

THIS WEEKEND

Thurs. Apr. 17	1:30 pm 2:15 pm	Long Term Care Communion Rolling Green Communion
Fri. Apr. 18	10:00 am	Bulletin Volunteers
Sat. Apr. 19	12:00 pm 5:00 pm	Bicycle Safety with Nevada Police Holden Evening Prayer
Sun. Apr. 20	8:30 am 9:00 am 10:15 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	First Communion Picture Worship with First Communion All Ages Fellowship Sunday School Prayer Shawl Ministry Seder Meal
Mon. Apr. 21	4:00 pm	Girl Scouts
Tues. Apr. 22	9:00 am 9:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Mary Circle Messenger Help Golden K Girl Scouts Stephen Ministers
Wed. Apr. 23	5:45 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm	Living Faith Nights Meal 7& 8th Gr and Parents <i>Living Faith</i> 9th Gr and Mentors Congregation Conversations



Seventh Grade Bake Sale. The seventh graders will hold a bake sale this weekend, April 19 and 20. **Including the money raised from the Easter breakfast, they are now within \$856 of reaching the goal to send the class to camp.**

Please consider donating a

baked item to be sold, and buying a baked item to take home. Baked items may be dropped off on Friday or Saturday. It is helpful if they are packaged for easy selling. Thank you for supporting the efforts of the seventh graders in earning their way to Confirmation Camp at Lutheran Lakeside coming up in June.

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PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday of Easter

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, this week's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. The promise is foreshadowed each week when our Lord makes a place for us at the Table of Holy Communion.

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First Communion Celebrated by Second Graders.

Catelynn Adelmund, Carter Bremer, Matthew Chitty, Brianna Cole, Kennedy Wierson, Hannah Dilka, Cole Dulaney, Mackenzie Dunson, Luke Fevold, Katherine Johannes, Ryleigh Kerns, Luke Merfeld, Courtnee Milam, Baylee Milam, Hattie Rhodes, Parker Walden, and Mikayla Long will receive First Communion with their families this Sunday. We welcome them to the Lord's Table!

Welcome Seminarian Howard! We rejoice in having Seminarian Howard back with us and helping with worship this weekend.

Fifth Graders and Families Will Enjoy Seder Meal on Sunday at 5:00 pm.

Fifth graders and their families will experience the story of Exodus and the foods of the Passover Seder at 5:00 pm on Sunday. This is an annual event for students in the fifth grade. Fifth grade families are reminded to call or email your RSVP as soon as possible.

Bicycle Safety Event with Nevada Police. Memorial will be the location for this event on Saturday, April 19 beginning at 12:00 noon in the parking lot.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Living Faith Nights. The evening begins with dinner at 5:45 pm and electives starting at 6:30 pm. There are a variety of options for children and adults of all ages. Seventh and eighth graders and parents will continue *Living Faith* confirmation study. Ninth graders and mentors will begin a course and dialogues on living as a Christian adult.

All Congregation Conversations Begin . Each week during Living Faith Night is new elective offering for adults called *Faith Out Loud*. It is a conversation about the Ministry Group Blueprint and Timeline. A different ministry group will facilitate each week through May 7.

Spring Camping Retreat April 25-27. Register now to attend the Spring Camping Retreat at Camp Quaker Heights near Eldora, Ia. An information sheet and registration form is available on the greeter's table in the narthex. Modern lodging and facilities are available as well as tent and RV sites.

Pastor's Forum on April 27 at 10:45 am. The beliefs and values adopted by the congregation includes the value: *Reaching spirit led decisions by consensus through discernment in listening, patience, and prayer.* A Pastor's Forum will be held on Sunday, April 27 in Fellowship Hall to answer the questions: What does the Bible say about consensus?, What is the history of consensus decision-making in the church?, How are Christian congregations practicing consensus decision-making today?, and Why is it important? These questions will be explored at the forum. As new initiatives are being explored that include the whole congregation in the conversation and decision-making, it will be important to understand the process for decision-making that we value as a congregation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stephen Ministers Don't Want You to be All Alone. All alone? Don't be. God doesn't want us to be all alone. He wants us to turn to others when things are bothering us. Men particularly find it difficult and awkward to reach out for help. They think they can make it alone, and they probably can. But it's a lot easier to make it through a difficult time if you have a Stephen Minister to talk to. Stephen Ministers will walk with you through your troubles and will be there for you when you need them. If you would like more information on our Stephen Ministry, please call Pastor Myron, Pastor David, Ardith Forsyth, or any of the Stephen Ministers.

Wanted: Delegate to the Madrid Home. Memorial is a member church of the Madrid Home offering support of their programs. A delegate meets with delegates from other member churches and then shares information with the members of Memorial. If you feel called to be the Memorial delegate, please contact the church office.

Special Presentation on Book of Faith Initiative. The Book of Faith is an initiative of the ELCA inviting the whole church to become more fluent in the language of Scripture. Part of our calling is to know, hear, share, and be rooted in Scripture. A special presentation will take place on Monday, May 19 from 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm at Windsor Heights Lutheran Church, 1240 66th St., Des Moines. You can obtain directions at www.whlc.org. Diane Jacobson, Professor of Old Testament at Luther Seminary and Director of Book of Faith Initiative, will offer insights and inspiration as to how this can be used in congregational life.

Angel Food Ministries at Memorial? Angel Food Ministry is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing grocery relief throughout the United States. Could Memorial become a distribution site? If you are learning more about this potential ministry, please contact Parish Life Director Jodi Knox or Mindi Farmer.

FAITH AND LIFE TOGETHER

Hospitalizations

Mary Greeley Medical Center

Marie Sande, *Judy Allen's mother*, Hospice Care
Craig Sutherland

St. Mary's , Rochester, MN

Keith Fiscus, *Ardith Forsyth's cousin*

Prayers for Healing

Carol Glass, Sherrell Stigler, Darlene Messerli, Odin Christian, Bert Ann Ray, Morgan Farmer, Melissa Johannes, Miranda Smith, Cecelia Baker, Roy Johnson, Veletta Poush, Margaret Ebert, Larry Patterson *borther-in-law of Lauri Netz*, Vickie Hall *Connie Kinyon's sister*, Pam Severin Boylan, Ione Myers, Jana Anderson, Luther Holland, Lori Miller, Jack Rooney, Janet Collins, DeAnn Stephens, Thomas Anderson

For Those Who Mourn

+Doris Powers Cherry died in California. Funeral service will be Monday, April 14 in Story City. We extend Christian sympathy to her niece, Connie Kinyon.

+Judy Kegley died Tuesday, April 8 in Ames. A private funeral service was held Saturday, April 12. We extend Christian sympathy to her husband, Colby Kegley

General Fund Income Goal for April \$41,275
Gen. Fund Income Received this month

