

The Link



April

2024

St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church
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LIFT UP THE WORD
LIGHT UP THE WORLD

2 SAMUEL 22:29-31

THE 73rd ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024



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Please mark your calendars for this community prayer event!

What: 25th Annual Prayer for the Cannon Valley in observance
of the National Day of Prayer

When: Thursday Evening, May 2, 2024 6:30 pm

Where: St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church Sanctuary

Who: All are welcome to join us as we pray for our
nation and our community!

Light refreshments will follow the service



Be Mission Minded !

The Mission Committee would like to thank each and every member of St. Ansgar's for your faithful support of our three recent mission projects. You have responded well to the drive for the local food shelf. We will let you know how many pounds and how many dollars were contributed when we receive those figures from the food shelf.

There has also been a good response to the Lenten personal care kit project. The confirmation students will be helping us package them up on April 3rd and they will be taken to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in South St. Paul for distribution to areas where needed.

The quilt raffle went well also, with *Lois Nelson* winning the quilt and **\$264.00** brought in for the Parking lot fund.



Evangelical
Lutheran Church
in America

April Globe Offering

The April globe offering will go to ELCA Disaster Relief. Lutheran Disaster Response shares God's hope, healing, and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the U.S., and around the world.

When asked if this is a good charity, Charity Navigators response is "This charity's score is 93%, earning it a Four-Star GREAT rating. If this organization aligns with your passions and values, you can give with confidence."

The season for most natural disasters in our country is approaching: tornadoes, wild fires, flooding, hurricanes, etc., as well as the disasters of war and famine around the world. Our help is sorely needed. Please give as you are able. Your contributions can be placed in the globe on the table in the narthex or in the offering plate. Make checks out to St. Ansgar's but please be sure to designate that it is for the "April Globe Offering"

Thank you, people of St. Ansgar's!



CANNON FALLS BREAKFAST CLUB

INVITES YOU!



• GREAT FOOD • SPIRITUAL MESSAGE • GAMES • PRIZES

ALL 7-12TH GRADE STUDENTS TO JOIN THEM
ON THE FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAY EACH MONTH

7:00 a.m ST. ANSGAR'S CHURCH BASEMENT

*The breakfast club is a place for kids to gather in a spirit of kindness,
to be fed in word and fellowship, and grow in their faith.*

April 2024

Serving Schedule

Date	Acolyte	Computer	Usher's & Greeters	Sound Board	Live Stream	Reader	Ring Bell	Comm
7-Apr	Nolan Hanson	Owen Anderson	Dallas, Shari & Bill	Doug	Mitch	Vicky Duden	Jeff Samuelson	Danielle, Tony & Megan
14-Apr	Paityn Banks	Georgia Quiggle	Deb, Jeff & Lydell	Bob	Carie	Glenn Schulz	John Hobert	
21-Apr	Kylie Sindt	Carsen Eckhoff	Paul, John & Linda	Doug	Bob	John Hobert	Dallas Forsman	Jim, Danielle & Shari
28-Apr	Owen Anderson	Oscar McManus	Charlie, Maureen & Kirk	Bob	Mitch	Paul Jacobson	Tony Busiahn	

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please find someone to trade with.

Altar Guild

Deb, Kris, Barb and Janet



As a community of faith, we invite you to hold these people in prayer this week:

Offering Counters

April 7 Donna & Debbie
April 14 Charlie & Maureen
April 21 Kris & Deb
April 28 Debra & Mary

Eva Marie Bergstrom, Linda Rifenberick, Lorraine Johnson, Paralee Lamberty, Bruce Kreutzian, Alice Groth, Samuel Eroglu, Chuck Bracken, Ryan Epps, Wayne Groth, Darlene Sundheim, Carter Hayward and their daughter-in-law Janine Hayward.

For those who have been called to active military service and for our mission partners around the globe. Amen.



April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Easter Sunday First Communion Milestone Class No Sunday School Spring Break (CF Schools) 9:30am Communion Service	1 Spring Break (CF Schools)	2 7:00am CFBC (Cannon Falls Breakfast Club) 7:00am Lydia Prayer Group	3 Mission Team with Confirmation Kids (Pack Ups) 6:00pm Faith Night 6:30pm Choir Practice	4	5	6 7:00am Men's Bible Study 10:00am Patty Crosby - Fellowship Hall Reserved
7 9:30am Communion with First Communion	8 8:00am Finance Team 1:00pm Mission Quilting	9 7:00am Lydia Prayer Group 10:00am Retired Teacher Meeting 6:00pm Property Team 6:30pm Executive Team 6:30pm Worship & Education Ministry	10 Pastor Kira (PTO) 6:00am Faith Night - Service Night	11 Pastor Kira (PTO) 9:30am Cannon River Conf - Lake City	12 Pastor Kira (PTO)	13 Pastor Kira (PTO) 7:00am Men's Bible Study 9:00am Tie Blankets - Carie Dicke
14 Pastor Kira (PTO) Sunday School 9:30am Worship Service	15 1:30pm Elizabeth Circle	16 7:00am CFBC (Cannon Falls Breakfast Club) 7:00am Lydia Prayer Group 6:30pm Church Council	17 6:00pm Faith Night	18 10:00am Cannon Rivers Senior Community Church Service 11:30am Area Pastor's Luncheon (NDP Team)	19 Link Articles Due	20 7:00am Men's Bible Study
21 1st Communion Forum (St. A's Musical Talent Program) Sunday School Treehouse Fundraiser 9:30am Communion Service 1:00pm Hops and Harmony at <u>Tilion's</u>	22 1:30pm Morning Circle (Cannon Rivers)	23 7:00am Lydia Prayer Group	24 6:00pm Faith Night	25 Pastor Kira - Continuing Ed	26	27 Abby - Senior Recital @ St. Olaf 7:00am Men's Bible Study 5:00pm Community Table (First Congregational / Bethel Rock Church)
28 Last Day of Church School Sunday School 9:30am Contemporary Service	29	30 7:00am Lydia Prayer Group	1 6:00am Faith Night - Last Night	2 National Day of Prayer 6:30pm National Day of Prayer Service at SA's	3	4 7:00am Men's Bible Study

When scheduling an activity at the Church please contact the office at (507-263-3645) or email sachurchoffice@gmail.com as soon as possible in order to check on availability and fill out a "Facilities Use Request" form.

St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church - **COUNCIL MINUTES**
When: Tuesday, February 20th 2024 Time: 6:30pm Location: Library

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** President Jim Lundell
Minutes taken by; Secretary Danielle Lingenfelter

Devotion, Snacks & Refreshments provided by; Danielle Lingenfelter

Vision Statement: A Welcoming Church focused on Christ, together actively reaching out to the community.

Mission Statement: Proclaiming God's love and salvation for everyone through Jesus Christ.

INTRODUCTION & WELCOMING OF 2024 COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jim Lundell – Council Chair President

Bob Durdahl – Council Vice President

Danielle Lingenfelter – Secretary

Shari Ekstrom – Treasurer

Paul Jacobson – Council Member

Jeff Samuelson – Council Member

Linda Henderson – Council Member

Tony Busiahn – Council Member

Megan Hansen – Council Member

Jason Nelson – Council Member

Josh Dicke – Council Member

*MONTHLY DEVOTIONS & COMMUNION SERVER SIGN-UP

2. **Approval of the Agenda:** Motion, Seconded & Passed – Agenda APPROVED!

3. Read, Proof & Approve **January Minutes: Motion to ACCEPT!**

4. **Financial Reports:** Treasurer Shari Ekstrom – Report Accepted

Income: \$22,924.58 YTD: \$22,924.58

Expenses: \$19,694.19 YTD: \$19,694.19

Over: \$3,230.39 YTD: \$3,230.39

Building Fund: \$26,794.94 Designated Savings: \$126,902.36

We owe ourselves \$0!
(paid back our loans)

Parking Lot Balance: \$48,158.90

**Financial Team is updating General & Designated Savings to better align with NEW Committee organization structure.*

Reports:

- A. Updates from Pastor Kira: Overview of 3 Structures to be presented to Congregation. Busy with Shut-Ins, Retreat on Calendar. Discussed hosting Easter Egg Hunt March 30th & Shared Gospel Reading.
- B. PAC Reports APPROVED! Submitted: (*Mission & Finance*)

OLD Business:

- A. 2024 Committee Restructuring: Congregation meeting set for Sunday March 10th following service. Including 3 Pillars of combined Committees with presentation.
- B. Lenten Soup & Suppers: All plans finalized with Council & all Committee's with Lenten dates.

NEW Business:

- A. Council Approved & Accepted January 28th Annual Meeting Minutes.
- B. Reviewal of Constitution was Concluded with Council Members
- C. Visioning: Our 2024 Goal & Job going forward is Shifting our Committee Structure
- D. 2024 Discover Guide Advertisement: APPROVED to submit in Discover Cannon Falls.

Recap of Committee Actions for necessary follow-ups:

- * Move Forum Upstairs?

Tickler 3-Month Calendar Review

NEXT Council Meeting: TUESDAY MARCH 19TH @ 6:30PM in Library

Devotions, Snacks & Refreshments: Linda Henderson

Motion to Adjournment

Closing with the Lord's Prayer

“Thank-you to each member serving on Council & every Congregation member that makes St. Ansgar's the Church it is.”



Church Council

Youth News

Come Celebrate our First
Communion Students with us
on Sunday, April 21st

Upcoming Events

May 1st
last night of Faith Night

May 5th
last Sunday School class

May 12th
Senior Recognition Sunday



**Volunteers are
needed for Senior
Blanket Tying.**

**Saturday April 13th
9am until done**

**Fellowship Hall
All are welcome,
easy to learn.**

**Thanks!
Carie**

MUSIC FORUM

Write ***"Magic of Music"*** on your calendar. It's the last Forum for St. Ansgar's, scheduled for April 21st at 10:45am. It will feature vocal and instrumental musicians from our congregation. We are so blessed to have all this musical talent within our walls. Please come and celebrate their music. It's also open to the public. ***Remember April 21.***

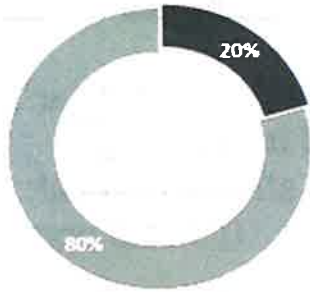
Thank you, Linda Henderson



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Parking Lot Remaining Loan



■ Principal repaid ■ Remaining

Parking Lot Update!

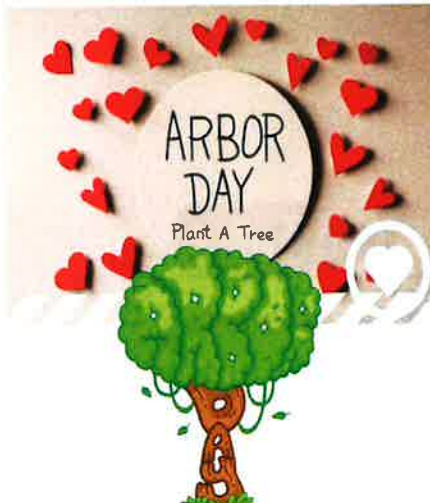
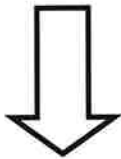
We started with a \$60,000.00 loan and we now owe \$47,716

Thank You!

Submit May link articles by April 19th



April 26



PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF GIVING

TREEHOUSE



SECOND ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION

FUNDRAISER

Riverwood Community Church
5343 Hwy 19 Blvd, Cannon Falls

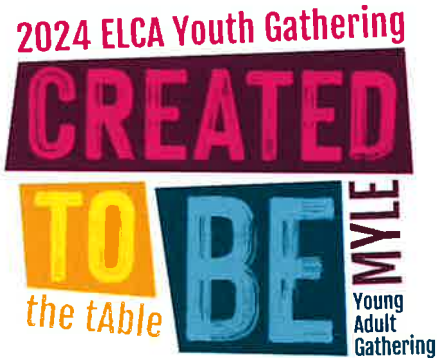
**Silent Auction
Food
Entertainment**

507-298-9247
<https://cftreehouse.truenorthcf.org/>

**04/21/2024
4PM-6PM**

Sponsorship for St. Ansgar's as we attend the Youth Gathering, Summer 2024 in New Orleans!

Three High School students from St. Ansgar's are attending the ELCA Youth Gathering with Pastor Kira and we are looking for sponsors. It will cost our participants around \$5,000 to attend this event! Please consider sponsoring at one of three levels listed below. All of the funds raised will go towards; our fee for the gathering, travel expenses of flight & hotel, and the meals. Thank you for your consideration!!



_____ Is the amount I have chosen to sponsor and have already paid!

Sponsor Name(s): _____
email: _____
phone #: _____
Address: _____

I am excited to sponsor our youth attending the Gathering, 2024 in New Orleans! My commitment to sponsor the youth will be;

- one-time payment of \$100.00**
 - you'll receive a postcard from a student while they are attending the gathering
 - and one ticket to attend the Sponsorship Dinner (August 11th, 2024 @ 5pm)
- one-time payment of \$250.00**
 - email updates regarding the planning of the trip
 - you'll receive a postcard from a student while they are attending the gathering
 - and tickets for my household to attend the Sponsorship Dinner (August 11th, 2024 @ 5pm)
- one-time payment of \$_____.**

This donor gets to choose the amount above \$250.00 they wish to sponsor.

 - email updates regarding the planning of the trip
 - you'll receive postcards from all four attendees while they are attending the gathering
 - and tickets for my household to the Sponsorship Dinner (August 11th, 2024 @ 5pm)

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Council President: James Lundell
Ministers: EVERY member of the congregation
Organist: Jane Bracken
Choir Director: Cindy Hayward
Custodian/Maintenance: Robin McManus

Interim Children, Youth and
Family Coordinator.—Abby Engbretch



WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday Morning
9:30am Worship Service

Our Vision Statement:

“A welcoming church, focused on Christ,
together actively reaching out to the community.”

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**Return Service
Requested**

**Non-Profit
Organization
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