

Anacortes Lutheran Church

April Newsletter

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SCOTT

Newsletter – April 2024

Jesus is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

As we enter April we find ourselves in the season of Easter, yes, the season. A season 50 days long where we see the power that has been unleashed in the world through the resurrection. A time when the rules that we thought we knew become opportunities to see the world in a new way. Even the certainty of death has been called into question. What does it mean for us to live in this new world of resurrection?

It calls us to live as a community centered in Christ. It calls us to live as a community that gathers to bless the world. It calls us to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the places where we are. It calls us to love, to live with grace, to live in hope. It calls us...

We often talk about “call” when we think about pastors or deacons. We hear talk about “the call to ministry” and we think that it is not something that is a reality in our lives outside the church. The truth is that we are all called. We are called into a life of service in the waters of Baptism. We are called to be a blessing to the world. We are called into relationship with those around us that we might share the gift of God’s love. We are called to lift up the power of the Resurrection in our world as it struggles.

Where are you being ‘called’ in your life today? Who is God putting on your heart that needs to hear from you today? What change can happen today that glorifies God tomorrow? How can you live a life of resurrection where all things are possible?

Living the Resurrection,

Pastor Scott

April 2024



From the Bishop:

In fifth grade, I started playing trumpet. This wasn't the instrument that I chose – it was chosen for me because my aunt had an old trumpet and my mom said, "If you want to be in band, you can use this trumpet." But even though I wanted to play the flute, the trumpet was definitely the instrument for me. I loved playing trumpet. I loved the sound, the way to make different notes with just three valves, using different mutes that produced complexity of tone. I loved to polish and clean my trumpet – especially when I received a new silver trumpet in high school. The only thing I didn't like was carrying it to and from school because of the big hill that we lived on.

In high school I was in both band and jazz band. In jazz band we traveled to many competitions – winning the Reno Jazz Festival one year. When I look back on my experience in band, I realize that there are so many things that I continue to apply in my life, and as part of the body of Christ, that go back to being in band.

First, you can't be a band on your own. If you play a solo instrument, that is lovely. But that isn't a band. There needs to be a group to form a band – it can be small or large – but an agreement that you are engaging with one another and playing music with one another leads to forming a band. If you are using music, the same music is important – also the same key and the same beats per measure helps. An agreement on how fast or slow the tempo is important. In short, community is needed for a band.

Second, you can't all play the same instrument. I mean, I love the trumpet – but a band of trumpets is one-dimensional (and can be very loud). I admit that as much as I love brass, you need more than brass to form a band. We have all heard brass quartets – but for a band, you need the saxophone, the piccolo, the clarinet, the drum, and so much more. Diversity is needed in a band.

Third, you can't drown out others. I speak as one who plays trumpet. Trumpets know how to be loud. And if trumpeters are not careful, they will hide the beauty of the other instruments. There is nothing more gorgeous than notes from an oboe coming from seemingly nowhere to fill the air with that wistful, haunting sound. In other words, listen for the woodwinds. A variety of sounds and voices are needed in a band – especially those that are more hidden.

Fourth, harmony doesn't mean the same note. It would be boring if every single instrument played the very same note for every song in a band's repertoire. Our ears are tuned to hear melody, harmony, dissonance, and resolution. In a band, it is imperative that different notes are played – different rhythm patterns are introduced, and a play amongst the instruments happens. Harmony and dissonance are needed in a band.

Dear people of God, these four things are also needed in the church and in the world: Community, diversity, variety of sound and voice, harmony and dissonance. I invite you to think about your worshiping community. How are we all like a band? How can we be more intentional in these four areas?

Our composer and maestro is God – God is directing and leading us – in the music we co-create. May this spring awaken you in the beauty and grace of God. May the community in which you gather bring music in all its fullness.

+ Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee
bishop@lutheransnw.org

GET-TOGETHER – SOOTHING SOUP
FRIDAY, APRIL 12, at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. *Note time change.*

The theme is: **"Guest Speaker – Elise Cutter and Laura Moroney – Island Health (hospital)"**.

Please sign up at the Opportunity Desk or call, text, or email Julie before Wednesday prior to the event.



BINGO IN THE MORNING
SATURDAY, APRIL 20, at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room #2.

No sign-up required – just come and have fun. Snacks are provided. Please bring a drink.

Have a splendid spring, stay safe, and be happy. We look forward to seeing you soon.

PRAY FOR OUR 2024 CHURCH COUNCIL & COMMITTEES

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| <i>President:</i> | Don Devine | <i>Fellowship :</i> | Kathy Khile |
| <i>Vice-President:</i> | | <i>Education:</i> | Heather Harrington |
| <i>Secretary:</i> | Julie Jacobson | <i>Youth:</i> | Michael Sullivan |
| <i>Treasurer:</i> | Lane Phelan | <i>Preschool:</i> | Anne Barry |
| <i>Stewardship:</i> | Bill LeDuc | <i>Properties:</i> | Steve Anderson |
| <i>Outreach:</i> | Dave White | <i>Worship:</i> | Pat Carrie-Smith |
| <i>Personnel:</i> | Jeaneen Brogan | <i>WELCA :</i> | Jeanette Christensen |
| <i>Josephine Delegates:</i> | Pastor Peterson, Linda Millo | <i>Legacy Endowment:</i> | Wayne Olsen, Rod Odergaard |
| <i>Finance:</i> | Lane Phelan, Kirk Swanson | | Julie Jacobson |
| | Linda Millo | <i>Synod Assy Delegates:</i> | Pastor Peterson, Lois Cassidy |
| <i>Finance Secretary:</i> | Linda Millo | | Linda Millo |
| <i>Camp Lutherwood Rep:</i> | Kenny Holzemer | | |



UPCOMING EVENTS

BRUNCH – APRIL 14, 2024

After 10:00 Service
Preschool Fundraiser
\$3,000 is needed.

Each year the preschool uses the services of Blue Water Behavioral Management Consultants to help our teachers build more skills around classroom management strategies and intervention help for students. In addition, Blue Water will come in and perform observations and assessments for individual students who may need extra support.

These supports are integral in helping us provide our students and families with the best preschool education here at ALP and help set them up for success in Kindergarten.

Please consider joining us for breakfast and support our children and teachers.

Menu: Breakfast casserole, fruit salad, juice, biscuit, milk, coffee, and tea

By DONATION BRING YOUR CHECKBOOK

FELLOWSHIP

Donut Sunday Update:

Each month we will be doing a Donut Sunday to ease the work of Fellowship for finding volunteers to bring treats. We will be putting the “Donation Baskets” out on the donut table to collect money to offset the cost of donuts. Please feel free to donate generously.

Church Directory Updates:

Fellowship will post dates in the Scoop soon for upcoming dates to get your photos taken to add as a supplement to our 2023 in-house church photo directory. We are asking that only people who did not get their photos done in the 2023 edition, sign up to be added. This is not an opportunity to do a new photo. It is a good time for everyone to update their contact information with the church office if you have a new email address, phone number, etc. We will look forward to producing the supplement during the spring.

FAST Team Service:

We have signup sheets at the Opportunity Desk for April and May to find volunteers to greet, read, serve communion, host in the kitchen, and bring treats. Please sign up to help out. It takes about 10 volunteers a week to complete the tasks and we are happy to give instructions for new volunteers.

Katherine Khile

Worship Attendance

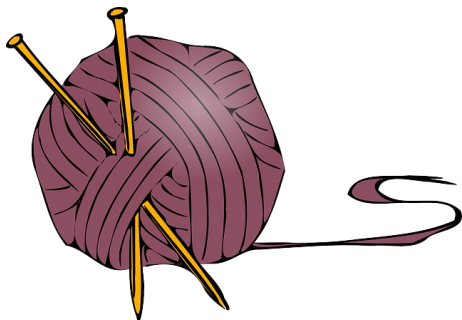
| Date | Events | In-Person | Nursery | Live-Stream |
|--------|------------------------|-----------|---------|-------------|
| Mar 3 | 3rd Sunday in Lent | 99 | 10 | 34 |
| Mar 6 | Lenten Dinner/ Service | 36 | - | - |
| Mar 10 | 4th Sunday in Lent | 99 | 6 | 34 |
| Mar 13 | Lenten Dinner/ Service | 40 | - | - |
| Mar 17 | 5th Sunday in Lent | 110 | 5 | 33 |
| Mar 20 | Lenten Dinner/ Service | 44 | - | - |
| Mar 24 | Palm Sunday | 138 | 5 | ** |
| Mar 28 | Maundy Thursday | ** | ** | ** |
| Mar 31 | Easter Sunday | ** | ** | ** |

** Not available at time of printing

WELCA– SEWING NEWS

Did you know!! That in addition to quilts, ALC sends school kits, personal care kits, baby care kits and fabric kits to Lutheran World Relief. Your contributions make this possible. Lots of fabric is used to make quilts here and put together **fabric kits**. As you do your spring cleaning or attend that great yard sale, watch for large pieces of fabric for the fabric kits(4 yards of 36" wide fabric) and two spools of thread. Any donations for sewing can be left on top of the large storage box in the social hall

Or you can drop them off most Tuesdays when the sewing group is meeting Come and see what happens there. In April the group meets **April 2, 16 and 30 from 9 until 2**. Stay and visit over a sack lunch you don't need to be a sewer to participate.



LWR Knitters

Next Meetings:

April 15th 1:00-3:00 pm in conf. rm 1

May 20th 1:00-3:00 pm in conf. rm 1

Beginners are welcome and teaching is available.

Linda Anderson-POC 360-588-1730

Anacortes Lutheran Church
Council Minutes for March 14, 2024

Attendees: Pastor Scott, Steve Anderson, Anne Barry, Jeaneen Brogan, Jeanette Christiansen, Don Devine, Julie Jacobson, Kathy Khile, Bill LeDuc, Lane Phelan, Pat Carrie Smith, Dave White

The meeting was called to order and Pastor opened with prayer. February minutes were approved as submitted.

After Pastor's nominations, Anne made a motion to approve Don Devine as Council President and Bill LeDuc as Stewardship Chair, motion passed and Don presided for the remainder of the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Lane reported that January/February deposits were \$115,750 and withdrawals were \$103,043. The deposits included some large lump sum gifts from several members. Bill made a motion to accept the report, motion passed.

Worship: A report was submitted. Pat Carrie made a motion to gift the spare pew in the Narthex to another church. Discussion took place. After a vote, 7 were in favor, 4 opposed, motion passed. Don will take care of the transfer.

Outreach: A report was submitted. Irene Parker has volunteered to head up the Prayer Chain. They meet monthly at 1:30pm each Monday and anyone is welcome to participate.

WELCA: There is a request to rekey 7 doors that WELCA uses for their ministry (including the Christmas closet) to simplify to 1 key. The cost will come out of WELCA's budget. Steve will look into this. Funeral supplies have been moved to a locked cupboard.

Personnel: A report was submitted. Church employee contracts and raises begin April 1. Preschool contracts and raises begin August 1.

Laurie Julius-Carver's position as Director of Music has been increased to a half-time rather than a quarter-time position.

Fellowship: There is one more soup supper this Lenten season. Cinnamon rolls and fruit will be served on Easter at fellowship hour. April 7 is a Youth Fundraiser pancake breakfast. April 14 is a Preschool Fundraiser breakfast. The dishwasher has a sanitizer solution that it uses and dishes MUST air dry, not be dried with a towel.

Stewardship: There is a request for a new printer in the upstairs financial office, Don has a spare printer to donate to the office.

Properties: A report was submitted. There is a request to purchase a new commercial vacuum, there is money in the account and cost is estimated at \$1000.

Preschool: A report was submitted. The April 14 Brunch Fundraiser will be by donation as they are looking to raise \$3000 to fund Blue Water to perform student assessments and teacher training.

Pastor's Report: Report was submitted.

Old Business:

President-Elect and Education are Council positions needed to be filled.
The Prayer Platform is being integrated by Pastor Scott.

New Business:

Stewardship Committee will work on the fundraising for the parking lot fund.
The hospital guild has requested to use the parking lot for a rummage sale in June. Anne made a motion to approve the request, motion passed.
There was a request for the school district to use the church for the Kindergarten Roundup, which benefits the Anacortes community. Lane made a motion to accept this request, motion passed.
Regarding the Lenten Offerings, Kathy made a motion to give half to the Salvation Army Food Bank and half to Lutherwood, motion passed.
Dave made a motion to split the Easter Thank-Offerings equally between El Camino de Emus Church, the Friendship House in Mt. Vernon and Josephine, motion passed.
Don will meet with ProAlliance Orthopedic Surgeon group in 2 weeks to discuss and look at a new contract regarding the parking lot rental agreement.
Since one of the metal storage cabinets came damaged, a new one was sent the the damaged one was fixed. The plan is to purchase 5 new roasters with available monies and surplus the mismatched roasters.

Kathy moved to adjourn the meeting.

Our next regular council meeting will be held April 11 at 6:30 pm. Please have committee reports in to Julie no later than midnight on **Tuesday**, April 9.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Jacobson, Council Secretary

CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate the Price family on the baptism of their precious baby boy, Arthur Thalweg Price on March 31, 2024!



DATES TO CELEBRATE IN April



Birthday Blessings

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| 01 Breann Morgenthaler | 09 Joseph Faulkner | 20 Malena Baker | 29 Blake Tornga |
| 02 Griffin Hrovat | 11 Rexanne Graham | 20 Diane Berglund | |
| 02 Kaleo Smith | 13 Steve Anderson | 22 David Verrall | |
| 03 Michael Painter | 13 Treva Hanarahan | 24 Dorothy Engom | |
| 03 Isabelle Thomas | 13 Kevin Kennedy | 24 Roselyn Payne | |
| 04 Jennifer Elling | 13 Kathy Khile | 24 Scott Soes | |
| 04 Dale Geffe | 13 Riverlyn Wagner | 25 Johanna Anderson | |
| 05 Daniel Richards | 14 Kyle Fosso | 25 Alex Carroll | |
| 07 Micah Spehar | 17 George Rockwood | 25 Mahayla Thomas | |
| 08 Ginny Connelly | 18 Harlan Eggleston | 26 Rachel Franulovich | |
| 08 Klaus Schoebel | 18 Inez Pedersen | 27 Lauren Long | |
| 08 Lucy Sturgul | 19 Anges Wicknick | 29 Anna Berentson | |
| 08 Kaelan Tornga | 19 Fredrick Wicknick | 29 Rachel Nelson | |



Wedding Anniversaries

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| 02 Dave & Peggy White | 20 Tim & Anne Hofferth |
| 06 Al & Judy Littlefield | 24 Chris & Rachel Franulovich |
| 06 Robert & Lorna Higgins | 27 Bob & Anne Barry |
| 09 Dan & Kathy Khile | 27 Tom & Yvonne Paul |
| 11 Jim & Renata Beltz | |
| 17 Randy & Lynn Arendse | |



2024

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| <p>7 FAMILY & PRAISE SUNDAY EDUCATION Time 9:00a WORSHIP 10:00a Fellowship Hour 11:00a MS & HS Youth Night 6:30p</p> | <p>1 O.A 10:00a Prayer Time 1:30p Girl SCOUTS 5:30p</p> | <p>2 Sewing 9:00a Praise Team 1:00p</p> | <p>3 Staff Meeting 9:30a Prek Chapel 10:45a WORSHIP Comm 11:00a CUB Pack 6:00p Men's Ministry 7:00p</p> | <p>4 Men's Bible Study 7:00a WELCA Board 10:00a Preschool Chapel 10:45a EXECUTIVE BOARD 4:00p</p> | <p>5 PRIME TIMERS 10:00a GET-TOGETHER-FH Elem Playgroup 5:30-7:30</p> | <p>6 Bloom Memorial 1:00p</p> |
| <p>14 EDUCATION Time 9:00a WORSHIP 10:00a Fellowship Hour 11:00a</p> | <p>15 O.A 10:00a LWR Knitting 1:00p Prayer Time 1:30p Girl SCOUTS 5:30p SCOUT B 7:00p</p> | <p>16 Sewing 9:00a SCOUT G 7:00p</p> | <p>17 Staff Meeting 9:30a Prek Chapel 10:45a CUB Pack 6:00p CHOIR Rehearsal 6:30p</p> | <p>18 Men's Bible Study 7:00a Prek Chapel 10:45a Children's Hosp Guild 11:00a SCOUT G Leader 7:00p Jam Session 7:00p</p> | <p>19 Elem Youth Night 5:30-7:30</p> | <p>20 Prime Times BINGO 10:00a</p> |
| <p>21 EDUCATION Time 9:00a WORSHIP 10:00a Fellowship Hour 11:00a 1st Communion Class 11:15a MS & HS Youth Night 6:30p</p> | <p>22 O.A 10:00a Prayer Time 1:30p SCOUT B 7:00p</p> | <p>23 WELCA Mtg 1:00p SCOUT G 7:00p</p> | <p>24 Staff Meeting 9:30a Prek Chapel 10:45a CHOIR Rehearsal 6:30p</p> | <p>25 Men's Bible Study 7:00a Prek Chapel 10:45a Praise Team 1:00p DAISY Troop 5:00p</p> | <p>26</p> | <p>27</p> |
| <p>← Pastor will be at the Bishop's Convocation In Seabeck →</p> | | | | | | |
| <p>28 Education Time 9:00a WORSHIP 10:00a Fellowship Hour 11:00a SCOUT G & B PLC 1:00p/7:00p</p> | <p>29 O.A 10:00a ALTAR Guild 10:30a Prayer Time 1:30p SCOUT B 7:00p</p> | <p>30 Sewing 9:00a SCOUT G 7:00p</p> | | | | |