



HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY...

**FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD—  
Studying His word**

Do you use your time wisely? Of all the gifts God gives us, time is one of the most valuable—we cannot reclaim it and we must make the most of it while we have it. The time we have is a trust from God to be used for doing the things that He would have us do: for worship of God, for service to others, and for self-improvement and enrichment.

Knowing this, consider what you are doing with the time God has given you and if you're a good steward of that time.

Don't concern yourself with how many days God has given you. Instead, use every hour He has given you to please Him and accomplish the tasks He has set before you. As you begin to use your time wisely to serve God and others you can "live life at its best".

*The above list was taken from "Living Wisely in an Unwise World" by Ronald and Phyllis Chewing. To find out what else is on this list, join us on Sunday at 9:15 am.*

**MAY**

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY EVENING**—6:00 pm

*No Saturday Evening Service on May 20 due to the confirmation dinner.*

**SUNDAY MORNING**—8:00 and 10:30 am

*No 8:00 or 10:30 am services on May 21. There will be **ONE** service at 9:00 am to celebrate confirmation.*

**HOLY COMMUNION**—May 6 and 7; 21

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**BIBLE STUDIES and CLASSES**

**EDUCATION HOUR FOR ALL AGES**—Sunday—9:15 am

**LADIES MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**

May 1—6:30 pm. We will finish discussing chapter 12 of "Rediscovering Jonah" by Timothy Keller. Questions? Contact Mindy Braun at 608-792-9238.

**MOVIE DISCUSSION**—Beginning Tuesday, May 9 at 9:30 am in the chapel.

Join the *Charis Bible Study Group* to watch - and discuss —"**The Chosen**". This group will meet each Tuesday through the completion of this movie. Questions? Contact Karen Gardner at [thekarengardner@charter.net](mailto:thekarengardner@charter.net)

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY | MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Wednesday—9:30 am | Thursday—8:45 am (time change for summer)

**CONFIRMATION**

Last day of confirmation class—May 3 at 6:00 pm

Final exam and review for questions (8th graders only) - May 10 at 6:00 pm

8th grade questioning (in Fellowship Hall) - May 14 at 9:15 am

Confirmation Dinner —Saturday, May 20

Confirmation Service w/HC—Sunday, May 21 at 9:00 am

**HS YOUTH and BIBLE STUDY**

Wednesday—7:30 pm

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**ONGOING MINISTRY MEETING SCHEDULE**

**DEAF MINISTRY**—Interpreter for Sunday worship on the first and third Sunday of the month when communion is served. (*Verify schedule with Deaf Ministry.*)

**COUNCIL** — Tuesday, May 16 at 6:30 pm

**EDUCATION**— Tuesday, May 23 at 6:30 pm in the chapel

**ELDERS** — Monday, May 22 at 6:00 pm

**FELLOWSHIP**— Wednesday, May 10, at 11:00 am/Perkins, Onalaska

**LWML**—Monday, May 15 at 1:00 pm

**TRUSTEES**—Thursday, May 11 at 5:30 pm

*Schedules subject to change. Check the church bulletin, Facebook, Website or Weekly Update for updates.*



IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SERVE?

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

Look no further! Your help is needed here—right now!

**5TH SUNDAY POTLUCKS**

Organize and host a meal

Available date: July 30  
To host, sign up at The Welcome and Opportunity Center.

**CHURCH MINISTRIES**

Help plan and implement various activities within our church

From Altar Guild to Youth Leaders, your ideas and participation are welcome! To volunteer, contact a ministry chair.

**GREETERS**

Say "Hello" to people—members and non-members—who are joining us for worship

Greet people prior to the service. Following the service, invite visitors to The Welcome and Opportunity Center to fill out a Connect Card and to pick up a "Goodie Bag". To volunteer, sign up on the clipboard located next to the "Goodie Bags".

**PROJECTOR**

Advance the projector slides during the church service

To volunteer contact an Elder

**SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS**

Provide treats, coffee and fellowship

Sign up sheet at The Welcome and Opportunity Center.

**USHERS**

Help people get to where they are going

To volunteer contact an Elder

NEW OPPORTUNITY!

MINISTRY UPDATES

BOOK TALK

MEET WITH BOOK LOVERS FOR TALK AND TREATS...

**MAY BOOK SELECTION— "Our Last Goodbye"** by Shirley Dickson

Tuesday, May 23 at 2:00 pm at Panera

EDUCATION MINISTRY

ASSISTS WITH THE SPIRITUAL NEEDS

**FAITH BASICS—The Lord's Prayer, Apostle's Creed and 10 Commandments** will be recited by the students (and congregation) in the Fellowship Hall prior to Education Hour on Sunday, May 28.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING—**donations through June will help support the lunch programs at the Onalaska and Holmen elementary and middle schools.

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED!** Beginning Sunday, June 4 teachers are needed to lead a Preschool—3rd grade or a 4th—8th grade class.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—**Tuesday through Thursday, August 8-10 from 5:00—7:30 pm. A meal will be served at 6:00 pm. In addition, the first lesson of VBS will be taught during Education Hour on Sunday, August 6; the last lesson will be taught on Sunday, August 13. Parents are invited to attend VBS with their children!

**Education Contact: Hanni Cowley at 608-863-6767 | hannicowley@yahoo.com**

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

CONNECTS PEOPLE THROUGH FUN, FOOD and FELLOWSHIP

**IDEAS WANTED!** Do you have a fun idea to bring people together in fellowship? Share your thoughts with someone in Fellowship Ministry, leave a note in the office drop box, email us or attend the monthly meeting.

**THE "2ND SATURDAY MEAL"** May 13 following the 6:00 pm Saturday service.

**MOVIE and PIZZA—**Friday, May 12 at 5:30 pm. Watch for more information!

**OPEN GYM!** Reserve a time to play basketball, volleyball, pickleball, etc. by signing up at The Welcome and Opportunity Center. Fellowship Ministry will contact/instruct you on how to access the building and set up equipment. You will be responsible for opening/locking the building and with set up/tear down.

**RECAP—**The Ted Vigil "John Denver Tribute", April 14 at The Heider Center, West Salem. Nine church members attended and enjoyed the performance by this talented look-alike.

**Fellowship Contact: Jana Underkofler at jounder5js@gmail.com**

**HUMAN CARE MINISTRY**

SERVES THE NEEDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND OUR COMMUNITY

**PRAYER CHAIN:** to submit a request (or to join the prayer chain) please contact Sharon Ryan at sryan6731@gmail.com or 608-526-6731, or the church office.

**ONALASKA FOOD PANTRY—May request—**Peanut Butter. Donations may be left on the shelves located across from The Welcome and Opportunity Center.

**THE PIECE MAKERS** meets Thursday, May 11 and 25 at 9:30 am. For more information, contact Lorraine Koch at 936-242-9941.

**Human Care Contact: Sue Mravik at suemravik@gmail.com**

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

RESOURCES TO ENHANCE GOD'S TEACHINGS

Check out the area labeled Family/Men/Women (yellow dots) in the library for some Mother's Day reading material.

- *The Best of Barbara Johnson*
- *Beyond Beautiful Girlhood* by Margaret Elizabeth Sangster
- *Bittersweet* by Shauna Niequist
- *A House of Many Blessings* by Quinn Sherrer and Laura Watson

In addition, there are several copies of *God Loves Moms—12 Lessons about God's Mercy* by Christina Hergenrader which you are welcome to take and keep!

**Library Coordinator:** Karen Schindler at [Schindler.karen7@gmail.com](mailto:Schindler.karen7@gmail.com) | 952-448-7670

## **MUSIC MINISTRY**

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD!

**Chimes**—TBD | **Choir**—Wednesday at 6:30 pm

**WELCOME BACK KAYE**—we missed you! Thank you to Jeanette Baumgarn, Rob Wessler and Dean Whiteway for filling in for Kaye. Your willingness to share your talents has been greatly appreciated.

**Music Ministry Contact:** Kay Conzemius at [bkconz@aol.com](mailto:bkconz@aol.com)



## **STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY**

SHARING YOUR TIME AND TALENTS

### **A Better Way**

*Shared from the LCMS stewardship Ministry by John Berg*

Our Savior calls us to follow Him in generosity. “For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you” (John 13:15). We cannot give our lives for the salvation of the world, of course. Praise God, that job’s already done! But with hearts full of thanksgiving for what Jesus has given us, we can follow His example of generous giving. And Jesus’ generosity is not merely an example. Our Lord also commands us to act according to our gifts: “The one who contributes, [let him give] in generosity” (Rom. 12:8).

So, when we bring offerings to the Lord, we should strive to heed His command and follow the pattern He has established for us. Jesus did not give us leftovers. He gave His best. We should not give leftovers, either, but the first and best of what He has given us. Jesus did not give as an afterthought — He gave according to the plan of salvation God established from the foundation of the world. So, when it comes to our own offerings, we should make a thoughtful plan to give generously, in proportion to the way He has blessed us. Like the Macedonian Christians, who gave according to their ability, and even beyond their ability (2 Cor. 8:3), we should honor the Lord by giving a generous portion of the income that God provides us.

We should also give freely, just as Jesus gave freely for us. There is no compulsion involved in our works of love and our offerings to the Lord. We do not give grudgingly, but willingly and cheerfully, each “as he has decided in his

heart”, as the Lord says (2 Cor. 9:7). There is no New Testament ceremonial law involved here. Rather, we are free to give as generously as our Savior has given for us!

In the same way, our Lord teaches us to give generously out of our love for Him and for our neighbor. Jesus shows us that genuine love is always love “in deed” (1 John 3:18). It is love that sees our neighbor in need and gives generously to help him. It is love that hears the Word of the Lord and does what it says. If we truly love, we give generously. If we give without love, our giving is not truly following Jesus.

Finally, we follow Jesus in generosity when we support His Gospel ministry and other works of mercy. The people of Israel gave generously to construct and support the operation of the tabernacle, for that was the place where the Lord received the Old Testament sacrifices, through which He bestowed the forgiveness of sins on His people. So, they gave abundantly, so abundantly they had to be told to stop giving! (Ex. 36:5–6). In the same way, we should bring generous offerings to support the Lord’s work. We support our congregations in the preaching of His Word, Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, which bestow His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation, and we take care of those who are poor and needy.

Our Savior calls us to follow His example in generous giving. Let us then, with thankful hearts, rededicate ourselves to following Him in generosity.

## **CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS FOR APRIL 18**

*Submitted by Carolyn Bey*

**Our Mission Statement:** *To make disciples for Christ beginning in our congregation and continuing in our community, our country, and the world. Rooted in God's Word, by trusting the Holy Spirit to guide us, members will be equipped to be Disciples of Jesus Christ, to reach and compassionately serve the needs of our community.*

**CALL TO ORDER:** by V. Pres. Warren Bey at 6:40pm.

**PRESENT:** Pastor Baumgarn, Warren Bey, Carolyn Bey, Mark Wrolstad, John and Karen Gardner, Terry Ours, Kay Conzemius, John Berg, Kyle Janzen, Martha Keeffe.

**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Shawn Mahoney, Jana Underkofler, Sue Mravik, Kevin Keeffe, Linda Trautmann.

**OPENING DEVOTION:** Pastor Baumgarn read Genesis 16 v 13---(Hagar) gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her: "You are the God who sees me," for she said, "I have now seen the One who sees me." God revealed himself to her as a caring God who saw her and spoke to her and is with her. It gave her the courage to return to her mistress and do as she said. With God we can overcome all troubles and be triumphant. Pastor prayed that we all can discern what is good and right for the building of God's Kingdom.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM MARCH MEETING:**

The minutes were approved as written.

**TREASURERS REPORT: Year to date-3/31/23Total:**

Ministry Support received=\$129,220. Total Ministry Expense=\$119,921. Total Ministry Support Received/Budget=101%. Total Ministry Expense/Budget=78%. Current Mortgage Balance=\$346,771. Congregational Notes Payable= \$150,000. Total Congregational Long Term Debt=\$496,771. First Quarter Cumulative Cash as of March 31st of this year =\$1,452.00 over budget. In Mark Wrolstad's budget comments, he presented a chart of first quarter income and expenses over the last four years. He noted that the current year's expenses are up significantly due to inflation while offerings are stable over the same time period.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**PASTOR CALL UPDATE:** John G. reported his educated guess as to how much salary and benefits a full time associate Pastor with family needs to be paid per year, and expressed concern as to SOTH's ability to support the estimated amount in this uncertain economic time. With the threat of a recession this year possibly impacting our members, and expenses rising both at church and for each of our members, John does not want to chance our calling someone only to be unable to continue to pay his salary. John recom-

mended placing our call to an associate pastor on hold for a year, and see where we are then financially. A discussion of the pro's and con's of John's recommendation followed and it was agreed to support a postponement of the call for a year and reassess our financial status next year. Meanwhile Pastor Kolander will be asked to provide extra help.

**BY-LAWS UPDATE:** John Berg reported that they are finished with the Constitution and are partway through the By-laws.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE:** John G. reported it should take 6 to 9 months to complete this review.

**MINISTRY REPORTS:**

**ELDERS:** Report attached, plus Terry reported that this year's Confirmation Banquet will be held on Saturday May 20th with no worship service that night. Confirmation Sunday will be May 21st with only a 9am service that day.

**MUSIC:** Kay C. reported that Kay L. has been practicing and plans to play at the 5th Sunday 9am- only service. she plans to be back starting in May. Dean Whiteway, the organist for the last several Sundays, likes our liturgy and would be happy to return any time we need his help. He did notice a possible problem with the organ which should be checked out.

**TRUSTEES:** report attached. Kyle also brought up a request from a Bible Study Group, the Charis Group, that Karen G. is a member of, to use our facilities for the study for the next 6 weeks. They are studying "The Chosen" and they do not have the ability to play the film where they are now meeting. After a short discussion, permission was given for Karen's group to use our facilities.

**EDUCATION:** report attached. Plus, Karen mentioned that VBS will be held from 5-7:30pm on August 8,9,10 with a meal served at 6pm. Parents will be encouraged to attend with their children. Summer Sunday school begins June 4th.

**PRESCHOOL:** No report.

**EVANGELISM:** No report.

**YOUTH:** No report.

# HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

IN CASE YOU DON'T KNOW WHY MOMS ARE SPECIAL, HERE ARE A FEW REASONS WHY...

"She spends time with me." Emma, age 5

"She braids my hair. My mom is special when she wears a dress." Ava, age 5

"My mom is really good at driving," Aria, age 3

"She takes me on walks around the blocks and she's good at making hearts." Greta, age 4

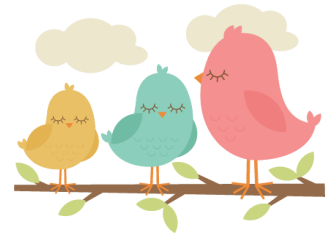
"She lets me play the 'Switch' while she cleans the house." Ayden, age 5

"She brought snow in the house to play with," Emma, age 3

"She paints with me and plays Barbie with me." Lilly, age 4

"She plays Bluey toys with me." Lilly, age 4

"She knows stuff to me." preschooler, age 3



Ethan, age 4, Altoona WI

She has me try new food. She has me try to listen.

She gives me snuggles. She hugs me. She swims with me.

She has me try not to burp like I usually do.

She tells me not to bonk on the computer.

She lets me ride my scooter around the cul de sac.

Sometimes she lets me color on the computer with the mouse.

She loves me." William, age 4

"I love her." Grayson, age 4

"She's my mom and she lives with me. My mom calls me honey." Lexi, age 4

"My mom helps me do things and is good at cuddling and family cozies." preschooler, age 5

"Grandma is special." Charlie, age 3

"She doesn't make me do any chores!" Lennon, age 4

"She does good things for me." Aria, age 3

From Maddie, age 6, Altoona WI

She taught me how to brush my teeth for 2 minutes. (But I only brush for 1 minute.)

She says I need to brush my hair, but I'd rather not.

She gives me lots of kisses and hugs. She plays with me and snuggles with me. She reads with me.

She does projects with me, and bakes cookies with me. I like going on big walks to the playground with her.

She gives me lots of presents and I give her presents too.

We went on a date night for dinner and ice cream.

Emmett. Age 11, Holmen

She is special because she is my mom.

She teaches me to face challenges and never give up.

She teaches me to always talk to parents about things. She helps me.

She is excited about things I can do, like soccer.

I've learned to appreciate family time and family vacations.



Ava, age 9, Holmen

She teaches me life lessons: how to use the stove safely, how to make my own meal, how to eat healthy, how to keep things clean and tidy. She gets me ready for the future.

She turns my day around when I am sad. She helps me feel positive.

She makes time for me in between work. She is always there to cheer me up. She makes me laugh.

She helps with my confidence when I'm feeling down about not being able to do a skill at gymnastics.

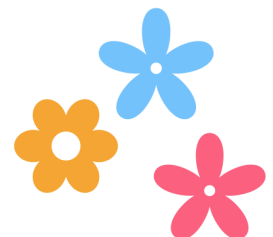
She is always there to cheer me up. She gives me lots of hugs.

"She makes food for us." Emma, age 5

"She's good at making lunch and breakfast and dinner." Rory, age 3

"My mommy like to make me French Toast." Ava, age 5

"She makes sausage, eggs and cinnamon rolls." Ayden, age 5



She is important because I love her so much.

She is the best mommy ever. No other mommy is the best. Just my mom.

-Maddie, age 6, Altoona, WI

**STEWARDSHIP:** John will be reminding members to prayerfully consider bringing in a mission offering by the end of the month. We discussed another shout out to the congregation for everyone to come and join our fellowship again and worship with our family of believers in Christ Jesus.

**FELLOWSHIP:** Report attached.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Martha reported that she is working on dates, times and places to hold the Life Skills workshop for young adults (12-18). The first should be held in September on Basic Budgeting. More information will be coming.

**DEAF MINISTRY AND LWML:** No Report.

**HUMAN CARE:** No Report.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Jim V. will no longer be taking cans to the recycling place.

There might be an ingathering of needed items for the VA sometime in July.

There might also be someone from Faith Comes by Hearing to talk to us sometime in July.

**CLOSING:** We joined together in the Lord's Prayer.

**ADJOURN:** 8:15 pm

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**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** - Monday, May 1 at 6:00 pm. Whether you're a cancer survivor, undergoing treatment - or are a spouse, friend or family member who has been affected by cancer - you are encouraged to attend this group. Share your challenges and what you've done to address those challenges. Favorite Bibles verses, dietary tips, etc. are welcome. This group is open to the public. Future meeting times to be determined at the first meeting.

For info contact Shawn Mahoney at 608-797-1927

**GET THE  
SUPPORT YOU  
NEED**

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP  
SHARE. RELATE. OVERCOME.

**MONDAY, MAY 1 - 6PM**  
**AT SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH**

## HAVE A QUESTION? FIND YOUR ANSWER HERE

### Q & A

WHY? WHAT? HOW?

Do you have a question about your faith or how our church works? How about your life? Do you want to know how your faith applies to your daily life? To submit a question, visit the church website at [sothonalaska.org](http://sothonalaska.org) and click on the Q & A tab. An answer to your question will be posted on the website—just because you asked. **All submissions are anonymous.**



## BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

- 2 Theresa Fladhammer, Wade Fladhammer
- 3 Caitlyn Knobloch
- 7 Hudson Haffemann, Diane Van Ess
- 9 Don Hafeman
- 11 Tom Bartig, Judy Baumgart
- 12 Sherry Clements, Blake Dissmore, Grace Maki
- 14 Ryan Doud, Wayne Sanden
- 15 Bill Budd
- 18 Dawn Kasten
- 19 Mary Schultz
- 21 Gerri Paul

- 23 Lily Doud
- 25 Ayden Corton
- 28 Preston Dissmore, Jessica Underkofler
- 29 Christine Lenser

### Anniversaries

- 10 Kevin and Nicole Corton
- 11 John and Vickie Lager
- 18 Jim and Marilyn Magnuson
- 24 Andrew and Dawn Kasten; Jim and Ann Wells
- 30 Larry and Cindy Stetzer

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## OFFICE HOURS and COMMUNICATION SCHEDULE

**Kira's hours beginning May 15**

**Monday through Thursday**

9:00 am—3:00 pm

**Friday**

9:00 am—12:00 pm

**Submit ALL bulletin, Weekly Update and Narthex TV entries to Martha by noon on Tuesday. Items received later than noon will not be included. May newsletter submissions must be received by noon on Monday, May 22.**

**Visit our website at [sothonalaska.org](http://sothonalaska.org)**

**CONNECT CARD for members, visitors and friends - Provide your current contact information to receive up-to-date information on church activities and announcements! Connect cards are located in the back of the church pews.**

