



**Applying Bible Principles:**

God’s Word has more to say about money and material possessions than about heaven and hell combined. Obviously, how we as His children handle what God has entrusted to us is a very important subject to Him.

Money is also the only subject about which God says, in essence, “Prove Me. Trust Me. Try Me.” He does not issue that challenge concerning any other aspect of our Christian walk of faith. Not about prayer; not about sharing our faith with others; not even about salvation. Just money.

God said to Malachi, the prophet, “Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test . . . see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.”

Some promises in the Bible are unconditional in nature. They are going to be fulfilled, regardless of what we might or might not do. Others could be described as “if . . . then” promises. *If* we will do our part, *then* God will do His part. This passage from Malachi 3:10 is one of the latter. If we will bring our tithes to God’s storehouse, then He will open for us the windows of heaven and pour out for us such a blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.

The question is whether we really believe God when He makes a promise like this. If we do, we will take Him at His Word. We will accept His challenge and “test” Him by giving to Him as He direct. And *if* we do that by faith, *then* we can be confident that God will meet that “test” by providing all we need — and more.

### **Katie's Korner:**

It has been a strange few weeks. So, my newsletter note this month is more of an update and check-in. With wintery, icy weather, Palm Passion Sunday was cancelled. Finding myself at home on a Sunday, I prayed for your warmth and safety during that spring, winter storm. Then come Tuesday, I worked from home – having found evidence of mice in my car. I guess they needed shelter from the storm as well. It took a few days to catch the mice and clean the car. Unfortunately, that same Tuesday, by the time evening came, I found myself feverish. Immediately, I was discouraged. Here I was, *sick*, on the Tuesday of Holy Week.

For those of you who attended Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worships, it's evident that my sickness – which turned out be the Influenza B Virus – was still hanging on. I am so grateful to my Deacons who helped lead both of these services in my absence. By Sunday, I thankfully had been 24 hours fever free. I was so grateful to be able to lead the Easter morning worship! Yet, not sure I was completely out of the woods, I masked and distanced. The biggest bummer is that I still have not got to enjoy that amazing smelling Easter Breakfast with you! (Having been with Trinity Lutheran last year for Easter, following our service).

Easter Monday was a much needed day of rest as I still recovered from the lingering cough and sinus issues. Come Tuesday though, was the Spring Theological conference. Its focus was “Finding Holy Focus in Rudderless Times.” This year, this continuing education opportunity was held in Brookings. So, from Tuesday through Thursday, I spent hours upon hours with colleagues from throughout South Dakota learning from Pastor and Coach Nathan Swenson-Reinhold.

To wrap up my musings around these strange weeks, I want to share some of his teachings, but also acknowledge just how turbulent our world can be. As Nathan introduced his topic of conversation, he surmised that all of us who had gathered “were stuck with something.” There was an issue or problem or something in our life, which had us stuck in some way. Over the next few days, we focused on just one of

### **Katie's Korner continued...**

these things that had us stuck and we moved from awareness around it, to clarity about it, and finally to agency within it.

Stay tuned to the newsletters, as next month, I will write further on this practice of recognizing what has us stuck in this world, and how we can advance from being stuck to actual agency (movement and action). Perhaps how my last few weeks have played out is relatable to you. For me, so much seemed out of my control. So how can we find control in this turbulent world? How can we find comfort?

A prayer: God, Master of all creation, help us to navigate this turbulent world. Whether we are simply moving along as things come up or implementing the practices of awareness into agency, please be our guide. Amen.

### **Ladies of Leganger Notes**

Leganger Women met for Bible Study-regular meeting April 3rd. All participated in the study. Lori presided at the meeting.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved. Meg made a motion to pay for the next order of sheets for quilting, seconded by Betty, with all in favor.

Plans were made to do the May basket project again. Donations for at least 25 baskets will be welcome. Another load of quilts will be taken to Sioux Falls in the near future. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and table prayer. Ruth was the hostess. The next meeting will be May 1st at 2pm with Meg as the hostess.

Ruth Lenning, Secretary

### Dates to Remember:

- 4/28 - Final day of Sunday School. Children will sing during worship. Youth will be providing donuts during coffee fellowship. Graduates will be recognized and honored with the presentation of a quilt. Sunday School teachers and the Board of Ed meet at 8:30am.
- 5/1 - Church Women, 2:00 pm. May Basket packing
- 5/1 - Council Meeting; Boards 8:00pm, Council 8:30pm
- 5/4 - Community Men's Fellowship Group, at 9:00am. Coffee and food items are provided
- 5/5-7 - First Call Retreat
- 5/8 - Final confirmation class
- 5/12 – Confirmation
- 5/12 – Worship at ENCC (Leganger students invited to come sing again)
- 5/20-24 – Pastor on vacation
- 6/7 - Deadline to register for Day Camp June 17-20



### Caring and Sharing

\*Reminder weekly cleaning, serving coffee fellowship and ushering.

**April Caring and Sharing Group 2: *Meg Thomas chair.*** Meg Thomas, Dennis and Diane Stroschein, Jesse and Emily King, Kevin and Karie Molengraaf, Al and Jane Moore, Jill Moore, Helen Budahl, Dale and Beth Overby, Alex Watt, Amanda and Derek VerHelst, Royce and Kim Harringa, Al and Gay Evenson, Seth and Cassandra Evenson, Chad and Heidi Grimlie, Greg and Sherry Lunden, Kari Quail, Jon and Jodi Ekern, Rick and Darlis Nase, John Roelofsen.

**Caring and Sharing Group 3: *Ruth Lenning and Holly Lunden chairs*** Harlan and Ruth Lenning, Troy and Betsy Lenning, Warren and Holly Lunden, Haley Lunden, Hannah Lunden, Josh and Jackee Lunden, Jordan and Kelsey Monnier, Christopher and Nicole Monnier, Riley Monnier, Todd Hanna, Linda Grimlie, Kelli Franken, Kristen and Jeremy Hunter, Betty Steinmetz, Anita and Steve Knutson, Ross Quail, Jaimee and Erick Froiland, Johnny Roelofsen, Carly Bergstadt, Jenna and Kevin Petersen

### ATTENTION PARENTS!

## DAY CAMP

Students grade 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

June 17-20, 2024; 9:00am – 3:00pm

Blom Prairie Church

\$25/per camper/ Max \$45/Family

Register by June 7<sup>th</sup>. Forms available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Questions? Call Carie at 605 690-7943

### Council Notes:

**The Leganger Lutheran Church Council met Wednesday April 10, 2024.** Members present: Pastor Katie, Seth, Anita, Todd, Dennis, Troy, Tracy, Carie, Kelsey and Gay (interim secretary). Carie led devotions. Gay read the minutes from the prior meeting. Troy made the motion to approve, Todd seconded.

*Treasurer's Report:* An invoice was received for maintenance of the organ, \$1,194.22. \$4,500 was transferred from the Project Fund to pay for the South door expense. Online giving has been available for three months. The amount given each month has continued to increase with March amount at \$1,018.

*Deacons Report:* Pastor and Council thanked the Deacons for assisting with Easter week services.

*Pastor Report:* Pastor thanked all that participated in Easter week's traditions. Pastor gave a thorough report of her March and April activities along with approaching months' activities. Pastor is participating in Clergy Coaching training and Suicide Prevention Skills training. Cradle Roll graduation, graduation recognition and confirmation were discussed.

*Trustees Report:* A donation was received in memory of Morris and Dorothy Eastman and Duane Eastman, designated for the north door.

*Board Of Ed:* 30 sets of Resurrection eggs were distributed to the children. The SS year is wrapping up with the last day of Sunday School April 28<sup>th</sup>. A pizza party is planned with breakfast pizza donated by Buck's, along with other activities.

*Old Business:* The Secretary position has been advertised. No applications have been submitted yet.

*New Business:* None.

Next meeting May 1st. Boards 8:00 pm, Council 8:30 pm.

Anita made a motion to adjourn; Todd seconded. All stood and prayed the Lord's Prayer.

Gay Evenson

### March Treasurer Report

March income was \$8913.99; expenses were \$12,217.86, which includes the payment for the South Entrance Door. Funds that were designated for the door were transferred to General Checking from Project Fund. A transfer of \$36.46 from March Sunday School Offering was made to the Sunday School Offering Fund. The month ended with a surplus of \$1159.67. Thanks to everyone for their generous giving.

Online giving is ramping up. We are showing an increase in the giving support through this new opportunity. Thanks to all who are utilizing this new opportunity.

Attached please find the 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. Report for Income/Expense. This report does not include Propane as the Propane is a prepaid account which we add to in the fall when we purchase for the year.

Propane Account balance to date is \$1830.54. Anyone wishing to designate funds for the coming purchase of propane can note that on your giving envelope. Anyone that is using the Online Giving Tool, who wish to designate funds to the Propane Account, please contact Anita with the amount once you have given using the tool.

In God's Love,  
Anita Knutson  
Treasurer

### Reminder:

Does your contact information need to be updated?  
Please email info to [leganger@itctel.com](mailto:leganger@itctel.com)

**Income/Expense Quarterly - No Propane Drawdown - Q1 2024**  
1/1/2024 through 3/31/2024

4/10/2024

| Category                                   | 1/1/2024-<br>1/31/2024 | 2/1/2024-<br>2/29/2024 | 3/1/2024-<br>3/31/2024 | OVERALL<br>TOTAL |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>                              |                        |                        |                        |                  |
| Benevolence Offering                       | 365.00                 | 725.00                 | 410.00                 | 1,500.00         |
| Coffee-Free Will for during coffee time    | 171.00                 | 175.70                 | 107.00                 | 453.70           |
| Envelopes                                  | 40.00                  | 7.00                   | 0.00                   | 47.00            |
| Local Offering                             | 5,839.00               | 5,307.00               | 5,428.00               | 16,574.00        |
| Local Offering - Online                    | 445.00                 | 674.70                 | 1,018.62               | 2,138.32         |
| Loose Offering                             | 685.00                 | 566.27                 | 276.77                 | 1,528.04         |
| Other Income                               | 0.00                   | 100.00                 | 45.14                  | 145.14           |
| Propane Designate                          | 100.00                 | 0.00                   | 0.00                   | 100.00           |
| Special Offerings                          |                        |                        |                        |                  |
| Lent-Lenten Offerings                      | 0.00                   | 436.50                 | 1,006.00               | 1,442.50         |
| TOTAL Special Offerings                    | 0.00                   | 436.50                 | 1,006.00               | 1,442.50         |
| Sunday School Offering                     | 40.80                  | 44.00                  | 36.46                  | 121.26           |
| Thrivent-ACH Deposits from Thrivent M...   | 0.00                   | 0.00                   | 586.00                 | 586.00           |
| _IntInc-Investment Interest Income         | 90.76                  | 167.81                 | 0.00                   | 258.57           |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                        | <b>7,776.56</b>        | <b>8,203.98</b>        | <b>8,913.99</b>        | <b>24,894.53</b> |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                            |                        |                        |                        |                  |
| Church Home Insurance                      | 497.68                 | 497.68                 | 662.36                 | 1,657.72         |
| Church Home Insurance Workman's ...        | 0.00                   | 0.00                   | 260.00                 | 260.00           |
| TOTAL Church Home Insurance                | 497.68                 | 497.68                 | 922.36                 | 1,917.72         |
| Church Home Utilities                      |                        |                        |                        |                  |
| Electricity                                | 86.79                  | 125.33                 | 97.79                  | 309.91           |
| Sanitation                                 | 18.59                  | 18.59                  | 18.59                  | 55.77            |
| Sewer                                      | 42.00                  | 42.00                  | 42.00                  | 126.00           |
| Telephone                                  | 125.64                 | 125.09                 | 130.55                 | 381.28           |
| Water                                      | 28.75                  | 30.75                  | 20.95                  | 80.45            |
| TOTAL Church Home Utilities                | 301.77                 | 341.76                 | 309.88                 | 953.41           |
| Church Repairs & Maintenance               | 380.33                 | 0.00                   | 0.00                   | 380.33           |
| Church Improvements                        | 0.00                   | 0.00                   | 4,649.79               | 4,649.79         |
| Church Repairs                             | 0.00                   | 181.60                 | 0.00                   | 181.60           |
| Online Giving Maint. Fee                   | 9.52                   | 3.07                   | 70.04                  | 82.63            |
| Operating & Maintenance                    | 0.00                   | 0.00                   | 37.17                  | 37.17            |
| Service & Maintenance Office Eq            | 82.24                  | 268.77                 | 84.21                  | 435.22           |
| TOTAL Church Repairs & Maintenan...        | 472.09                 | 453.44                 | 4,841.21               | 5,766.74         |
| Mission Local & World                      |                        |                        |                        |                  |
| Benevolence                                | 365.00                 | 725.00                 | 410.00                 | 1,500.00         |
| TOTAL Mission Local & World                | 365.00                 | 725.00                 | 410.00                 | 1,500.00         |
| Online Giving Maintenance Fee              | 0.00                   | 56.15                  | 18.82                  | 74.97            |
| Pastoral Ministry                          |                        |                        |                        |                  |
| Disability & Survivor-Portico Disabilit... | 40.78                  | 49.80                  | 45.29                  | 135.87           |
| Housing Allowance                          | 1,700.00               | 1,700.00               | 0.00                   | 3,400.00         |
| Member pretax                              | 0.00                   | 0.00                   | 0.00                   | 0.00             |
| Pension                                    | 407.83                 | 497.99                 | 452.91                 | 1,358.73         |
| Salary                                     | 2,378.32               | 2,378.32               | 0.00                   | 4,756.64         |
| Salary-Housing Allowance                   | 129.04                 | 129.04                 | 4,207.24               | 4,465.32         |
| Social Security Allowance                  | 322.02                 | 322.02                 | 321.84                 | 965.88           |
| Travel & Auto                              | 94.47                  | 164.82                 | 48.24                  | 307.53           |
| TOTAL Pastoral Ministry                    | 5,072.46               | 5,241.99               | 5,075.52               | 15,389.97        |
| Church Secretary                           | 242.42                 | 0.00                   | 0.00                   | 242.42           |
| Conferences & Conventions                  | 0.00                   | 0.00                   | 110.00                 | 110.00           |
| Fellowship Activites                       | 21.90                  | 0.00                   | 0.00                   | 21.90            |
| Organist                                   | 120.00                 | 200.00                 | 360.00                 | 680.00           |
| Pastor Helper                              | 0.00                   | 63.00                  | 133.70                 | 196.70           |
| Worship Supplies                           | 76.36                  | 104.97                 | 26.00                  | 207.33           |
| TOTAL Worship & Service                    | 460.68                 | 367.97                 | 629.70                 | 1,458.35         |
| Worship & Service - Education              |                        |                        |                        |                  |
| Sunday School Supplies                     | 0.00                   | 228.17                 | 10.37                  | 238.54           |
| TOTAL Worship & Service - Education        | 0.00                   | 228.17                 | 10.37                  | 238.54           |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                      | <b>7,169.68</b>        | <b>7,912.16</b>        | <b>12,217.86</b>       | <b>27,299.70</b> |
| <b>TRANSFERS</b>                           |                        |                        |                        |                  |
| FROM Project Fund                          | 0.00                   | 0.00                   | 4,500.00               | 4,500.00         |
| TO Sunday School-Offering                  | -40.80                 | -44.00                 | -36.46                 | -121.26          |
| <b>TOTAL TRANSFERS</b>                     | <b>-40.80</b>          | <b>-44.00</b>          | <b>4,463.54</b>        | <b>4,378.74</b>  |
| <b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>                       | <b>566.08</b>          | <b>247.82</b>          | <b>1,159.67</b>        | <b>1,973.57</b>  |



# 2024

CALENDAR YEAR

# APRIL

CALENDAR MONTH

SUNDAY

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

### Pastor's Schedule and Church Events

Office hours vary, but Pastor Katie will try to be in her office from 9-4 Tuesday and Thursday, Wednesday from 10-7. Any variance is due to visitation, errands, text studies, and meetings. She is available on Friday's now too, but will be working from home.

| Sunday   | Monday | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday | Saturday                                      |
|--|--------|--|---|--|--------|---|
| 31   | 01     | 02<br>Pastor at Spring Theological through Thursday morning. | 03<br>Women's Circle 2:00   | 04<br>Pastor at Clergy Coach Training through Friday.              | 05     | 06<br>Community Men's Fellowship Group 9:00am |
| 07<br>Sunday School 9:30<br>Worship 10:30<br>Pastor on Vacation  | 08     | 09   | 10<br>Confirmation 6:00<br>Council Meeting<br>8:00 boards, 8:30 Council | 11   | 12     | 13  |
| 14<br>Sunday School 9:30<br>Worship 10:30 with Healing Prayer  | 15     | 16   | 17<br>Confirmation 6:00   | 18<br>Pastor starting Suicide Prevention Training (online classes) | 19     | 20  |
| 21<br>Sunday School 9:30<br>Worship 10:30  | 22     | 23<br>Medary Text Study<br>10:00 - 12:30                     | 24<br>Confirmation 6:00   | 25   | 26     | 27  |
| 28<br>Last day of Sunday School 9:30<br>Worship 10:30 with kids singing  | 29     | 30   | 01<br>Confirmation 6:00   | 02   | 03     | 04  |
| 05<br>Worship 10:30 with potential Cradle Roll Graduation Recognition<br>Pastor attending First Call Retreat through Tuesday | 06     | 07   | 08<br>Final Confirmation Class 6:00                                     | 09   | 10     | 11  |