

St. Martin Lutheran Church

APRIL 2024

Grafting Generations Together - Bearing Abundantly



Worship Schedule

<u>SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH:</u>	<u>8:00AM & 10:30AM</u>
<u>SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH:</u>	<u>8:00AM & 10:30AM</u>
<u>SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST:</u>	<u>8:00AM & 10:30AM</u>
<u>SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH:</u>	<u>9:30AM ALL-IN-ONE WORSHIP</u> <u>CONGREGATIONAL MEETING</u>

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Pastor Mark's Pen

"My arms are like two shipyard cranes

That may not work again

My fortunes wax

My fortunes wane

My senses sunder

A cup would cheer

The cheerless heart

The path I dare not chart

I look askance, not quite the part

Someone has blundered

The normal rules do not apply

And mine is not to reason why

[Called, called, called]"

Echo and the Bunnymen "Gone, gone, gone"

One of my meditation practices is listening to modern music with little or no direct connection to religious organizations or institutions. Many of the artists that I listen to may or may not be familiar to you. This meditative scheme of mine has allowed me to experience peace, inspiration, sermon themes and many other emotions or otherwise aspects of faith. My own journey begins, not in my teenage years but in my early Navy career. I give Daniel Saltarelli the credit for introducing the music of the Grateful Dead. Many of my friends back in Spokane couldn't handle any of the Dead music, so I insisted upon playing at parties. Later while I was stationed in Hawaii, I discovered some obscure groups at discount prices and the meditative process began in the hours of driving to work or 12 step meetings. I would hear something that touched my spirit in a way that can only be expressed by words of faith include The Grateful Dead, Cowboy Junkies, The Trilobites (Australian Band), Smithereens, B-52's, Lone Justice, House Martins, Midnight Oil, U2 and Hat Makes the Man, and even the Pagan Babies (a house band in Honolulu) to name a few. Each of the groups provided me with countless

hours of thought-provoking ideas, concepts and challenges to my faith and belief system.

Later on, in my development of musical tastes, I became more familiar with U2, especially the Joshua Tree album, Lone Justice and their chilling rendition of Good Friday. Tom Petty, Fleetwood Mac, Crosby, Stills and Nash with their Southern Cross brought me to my knees one Christmas Eve. Neil Young's Old Man and Look Out for My Love (also done by Linda Ronstadt) have always made me weep, pray and reflect on whatever was foremost on my heart or in my head.

Today, music, especially that of the above-named groups have helped my process challenges, joys and grief, as well as helped to prepare me for preaching. Lana Del Rey's Mariners Apartment Complex is one of my "Go To" songs for every funeral. So too, is Linda Ronstadt's "Talk to Me of Medocino" as is Gordon Lightfoot's "Wreck of the Edmond Fitzgerald". Now, do not get me wrong, I love, adore and often hum many of our Lutheran' hymns day in day out. When it comes to meditation, I am a product of modern musical culture, but way behind current trends.

Hope to see you in Church,

Pastor Mark



Message from Concordia College Moorhead, MN Spring Break Habitat for Humanity trip to Tuscaloosa, AL '24 (Stayed night at the St. Martin Lutheran church March 8th)

As I reflect on my experience with Habitat for Humanity, I am inspired by the work site managers. Our site manager in Tuscaloosa, Barry, was incredibly personable and patient. Barry was always willing to re-explain how to use saws and remained calm when we measured wrong. He checked in on us throughout the day lending a helping hand when needed, and he took the time to get to know each of us. He has new volunteers who come in and pick up where the last volunteers left off every week and sometimes new volunteers daily, yet he was able to create a welcoming community on his work site. I think its important to embrace new people and differences. A home is far more than shelter. Home is a place where you are safe to be yourself and feel like you belong. I felt at home during my week in Tuscaloosa.

- Grace Henderson: Junior, Biology & Exercise Science major/Pre-Physical Therapy*

From my two experiences with Habitat for Humanity, I've seen that this organization brings together a unique group of volunteers. Everyone who is at a Habitat work site knows they are there to lend a hand for a fellow community member. This leads to fun, helpful, and hardworking personalities. I am thankful to witness the care and excitement these workers bring to each home they build, and I try to bring the same level of commitment to each Habitat for Humanity build I am a part of. Habitat volunteers provide an amazing example of what good service looks like, and it's the reason I continue to seek opportunities with Habitat for Humanity.

- Eli Heyer: Junior, Astrophysics major*

Something I learned on my Habitat for Humanity trip to Tuscaloosa is that no matter how far you go from home there are always people who make you feel at home. All of the contractors and other volunteers on the

Tuscaloosa sites were very welcoming, warm, funny, and caring. Not only did we help build a home, but we all created a community of volunteers that felt like home. For me, a home represents a space that is safe -- a space where every part of me is accepted and nourished.

- Ann Vanderlinde: Junior, Social Studies Education major

I've learned and grown so much volunteering with Habitat for Humanity in Tuscaloosa this week. In particular, I really pushed myself outside of my comfort zone and leaned into learning new skills like using a miter saw and nail gun. I also learned that so many small details go into building a house including lots of caulking and painting. Those small details may not have the most transformational effect and were very tedious to do, but I'm glad I could help the home building process even in small ways.

- Erin Host: Junior, Accounting & Finance major

I have been on several other Habitat trips before with different groups, environments, and people. This trip was the fastest trip that I have been on, pace wise. I am one of the co-chairs for our campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity at Concordia College, and I enjoy always being a part of the process in Habitat. A major thing that I took away is to take a step back. I learned patience and to trust my peers. Barry and Andrew, the Tuscaloosa site managers, have taught me to encourage others to succeed and wait for people to ask for help when needed. I will forever be grateful for the kindness and lessons each affiliate provides, and I will continue to participate with Habitat for I believe in its ability to create change.

- Johan Dominguez Lopez: Junior, Applied Physics major

Trying to reflect upon this trip in a few thoughts is very hard. This trip has been educational, inspiring, and rewarding. I have been on previous trips before, but each time I go on one of these trips there is always something different to learn than the last. This past week I did a lot of landscaping and fine touching of the house (painting, trim, etc.). A lot of this work was

hard manual labor, and I didn't seem to get a lot of enjoyment out of it at first. I kept at it and soon started to enjoy it and have fun conversations with everyone else on the worksite. That sense of community and working together with each other to finish these projects kept me connected and engaged in my work. With my time with Habitat for Humanity, I have learned that volunteering with Habitat isn't just for the ones who are skillful and crafty with building things. It is an organization that is for everyone. They embody the verse from 1st Peter. "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." - 1 Peter 4:10. We used our given skills and gifts to better help others. It might have been siding the side of the house. It might have been cutting one board. It might have been just putting in one nail. It didn't matter because it all added up to an ultimate goal of providing a safe, warm, welcoming house to someone who hasn't had that opportunity to own one. This trip not only empowered the recipient of this house but me and the rest of this group. Not only has it equipped us with some household maintenance skills but also equipped us with a sense of helping our neighbors.

- Ryan Johnson: Junior, Physical and Health Education major

Volunteering with Habitat for Humanity provided me with valuable insight into lower socioeconomic communities. It exposed me to diverse leadership styles within the organization, fostering my appreciation for adaptable leadership approaches. Through hands-on work, I gained a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by those in need of affordable housing. Overall, my experience with Habitat for Humanity was enriching, enlightening, and deeply fulfilling.

- Jake Lang: Junior, Biology major/Pre-Dentistry

One thing that really stuck with me about Habitat for Humanity was how fun the supervisors made work. Even if we made a mistake or had questions pertaining to a task, they joked around with us and supported us in completing the task. I really appreciated how each supervisor made

time to answer questions even if they were in the middle of completing something themselves. Overall, my experience in Tuscaloosa with Habitat for Humanity has led me to want to continue serving through Habitat for Humanity, and I will be volunteering this summer in Fargo for our local Habitat for Humanity chapter.

- Talon Hoffer: Senior, Biology major/Pre-Medicine

Habitat for Humanity taught me a lot about gratitude and service. This trip has taught me to be more grateful and appreciative of the roof over my head. Service is all about working with the someone as equals to improve their lives and that is exactly what Habitat for Humanity is all about.

- Jack Pelzel: Junior, Physics major/Pre-Medicine

I learned to take greater care in the work I was doing because I knew the finished product would be lived in by an appreciative family. I enjoyed working collaboratively with students and the Habitat staff, taking direction on tasks of which I was unfamiliar. Finally, I learned that getting outside of my comfort zone and doing more for others than just myself is a practice I want to explore further.

- Kevin Baggett: Faculty Advisor

*Signifies trip leader of the Concordia College trip to Tuscaloosa, AL
Habitat for Humanity

From Evangelism Committee

On Saturday, March 16th, a small group from St. Martin went to Children's Memorial Lutheran Church in Kansas City, MO and served lunch to people at the Gathering Table.

“Thank you to everyone who helped prepare, serving, and otherwise supporting to make this event a success.

Thanks again!

Denise Archibald
Evangelism Chair

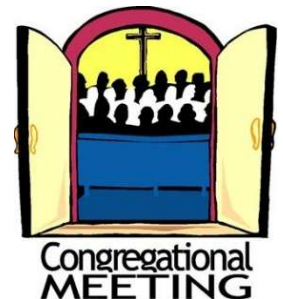


MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

APRIL 28

Immediately following
All-In-One Worship at 9:30 am



2024 SYNOD ASSEMBLY

June 6-8 at the Embassy Suites in Olathe

**St. Martin needs two representatives (male and female) volunteers to attend

(This will be discussed at the April 28 meeting)

CLJ Foundation's annual fund raiser

Please support this local foundation,
they would sure appreciate it.
Dinner will be served by Olive Garden
this year.



CLJ Foundation - Community/Life Skills/ Jobs

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adults with developmental disabilities.

CLJ FOUNDATION MOUSE RACE



APRIL 13, 2024 6PM – 11PM

GEORGE MEYN HALL - BONNER SPRINGS, KS.

126TH & STATE AVE

\$ 50 PER PERSON / NON-REFUNDABLE

TICKET INCLUDES DINNER, BEER, WINE, POP, CLJ PREFORMACE

50/50 RAFFLE-SILENT AUCTION

FOR TICKETS CONTACT CLJ FOUNDATION @ 913-208-4406

QUILT Show

Sunflower Piecemakers
Quilt Guild

Saturday
May 4, 2024
9am-3pm

Over 100 Quilts on Display
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Body
Guild Boutique ~ Vendors
Used Magazines/Books and
Patterns Sale

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30 Years of Quilting with the
Sunflower Piecemakers Quilt
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April Celebrations

Birthdays

04.01	Bret Sorensen	04.16	Nolan Lynch
04.03	Cheryl Jacobson	04.17	Troy Fodness
	Austin Lindblad	04.19	Monica Sorensen Holle
04.05	Joe McMillen		Colleen Archibald
	Jackson Knetter		Ethan Crumpacker
04.06	Karen Yunghans	04.20	Barbara Lehman
04.07	Bryan Walker	04.25	Lynn Hammond
	Baylee Crowe	04.27	Raymond Gierstikas
04.12	Kathy Knetter	04.29	Jolee Briggs
04.13	Brandon Knetter	04.30	Katie Yunghans
04.16	Gary Ferguson		

Baptisms

04.01	Diana Treff	04.17	RaeAnn Evans
04.04	George Prock	04.20	Steve Knetter
04.10	Vivian Jacobson		Emma Marion McCracken
	Dennis Eberth	04.21	Karen Logan
04.11	Hannah Billen	04.23	Joe McMillen
	Jeff Lindblad	04.24	Keith Herdman
04.12	Leah Macpherson	04.29	Susie Knetter McCracken
04.13	John Knetter		

Wedding Anniversaries

04.01	Raymond & Cindy Gierstikas
04.23	Chuck & Billie Easterberg
04.26	Eric & Erin Gifford
04.28	Roger & Karen Logan



April Worship Duties

	7 th	14 th	21 st	All-In-One Worship 28 th
Worship Assts. 10:30	Debby Eagleburger	Debby Eagleburger	Debby Eagleburger	Debby Eagleburger
Communion Assts. 8:00	Barbara Lehman	Karen Harris	Billie Easterberg	@9:30
Communion Assts. 10:30	Karen Yunghans	Denise Archibald	Karen Logan	Randy Schroeder
Music: 8:00	Barbara Lehman	Karen Harris	Billie Easterberg	@9:30
Music: 10:30	Alex Macpherson	Denise Archibald	Karen Poggemeyer	Guest Organist Lily Akings
Lector 8:00am	Barbara Lehman	Karen Harris	Billie Easterberg	@9:30
Lector 10:30am	Amy Macpherson	Denise Archibald	Susie McCracken	Kathy Edmonds
Acolyte 10:30				
Greeter/Usher 10:30	Bob Yunghans	David Knetter	Ben Appel	Ellis Edmonds
Treats 8:00am	Barbara Lehman	Karen Harris	Billie Easterberg	@9:30
Treats 10:30am	Debby Eagleburger	Shirley Johnson	Martha Shuler	Connie Hansen
Altar Care	Amy & Alex Macpherson	Bob Aufdemberge	Connie Hansen	Karen Logan

Communion Bread Baker: Martha Shuler

