



Voice of One In Faith Parish



April 2022

Hope 8:30 a.m.
St. Paul 10:30 a.m.

St. John 8:30 a.m.
St. Sebald 10:30 a.m.

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A Remnant of Resurrection

the time for daffodils has come.
bunches of six, ten, or twelve,
with tightly wrapped buds,
arrive from warmer lands.

like sentinels of invitation
they keep my wintered heart
leaning into Spring.

the directions say to cut
at least a half inch off the stem,
then place in water and
wait for the surprise.

behold, in the early hour of dawn,
I see resurrection on my kitchen table,
every yellowed daffodil hurrahing the morning,
stretching outward in the etched-glass vase.

but what captures my attention
is one small, thin remnant,
voluntarily discarded,
beneath the smiling daffodils.

this dry, transparent cover,
a cast-off tube of protection
once concealing a fragile bud,
conveys the price of blooming.

I pick up this remnant of resurrection
and hold it for a long, silent time,
wondering what soul-shroud of mine
needs to be unwrapped,
before I, too, am blooming.

~ Joyce Rupp

Dear Easter people,

Here's something to ponder as we lean toward the Resurrection - of Christ, of the Earth and your own soul: what soul-shroud of yours needs to be unwrapped before you, too, are blooming?

As you watch daffodils and crocuses pop up through the soil, as you contemplate planting your garden while you watch the robins and geese return, may you know Resurrection Spring, may you feel Easter in your soul!

Blessings,
Pastor Margaret



St. Sebald Council

St. Sebald Council met March 10, 2022. Present: Kris Morarend, Tracy Kregel, Pastor Margaret, Wayne Yelden, Bill Hunt, Vicar Brittany, and Nancy Yelden. The council meeting was called to order by Nancy at 7:00 pm. Pastor reviewed her monthly report with the following highlights: Youth going on service trip will be offering soup supper prior to all evening Lenten services, Lenten devotional booklets are available for members in the church entry way, Vicar Brittany is now beginning her internship and an Internship Committee has been established. Jerry Harvey is the representative for St. Sebald. Motion to approve February 20, 2022, council meeting minutes by Bill, second by Kris, motion carried.

Council reviewed and updated the church's membership list and will plan to complete this each December according to the church bylaws. The monthly treasurer's report and year to date report was reviewed. Income for February was \$3,776.63 and expenses were \$5,025.03. Bill is working on obtaining contract for lawn and cemetery mowing for this summer.

Elevator is currently working but a new computer board will be installed as soon as available to correct the long-term problems with the elevator. Wayne moved to support any youth in the congregation that would like to attend EWALU Bible Camp this summer by having the parents pay the first \$100 and the church will pay the remaining cost. Campers are encouraged to register before April 18 to receive discount, second by Bill, motion carried.

Date set for spring cleanup for church and cemetery grounds for Saturday, April 9 at 8:30 am and rain date of April 16. Reminder that evening Lenten services will be at St. Sebald at 7:00 pm on April 6 with soup supper at 6:00 and April 15 at 7:00 pm for Good Friday service. Kris moved to have a special offering after Lent to collect funds to purchase items to assemble "Welcome Boxes for Refugees" that will be sent by the ELCA to those in need, second by Wayne, motion carried. Nancy will contact the Navajo school to assure they received the gifts from the school's wish list that were sent in January.

The next council meeting will be April 7 at 7:00 pm to avoid conflict with Maudy Thursday service. The Lord's Prayer was shared, and meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm by Wayne and second by Bill, motion carried.

Submitted by

Nancy Yelden

St. John Council

The regular meeting of the St. John Lutheran Church Council was held on Tuesday, March, 2022 at 6:30 pm. Present were council members: Jerry Watson, Debbie Watson, Tia Shaffer, Cassie Gruman, Doug Nus, Linda Adams, Kelli Knickerbocker, Penny Handke, and Vicar Brittany. Jerry Watson called the meeting to order.

Pastor Margaret was attending Continuing Ed. she sent an email highlighting her report. Vicar Brittany started her internship on March 1st. Vicar Brittany began with devotions and reflections on Sabbath keeping; take time, slow down, find time to stop and reflect.

The secretary's report was reviewed. Motioned by Doug to accept the report as given, seconded by Lin, motion carried.

The treasurer's report was given by Kelli. Income of \$3,471.00 reported with expenses of \$5,635.47. Discussion was held on CD which came due on 2/13/22. It was put into the savings account, Kelli will review options for Mission Investment. Debbie moved to accept the treasurer's report, Cassie seconded, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Evangelism: Lists for ushers, readers, and communion assistants have been completed.

Parish Education: There will be no Kids Night during Lent. Debbie introduced and discussed the new video series, The Chosen. Currently 1 season, each episode is approximately 45 minutes. The initial reviews have been very positive and it was discussed that this could be a wonderful evangelistic opportunity outreach and something that can be shared with OIF membership. Community VBS will be held jointly with the Methodist church the first week of August.

Buildings & Grounds: The church sump pump issues have been resolved. The sacristy steps need to be secured.

Social Concern: The prayer chain has been organized is being used.

Worship: Discussion was held on use of screens for worship services. Debbie moved to set up the screen to use for Sunday services on a trial basis, and ask for feedback from congregation, seconded by Penny, motion carried.

Stewardship: Discussed Welcome Boxes for Refugees. Congregations can assemble boxes and then brought to the NEIA Synod Assembly June 10th.

Parish Board: Churches should pay ½ Parish Commitment payment in March.

March 20th: Hope Auction.

May 29th: – all churches attend regular church services.

Saturday evening, June 4th: will be a OIF Worship with Gospel Music at Hunts Barn

from 6-7 pm with barn dance to follow from 7-11 pm.

Sunday, June 5th: NO church services.

July 17th: All Parish Worship at EWALU/Backbone.

September 18th: St. John will have a lasagna dinner and auction.

New Business:

Lenten Welcome Boxes: It was moved by Penny that Lenten offering be used for these, seconded by Cassi, motion carried.

*Youth will be having soup suppers here during Lent-March 9th and 30th starting @ 6 pm.

Doug moved to adjourn. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Tia Shaffer, Secretary

Hope Council

The Hope Council met Feb. 27 following 8:30 worship. Attending were: Richard Thurn, Ron Kuehl, Lori Fannon, John Hunt, Joddy Roys, Jamie Burgin and Joyce Thurn. President Richard called the meeting to order. Minutes and the treasurer's report were approved. Income for the month was \$4,355. Expenses were \$6,742, including payment for the annual insurance premium.

Pastor Margaret's written report was reviewed. The youth going on the mission trip this summer will be serving soup and sandwich suppers before Wed night Lenten services. The Holden Evening Prayer Service will be used during Lent as well as "You are Here", a Lenten worship experience. She continues to hold office hours at Brim in Elkader and Embers in Strawberry. Debbie Watson is organizing a prayer chain. Pastor Mark's book "Everyone must Eat" is being used by the B.Y.O.B. Group. Vicar Brittany will be starting her internship in March. John Hunt is Hope's representative on the internship committee. She will be doing a monthly Bible study at Lincolnwood Assisted Living in Edgewood.

Old Business: Richard Thurn was elected as president of the council for 2022 and John Hunt Vice-president.

New Business:

Richard reported on the Parish Board meeting.

The statistical report to the Synod has been sent.

Lenten offerings will be divided between EWALU and the Food Shelf.

Thanks were extended to all who supported the Christian Ed pie auction.

Funds for the Hope Auction will be used toward camperships for kids going to EWALU this summer and the start of a furnace fund.

Marvin Dahling has volunteered to be Hope's delegate to the Synod Assembly in June.

Parish Summer Schedule:

May 5 - 5th Sunday but all churches in the Parish will have regular services.

Sat., June 4 - Parish evening service at Hunt's Barn

Sun., June 5 - No worship in Parish

Sun., July 3 - Hope will have a lay service. Parish time change. 10:30 at Hope

Sun., July 10 - Regular worship. Ice cream social in afternoon.

Sun., July 17 - Parish 5th Sunday will be observed with joint worship (place to be announced)

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Joyce Thurn, secretary

Hope Council

The regular meeting of the Hope Council was held March 22. Attending were: Pastor Margaret, Vicar Brittany, Richard Thurn, Ron Kuehl, Lori Fannon, Jamie Burgin, Joddy Roys, John Hunt and Joyce Thurn. President Richard called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Pastor Margaret's devotions focused on a reading of Jesus coming to Zacchaeus. Especially during Lent we are reminded that Jesus comes to us and welcomes us just as he came to Zacchaeus.

Minutes of the previous meeting and treasurer's report were read and approved. Offerings for the month were \$3,574; expenses were \$2,012.

Pastor Margaret presented her written report: Remember that Lenten devotional materials are available in the Narthex. Please feel free to pick up extras to share with family and neighbors. Pastor Margaret and Vicar Brittany will hold a 3-session first communion class April 3, 10 and 13 for young people. Please let Vicar Brittany or Pastor Margaret know if your child /grandchild would like to attend. Vicar Brittany started her 18month internship March

1. The internship committee has met.

BUSINESS:

There was a recap of the March 20 auction. It was deemed a huge success, and thanks were extended to all who contributed in any way.

A motion was made, seconded and carried with an amount to assist youth planning to attend Camp EWALU this summer. Registration forms are available at the church. Please contact Brad Bockenstedt if your child plans to attend. Coffee, juice and rolls will be served after the 6:30 Easter sunrise service.

A Parish worship will be held at Hunt's barn Sat night, June 4 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Golden Oldies type of music will be provided by the Moser family band. There will be a potluck supper with maid rites being provided. There will be no worship in the Parish on June 5.

There will be no worship at Hope on June 26. Everyone is invited to attend a German service at Immanuel in Elkport at 10:30.

Hope's homemade ice cream social is scheduled for the afternoon of July 10. Pie and ice cream will be available as a drive-thru or walk-in service.

The meeting adjourned followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Thurn, secretary

Holy Communion Classes

Anyone in grades 3-6 (and their caregivers) who would like to learn more about Holy Communion in preparation for taking part in the Sacrament?

We will hold three classes, all at St Paul in Volga:

Sunday, April 3rd at noon

Sunday, April 10th at noon

Wednesday, April 13th at 5pm – including communion bread making

We'll have pizza and a beverage ready for you! Please call, text or email Pastor Margaret to let her know you're coming to the class.

Mryj2232@gmail.com 563-329-1366 Thanks!



OUTDOOR SPRING CLEANUP AT ST. SEBALD

We need your help! Yard and cemetery cleanup work at St. Sebald, will be 8:30 am Saturday, April 9 (weather permitting) or April 16 (rain date). Every one's help makes this an easy job!



SABINE – Tortured for Christ by the Nazis.
Free movie and refreshments April 3 at the Volga City Opera House.
Opera House opens at 6:30 pm. Movie at 7 pm.

Hope WELCA

The Hope WELCA met for Bible Study and a business meeting March 3. President Annette Dahling called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. Eight members and guests participated in the Bible Study led by Pastor Margaret as we continue our study of *The Kingdom of God: Here and now*. There was good discussion on the day's topic, Eternal life in the Gospel of John.

In the business meeting which followed, minutes of the previous meeting and treasurer's report were read and approved.

There is a need for the group to make some quilts.

The One in Faith Prayer Chain has been fine-tuned and is being used.

The SOTH clothing center is accepting SUMMER clothing by appointment only.

The women were to meet on March 18 to make lasagna for the upcoming auction.

An update on the LSI Spiritual Life Challenge showed that the challenge is nearing \$4,000 on its way to the goal of \$5,000.

During Lent we are once again collecting items for Personal Care Kits. Items needed for a kit are bath towel, 2 bars of soap, toothbrush, nail clipper and wide tooth comb.

The meeting adjourned. Next Bible study and meeting will be April 7 at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome.

St. John WELCA Lutheran World Relief

We'll be packing up our Quilts, Personal Care Kits, and Baby Care Kits soon for delivery to Decorah on May 7th. There are two-sided fliers in the Narthex area listing all the items that will be included in each kit.

Please note that for the Baby Care Kits the sizes needed are 6 months to 24 months. No newborn or toddler sizes please.

If you would prefer to donate money to this cause, you can put a check to St. John WELCA in the offering with a notation for "CARE KITS". Thanks for being so willing to help out with this great project!!



St. John WELCA

April showers bring May flowers, so they say. Just a reminder that WELCA hosts the April Birthday Party at Maple Crest Nursing Home on Thursday, April 7th at 2 PM. We will be playing bingo. Thank-you to Kayleen Schott for providing the prizes. It would be nice if we had about 5 to 7 ladies attend. I finally got a letter about the Bremwood Auxiliary meeting. It is Friday, April 20th at

Redeemer Lutheran Church in Waverly with the usual salad luncheon. Details will be posted on the bulletin board. LSI's Spiritual Life Program \$10,000 goal was met. Anyone willing to share an Easter Lilly for Easter Sunday is encouraged to bring it.

Blessings on this Easter Season,
Sharon Reed

ONE IN FAITH DIRECTORY

Be sure to pick up your blue copy of the 2022 One In Faith Directory at your church.

The following changes came in after the directory was printed so please update your directory.

Dolores Boehm
Maplecrest - Unit 9
98 Bolger Drive
Fayette, IA 52142
Phone # 563-425-4551

Carol and LaVerne Thode 319-274-7320

Linda Adams – 563-380-0822
(no landline phone number)
lkadams47@gmail.com

Shepherd of the Hills



Just a friendly reminder to WELCA & churches about sending LWR supplies May 7 to Decorah for pick up.

**Also, the notification that LWR is no longer accepting FLEECE BLANKETS and BULK SOAP? The reason for no fleece is environmental and the soap is because they are using more local and I know it costs so much to ship. You still put soap bars in the kits that call for it.

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In your time
of sorrow, my
Thoughts
ARE WITH YOU

and our sympathy to the family of
Rose Tielbar, aunt of LuAnn Hunt.

We extend
our sympathy
to the family
and friends
of Alvin Maier

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23RD UPDATE:

Just touching base regarding the upcoming changes at Shepherd. My last day will officially be March 30th in the Office/Clothing Center. As I had stated before, the Board has begun a search for my replacement. In the transition, I will be taking care of the "business/office" side of Shepherd for a period of 60-90 days!

Missions & Monetary Donations should still be mailed to Shepherd of the Hills, PO Box 36, Saint Olaf, IA 52072.

Communication should be directed to the office email > [shephill@neitel.net!](mailto:shephill@neitel.net)

I will be starting my new position on April 4th.

When returning calls, emails & general office work, it will be done after working hours of 5pm during the week!

At this time, I do not have an answer for the Clothing Center side of Shepherd in the short term. As I learn more from the Board,

I will be happy to pass information along!

As the rumor mill will be starting, at this time, I would like to state that Shepherd has been assisting our families/clients in need for 54 years, and will continue to do so into the future!

The mission here at Shepherd remains the same!!!

As with any disaster - Fire, Flood, etc... Services will be made available as needed!

Please use the office email as the best form of communication with me!

Again, we ask for patience and understanding during the transition! Blessings!

Heather ~ Director

I sincerely thank everyone for helping with the 2022 One In Faith Parish Directory up date and putting it together.

Kris

Our deepest thanks to the members of St. John, those who worked in the kitchen, and to everyone for their support and prayers for Stephanie Cunningham's Family.

John, Dawn, Kaylee, Lukas, & Aimee

The women of Hope thank all who provided the LOVELY desserts for the lasagna meal. You are amazing!

The Hope Congregation thanks all of the awesome people who supported our auction March 20 with your attendance and donations. It was another miracle Sunday. Special thanks to Dave Burrack for making it a fun day!

Arlington's Firemen's Annual Breakfast



Sunday, April 14th
8 am – Noon

Free Will Donation
at the Door

MENU

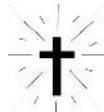
Biscuits & Gravy
Scrambled Eggs
Sausage
Pancakes
Milk & Coffee



*Jane Wells will
celebrate her 90th
birthday April 26!
Please wish her a
happy birthday, Maple
Crest, 98 Bolger Ave.,
Fayette, IA 52142*

Serving in April at Hope

AcolytesConfirmation Students
 Ushers:
 April 3 Lynette Flage, Gary & Brian Williams
 10 Kenny & Joddy Roys
 17 Lynette Flage, Gary & Brian Williams
 24 Kenny & Joddy Roys
 Communion Assistant Joddy Roys
 Altar Comm.: Verna Lenth, Jamie Burgin,
 Marlene Gould
 Church CleaningEveryone
 Special Offerings EWALU
 Lenten – One In Faith Youth



Serving in April at St. Sebald

Acolyte Usher
 Usher(s):
 April 3 Gary & Nancy Klingman
 10 Jerry Harvey
 17 Vickie Moyle
 24 Mace & Kristen Klingman
 Reader(s):
 April 3 Andy & Jennifer Otdoerfer
 10 Jerry Harvey
 17 Dave Otdoerfer
 24 Wayne & Nancy Yelden
 Church Cleaning Week of:
 April 3 Luke & Tracey Romig
 10 Bill Hunt
 17 Wayne & Nancy Yelden
 24 Andy & Jennifer Otdoerfer



Serving in April at St. Paul

Acolyte Braden Taylor
 Ushers Carrie Taylor & Patty Klingman

Serving in April at St. John

Ushers Larry & Brenda Fliehler
 Altar Guild Kim & Meri Ann Klocke
 Flowers Sharon Reed
 Communion Assistant Deb Watson
 Readers:
 April 3 Sharon Reed
 10 Deb Watson
 17 Carter Schnell
 24 Eldon Benz



(Please contact the church office when family members and friends can be removed from the Prayer List.)

Prayer Requests may be phoned to (563) 633-3885/563-419-5329 or emailed to the One in Faith office – oneinfaith2005@gmail.com

Please Hold in Prayer: Prayers for the people of Ukraine; Svetlana Klingman and family; Jamison & Juddson Kramer; Brian & Chris Koth; David Andreae; Scot Jacobson; LuAnn Hunt; Zander Purman; Marvel Seeland; Verna Lenth; Keith Peuker; Lois Pierce; Jim Turner; Warren Stoner; Connie Schaefer; Kelly Bolsinger; Kathy Pierce; Marilyn Shaffer; Elaine Peterson; Lynda Burgin; Jeremy Walz; Mary Lou Coonfare; Greg Shaw; Pastor Jerome Godson; Jane Godson; Bob Blue, David Opperman, Luther Pugh, Joyce Erickson; Brenda Landis; Brian and Becky Meisgeier; Kent Klingman; Amanda Peterson; Barb Garms; Jim Miller; Luke Baade.

Sympathies and prayers for the family of: Alvin Maier
Service people: Josef Von Handorf; Patrick Pryer; Justin Pryer; Jesse Gossett; Tabitha Lambert; and other service men and women.

**FOOD PANTRY
 FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER**
 Monday: 8 am – 4 pm
 Tuesday: 8 am – 6 pm
 Wednesday: 8 am – 4pm
 Thursday: 8am – 6 pm
 Friday: 8 am -12 pm
 Or by appointment; No referral needed; Donations welcome.
 514 S. River Park Drive, Guttenberg, IA 563-252-3215/
 563-880-8461
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St. John Birthdays

- April 3 Mark Smith, SueAnne Opperman
Penny Lane, Isadora Simms
- April 4 Ursula Cordes
- April 7 Nancy Harkin
- April 9 Kristin Hamlett
Alex Knickerbocker, Jim Myers
- April 11 Roberta Smith, Dean Gamm, Kira Evans
- April 13 Chuck Hamlett
- April 14 Marga Squires, Doug Nus, Dennis Nus
- April 16 Larry Fliehler, Mary Olson
- April 18 Troy Northrop
- April 19 Karl Klocke
- April 22 Tess Knickerbocker
- April 23 Andrew Harkin
- April 26 Cory Glass, Clara Pleis
- April 27 Caleb Wieland
- April 28 David Beck
- April 30 Linda Franks

St. Sebald & St. Paul Birthdays

- April 1 Angela Schnurstein
- April 2 Morgan Pritchard
- April 3..... Karly Romig
- April 4 Holly Jones
- April 5 Anja Fchleich
- April 11 Ryan Goulden
- April 12 Ruth Coonfare
- April 13 Faye Faust, Marjorie Lewis
- April 17 Summer Zwanziger Elsinger
- April 18 Darin Erickson
- April 19 Tracy Kregel
- April 24 Steven Haynes
- April 26 Nicole Howard
- April 27 Carolyn Faust
- April 29 Brian Hummel

Hope Birthdays

- April 1 Eleanor Bolsinger
- April 2 Lori Fannon
- April 4 Joyce Thurn
- April 5 Kim Dahling
- April 6 Samantha Tucker
- April 8 Loyal Amsden, Alvin Maier
- April 9 Ethan Amsden, Carter Kline
- April 10 Trevor Hunt
- April 11 Lester Groth,
Marlene Gould, Jenna
Hamann
- April 14 Sadie Abitz
- April 16 Verna Lenth
- April 17 Sandra Refle
- April 24 Dorothy Hansel
- April 27 Annette Refle
- April 28 Darrell Jaster, Justin Haught,
Tracy Thurn

St. John Anniversaries

- April 6 Darby & Linda Jellings
- April 12 Dean & Judy Meisner
- April 18 Mark & Jenny Hamlett
- April 19 Larry & Karen Glass
- April 20 Toby & Shannon Bachtell
- April 20 Brent & Kari Herrig
- April 22 Alan & LouAnn Shaffer

Hope Anniversaries

- April 8 Monte & Paula Casper
- April 16 Jim & Laurie Herman
- April 26 Gary & Nancy Thurn

St. Sebald St. Paul Anniversaries

- April 2 Anja & Greg Fchleich



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