



The following is a recap of the March Ladies Monday Night Bible Study which is studying "The Case for Miracles" by Lee Strobel. This recap fits well with the season of Easter.

FORENSIC ANALYSIS of the GOSPELS

Shared by Mindy Braun, Bible Study Leader

A former cold case homicide investigator analyzed the Gospels using forensic statement analysis. Why? To discover why Jesus came, why Jesus died, and the credibility of Jesus' death and resurrection miracle. The result? He concluded that the Gospels reliably recorded true events. But more importantly, the investigator came to believe in Jesus as his Savior. This outcome of people putting God's Word to the test and then becoming believers has repeated itself in many of the chapters discussed by the Ladies Monday Night Bible study from "The Case for Miracles" by Lee Strobel.

We dug into God's Word. Why did Jesus come? (Rom 10:4) "Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes." Why did Jesus die? (Heb 9:15) "...Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the prom-

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John 14:27

*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives do I give to you.
Let not your hearts be troubled,
neither let them be afraid.*



WHEN WE WORSHIP

SATURDAY EVENING—6:00 pm (2nd Saturday Potluck on April 13 following worship)

SUNDAY MORNING—8:00 am | 10:30 am

HOLY COMMUNION—April 6/7 and 20/21

WHEN TO STUDY

EDUCATION HOUR FOR ALL AGES—Sunday following the 8:00 am service

LADIES MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY—April 1 at 6:30 pm. We'll discuss chapter 12 from "The Case for Miracles" by Lee Strobel. Contact Mindy Braun at 608-792-9238. For a recap of last's month study, see the sidebar to the left.

"THE CHOSEN" - beginning Tuesday, 23 at 9:30 am

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY—Wednesday at 9:30 am

CONFIRMATION—Wednesday 6:00 pm

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY—Thursday at 9:30 am

THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY on HEBREWS—10:30 am

ONGOING MINISTRY MEETING SCHEDULE

FELLOWSHIP— Monday, April 1 at 12:30 pm at Perkin's

EDUCATION— Sunday, April 7 at 11:30 am in the chapel

ELDERS — Monday, April 8 at 6:00 pm

TRUSTEES—Thursday, April 11 at 4:30 pm

LWML—Monday, April 15 at 1:00 pm

COUNCIL — Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30 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

MINISTRY CHAIRS

Lead a ministry that meets the specific needs of our members

The following ministries need your help:

- **Human Care Ministry**
- **Youth Ministry**

A full description of leadership duties is located at The Welcome and Opportunity Center. To volunteer, contact Kevin Keeffe at 608-797-5529

Dan Howe at 608-780-1525 or howe32@hotmail.com

PROJECTOR

Advance the projector slides during the church service

To volunteer contact an Elder

COUNT OFFERING

Record the offering or assist, organize and count funds.

To volunteer contact Betsy Jessie at betsy13@hotmail.com

2ND SATURDAY MEAL

HELPERS

feed the masses

Sign up at The Welcome and Opportunity Center.

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

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

SHARE TIPS, CONCERNS AND SUPPORT WITH THOSE AFFECTED BY CANCER

Next Meeting: Monday, April 8 at 6:00 pm

Cancer Support Contact: Shawn Mahoney 608-797-1927

FRIENDS/FAMILY of TRANSGENDERS SUPPORT GROUP (FFTSG)

COMPASSIONATE SUPPORT FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY TRANSGENDERSIM

“In His Image” recap—shared by Sue Mravik

Many thanks to everyone who watched the film, "In His Image", produced by American Family Association. We raised over \$100 to donate to this group (their request for showing the film). We had local visitors and some from as far away as Eau Claire. A church in Mondovi is even using this film to create a Bible Study around it! After the film, we opened the floor to discussion and a number of families, who have loved ones going through this tragic transition of transgenderism, shared their experience. It's our hope to show this film again sometime this summer. Meanwhile, if you know anyone who needs support (as I'm discovering many of us know of families that are going through this painful situation), please have them contact me or attend the next **support group meeting on April 9 at 6:30 pm**. Many thanks to Thrivent Financial for

donating money so we could have a good dinner afterwards and to Jana Underkofler and Fellowship Ministry for planning, serving and cleaning up. Thank you to Kevin and Marth Keeffe for setting up the audio/visual so we could view the film without any glitches. And thank you to all who came out to learn more about this epidemic that's affecting our families. When we stick together and work together, it creates a stronger church family and shows the enemy that we are God's children. As Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 16:13-14, "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love." **GOD IS GOOD** and God has shown us how to love and He gives us His Grace. This is one way we can show God's love and grace to others.

FFTSG Contact: Sue Mravik at suemravik@gmail.com or 608-498-6076

CONFIRMATION and YOUTH MINISTRY

SHARING THE GOSPEL WITH STUDENTS THROUGH STUDY, WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

Confirmation class will resume meeting at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, April 3.

Contact: Pastor Baumgarn 507-227-5646 or david.baumgarn@sothonalaska.com

EDUCATION MINISTRY

ASSISTS WITH THE SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF OUR STUDENTS

Thank you to all who helped make the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23 a success!

The Sunday School Students will sing during the 10:30 am worship service on April 14 and June 2. They will recite The Ten Commandments, The Apostle's Creed and the Lord's Prayer on May 19 during the 10:30 am service.

Thank you to Duane and Linda Vetsch who set up an account from the estate of LaVern Vetsch to purchase age-appropriate Bibles for the Sunday School Students. These Bibles were handed out on Sunday, March 24.

VBS | Sunday, June 23 and 30 during Education Hour | June 25—27 | 5-7:30 pm

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

SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS!

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

CONNECTS PEOPLE THROUGH FUN, FOOD and FELLOWSHIP

Advent by Candlelight Review: Monday, April 15 at 6:30 pm in the chapel. We will review and prepare for the 2024 Advent by Candlelight. Ladies who are interested in participating are welcome to attend.

Thank you to everyone who helped prepare, serve and clean up all the Lenten meals. Many hands make light work. Many blessings were shared by those who helped and those who were served.

Coming in May: BUNCO! Watch for details.

Fellowship Contact: Jana Underkofler

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HUMAN CARE MINISTRY

SERVES THE NEEDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND OUR COMMUNITY

Prayer Chain to submit requests (or to join the prayer chain) please contact Sharon at sryan6731@gmail.com, 608-526-6731, or the church office.

Food Pantry request for April: Toilet paper. Donations may be left on the shelves located across from The Welcome and Opportunity Center.

LWML MINISTRY

LWML SUPPORTS MISSIONS AT HOME AND ABROAD

LWML Zone 14 Spring Rally with lunch: 8:30 am, Saturday, April 20 at Prince of Peace, West Salem. RSVP to 608-786-3938 by April 10

LWML/Music Contact: Kay Conzemius at bkconz@aol.com

MUSIC MINISTRY

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD!

CHIMES—6:00 pm | **CHOIR**—Wednesday at 6:30 pm

MISCELLANEOUS

INFORMATION THAT DOESN'T FIT ANYWHERE ELSE

Digital Sign Update

A big “thank you” to those who have supported the project to replace our aging identification sign with a new electronic sign on Sand Lake Road. We are working with the City of Onalaska to erect a sign that conforms to the new City Sign Code while improving the visibility of our name and adding message capability. So far, the designs we have submitted exceed the City’s new maximum for total sign square footage. Once an agreement is reached, the design will be presented to church members and voters for approval and fund-raising will begin in earnest. Everyone’s interest is appreciated; watch for further updates as this project moves forward.

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

Spring Mission Project - St. Clare Health Mission

In 1993, Sister LeClare Beres started St. Clare Health Mission. She renounced all her possessions, even giving away her shoes, to devote her life to caring for the poor. In support of her vision, representatives of health and social service organizations throughout the La Crosse area collaborated with Beres to address health care needs of the poor and uninsured.

Through St. Clare Health Mission, volunteer healthcare providers work together to provide free healthcare to those who have none. The term “health mission” describes not only the program, but the motivation which guides it. Through the years, volunteers have served over 19,000 people in over 80,000 visits to the clinic, and ever increasingly, on the new Rotary Mobile Clinic.

St. Clare Health Mission partners with Mayo, Gundersen, and Scenic Bluffs to offer a wide variety of medical and dental care appointments to patients.

The Guiding Principle of St. Clare Health Mission is: Those participating in this initiative share a belief that all individuals, regardless of financial status, are deserving of basic health care, and that all share in the benefit of that care.

Our spring collection to benefit the St. Clare Health Mission will take place on April 14 but contributions will be accepted anytime in April.

Stewardship Contact: John Berg at

johnjberg@outlook.com



Voters Information Meeting

The next step in the approval process is a Voters’ Information meeting on April 14 in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:30 am service. All members are invited for an overview of proposed changes and are encouraged to ask questions.

Copies of the proposed Constitution/Bylaws as well as the previous 2018 version are available in the Narthex.

Advance questions are encouraged and can be sent to Committee Chair, John Berg at johnjberg@outlook.com



BLOOD DRIVE!
 Thursday, April 18
 1:00—6:00 pm
 Shepherd of the Hills
 608-783-0330 or scan QR code



APRIL MAIN STREET LIVING SCHEDULE

“Main Street Living” is a liturgical worship service broadcasting a different local pastor each Sunday morning. It airs along with the classic Lutheran Hour program, “This is the Life”. View on FOX 25/48 LaCrosse / EauClaire. Visit mainstreetliving.com for current and past episodes

April 7

10:00am: “Break up” - A divorced couple struggles with direction in their lives after meeting again.
10:30 am: Rev. Preston Paul, (Zion Lutheran Church, Cleghorn), presents the message “That You May Believe”.

April 14

10:00am: “Alibi” - A father tries to reconnect with his estranged son after the death of his mother.
10:30 am: Rev. David Shudy, (St. John Lutheran in Black River Falls and Grace Lutheran in Alma Center) presents the message “The Inclusive Community”. This sermon is based on Luke 24:36-49

April 21

10:00am: “No Place to Hide” - A pastor, who has to face the death of his wife, cannot find comfort.
10:30 am: Rev. Tim Stein, (Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Altoona), presents the message “Sheep in Need of a Good Shepherd”. This sermon is based on John 10:11-18.

April 28

10:00am: “The Main Event” - A boxer, who is hit by a car, becomes embittered until he meets a cheerful 8-year-old girl.
10:30 am: Rev. David Shudy, (St. John Lutheran in Black River Falls and Grace Lutheran in Alma Center), presents the message “A Sermon About Nothing”. This sermon is based on John 15:1-8.

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ised eternal inheritance – now that He has died as a ransom to set them free...” Is the resurrection necessary? (1Cor 15:13-14) “If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith”.

The investigator’s analysis found that the eyewitnesses had no motive to lie, their testimony did not change, and the disciples were willing to die for their conviction. There are eyewitness sources outside of the Bible, and descriptions are consistent with archaeological evidence and Jewish law. Confirmation of Jesus’ death and resurrection is found in an early creed (1Cor 15:3-4): “...that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures...” We closed our discussion in the joy of knowing (2Cor 1:20): “For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ...”

Join us April 1 @ 6:30 pm to discuss chapter 12, Embarrassed by the Supernatural.



**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? Do you want to know how your faith applies to your daily life? To submit a question, visit the church website at sothonalaska.org and click the Q & A tab. An answer to your question will be posted on the website—just because you asked.

All submissions are anonymous.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES! (Anniversaries in bold)

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| 2 Betsy Jessie,
Dustin Rainey, Judy Williams | 10 Cahtayah Torgerud | 19 Peggy Anderson |
| 3 Emma Breidenbach
Phil and Joyce Sanders | 11 Al Niebuhr | 22 Debbye Antoni
Rogan Dissmore |
| 4 Nicole Corton
Carter Gilhausen
Louise Kovars | 12 Shawn Books
Mike Londergan | 23 Rick and Linette Guilette |
| 5 Duane and Linda Vetsch | 13 Braelynn Mueller
Rachel Trautman | 24 Brenna Cain
Phillip and Heather Eckert |
| 7 Xavier Breidel
Alan Topel | 14 Charlotte Kindt
Carolyn Stakun | 26 Phil and Ruth Hartmann
John and Jody Planinscheck |
| 8 Robin Klipp
Sarah Wells | 15 Maria Ferguson
Kay Wolfe | 27 Reuben and Sue Mravik |
| 9 John Gardner
Cheryl Kraft | 17 Marianne Buchanan
Piper Jessie | 29 Tom Cowley
Ron Smith |
| | 18 Armani de la Rosa
Kerry and Sharon Wheeler | 30 Hanni Cowley, Matt Haffeman
John Planinscheck
Kurt and Kelly Ziegelbein |

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OFFICE HOURS/COMMUNICATION SCHEDULE

Kira’s office hours

Monday—Thursday 9:00 am—2:30 pm	Friday 9:00 am—12:00 pm
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Martha’s office hours

Monday—Wednesday 9:00 am—2:30 pm	Thursday 9:00 am—12:30 pm
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Submit ALL bulletin, Weekly Update and Narthex TV entries to Martha by noon on Tuesday of that week. Items received after the deadline will not be included. May Newsletter submissions must be received by noon on Tuesday, April 23.

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.



SHEPHERD'S FLOCK PRESCHOOL

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Monthly Update

We have spent the month of March learning all about Easter and the resurrection of our Savior. Our preschoolers learned that there is a sad part of Easter, but there is also a happy part, a time to rejoice! One of our favorite songs to sing this time of year is Shout Hosanna by the Donut Man! Our preschoolers celebrated during our Easter party on Thursday, March 21st. We painted Easter cookies, colored eggs, made Resurrection Rolls and had our very own Easter egg hunt! It was so fun to host a party for our preschoolers with activities all pointing to Jesus, our Risen Savior! We were so grateful to have all our teachers present for the party as well have support from many parent volunteers. Our preschoolers will be on Easter Break from March 25th until April 1st. Our teachers will be hosting Parent/Teacher Conferences on March 25th and 26th. We hope you all had a blessed Easter!

We're looking forward to learning about Spring Time in April! We still having openings in our 2024 summer program for those of you with preschool aged children in your lives! Reach out to the preschool office for more information!

Make sure you're following along with what we're up to on our Facebook page!

Resurrection Roll Recipe

We make these special treats each year at our Easter party! We hope you enjoy this fun Easter recipe! This recipe is the perfect activity to share with children or grandchildren.

Items Needed:

1 can refrigerated crescent rolls, 8 marshmallows, melted butter, cinnamon and sugar

1. Give each child triangle dough. This represents the tomb.
2. Each child takes a marshmallow. This is the body of Christ.
3. Dip the marshmallow in butter & roll in the cinnamon & sugar mixture. This represents the oils and spices the body of Jesus was anointed with.
4. Place the marshmallow on the dough and wrap carefully. Make sure all seams are pinched together or the marshmallow will ooze out. Bake seams down on cookie sheet.
5. Bake at 350 degrees for approximately 12 minutes until golden brown. Let cool. Break open the tomb and the body of Christ is no longer there. He is gone! He has risen!

Matthew Fletcher Scholarship

Did you know? To help make Christian education accessible, Shepherd of the Hills offers a scholarship program for our preschool families, the Matthew Fletcher Scholarship Fund. This fund has been a blessing to so many families over the years. LuAnn and Gary Fletcher, former members of Shepherd of the Hills, started the "Matthew Fletcher Scholarship Fund" when they lost their 2-year-old son, Matthew, in a drowning accident. They felt very strongly that families seeking a Christian education for their children, who may need financial assistance, be lovingly helped with a tuition reduction.

God has always blessed us by keeping this fund supplied to meet the needs of our families who apply. This year we have 5 children receiving partial scholarships through the Matthew Fletcher Scholarship Fund.

A special thank you to those who have directed offerings to this fund, bless you and thank you!