyrights update. Seconded by Jay H., carried.
- ◆ Lent/Holy Week/Easter - Theme and meal prior to service. 5:30pm meal and 7:00pm service. Choir singing numerous times. Liturgy from Holden Evening Prayer. Book Club is discussing the possibility of serving a Passover Meal on Maundy Thursday (TBD). Easter will be one service at 9:30am; Easter Coffee Fellowship 8:15-9:15am Menu: rolls, fruit, milk, juice.

#### TECHNOLOGY

Live streaming worship service on Facebook update - challenging to accomplish due to the poor reception and the cost. Difficult at this time; will consider options.

#### MISSIONS

- ◆ Discuss options for supporting "The Kitchen" at Trinity Lutheran Church - Mondays. Several persons expressed interest after the Annual Meeting and at Committee meetings. Joni made contact to see what might be needed. A Board Member would be appreciated along with \$1,500. Options were considered and more information will be collected for presentation at the next meeting.
- ◆ A Fresh Start - support given from Fall Supper and WELCA.

#### PASTOR'S REPORT

- ◆ Pastor Matthew shared information regarding his pastoral care and events from the last month

- ◆ Installation of Council Members Sunday, February 26 approved by Council
- ◆ GIFT Sunday is hosted by Scandian Grove next on Sunday, March 26 at 9:30am
- ◆ New Members Sunday, March 12. New Member Class on Sunday, March 5 at 8:30am
- ◆ Green Lake VBS - St. Paul's Gaylord Hosting - July 10-13 \$500 deposit to be divided between SGLC, Trinity, and St. Paul's. Joint visioning meeting on Thursday, February 23 at 6:30pm at St. Paul's
  - ✦ **Rhonda H. made a motion** to approve Pastor Matthew's request to use Continuing Education Time and Funds to participate in Via de Cristo (the Way of Christ) on March 16-19, 2023. Seconded by Dick K., carried.

### Old Business

- ◆ Scandian Grove Constitution updates: First meeting in March TBD
- ◆ 2023 Fall Supper passed - we need to start recruiting volunteers in the late summer/early fall
- ◆ Schedule Book - organize after meeting tonight
- ◆ Lenten Season:
  - Offering - divided between three local Food Shelves
  - Wednesday evening meal at 5:30pm (not on Ash Wednesday)
  - Easter Lenten Meals

### New Business

- ◆ Council Officers: Gary Miller - President, Joni Anderson - Vice President, Theresa Bjorklund - Secretary, Collin Johnson - Financial Secretary, and Vicki Hermanson - Treasurer
- ◆ Volunteer needed to update bulletin board to the South
- ◆ A Seminary Student is interested in developing/organizing a Visitation Team. This Team would equip members to visit church members. Council agreed that this opportunity would be beneficial to Scandian Grove Members
  - ✦ **Collin J. made a motion** to buy a laptop computer for Pastor Matthew to use. Seconded by Dick K., carried. Technology Committee and Pastor to move forward with obtaining

### Adjournment

- ✦ **A motion was** made by Dick K., to adjourn the meeting at 8:16pm. Seconded by Dave H., carried.

### Next Meeting

On Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 6:30pm, hosted by Theresa Bjorklund at the church.

Respectfully submitted, Theresa Bjorklund, Church Council Secretary



## **Scandian Grove Lutheran Church Council Minutes**

*Reorganizational Meeting - Following Annual Meeting ~ **Sunday, February 12, 2023***

### Members Present:

Jeff Allerson, Jay Hanson, Collin Johnson, Joni Anderson, Theresa Bjorklund, Dave Hermanson, Dick Kinkeade, Rhonda Hermanson, Pam Rogich, and Pastor Matthew Garavalia

**Absent:** Gary Miller, Heidi Scheurer, and Theresa Bjorklund

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:28am by Vice President Dick K.

### New Business

- ◆ Pam Rogich and Heidi Scheurer were welcomed to the Council
- ◆ Dick K. resigned as Vice President for the coming year
- ◆ Joni A. volunteered to serve as Vice President of the Church Council. All were in favor of this idea, carried.
- ◆ A motion was made by Dave H. to accept Theresa B. as Secretary of the Church Council. Seconded by Dick K. The motion carried pending Theresa's willingness to serve.
- ◆ Collin J. volunteered to serve as Financial Secretary of the Church Council. All were in favor of this idea, carried.

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**Scandian Grove Lutheran Church**  
**Annual Meeting Minutes - February 12, 2023**

The Congregation of Scandian Grove Lutheran Church gathered on February 12, 2023, for the Annual Meeting. Vice President Dick Kinkeade called the meeting to order at 10:21am.

**Devotions by Pastor Matthew Garavalia**

There's a sense of belonging here at Scandian Grove Lutheran Church. As we look to the past and plan for the future, SGLC has shown and continues to have a lot of grit and determination. Together, let's make this year ahead even better than we are right now. Let's challenge ourselves by asking, how much do we want to be an even stronger church for Jesus Christ?

Rhonda Hermanson read the 2022 Annual Meeting Secretary's Report. Solveig Olsen made a motion to approve the 2022 Annual Meeting Secretary's Minutes. Joni Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The 2023 Ballot was introduced by Vice President Kinkeade and handed out by Paul Engel and Anna Lokensgard.

- Four positions are open for Church Council with Gary Miller (incumbent), Jay Hanson (incumbent), Pam Rogich, and Heidi Scheuer on the ballot. Paul Engel made a motion to cease nominations. Seconded by Jim Allerson. The motion carried.
- There are three positions for the Cemetery Board with Byron Norell (incumbent), Kevin Johnson (incumbent), and Blake Webster on the ballot. Pam Rogich motioned to cease nominations for the Cemetery Board. Seconded by Blake Webster. The motion carried.
- There is one position for Auditing with Marty Schott on the ballot. Fred Hanson made a motion to cease nominations for Auditing. Seconded by Beth Kinkeade. The motion carried.
- The ballot has Bruce Norell and Solveig Olsen down for Nominating Committee. Don Hermanson made a motion to cease nominations for the Nominating Committee. Seconded by Kelyse Engel. The motion carried.
- Vice President Kinkeade asked for all to prayerfully make their choice about the Fall Supper on the ballot.
- Pam Rogich made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for the Church Council, Cemetery Board, Auditing, and Nominating Committee. Seconded by Maria Lokensgard. The motion carried.
- Tellers counted ballots to count fall supper votes while the meeting continued.

Bruce Norell presented the Financial Secretary's Report. Bill Kastens made a motion to accept the Financial Secretary's Report. Seconded by Kelyse Engel. The motion carried.

Vicki Hermanson presented the Treasurer's Report. Joni Anderson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Jim Allerson. The motion carried.

Bruce Norell presented the 2023 proposed budget on behalf of the Finance Committee, inviting the congregation to read through the proposed budget. He then opened the floor up for questions. Kelyse Engel made a motion to accept the Committee's approved budget of \$157,717 as presented. Seconded by Pam Rogich. The motion carried.

Pastor Matthew Garavalia presented the Statistical Report.

Vice President Kinkeade formally thanked the Church Council members, Pastor Matthew Garavalia, and several people for their faithful service: Church Secretary Anna Lokensgard, Treasurer Vicki Hermanson, Newsletter and Website Editor Bonnie Rieger, Organists Marie Engel and Beth Kinkeade, Choir Director Scott Hermanson, Custodians Pam Rogich and Wanda Enter, Church Lawn Caretakers Wallace and Kazuko Larson, Cemetery Lawn Caretaker Cole Pankratz, the Snow Removal Crew, and the many Committees and Coordinators of the special events over the past year.

Vice President Kinkeade invited everyone to look over the rest of the Committee Reports in the Annual Report booklet. Jim Allerson motioned to accept the Committee Reports as written. Seconded by Kelyse Engel. The motion was carried.

**New Business:**

Bill Kastens shared that Theresa Bjorklund is gathering people who are willing to work on updating the SGLC Constitution. Please contact Theresa if you would like to be included.

Joni Anderson asked SGLC to consider if we would be interested in being the fifth church (along with the following St Peter Churches: Trinity, First Lutheran, Union Presbyterian, and Church of St. Peter) in supporting "*The Kitchen*"? This would include meal prep, donations (food/money), serving, and cleaning up every 5<sup>th</sup> Monday at Trinity Lutheran Church in St. Peter.

**The 2023 Election Results:**

Church Council: Gary Miller, Jay Hanson, Pam Rogich, and Heidi Scheuer

Cemetery Board: Byron Norell, Kevin Johnson, and Blake Webster

Auditing Committee: Mary Schott

Nominating committee: Bruce Norell and Solveig Olsen

The Lutfisk Supper YES, contingent on the formation of a Volunteer Committee (48 yes, 7 no). Louise Fitzke Poncin made the motion to destroy the ballots, seconded by Wallace Larson. The motion carried.

Vice President Kinkeade thanked Bruce Norell and Solveig Olsen, for their faithful service on the Church Council for the past six years. Jim Allerson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Kelyse Engel. The meeting adjourned at 11:19am.

Respectfully Submitted, Rhonda Hermanson, Church Council Secretary

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**Scandian Grove Lutheran Church Council Minutes**

*Reorganizational Meeting - Following Annual Meeting ~ Sunday, February 12, 2023*

Council Member & Leadership Position:

**PRESIDENT** = Gary Miller

**VICE PRESIDENT** = Joni Anderson

**SECRETARY** = Theresa Bjorklund

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY** = Collin Johnson

**FINANCIAL LIAISON TO VICKI HERMANSON** = Dave Hermanson

Next Meeting

- ◆ Tomorrow, Monday, February 13, Church Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm
- ◆ Joni Anderson is serving a light supper of sloppy joes, chips, and bars
- ◆ Time & Talent sheets/duties for the coming year (Dave will make copies)
- ◆ Monthly Church Council Assignments: started today will finish tomorrow
  - ✦ **A motion was made** by Dave H. to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Pam R., carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:58am.

Respectfully Submitted, Rhonda Hermanson, SGLC Council Secretary

**congratulations**

Congratulations to those who were elected to serve the congregation. The commitment of time and effort that *all* of our lay people put into their leadership positions is greatly appreciated by the membership. The new Council is listed below and they were installed during the Sunday, February 26 worship service. **THANK YOU** to all who have answered the call to use their gifts in service to Scandian Grove.

- President: Gary Miller (C) 507-420-7493  
 Vice President: Joni Anderson (C) 507-380-6691  
 Secretary: Theresa Bjorklund (C) 507-304-0417  
 Financial Sec: Collin Johnson (C) 507-380-5864  
 Treas Liaison: Dave Hermanson (H) 507-246-5022  
 Pam Rogich (C) 507-779-9184  
 Dick Kinkeade (C) 612-710-8393  
 Heidi Scheuer (C) 507-317-9541  
 Rhonda Hermanson (C) 507-327-5793  
 Jeff Allerson (C) 507-351-4919  
 Jay Hanson (H) 507-246-5093

**G.I.F.T. Sunday**



**Sunday, March 26** will be our next G.I.F.T. Sunday. Scandian Grove will host 9:30am worship with St. Paul's Lutheran of Gaylord and Trinity Sibley invited to join us.

The theme will be Holy Week complete with intergenerational activities and a meal.

There will be a **Backward Easter Egg Hunt**...hmmmm come and find out what that's all about!

For G.I.F.T Sundays, loose offerings will be given to the church hosting while designated offerings will go to the church it is designated to.

**Generations  
In Faith Together**

	<b>March 2023</b>	<b>April 2023</b>
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	<b>Beth Kastens</b>	<b>Jim Allerson</b>
<b>READERS</b>	<b>Wallace Larson</b>	<b>Joni Anderson</b>
<b>USHERS</b>	<b>Tom Hanson, Kevin Johnson, and Pam Rogich</b>	<b>Jim Allerson, Charles Johnson, and Wayne Bjorklund</b>
<b>COUNCIL COMMUNION ASSISTANTS</b>	<b>Dave Hermanson Theresa Bjorklund</b>	<b>Joni Anderson Pam Rogich</b>
<b>COUNCIL HOST</b>	<b>Theresa Bjorklund</b>	<b>Pam Rogich</b>

# March Is Food Shelf Month



The Saint Peter Area Food Shelf is participating in this Annual Month-Long Campaign to restock their pantry. Money and the weight of goods received are converted into a formula that transfers into purchasing credits that the Food Shelf can use to acquire food and non-edible commodities from Second Harvest Heartland Food Bank without using cash to buy goods.

- ♥ SGLC invites you to make a contribution to the local Food Shelf through the church. Donations of non-perishable goods can be placed in the shopping cart in the Narthex. There is a list below and on the bulletin board of items of high need.
- ♥ Checks can be written out to SGLC with "Food Shelf" in the memo but ***must*** have a March date and be **received by April 2, 2023** in order to be counted in the **March Campaign**.
- ♥ All donations stay local and benefit our friends and neighbors in need. In addition, loose and designated offering from our Wednesday Lenten Services will be divided between the Nicollet, Sibley, and Le Sueur County Food Shelves as well as the SPAF.

## Dry Goods:

Cooking Oil	Rice
Baking Ingredients	Cereals
Flour	Pancake Mix
Baking Powder/Soda	Pancake Syrup
Sugar	Dried Nuts and Fruits
Salt	Peanut Butter/Nut Butter
Crackers, Snack Items	Raman/Instant Noodles
Bullion (Dry/Concentrated Broth)	Potato Buds
Dry Beans and Lentils	Muffin Mix
Jello and Pudding Mixes	

## Canned Goods:

Canned Meats	Beans
Fruits and Vegetables	Soups and Broths
Pasta Sauces	Coffee, Tea, Hot Cocoa
Jellies/preserves ( <b>not</b> homemade)	

## Personal Care/Hygiene Products:

Toilet Paper, Paper Towels	Kleenex
Pads and Tampons	Laundry and Dish Soaps
Bar Soap, Body Wash	Deodorant
Shampoos and Conditioners	Tooth Brushes
Tooth Paste	Hand Sanitizer
Disposable Razors (unopened)	Masks
Foot Powder	Lotion

## Baby Care:

Diapers (sizes 4-6)	Baby Formula
Baby Wipes	Baby Oil
Baby Soaps, Shampoos	Baby Lotion
Powdered Milk	Baby Food

## Other:

Spices and Condiments	Aluminum Foil
Cleaning and Sanitizing items	Bleach
Disposable Plates and Eating Utensils	

## Special Needs:

Seniors, diabetics, and ethnically diverse families require special items.

Please call your local food shelf for specific donation requests.

## Items that we cannot/will not accept:

*Food with broken seals/partially used food items*  
*Heavily damaged cans/packages*  
*Past date/expired foods*  
*Unlabeled foods*  
*Food with no expiration/best by date*  
*Homemade foods (canned goods, baked goods etc.)*  
*Consumable goods with alcohol contents higher than 0%*

MARCH BIRTHDAYS			
1	Laurie Webster	14	Laddie Dosedel
	Matthew Garavalia	15	Louise Fitzke
3	Jay Wieland	17	Alyssa Lokensgard
4	Jeff Swenson		Summer Engel
5	Bill Kastens	18	DuWayne
7	Tracie Bjorklund	19	Jessica Wilking
	Michelle Hermanson		Jordan Wiest
	Analise Rogich	20	Charles Wolf
8	Solveig Olsen		Tracy Gaalswyk
	Chris Bushman	22	Chase Wilking
11	Judy Schultz	24	Kazuko Larson
12	Marie Engel		Christopher Ostrom
13	Sue Schott	27	Gretta Ann Hoken-
	Anna Lokensgard		Randy Swenson
14	Jim Allerson	28	Sean Wieland
	John Allerson	29	Beau Swenson
	Amy Swenson		Sara Engel
	Kelyse Engel	31	Roxy Swenson

We extend our Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of Theresa (& Wayne) Bjorklund whose mother, **Janet D. Hoffmann** passed away on Saturday, February 11, 2023. Her Memorial service was held on Saturday, February 25, 2023 at Union Presbyterian Church, Saint Peter.



*Theresa, Wayne and family, we share in your grief and sadness at the loss of you mother!*

We also, extend our Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of Gary (& Annie) Miller whose mother, **Marie A. Miller** passed away on Sunday, January 22, 2023. Marie's funeral service was held on Saturday, February 4, 2023 at St. Peter Catholic Church, Saint Peter.

*Gary, Annie, and family, we share in your grief and sadness during this difficult time.*

*"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.

**AFTER WORSHIP COFFEE SIGN-UP**



Have you enjoyed having coffee fellowship following worship all year round instead of just in the summer? A new sign-up is in the Narthex for the spring months. If you have a date you'd like to reserve, please sign-up soon!

The **Cemetery Board** is looking for someone to mow the Church Cemeteries.

Please get a *written bid* to a Cemetery Board Member **by Friday, March 31, 2023.**

**Thank You!**



Easter Lily order forms will be accepted through March 19. You can order a lily in honor or in memory of a loved one. These symbols of renewed life will be delivered to adorn our worship space for Easter morning and then you are able to take it home for continued enjoyment.

The cost is \$11.00 per plant.

**Easter Lily Order**

**Due by March 19, 2023**

*(Circle correct option below)*

**Given In memory of / In honor of**

Quantity Ordered \_\_\_\_\_  
 X \$11.00 each  
 Total Cost = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Paid by**  
**Check / Cash**

**Given by:** \_\_\_\_\_





***Congratulations*** to Kathryn & Zach Germscheid on the birth of their first child! **Leah Margaret** was born on Thursday, February 2, 2023. She weighted 6 lbs. 11 oz. and was 20.5 inches long. All are home and doing well. We also rejoice with **Norm & Joanne Wolf** as they celebrate being new grandparents!



**Help is needed** at the Wednesday night Lenten worship services! We are looking for people to provide **Special Music** each Wednesday, and we also would like **two people to lead us during the Holden Evening Prayer Service**. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Contact Pastor if you have questions.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

MARCH

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NATIONAL QUILTING DAY 2023

National Quilting Day 2023 is fast-approaching. We hope you'll celebrate with us! Log on to [lwr.org/nqd](http://lwr.org/nqd) for ideas to celebrate in your congregation and community. National Quilting Day is the perfect opportunity to celebrate your mission quilting and invite others to join you. Make plans today to celebrate **March 18!**

## 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!*



## Scandian Grove's Book Club

invites you to read a nonfictional book and join their discussion on **Sunday, March 12 at 4:00pm**



*Hosted by Don & Rhonda Hermanson at their home. Don will be leading our discussion for*

### Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher:

The Epic Life & Immortal Photographs of *EDWARD CURTIS*

by Timothy Egan

“Edward Curtis was charismatic, handsome, and a famous portrait photographer. He moved in rarefied circles, a friend to presidents, vaudeville stars, and leading thinkers. But when he was thirty-two years old, in 1900, he gave it all up to pursue his Great Idea: to capture on film the continent’s original inhabitants before the old ways disappeared.” *(Book cover)*

As you read the book, you will see some of the amazing photographs Curtis captured, and yet, if you listen to the book on audio (12 hours) you’ll be able to picture the images in your mind which is powerful also. Either way, come and join us as we discuss and see some insightful photography and learn while enjoying the company of book club friends.

In April, we will be discussing a fictional book...




### The Last Report of the Miracles at Little No Horse

by MN Author, Louise Erdrich

This is a St Peter Public Library - Books in a Bag - read so we’ll have 8 books on March 12 if you want to check one out from Book Club. Erdrich is Native American.

# Scandian Grove Lutheran Church Calendar

## March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><i>Let the shenanigans begin!</i></p>			<b>1</b> 9:00am to 5:00pm Pastor's Office Hours 5:30 – 6:30pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Lenten Worship Sr Choir Practice after worship	<b>2</b> 5:00 – 8:00pm Nicollet County Extension mtg in Fellowship Hall	<b>3</b> <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 8:30am Sunday School <b>New Member Forum</b> in the library 9:30am Worship Service w/Holy Communion 10:00am KNUJ "A New Day"	<b>6</b> 9:00am Quilting	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:00am to 5:00pm Pastor's Office Hours 5:30 – 6:30pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Lenten Worship Sr Choir Practice after worship	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Pastor's Day Off</b> <b>Sr High Youth Gathering</b>	<b>11</b> 8:30am Churchmen's Breakfast at Nicollet Café in Saint Peter <b>Sr High Youth Gathering</b>
<b>12</b> 2:00am <b>Daylight Savings Time Begins</b> , turn clocks ahead! 8:30am Adult Forum 9:30am Worship Service w/installation of <b>New Members</b> <b>New Member Reception</b> following worship 10:00am KNUJ "A New Day" 3:00pm Norseland 4-H Mtg 4:00pm Book Club	<b>13</b> 9:00am Quilting	<b>14</b> 6:30pm Church Council	<b>15</b> 9:00am to 5:00pm Pastor's Office Hours 5:30 – 6:30pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Lenten Worship Sr Choir Practice after worship <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> <i>Don't Miss the</i> <b>DEADLINE!</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Pastor attending Via de Christo Weekend</b>	<b>17 St Patrick's Day</b> <b>Pastor's Day Off</b> <b>Pastor attending Via de Christo Weekend</b> 	<b>18</b> <b>National Quilting Day</b> 9:00am Quilting <b>Pastor attending Via de Christo Weekend</b> 
<b>19 Food Shelf Sunday</b> <b>Pastor attending the Via de Christo Weekend</b> 8:30am Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service w/Pastor Humphrey preaching 10:00am KNUJ "A New Day" <b>Easter Lily Orders Due!</b>	<b>20 1st Day of Spring</b> 9:00am Quilting 	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9:00am to 5:00pm Pastor's Office Hours 5:30 – 6:30pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Lenten Worship Sr Choir Practice after worship	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Pastor's Day Off</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 8:30am Adult Forum 9:30am <b>GIFT Sunday at SGLC</b> w/activities, meal & backward Easter Egg Hunt 10:00am KNUJ "A New Day"	<b>27</b> 9:00am Quilting Registration Opens for Kinship Radio's " <b>A Day for Women</b> " Conference	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:00am to 5:00pm Pastor's Office Hours 5:00pm Vietnam Vets recognized at Comm Ctr 5:30 – 6:30pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Lenten Worship Sr Choir Practice after worship	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>Pastor's Day Off</b> <b>Cemetery Board Mowing Bids Due for Cemeteries!</b>	

# NOTICE

Pastor Matthew will be attending the Via de Christo weekend starting Thursday, March 16-19 for continuing education. In his absence, Pastor Charles Humphrey will be leading our service on Sunday, March 19. If a need for pastoral services arises during this time, contact Anna or Gary to be connected with a Pastor.

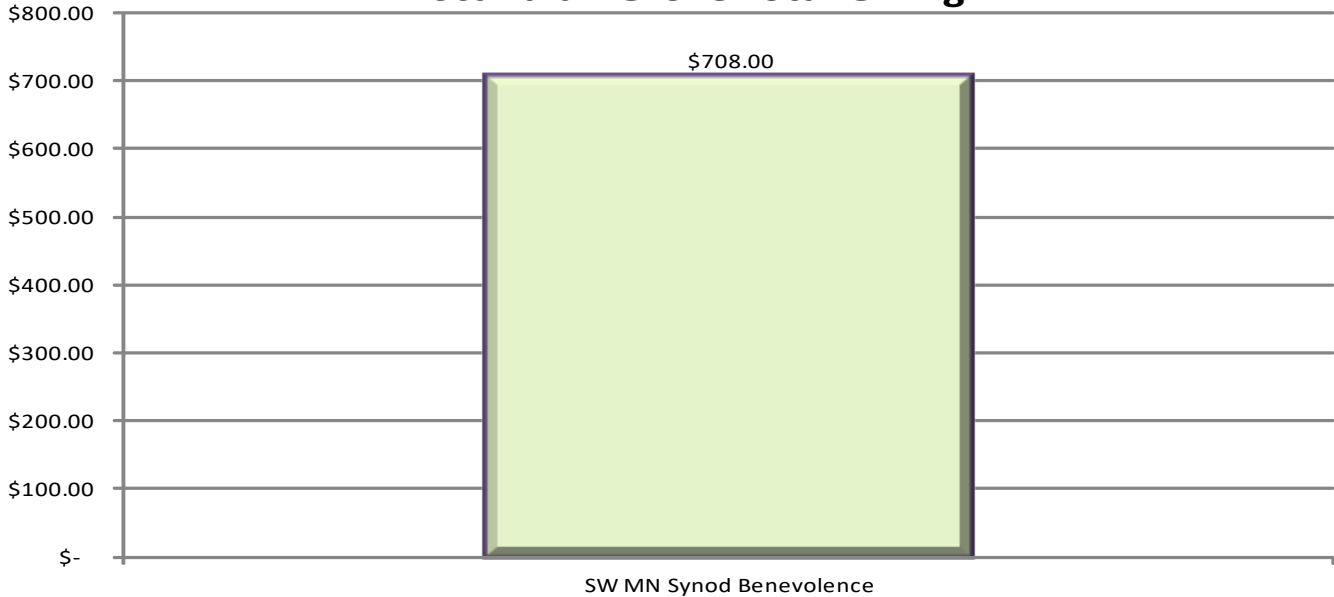
## PASTOR'S WEEKLY Church Office Hours & Day Off

**Wednesday:** 9:00am - 5:00pm

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

*Should the necessity for pastoral care arise, please contact Anna Lokensgard or Gary Miller.*

### Scandian Grove Total Giving



**Total benevolence giving thru January 31, 2023--\$708.00**

### Financial Report-January 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-\$13,133.56	10,445.55	14,173.64	15,832.43	8,786.76
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
<b>TOTAL CHECKING/SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>	<b>13,605.98</b>	14,173.64	15,832.43	<b>11,947.19</b>
Credit Line	-	-	-	-
Family Medical Savings Account	4,315.02	-	-	4,315.02
Improvement Savings Account	5,926.10	1,280.00	929.57	6,276.53
Memorial Savings Account	26,109.23	-	20,000.00	6,109.23
Scholarship Savings Account	7,770.93	-	500.00	7,270.93
Mission Investment Fund	80,611.00	-	-	80,611.00
LPL Fund	35,452.09	744.38	2,385.43	33,811.04

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



# SCANDIAN GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## ATTENDANCE

Sunday, January 22	59
Sunday, January 29	51
Sunday, February 5	69
Sunday, February 12	74
Sunday, February 19	St Paul's Gaylord 0
Ash Wednesday, February 22	Blizzard 0

## Community Calendar

"The Kitchen" at Trinity Lutheran Church in Saint Peter is looking for families that would like to make a financial contribution to sponsoring a Monday night meal. Please consider giving at one of the levels:

Level 1 \$150 ~ Level 2 \$100 ~ Level 3 \$75

Checks can be made to Trinity Lutheran with a note in the memo "The Kitchen."

If interested in volunteering to help with cooking and serving meals, send an email to [servintheneed56082@gmail.com](mailto:servintheneed56082@gmail.com) and a link will be provided for you to sign-up. Following are the contact people from each church.

- Trinity Lutheran ~ Sandi Francis
- Church of St. Peter ~ Dean Peterson
- Union Presbyterian ~ Jen Baxa
- First Lutheran ~ Marilyn Kochsiek



## Scandian Grove Lutheran Church

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## Newsletter Deadline

March 15



On Wednesday, March 29, Americans come together to commemorate the service and sacrifices made by the nearly 3 million members who served in Vietnam. Join this annual Saint Peter program by recognizing Vietnam Veterans at 5:00pm in the St. Peter Community Center Gym. This is a free event. Talk to Bill Kastens for more information.