

Alicia Rathmann Benefit is today from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Swan Lake Lutheran Church, 51420 Fort Rd., New Ulm. There will be a Free Will Donation. Alicia is currently fighting a rare blood and bone marrow cancer. This is an evasive cancer that is not responding to traditional cancer treatments. She and her husband live in Winthrop with their three children.

There's an opportunity today for you to have your blood pressure checked if you desire. Debbie will be available in the library from 8:30-9:15 a.m. and again from 12:00 noon-12:30 p.m.

Ladies! Let's celebrate Eme McKinney's graduation with some Fleece Fun! Join us Monday, May 6th, at 6:30 p.m. at church to make a fun fleece blanket for Eme and cover her with our love and prayers.

Minnesota Valley Action Council (MVAC) is having its 2nd Annual Backpack Community Fair in August. This is a county-wide event, serving families through Sibley County. The goal they are hoping each church will make is:

Grades PreK-6: a variety of 20 backpacks (unused with tags, can be colorful, cartoons, etc.); and

Grades 7-12: a variety of 10 backpacks (unused with tags, preference gender neutral colors).

If you are able to help MVAC, please bring your backpacks to church no later than April 28th.

There will be a brief Congregational Meeting on Sunday, April 28th, to approve Delaine Elseth and Julia Dahlke as delegates for Gather 2024.

Advanced Scripture Reading for next week:

Isaiah 40:6-8; Luke 22:39-46; John 13:31-35; 1 Peter 1:22-25.

A nursery is provided during the service in the lower level for those with children *up to four years of age*.

Finances

The approved budget for 2024 was **\$173,665.44**

Designated offerings and expenses are not reflected in the approved budget .

March General Income \$14,084.00

March General Expense \$12,499.21

YTD Income (as of the end of February) \$38,872.00

YTD Expense (as of the end of February) \$39,276.39



Winthrop Evangelical Covenant Church

April 21, 2024

~To Love God and Make Him Known ~

Prayer Points

Prelude

Call To Worship

Opening Hymn: "Victory in Jesus"

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory

Songs of Praise

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

Message: "What God has Joined Together Let No One Separate!"
Rev. Gary Gilkinson

Closing Hymn: #607 "Change Your Church, O God"

Benediction

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Home

Please Pray for:

- Alicia Rathman who is going through cancer treatments.
- Jean Fenske's grandson, Alex Fenske - some spots have been found in the original brain cancer site that have enlarged. He will be starting a new cancer treatment that is less aggressive than chemo.
- Judy Brown's daughter, Jill.
- Heidi Gerold is recovering from surgery.
- Healing for Keira Sandberg as she is dealing with health issues.
- College Student: Rebecca Redman attends the University of Northwestern in St. Paul.

World A Day for Women

Two Saturdays ago, several of us women were able to attend KJLY's Day for Women in Mankato. We came, 700 strong, to get away from it all, to join in worship and praise, to hear teaching from God's word, to learn a new craft or skill, to enjoy each other's company, to have a tasty lunch, and most of all to be challenged, humbled, and refreshed by the Spirit of God.

Some of us have been able to get away to this special event for many years, and we look forward to each unique speaker and their message for us. This year's speaker was Ginny Owens, with a message on **Love be the Loudest**. After we began the day with amazing and heartfelt worship, Ginny came up to speak, and my sister and I looked at each other and said, "I didn't know she was blind!" as someone led her to the podium. She couldn't see our faces, but she saw our hearts, and she told us God is chasing after each one of us to draw us closer to himself. His love is trying to drown out the din and despair of this world, but we must listen to him, through his word and through prayer. (boy, where have we heard that before???)

I looked up from my notes and there was Ginny, at the keyboard singing a beautiful song entreating God to "teach me how to listen to your voice, for you are all around me, help me hear you, I am your child, even though I am old, I still need you. Help me be still to hear your voice." They say blind people have other more developed senses. We may not be blind, like Ginny, but we can all learn to hear the many ways God speaks to us, and we all can know his love for us, and we can let him lead us where he wants us to go. **"The Lord is our God, and we are his people, the sheep he takes care of in his own pasture. Listen to God's voice today!" Psalms 95:7**

Ladies, join us next year, May 3rd as Karen Kingsbury brings us her message. And guys, don't you be feeling left out! KJLY's first Men's Conference is coming to Mankato, September 28th!

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