

We are praying for...

...**Lorraine Carlson**, recently hospitalized in Canton, GA

...**Missionary Eloise Ponsford**, wisdom and discernment as major changes in organizational procedures are made.

...**ELC Global Missions Committee**. During the month of April we invite you to pray with the members of the ELC Global Missions Committee, Julie Chap, Diane Hanson, Ruth Klima, Mary Jean Ortquist and Deb Hammond. We pray:

Break our heart, Lord, for those who still live without the good news of salvation. Make us eager and effective witnesses, sharing the gospel message through every avenue available to us.

...**from our ELC April Prayer Calendar for today, April 12:**

The angel said, "Don't be afraid! I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn't there. He has been raised from the dead!" Praise God, who delivered us from sin and death through His son, Jesus! (Matt. 28:5-6)

Thanks!

Thanks to those who had their picture taken for the ELC pictorial directory.

Didn't get your picture taken? Bring a photograph to the church office to be used for the directory. The larger the photo, the better; a digital photo is best.

Supper served every Wed.

Come for supper and fellowship each Wednesday. Meal served from 5:45-6:45 p.m. **If you're coming for supper, sign up on the sheet** posted on the west

church office window so we know how many people to plan food for. If you can help serve/clean up, look for a separate sign up sheet posted on the west church office window.

Considering membership?

Have you been participating in the life of this congregation for awhile? Thinking about joining? The next membership information classes will be Sunday, April 19 and 26 in the choir room at 9:45 a.m. Attending the information classes in no way obligates you to become a member.

New member reception is May 3 at both services. If you'd like to be received into membership, fill out a "Membership Request" form and turn it in to the church office. The forms are located in the kiosk rack in the northwest church building entry. Stop and pick one up any time the building is open. Have questions? Call the church office M-F between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. The number is 286-5964. Want to talk with Pastor Thorson? His cell phone number is 763-291-3499.



Africa traveler Amanda Carlson at ELC April 19

Learn more about the work Amanda Carlson and her team accomplished during their 6-month stay in Zambia. Amanda will speak at both services on April 19.

DVD of Christ in the Passover available now.

The March 25 "Christ in the Passover" service at ELC was recorded and a DVD is available from the church office for anyone who may be interested in viewing it.

W/ELCA Spring Gathering – Sign up

Sign up soon on the sheet located on the narthex desk if you plan to attend the Crow River Conference W/ELCA Spring Gathering.

This event is April 28 at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 1040 South Grade Road SW, Hutchinson. Registration is at 4:30 p.m. Registration fee is \$6.50. Supper served at 5 p.m. and “Singspiration” begins at 5:45.

A program follows supper, with dedication of the new Crow River Conference banner (banner made by ELC Banner Committee). The speaker is from the Cokato Village Ranch. Offerings will be divided 50% to the Village Ranch and 50% to the SW Synod Women of the ELCA. The business meeting includes election of officers.

The “in-kind” offering is new wrapped bar soap to be donated to Lutheran World Relief. New bars in their original wrapper can be deposited into the container located near the church elevator. Look for the container labeled “Soap”. Thank you.

—Karen Bergmann

Save Sat., May 2 for spring clean up

Bring your rake and garden gloves to help with church grounds clean up on May 2. Work begins at 9 a.m.

In case of inclement weather we will clean up on May 16 beginning at 9 a.m.

Bring along whatever tools you think will be helpful in cleaning up the lawn and flower beds.

Thanks to Sponsors

The altar flowers are given by Jon, Jenny, Katelyn and Kezia Lee in honor of Kevin and Kris Nelson.

The sponsorship of the radio broadcast is given from the Corn Carnival food stand

receipts.

The weekly support for missionary Eloise Ponsford is given by Tom and Kim Morris in honor of son Mark Morris.

The sponsorship for missionaries Pastor Joyce and Ian Graue is given by Gladys Peterson.

Sponsors are needed for Eloise Ponsford for May 10, 17, 24, 31 and June 14, 21, 28.

Sponsors are needed for missionary Pastor Joyce and Ian Graue for April 19, 26, May 17, 24 and June 7, 21, 28.

Altar flower sponsors are needed for June 7, 28, July 5, 12 and August 2, 9.

The white 3-ring sponsor signup notebook is located in the northwest entry kiosk rack. Cost to sponsor missionary Ponsford is \$25/week. Cost to sponsor missionary Graue is \$58/week. If you wish, team up with others to split the sponsorship cost.

Is this yours?

These lost and found items are on the lower level coat rack, in the hall right outside the kitchen door.

- ◆ Turquoise feather-knit scarf.
- ◆ Camouflage fleece scarf.
- ◆ Size women’s M red/white/black trim Columbia jacket.
- ◆ Size L, long sleeve, Lee denim shirt.
- ◆ Size L, short-sleeve, D-C Swim/Dive Tee.
- ◆ Size 1X women’s Worthington lambskin black coat.
- ◆ Knit hat, youth, green-gray-orange stripe.
- ◆ American Eagle knit cap, grey-blue-tan.
- ◆ Purple mittens
- ◆ Knit gloves.

Unclaimed items are eventually donated to Sharing and Caring Hands.

Leadership Support Sunday coming soon

Some churches are places where financial resources are abundant and other churches serve as incubators for new clergy. The SW MN Synod Funds for Leadership Support makes it possible for these resources to come together through our synod organization to do great things. April 26 is the Sunday to make your contribution to this fund.

Bridal Shower



There will be an open house bridal shower for Amber Artzer, bride-to-be of Greg Peterson, in the church fellowship hall Saturday, April

18, from 10 a.m. to noon.

VBS is coming!

Mark your calendars! The adventure begins on Monday, June 8 and continues through Friday, June 12, from 6:00 to 8:20 each evening. Children who have been in the 3-year-old Sunday School class through 4th graders are invited to attend. Our theme is "Crocodile Dock" and we will be learning about God's Word with children from other local churches. Join us out at St. John's Education Center for VBS this year. Watch for registration forms in May.

We are in need of many volunteers. Check the sign-up sheet on the church office window, or contact Amy Thostenson if you can help.

Garden space is available

Evangelical Lutheran has vacant land suitable for gardening adjacent to the ELC cemetery in Cokato. The land will be plowed and ready to plant by May 10. Contact Jack Peterson (286-5916) if you are interested in planting a garden-size plot for yourself. There is a big enough area

available for multiple garden plots and anyone is welcome to have a garden.

Hear bishop candidates speak at upcoming forums

Bishop election will take place at the Synod Assembly, June 12-14, 2009 at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter. Information about the nominees will arrive in mid-April and will also be posted on the Synod Website (swmnelca.org).

Hear bishop nominees speak at an April candidate forum at one of these churches: April 26, 2:30-4:30 p.m. at Kviteseid Lutheran, 308 N. 3rd St., Milan, MN.

April 26, 7-9 p.m. at Paynesville Lutheran, 657 Maple St, Paynesville, MN.

April 27, 7-9 p.m. at St. Stephen Lutheran, 1301 S 4th St., Marshall, MN.

April 28, 7-9 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran, 217 Brackenridge St SW, Sleepy Eye, MN.

In the community...

- West Central Christian Seniors invites those aged 50+ to their "Spring" luncheon to be held at First Baptist Church, Cokato, Tuesday, April 21, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Special music by Bob Warner. Jaime Baker speaks on the topic "All About Functional Industries". Devotional speaker is Lyndon Korhonen. Reserve your spot by calling Estelle Rokala at 286-6771 by Saturday, April 18.
- Bloodmobile will be at St. James Lutheran School, 1000 6th St., Howard Lake, on Tues., April 21 from 1-7 p.m.
- St. John's Lutheran Church, 410 First Street N, Winsted, invites the public to a chicken dinner to be held at the church

April 26 serving from 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Fifty cents given to the McLeod Cty Food Shelf with purchase of each adult dinner ticket. Adults \$8.50, ages 4-11 \$5.50, under 3 free. Take outs \$8.50.

- Spring into the full potential of your marriage! Attend the April 25-26 Marriage Encounter Weekend at the Dakota Ridge Hotel on 35E and Yankee Doodle in Eagan. Visit marriages.org for a listing of retreats or call 651-454-3238.
- Teen Challenge announces its first annual fishing contest to be held Sat., May 30, on Gull Lake near Brainerd. The event is for anglers of all skill-levels. They will compete and raise funds for one of the most successful drug and alcohol treatment programs in Minnesota, Teen Challenge. Entry blanks and details are available on line at the Minnesota Teen Challenge web site, www.mntc.org or from the ELC "Community" bulletin board.

Quarterly Financial Forum

The quarterly financial forum is April 19 at 9:45 a.m. in the church fellowship hall. Stay abreast of ELC's finances by attending the forum.

We are blessed to be a blessing

Undesignated offerings April 5, 2009	
Pledges	\$8,449.00
Loose	\$48.50
	\$8,497.50
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Sunday School.....	\$46.25
Improvement	\$557.00
World Hunger.....	\$250.00
Partners in Growth	\$50.00

Operating Loan..... \$11,250.00

April 1 Lent offering \$355.50

Look for the "Welcome" offering envelope in the pew rack if you are a visitor or if you've forgotten your offering envelope today.

Youth Corner

YDT April 15 -

All Youth should go directly to the Dassel-Cokato Performing Arts Center (PAC). *D/C United* starts at 6:30 p.m.

Family supper at 5:45 at ELC church if interested. Everyone is welcome for supper!

Summer Splash Camp and Mission Trip

If you are signed-up, please get your deposit in as soon as you can manage. \$50 for the Mission Trip and \$75 for Splash. Look for upcoming info meetings this spring. (If money is an issue, please see Nate to apply for scholarships)

D/C United

April 15th – PAC 6:30 p.m

65thers Schedule

Wednesday, the 15th - Normal 65thers
 Wednesday, the 22nd – Normal 65thers
 Wednesday, the 29th – Normal 65thers

YDT

April 15th – 6:30 p.m. D/C United for all youth! Be there!

April 22nd – Normal YDT with Parents

April 29th – Normal YDT

Pick up an April Events Calendar in the Narthex or from Nate today!

Worship Attendance

April 5 - 189 at 8:30 a.m.
 162 at 11 a.m.

Sunday, 4/12/2009 Easter	6:00 a 8:30 a 9:30 a 9:45 a 10:30 a	Easter Sunrise Service Communion service; live on KLFD 1410 AM radio Coffee fellowship NO Sunday School Communion service
Monday, 4/13/2009	1:00 p 6:30– 8:30 p	Large Staff meets Biblical Financial Forum (meets in the youth room)
Tuesday, 4/14/2009	9:00 a 5:30 p 5:50 p	Women's bible study (Esther Circle) Faithfully Fit Forever Group Piano lessons - Holm students
Wed., 4/15/2009	12:00 p 3:25-6 p 3:30 p 4:00 p 4:30 p 5:45 p 6:30 p 6:45 p 8 p	Bulletin supplement copy deadline Piano lessons - Holm Students NO Sixty-Fifthers (Grades 5-6) Cherub Choir Rehearsal NO Chapel Choir Rehearsal Family supper served in the Fellowship Hall; everyone welcome. D-C United (at the D-C Performing Arts Center); meet at the PAC. Chancel Choir Rehearsal Proclaim Rehearsal
Thursday, 4/16/2009	4:45 p 5 p 5:30 p	Piano lessons - Holm students Banner Committee meets Faithfully Fit Forever Group
Friday, 4/17/2009	10 a 2:30 p	Edgewood Gables communion service Bulletin assembly crew meets
Saturday 4/18/2009	7 a 10 a	Men's Bible Study Bridal shower for Amber Artzer/Greg Peterson
Sunday, 4/19/2009	8:30 a 9:30 a 9:30 a 9:45 a 11:00 a	Traditional service; Amanda Carlson speaks Coffee fellowship Quarterly Financial Forum Sunday School Contemporary communion service; Amanda Carlson speaks

ELC Prayer Chain update

The ELC prayer chain consists of people who have committed to pray whenever they are notified of urgent, immediate prayer requests. Some people on the chain are notified of prayer needs by telephone and some are notified by e-mail. More information about the prayer chain update will be printed in the May *Pulse* newsletter.

If you feel called to this ministry of prayer and would like to be included on the prayer

chain list as a "pray-er" please call the church office. Additions to the list will be taken until May 11. After that date a new prayer chain list will be finalized. Call the church office at 286-5964 or email to celcdeb@embarqmail.com if you want your name included on the prayer chain list.

Thanks to those helping today

Musicians

Organist Karen Anderson; members of the Chancel Choir and Director Toni Thorson; members of the Chapel Choir and Director Eric Munson; members of the Cherub Choir and Director Amy Thostenson; the *Proclaim* worship band.

Ushers

8:30 a.m. – Tom Berggren, Mike Holmquist, Gary Lundeen, Alan Melquist, Lee Dahlquist, Andrew Lundeen.

11 a.m. – Phil Johnson, Allan Sorenson, Becky Sorenson, Duane Melquist, Jeff Salmela.

Acolytes, Nursery Attendants, Greeters

Acolyte at 8:30 a.m. – Ashlyn Davis

Acolyte at 10:30 a.m. – Carter Westling.

Nursery Attendants at 8:30 a.m. – Alisa Johnson, Amanda Mattson.

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Greeters at 6:30 a.m. – Eric Munson

Greeters at 8:30 a.m. – Carl & Nora Morris, Jim & Deb Loe.

Greeters at 10:30 a.m. – John & Nancy Buschel, Paul and Veda Davis.

Communion Helpers at 8:30 a.m. – Tom & Kim Morris, Deb Loe, Daniel Morris.

Communion Helpers at 10:30 a.m. – Ken & Barb Bakke, Denise Ertl, Jordann Hoernemann.

Thanks to Serving Group 12, chaired by Jeanne & Bruce Cressy, Naomi & Mick Hoiem and Joann Lind, for hosting April Sunday morning coffee fellowship.