

April/May Newsletter



From the Pastor:

"I am with you .. always."

Matthew 28:20

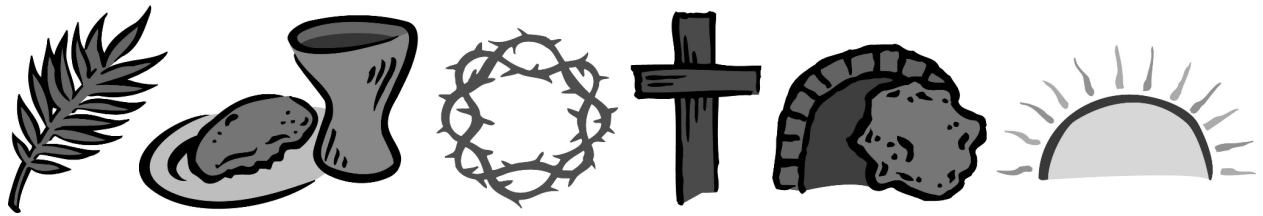
On March 11th of this year, a tsunami of nostalgia overwhelmed me. An icon of my youth died. If you ever lived in Minnesota, you would be hard pressed to find someone, anyone, who didn't know who Bud Grant was. From 1967 to 1985, he was the head football coach of the Minnesota Vikings. I have countless memories of those games and the people I watched the games with, some of whom are now long gone. There are, of course, memories of watching the game with my

Dad, Mom yelling downstairs trying to find out what the score was. The Vikings went to four Super Bowls and, yes, we lost all four of them. At Bud Grant's passing I actually thought for a moment, "Ah, those were the good old days."

And yes, there were many things that were good during that time period of my life. I had really good parents and my childhood was wonderful. But memories can be, more often than not, highly selective and very narrow. If you remember, 1967-1985 was also filled with a great deal of turmoil. There was Vietnam as well as the fight for Civil Rights for millions upon millions of fellow citizens who wanted to finally be seen, heard and recognized as equal, and later AIDS became a frightening reality that few wished to acknowledge...just to name a few of the crises our nation faced. Like every other period of time, we saw the best and the worst of what humanity was capable of.

Easter, my Friends, is God's ultimate and final judgment that proclaims to us that God does not have time for nostalgia. You are more than just a memory, a sum of past experiences. In Easter, God simply doesn't just remember you but God knows you now and claims you from sin and death. You have a present and you have a future that Easter is pulling you towards. A future of unconditional forgiveness, love, mercy and grace. And this is for all!!!

Pastor Matt



April 2 - Palm / Passion Sunday
April 6 - Maundy Thursday Service - 7pm
April 7 - Good Friday Service - 7pm
April 9 - Easter Sunday
Easter Egg Hunt to follow

There will be an **Easter Egg Hunt**
following the Easter worship service!!!
(Note the time change - the egg hunt will be *after* church!)



How you can help:

1. Donate plastic eggs and/or things to put inside them (e.g. candy).
2. Help stuff eggs on Palm Sunday following the church service.
3. Help hide eggs Easter morning before the church service, time TBA.

Questions? Contact Faith Hughes

Northwest Intermountain Synod Assembly - April 28-30
Please keep the assembly in prayer as we elect a bishop.
Pastors, Annie Frederick and Katie Kersting will be attending as delegates.

Pentecost
May 28
Wear Red!



LUTHERHAVEN DAY CAMP -- JUNE 19-23. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING OUT, PLEASE CONTACT THERESA WATSON (208-304-2978)



Birthdays

| | |
|----------------|-------|
| Liessa Thorson | 04-01 |
| Alice Owen | 04-02 |
| Mike Frederick | 04-03 |
| Emily Hoffman | 04-05 |
| Greg Seeber | 04-05 |
| Toby Johnson | 04-07 |
| Gladys Gerow | 04-13 |
| Matt Goodrich | 04-14 |
| Jean Oxrieder | 04-17 |
| Willson Morey | 04-19 |
| Kari Goodrich | 04-26 |
| Janice Gleason | 04-27 |



Birthdays

| | |
|-----------------|-------|
| Mike Meade | 05-02 |
| Betty Rail | 05-04 |
| Nancy Sauer | 05-05 |
| Sarah Stenfors | 05-06 |
| Al Haser | 05-11 |
| Kevin Hansen | 05-14 |
| LeRoy Bishop | 05-16 |
| Pam Thompson | 05-16 |
| Mike Jones | 05-17 |
| Kim Bishop | 05-18 |
| Ashley Scribner | 05-19 |
| Rita Crisp | 05-20 |
| Kelly Urdahl | 05-21 |
| Bill Torgerson | 05-24 |
| Brian Hood | 05-24 |
| Elaine Faires | 05-24 |
| Joe Mauro | 05-25 |
| Faola Grant | 05-27 |
| Mark Thompson | 05-27 |
| Terry Brandt | 05-28 |
| Tanner Hughes | 05-29 |
| Darlene Evans | 05-30 |
| Owen Morey | 05-30 |
| Linda Lyson | 05-30 |
| Cheri Griffith | 05-31 |

Ushers & Greeters



April 2023

2 -Theresa Watson
9 -Valerie Samson
16 -Trish Akre
23 -Pat Alexander
30 -Marlene Faraca

May 2023

7 -Hazel and Tom Bauer
14 -Cheri and Miller Griffith
21 -Chris and Lee Shaver
28 -Cheryl Schoesler



Family Crisis Network is hosting a 32 hour Advocacy Training
May 9th through the 12th, 9am to 5pm
If you are interested in volunteering as an advocate or would
like to learn more, contact Family Crisis Network:
Phone: 509-447-2274 Email: sara@pofcn.org



Save the Dates:

May 11
August 10
November 9

I Will Plant a Seed Today

With every word I say,
I will plant a seed today.
Careful and kind
I Shall stove to be.
It is all up to me.
My speech, like a garden
started from seed.
Words that encourage
are precious indeed.
Cosmos flowers –
perennials they be,
like kind words
come back to me.
Tears at times
are welcome rain,
they help me be more humane.
Like Sweet Peas planted
along a country fence,
words nurtured faithfully
bloom in abundance.
Luscious blue Lupins
and daisies white,
stretch like myself
to find welcome light.
Roses ramble
as do my words at time,
then to hold my tongue is divine.

By Elaine Faires

A Child Understands

A child understands such things.
As centipedes and butterfly wings.

Silver of dawn – streak of sun,
Where big bumpy balloons cuddle for fun.

Gypsy gulls spread their feathers
Play tag – squawk and tumble together.

Morning speckles drip on moist ground,
Fat earthworm pokes his head out of the
ground.

In the twinkling of an eye,
Tree tips pierce the sky.

Posy at the peak of perfection,
Given in love with much affection.

At night – the moon's mellow face,
Dipped in silver – hung in place.

By Elaine Faires (Apr. 27, 2015)

Calendar

2023 . APRIL

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|---|--|--|-----------------|--|---|---|
|  | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 Palm/Passion Sunday 10 am Worship | 3 10am Bible Study Noon Al-anon | 4 10 am Quilting | 5 7pm Choir | 6 Maundy Thursday Service 7pm | 7 Good Friday Service 7pm | 8 |
| 9 EASTER 10 am Worship Egg Hunt after worship | 10 10am Bible Study Noon Al-anon | 11 10 am Anna Circle 7Pm Council Meeting | 12 7pm Choir | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 10 am Worship | 17 10am Bible Study Noon Al-anon | 18 10 am Quilting | 19 7pm Choir | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 10 am Worship | 24 10am Bible Study Noon Al-anon | 25 10 am Quilting | 26 7pm Choir | 27 | 28 Northwest Intermountain Synod Assembly 29-30 | 29 |
| 30 10 am Worship | | | | | |  |

2023 . MAY

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|---|--|---|-----------------|-----|-----|---|
|  | 1 10am Bible Study Noon Al-anon | 2 10 am Quilting | 3 7pm Choir | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 10 am Worship | 8 10am Bible Study Noon Al-anon | 9 10 am Anna Circle 7pm Council Meeting | 10 7pm Choir | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 MOTHER'S DAY 10 am Worship | 15 10am Bible Study Noon Al-anon | 16 10 am Quilting | 17 7pm Choir | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 10 am Worship | 22 10am Bible Study Noon Al-anon | 23 10 am Quilting | 24 7pm Choir | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 Pentecost 10 am Worship Wear Red! | 29 10am Bible Study Noon Al-anon | 30 10 am Quilting | 31 7pm Choir | | |  |

American Lutheran Church



Pastors Janine and Matt Goodrich
332801 Highway 2 - PO Box 653
Newport, WA 99156
(509) 447-4338
alc.pastors@gmail.com
americanlutheranchurch.net

Church Council Members

President: Annie Frederick

Vice-President: Katie Kersting

Secretary: Pam Thompson

Treasurer: Kristi Bell

Education:

Shannon Radke
Monica Jones
Terry Zakar

Evangelism:

Val Samson
Sandy Loskill
Carleen Bliesner-Bowen

Missions & Social Concerns:

Mary Bug Smith
Jeff Bell
Bob Kowal

Property & Maintenance:

Toby Johnson
Jason Jones
Dennis Alliger

Stewardship:

Sophie Hinchcliff
Ken Brown
David Grice

Worship & Music:

Nancy Sauer
Hedy Mitchell
Millie Brumbaugh

*Marked with the cross of Christ forever,
we are claimed, gathered, and sent for the sake of the world.*