



**Shepherd of the Hills
Lutheran Church
"Shepherd's Horn"
May 2023**



**He will cover you with his feathers.
He will shelter you with his wings.
His faithful promises are your armor and protection.**

Psalm 91:4



Easter Blessings

Thank you to our generous and caring congregation for all your Easter Blessings! Your sharing of time and treasures created a meaningful and blessed Easter for us all. Your donations served our community with Easter meals and adorned our Sanctuary and building with beautiful lilies, hyacinths and tulips.

Thank you to Karl Meinhardt for picking up the hams and to Ann Tilling who assisted in the distribution. **Thank you** to Cristy Karaba and Laura Meinhardt for decorating our Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.

Thank you to the following members:

Dick & Gail Anderson, Mary Anderson, Anonymous, Yvonne Alton, Steve & Barbara Arnold, Bev Blundell, Lee & Sue Borresen, Helen Burlack, Chuck & Kathy Chamberlain, The Englerts, DuWayne & Claire Fair, Barbara Gaskell, Rich & Beth Gozdecki, Lee Hartwig, John Heard, Dave & Jackie Huddleston, Carol Janssen, Ron Lynne Jones, Joel Kahling, Jill Holtz Kropf & Family, Bill Lundeberg, Paul & Carol Morgan, Jimmie & Sharie Moy & Family, Susan Neral, Dave Olsen, Brian & Karen O'Neill, Ruth Paddock, Dave & Terry Parejko, Josh & Amanda Schmitt, Fred & Susan Schultz, Roger & Rosemary Schneider, Brian, Cindy, Lucy & Joey Smith, Betty Thompson, Ann Tilling, Kim Tilling, Ron & JoAnn Ziska.



*"He will wipe every tear from their eyes.
There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain,
for the old order of things has passed away." Rev. 21:4*

In loving memory of Callie Harms:

*Yvonne Alton, Marlin & Phyllis Anderson, Barbara Bourgeois,
John & Patricia Colomer, Christine Drews,
Dean & Katherine Eitel, Steven Koerber, Bonnie McCormack,
Ned Neumann, Charles & Joyce Niceley, Frederick & Jeaneen Schoessow
Sarah Schrempf, Gene & Sarah Schrempf, Carol Strauel,
Betty Thompson, Terry & Sharri Upton*

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

As I write this, it feels like it just might be Spring. I am not holding my breath because the promise of Spring has teased us on and off for the past few weeks. We will enjoy the glorious weather one day only to be chilled by a biting wind the next.

That is not so different from our life as disciples of Jesus. We do not always know what to expect. For those of us who are planners or want to control things, not knowing can be extremely unsettling. Risky. Even scary. And still, we look from this side of Lent and see continuing joy for the remainder of the Easter season and beyond.

The witness of Scripture continues to assure us that we are not alone, that from the beginning, disciples of Jesus have lived with fear AND boundless joy. We can hardly believe how scary it would have been for Mary Magdalene and the other Mary when they arrived at the tomb at dawn on that long-ago Sunday morning!?! An earthquake! An angel! An open tomb! And yet, after they heard the angel's proclamation that Jesus had been raised from the dead, they were filled with immense joy.

Fear and extraordinary joy. They are not opposites. Not for disciples of Jesus! It is the tension we live in. The fear of getting it wrong, and the extraordinary joy of knowing that Jesus loves us anyway! The fear of what it might mean to trust Jesus completely, and the extraordinary joy of knowing that Jesus loves us anyway. The fear of death, and the immense joy of knowing Jesus loves us anyway, all the way to the cross, all the way through death and all the way into resurrected life.

Let us enter a sacred space together this Easter season in which we are free to acknowledge our fear, AND our boundless joy. Jesus gives us life, new life, in which there is freedom to joyously SHARE THE GOOD NEWS, even if it feels a bit scary sometimes! Enter this sacred space with us and invite a friend, relative, or neighbor to join you.

There is a place at the Shepherd's table. Jesus has made enough space for everyone.

May Easter bloom in your life now and always,

Pr. Rob

*“God:
Father, Son
and Holy Spirit -*

*We thank you that you
have delivered us
from our former ways
of thinking.*

*You are inwardly
renewing us
day by day.*

*Help us to see
the big picture:
that we are not
what we will be,
but we are not
what we once were.*

*Holy Spirit,
fill our hearts
so that we can
become
more like Jesus
each day.”*

Amen.





New Member Meetings

Sunday, May 7, after 10am worship
(a 2nd meeting time will be decided at this meeting)

Installation of New Members

Sunday, June 4 during 10am service
Everyone is invited to a reception
afterwards in Fellowship Hall.

Interested in joining?

Please call the office: 815-385-4030



CAKE WARS

Fundraiser for 2024 National Youth
Gathering
New Orleans

Sunday, May 7,
11:00am

"BAKE the cake"
"TASTE the cake"
"VOTE the cake"

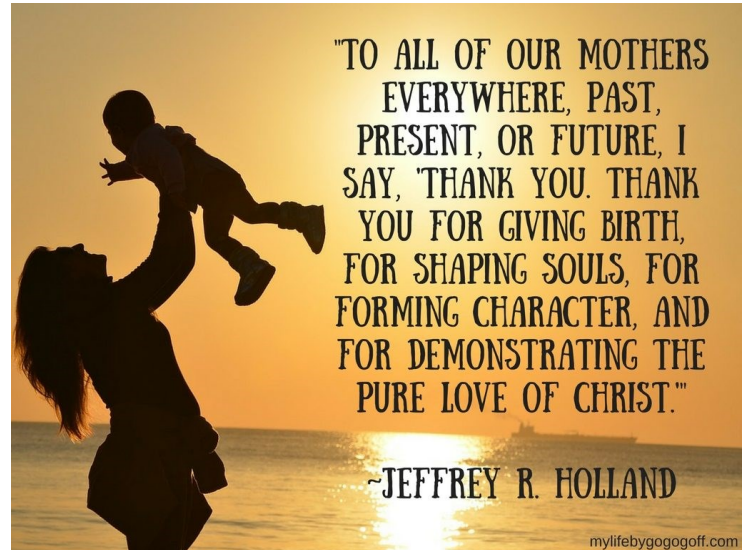
Theme:

"Shine, Jesus' Light"

Questions? Contact: Heather
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Happy Mother's Day

“Life
doesn't
come with a
manual. It
comes with
a mother.”



Spring 2023 Plant Swap

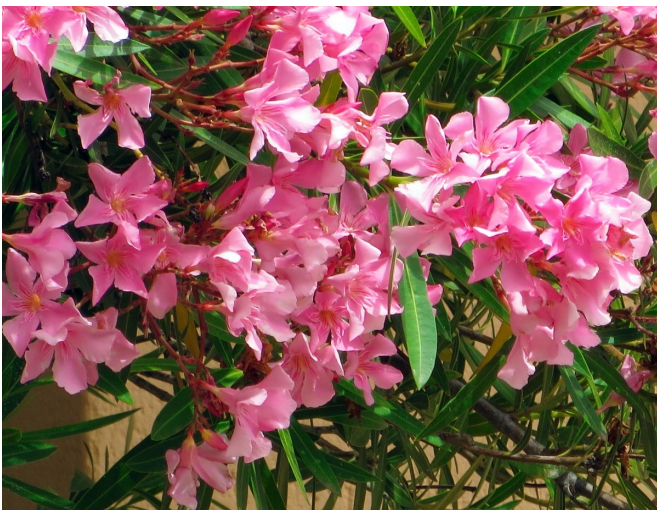
We invite you to our first annual
plant “give and take”.

BRING:
your divided perennials
your extra plants
your sorted bulbs...

TRADE:
them with your fellow church members!
If you don't have plants to share,
bring something else garden related to swap!

WHEN:
Sunday, May 21 at 11:15 am
(after 10am service)

WHERE:
Church Parking Lot



Sunday Stewards

Lee & Sue Borresen, Bert Denley, Bob & Bev Fluger, Nevie Gamble, Barb Gaskell, Jaymeson Gerstung, Kenadee Gerstung, Anna Greco, Kevin Harrington, Lee Hartwig, Dave Huddleston, Ele KinserDebby Krause, Jill Holtz Kropf, Jeff Lichte, Nathan Miller, Sue Murphy, Barb & Jay Nalley, Karen O'Neill, Sandy Orlando, Breine Patton, AJ Preston, Pam Schilf, Chase Schnurr, Don Schnurr, Greg Tabert, Pierce Ulman and Bert Young.

Flower Sponsors

April 2: Martha Finkbeiner
April 9: Fred & Susan Schultz in honor of their 50th anniversary
April 16: Roger & Rosemary Schneider in honor of their parents
April 23: Lee & Sue Borresen in honor of their 55th anniversary
April 30: Blessings for the Confirmands by Pam Schilf

May 7: Pam Schilf in memory of Vern Schilf
May 14: Sue Murphy in memory of Lorraine Murphy
Bert Young in memory of her brother, Ken Franti
Christina Johnson, in honor of her mother, Lois Randall's 75th birthday
May 21: Paul & Carol Morgan, in celebration of their grandson, Ethan
May 28: Bev Blundell in memory of her Dad, Walter Hestroffer

Refreshment Sponsors

April 2: Nevie Gamble
April 9: Chuck & Kathy Chamberlain
April 16: Open to Sponsor
April 23: Open to Sponsor
April 30: Open to Sponsor

May 7: Open to Sponsor
May 14: Pam Schilf
May 21: Open to Sponsor
May 28: Chuck & Kathy Chamberlain

Thank
YOU!

WELCA SPRING TEA

*A wonderful afternoon was had by all!
79 attendees enjoyed a delicious lunch provided by 31North Restaurant.*



Thank you to the WELCA Board for coordinating a memorable event!

2nd Quarter 2023 Market Outlook

Banking turbulence impacts the Fed's glide path

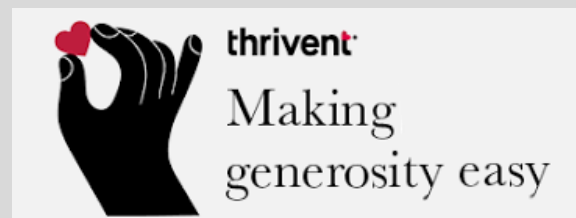
During the first few months of 2023, investors remained laser-focused on the persistent interconnected themes of inflation, the Federal Reserve's (Fed) ongoing aggressive policy response to thwart it, and the impact this policy might have on the economy.

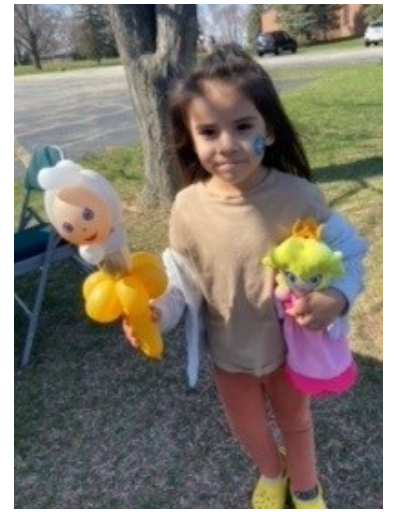
Minor anecdotal and statistical evidence provided glimmers of hope that the Fed would be successful, and inflation would soon be moderating without the economy falling into a serious recession.

This optimistic "soft-landing" theme provided a strong boost to both stocks and bonds in January.

Jerry Doran

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**A special thanks to
the Sew Grand Quilters
who made beanbags
for our Easter Egg Hunt.**







**34 Ladies attended
an afternoon of
BUNCO!!**

**Thanks to the
Committee:
Carol Harrington,
Jill Holtz-Kropf,
Donna Quinlan and
Heather Castaing.**

**Palm Sunday
Procession of the Palms**



**"Watch at the Cross"
Maundy Thursday to
Good Friday**





“Buzzing in and about SOTH”

Weekly Worship Services

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 8:30 & 10:00am

8:30am Service is Livestreamed

Nursery Available

Social Hour

9:15am - 10:15am

Coffee and snacks!

Office Hours & Phone

Monday - Thursday

9:00am - 5:00pm

Friday

9:00am - Noon

815-385-4030

Church Council

Carol Janssen

Christina Johnson

Jackie Huddleston

Joel Kahling

Paul Morgan

Barb Nalley

Bob Preston

Pam Schilf

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Can you help? Would you be willing to learn to serve as a Greeter? Usher? Communion Assistant? Liturgist? Or to help set up for communion? Please prayerfully consider serving your church family in one of these ways. Call the church office, 815-385-4030 to sign up. Thank you!

Refreshment Sponsors are needed for Sunday morning social hour. Interested? please call the church office, 815-385-4030.

Sponsor Flowers in honor of birthdays, anniversaries, in memory of loved ones or “just because”. Sponsors are encouraged to take their floral arrangement home after the 10:00am service. Cost is \$30.00 per arrangement. Sign-up is located on the bulletin board in the hallway by the church office.

Sing (or Ring) to the Lord a New Song! Shepherd of the Hills offers several music ministries; Shepherd's Voices, Shepherd's Bells and Shepherd's Praise Band. The groups perform at services, special programs, holidays and other church events. We always welcome new members! If you are interested please call the church office at 815-385-4030.

Shepherd's Prayer Group Meets remotely every Monday @ 7:00 p.m. This is a time to share joys and concerns. All are welcome! Zoom Meeting link <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86954174425> pwd=OGp5TFMxOWIBWk1rbENIVVlxckhOQT09 OR Dial in by phone: +1 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 918 7320 9720 Passcode: 122441

Mary Martha Circle/Bible Study is the first Tuesday of every month, 1:00 - 3:00pm in Room 5. Please bring your Bible and a copy of the publication “The Gather” if you have one. Questions? Please call or email: Sharie Moy, 815-236-2642 or teacup76@comcast.net.

Our Mission:

To LOVE people wherever they are,
To LIVE the grace of God
in Jesus Christ and
To GROW in faith and service.



MAY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			12:30pm: Women 's Recovery 7pm: Confirmation 7:30pm: Bells	4:30pm: Men's Bible Study		5pm Worship
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
8:30 & 10am: Worship 8:30am: Confirmation 10am: Sunday School 11:15am: Cake Wars 11:15am: New Disciples Lunch	9:30am: Quilters 6:30pm: TOPS	BUZZ	12:30pm: Women's Recovery 1pm: Prayer Shawls 7pm: Confirmation 7:30pm: Bells	Noon: Staff Mtg. 4:30pm: Men's Bible Study	8am: Samaritan Counseling	5pm Worship
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
8:30 & 10am: Worship 8:30am: Confirmation 10am: Sunday School 6:30pm: Jr. High Youth HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY	9:30am: Quilters Noon: Fellowship Committee 6pm: WELCA 6:30pm: TOPS	BUZZ 1pm: Mary Martha Circle 6:30pm: BS #131	12:30pm: Women's Recovery 6:30pm: Mc. Garden 7pm: Confirmation 7:30pm: Bells	4:30pm: Men's Bible Study 5:45pm: Daisies 6pm: Council 7 pm: Choir	8am: Samaritan Counseling	5pm Worship
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