

March 2022

SUNNE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

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REFLECTIONS FROM THE PASTOR

I've started cleaning out parts of my office now. I try to do a little here and a little there. Sort through some files. Sort through a book shelf. Nothing major, yet, but a start. I'm going with the "if I haven't used it or looked at it in 20 years, it's OK to throw it" attitude.

We are about to enter the season of Lent now and it's time to sort through the "stuff" of our life, to clean house – if not our own home, at least our spiritual house. This is the season where we take a look at our relationship with God. We throw away that which is a stumbling block to our faith, that which gets in the way of our faith. In the more traditional language, Lent is the season of repentance and renewal. We examine our lives, change our ways to grow closer to God.

We ask ourselves, "what gets in the way of my relationship with God?" Are we angry? Are we greedy? Are we spiritually lazy? Are we filled with bitterness? Are we apathetic? Are we jealous? Are we judgmental? Does our attitude reflect God's love? Do our actions reflect God's love? Are we compassionate? Loving? Forgiving?

If anything is getting in the way of our relationship with God, if we are stumbling over things, then it is time to find a way to change whatever is getting in the way. Maybe we need to trust God, maybe we need to talk to the person with whom we hold a grudge, maybe we need to live a generous life, maybe we need to get out of bed and go to worship, maybe we need humility, maybe we need counseling, maybe we need to smile at folks.

Sorting through our lives need not be a painful experience. I'm having some fun as I sort through the office. Lots of memories surface. Every so often I come across some old photos that trigger great memories. Sometimes the people in the photos have long since joined the saints eternal so the memories are both sad and wonderful. Sorting through our lives can be both joyful and a struggle.

But here we are entering into Lent where we sort through our lives, throwing away that which gets in the way of our relationship with God.

*In Christ,
Pastor Paul Schauer*

Given for YOU

SUNNE ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

January 30, 2022

- ❖ Approved the 2021 Annual Meeting and the Budget and Election minutes.
- ❖ Approved the 2021 Treasurer's Report.
- ❖ Approved the 2021 Audit Committee Report.
- ❖ Elected Emma Berg to a three year term on the Endowment Fund Committee.
- ❖ Elected Shelley Porter to a two year term on the Endowment Fund Committee.
- ❖ Renamed the Kitchen Fund to the Special Projects Fund.
- ❖ Heard an update on Pastor Paul's retirement.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

February 9, 2022

Noted with appreciation that January's giving was up significantly over January of 2020.
Heard retirement updates and discussed upcoming pastoral needs.
Noted that the kitchen lighting upgrade has been completed.
MSC to remove Nadine Kassian and Pastor Paul from the Sunne Lutheran Account.
MSC to add Lyndsey Cleveland to the Sunne Gathering Fund and to remove Pastor Paul.
Approved paying half of our synod benevolence and all of our commitment to Camp of the Cross.
Noted that the ELCA Youth Gathering has been canceled and that the group is looking at alternatives.

Financial Report as of January 31, 2022

Endowment Fund	9,882.43
Equity-Building	657,794.63
Equity-Kitchen Project	52,374.49
General Fund	\$48,244.31
Memorial Fund	1,150.00
Parsonage Fund	7,335.00
Seminary Student Fund	22,210.00
Special Projects Fund	12,499.60
Wilton Food Pantry	22,096.17
Net Income	<u>7,145.84</u>
Total Fund Balances	\$833,586.63

Full copies of the 2021 Financial Report are included in the 2021 Annual Report which is in your church mailboxes..

Ash Wednesday

March 2, 2022
7:30 pm
Imposition of Ashes
And
Holy Communion

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP IN MARCH

READERS:

March 6: SuAnn Olson
March 13: Sue Szczur
March 20: Joanie McCormack
March 27: Sylvia Vollan

ALTAR GUILD: Lyndsey Cleveland

ACOLYTES:

March 6: Rachel Schock & Tucker Schacher
March 13: Carson Quam & Mason Oswald
March 20: DonTaye Fetzer & Teigen Earsley
March 27: Harper Clausen & Clay Anderson



Lenten Worship

After Ash Wednesday, every Wednesday during Lent we will gather at 6:00 p.m. for Soup and Sandwiches and at 7:00 p.m. for worship. Compline (prayer at the close of the day) will be the order of worship. We will spend time each Wednesday reflecting on living our faith. Consider making fellowship, worship, and study part of your Lenten discipline.



**SPRING FORWARD
AT 2 AM
SUNDAY, MARCH 13th**
Remember to set your clocks
ahead one hour

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE AN
EASTER LILY FOR DECORATING
THE CHURCH AT EASTER?
COST PER LILY IS \$13.00.
MARCH 13th IS THE LAST DAY TO
ORDER A LILY.**

IN MEMORY

OF _____

OR

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

NAME _____





2022 will be an exciting year for Sunne - a year of transition, of saying goodbye, of welcoming new partners in ministry, and of growing together in God's ministry.

As we prepare for Pastor Paul's retirement on June 5, 2022, we invite you to take a moment to reflect and share your favorite memories of Pastor Paul. We have started a collaboration book where EVERYONE is welcome to share memories. There are several page layout options, including space for photos! Please take a moment to check out the link to the book! We will be collecting memories for the book until April 2022. If it's easier for you, Emma Berg will also accept your memories and/or photos and add them to the memory book for you.

<https://www.newlywords.com/pastor-paul-s-retirement-2>



The quilters meet every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church. Come and join the group. You'll enjoy the work and the fellowship

Mark your calendars for March 6th when the Girl Scouts will be selling Girl Scout Cookies at Sunne before and after worship.

BAPTISMS

Congratulations to those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries in March.

- 2--Kellyn Morlock
- 6--Tareena Johnson
- 7--Paula Schatz
- 7--Cutter Modin
- 8--Toni Hruby
- 8--Travis Murrey
- 9--Tanner Earsley
- 10--Darlene Bitz
- 11--Karen Ryberg
- 19--London Murrey
- 22--Lester Vollan
- 22--Sylvia Vollan
- 26--Jesse Buchholz
- 28--Roberta Noon
- 28--Becky Sorch

CAMP OF THE CROSS

Adult Art Day

Camp of the Cross is holding an Adult Art Day on Saturday, March 5, from 9-3. Participants will learn all about paint pouring and two fun step-by-step techniques used to create fun effects in your paint pour creation. Contact Taylor for more information: taylor@campofthecross.com

Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center Foundation is holding a Team Long Drive Golf Contest and Scramble on Thursday, March 31st from 10am to 5pm at Golf, Etc in Bismarck. For more information, please see the poster in the narthex at the church or call Tessa at Missouri Slope (221-9429).

MARCH 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <i>Michele Vietz</i>	2 Quilting 10 am-3 pm Ash Wednesday Worship 7:30pm <i>Barry Vietz</i>	3 <i>Claudia Volk</i>	4 <i>Lester Vollan</i>	5 <i>Sylvia Vollan</i>
6 9 am Sunday School/Conf 10 am Communion Service	7 <i>Allen Vollmer</i>	8 <i>Beverly Vollmer</i>	9 Quilting 10 am-3 pm Soup & Sandwiches 6 pm Worship Service 7 pm Church Council 7:30pm <i>Bruce Wagendorf</i>	10 <i>Alan Wagner</i>	11 <i>Ambre Wald</i>	12 <i>Matt Wald</i>
13 Spring Forward: Time Change 9 am Sunday School/Conf 9 am WELCA 10 am Worship Service	14 <i>Jedidiah Wald</i>	15 <i>Noah Wald</i>	16 Quilting 10 am-3 pm Soup & Sandwiches 6 pm Worship Service 7 pm <i>Grace Lynn Wald</i>	17 Food Pantry 3-5 <i>James Wald</i>	18 <i>Don Weible</i>	19 <i>Ruby Weible</i>
20 10 am Communion Service	21 <i>Todd Weisenburger</i>	22 <i>Pam Weisenburger</i>	23 Quilting 10 am-3 pm Soup & Sandwiches 6 pm Worship Service 7 pm <i>Brianna Weisenburger</i>	24 <i>McKenna Weisenburger</i>	25 <i>Betty Werre</i>	26 <i>Grace Wood</i>
27 9 am Sunday School/Conf 10 am Communion Service	28 <i>Ed Woodcock</i>	29 <i>Cheryl Woodcock</i>	30 Quilting 10 am-3 pm Soup & Sandwiches 6 pm Worship Service 7 pm Church Council 7:30 pm <i>Colleen Yanez</i>	31 <i>Tyler Yanez</i>	The names on the calendar are to remind us to pray for one another	

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