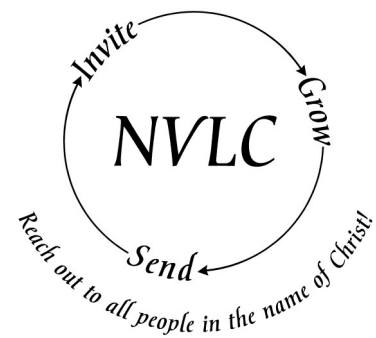


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2024



**Worship Schedule**

9:30am Worship All Sundays in April at North Valley.

Video Messages can be found on our Facebook page

**Offerings** can be mailed to the office or given online at nvlch.org. You can also set up giving through your banks automatic bill pay.

**Staff**

Church Email: [office@nvlch.org](mailto:office@nvlch.org)

Admin. Asst.: Laurene Edge  
9:00am-4:00pm Mondays

Please notify the church office if you have a new address or phone number changes.

**Newsletter articles** are due the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.

**Bulletin announcements** are due Tuesdays before 11:00am.

**Pastoral Support:** Pastor Tamra Harder 715-501-3681



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**North Valley Message**

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**First Faith Valley Lutheran Parish Corner**

**April, 2024**

**"United in Christ to strengthen our Ministries to adapt, grow and serve"**

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

**"He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed"**

We are in the **Easter Season** now, the 50 days leading up to Pentecost. During the 40 days following his Resurrection Jesus visited the Disciples numerous times to teach and encourage them for his exit from this world, his Ascension to the Father. He gives them one last commission as he ascends.

**Acts 1:7-10 NRSVUE** 7 He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." 9 When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

Ten days later during the Feast of Pentecost the Holy Spirit did come on the rush of the wind (Acts 2).

During this past Lenten Season as we have enjoyed our Wednesday Lenten Fellowship Suppers and Worship as we joined Luck Lutheran at Luck on the Lenten Journey. "24 Hours that Changed the World"- Christ's last 24 hours leading to the Cross by Pastor Adam Hamilton-UMC, it was an informative and uplifting Study/Worship experience. That led up to our Holy Week Worship experiences with Pastors Peter and Tamra and Resurrection Day Worship with Pastor Dave.

This Lenten Journey was also a good show of support for our Parish Confirmation students.

Confirmation Sunday has been set for Sunday May 5th, 2024 9:30am at First with 2 students from First being confirmed. The students and parents asked that Pastor Neal do the service. A meal for the students and their families will be May 1, 2024 6:30pm at First to honor the Conferment's. Hosted and served by the First Congregation Council.

**Call Process and Timing:**

We continue to pray and hope a Pastor will see that we are a great Parish and want to join us on this Faith Journey. I continue to be in contact with Pastor Randy Olson of the NW Synod. As the busy Lenten-Easter Season comes to an end we may see more interest. If you do know of anyone who could help us, do not contact them directly but please let me or Pastor Randy know.

In other Parish business we are doing well financially and will continue our \$1500.00 each commitment to the Parish account so that when we do get a Pastor we will have the ability to cover those expenses as well as paying Supply Pastors until that time.

**With April comes the Worship Time Change for April, May and June.**

**8am First. First Sunday School at 9:30am, 9:30am North Valley and 11am Faith**

Our next Parish Council Meeting is Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> 10:45am at North Valley.

In remembering and contemplating our own humanity it is **"God's Work-Our Hands"** to bring and tell of the **HOPE** in Jesus Christ showing while **"Words Matter-Actions Matter More"**.

Yours in Our Eternal **Hope**, Jesus Christ, Steve Jensen, Pres. FFVLP

**Staff & Church Council**

Pastoral Support	Tamra Harder
Admin. Asst.	Laurene Edge
Accompanist	Carol Medchill
Parish Nurse	Suzanne Grill
Custodian	Kristie Kuenkel
President	Kristie Wagner
Vice President	Charlie Christen-
Secretary	Bette Tooley
Treasurer	Tom Tellijohn
Other Council Members	Jan Kruse Myron Olson Joey Nelson Don Prose
W/ELCA Reps.	Myrna Anderson Donna Berg Suzanne Grill Tricia Olson Marilyn Nehring
Youth Rep.	

“God’s Promise of Hope”

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup> Easter Morning the banner “**God’s Promise of Hope**” came in as well as the two banners for the Chancel. They speak of **Life** and **Hope**.

God’s promise of **Hope** is told to us and to the house of Israel from Genesis to Revelation.

The following verses are just some of the **Hope** verses, the key verse for these banners and the assurance of God’s promise is found in the Apostle Paul’s letter to Titus, I have highlighted it below. In fact, Paul’s entire letter to Titus is about the **Hope** in Jesus Christ. Even the Apostle Peter tells of the **Hope** in his letters.

**Psalm 71:5** *NRSV*

For you, O Lord, are my **hope**, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

**Isaiah 40:31** *NIV*

But those who **hope** in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.

**Romans 15:13** *NRSV*

May the God of **hope** fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in **hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Colossians 1:27** *NRSV*

To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the **hope** of glory.

**Titus 1:1-3** *NRSV*

1Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God’s elect and the knowledge of the truth that is in accordance with godliness, 2**in the hope of eternal life that God, who never lies, promised before the ages began**— 3in due time he revealed his word through the proclamation with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior,

**1 Peter 1:3** *NRSV*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living **hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

The Altar hangings are White through the seven weeks of the Easter Season leading up to Pentecost Sun, May 19, 2024.

In remembering and contemplating our own humanity it is “**God’s Work-Our Hands**” to bring and tell of the **HOPE** in Jesus Christ showing while “**Words Matter-Actions Matter More**”.

Yours in Our Eternal **Hope**, Jesus Christ,

Steve Jensen

# April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		2	3 10 am – Women’s meeting 9am Quilting NV 1pm Choir practice	4	5	6 Jim Morrissette Funeral 10a visitation 11a funeral
7 8:00 First 9:30 North Valley 11:00 Faith Paster Dave Natzke Communion BP Check during coffee	8	9	10 9am Quilting NV 1pm Choir practice	11	12	13 Spring Into Life Apple River Conference 8am-
14 8:00 First 9:30 North Valley 11:00 Faith Pastor Peter Ruggles	15 6:30 Council Mtg NV	16	17 9am Quilting NV 1pm Choir Practice	18	19	20
21 8:00 First 9:30 North Valley 11:00 Faith Paster Dave Natzke Communion	22 10am Bible Study with Pastor Dave Newsletter deadline	23	24 9am Quilting NV 1pm Choir Practice	25	26	27
28 9:30 North Valley Combined Service Pastor Peter Ruggles 10-:30-Noon Pancake Breakfast -----	29	30	9am Quilting NV 1pm Choir Practice			

## BIRTHDAYS

Hill, Sarah	04/01/1988
Bever, Scott	04/07/1995
Hinde, Anna	04/08/1991
Fisk, Nate	04/09/1981
Hanson, Teri	04/10/1966
White, Tyler	04/12/1993
Olson, Tricia	04/13/1955
Cox, Ben	04/19/1977
Wagner, Zack	04/19/1999
McIntyre, Sean	04/20/1982
Metcalf, Dawn	04/22/1969
Dishon, JayDee	04/23/1985
Wagner, Todd	04/24/1974
Christensen, Henry	04/25/2019
Tellijohn, Tom	04/26/1948
DeNucci, Bear	04/28/1982

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

04/04/1970	Tom & Dana Tellijohn
04/23/1971	Dan & Linda Goulet

## BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY

Tehya Studie	04/01/2010
Payton Wagner	04/03/2011
Glenda Krueger	04/03/1955
Ashleigh Simmerman	04/05/2012
Madison Simmerman	04/05/2012
Andy Kruse	04/07/1991
Paige Miller	04/07/2002
Curtiss Lunde	04/09/1972
Tyler White	04/09/2006
Brenton Sandberg	04/10/2022
Mark Nelson	04/11/1948
Mercedes Thoen	04/13/2017
Sianah Morales	04/17/2011
Jenny Olson	04/18/2011
Jordan Olson	04/18/2011
Luann Olson	04/18/2011
Taylor Erickson	04/18/2004
Eli Baerg	04/18/1999
Nadia Cox	04/19/2015
Lindsay Mabry	04/21/1985
Kenny Hansen	04/24/1949
Kiera Bever	04/27/2008
Laif Bever	04/27/2008
Scott Bever	04/27/2008



### OUR FINANCIAL REPORT

#### FEBRUARY 2024

Beginning Balance	\$ 23,125.39
Income for February	\$ 6,175.75
Expenses for February	\$ 4,555.86
Ending Balance:	\$ 24,745.28—Tom Tellijohn, Treasurer

To provide a broader picture of church finances, we are now reporting monthly beginning and ending balances .

Here is some ‘need to know’ information that I have some experience with. First, I have noticed that a long commute for the pastor can get in the way of regular worship. A less than certain weather prediction can keep you and me at home. Other mishaps can also interrupt a worship service. Missing worship can be an uncomfortable event and doesn’t need to happen in these new age days. We have tremendous resources on our phones and other devices that can get excellent worship assistance to you no matter what is going on. Many congregations ‘live stream’ or pre-record worship and we can just tap into one when we need to. For instance, the congregation I attend is Central Lutheran in downtown Minneapolis. They have worship at 5 pm Saturday eve, 8:30 and 10:30 Sunday. I can assure you that they don’t do modern or experimental worship. You can just attend by turning them on your device during worship hours. Also Good Shepherd in Marshfield not only live streams a 9 am service but they record it on YouTube so you can watch it anytime you want. During the pandemic, I would record worship, post it on YouTube and make it available at midnight on worship days for the folks who had early shifts. I think you can explore what you like and be ready to worship at home or together at church.

Second, we are in the Easter season and will hear Easter focussed messages until 50 days past Easter (Pentecost). These messages are essential for Christians because the Resurrection of Jesus is what distinguishes us from all the other religions. No other religion can say ‘He is risen’ to each other and this message is the focus in resurrection season.

Finally, the message I wanted to give on Palm Sunday was to look hard at the scene of his entrance to the city. Jesus was on an untrained colt and without bucking or stepping off the path. The people were shouting hosanna! which roughly translated means ‘save us!’. Here I would ask if Jesus is the one we want to follow to peace. That is the question the people have to sort out in Holy week. We remember that Matthew 9:36 says that he had compassion on that crowd because (we) are like ‘a flock without a shepherd’. The Jerusalem crowd wanted the violent Bar-Abbas in the end and not the gentle King on the colt. We are not so different these days. Yet he does save the ones who believe. On the evening of the resurrection day he appeared among them and offered his ‘peace be with you’. As we still say. We may not want to follow his forgiving and gracious ways, but for those who see him and believe that he is the truth, way and life then his promise to save holds true.

Pastor Peter



Marilyn Nehring, Teresa Studie, Jim Dishon (Suzanne Grill’s son), Kevin Jensen (Heidi Simmerman’s brother), Carol Medchill, Linda Goulet

**Continued Healing:** Rowan Anderson (baby daughter of Heather Johnson & Tyler Anderson), Sharon Johnson, Matt Kludt, Amelia McKinney

#### Send words of encouragement:

Sgt. Tyler Brooks  
1846 Darby Dr E5  
Florence AL 35630

**Nursing Home/Assisted Living: Dana Tellijohn, Grace Odberg**

**Homebound:** — Athelene Simon, Delores Anderson, Charles & Cari Mayo, Randall & Glenda Krueger, Carol Bengtson, Mary Lundquist, Elverna Blomgren

### Prayer Chain



Donna Berg	715-553-2038
Myrna Anderson	715-554-7049
Gwen Morrissette	715-781-3047
Anita Johnson	715-554-3785
Suzanne Grill	612-598-8197
Bette Tooley	701-436-6010
Joey Nelson	715 553-0262

If you have any prayer requests, please contact anyone on the list, giving them as little or as much information as you wish. All info will be treated with respect and kept confidential.

## YOUTH EVENTS AT FIRST LUTHERAN IN CUSHING – EVERYONE WELCOME!

Sunday, March 31st- Easter Morning Breakfast -9:00am at First  
Sunday, April 14th- Bingo Party 9:00am at First  
Sunday, April 28th- First Lutheran Church Roadside Cleanup 9:00am



## Church COUNCIL

**President – Kristie Wagner Pax**

**Vice President – Charlie Christensen**

**Secretary – Bette Tooley**

**Treasurer – Tom Tellijohn**

**Joey Nelson**

**Jan Kruse**

**Myron Olson**

**Don Prose**

**WELCA Reps – Myrna Anderson, Donna Berg, Suzanne Grill, Tricia Olson, Marilyn Nehrning**

## JOIN OUR WORSHIP TECH TEAM

We are looking a person or persons that have an interest in technology to be part of the **First Lutheran Worship Tech Team**. This is an important part of our Outreach Ministry!

You would learn; how to setup the needed sound and video systems for Worship,

Operate those systems including the sound board and video cameras, and how to upload the videos to our website, our Facebook page and our YouTube page.

Steve Jensen, April Smith and as available Jake McKinven are doing everything every Sunday now. If we gets sick or needs and Sunday off, we need someone for backup as well as assisting us at times We will train anyone interested on what to do. Confirmation students and older are welcome to apply.

We are open to someone outside of our Congregation and Parish as well.

This pays \$15 per hour approx. 1.5 hours per week

If you are interested or know someone who is for more information please contact.

Steve Jensen 715-483-3715(H) 715-557-0382(C)



**APRIL 9TH—SPECIAL MEETING AFTER WORSHIP (~10:30)**

**TO DISCUSS KITCHEN REMODEL DETAILS AND COSTS**

## Mission and Social Action



### MISSION AND SOCIAL ACTION – APRIL 2024

The missionaries we are now sponsoring are Patrick and Jacqueline Bencke in Japan. The cost is \$20 per Sunday. See sign-up sheet. Please be sure to label your donation as a “missionary gift” which may be left in the offering plate. Thank you for your consideration of sponsoring our missionary in Japan.

#### MARCH

03-03 – Lyle & Bev Hopkins  
03-10 – Lyle & Bev Hopkins  
03-17 – Lyle & Bev Hopkins  
03-24 – Lyle & Bev Hopkins  
03-31 – Lyle & Bev Hopkins

#### APRIL

04-07 – Kristie Pax  
04-14 – Kristie Pax  
04-21 – Kristie Pax  
04-28 – Don & Myrna Anderson

**LOAVES AND FISHES FOOD SHELF:** In February, 36 households were served – 57 adults and 7 children. 52 volunteer hours. Donations: Money \$691. Weight of food coming in 1,337#, (Includes TEFAP, purchased food donations), Weight of food going out 1,600#. Items needed: eggs, milk, mayonnaise, coffee, peanut butter, tuna, and personal products for men and women.

We are currently operating with two interim food shelf coordinators. We would like to get a Full-time coordinator. We will train people who are interested. We can always use more volunteer workers. If interested, please contact Pam Girtz 320-232-7541.

#### EASTER FLOWERS

Thank you to everyone who purchased and shared their Easter flowers with us, in memory of, or in honor of their loved ones for Easter this year.

#### MEN’S PANCAKE/WAFFLE BREAKFAST – Sunday, Apr 28 10:30 – Noon.

The NVLC men will be preparing a pancake/waffle breakfast on Sunday, Apr 28 from 10:00 am to Noon. Plan to attend, come to assist, enjoy the food and fellowship. Funds raised are designated for Youth Ministry.

#### LUTHER POINT BIBLE CAMP UPDATED CAMBERSHIP INFO

North Valley WELCA has updated the campership fee amount and will pay up to a maximum of \$400 per person toward the registration fee. There is an Early Bird Discount if registered before 04/01, and there are other discounts as well. A code has been set up by Luther Point to eliminate the deposit fee while registering. Please contact Myrna Anderson 715-554-7049 for the code number. Luther Point Bible Camp brochures/registration forms are available or check them out online.



## North Valley Vision Statements and Goals

### Quantifiable, Relevant, Measurable, Achievable

#### Acceptance and Community:

- North Valley will seek to love and serve others unconditionally; reaching out to those entering the church and to the community at large.
- Develop a welcoming committee to greet church attendees. (Our logo is welcoming and our church is open)
- Actively participate in two community events per year (ie. Milltown Fishermen's, maybe a Christmas event)
- Publicize and invite the community to a church sponsored event twice a year.
- Open forum on relevant resolutions of the synod on racism and diversity with an understanding to be open.
- Coffee Hour, nothing political, not about the news but personal sharing.  
Limit the time, Prepare the group, Announce ahead of time

#### Faith:

- North Valley will proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ through traditional and contemporary services as well as providing options for learning/worshiping beyond the Sunday service.
- Community publicized Pop-up services, Wednesday alternative worship, Kiddo bags for education, Contemporary music bring to service. Worship Committee to continue planning.

#### Willingness/Teamwork:

- As part of the body of Christ, North Valley will remain open and flexible to new ideas and approaches; encouraging all to participate in programs, training and services.
- Make a goal to contact and incorporate one new person in any event before we start planning. Recruit kids to bring their parents along.

#### Generosity:

- As a country church in rural Wisconsin, North Valley will support the community and global missions with financial means and donations of time, talent and supplies.
- Look for a project to draw the community into a relationship, something they need and we can help with

## NORTHWOODS HOMELESS SHELTER

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Tuesday, April 30th: GiveBIG SCV. A 24 hour period of opportunity to support the non-profits in our county.

### We're in need of: Laundry detergent, Dryer Sheets, Individual hand soap

When dropping off donations at our drop-off sites, please do not forget to leave your name, address, and what you donated.

Office 715-268-5730



**What Exactly Is Dyslexia?**


"THE STRUGGLE, the humiliation, the frustration is like living with a 3,000-pound weight on your shoulders," is how Henry Winkler describes his lifelong battle with dyslexia. He's hardly alone: Up to 1 in 5 Americans have this learning disability, among them California Governor Gavin Newsom, Nobel Prize-winning biologist Carol Greider and actor Whoopi Goldberg.

Dyslexia is caused by biological differences in the brain that make it difficult to map speech sounds to letters or sequences of letters, so it's hard to recognize written words. In the 1950s, dyslexia wasn't widely recognized as a condition, and many people with it grew up being labeled either "stupid, unmotivated or oppositional," explains Rebecca Resnik, a psychologist in Bethesda, Maryland. "Older adults may still carry that shame." Actors, of course,

have to read. Winkler says he has developed a process—a "negotiation"—for dealing with a script, which gives him a way to absorb the words and sentences on his own terms: "I put it down and walk around and look at it. You negotiate it. You think. You figure out exactly how to do it."

Dyslexia runs in families; if one parent has it, there's a 40 to 60 percent chance a child will be born with it too. If you suspect you may have undiagnosed dyslexia, a specialist can test you and set up a treatment plan if it's needed. (Find a specialist in your area through the International Dyslexia Association's provider directory, at [dyslexiaida.org](http://dyslexiaida.org).)

New technologies can also help: Audiobooks are easy to get, and many publications offer audio versions as well. Pen-size reading devices can scan text and read it aloud. In addition, text-to-speech software lets you convert a digital device's text so that it's read aloud.



## BIBLE STUDY

### FROM PASTOR DAVE:

On Monday, April 22nd, at 10:00 a.m. we will have a Bible Study at North Valley. We will begin with a study of the book of Genesis. There are a lot of chapters to the book, but in it we learn so much about how God deals with his chosen people. We'll see how it goes and at some point if the group desires we could choose a different topic.