



The Abounding Joy Herald

Gathering in Joy - Reaching Out with God's Love
Thursday, April 25, 2024



The Fifth Sunday of Easter, April 28, 2024

Worship is at 10:00 am

Three Worship Options: In-Person, Drive-in (88.5 FM), Video Message

GOD'S WORD Sunday's worship service will be posted to our church website and at www.ajlcmc.org as soon as possible. Prepare your hearts for worship on Sunday, April 28, and read: Psalm 68:4-6; James 1:22-27; and Luke 10:25-37.

ADULT EDUCATION Note: This Sunday, April 28, we will not have an Adult Education as Pastor Brandon will be out of town and we will have a special guest on this day.

SPECIAL GUEST On April 28, Pastor Brandon will be gone for a wedding, so we will have a very special guest with us. Amy Okeson, Director of Serving Ministry at Atonement Lutheran Church in Fargo, ND, will be with us to share the message this day! Let's join in welcoming her.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jeffery Karbedeh, Karon Doble, Ken Lucy, Don (Dave Greenwalt's brother), Dorrie (Karon Doble's sister), Jim (Joanie Peterson, Joyce Cass, & Jeanie Frolander's brother), John (Marie Neuman's brother), John and Kathy (Joyce Neyssen's brother & sister-in-law), Nathan (Ron & Sandy Stewart's son), Kasiah (Arlene & Doug Morey's great-grandson), Lee (Elijah and Simon Krystosek's uncle), Matt (Penny Peterson's son-in-law), Kathy (Joyce Neyssen's niece), Shuler (Joyce Neyssen's great niece), Deb (Joyce Neyssen's cousin), Pr. Brad (Pr. Brandon's friend), Brian (Jane Armstrong's friend), Sue and Brian (Mary Windels' friend & husband), John (Terry & Jo Duea's friend), Faye (Madge Rowe's friend), Mary Jo (Joyce Neyssen's friend), and Sean (Al Kutz's friend).

CONTINUED PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES for Carole Martin on the recent death of her 95-yr-old brother, Bill. May the promise of the resurrection to new life in Jesus bring hope and comfort to all who grieve.

PRAYER REQUESTS may be made by a request to our new volunteer Prayer Team coordinator Pr. Deb Peterson: AJ.prayers@ajlcmc.org and/or 320-250-0647. She contacts the prayer team for prayer. Daily prayer will be offered for one month. If you wish to have continued prayer, please submit a new request.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:

Al Kutz, Saturday, April 27
Jennifer Doyle, Sunday, April 28
Brielle Spanier, Monday, April 29
Kevin Johnson, Wednesday, May 1
Suzie LaQuier, Thursday, May 2
Penny Peterson, Thursday, May 2



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to:

Marc and Cori Schrantz celebrating their 18th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, April 30th. God's blessings to these couples as they mark this important milestone in their lives.

LADIES' LUNCHEON is tomorrow, April 26, at noon at The Olive Garden Italian Restaurant (12 Division St., Waite Park). If you missed the sign-up sheet, give BJ Peterson (320-292-5964) a call to add you to the list.

DISCOVERY NIGHT Have you been interested in becoming a member of Abounding Joy? We will have a special "Discovery Night" on Tuesday, April 30 at 6:30 p.m. for anyone interested in joining or learning more about Abounding Joy. Sign up on the sheet available on the info table or contact Pastor Brandon if you are planning to attend. The 30th doesn't work? No problem! Simply contact Pastor Brandon and he'll make other accommodations.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP will meet on Thursday, May 2 at Drakes Fine Food and Spirits (Country Manor Campus, 520 1st St NE, Sartell, MN 56377) at 11:30 a.m. Grief Support is a group of people who have experienced the loss of a spouse or companion. It is a time with others who know what it is like to be alone. It's a safe place to share your truth about how life is without your spouse or companion. Please contact Pastor Kay Campbell if you have questions or to RSVP (320-630-1160 or kayec1967@gmail.com).

MEN'S FAITH TALK meets at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesdays. Come for some Bible focused discussion. ALL MEN are invited and encouraged to be part of this gathering.

ENGAGING THE NEXT GENERATIONS:

GRANDPARENT EDITION Join this gathering Thursday, May 2, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Calvary Community Church, for real world insights from local youth pastors about our youth and the world in which we live today; and specific practical ways we can support them, their parents, and the church in discipling our young people. There will be three featured speakers. This is a gathering designed especially for grandparents but it is open to anyone with and interest in impacting children and youth for Christ.

WALK FOR LIFE, an annual fund raiser for Pregnancy Resource Center will be Saturday, May 4. See the poster on the bulletin board and/or go to give.preghelpfriends.com/2024walkforlife or call 320-253-5333 to register and/or give.

MOWING SIGN-UP With the beautiful spring weather comes the greening and growth of our lawn. If you enjoy riding around in nature and also accomplishing a much needed mission, please volunteer to help with the mowing. A mowing sign-up calendar is available on the info table. If you have questions on the operation of our rider-mower, contact Greg Voller (320-291-4908) or indicate on the sign-up calendar and he'll be in touch with you.



WOOD-SPLITTER NEEDED If you have a wood-splitter that you would be willing to loan to Greg Voller, he is willing to split the large logs by the fire pit. (My guess is that he would not reject your offer to help.) Please contact Greg (320-291-4908) if you have the equipment (not an axe) for splitting wood.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP meets on Thursdays at 9:00 am at Abounding Joy. We invite you to join our intercessory prayer group led by Pastor Deb Peterson. We believe that we are called to not only pray FOR others, but to go into our community and pray WITH others. For more information contact Pastor Deb Peterson at 320-250-0647.

WE HAVE THE DATE — We need the people!



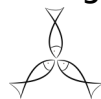
June 19th is going to be a special day for kids at Abounding Joy and in our community! We are going



to start a party and we will need some party-starters to help! Save the date to help us make this day a "blast!" If you are available, please sign up so we can contact you to plan details and help make this 1-day Vacation Bible School a fun experience!

LET'S BE FUN! LET'S BE HEARD!

It's time to sign up to help and participate in the Sartell Parade on Saturday, June 8, 10:00 a.m.
***Sign Up Sheets:** Families and individuals are encouraged to help plan, decorate the float, and to walk in the parade. The theme is "FISHING" so put your thinking caps on and bring us your ideas so that we can all be Fishers of Men/Women.



Please visit the table in the fellowship area to sign up. We need as many people as possible to help with this event.

***Sunday May 5**, is the kickoff for collecting candy donations to pass out at the parade. Candy donations can be placed in the food cart (May 5-26) in the fellowship area.



This parade is a great way to show our presence in the community and to let the community know who we are.

Please contact Amy Krystosek, Steve Hancock or Darlene Stover if you have any questions.



Family camp is Bible camp for people of all ages: families and individuals. Our partners at Mount Carmel offer a range of camp opportunities this summer. There are week-long options such as July 13-19 with artist Paul Oman or a condensed 2-night weekend option, July 19-21.

If you've never been to Bible camp before, this is a chance to try it out for the first time. You'll get to stay in a cabin, meet new people, swim in the lake, play, learn about God's Word, and experience a talent show, water carnival and a family folk dance. It's a lot to fit into a weekend. All campers from Abounding Joy get a 20% discount and a camp scholarship to help with the cost; all available to families who want to check it out. Come talk to Tim Knorek for more information and how to register.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD COORDINATOR

We are looking for a volunteer to take over as Coordinator for the OCC Drop-off Location at our church. Training and materials will be provided. Please contact Kim Mielke if interested.

Sunday, April 21, 2024

ATTENDANCE: 137

OFFERINGS

General \$6,987 Building/Mortgage \$1,175

This Week at Abounding Joy

Thursday, April 25

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 26

Noon Ladies' Luncheon at Olive Garden

Saturday, April 27

Augustana District Meeting, Mt. Carmel, Alexandria

Sunday, April 28

9:00 am Sunday School, No other classes

10:00 am Worship service with Guest Amy Okeson and Men's Ensemble

11:00 am Fellowship and Refreshments

4:30 pm Piano Recital, Students of Mary Schumann

Tuesday, April 30

6:30 pm Discovery Night

6:30 pm Men's Ensemble Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 1

9:00 am Men's Faith Talk

12 Noon Bible Study

1:15 pm Joyful Stitchers Quilt-tying and Binding

7:00 pm Youth Group Gathering at Claseman Residence

Thursday, May 2

9:00 am Intercessory Prayer Group Meets

11:30 am Grief Support Group at Drakes

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

The Abounding Joy Foundation

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Pastor Brandon Foster

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Church Secretary: Marilyn Schultz **Custodian:** Al Kutz

Ministers of Music: Ginny Shimota, Mary Schumann, Michelle Tomsche

Acoustic Joy Directors: Roger DeBoer and Cindi Rhoe

The Church Council welcomes your feedback and suggestions.

Kim Mielke, Pres. Bill Latare, Vice-Pres. Darlene Stover, Sec. Bruce Peterson, Treas.

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