

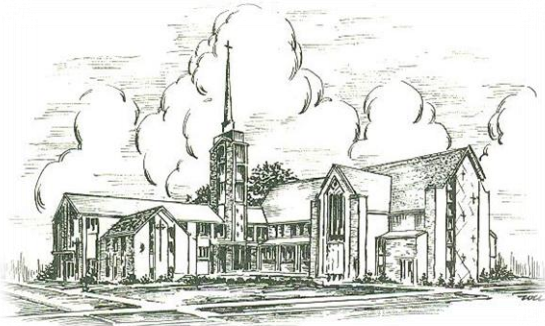
# Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church News

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## Sundays at Our Redeemer's:

9:00 a.m. – Worship  
10:00 a.m. – Sunday School

## Worship on Wednesday:

5:30 p.m. – Meal  
6:00 p.m. – Worship  
\* No WOW in Summer \*Different meal & worship times during Lent.

**93.5 KSCR 103.5 FM** **11:00 a.m. - Listen**  
RADIO WITH ROOTS 1290 AM **to our week delayed**  
**Sunday worship**



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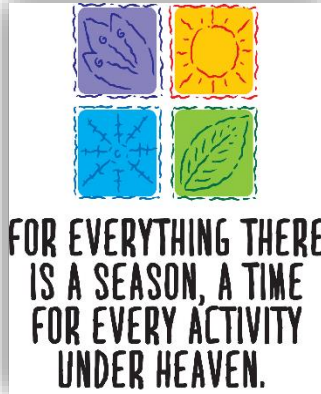
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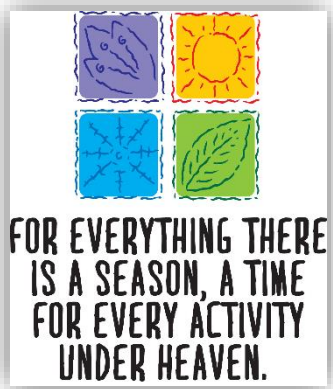
*"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." – Ecclesiastes 3:1*

This week, I decided it was finally safe to put the snowblower away. I even had the chance to plant potatoes and get 2 rounds of golf in on this beautiful weekend we just enjoyed. The season has dramatically changed in the last few weeks, and for many of us, it is a most welcome change.

The changes in our weather aren't the only seasons that we experience in our life. In fact, King Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes that "for everything there is a season." I encourage you to read the whole chapter of Ecclesiastes 3 along with this article. Solomon gives many examples of "changing seasons" in that chapter. Here are a few examples: our life in its entirety is but a season in the greater concept of time. There is a planting season which we are now entering times of sadness and times of laughter, seasons to save and store, and there are times to spend and give.

For many of us, the warmer weather isn't the only change happening right now. Several in our church family are planning weddings in the next few months. Marriage begins a new season of life! Some of our families are expecting babies while others are planning baptisms, many of you are entering into a time each year that you define as "lake season," we have graduating seniors in our congregation who are ending this season of life and heading off to a new stage of life in the fall, and we have college seniors who are graduating and taking jobs. These are just a few of the ways that our lives change over the course of time, and these kinds of things happen all through life!

At the end of his list of seasons in Ecclesiastes 3, Solomon says that this is the business God has given to mankind and that He has made everything beautiful in its time. You know, these kinds of changes are often wonderful, but there are also changing seasons that are hard and filled with sorrow. Those seasons can last days or weeks, months or even years! One of the main points of the book of Ecclesiastes is that God is with us through all these seasons of life...



Because of that, Solomon says in Ecclesiastes 3:12-13 that the best thing for mankind in whatever we do in any season is to be joyful, “do good” as long as we live, and take pleasure in our toil or work, whatever it is. He says that this is God’s gift to man.

Sometimes changes in our life cause fear. By nature, we don’t always like change. If that’s you, whether you’re graduating from high school or college, getting married or having a baby, moving or retiring, remember that God is in control, He’s good to you, and He’ll take care of you, so enjoy whatever God has in store for your next season of life!

See you in Church,

Pastor Zane



**Baccalaureate**  
WORSHIP SERVICE

### Community Baccalaureate Service

Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Pilgrim Church. This service is for all graduating seniors, families, and friends. Area congregations will be participating in the service. Join us for this meaningful service for our local graduates. Pastor Zane is the guest preacher this year. Come Join us.

### Jello Fest / Last WOW until fall

Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> is our last WOW until the fall.

Time has flown by once again and there are so many to thank.

1. Dedicated weekly music leaders who volunteer their time on Wednesday’s.
2. The committees and families who prepared meals for the evening.

All volunteers.

A great gift was given this year as so many shared the load.

**What is Jello Fest?** It is a fun-filled worship time that begins with a meal.

Everyone who attends is invited to bring a jello or salad of their choosing.

You may attend even if you are not bringing any food to share. There will be plenty to go around as it is a potluck. A main course will be provided as well.

Even if you plan on attending Sunday morning worship this is a mid-week time of renewal with food and worship.

So mark your calendar and join us!



### Confirmation Class Schedule

5:30 PM – Meal  
6:00 PM – Wow Worship  
6:45 PM – Confirmation Class

<b>April 10<sup>th</sup></b>	7-9 <sup>th</sup> Confirmation Class
<b>April 17<sup>th</sup></b>	7-9 <sup>th</sup> Confirmation Class
<b>April 24<sup>th</sup></b>	7-9 <sup>th</sup> Confirmation Class
<b>May 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Meet with 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade only? (TBD)

### Senior Recognition Sunday – May 12<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. – Worship Service in your honor  
10:00 a.m. – Coffee Hour / Reception

Congratulations to our 2024 High School Graduates!

<i>Brielle Abner</i>	<i>Christopher Danielson</i>	<i>Gracie Ness</i>
<i>Gabe Abner</i>	<i>Adeline DeToy</i>	<i>Presley Nygaard</i>
<i>Isabella Alsaker</i>	<i>Charlie Goff</i>	<i>Jordan Schmidt</i>
<i>Nicholas Bolduc</i>	<i>Derek Johnson</i>	<i>Dakota Wrobleski</i>
	<i>Cowan Mortenson</i>	

When God is our companion as we walk the road in life, there is help for every problem and grace for every strife. We'll find that we've been happy along the path we've trod, when in faith we make the journey, hand-in-hand beside our God.

### Last Day of Sunday School / Spring Into Summer

Sunday School will be singing on May 12<sup>th</sup>, this is also the last day of Sunday school until the fall. Thank you to all those who have led, volunteered, taught and helped in each and every way with the Sunday school program! Our Annual Spring into Summer event will be on this day from 10:00 - 12:00 p.m. There will be outdoor games after worship to enjoy. Sunday school students will go out with their class and snacks will be available. Families are encouraged to join!



Our 5<sup>th</sup> graders had their First Communion on Maundy Thursday.  
Congratulations on this special milestone in your faith journey!



**Mark your Calendars: Luther Crest Day Camp**

July 22<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-3:00 for this years K-6<sup>th</sup> graders.

Information and registration forms will go home with Sunday school students.



**Flamingo Flocking**

Dates: TBD



The flamingos have migrated to MN! Flamingos will be showing up in people's yards. They can be removed from your yard, for a fee. For \$20 you can have them removed from your yard, AND you get to choose their next destination! All proceeds will go towards the youth traveling to New Orleans this coming summer!



# YOUTH FOR HIRE

April 27 & 28th

**\*\*Note Date Changes\*\***

Need a hand? The Youth attending the Youth Gathering in New Orleans are able to help. We can help with yard work to moving something heavy. Pay what you see fit.

**Minimum of \$20 per kid**

**CONTACT AINSLEY OR MATTHEW**  
ourredeemersyouth@gmail.com

**Sign Up Ends April 24th**



### Adopt A Planter

The east and west church planters are available for adoption. Plant your flowers and watch them grow. You'll be responsible for watering and weeding. What a great way to brighten up the outside of the church for the summer! Call or email the church office if you would like to adopt a planter.



### Quilting

Last day of quilting before summer break is May 15<sup>th</sup>

### Personal Care Kits

The collection for personal care items will end on May 1<sup>st</sup>. We will be packing them up for Lutheran World Relief then. Thank you all for your generosity. God's work our hands.



- 1 bath towel, dark color (20 x 40)
- 1 metal nail file or nail clipper
- 2 bath-size bars of soap (4-5 oz.). Please no bulk soap.
- 1 tooth brush
- 1 wide-tooth comb

\*Wrap in a towel and tie securely with ribbon or yarn.

Please place in the labeled cart in the Narthex. Thanks!



benson area memory loss network

## Voices of Joy

memory choir

Voices of Joy Memory Choir is for people in the early to mid-stages of memory loss, their care partners and singing volunteers who come together to share their love of music!

It's where people can make friends, laugh together and contribute to their community.

*Where words fail, music speaks!*

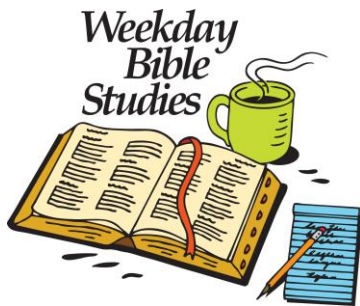
*Join us!*

**Dates:** TUESDAYS

**Location:** Scandi Haven Village in Benson (use south door)

**Time:** 9:30 - 10:00 am Social, 10:00 - 11:00am Singing

**For more information contact:** Gwen Degner at 701-261-8920



## Bible Study

Thank you to Kathy Svingen for her leadership in presenting the "Chosen" series for our Bible Study. Season 3 is finished and we will meet again for Season 4 starting in the fall.

## Kids of the Kingdom Birthdays



5-2	Michael Gonzalez	5-14	Samuel Tolifson
5-5	Ezra Cournoyea	5-15	Alison Emmert
5-7	Harper Wrobleski	5-15	Christopher Danielson
5-9	Levi Wentzel	5-18	Declan DeToy
5-9	Sadie Simonson	5-18	Jameson Klucas
5-11	Amelia Kowal	5-20	Clara Klucas
5-12	Sophia Krusemark	5-22	Meg Collins
5-13	Mckenzie Fernholz	5-26	Lauryn Fahje
5-14	Harper Fahje	5-28	Sage Syltie
		5-31	Henry Wallace

## For Healing and Strength



Kae Roebing (daughter of Sharon Ness), Joseph Cornell (cousin of Angel Mooberry), Christy Enstad, Blake Enstad (son of Christy Enstad), LouElla Brown, Aaran Joneson (cousin of Christy Enstad), Jon Luikart (brother-in-law of Peggy & Kevin Bausman), Sharon Cronen, Deb Anderson, John Lee (son of Angie Lee), Eryn Patton (relative of Helen & Jim Norstedt), Josh Heuring (son of Greg & Jodie Heuring), Chad Uhden, Stetson Koehl (great grandson of Iola Thielke), Margaret Reich, Lew Nokleby, Mike Holte, Al Pina (brother-in-law of Linda Wall), Weston Nickle (great-grandson of David & Diane Janson), Sean Bolduc, Samantha Thompson (granddaughter of Jerry & Connie Opoien).

## Our Redeemer's Milestones

**Departed Loved Ones:** Jim Peterson (brother of Jerry Peterson), Paul Nolte (grandfather of Ainsley Anderson), Marlene Kent (mother of Amanda Klucas)



## We Gratefully Acknowledge



- \$50 to the General Fund in loving memory of Richard Toutge (passed away 3/20/1992), given by his sister, Darlene Iverson and family.
- \$200 to the Parish Nurse Fund in memory of Vernon Vergin, given by Char Vergin.
- \$20 to repairs and maintenance in memory of Russell Aldrich, given by Susan Nokleby.
- \$50 to the Cemetery Fund in loving memory of Richard Toutge, given by Darrell & Dorothy Toutge.
- \$50 to the General Fund in memory of Marvin Iverson, given by Darlene Iverson.

## Options to Support our Media Ministries: Radio & Video Broadcasts

If you would like to sponsor the radio and/or video broadcast in honor of, in memory of, in appreciation of, or in celebration of a loved one, please call or email the Church Office.

*Available upcoming dates are:*

<u>Radio:</u>	\$35	<u>Video:</u>	\$20
May – 5, 12		May – 5, 12	
June – 2, 9, 16, 23, 30		June – 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	
July – 7, 21		July – 7, 21	



## Radio Broadcasts

**April 28:** In loving memory of Jean Alsaker (birthdate: April 29<sup>th</sup>), given by Jay & Val Alsaker.

## Video Broadcasts

**April 28:** In loving memory of Curt & Alice Pierce (anniversary date: April 27<sup>th</sup>), given by Jay & Val Alsaker.

## Radio & Video Broadcasts

**May 19:** In memory of Ronald Williams on what would have been his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday on May 19<sup>th</sup> and in honor of Dorothy Williams's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 16<sup>th</sup>, given by their family.

**May 26:** In honor of Shirley Evenson's birthday on May 26<sup>th</sup>, given by her family.





## Our Redeemer's Women

Our busy time for the ORW winter and spring events are coming to an end. I need to give a huge THANK YOU to the many of our congregation. There is so much talent and energy shown. If I forget anyone, please pardon me. That is the risk of specific Thank-yous.

**Bible Studies:** Thank you to Kathy Svingen for your leadership in presenting the "Chosen" series. She always surprises us with treats that match the theme of the episode. I am aware of our Bible Study leaders that meet at different times. Thank you for your dedication. The "Chosen" season 4 will begin again this fall. Watch for date and time.

**ORW Efforts:** We met our financial goals and were able to give to 18 mission organizations. These range from local, state and international efforts. This could not happen without the whole congregation working together. The Smorgasbord provides the most to our funds.

**Spring Luncheon:** Thank you to units 1 & 2 for a delightful day. Beautiful music was provided by Diane Loen and Sarah Skarsten. Laughter was provided by Helen Berheim and Joyce Nokleby. Susan Snow once again shared her talent with the brochures and programs. Thrivent helped with the cost of the event. This organizations funds help defray expenses so that the free-will offering went to the Swift County Food Shelf.

**The Quilters:** This group is amazing. Last year they donated 132 quilts to our church members, community needs and the Lutheran World Relief. This spring they will present quilts to our graduates. What a blessing they are. They will be having a break in May for the summer and will start up again in the fall. They always welcome others to come and join them.

I am in the process of writing reports for our various sister organizations: the Glacial Ridge Conference and the SW MN Synodical Women's Convention. They have asked for reports to share ways our church has been active in the past year.

### Mission Community/Justice

- 98 quilts given for community needs
- Over \$1900 for Swift County Food Shelf and Outreach

### Mission Growth/Discipleship

- Coffee Hour following Church service: donations to various organizations
- Bibles for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders
- Several Bible studies including community based Bible studies
- Palm Sunday community worship/concert
- 3 large fundraisers: Smorgasbord, Advent Luncheon, Spring Luncheon

### Mission Action/Stewardship

- 20 quilts for Lutheran World Relief
- 18 mission organizations, large portion of the ORW budget
- Packets of personal care kits for the Lutheran World Relief

#### Date to Remember:

*Sunday- September 22, 2024*

Food, Garden Produce and  
Craft Sale

**Help Wanted:** Two co-chairs for the Annual Smorgasbord. Please say "yes" if asked.

Enjoy the summer and stay safe and well.

Patty Gomer, President of ORW



MAY	5	12	19	26
<b>Projector Operator</b>	Kim Ulland	Sue Hess	Peggy Bausman	Donna Tatge
<b>Communion Servers</b>	TBD TBD TBD	X	TBD TBD TBD	X
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Ron Hanson	Seniors	TBD	TBD
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	TBD	TBD	Roger & Jan Rohne	TBD
<b>Acolyte</b>	Tara Beyer	Micah Schwiderski	Meg Collins	Trenton Enstad

**USHERS**

Kent Evenson, Doug Clark, Grant Evenson, Gene Anderson

**ALTAR GUILD**

Jan Baukol, Shirley Evenson, Ann Forsberg, Joyce Leedah

**WOW VOLUNTEERS**

April 10<sup>th</sup> – Nancy Hilleren

April 17<sup>th</sup> – Outreach Board

April 24<sup>th</sup> – Sue Hess & Carole Holmgren



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## ORLC Council Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2024

**In Attendance:** Linda Wall, Sarah Jaeger, Holly Olson, Eric Hedman, Mike Forsberg, Jessica Schwendemann and Pastor Zane Anderson

**Absent:** Dave Vollan

**Devotion:** Eric Hedman

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm

**Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Linda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Holly to accept the consent agenda. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report – as noted, see attached.

Treasurer's Report – as noted, see attached.

**Pastor's Report:** Palm Sunday planning is coming along nicely. 5<sup>th</sup> grade first communion is planned for Maundy Thursday with a meal for their families. **Monthly Staff Reports:** Youth and Family Ministry: Met with the youth board and planned the rest of the Sunday school year. Discussed God Squad, plan to start in the fall of 2024. Ordered new pool sticks for the game room. Large group Sunday school events planned, previously these went well. Applied for Sonstog Foundation grant for the national youth trip. Held a Valentines Day pasta bar event fundraiser for the national youth trip. Easter egg fundraiser and planning a 'parent's afternoon out' babysitter event soon. Parish Nurse: 26 patient visits, staff meetings, and trips to Glenwood and Willmar. Assisting with a grief support group and memory loss choir events.

**Board Reports:** No updates.

**Old Business:** Continued discussion on how to keep the congregation engaged.

**New Business:** Cemetery Records will be given to the Cemetery Board. Discussed ways to communicate needed information to various people throughout the church.

A motion was made by Linda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jessica to move \$50,000 from designated C. Thorseon Fund to money market checking account at Thrivent Financial. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Holly to update signature authority at First Security Bank to be Linda Wall, Sarah Jaeger and Katrina Johnson. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mike, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Holly to add Linda Wall, Sarah Jaeger and Katrina Johnson to the new money market account at Thrivent Financial. Motion passed.

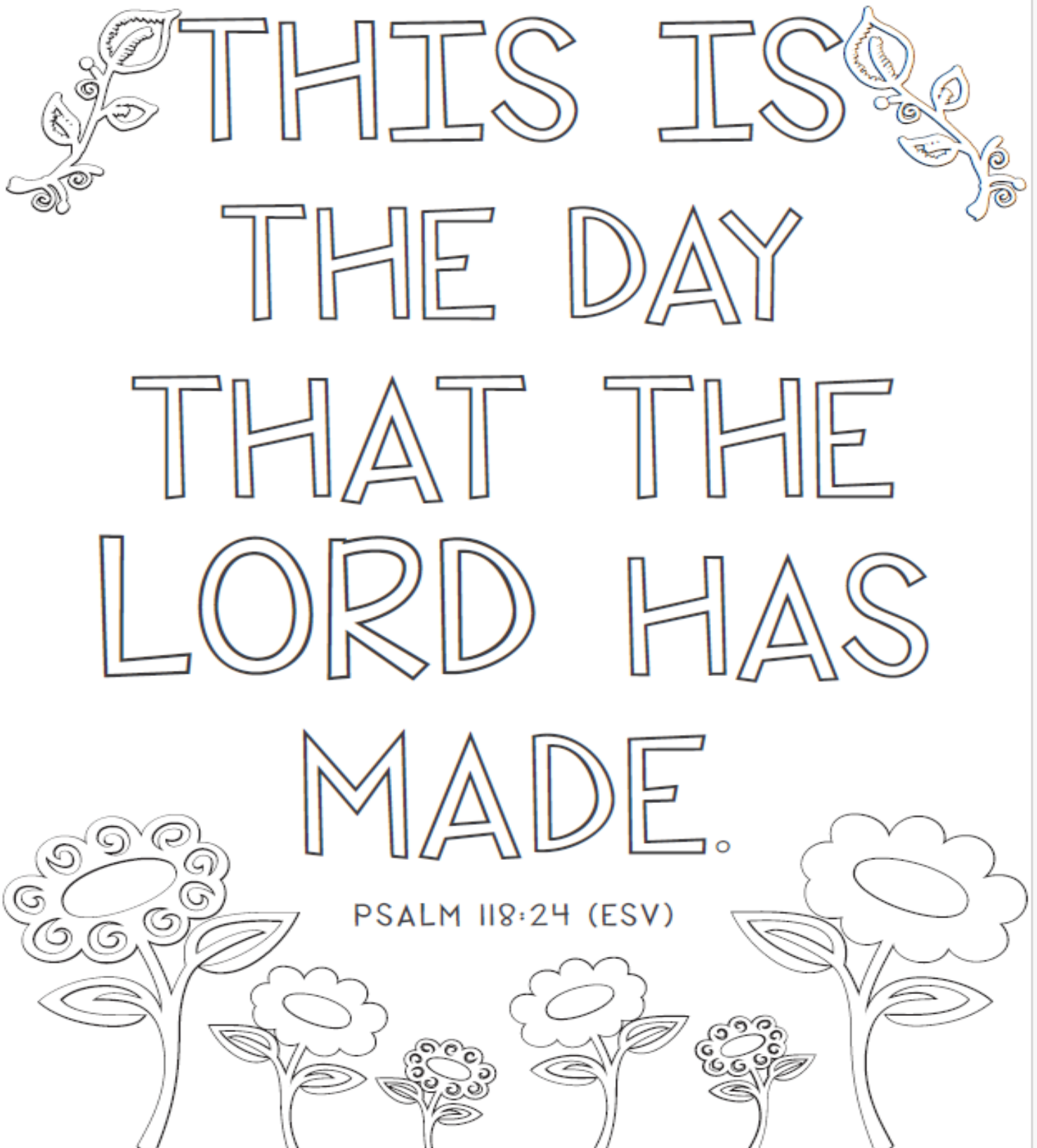
**Next Devotion:** Mike

**Next Meeting:** Monday April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm

Respectfully submitted by Holly Olson

Coloring Page



# May 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1 WOW 9:00 FFF/Staff/Quilting 5:15 Yoga/Exercise 5:30 Meal/6:00 WOW 6:45 Choir/9th Gr. only? (TBD)	2 1:00 Knitting(Library)	3 9:00 FFF	4 11 FH RENTAL Church Rental (Afternoon)
5 9:00 Worship w/Comm. 10:00 Coffee Hr./SS Baptism of Wrenley DeHaan	6 9:00 FFF 5:15 Yoga/Exercise	7 1:00 Knitting(Library)	8 WOW 9:00 FFF/Staff/Quilting 5:15 Yoga/Exercise 5:30 Meal/6:00 WOW	9 1:00 Knitting(Library)	10 9:00 FFF	11 FH RENTAL Church Rental (Afternoon)
12 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Hr./Grad. Reception 10-12:00 Spring Into Summer Event Last day of Sunday School until fall	13 9:00 FFF 6:00 Council Meeting	14 1:00 Knitting(Library)	15 WOW 9:00 FFF/Staff/Quilting 5:30 Jello Feast/6:00 WOW Last WOW until fall Last day of Quilting until fall	16 1:00 Knitting(Library)	17 9:00 FFF 6:00 Sons of Norway	18 18 FH RENTAL Church Rental (Afternoon)
19 9:00 Worship w/Comm. 10:00 Coffee Hr.	20 9:00 FFF	21 1:00 Knitting(Library)	22 9:00 FFF/Staff	23 10:30 Scandi Haven Comm. 1:00 Knitting(Library)	24 9:00 FFF	25 1:00-4:00 Church Rental FH RENTAL
26 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee Hour	27 MEMORIAL DAY Office Closed	28 1:00 Knitting(Library)	29 9:00 FFF/Staff	30 1:00 Knitting(Library)	31 9:00 FFF	1 1 FH RENTAL Church Rental
2	3	<p>Happy Mother's Day!</p> <p>This Month's Calendar is subject to change. Please watch the bulletin/e-news for updates or changes. Thank You!</p> 				

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# May

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**May 12<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. – Senior Recognition Sunday Worship Service  
10:00 a.m. – Reception for Seniors / Last day of Sunday school until fall  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. – Spring into Summer Event

**May 15<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 p.m. – Jello Fest  
6:00 p.m. – Last WOW until fall

**May 27<sup>th</sup>**

Office Closed – In observance of Memorial Day

