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Estherville, Iowa

April 2023

Pastor Tim Johnson

# *Tidings*

## **Messenger for Estherville Lutheran Church**

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## Our Mission Statement:

*We are the body of Christ called by the Holy Spirit to share God's love and foster spiritual growth.*

Dear Friends in Christ,

I can hardly believe we are again at the beginning of the Holy Week. I'll be honest Lent is a busy time for Pastors, and yet a great time to reflect on our mortality and a time to consider our current path in life and our faith.

Because as we follow Jesus to the cross and listen to all the eyewitnesses of His life, death, and resurrection, we come to terms with our own faith. Do you have the kind of faith that Jesus talks about, and do you trust that Jesus is walking with you every day of your life and is doing everything He can to guide you in life and to love you unconditionally?

For much of my life, I struggled with knowing that He was there. For the most part, I believed, but I may have been a little shaky on trusting it. So, when I prayed and asked for help, did I trust that the Triune God was working with me and giving me what I needed at the time, or did I somehow just figure it out on my own after racking my brain on it for a week? Faith can be difficult for many of us, especially in grief. I think it's difficult because we must have faith in something we can't physically see. The gospel of John says, so those that believe (or have Faith) in Him will have eternal life. Our Lutheranism completely relies on having faith in God.

The woman with the hemorrhage in the gospel of Mark was pushing her way to the front of the crowd in order to be healed by Jesus. Her trust in Him was amazing. She knew that all she needed to do was get close enough to Him just to touch the hem of his cloak. She pushed and pushed her way to the front, and she knew that this would be her only chance to be healed. Jesus didn't even see her touch Him, but He felt it. He felt the divine power leave his body. When He turned around and asked who had touched Him. The woman came clean and owned up to it. Mark said she came forward in fear and trembling and fell to her knees, and told Jesus why she did what she did. Jesus said, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your disease" (Mark 5:34).

Jairus' (leader of the Synagogue) daughter passed away. And when Jesus got there, He said there was no need to weep. She is only sleeping. The people that were there laughed at Him. So, Jesus asked them to leave the house. He then took the little girl by the hand and said get up. She got up and started to walk around the house. Jesus had told the girl's father "not to fear, but to believe."

Easter is a wonderful time to come to terms with your faith and trust in your Lord Jesus Christ. If you can get to a place where you completely trust in your Lord Jesus, you will be rewarded in this life, and at the same time, you will glorify your Father in heaven.

Yours truly,

Pastor Tim Johnson

## **CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES MARCH 8, 2023**

Present: Bruce Radtke, Mary Johansen, Mark Caboth, Pat Swalve, Nicole Tifft, Kay Doyle, and Pastor Johnson

Meeting was called to order by Bruce at 7:05 pm.

Group read the Mission and Vision Statements

Pastor led the group in devotions and in prayer.

Secretary report reviewed. Mark made a motion to accept with one correction in month listed in Treasurer's report and second by Nicole to approve. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report – Reviewed. Pat indicated giving was up in February with some yearly donations and Thrivent Dollars. We received an anonymous donation to cover the radio broadcast when there was not specified donations received. Motion to accept report subject to audit was made by Kay and seconded by Mark. Motion approved.

Pastor's Report:

**Holy Week begins April 2 and Easter is April 9**

The sign-up sheet for donations for the Easter Breakfast is in the back of the church. Website is nearly up and running. We need to update some basic policies before loading them on the website. Have a wedding coming up Still working on bids for the boilers. Will send an agenda to involved people regarding the Transformation Team.

We are sponsoring the community meal at the VFW on June 26.

Waiting to hear about the bid on repair the concrete steps at the front of the church.

Congregational Consulting Services has submitted for the \$5473 in PR tax refund from the Covid program.

Bruce is working on the possible date in June for a guest organist and concert.

Nicole is still working with Unique Solutions on the directory.

Donating \$500 to the Synod Assembly being held in April.

Discussed changing the night council meets to dedicate Wednesday to youth activities. Pat made a motion to move the Council Meeting to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:30 beginning in April. Second by Mary. Motion carried. Other committees will continue to meet on Wednesday.

Pastor attending workshop in Minneapolis May 15-18

Board Reports:

**Transformation team:** Work in progress

**Worship/Outreach:** Met and have secured volunteers for April and part of May

**Youth and Family:** Continuing the Acts of Kindness theme. Projects include inviting Fire Department to church for Popcorn and to give them a \$50 donation. Will be working on Easter cards, Crucification study, and Easter egg hunt and will be dying eggs and frosting cookies. Assisting with the Easter Breakfast

**Property and Finance:** Working on the rent factor for the lot with the tenant and the bank

**Congregational Life:** No meeting

**ELC Women:** No meeting

**ELC Ministry Fund:** No report

No old business: None

New Business: None

Motion by Pat and second by Mary to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

**NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY April 18, 2023 at 6:30 in Library  
(NOTE NEW DATE)**

Respectfully submitted by Mary Johansen, Secretary

## **Next Board Meetings: April 12 & 18 in the Library**



**April 12, 5:00 PM Youth & Family Board Meeting**

**April 12, 6:00 PM Congregational Life Board Meeting**

**April 18, 5:30 PM Property & Finance Board Meeting**

**April 18, 6:30 PM E.L.C. Council Meeting**

**Esther Circle: Monday, April 17 at 1:30 PM in the Church Library**

**Sarah Circle: Tuesday, April 18 at 9 AM in the Church Library**

**The weekly radio broadcast is  
\$65.**

Please help us continue to bring God's message to our homebound. The broadcast is Sunday mornings at 8:30 AM on KILR 95.9.



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February, 2023	Receipts:	Year to date
Balance:	\$ 1,074.50	\$ 1,807.70
Receipts:	\$ 18,050.74	\$ 123,612.86
Expenses:	\$ 17,163.95	\$ 123,459.27
Ending Balance:	\$ 1,961.29	\$ 1,961.29
Projected Monthly Receipts	\$	16,060.00
March Receipts to Date	\$	8,612.00
(Still Needed)	Difference =	\$ 7,448.00

## Volunteers for April 2023

**GREETERS/USHERS FOR SATURDAY:** Gary Peterson

**GREETERS/USHERS FOR SUNDAYS:** Doug Doyle, Brenda Juhl

**LECTOR FOR SATURDAY:** Bruce Radtke

**LECTOR FOR SUNDAY:** Laurie Olson

**COMMUNION ASST. FOR SATURDAYS:** Gene Kaltvedt

**COFFEE HOUR:**

**ACOLYTE/COMMUNION ASSISTANT FOR SUNDAYS:**

April 2– Kyle Danner

April 9 – Grace Nath \*EASTER 7:30 AM Sunrise Service  
                  Jake Juhl \*EASTER 9:30 AM Service

April 16 – Macy Harris

April 23 – Kyle Danner

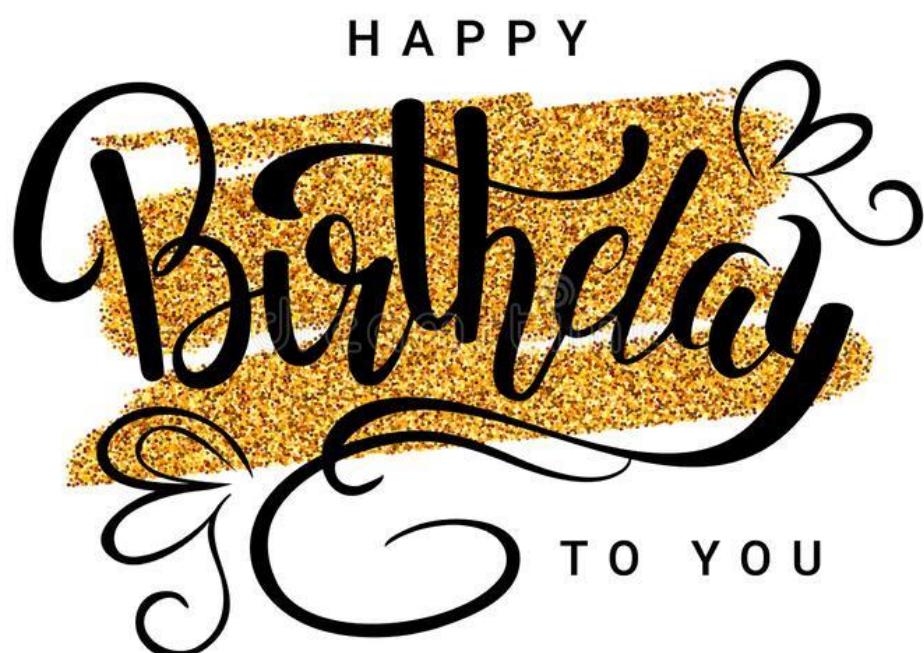
April 30 – Grace Nath

**OFFERING COUNTERS:** Kay Kaltvedt and Connie Hattle

**BULLETIN DELIVERY:** Kay Kaltvedt and Connie Hattle

# Happy Birthday to you...

04/01 Rhonda Olson	04/12 Carly Danner
Rutherford	04/12 Wayne Richard
04/02 Mia Olson	04/15 Dereck Gage
04/03 Duane Frick	04/20 Thomas Enderson
04/03 William Jensen	04/21 Anya Olson
04/05 Jeff Schichtl	04/22 Gary Enderson
04/06 Megan Huntley	04/22 Kristia Pollock
04/07 Gary Eide	04/23 Nancy Dvorak
04/09 Alison Coakley	04/24 Dennis Erickson
04/10 Rachel Higgins	04/26 Allison Martyr
04/10 Grace Krohn	04/26 Jordon Omvig
04/10 Elaine Tangen	04/27 Marlys Kroenke
04/11 Virginia Eide	04/28 Carol Kimmets
04/11 Vivian Montgomery	



# Happy Anniversary this month to:

04/07 Scott & Stephanie Johnson

04/15 Ken & Coleen Herum

04/20 Tim & Pat Swalve

04/23 Bryan & Kim Sorbo

04/28 Dale & Barb Nissen



## Holy Week Schedule

Sunday	4/2/23	9:30 AM	Palm Sunday
Thursday	4/6/23	6:30 PM	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday	4/7/23	12:10 PM	Good Friday Service at First Christian Church
Saturday	4/8/23	-----	No Service
Sunday	4/9/23	7:30 AM	Easter Sunrise Service
	4/9/23	8:30 AM	Easter Breakfast
	4/9/23	9:30 AM	Easter Service

# April 2023

## Estherville Lutheran Church Calendar

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### OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday – 1-4 PM

Thursday, Friday – 9-12 Noon

### Picture Caption

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 5:00 PM Service
2 <b>Palm Sunday</b> <b>9:30 AM Service</b> 10:30 AM Coffee	3 AA Meeting 7:30 PM	4	5 Confirmation 4:00 PM  J.A.M. 5:30 PM	6 <b>Maundy Service at 6:30 PM</b>  AA Meeting 7:30 PM	7 <b>Good Friday Service at First Christian Church 12:10 PM</b>	8 <b>No Service</b>
9 <b>EASTER SERVICE</b> <b>7:30 AM Service</b> <b>8:30 AM Breakfast</b> <b>9:30 AM Service</b>  *Good Shepherd Fund	10 AA Meeting 7:30 PM	11	12 Confirmation 4:00 PM  J.A.M. 5:30 PM  <b>Board Meetings</b>	13 AA Meeting 7:30 PM	14	15 5:00 PM Service
16 9:30 AM Service 10:30 AM Coffee	17 Esther Circle at 1:30 PM  AA Meeting 7:30 PM	18 Sarah Circle at 9:00 AM  <b>Prop. &amp; Fin. Mtg. at 5:30 PM</b> <b>Council Mtg. at 6:30 PM</b>	19 Confirmation 4:00 PM  J.A.M. 5:30 PM	20 AA Meeting 7:30 PM	21	22 5:00 PM Service
23 9:30 AM Service 10:30 AM Coffee	24 Free Community Meal at VFW 5-6:30 PM  AA Meeting 7:30 PM	25	26 Confirmation 4:00 PM  J.A.M. 5:30 PM	27 AA Meeting 7:30 PM	28	29 5:00 PM Service

"TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN TO ALL"

# SUMMER CAMP

2023  
INGHAM OKOBOJI LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMPS



## K-6TH GRADE CAMPS

- Camp-in-a-day # 1 (K-2nd) ..... June 21
- Camp-in-a-day # 2 (K-2nd) ..... June 22
- Camp-in-a-day # 3 (K-2nd) ..... July 12
- Camp-in-a-day # 4 (K-2nd) ..... July 13
- Camp-in-a-day # 5 (K-2nd) ..... July 19
- Camp-in-a-day # 6 (K-2nd) ..... July 20
- Pathfinders #1 (2-5th) ..... June 18-20
- Pathfinders #2 (2-5th) ..... June 25-27
- Pathfinders #3 (2-5th) ..... July 9-11
- Pathfinders #4 (2-5th) ..... July 16-18
- Trailblazers #1 (4-6th) ..... June 18-23
- Trailblazers #2 (4-6th) ..... June 25-30
- Trailblazers #3 (4-6th) ..... July 9-14
- Trailblazers #4 (4-6th) ..... July 16-21



## JUNIOR HIGH CAMPS

- Confirmation/Jr. High (6-9th) ..... June 11-16
- Confirmation/Jr. High (6-9th) ..... July 9-14
- Junior High Camp (6-9th) ..... July 23-28

## JR./SR. HIGH CAMPS

- Senior High Encounter (9-12th) July 16-21
- Outdoor Adv. Camp (7-12th) July 30-Aug. 4
- LiveWire Music Camp (7-12th) July 30-Aug. 4

## FAMILY CAMPS

- Family Camp #1 ..... June 18-23  
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Steve Turnbull
- Family Camp #2 ..... June 25-30  
Speaker: Rev. Scott Rains
- Family Camp #3 ..... July 2-7  
Speaker: Rev. Amy Selby
- Family Camp #4 ..... July 23-28  
Speaker: Craig "Swen" Swenson
- Family Camp #5 ..... July 30-Aug. 4  
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jerry Waits
- Family Camp #6 ..... August 6-11  
Speaker: Rev. Brian Spaehr



## EVENTS

- Beach House Dedication (Ok) ..... Apr. 29
- Ice Cream Social (Ingham) ..... June 4
- Scandinavian Feast (Okoboji) ..... Aug. 4
- Glenn Henriksen Concert (Ok) ..... Aug. 4
- 5K Fun Run (Okoboji) ..... Aug. 5
- Quilt Auction (Okoboji) ..... Aug. 5
- Golf Classic ..... Aug. 19
- Hog Roast (Ingham) ..... Aug. 27
- Sunday Worship/Brunch (Ok) Memorial-Labor Day

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Ingham  
Okoboji  
Lutheran Bible Camps



## **Mobile Food Pantry**

**Thursday, April 6, 4-6 PM**

**Good News Community Church**

**Estherville, IA**



## **Hospital and Home Visits**

**If you or someone you know is in the hospital or is going to be in the hospital and would like a visit from Pastor Tim, please call him direct at (712)260-4791. Please leave a message if there is no answer.**

**Also, if you or if you know of someone who would like a home visit from Pastor Tim, please call the number above and leave a message.**

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