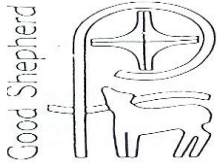




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*April's newsletter has taken on
a new look!*

*News was a little scarce this
month so we decided to try a
new format. Like it? Yes?
No?*

Please let us know!!

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,
Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

As an Easter people, we celebrate the joyful promise of Christ's resurrection – the promise that His resurrection will be ours and that of all believers in Christ. Easter is also a time when we witness the turn of the season from cloudy gray to vibrant green as the fields and lawns around us flourish with new growth, new life, and new beginnings. And in this season of new beginnings I myself am jubilant as we (you and I) begin our new ministry together.

One of the things I'm looking forward to as your new pastor during this April of Eastertide relates to baptism. In baptism our old sinful self is drowned and we are remade to live a new life together with Christ. On April 17 we will witness the baptism of two young children who will be given this precious sacramental gift. Although they will almost certainly not remember this special day (as most of us may also have no memories of our own baptisms), they and we all do "remember" our baptism whenever we repent of our sins and ask for God's forgiveness. This is something we do most Sundays at the beginning of the service, but affirming our baptism is something we should think about doing every day.

Affirmation of baptism is something our 9th grade confirmands will be doing as well on April 24. I wish I had more time to get to know these young men and women in confirmation classes, but even in our brief time together I have witnessed their growing faith and their budding fruits of the Spirit. I hope that you will join with me in giving thanks to God for these young people on this milestone of their Christian faith.

Peace be with y'all!



Pastor Keith Lankford



Dear WELCA Members:

Once again we had a successful Valentine Tea. I believe 76 ladies attended – up some from last year. Lots of comments about how nice the tables looked, and of course all the good sandwiches and desserts. A big THANK YOU to everyone involved who make this happen so it goes off without a hitch!

Our church's annual meeting was held, and we also had to say our good byes and thank yous to Pastor Dahl. What a blessing that he was here until we got a new pastor. We made the call and Keith Lankford and his wife Chantell answered. Another Blessing! Pastor Keith will be installed on Saturday, March 12, at 11:00 AM, with a congregation potluck to follow. Let's pray for God's guidance for Keith and our congregation.

Spring will be here soon! Although with the weather we've had in February you'd think it was already here. We're in the Lenten season, and joyful of God's love that His Son died for our sins. He is Risen!

Nancy Peterson
WELCA President

MEN'S BREAKFAST – JoJo's

Thursday, April 2nd 9:00 AM

Come and join us for food, fellowship and Bible study.
Open to men of all ages.



In Our Prayers

Lloyd & Barb Amundson Beverly Bjerketvedt, LuJean Juvrud Betsy Peterson,
Evelyn Mitchell Ken Moenck, Ida Peterson, Judy Curtis, Keith Lovell,
Parents of Pr. Steve Dahl, Dorothy Nordgren, Lou Ann Johnson

Serving in April

Barry and Carleen Markuson Neal and Terry Oscarson Jim and Julie Espeland
Don and Mary Seipkes Jim and Cindy Dilly Tom and Lisa Nygaard Jeff and Deb Alberg
Richard Brogard

Our Giving* in February		Attendance
3/2**	\$ 277.00	40
3/6	\$ 2150.00	53
3/9	\$ 234.00	36
3/12	\$ 434.00	90
Pr. Keith's Installation Service		
3/13	\$2026.00	85
3/16	\$ 357.00	35
3/20	\$ 2037.00	120

*\$3900.00 is needed each week in order for us
to stay on budget. **Lenten Services included



Mike Wardlow will be celebrating his 80th Birthday on April 3, 2016 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at St. Edward Catholic Church. Please stop by for cake and coffee to help him celebrate his special day!

During the month of April you will see a new face in the Church Office!!! Betty Sheeley graciously agreed to take my spot while Terry and I finally take a trip to Florida and other points South! Since I didn't want to put too much on her plate the May newsletter will go out when I return the 1st of May, but in the meantime let her or Pastor Keith know what news we need to add for May and if you like the new format.

Thank you and I'll see you when we get back!!

Nancy O.