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# Parish Visitor

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## A Message From Our SAM

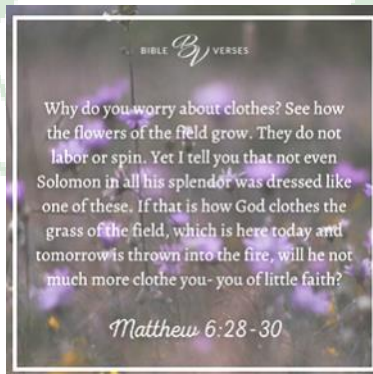


### A Biblical Bouquet

Flowers are often used in scripture to symbolize beauty, delicacy, and fragility. They serve as reminders of the fleeting nature of life and the transient beauty of earthly existence.



Jesus referenced flowers in Matthew 6:28-29, to illustrate pointed out how God clothes showcasing His attention to creation.



his teachings, such as in God's provision and care. He the flowers of the field, even the smallest details of

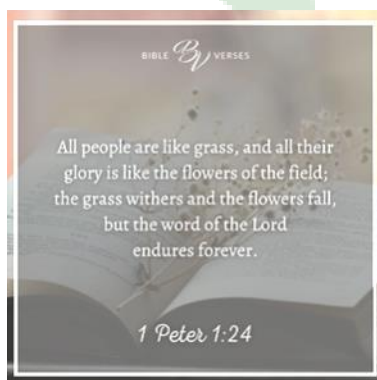


Flowers are also used metaphorically to represent growth, renewal, and transformation. Verses like Isaiah 35:1-2 and Hosea 14:5-7 depict flowers blooming in barren landscapes as symbols of God's ability to bring life and vitality to desolate situations.



Enjoy the bouquet of pictures month's April showers.

this May.... After last



-Clara

# May Worship Schedule

May 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship	Council Led	Worship 10 am
May 12 <sup>th</sup> Worship with Holy Communion	Clara Edin SAM	Worship 10 am
May 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship	Ron Foss	Worship 10 am
May 26 <sup>th</sup> Worship with Holy Communion	Clara Edin SAM	Worship 10 am

## IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Please include the following people in your daily prayers:

Jan, Lois, Michael, Deb, Jo, Bob, Daniel, Iver, Chardae, Lynda, Chase, McCoy, Ron, Jerry, Rod, Kris, Ron, Loretta, Roy, Jeanine, Kathie, Marty, Sue, Tim, Cindy, David, Randy, and their families.

If you would like to add someone to the weekly prayer list, please email the church office at [blcaskov@gmail.com](mailto:blcaskov@gmail.com) or let Clara know.



### COUNCIL MEETING

April 10, 2024  
Unapproved Minutes

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Carolyn Steele, Bill Jansen, Haley Erdman, Linda Jensen, and Clara Edin SAM. Absent Yvette Maloney.

Check-ins, devotion and prayer.

**ACCEPT MINUTES OF MARCH MEETING:**

Motion by Carolyn to accept the minutes as written, second by Bill, motion carried.

**MARCH TREASURER'S REPORT:** Reviewed by council. CD totals to be reviewed by financial secretary.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Clara gave a report of her pastoral care for the month.

**MINISTRY TEAMS:**

- Property (Haley)—drop off box installed outside of secretary's office. Property Committee met with insurance company.
- Family Ministry—No report.

- Music and Worship—No report.
- Circle of Faith—No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Bingo—will need a license from County with known date, Yvette to meet with Jo Foss and Ginger Leach to discuss.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Insurance renewal/background checks and sexual misconduct policy—Denny Birkholm, Yvette Maloney, and Bill Steele met with insurance representatives to discuss the insurance policy. Everyone work-

ing with children at the church will need a background check.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Clara to check with the Synod about a sexual misconduct policy.
- Carolyn to check with City of Askov for a bingo license.
- Bill to add a baptismal song for upcoming baptism on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to adjourn by Haley, second by Bill, meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

*Respectfully submitted,  
-Haley Erdman  
Council Secretary*



Graduation Open House

Simon Ecklund  
Graduation Open House  
Sunday, June 9



## Baccalaureate

East Central  
Baccalaureate  
Service  
Sunday,  
May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm  
EC High School  
Auditorium



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**MAY Birthdays**

- Sophia Ecklund—1<sup>st</sup>
- Josslyn Lusian—3<sup>rd</sup>
- Linda Schaumburg—8<sup>th</sup>
- Abram Edin 12<sup>th</sup>
- Mariah Balut—15<sup>th</sup>
- Jan Parker—21<sup>st</sup>
- Dale Jensen—26<sup>th</sup>
- Paul Maloney—27<sup>th</sup>
- Tim Tabor—27<sup>th</sup>
- Ovid Jensen—28<sup>th</sup>
- Stetson Bieder—30<sup>th</sup>
- Nate Ecklund—31<sup>st</sup>

**MAY Anniversaries**

- Mark & Yvette Maloney  
—May 28<sup>th</sup>



**March 2024  
Treasurer's Report:**

**Month:**

We are **7,627.71** behind in income vs. expenses for the month of March 2024; and **3,550.56** over our projected budget for the month of March 2024.

**Year-to-Date Totals:**

We are **9,618.77** behind in income vs. expenses for the year 2024; and **447.89** over our projected budget for the year 2024.

**DID YOU KNOW BLC HAS 4 WAYS TO GIVE?**



**ON-LINE GIVING**

- **WHAT IS ON-LINE GIVING?**  
On-line giving is a way for our church to receive offerings via the internet through our website donation page.
- **WHY IS ON-LINE GIVING IMPORTANT?**  
On-line giving allows you to give quickly, easily, and securely. We are able to collect donations from all across the country!
- **HOW DOES ON-LINE GIVING HELP?**  
Nearly everyone has access to the internet in one way or another. With on-line giving, we can meet our givers where they are!

Visit: <http://www.blcaskov.com/online-giving/> to start!

**ALSO AVAILABLE...  
ACH GIVING**

- **WHAT IS ACH GIVING?**  
ACH or EFT giving is a way for our church to receive offerings by automatic electronic transfers from your checking or savings account.
- **WHY IS ACH GIVING IMPORTANT?**  
ACH or EFT giving fosters good stewardship. It also improves accuracy and enhances security for our givers!
- **HOW DOES ACH GIVING HELP?**  
Members can setup recurring donations that promote consistent, regular giving (and ACH/EFT giving can be paused or stopped on request)

Contact the church office at 320-838-3191 to learn more!



Circle of Faith (COF) met April 20, 2024 at The Little Mermaid. The members in attendance were Tracy Zinter, Carolyn Steele, Cookie Nielsen, Jan Parker, and Mary

Johnson. Tracy called the meeting to order. Devotions.

**Reports:** Secretary minutes from the March meeting were read. Motion to accept minutes made by Cookie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jan, motion carried.

**Treasurer's report:** Checking \$723.96 Savings \$976.88 Dedicated account \$1,041.50.

**Old business:** COF served morning coffee

and rolls at Kettle River W/ELCA spring conference held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Dell Grove. COF served a brunch for Kettle River Pastor's conference held at Bethlehem.

**Community meal:** Will be April 24, 2024.

**Card mailing:** Jo Foss April, May and June; Mary Johnson July, August, and September.

**New businesses:** Dates chosen for BLC to host a

fundraiser at Chris' food stand. The options are June 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>, June 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>, or June 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Tracy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cookie, ended meeting with The Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting at The Little Mermaid May 18, 2024 at 10:00 am.

*Respectfully submitted,  
-Mary Johnson,  
Secretary*



**This summer there may be opportunities for you to help!**

- **BLC is looking at hosting BINGO—would you like to volunteer? Please contact the office if you'd be willing to help!**
- **Chris' Food Stand Fundraiser is coming up this summer! Can you bake? Would you like to work the stand? Contact any member of Circle of Faith to volunteer!**

# Christian Symbol Sudoku

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