

SCANDIAN GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER




County Road #52 • Saint Peter • MN • 56082 • 507.246.5195 **March 2024**

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



Join us
MEN'S Fellowship BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 9 at 8:30am
The Churchmen are meeting at 8:30am on **Saturday, March 9 at Bayside Manor in Gaylord** for breakfast and a meeting. **All** Scandian Grove men are welcome.



HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday Worship March 24 at 9:30am
Maundy Thursday Communion Worship March 28 at 7:00pm
Good Friday Worship March 29 at 7:00pm
Easter Celebration Communion Worship March 31 at 9:30am

SAFETY COMMITTEE



HELP! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
The Council is looking for **volunteers** for a **Safety Committee** to help SGLC determine the best practices for **different emergency/non-emergent situations**. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex for those interested. Heidi Scheurer will give a written description of what the Church Council is looking for from the Committee, when the Committee is formed.

please join us for
Easter Breakfast



The Church Council invites you for a time of food & fellowship before our Easter Morning Celebration Worship on **Sunday, March 31 between 8:00am and 9:15am**. Easter Celebration Communion Worship will begin at 9:30am.



Happy birthday

Pastor Matthew on March 1st!

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.*



Spreading The Love Of Christ

Dear Scandian Grove Family,

As we gather in the warmth of fellowship and worship, the essence of our faith is beautifully intertwined with the call to good works. At Scandian Grove Lutheran Church, we believe in the harmonious balance between faith and the embodiment of that faith through acts of kindness and service.

Scripture teaches us that faith without works is dead (*James 2:17*). It is a powerful reminder that our beliefs find their fullest expression when accompanied by ac-

tions that reflect the love of Christ. As we navigate the journey of faith, let us explore the delicate dance between our spiritual convictions and the tangible impact we can make in the lives of others.

In the spirit of cultivating a faith that is alive and vibrant, Scandian Grove invites you to participate in various service opportunities throughout the month. From community outreach programs to volunteer initiatives, there are countless ways for us to put our faith into action. As we extend a helping hand to those in need, we become living witnesses to the transformative power of God's love.

Balancing faith and good works is not a mere obligation but a joyful response to the grace we have received. Our church community serves as a catalyst for change, embodying the teachings of Jesus Christ through both our words and deeds. It is through this balance that we create a ripple effect of positivity, touching the lives of those around us and magnifying the glory of God.

This March, let us commit ourselves anew to finding that beautiful equilibrium between our faith and the tangible expression of that faith through good works. Join us in prayer, reflection, and action as we seek to be Christ's hands and feet in our community and beyond.

Scandian Grove Lutheran Church is not just a congregation; it is a living testament to the transformative power of faith in action. Together, let us continue to be a beacon of light, spreading the love of Christ through our collective commitment to both faith and good works.

May our journey be one of profound spiritual growth and compassionate service, as we strive to emulate the perfect harmony of Christ's love.

In His Grace and Service,
Pastor Matthew Garavalia

SCANDIAN GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Annual Meeting Minutes ~ February 11, 2024

The Congregation of Scandian Grove Lutheran Church gathered on February 11, 2024 for the Annual Meeting. President Gary Miller called the meeting to order at 10:21am.

Devotions by Pastor Matthew Garavalia: *Inspiration to --- Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!*

- Theresa Bjorklund read the 2023 Annual Meeting Secretary's Report. Bill K made a motion to approve the 2023 Annual Meeting Secretary's Minutes. The motion was seconded by Dick K and carried.
- The 2024 ballot was introduced by President Miller and distributed by Blake W, Beth K, Charles J, and Scott H. Prior to the Annual Meeting, the ballot was approved by the Church Council.
 - ✦ Marie Engle, Kris Kelly, David Kleppe and Rhonda Hermanson (incumbent) on the ballot for Church Council Members – one open position remained. Bill K made a motion to cease nominations. Seconded by Dick K. Motion carried.
 - ✦ Cemetery Board candidate - Wallace Larson on the ballot. Tim L motioned to cease nomination for the Cemetery Board. Seconded by Dick K. Motion carried.
 - ✦ There is one candidate for the Auditing Committee with Marci Norell on the ballot. Pam R made a motion to cease nominations for auditing. Seconded by Rhonda H. Motion carried.
 - ✦ The ballot has candidates Joni Anderson, Theresa Bjorklund, and Dick Kinkeade listed for Nominating Committee. Don H made a motion to cease nominations for the Nominating Committee. Seconded by

David K. Motion carried.

- ✦ Synod Assembly Representatives on the ballot include: Kris Kelly, Beth Kinkeade, alternate Doug Schultz. Pam R made a motion to cease nominations. Seconded by Jordan W. Motion carried.
- ✦ President Miller asked for all to prayerfully make their choice regarding the Fall Supper listed on the ballot.
- ✦ Tellers collected ballots to count votes.
- The Constitution Update Ballot was introduced by Committee Representative Bill Kastens while ballots were distributed by tellers. After the introduction, voting was completed, ballots were collected and counted.
- Collin J presented the Financial Secretary's Report. After clarifications, Pam R made a motion to accept the Financial Secretary's Report. Seconded by Don H. The motion carried.
- Vicki Hermanson thanked the Finance Committee members and presented the Treasurer's Report. After clarifications, Anna L made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Don H. Motion carried.
- Bruce Norell presented the 2024 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. Clarifications made, a motion was requested to approve the proposed budget. Neal A made a motion to accept the Committee's approved budget of \$165,499.08. Seconded by Pam R and carried.
- Pastor Matthew Garavalia presented the Statistical Report.
- President Miller formally thanked the Church Council Members, Pastor Garavalia and several people for their faithful service: Church Secretary Anna Lokensgard, Treasurer Vick Hermanson, Newsletter & Website Editor Bonnie Rieger, Organists Marie Engel, Beth Kinkeade and Madison Norell, Choir Director Scott Hermanson, Custodians Pam Rogich and Wanda Enter, Church Lawn Caretakers Wallace & Kazuko Larson, Cemetery Lawn Caretaker Cole Pankratz, the Snow Removal Crew, and the many Committee Members and Coordinators of the special events and activities over the past year.
- President Miller invited everyone to look over the rest of the Committee Reports in the Annual Report Booklet. Jim A motioned to accept the Committee Reports as written. Seconded by Bruce N, motion carried.

2024 Election Results:

Church Council – Marie Engle, Kris Kelly, David Kleppe, Rhonda Hermanson

Cemetery Board – Wallace Larson

Auditing Committee – Marci Norell

Nominating Committee – Joni Anderson, Theresa Bjorklund, Dick Kinkeade

Synod Assembly Reps – Kris Kelly, Beth Kinkeade, alternate Doug Schultz

Fall Supper 49 YES/9 NO contingent on the formation of a Volunteer Committee.

Constitution Revision Results: 49 Yes/6 Abstained

Tim L motioned to destroy the ballots, seconded by Bill K and the motion passed.

President Miller thanked Joni Anderson, Theresa Bjorklund and Dick Kinkeade for their faithful service on the Church Council for the past six years. Dick K made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Bill K, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:27am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Bjorklund, Church Council Secretary



Scandian Grove Reorganizational Meeting ~ February 11, 2024

After the Annual Meeting, the Scandian Grove Reorganizational Meeting was called to order by Pastor Matthew and lead by President Miller.

President – Heidi Eckberg

Vice President – Rhonda Hermanson

Secretary – David Kleppe

Financial Treasurer – Collin Johnson

Treasurer Liasson – David Hermanson

The Council will meet on Tuesday, February 13 at 6:30pm to make Schedule Book Committee Assignments.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Bjorklund, SGLC Outgoing Secretary

In like a LION
Out like a LAMB



Scandian Grove Lutheran Church Council Minutes

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Members Present

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

Members Excused Rhonda Hermanson, Jeff Allerson, Gary Miller

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm and lead by President Heidi Scheurer.

Devotions by Pastor Matthew - Take up your cross - We need to deny ourselves and the wants of the world if we are going to "take up our cross" and fully commit to Christ.

Schedule Book

A conversation was led by President Heidi S to review the Committee Assignments for the 2023 Schedule Book and recommend any assignment changes to be made in the 2024 Schedule Book.

Secretary's Report

Council Secretary David K read the January 2024 Meeting Minutes. Jay H made a motion to accept the January 2024 meeting minutes as is; seconded by Pam R. Motion passed.

David K read the 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes. Dave H made a motion to accept the 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes as is; seconded by Collin J. Motion passed.

David K read the 2024 Council Reorganization Meeting Minutes. Kris K made a motion to accept the 2024 Council Reorganization Meeting Minutes as is; seconded by Pam R. 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 1/31/24

Family Medical Fund Balance:	\$5,519.63
Improvement Fund Balance:	4,525.50
Memorial Fund Balance:	4,957.66
Scholarship Fund Balance:	5,857.83

Treasurers Report

Beginning Balance: (1/1/24)	\$23,296.26
Total Deposits:	10,062.87
Total Expenses:	-\$12,091.60
Checking Balance:	\$21,267.53
+Sunday School Fund:	334.11
Ending Balance: (1/31/24)	\$21,601.64

Treasurer's Report

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

Dave H asked for a motion to approve a small reallocation of funds; specifically \$407.50 moved from the Improvement Fund to the checking account for Ryan Plumbing for the repair of the furnace at the parsonage. Motion made by Pam R; seconded by Kris K. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

PROPERTY

Heidi S led a discussion about the scheduling of certain tasks around the church. Filling the water softener salt, changing water filters, and changing furnace filters were all mentioned. The Council elected to table this discussion and let the Property Committee decide how to handle these issues moving forward.

The **Church Furnace** was fixed on Monday, February 12, 2024, Dave H let the Council know that we should expect to make a similar reallocation of funds in the near future.

The Council as a whole would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone that helped to clean up the church basement this past month.

Heidi S took an extensive inventory of the Church Kitchen Contents, the list and needs will be passed on to the Property Committee.

EDUCATION

VBS - Pastor Garavalia presented an update for the 2024 VBS that will be hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church in conjunction with Green Lake Bible Camp. There has been an increase in the price from Green Lake, and the Council discussed the potential outcome of that increase on the attend-

ance, as well as reasonable and appropriate assistance from the church. After discussion, Pastor Garavalia asked for a motion to approve the churches contribution of \$95 per student at VBS, leaving a \$25 per student responsibility to each family. Motion made by Dave H; seconded by Pam R. Motion passed.

MISSIONS

"The Kitchen" SGLC will be scheduled to serve on Monday, April 29, 2024.

PASTOR'S REPORT

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

Pastor Garavalia also asked the Council for any volunteers to participate in the Joint Visioning Meeting to take place with Trinity and St Paul's.

The decision was made to hold the Installation of the Church Council on Sunday, February 18, 2024.

Old Business

Updated Constitution - A motion was discussed to put the Updated Constitution on the website following the second Affirmative Vote to ratify the changes. Motion made by Jay H; seconded by Marie E. Motion Passed.

Review of our Church Constitution - Council also discussed the timely review of our Church Constitution with intention to review and make recommendations to our Constitution after the Church-wide Assembly.

Safety/Emergency Preparedness Committee - There is a need for SGLC to form a Safety/Emergency Preparedness Committee. Heidi S will make an announcement about that Committee and the Council's recommendations for its formation and intentions.

Church Landline - There was a brief discussion about the land-line phone at church and whether it is necessary to continue the service. There are multiple options to continue to serve the congregation and anyone trying to reach SGLC. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting. Dave H will try to see if he can get any costs reduced on the current land-line plan.

New Business

Line of Credit - A motion was presented for SGLC to enter into a \$25,000 Line of Credit with Pioneer Bank, authorizing President Heidi Scheurer and Church Treasurer Vicki Hermanson to sign on behalf of the church. Motion made by Collin J; seconded by Jay H. Motion passed.

Lawn Mowing Bids - Council is accepting bids for the 2024 Lawn Mowing Service; bids will be due by Monday, April 1, 2024.

Council Retreat - There was discussion about having a Council Retreat sometime this spring. The discussion was tabled and will be addressed further via email.

Spring Cleaning Day - will be Saturday, April 20, 2024, weather permitting. Saturday, April 27, 2024 will be the alternate day.

Thrivent Initiative - Pam R led a discussion about a Thrivent Initiative to raise money for the food shelf. Pam R will get the information to Bonnie R for the newsletter.

Designated & Loose Offerings - A motion was presented to give the designated and the loose offerings from Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday to the same three area Food Shelves to which the Lent Mid-week Offerings will go. Motion made by Jay H, seconded by Collin J. Motion passed.

Easter Breakfast - The Council will be hosting an Easter Breakfast for the Congregation on Easter morning, starting at 8:00am. Marie E will bring rolls. David K will bring Fruit. Collin J will bring Orange Juice. Pam R will bring Milk. Heidi S will bring paper products.

Adjournment

Collin J motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:31pm, seconded by Pam R. Motion carried.

Next Monthly Meeting

On Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 6:30pm, hosted by Jeff A.

Respectfully submitted,
David Kleppe
Church Council Secretary



**WELC Meeting Minutes
Saturday February 3, 2024**

- ◆ Planning to invite other churches to a luncheon in July with the program being about Barbie Dolls. A member of the congregation has inherited her mother's collection that goes back to the first dolls. Hoping to feature a large display.
- ◆ The kitchen needs cleaning and women will be doing that soon. Heidi's info about the States requirements will be followed. Things have already been removed and will be replaced soon.
- ◆ The Women will be serving one Lenten Supper.
- ◆ All women are reminded that they are members of the SGLC Churchwomen. You are encouraged to become an active member so we can do more. New ideas would be welcome. **Please come to our next meeting on Saturday, April 6 at Kazuko Larson's home beginning at 9:00am.**



The 2010 version of the Scandian Grove Lutheran Church Constitution has been updated and was approved by the Congregation during the Annual Meeting conducted on Sunday, February 11, 2024.

ed on Sunday, February 11, 2024.

Copies of the Constitution are available in the Church Library. The Constitution will also be available on the Scandian Grove Lutheran Church website. Please visit:
<http://scandiangurovelutheranchurch.org>.



The Church Council as a whole would like to extend a ***heartfelt thank you*** to everyone that helped to clean up the church basement this past month. It is very much appreciated!



Easter is early this year! Once again, we will be taking orders for Easter Lilies which will be used to bring the sense of renewed life to our worship space on Easter Morning. More order forms can also be found in the narthex. Your order form *must* be received with payment **by March 3, 2024!**

Special Note: Our poinsettia delivery person was a young man who learned a lesson about plants and cold weather. We will show him grace. The provider extended a discount to us as a result. Therefore, we are passing that discount on to those who choose to buy a lily this Easter season. The price for a lily will be \$8.50 each.

Easter Lily Order Form

Due by March 3, 2024

(Circle correct option below)

Given In memory of / In honor of

Quantity Ordered _____
X \$8.50 each
Total Cost = \$ _____
Paid by Check / Cash

Given by: _____



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!

AFTER WORSHIP COFFEE SIGN-UP



A new sign-up is in the Narthex for **March - May**. Now is a good time to reserve the Sunday that works for you!

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.**



Daylight Savings Time begins on **Sunday, March 10**



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!

The Church Council is calling for **Mowing Bids** for the **Church Property** for the coming growing season. The property includes the Park and Church Grounds but does not include the Cemetery or the Parsonage. Bids should be submitted to the Council **by Monday, April 1, 2024.**

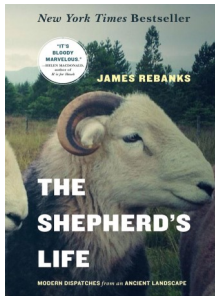


	<u>March 2024</u>	<u>April 2024</u>
ALTAR GUILD	Beth Kastens	Beth Kastens
READERS	Theresa Bjorklund	Don Hermanson
USHERS	Pam Rogich Kevin Johnson	Bill & Beth Kastens
COUNCIL COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Kris Kelly Jeff Allerson	Pam Rogich Gary Miller
COUNCIL HOST	Jeff Allerson	David Kleppe



Congratulations to **Dr. Matthew W. Allerson, DVM, PhD.**, who was awarded the [2024 Swine Veterinarian Of The Year of America Award](#) at the American Association of Swine Veterinarians 55th Annual Meeting held in Nashville, TN at the Grand Ole Opry on February 24 - 27, 2024. Proud and excited parents James & Janet Allerson traveled to Nashville to see Matt be honored with this prestigious award.

SGLC Book Club
invites you to discuss. . .



The Shepherd's Life

By James Rebanks

Sunday, March 17
at 4:00pm

Gathering at the home of
Neal & Joni Anderson
Discussion Leader: Neal

Some people's lives are entirely their creations. James Rebanks' isn't. The first son of a shepherd, the first son of a shepherd himself, his family have lived and worked in the Lake District of Northern England for generations, further back than recorded history. It's a part of the world known mainly for its romantic descriptions of Wordsworth and much-loved illustrated children's books of Beatrix Potter. But James' world is quite different. His way of life is ordered by the seasons and the work they demand. It hasn't changed in hundreds of years: sending the sheep to the fells in the summer and making the hay; the autumn fairs where the flocks are replenished; the grueling toil of winter when the sheep must be kept alive, and the light-headedness that comes with spring, as the lambs are born and the sheep get ready to return to the hills and valleys.

Join us as we discuss the story of someone trying desperately hard to stay with a deep-rooted attachment to a place where the ancient landscape describes a way of life that is little noticed and yet has profoundly shaped the landscape over time.

~ Amazon

You're invited to wear a wee bit of green and enjoy Shepherd's Pie as we discuss this book and celebrate St. Patrick's Day in Norseland.

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

North Woods

By Daniel Mason



We are still collecting old magazines of any descent/clean subject matter and blank/un-used greeting cards with envelopes (birthday, get well, new baby, thinking of you, sympathy, anniversary, etc.).

The magazines are used for projects the women do as part of their treatment and recovery program. Cards are for their personnel use.

The **Wellcome Manor Family Services** in Garden City, MN is an inpatient treatment center that empowers women who struggle with substance use, chemical dependency or co-occurring disorders to achieve freedom from addiction, while rebuilding family relationships.

Donations can be dropped off and put by the grocery cart in the narthex.

Contact Pam Rogich with any questions or visit the centers website at:

<https://www.wellcomemanor.org/>.

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

2024 Church Council Installed

On Sunday, February 18, 2024 our new Church Council was installed into service. We are blessed to have leadership that seeks first the will of God. These folks care about SGLC and the church at large. They should be held in our prayers and remember to thank them when you see them.

President: Heidi Scheurer (C) 507-317-9541

Vice Pres: Rhonda Hermanson (C) 507-327-5793

Secretary: David Kleppe (C) 320-438-4034

Financial Sec: Collin Johnson (C) 507-380-5864

Treas Liaison: Dave Hermanson (H) 507-351-5420

Pam Rogich (C) 507-779-9184

Kris Kelly (C) 507-317-5905

Marie Engel (C) 507-720-8616

Gary Miller (C) 507-420-7493

Jeff Allerson (C) 507-351-4919

Jay Hanson (H) 507-246-5093

VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY

Friday, March 29, 2024

A day to pay tribute and honor those who served in or during the Vietnam War

March 29, is **National Vietnam War Veterans Day**, a day meant to pay tribute to veterans of the Vietnam War, including personnel who were prisoners of war and those listed as missing in action.

St. Peter area, Vietnam Last Man's Club is hosting a **Vietnam Veterans program at 5:00pm at the St. Peter Community Center.**

NOTE! This is Good Friday. We can not change the date, March 29 is the date to commemorate the service and sacrifices made by 3 million service members who served in Vietnam.

The 2024 speaker is **John E. Ahlstrom**, a St. Peter 1964 graduate and 1968 graduate of GAC. Served Army Intelligence in Vietnam.

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.



Minnesota FoodShare

March Campaign

March in Minnesota is the month that our gifts to local Food Shelves are matched.

For each dollar or pound of food we donate, MN Food Share plugs it into a formula that allows the local pantry to double what they can purchase from the larger supplier in the twin cities.

Scandian Grove will be making a donation at the end of March so any contributions you wish to make toward this mission must be received/postmarked by March 31, 2024.

In addition, the Council has decided to donate loose and designated offering from our Lent and Holy Week services toward the local Food Shelves. **Thank You** for your support of this endeavor.

OPERATION THRIVENT ACTION TEAM

Pam Rogich is heading up this Action Team and has secured **Thrivent Funds of \$250** to buy items that the Food Shelves need and don't usually get donated. There is a list of items needed posted in the Narthex next to the shopping cart. Let Pam know if you want to be included on the Team. She can answer any questions or provide more information on how you can be involved.

Scandian Grove Lutheran Church Calendar

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Food shelves can STRETCH cash donations further than donations of food because their access to discount products of programs. Help us feed more Minnesota families by donating cash to your local food shelf today.



3 8:30am Sunday School and Adult Forum 9:30am Worship Service w/Holy Communion 10:00am KNUJ "A New Day" Easter Lily Orders Due!	4 6:30pm Lay Ministry Care Team Mtg	5	6 5:30-6:30pm Lent Meal 7:00pm Worship Service with Choir practice after	7	8 Pastor's Day Off Happy Birthday Pastor Matthew!	9 8:30am Men's Breakfast at Bayside Manor, Gaylord
10 2:00am Daylight Savings Time begins 9:30am Worship Service 10:00am KNUJ "A New Day" 3:00pm Norseland 4-H Mtg	11	12 6:30pm Church Council Mtg	13 5:30-6:30pm Lent Meal 7:00pm Worship Service with Choir practice after	14	15 Pastor's Day Off Newsletter Deadline Don't Miss the DEADLINE!	16
17 St Patrick's Day Food Shelf Sunday 8:30am Sunday School and Adult Forum 9:30am Worship Service w/Holy Communion 10:00am KNUJ "A New Day" 4:00pm Book Club at Neal & Joni's Home	18 6:30pm Lay Ministry Care Team Mtg	19 1st Day of Spring 	20 5:30-6:30pm Lent Meal 7:00pm Worship Service with Choir practice after	21	22 Pastor's Day Off	23
24 Palm Sunday 9:30am Worship Service 10:00am KNUJ "A New Day" 	25	26	27 7:00pm Choir practice	28 Maundy Thursday 7:00pm Worship Service w/Holy Communion & stripping of altar 	29 Good Friday Vietnam War Veterans Day 5:00pm Vietnam Last Man Club Program at Community Center, St Peter 7:00pm Worship	30

31 Easter Sunday 8:00 to 9:15am Easter Breakfast Served 9:30am Easter Celebration Communion Worship 10:00am KNUJ "A New Day"
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Scandian Grove Total Giving



Total benevolence giving thru January 31, 2024--\$708.00

Financial Report-January 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-23,296.26	22,527.14	10,062.87	12,091.60	20,498.41
Checking/Pastor's Stole	100.00	-	-	100.00
Checking/Sunday School Funds	334.11	-	-	334.11
Checking/Historical Bldg. Upkeep	769.12	-	-	769.12
TOTAL CHECKING/SUNDAY SCHOOL	23,630.37	10,062.87	12,091.60	21,601.64
Credit Line	-	-	-	-
Family Medical Savings Account	5,519.63	-	-	5,519.63
Improvement Savings Account	3,946.49	579.01	-	4,525.50
Memorial Savings Account	4,897.66	60.00	-	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.



SCANDIAN GROVE LUTHERAN CHURCH
 42869 COUNTY ROAD #52
 SAINT PETER MN 56082
<http://scandiangurovelutheranchurch.org>

STAMP

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, January 28	57
Sunday, February 4	69
Sunday, February 11	72
Ash Wednesday, February 14	39
Sunday, February 18	74
Wednesday, February 21	43
Sunday, February 25	54
Wednesday, February 28	??



Scandian Grove Lutheran Church

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**Newsletter
Deadline**

March 15



NOTICE
THANK YOU
FOR NOTICING
THIS NOTICE

Heavenly Father, in these hurried moments of a busy morning, I yearn for rapid renewal in Your grace. Let the resurrection power of Easter breathe new life into my spirit, bringing joy and purpose to each task ahead.

Amen.



Quilting is on Tuesdays, but plan to be flexible in case there is a change, those involved will be notified of the change.

Lenten Offering Loose & Designated Offering collected during the season of lent will benefit our local food pantries in Nicollet, Le Sueur, and Sibley Counties. You can bring non-perishable goods and place them in the grocery cart in the Narthex, or designate your gift in the check memo area or with a note to Vicki. Thank you.