

May 2022 Newsletter

Aurora Lutheran Church

Feeding Body, Mind, and Spirit with the Love of Jesus

Easter Greetings from Pastor Clark

Did you know that the Easter Season in the Western Christian tradition lasts for seven weeks after Easter Sunday? There are forty days of Lent, but there are fifty days of Easter. I am not saying one is more important than the other, but I admit I like celebrating Jesus' resurrection.

I do enjoy lingering in the Easter season or the Easter celebration. Easter is not just a once-a-year event that we put on our Easter outfit for, and then put the outfit and our celebration back into the closet until next year. Easter is the resurrection of our Lord! It is the victory Christ won for us over sin and death. Easter is a time and place to linger for a while. That might be why the ancient Christian Church leaders made the Easter season 50 days long on the Liturgical calendar (or it could have something to do with when they thought Jesus ascended to heaven). At any rate, these fifty days help us linger and contemplate what it means being Easter people.

I have two adopted sisters and one adopted brother in my family of eight brothers and sisters. My three adopted siblings had at least one thing in common before they came to live with us. They were not wanted by their birth parents or birth families. But, through the miracle of adoption, they found a family that loved them and cared for them. Not a perfect family, but we tried, and we loved. My adopted sisters and brother now had a mom and dad, along with five new brothers, ready or not.

Through his incredible love for us that drove Jesus to the cross for our sake, and through the miracle of his resurrection, another miracle was made possible. The miracle of our own adoption. We are adopted you and me. God made us His own through Jesus' sacrifice to remove all barriers between us. Because He loves us so much! Just like Jesus, we now get to call God, "Abba", or "Loving Father", because that is who we are. The Bible tells you so.

So, my adopted brothers and sisters in Christ, I encourage you to linger in this Easter season. To contemplate the reality that you are now eternal beings and God's kids. Rejoice in that knowledge. But also contemplate what does that mean for your own lives here and now? How are you going to help in the family business of ushering in God's Kingdom?

Easter blessings to all my brothers and sisters at Aurora Lutheran! God loves you and so do I.

Pastor Clark

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday school will sing on Mother's Day, May 8th. It will be the last day of Sunday School! The year went very fast. Thanks to Jackie Larson for leading us!

CONFIRMATION

Morgan Styndl will be affirming her baptism at her confirmation on Sunday, May 8th. Congratulations Morgan and welcome as a full member of Christ's church in Aurora Lutheran!

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships will be awarded to Maddie Styndle and Jace Hendricks on Sunday, May 8th.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Pastor is registered for Synod assembly May 7th in Mankato. If anyone would like to go as a delegate from Aurora, please contact Pastor Clark or Bob Thurnau.

FIRST COMMUNION

Instruction for those receiving First Communion will be after church on Sunday, May 15th. Lunch (pizza) will be available. First Communion Sunday will be May 22nd. All families with 5th graders are welcome.

CUSTODIAN

Since we do not have a custodian, we will be meeting at church the first Saturday of the month at 9 o'clock to clean come if your able! There will be cleaning supplies at the church. However, please feel free to bring your favorite cleaning supplies if you would like.

MEALS OF HOPE

Meals of Hope is looking for on call volunteers that can help on a Thursday evening as needed. They are now doing meals of hope on Thursday instead of Sunday. Please sign up at church if you are able to help out.

MEMORABILIA – SALE! Check prices at the table at church

T-Shirts \$7

Cross Christmas Ornament \$10

Insulated Mug \$20

Squishy Doves and wristbands – Free

Council Members

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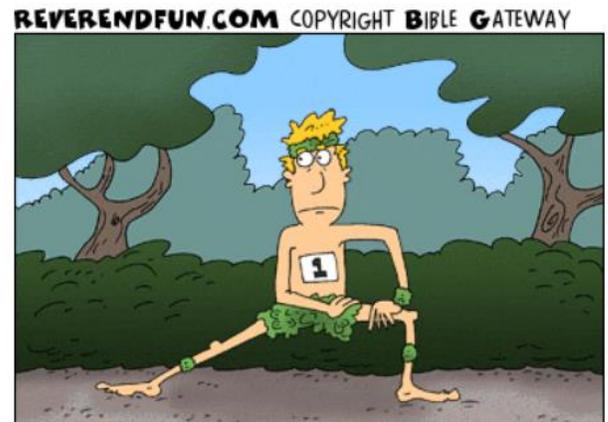
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Bill Lewison



Thanks to Ema DeRosia

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ADAM DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THIS HUMAN
RACE THING WAS ALL ABOUT, BUT HE
INTENDED TO BE PREPARED JUST IN CASE

May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Church at 9 a.m. Communion	2	3	4	5	6	7 Synod Assembly in Mankato Church Cleaning at 9
8 Church at 9 a.m. Confirmation, Communion Sunday School Sings Scholarship Presentation Last day of Sunday school	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Church at 9 a.m.	16	17	18 Diner meeting at 5:30 Council at 6:30	19	20	21
22 Church at 9 a.m. Communion	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Church at 9 a.m.	30 Memorial Day	31				

**Aurora Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2022**

The regular monthly meeting of the Aurora Church Council was held on Wednesday, **April 20, 2022** beginning at 6:30pm. Those present: Bob Thurnau, Kay Klemmer, Stan Norland, Jodi Keck, Brian Styndle, Bill Lewison, and Lindsey Maher. Absent were, Kim Wilder, Crystal Rypka, Jan Nelson and Jackie Larson.

The meeting was called to order by President, Bob Thurnau with a prayer.

Secretaries Report was approved as read.

Treasurers Report: Checking account balance as of 4/1/2022 was \$32,134.04. Approved as presented.

March Offering	\$8,728.00
March Expenses	<u>\$3,069.00</u>
Net income/Loss	\$5,659.00

Other income: Parsonage rent, Farmland Rent, Thrivent (Not Choice Funds), Memorial, & Interest Income totaled \$15,609.92

Pastors Report:

1. Starting to get some calls and home visits done
2. Pastor is registered for Synod assembly May 7th in Mankato. If anyone would like to go as a delegate from Aurora, please contact Pastor Clark or Bob Thurnau.
3. Looking at doing a bible study this fall
4. 1st communion class for the current 5th and 6th graders is tentatively set for May 15th after church. Parents are not required to attend but are more than welcome.

Trustees report:

Going to re-seed the burned area from last falls trees that were taken down.
Evergreen that went down will be cleaned up and shrubs by stones trimmed as needed.

Deacons Report: Nothing at this time.

Unfinished Business:

1. Scholarships will be awarded to Maddie Styndle and Jace Hendricks. Congratulations.
2. Keys – I am still working on finding out who has keys. PLEASE let me know if you have a key and what number is on it. Thank you

New Business

1. Lawn Care at Church – Jared and Alycin Prestegard have agreed to continue mowing and taking care of the cemetery this summer. Thank you.
2. The council is looking into updating the sign in the front of the church. More info to follow.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 18th, 6:30 at church.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jodi Keck - Secretary

