

# 2019 April Birthdays

- 1- Whitney Baldwin  
Reed Heilskov
- 2 – Cindy Grefe  
Nic Barrick  
Evan Treanor
- 4 – Kelly Fink  
August Bollhagen
- 5 – Janet Betten
- 6 – Dennis Knipfel
- 7 – Taylor Behn
- 8 – Jean Showalter  
Kristy Abbas
- 9 – Eugene Jorgensen
- 10 – Coleton Barz
- 11 – Carrie Bangert  
Bradi Moore
- 12 – Jaime Harris  
Tate Schmitt
- 13 – Merlin Behn
- 14 – Gracie Bollhagen
- 15 – Casey Heilskov  
Christopher Heilskov
- 16 – Kevin Behn
- 17 – Scott Heilskov  
Allison Milbrandt
- 18 – Laura Hegtvedt
- 19 – Mildred Pingel  
Donald Meyer  
Jack Showalter  
Emma Behn
- 20 – Barbara Meyer
- 21 – Donna Helmke-  
Schachterle  
Barton Peyton  
Shayla Schmitt
- 22 – Sherri Holmstrom
- 23 - Jamie Patton  
Deanna Genz  
Kyle Hegtvedt
- 24 – Jim Barrick
- 25 – Richard Dohrmann  
Dan Knipfel
- 26 – Jessica Fender
- 27 – Denise Grell
- 28 – Todd Schmitt  
Jason Fink
- 29 – Marie Rodemeyer  
Cody Arndt
- 30 – Julie Ahrens  
Suzanne Knipfel  
Heather Bushbaum

# Happy Anniversary

- 14 - Justin & Sarah Behn
- 19 - Lynn & Jo Ellen Arends
- 20 - Walt & Tillie Nelsen - (72)
- 21 - Dan & Denise Grell

## GREETERS FOR APRIL

Lynn & Jo Ellen Arends  
Al & Janelle Fink  
Phil & Kristi Hauser  
Mike & Donna Spetman

## USHERS FOR APRIL

Rodger Schnabel, Chr.                      Larry Behn  
Gene Lampe                                      Mark Rodemeyer  
Mitch Vanness

## **ACOLYTES – April**

- 3 – Lent – Grant Subbert
- 7 – Parker Eisentrager
- 10 – Lent – Philip Harvey
- 14 – Palm Sunday – Jaxon Moats
- 18 – Maundy Thursday – Charles Showalter
- 19 – Good Friday - Lauren Kurth
- 21 – 6:30 AM Emma Showalter  
9:00 AM – Scott Harr
- 28 – Confirmation – Lydia Maas

## **Special Needs Communion**

April 17, 1:00 PM  
This is for anyone that cannot come to the Lord's Supper on Sunday mornings.



## **LYF EASTER BREAKFAST**

following the Sunrise Service. The LYF will be serving egg casserole, muffins, fruit, juice, milk and coffee. Freewill offering.

Come and join us.

## **CONFIRMATION**

Sunday, April 28 Avery Moore, Lauren Kurth, Emma Showalter

## LWML NEWS

Whew! All the ladies of LWML have been busy with the planning and creating of ideas for the Eldora Zone Spring Rally on Saturday, April 6th. Work Groups #3 and #4 have planned a delicious menu for coffee during registration and also for lunch. Esther Circle has put together beautiful table decorations. We know that the food and decorations will be fabulous, but we also understand they're not the main attractions of the Rally. We encourage all LWML members and ladies of Trinity to come and hear Kim Laube speak. She is the Director of Life Ministries at Lutheran Family Services and an advocate of the Heartbeat Bill. Kim will be a very interesting speaker, and I am so excited that she accepted our invitation to speak at our Rally. Pastor Bollhagen will deliver an inspirational Bible Study, and the Opening and Closing Devotions will be done by our awesome Vicar Baldwin.

LWML served the Lenten Meal on March 13th. Work Group #5 was in charge of planning and serving the supper. There were 40 members served that evening. Work Group #1 served the Delmar Koch funeral on March 18th.

Esther Circle will serve the Lenten Meal on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Please come and enjoy casseroles and fellowship.

When you make the choice to grasp what really matters, things often turn out better than expected!

Sarah Heilskov, President

**Esther Circle** – Thursday, April 4 - 7:00 PM  
Devotions: Mardell Jorgensen  
Hostess: Arlene Troester

## THANK YOU

Trinity Lutheran Ladies Society,  
Dear Sisters in Christ,

*"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."* – Helen Keller

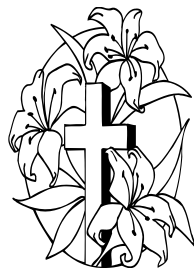
Sisters in Christ, when I think of this quote, I think of you !

Your partnership helps fuel the impact we are making in people's lives every day. I am truly grateful for you! In the last year, we've served 4,106 individuals, couples, and families through counseling services. Over 6,000 people heard the message of God's good plan for life at all stages. Thousands more were reached with life changing information in support of strong marriages, healthy relationships, strengthening caregivers, valuing life at all ages and stages.

May God bless you as you are a blessing to others in His name!

Sincerely,

Rev. Max Phillips, Executive director  
Lutheran Family Service



**EASTER LILIES-** If you would like to purchase an Easter lily to decorate the sanctuary Easter morning, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the entryway. Cost is \$20.00. Please sign up by April 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **LUTHERAN WITNESS**

Please let the office know by April 21st if you would like to renew or if you would like to subscribe. The cost will be **\$15.96** for the 2019-2020 year

## St. Paul Lutheran School Scholarship Fundraiser

Sunday, April 14, 2019

10 AM – 12 noon

Brisket sandwiches, cheesy  
potatoes, baked beans, salads,  
dessert and drink.

Freewill offering.



## ST. PAUL'S NEWS

St. Paul's Lutheran School

Latimer, Iowa

“Made In HIS Image”

93 years of Service to God

2018-2019 THEME: “Made In HIS Image”

## CALENDAR –APRIL 2019

- Apr. 3. Early Dismissal @ 1:20 pm Teacher Professional Development
- Apr. 10: Early Dismissal @ 1:20 pm Teacher Professional Development
- Apr. 14: School Children sing at St. Paul's, Latimer @ 9 am.  
Scholarship Luncheon to follow from 10 am – noon.
- Apr. 15: School Board Mtg. @ 6 pm
- Apr. 16: Country View Facility Visit – Program @ 2-2:45 pm
- Apr. 16: **Kindergarten Round-Up @ School @ 6 pm. All families are welcome**
- Apr. 17: FULL Day of School, NO CAL Afternoon Bus
- Apr. 18: Easter Parties 12:30-1:20 pm Early Dismissal 1:20 pm
- Apr. 19: NO SCHOOL Easter Break
- Apr. 22: NO SCHOOL Easter Break
- Apr. 24: FULL Day of School, NO CAL Afternoon Bus
- Apr. 26: Rotary Club to present dictionaries to 3rd grade class @ 10:00 am
- Apr. 30: 3RD Grade Ag Fair

The harsh winter has left its tracks – rutted roads, flooding, colder temps, cancelled plans, etc. But when the calendar turns to April, the warmer weather brings hope for repair and growth. So it is

with our Christian walk with Christ. Sin damages us – it leaves tracks of pride, deceit, slander, revenge, etc. The Gospel brings forgiveness and assurance that the punishment of hell for any sin is taken away. We will live with Christ forever because of His death and resurrection; it is the sure hope that Christians cling to each day, no matter the season! Happy Easter!

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6



Kindergarten Round-Up  
Tuesday, April 16, 6:00 PM.  
St. Paul School  
404 W. Main St., Latimer,  
Iowa



All children need to be 5 years of age by  
September 15, 2019

## CREATION MUSEUM - ARK ENCOUNTER

Two bus trips are planned  
for 2019. August 5 - 9 and  
December 2 – 6.



The 56 passenger Windstar bus leaves from the Waverly Walmart parking lot at 6:00 AM. The bus ride is edu-tainment to help you understand what you will be seeing. The first day is a travel day, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Creation Museum, 4<sup>th</sup> at the Ark, and 5<sup>th</sup> travel home. The Christmas trip brings Christmas to a whole new level. There is a live nativity, animals, and Christmas lights unlike anything anyone has- at both the Creation Museum and the Ark. There are still seats available. A \$100 deposit per person is required to reserve your seat on the bus. A deposit can be mailed to Roger and Ellen Bauer, 806 Juhl Ave., Weaverly, Iowa 50677.

Check out their websites at  
creationmuseum.org or arkencounter.com  
For additional information 319-352-5435  
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## FROM THE VICAR

“If something sounds too good to be true, then it probably is.” This piece of worldly wisdom can come in handy in all sorts of situations, from buying a used car to reviewing bids for reroofing your house. Our worldly reason is a useful tool for navigating the sinful world in which we live. However, it has its limitations, especially when it comes to matters of faith.

Two thousand years ago, this earthly wisdom was confronted with something it simply couldn't handle. After watching Jesus be arrested, crucified, and put into a tomb, the disciples are hiding in a locked room, probably thinking that they're next on the Sanhedrin's hit list. With Jesus seemingly gone, who would protect them now? Suddenly, there's a knock at the door. It's Mary Magdalene, Mary, Joanna, and some other women they knew! Before they can even mumble a nervous greeting, the women exclaim, “Jesus has risen! We saw angels! The tomb's empty!” These claims are dismissed by the disciples almost right away. Only Peter and John take off to see if the tomb is actually empty. No doubt they're thinking that this sounds too good to be true. Only Jesus could raise the dead, and now that He's dead... well there's just no way.

Not long after, the disciples are again hiding in their room. Yes, the tomb was empty, but there must be an explanation. And anyways, the rumors are already flying that they are the ones who stole the body – a major crime! While they're discussing what on earth they're supposed to do, Jesus suddenly appears in their midst! No knock, no door or window opening, He's just there! A million thoughts are racing through their minds, joy, confusion – and then fear. They'd abandoned Jesus in the garden. They dismissed the women He'd sent to announce His resurrection. They brace themselves for whatever punishment He's about to bring upon them, and they hear, “Peace be with you!” Peace? Forgiveness? How can this be? It's too good to be true! They haven't even done anything to earn these words! And yet these are Jesus' words. Peace!

Today our sinful minds struggle with these same issues. A life after death? Science says that's impossible! Forgiveness that is completely unearned, a free gift? It doesn't make any sense!

This is too good to be true! Satan would love for us to doubt it, for us to try to leave Christ in the tomb and our sins still on our souls. And yet the word of God remains. Our Lord's resurrection shows Him as true God, overcoming death and absolving sin. We need not fear death, as we are joined to the very Lord of Life. The wisdom of the world – “It's too good to be true” – yields to the word of Christ. “Peace be with you!”

Vicar Baldwin

### LENTEN SCHEDULE

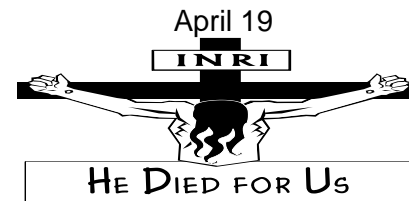
5:00 PM Confirmation  
6:00-6:45 PM Lenten Meal  
7:00 PM Lenten Service

*Theme: “Who Do You Say That I Am?”*

Lent  
April 3, 10

### **Holy Week**

April 18  
Maundy Thursday – 7:00 PM - Holy Communion



Good Friday  
7:00 PM

April 20  
Easter Vigil  
7:30 PM- Holy Communion

April 21  
Easter  
6:30 AM Sunrise Service  
Holy Communion  
7:30 AM LYF Breakfast Easter  
9:00 AM Easter Service  
Holy Communion

