

The Quartzlight

A Newsletter of Jasper Evangelical Lutheran Church
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April Birthdays

Gary Mead	2
Chad Martinson	5
Nick Schneider	6
LaRay Johnson	8
Dennis Martinson	9
Darci Hansen	9
Keisha Erickson	10
Foster Gates	14
Dustin Hansen	15
Stephanie Hall	17
Curtis B. Johnson	18
Megan Bryan	18
Shirley Swenson	19
Sheree Wieland	19
Chad Magnuson	20
Logan Ramm	21
Bryce Petersen	23
Sheryl Baerenwald	25
Barb Westerbur	29

April Anniversaries

Gordie & Edie Aas	4
Bill & Sharon Peterson	20

ATTENDANCE

February 17	42
February 21	46
February 28	61
March 2	42
March 6	52
March 13	40

On Communion Sunday, please fill out a yellow communion slip and give it to the ushers. Thanks.

If you have an event or information to be placed on the calendar; please let Carol know. Also, there is a large calendar on the wall in the "Old Library" that you may write information on.

Check out the Jasper ELC Website: jasperelc.org – it's still under construction page – Jasper ELC – where you can post pictures and comments.

Life is not a problem to be solved, but a reality to be experienced.

Soren Kierkegaard



Participation is at an all time low, therefore, we are in desperate need of you and your voice to come and join the choir. It is a great way to praise the Lord! Choir practice is Sunday mornings at 8:30 am in the fellowship hall.

See you there.

For the month of April:

Ushers: Loren Barenwald &
Grandchildren

Communion: Kathy Jasper

Altar Care: Lisa Petersen
Edie Aas

We extend our sympathy to the Hall Shella family, the LeRoy Ellefson family and the Morris Houg family. We pray the Holy Spirit will comfort them during their time of sorrow.

If anyone is interested in mowing the church lawn, please contact Dean Haraldson at 507-820-1381. Thank you.



Congratulations to Alyssa Petterson on receiving her "white coat" in a ceremony at the USD School of Medicine, in Vermillion, SD on February 26th. Alyssa is seeking a degree in physical therapy. She is the daughter of Jeff and Nancy Petterson.

Please **DO NOT** park in the Rosedell Township Parking Lot or alley by request of the Rosedell Township Board.

Treasurer's Report through February, 2016

Income received through February **\$16,146**

Income needed YTD based on monthly average:
\$25,480



NEW LIFE TREATMENT CENTER 37TH ANNUAL HORSE-RIDE-A-THON

The board and staff of New Life Treatment Center announce the 37th Annual Horse Ride-a-Thon. Horses with riders and horse drawn rigs will begin their trek from Pipestone County Fairgrounds and proceed to their destination at the Center in Woodstock. The date is Saturday, May 14, 2016, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Mark your calendars! We held our first Horse Ride-A-Thon in 1080 and it continues to be a great opportunity for friends to meet and have fun together while raising funds for New Life. Plan to participate in this special event! For further information, contact New Life Treatment Center, Woodstock, MN, at (507)777-4321.

LAND OF ETERNAL SPRING

The former president of Columbia Bible College in South Carolina, J. Robertson McQuilkin, pointed out that God has a wise purpose in letting us grow old and weak:

“I think God has planned the strength and beauty of youth to be physical. But the strength and beauty of age is spiritual. We gradually lose the strength and beauty that is temporary so we’ll be sure to concentrate on the strength and beauty that is forever. And so we’ll be eager to leave the temporary, deteriorating part of us and be truly homesick for our eternal home. If we stayed young and strong and beautiful, we might never want to leave.”

When we are young, happily occupied with all our relationships and activities, we may not long for our celestial Home. But as time passes, we may find ourselves without family and friends, afflicted with dim vision and hearing difficulties, no longer able to relish food, or troubled by sleeplessness.

Here’s the advice I gave myself: Be grateful that, as the apostle Paul wrote in

1 Timothy 6:17, “God.....gives us richly all things to enjoy” in life’s summer and autumn. And rejoice too that with the onset of life’s winter we can anticipate that we’ll soon be living in the land of eternal spring.

Vernon Grounds

Thanks to Nathan and Dean Haraldson, Bryce Petersen, David DeBeer, Lisa Petersen and Ryan Houg for helping with tearing out the old carpet and getting the church ready for installation of new carpet. Job well done. Thank you!

We would like to welcome Beryl Bauman to our church family. Beryl transferred to us from Trinity Lutheran in Jasper.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Best wishes to Valire and Polly Martinson who celebrated their 70th anniversary on March 16, 2016.

Spring is when you feel like whistling even with a shoe full of slush. ~Doug Larson



PLEASE COME AND HELP! We need more people to come and help quilt. The next date for quilting is April 4th and 5th. AND you don’t even need to know how to sew. See you then!

Jasper ELC will partner with Christ Lutheran in Slayton to serve lunch at The Banquet on Saturday, April 9th. We need approximately 20 volunteers, and we need to be there at 10:45a.m. There is a sign-up in the narthex. Our share of the meal cost is \$500. We appreciate any donations. Please give donations to Karla or leave them at the church office. Thank you for helping to feed our neighbors.

The question was brought to my attention in regards to stapling our news letter. I checked with the Post Office and was informed that it is okay to staple as long as the smooth side of the staple was to the outside. I will continue what I am doing and if there is any change the Post Office will let me know.

Thank you for your concern.

Pastor Jensen will be on vacation March 28th through April 3, 2016. If you have an emergency please call either Pastor Ron Nichols at 507-290-0236 or Pastor Cole McCormick at 605-201-7686 from Grace Lutheran Church in Luverne.

Donna Pieper is currently residing at the following address. She would love to receive cards and best wishes.

Donna Pieper
Golden Living Center
2957 Redwood Ave
Slayton, MN 56172

On Sunday, April 10th at 10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, there will be an open conversation and discussion about same-gender marriage issue. Council leaders and Pastor will facilitate the discussion and be available to answer questions.

There will be handouts in the narthex giving more details and information.

There will be a special congregational meeting for members of Jasper ELC on Sunday, April 17th, at 10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The purpose of the meeting will be to vote on a policy of whether to allow same-gender marriages to take place at Jasper ELC.

Back ground: In 2013, same-gender marriage became legal in Minnesota and in 2015, a U.S. Supreme Court decision gave same-gender couples the right to equal access to marriage.

The ELCA neither endorses or forbids same-gender marriages and recognizes that its members have differing understanding on this matter.

Whether to allow same-gender marriage is a question for individual congregations to decide.

During Maunday Thursday Worship Service we welcomed Morgan Kileen Zubke, daughter of Andrea and Henry Lindburg and Ross Hendrickson and Caden David Miller, son of David and Jennifer Miller to the Lord's Table as they received their first communion.

"His Glory"

God sends rainbows after showers
arching 'cross the freshened skies.
Every rainbow shows God's glory.
Every wonder tells his story.

God sends Jesus down from heaven
offering mercy, hope and life.
On the cross he showed God's glory.
Every blessing tells his story.

God sends me forth into this world
sharing love that offers life.
And I hope to show God's glory
In the way I tell his story.

—MaryAnn Sundby

Bible Quiz



While Jesus was dying on the cross, who mocked him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself"?

- A. Priests
- B. Scribes
- C. Elders
- D. All of the above

Answer: D (See Matthew 27:41-42.)

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