

## APRIL NEWSLETTER STUFF:

### BOTH CHURCHES:

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS:

DATE	1 <sup>ST</sup> LESSON	PSALM	2 <sup>ND</sup> LESSON	GOSPEL
Apr 7 <sup>th</sup>	Act 4:32-35	Psa 148	1 Joh 1:1-2:2	John 20:19-31
Apr 14 <sup>th</sup>	Act 3:11-21	Psa 4	1 Joh 3:1-7	Luke 24:36-49
Apr 21 <sup>st</sup>	Act 4:1-12	Psa 23	1 Joh 3:16-24	John 10:11-18
Apr 28 <sup>th</sup>	Act 8:26-40	Psa 150 1	Joh 4:1-11 (12-21)	John 15:1-8

**IT IS IMPORTANT** that the church has your correct contact information, cell phone numbers, home phone, email addresses, birthdays, and anniversary, etc.

**MEMBERSHIP** – Talk to Pastor Kevin if you are interested in becoming a member of our church. Remember to invite your friends and neighbors to “come and see”.

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#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The people that our congregation prayed for during the previous month...

Prayers for this country, our leaders, law enforcement, fire departments, and EMT's around the country. Prayers for our family, friends, and community.

Pray for persecuted Christians in all places.

Prayers for nursing home and assisted living residents as well as shut-ins.



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#### CONFIRMATION CLASSES:

For students in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Check the schedule at [www.locw.com/confirmation](http://www.locw.com/confirmation)



**THE SUNRISE WOMEN'S CLINIC** in Sidney MT offers free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, and parenting classes, bible studies, baby items such as diapers, wipes, clothing, etc. Sunrise offers love, support, and spiritual guidance. Thank you for supporting them! *(Once in awhile)*

#### PASTOR SCOTT YOUNT



(Apr 9th) Happy to be back in Ukraine after a short visit to the US!

Joy 4 Ukraine is the ministry of Pastor Scott Yount and his wife Lena in Billa Tserkva, Ukraine. If you would like to support Pastor Scott and Lena and their ministry to the handicapped in Ukraine, you can give online by going to the following link. <https://SONetwork.org/give/>

## **BOTH CHURCHES:**

**PR. KEVIN ON VACA** from April 26<sup>th</sup> thru the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Adam Strunz from Youth for Christ will be leading the service on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure that he feels welcome!

**UPPER MISSOURI MINISTRIES** is now known as **Springbrook Bible Camp**. Same camp, different name. Talk to Pr. Kevin if you have a child attending to see about church help with camp costs.

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## **LOC**

**LOC Confirmation:** 6:30 pm – Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> and May 2<sup>nd</sup>

**LOC Bible Studies:** 7 pm – Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

**Worship Services, Bible Studies, Bulletins, and Newsletters are online!**

Light Of Christ Website: [locw.org](http://locw.org)

Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/lightofchristwilliston](http://www.facebook.com/lightofchristwilliston)

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## **BIRTHDAYS**

Misty Beard.....	4/03
Maverick Quale.....	4/04
BreeAnn Shanks.....	4/06
Delilah Haugen .....	4/08
Nick Quale.....	4/11
Jory Soiseth.....	4/12
Lacy Oyloe .....	4/17
Dwight Patch .....	4/17
Tom Hagen.....	4/19
Ashley Oyloe .....	4/24
Kelly Klem.....	4/27
Garry Tveter.....	4/28



## **ANNIVERSARIES**

David and Kim Oyloe .....	4/18
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If we don't have your birthday or anniversary, let the pastor know.

## **STEPHEN's MINISTRY!**

Stephen Ministry is a wonderful service for people who are hurting and need someone to talk to and care about them. We will begin training Stephen Ministers this Spring.

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## LOC SOUP MINISTRY!



You are invited to take a quart of soup to someone you think may need it. Someone living alone, recovering from an illness or surgery, someone experiencing loss or grief, or anyone in need who might benefit from some warm soup.

The soup is located in the kitchen freezers.

THANK YOU to the Women of LIFE for this ministry!



### ONLINE OFFERING now available!

We now offer ONLINE OFFERING on our church website. Just go to locw.org and look at the bottom of any page. Click the button to securely give to the general fund of Light of Christ. Thank you!

If you have anything for the bulletin or our monthly newsletter, please send it to the church email address; kevinrbeard@gmail.com



Meet  
for  
Breakfast

### LOC MONTHLY CHURCH BREAKFAST – Apr 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 am

Please come and invite a friend. Please come and invite a friend or two!

## GREEN SERVICE GROUP (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct)

Tex Alton  
Derek and Erin Bearce  
Brian and Misty Beard  
Clint Chamberlin  
Bob and Dianne Cummings  
Seth and Kayla Fenster  
Wendy Johnson

Josh and Erin Olson  
David and Kim Oylo  
Amber Park  
Lois Redka  
Rick and Linda Tofte  
Garry Tveter

**Thank you for serving!**



**SEMINARY SUPPORT** - American Lutheran Theological Seminary (ALTS) is the seminary for the AALC. **SOLA 500** is a fundraising campaign to support their work of training up future pastors. You can support them at [www.alts.edu/sola\\_500](http://www.alts.edu/sola_500) (*Shelli: Once in a while*)



### YFC "CAMPUS LIFE"

**Open Youth Center:** Fridays 3-6 pm at the Campus Center. Gr. 7-12  
Snacks, games, and discussions!

**Light of Christ Lutheran Church**  
**Council Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

These minutes are abbreviated. If you would like the full minutes, ask a council member.

The meeting was called to order by President, Dwight E. A prayer was said by Pastor Kevin.

The following members were in attendance: Dwight E, Kelly K, Gary H, Matt H, Wendy J, Kayla F, and Bev Q.

A motion to accept the previous meetings minutes. Motion passed.

Pastor's report: Pastor Beard advised that worship is going well. There are four (4) students in Confirmation. Bible studies are going well, but there will be none during lent. The Easter Festival is being well planned and Pastor thanks those that are doing it. New council members will need to be installed.

Treasurers report: Kelly advised that he got the last backup of the numbers from Erin O, and that she is now done with bookkeeping. The new bookkeeping service, Quality bookkeeping, will take over on the 21st. Kelly advised that he has internalized church giving with the Church 360 program that Pastor Beard is already using. The reports that are provided to the council during meetings have been simplified and put into similar categories by Kelly. The January/February income was \$37,790.91, this was above what had been previously budgeted (more made). Most categories have spent less than was previously budgeted. There is currently \$135,790.91 in total checking/savings. Kelly advised that in the future if additional CD's are done, he would look into dispersing this to another bank, as there was up to \$250,000 in insurance per Tax ID at each bank. Approved.

**Old business:**

Stephen Ministry update: Pastor Beard advised that they would start training for this in the middle of April, with interviews upcoming and that they are ready to go. Pastor Beard and Renee Ginther are the Stephen Leaders. There will be 50 hours of training/classes.

Daycare: Pastor Beard advised that he was sent a note about people not blocking driveways in the area when people are picking up their children. Amy Giordano advises that she is doing well, and has a good crew after having hiring issues.

**New business:**

Banking: A motion to combine the two separate LOC and Mission building accounts into one account was made by Kelly and seconded by Bev. Motion passed.

Insurance: The coverage for the church was upped to \$2.44 million for the building. Personal property is at \$200,000. It is possible that the coverage for personal property being upped in the new year. Currently \$8,845.00 has been paid for this year's policy cost.

Altar update: Rick Tofte was contacted about the update to the altar and when a good time to start would be. According to Rick, this could be in the fall. The approximate time for this project could be around 3 weeks. A committee to look into building materials and costs would need to be formed.

Church candles: A motion to have Pastor Beard order a new set of candles for the altar. Passed.

Upper Missouri Ministries: Pastor Beard advised that he is now on the board of Upper Missouri Ministries due to several members leaving. The camp is being renamed and is now called Springbrook Bible Camp which will have a new website and new director.

A motion to adjourn this meeting was made by Kelly and seconded by Matt. Motion passed. The meeting was concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

The next council meeting will be May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 with meal provided by Wendy.

# LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

## DEVOTION from LHM.ORG



*Acts 2:42-47 - And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.*

People are often looking for the Holy Spirit in extraordinary things, like miracles, exorcisms, healings, and other great spiritual experiences. In the book of Acts, such great deeds of the Spirit are indeed present, especially among the apostles, but their role is penultimate or secondary in the broader story of God's salvation. Their role is ultimately to draw attention to the preaching of the Word of God, which by the power of the Holy Spirit, brings sinners to faith in Christ and Baptism in His Name. As the apostle Peter reminds us, the Holy Spirit's great manifestation on Pentecost was meant to call attention to God's ordinary ways to bestow the same Holy Spirit on people of all nations, namely, through God's Word and the Sacrament of Baptism. He says, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself" (Acts 2:38b-39).

In the days of the reformer Martin Luther, many people thought of pilgrimages to shrines of virgins or saints as a means to becoming more spiritual. Instead of placing their hope in such extraordinary experiences, Luther advised the people to start looking for the Holy Spirit in ordinary things, to look for the Spirit in the ordinary ways in which God works for and among His people. In a treatise titled, "An Open Letter to the Christian Nobility," Luther advised: "Let every man stay in his own parish. There he will find more than in all the shrines. In your own parish you will find Baptism, the Sacraments, preaching, and your neighbor."

In Acts 2:42-47, Luke gives us a way to look for the Holy Spirit in those ordinary things through which God reliably works to draw us to Himself and to one another. The enduring fruit and lasting miracle of Pentecost in our lives is the fellowship of the Holy Spirit we share with one another in the church. Where then is the Holy Spirit? Where people gather around the apostolic Word of God, break bread together, pray for one another, there is the Holy Spirit. Where people worship together, share gifts and burdens with one another, there is the Spirit. Where people show generosity towards the needy, support the work of mission, and bear witness to Christ in word and deed, that's where the Holy Spirit works every day to bind us in fellowship with Christ and each other.

WE PRAY: Holy Spirit, help us to be thankful for the ordinary ways You work in our lives.  
Amen.

*This Daily Devotion was written by Rev. Dr. Leopoldo A. Sánchez.*