



SCANDIAN GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

The day the Lord created **hope** was probably the same day He created **spring**.

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April 2024

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

NEW MEMBERS

SUNDAY!

April 14, 2024

Sunday, April 14, 2024, will be New Member Sunday. That day during our regular church time of 9:30am we will install new members and have treats and coffee after church in their honor. For those who will become new members on April 14 or are interested in becoming a member of SGLC, a **New Member Class** will be held before church on April 7, 2024 at 8:30am. *We are blessed to have our new members and thank them for their commitment to our church.*

Seeking Lawn Mowing Bids

The Scandian Grove Cemetery Board is asking for lawn mowing bids for the Church Cemeteries. If you are interested in mowing the cemeteries, please give a written bid to a Cemetery Board Member **by Saturday April 6, 2024.**



Kinship Radio's 2024 Day for Women

is on

Saturday, April 13, 2024

8:30am – 3:30pm

Hosanna Lutheran Church, Mankato

Love be the Loudest

Hearing God's Voice above the Noise is the theme with

Keynote Speaker: Ginny Owens

Cost \$40 for the day includes mini sessions, lunch, and worship music.

Registration opens Monday, March 18 online at: kinshipradio.org.

MEET GINNY...

Ginny Owens has spent the past two decades sharing her heart with listeners and readers as a singer/songwriter, author, teacher, and advocate. Her unique musical style and inspirational lyrics have transcended genre definition and taken her to diverse venues that include the White House, the Sundance Film Festival, Lilith Fair and the National Day of Prayer in Washington, D.C. Ginny has also been an adjunct professor at her alma mater, Belmont University, served as a worship leader, partnered with non-profits, and authored two books. As a toddler, Ginny picked out melodies on the piano before she was able to put words together in a sentence. Even as vision left her eyes — a degenerative eye condition left Ginny completely blind by age three — songs began to emerge from her fingertips, providing a window into the world she could not see.



Give blood.

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

American Red Cross



Blood Drive

Nicollet Community American Legion

715 3rd Street Nicollet MN 56074

Monday, April 8, 2024

1:00pm to 7:00pm

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit www.RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Nicollet to schedule an app.



Come give blood 4/8 to 4/28 for a \$10 gift card by email to a merchant of choice!



1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | redcrossblood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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The Church Council is looking for someone who can serve as our **Representative at the Gustavus Adolphus College Association of Congregations**

Annual Meeting. The meeting will start with a noon meal on **Saturday, April 27** and should wrap up by mid-afternoon. There is no cost for you to attend. Please speak to a Council Member **ASAP** if interested so we can get you registered.



We Are Truly Alive In Him

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

As we bask in the warmth of April's gentle breezes and budding blossoms, we are reminded of the ever-present promise of resurrection that permeates our faith journey. The season of Easter is not confined to a single day of celebration but unfolds in the ongoing revelation of God's resurrection power in our lives.

Resurrection is more than a historical event; it is a present reality that infuses our existence with hope

and renewal. Just as the earth awakens from its winter slumber, bursting forth with new life, so too are we invited to embrace the transformative power of resurrection in our own lives.

The resurrection story is not just about the triumph of Jesus over death, but it is also a reminder of God's faithfulness and redemptive love for all creation. It is a story of restoration, reconciliation, and renewal—a story that continues to unfold in our lives and communities each day.

In the face of life's challenges and uncertainties, the message of resurrection offers us a beacon of hope. It assures us that even in our darkest moments, God is at work, bringing forth beauty from ashes and joy from sorrow. It reminds us that no situation is beyond redemption and no life is beyond restoration.

As we journey through the season of Easter, let us open our hearts to the transformative power of resurrection. Let us embrace the promise of new beginnings and the hope of eternal life. Let us bear witness to God's resurrection power in our own lives and share the good news with all those around us.

May the spirit of resurrection inspire us to live with courage, compassion, and unwavering faith. May it empower us to face the challenges of this world with grace and resilience. And may it fill our hearts with joy, knowing that through Christ's resurrection, we are truly alive in Him.

As we continue to celebrate the Easter season, let us give thanks for the gift of resurrection and the hope it brings to us all.

Blessings of resurrection and renewal,
Pastor Matthew Garavalia

Please Notice This



Pastor Matthew will be taking some vacation time from April 22 through April 28, 2024. Should the need for pastoral care arise during that time, please reach out to Heidi Scheurer or Anna Lokensgard.



The Church Council is asking for Volunteers to show up at **9:00am on Saturday, April 20** ready to help with **SPRING CLEAN-UP** and/or *a little deeper cleaning in the Church Building.*

If the weather is not cooperative, they will re-schedule for Saturday, April 27.



Join us
MEN'S
Fellowship
BREAKFAST

Saturday, April 13 at 8:30am

The Churchmen are meeting at 8:30am on **Saturday, April 13 at church** for breakfast and a meeting. **All** Scandian Grove men are welcome.



Scandian Grove Lutheran Church Council Minutes

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Members Present

Jay Hanson, Collin Johnson, David Hermanson, Kris Kelly, Pam Rogich, Heidi Scheurer, Rhonda Hermanson, Marie Engel, Jeff Allerson, Gary Miller, David Kleppe, and Pastor Matthew

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:31pm and lead by President Heidi Scheurer.

Devotions by Pastor Matthew - Luther Seminary, "boot camp" for pastors with many chapels - including Soli Dei Gloria Chapel. Bach and Handel both chose to write these words at the ends of their compositions as if to say, "to God be all the glory."

Secretary's Report

Council Secretary David K read the February 2024 Meeting Minutes. Rhonda H made a motion to accept the February 2024 meeting minutes as is; seconded by Gary M. Motion passed.

Financial Secretary's Report

Council Financial Secretary Collin J reviewed the report. Pam R made a motion to approve the Financial Secretary Report as is; seconded by David K. Motion passed.

Savings Account Balance as of 2/29/24

Family Medical Fund Balance:	\$5,519.63
Improvement Fund Balance:	4,347.00
Memorial Fund Balance:	4,957.66
Scholarship Fund Balance:	5,857.83

Treasurers Report

Beginning Balance: (2/1/24)	\$21,267.53
Total Deposits:	9,992.35
<u>Total Expenses:</u>	<u>-\$15,996.13</u>
Checking Balance:	\$15,263.75
+Sunday School Fund:	340.41
Ending Balance: (2/29/24)	\$15,604.16

Treasurer's Report

Vicki H reviewed the Treasurer's Report for the group. Pam R motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report as is; seconded by Gary M. Motion passed.

Vicki asked for a motion to move \$166.25 from the Improvement Fund to the Checking Account for Comfort Systems for furnace repair. Motion made by Gary M, seconded by Rhonda H. Motion passed.

There were two generous gifts made anonymously to Scandian Grove Lutheran Church. Vicki H asked for a motion to move \$30,500 into a Mission Fund CD to earmark for five years, \$10,500 will come from our checking account and \$20,000 will be deposited from a held check. The CD will be called The 2024 Anonymous Gift Fund. Motion made by Rhonda H, seconded by Pam R. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Emily Kleppe will be the Chairperson. The goals for 2024 will be to pick Sunday School Curriculum in Spring 2024, and begin planning VBS in Fall 2024

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Heidi Scheurer will be the Chairperson. The Committee is wanting to fix the windows on the Pioneer Building, they are still looking for a tradesperson to take on that task. Their goals for this year will be updating the Confirmation Pictures into a book, continuing the History Video Projects, and talks of updating the Ryan W. Book of Dates.

SOCIAL MISSIONS

Rhonda Hermanson is the Chairperson. Main Mission is "The Kitchen."

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Solveig O is the Chairperson. Goals would be to continue to find new ways to incorporate prayer for the world, find more common hymns to sing during communion on the first Sunday of the month, and to try dialogical preaching on the fifth Sunday of the month.

Green hymnals have been delivered to a few nursing homes in the surrounding area. Pam R still has about 20 to give away. Scandian Grove will keep 17 copies at church.

Pam R led a discussion about Large Print Hymnals for a few worshipping members that have trouble

reading the regular print hymnals. The Council agreed that it is well worth the expense to make worship accessible to everyone. Pam R made a motion to buy five copies of the Large Print Red Hymnal using funds from the Memorial Fund, seconded by Gary M. Motion passed.

PROPERTY

The Committee Co-chairs are Byron Norell and Blake Webster. The 2024 goals are to clear brush and plant new trees in the outer grove, get new furnaces, explore the leaks in the roof, assessment of the parsonage needs, clean the registers, manage pests inside and out, and move the lights over the pulpit.

There is also a need to paint the Pioneer Building.

Gary M made a motion to purchase two new furnaces for the Church Sanctuary per the recommendation of the Property Committee; money is to be taken from the Improvement Fund and the General Fund, seconded by Rhonda H. Motion passed.

Pam R will contact Echo Lab for an estimate for Church Pest Control.

TECHNOLOGY

The Chairperson is David Kleppe. Their 2024 goals are to look into the appropriate use of microphones, and to purchase a new projector.

STEWARDSHIP

Jeff Allerson is the Chairperson. Their 2024 goals will be to have one Temple Talk and to distribute and collect Time & Talent Sheets.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Theresa Bjorklund will lead this Committee as they make Policies and Recommendations to SGLC. Jeff Allerson, Paul Scheurer, and Spencer Schott will join her.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Gary M is the Chairperson. This Committee will meet with Pastor four times per year, other staff members will be met with once per year.

PASTOR'S REPORT

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

Old Business

Church Landline - Concerning the Church Phone Plan, long distance service was removed. This will Save SGLC \$37.00 a month.

Lawn Mowing Bids (Due Monday, April 1, 2024).

Spring Council Retreat - The Church Council will have a Spring Council Retreat on Saturday, May18,2024, from 8:00am to1:00pm.

Background Checks - David K will investigate getting background checks for Sunday School Teachers. This stems from a recommendation from our Insurance Company.

New Business

The Council had a short discussion concerning the thorough process of Counting Offering Money after church. The Council feels as though all the necessary steps are being taken to ensure the Church Offering is accounted for and tracked appropriately.

Heidi S led a short discussion concerning the Confidentiality of Information shared during Council Meetings. As Council Secretary David K will make himself available to print some copies of reports for any Members of the Council that need them

Adjournment

Jeff A motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:12pm, seconded by Jay H. Motion carried.

Next Monthly Meeting

On Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 6:30pm, hosted by David Kleppe.

Respectfully submitted,

David Kleppe

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It's time to serve at
"The Kitchen"
Monday, April 29
4:00-7:00pm
 Trinity Lutheran Church
 Saint Peter

Please sign-up in the Narthex to help prepare food, serve, and clean up. Additional details are posted at church. For questions talk to Joni A or Rhonda H.



REMEMBER when planning events that you **must** first reserve the space through Anna. If you would like to check the Calendar for available dates, you can preview it on the website at scandiagrovelutheranchurch.org.

Bernadotte Lutheran Church

is taking orders *now* for their

Plant SALE!

Pre-orders and payment are required **no later** than Wednesday, April 10.

Orders need to be picked up on Saturday, May 11 between 10:30-1:30 in the Bernadotte Lutheran Church Park.

A few order forms are in the Narthex but you can go online to fieldsofgracemn.com or call Shaun at 507-381-3858.



Women of the ELCA



You're invited to our next meeting
Saturday, April 6 at 9:00am
 at **Kazuko Larson's home.**

ATTENTION: The Quilters will be quilting through the summer months and are looking for donations of **Fabric & Sheets** as they continue their Ministry. Thrivent Gifts or Monetary donations are also acceptable which would be used to purchase filler. *Please indicate "Quilting" on your check memo line.*

Join the

SW MN Synodical Convention of Women of the ELCA
 on **Saturday, May 4** at

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 301 N Lincoln St, Redwood Falls, MN
 Plan to attend with your sisters in Christ as we gather to

"Be the Light"

Come and enjoy the one-day convention for worship, speakers, displays, and fellowship!

Our theme verse is Psalm 82:4: "Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked." NRSV

Coffee and a snack will be furnished as you arrive, and a noon lunch will be served. We suggest you bring your own water bottle to use during the day.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- There will be a truck for **in-kind offerings** this year. It will be open from 7:30 to 10:30am.
- Just like last year, units are asked to include **all donations and service projects** on their in-kind offering forms.

Registrations are due April 22.

The deadline for scholarship applications is April 1.



A New Address for:

Marjorie Renneke
 Oak Terrace – Autumn Lane
 811 S 4th Street
 Le Sueur MN 56058

	April 2024	May 2024
ALTAR GUILD	Beth Kastens	Karrie Anderson
READERS	Don Hermanson	Vicki Hermanson
USHERS	Bill & Beth Kastens	Kris & Patti Kelly
COUNCIL COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Pam Rogich Gary Miller	Marie Engel Dave Hermanson
COUNCIL HOST	David Kleppe	Kris Kelly

LIFE TOGETHER IS A BEAUTIFUL RIDE!

OPEN HOUSE BRIDAL SHOWER FOR

LOIS SMITH & CHARLES WOLF



Sunday, May 5, 2024
Scandian Grove Lutheran Church
2:00 PM



2024 SGLC Schedule Books

In the Narthex, you can pick up the 2024 SGLC Schedule Book!

This handy reference includes updated member contact information and information about the committees and services of the church. It also contains the member assignments of various roles and schedules for the coming year.

YOU are the church.

YOU make this place work.

We are all grateful for what YOU do!

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 Germsheid	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		

The SGLC Book Club

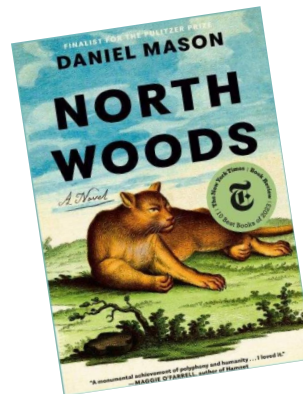
invites you to discuss...
North Woods

By Daniel Mason

Sunday, April 14
at 4:00pm

Gathering at the home of:
Doug & Judy Schultz

Discussion Leader:
Gwen Hermanson



North Woods is a historical fiction that follows the inhabitants of a single house in New England over several centuries, from the earliest American colonies to the present day. The home's inhabitants include a set of Puritan lovers, twin sisters, a crime reporter, a cougar, and a pair of mating beetles.

You are welcome to read this book and join us in our discussion led by Gwen Hermanson at the home of Doug & Judy Schultz in April.

In May, we will be reading & discussing the historical fiction...

This Tender Land

By William Kent Krueger



We Love Vacation Bible School!

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 and we have again invited **Green Lake Bible Camp** to come and lead Vacation Bible School.

VBS will be held Monday, July 8th through Thursday, July 11th at Trinity Lutheran Church in rural Gaylord from 3:00 to 6:00pm.

On Thursday, July 11 at 6:00pm there will be a **family meal** followed by the VBS program at 7:00pm.

If interested please fill out a Registration Form found in the narthex and make checks payable to Green Lake Lutheran Bible Camp, then please return these items to **Emily Kleppe** by **Friday, May 31, 2024.**

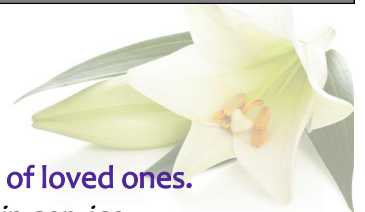
The cost of camp is \$25 per child but if cost is a barrier, scholarships are available so that every kid can go to camp. You can talk to Pastor Matthew confidentially about scholarships.

All are welcome!



Our Easter Lily Garden

on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024



Lilies on the altar this morning have been given in memory or in honor of loved ones.




The family is welcome to take the lily home following the worship service.

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- ✚ In memory of Carroll Hermanson Given by Elaine Hermanson
 - ✚ In memory of Paul & Lois Bjorklund Given by Wayne & Theresa Bjorklund
 - ✚ In memory of Burt & Janet Hoffman Given by Wayne & Theresa Bjorklund
 - ✚ In memory of Steven Jonason & Gracie Given by Jeremy & Heather Jonason
 - ✚ In memory of Glen & Majorie Jonason, and Steven Jonason Given by Pam & George Rogich & Family
 - ✚ In memory of Erwood & Jeri Jonason, and George & Joy Rogich Given by Pam & George Rogich & Family
 - ✚ In memory of Elroy & Laura Webster Given by Beatrice & Bernie Roscoe
 - ✚ In memory of Elroy, Douglas, Robert & Carolyn Webster Given by Beatrice & Bernie Roscoe
 - ✚ In memory of Willis, Linnea, David, and Donald Lind; and Denny Nygard Given by Margaret & Tom Blackburn, Marian Nygard, and Marlene Lind
 - ✚ In memory of Marlin & Florence Peterson Given by Louis & Diane Birr
 - ✚ In honor of The Engel Family Given by Beth & Dick Kinkeade
 - ✚ In memory of Robert & Corinne Johnson Given by Beth & Dick Kinkeade
 - ✚ In memory of Tom & Mary Wendelschafer & Ryan Given by Pam Rogich
 - ✚ In memory of Ernest & Francis Jonason, and Ed & Rette Arthur Given by Pam & George Rogich & Family
 - ✚ In memory of our sons, Michael & Micah, our dads, Carroll & Robert
 - ✚ In honor of our daughter Michelle, grandsons Zach & Ryan, and our moms Elaine & Donna Given by Dave & Vicki Hermanson
 - ✚ In memory of Tammy Johnson and Craig Johnson Given by Collin, Luran, and Eric & Ally
 - ✚ In memory of Jerry & Hazel Johnson Given by Their Family
 - ✚ In memory of Oscar & Marian Rodning Given by Gordy & Jackie Rodning
 - ✚ In memory of Joe Pankratz Given by The Pankratz Family
 - ✚ In memory of James Eckberg Given by Paul, Heidi, Braxton & Aubrey Scheurer
 - ✚ In memory of Kelly Pankratz Given by Paul, Heidi, Braxton & Aubrey Scheurer
 - ✚ In memory of our Grandparents Given by Paul, Heidi, Braxton & Aubrey Scheurer
 - ✚ In memory Roger & Linda Swenson Given by The Swenson Family
 - ✚ In memory and honor of Carrol & Elaine Hermanson Given by Scott Hermanson
 - ✚ In memory of Bob & Carol Patten, Patti's parents Given by Kris & Patti Kelly
 - ✚ In honor of Fred & Margaret Kelly, Kris's parents Given by Kris & Patti Kelly

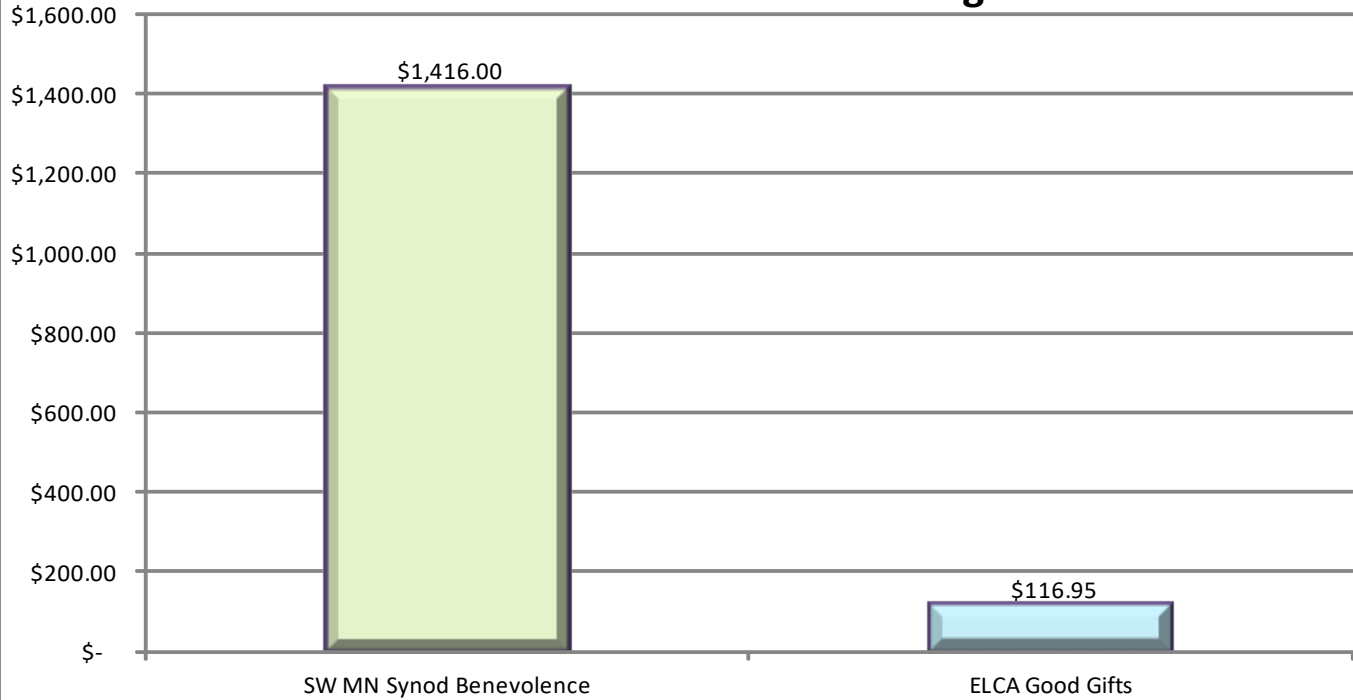
Happy Easter

Scandian Grove Lutheran Church Calendar

April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 April Fool's Day 6:30pm Lay Ministry Care Team Mtg Lawn Mowing Bids Due for Church Grounds	2	3 7:00pm Choir practice	4	5 Pastor's Day Off	6 9:00am WELCA Mtg at Kazuko's Home Lawn Mowing Bids Due for Cemeteries
7 8:30am Sunday School and Adult Forum 8:30am New Member Class 9:30am Worship Service w/Holy Communion 10:00am KNUJ "A New Day" 1:00pm Norseland Community Preservation Association Annual Mtg, Norseland Church	8 1:00 to 7:00pm Bloodmobile at Nicollet Legion	9 6:30pm Church Council Mtg	10 7:00pm Choir practice Pre-orders & Payments Due for Bernadotte's Plant Sale	11	12 Pastor's Day Off	13 8:30am Men's Breakfast 8:30am to 3:30pm The 2024 Day for Women at Hosanna Lutheran Church, Mankato
14 9:30am Worship Service w/New Member's Joining 10:00am KNUJ "A New Day" 3:00pm Norseland 4-H Mtg 4:00pm Book Club at Doug & Judy's Home	15 6:30pm Lay Ministry Care Team Mtg 7:00pm Norseland 4-H Anniversary Committee Mtg Newsletter Deadline <i>Don't Miss the</i> 	16	17 7:00pm Choir practice	18	19 Pastor's Day Off	20 9:00am Spring Clean-Up at Church
21 Food Shelf Sunday 8:30am Sunday School and Adult Forum 9:30am Worship Service w/Holy Communion 10:00am KNUJ "A New Day"	22 Pastor on VAC Registration Due for Synodical Women's Conference	23 Pastor on VAC	24 7:00pm Choir practice Pastor on VAC	25 Pastor on VAC	26 Pastor on VAC	27 Pastor on VAC 9:00am Alternate Spring Clean-Up at Church 12:00pm Association of Congregations Annual Meeting at GAC
28 Pastor on VAC 9:30am Worship Service 10:00am KNUJ "A New Day"	29 4:00pm SGLC Serving the meal at "The Kitchen" Trinity Church, Saint Peter	30				

Scandian Grove Total Giving



Total benevolence giving thru February 29, 2024--\$1,532.95

Financial Report-February 2024

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-21,267.53	20,498.41	9,992.35	15,996.13	14,494.63
Checking/Pastor's Stole	100.00	-	-	100.00
Checking/Sunday School Funds	334.11	6.30	-	340.41
Checking/Historical Bldg. Upkeep	769.12	-	-	769.12
TOTAL CHECKING/SUNDAY SCHOOL	21,601.64	9,998.65	15,996.13	15,604.16
Credit Line	-	-	-	-
Family Medical Savings Account	5,519.63	-	-	5,519.63
Improvement Savings Account	4,525.50	229.00	407.50	4,347.00
Memorial Savings Account	4,957.66	-	-	4,957.66
Scholarship Savings Account	5,857.83	-	-	5,857.83
Mission Investment Fund	80,611.00	-	-	80,611.00
LPL Fund-Quarterly	42,308.78	-	-	42,308.78

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



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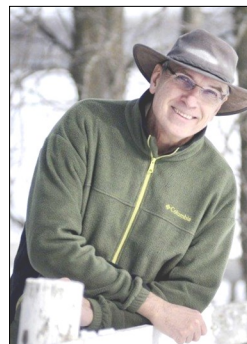
ATTENDANCE

Wednesday, February 28	51
Sunday, March 3	88
Wednesday, March 6	50
Sunday, March 10	60
Wednesday, March 13	54
Sunday, March 17	85
Wednesday, March 20	55
Sunday, March 24	66



Norseland
 Community
 Preservation
 Association
**ANNUAL
 MEETING**

Sunday, April 7 at 1:00pm
 Norseland Lutheran Church



Guest Speaker:
Al Batt
*Writer, Speaker,
 Storyteller, & Humorist*

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Website: <http://scandiangurovelutheranchurch.org/>

**Newsletter
 Deadline**

April 15



NOTICE
 THANK YOU
 FOR NOTICING
 THIS NOTICE

USE YOUR *tulips*
 TO KISS
 WINTER GOODBYE.