



# TIDINGS

April 2023

## HOLY WEEK

- **April 2: Palm Sunday**, 9:30 a.m.  
**Youth Breakfast**, serving 8-9 a.m. and 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- **April 6: Maundy Thursday at Mt. Carmel**, 6:30 p.m.
- **April 7: Good Friday at Gustavus**, 6:30 p.m., 1509 NE 27th Ave. Watch online via Zoom  
*Meeting ID:* 843 0540 6605 and *Passcode:* 1509  
*Link:* <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84305406605?pwd=bUx4dDdFS0M4a2ZpK0Z0L3NicGdEQT09>
- **April 9: Easter Sunday**, 9:30 a.m.

## SOFTBALL FEVER, START THE WARM-UPS!

### Opening day: April 25

It's time to start thinking about softball with the Mt. Carmelites as we celebrate 33 years!

- **Wanted:** Mt. Carmelite co-ed softball players, 18 to 107. Previous experience is not required.
- **When:** All games played on Tuesday evenings.
- **Where:** New Brighton. Fields and game times will be emailed and in the May Tidings.
- **Practice:** Sunday, April 23 at 1 p.m. at Waite Park on (33rd & Ulysses St NE), weather permitting. Watch for possible indoor batting practice opportunity to be posted. Give it a try!

Come join in the fun and fellowship! We would love you to join the fun as players or fans.

Contact Diane Langer (612-718-4229 or [ddl2@aol.com](mailto:ddl2@aol.com)) or Karen Matthes (612-716-7395) to sign up for for more information. A sign up will also be posted outside the church office.

## CONFIRMATION

Saturday, May 6, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. for all 6th-8th graders. May classes will be at Gustavus. Lunch is provided.

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## OFFERING OPPORTUNITIES

Please continue to support our congregation with your faithful financial contributions to Mt. Carmel as you are able. There are several ways to give:

- Online by credit card or bank account. Visit [mountcarmelmpls.org](http://mountcarmelmpls.org) to give online.
- Mail or drop off your check to the church office.

Your generous support for Mt. Carmel and our ministry is truly appreciated.



## MT. CARMEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are a faith community participating in the life of God, both as sheer gift to us and as a calling to the neighborhoods of Northeast Minneapolis. We are a multigenerational community that proudly celebrates our history while joining together with younger generations to follow where God is leading. We build our community through faith practices like prayer, dwelling in the Word and hospitality.

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### Office hours

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**The mission of Mt. Carmel  
Lutheran Church and its members  
is to learn, live and share  
God's Word.**

Ministry Affiliates: Minneapolis Area  
Synod/ELCA; Northeast Senior Services,  
Inc.; Little Kitchen Food Shelf; Every Meal;  
Eastside Meals on Wheels; Plymouth  
Christian Youth Center;  
Mission Northeast and  
Casa de Oracion a las Naciones.

The Mt. Carmel facility is shared with the  
following community groups:  
Scout Troop 132, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts  
and Alcoholics Anonymous.

We are an ELCA congregation. All are  
welcome. Learn more about the ELCA at  
[www.elca.org/About](http://www.elca.org/About).



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## FROM THE PASTOR

### THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION

As we prepare to celebrate our first Easter season together, I am reminded of a story\* about what occurred in Russia during the 1920s when communism was moving across the land and closing down all the churches. They tried many tactics, including “eliminating the Sunday, the Lord’s Day, by instituting a six-day week, then an eight-day week.”

One Easter morning a Lutheran church was targeted. The communist officials marched in during the start of the service, took over the pulpit, and announced communism as the new religion. The superstitions of Christianity were on their way out. Naive people had been deluded long enough by this ridiculous myth. Then out of sympathy they turned to the old German Lutheran pastor and said, “Now, do you have anything to say in defense of yourself.” What the communists did not know was that the liturgy and tradition were deeply imbedded in the congregation.

On occasion, this elderly pastor had a habit of going to the altar on Sunday mornings, bowing, turning to the congregation, and announcing in a loud voice, “He is risen!” Whenever he did this the congregation would jump to their feet and respond enthusiastically, “He has risen indeed!”

And so, without a word the pastor moved over to the chancel, bowed, and proclaimed, “He has risen!” Without missing a beat the congregation rose to their feet and responded with an enthusiastic roar, “He has risen indeed!”

Then the pastor turned to the communists and said, “Now do you have anything to say in defense of yourselves?”

The power of the resurrection—building bridges, opening doors.

Go and tell!

### The Festival of the Resurrection of Our Lord

Building Bridges, Opening Doors: The Fifty Days of Easter

For Fifty Days—a week of weeks, 7 times 7—our alleluias will proclaim the resurrection. The charge to the women at the tomb, “Go and tell...” will be our mission. Building bridges, opening doors, telling all who will listen, “Christ is risen! He is risen indeed” Within those fifty days, Easter melodies will accompany our alleluias, we will celebrate the blessing of the Earth returning to new life; we will celebrate our baptism into Jesus’ resurrection life on Good Shepherd Sunday. Come and see! Go and tell!

#### April 2—Sunday of the Passion and procession with palms

- The passion of the Lord according to Matthew
- Holy Communion
- Gospel reading: Matthew 26:14 – 27:66
- Palm Sunday youth breakfast

#### April 9—Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of Our Lord

- The women proclaim the resurrection
- Holy Communion
- Gospel reading: Matthew 29:1-10, John 20:1-18

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# CHILD CARE CENTER



Due to some unforeseen circumstances we will not be doing the plant sale. Lynde our pre-sale vendor had a tragedy late last fall and they are not open for spring fundraisers. We know everyone looks forward to the plant sale and supporting our wonderful childcare center, so we are excited to be offering a new fundraising opportunity. We will be partnering with Simpls, a nutrient dense, plant positive, local company that makes whole foods that are freezer ready and they also give back to the community. Please stay tuned for this exciting transition. Our fundraiser will be four weeks long over the month of May. In the meantime, enjoy this cute pic of our preschoolers enjoying shaving cream play!

*Brenda Wetzel, Director*

## From the Pastor, continued from 2

### April 16—2 Easter

- Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ
- Holy Communion
- Gospel reading: John 20:19-31

### April 23—3 Easter

- Eating with the risen Christ
- Earth Day blessing
- Holy Communion
- Gospel reading: Luke 24:13-35
- Earth Day neighborhood cleanup

### April 30—4 Easter:

#### Good Shepherd Sunday

- Christ the shepherd
- Holy Communion
- Baptism Festival
- Gospel reading: John 10:1-10

*Pastor D Foy Christopherson*

\*Gerald A. Fosen, Lutheran Partners, Sept/Oct, 2000, 46.

## DEATHS

Rudy Roy

## WITH SYMPATHY

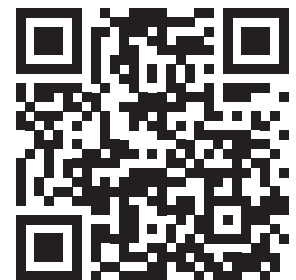
The Roy Family on the death of Rudy Roy

## WELCOME

Stan Kwiecien and  
Susan Cassatt

## NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?

The mini-bus is revved up and ready to go. Call the church office at 612-781-2796 by noon Friday to let us know you need a ride for Sunday.



## WHERE CAN I FIND...?

One of the best ways to find up-to-date information is on the church website. Scan the QR code above to visit the site on your phone or tablet.

## MT. CARMEL COUNCIL

Karen Moeller, President  
Al Erickson, Vice President  
Lory Dubbels, Secretary  
Kathy Halvorsen  
Doug Jones  
Patrick Kutzer  
Dave Larson

## JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST

Stay updated on our community life. Join our email list to receive The Candle once a week, special announcements and important church communications.

To subscribe, email [office@mountcarmelmpls.org](mailto:office@mountcarmelmpls.org) or visit the church website at [www.mtcarmel.net](http://www.mtcarmel.net).

## PRAYER CHAIN

To to lift up a prayer concern for the prayer chain, please contact Leona Olson at 612-859-7075.

## TREASURER REPORT: YTD MARCH 1

Mt. Carmel is on a positive road towards our goal to erase our faithfully passed deficit budget of (\$43,368.00).

Last year gave us many blessings enabling us to end 2022 with a positive of \$19,170.30 which was carried forward into 2023, after facing a budget deficit of (\$62,709.00).

A reminder that we again have opportunities available as an avenue to recover. The Mt. Carmel Foundation has pledged an initial gift of \$6,100 for specified areas of the budget. In addition, they will gift up to an additional \$5,000 in a \$1 for \$2 matching fund challenge for all special gifts above pledged giving by June 30. Meaning if we raise \$10,000 in additional special gifts, the foundation will gift an additional \$5,000. With the Mt. Carmel Foundation gifts, we potentially could erase \$21,100 of the deficit by June 30.

Special gifts YTD: \$640 (Balance to raise \$9,360)

Challenges bring answers! Join in the excitement to help reach the 2023 One-for-Two Challenge for matching funds before the June 30 deadline.

### February

#### Actual Contributions/Income

\$ 22,264.81

#### Budgeted Contributions/Income

\$21,692.58

#### Actual Expense

\$17,484.15

#### Budgeted Expense

\$25,306.57

#### February Actual Income/Expense

\$4,780.66

#### Budgeted Income/Expense

(\$3,613.88)

#### Year to Date Actual Income/Expense

\$17,015.68

#### Budgeted Income/Expense

(\$7,228.10)

Please prayerfully consider increasing your giving and planned pledging with a special gift towards the Foundation match. We pray pledges and giving proceeds continue on this healthy trend.

*Diane Davis Langer Mt. Carmel Church Treasurer*

## CARE NOTES

Are you or a loved one struggling with a diagnosis of cancer or dementia? Are you having difficulties as a caregiver? Have you recently lost a job? These are a few of the topics addressed by Care Notes. They are being provided by our Befriender Ministry. Browse the pamphlets on the shelves beneath the flower sign up sheet in the narthex, and take one or more for yourself or a loved one. If you would like to speak to someone more in depth about one of these subjects, call the church office or Pr. Dave Olson at 651-528-7459.

# FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

## KAREN'S KORNER

A special thank you is extended to all who helped with the weekly Lenten soup suppers. It was evident they had been missed by the good attendance. Thank you, also, to those who presented the various characters in "Artisans of the Crucifixion" and to all who were instrumental in leading and recording the Holden Evening service. Many positive comments were received. The Culver's noon service was successful with 10 to 13 participants each week.

What a joyous Sunday we had on March 19 welcoming Pastor C. We had 82 in attendance plus those watching online, which could be one of the highest (not counting Christmas) we've had since being back to in person worship. Way to go Mt. Carmel! How wonderful it's going to be seeing those who won the Pastor C. trivia game during fellowship, sitting in the front pews during April! (We can dream, can't we?)

Now as we enter Holy Week, may we recall the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion and ending with the celebration of his resurrection, Easter Sunday. We hope you can join us for our upcoming services.

*Wishing you a blessed Holy Week and joyous Easter,  
Karen Moeller, Council President*

## MARCH COUNCIL NOTES

- A big welcome to Pastor D Foy Christopherson who official starts on March 15. We're so glad to have our settled pastor and look forward to working with him to move Mt. Carmel forward.
- In the past, the council has had representation on both the Child Care Board and the Foundation Board. Al Erickson volunteered to become the liaison for the Foundation. Doug Jones will become the Child Care representative.
- Synod Assembly will be held on Friday, April 28 (social and worship) at St. Andrew Lutheran, Eden Prairie, and Saturday, April 29 (business) at Lord of Life Lutheran, Ramsey. Karen Moeller has offered to attend the business meeting. If anyone else is interested in these sessions, please let Karen know.
- Better Together: Al Erickson submitted a written report on the latest conversations with GA. He presented a draft from the committee proposing to divide into two separate groups. The first group will continue to find ways to bring together Mt. Carmel and GA through worship, activities, small groups, etc. The second group will work on community needs and events with the possibility of expanding this group to include other NE churches. If you have an interest in serving on Better Together team, please talk with Al Erickson.

## DINNER AND A MOVIE

**Hey youth!** Join us for Dinner and a Movie. Thursday, April 20 at 6 p.m. Friends are welcome, but we need to have RSVPs for food! Contact Jenni Lathrop if you have any questions.

## KEEP US INFORMED

Did you know that because of privacy laws, hospitals and nursing homes do not call us to report if a parishioner has been admitted, or if a person's condition has worsened? That means we rely on family members and friends to keep us informed. Please call the church office, 612-781-2796, if you or someone you know of is hospitalized.



## MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### **Good Fruits Bible Study—**

Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room and via Zoom.

Contact Leona Olson at [onondave@yahoo.com](mailto:onondave@yahoo.com)

### **Online Men's Bible Study—**

Wednesdays at 6:45 a.m.

Contact Ralph Matthes at [marinosdelimplys@gmail.com](mailto:marinosdelimplys@gmail.com)

### **Bell Choir—**Wednesday

rehearsal at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Contact Ruth Bills at [ruthabills@gmail.com](mailto:ruthabills@gmail.com)

### **Sanctuary Choir—**

Wednesday rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. in the choir room. Contact Ruth Bills at [ruthabills@gmail.com](mailto:ruthabills@gmail.com)

### **Anti-Racism Book Study—**

Meet every other Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Contact Barb Hollister at 612-590-6469 or [bjhollister@comcast.net](mailto:bjhollister@comcast.net)

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Each Sunday, we see some of our members in church because we are blessed with a church bus and a host of volunteers who drive the bus. Not just for Sunday mornings, the bus is also used for other church transportation needs too.



Here's just a few comments from some of our drivers:

Dave Larson said he got involved when Doug Jones' brother, Gary, spoke with him about it. Dave says he especially likes talking to and getting to know the riders. He mentioned a couple who have since passed away that you may remember, Joyce Perfetti and Alice Naslund. Dave's got an interesting story of one time that he locked himself in garage. Ask him about it.

Al Erickson has been driving for about 30 years, back when we had just a little van. Al had been a paramedic at the time and Gary knew he was a good driver!

Rich Feist was also recruited by Gary. He says it's a joy to offer a ride to those who would otherwise not be able to attend. He recalls a time when one driver got stuck and how other members were able to come to the rescue.

Other drivers, Andy Benedict, Doug Jacobson, Dave Samletzk, Rick and Stephanie Labandz and Dave Samletzka are not included above, but I'm sure also have stories to share. We have a dedicated group. Hats off to those who drive!

Special mention to our team lead Doug Jones, who does a great job scheduling drivers, bus maintenance and a host of other things in addition to driving.

If you're interested in helping in this ministry, we could use a few more drivers. Contact Doug Jones or the church office if you are interested in helping with this much appreciated volunteer opportunity.

If you or someone you know needs transportation to church on Sundays, please contact the church office. Other potential church function requests can be made by contacting Doug Jones at 612-272-5600 or by email at [doug.jones6@comcast.net](mailto:doug.jones6@comcast.net).

# RACIAL JUSTICE BOOK STUDY

The racial justice book study group will be starting a new book shortly and we invite you to learn with us. We just completed Kent Nerburn's book "Neither Wolf Nor Dog" where we met Dan, a tribal elder who, coming up to the end of his life, has things he wants to say. The book "tells the story of two men, one white and one Indian, locked in their own understandings yet struggling to find a common voice." As with all the books we have read and discussed we learned much that opened our eyes and our hearts to perspectives different from our own.

We will be starting the second book in this series "The Wolf at Twilight" which will take us into the history of the Indian boarding schools. As one Native American man said "Oh, I learned. I can speak English, I became a Christian, but it changed me. I am no longer myself, I am someone else."

We meet every other Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. For more information please contact Barb Hollister at 612-590-6469 or [bjhollister@comcast.net](mailto:bjhollister@comcast.net).

## ONE-FOR-TWO CHALLENGE

### What is the challenge?

The Foundation would like to match 1-for-2 on special gifts to the church over and above what has been pledged for the purpose of erasing the budget deficit.

### How much can we raise?

If we give \$10,000 by June 30, the Foundation will add \$5,000 for a total of \$15,000 towards erasing the deficit.

The Foundation will match one dollar for every two given. For example, donation of \$10 will be matched with an additional \$5 to result in \$15 towards the challenge.

### Why June 30?

If we can meet the challenge and get halfway to erasing the deficit by the end of June, the Foundation may be in a position to offer another challenge after July 1.

In addition, the Foundation approved the following grants: \$6,100 to be used for the faith formation, evangelism, and worship and music in the 2023 church budget.

We are excited and hopeful to see all of this grant utilized by the deadline. Please consider a special gift to Mt. Carmel and join the "One-for-Two Challenge."

Denote the special gift on your check or envelope. The generosity of generations of givers has made the Foundation's mission possible.

*Diane Davis Langer  
Mt Carmel Foundation President*

## FORGET-ME-NOT

Birthday greetings to those listed below who reach or surpass the 80th milestone this month. May God bless you on your special day and in the year to come.

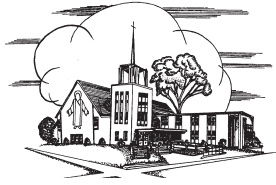
April 4: Gerry Johnson

April 14: Robert Anderson  
(he'll be 90!)

April 16: Bill McReavy

## MT. CARMEL LIBRARY

There are a variety of spiritual and religious books as well resource for all ages. We also have children's activity bags for home use. Stop by the Fireside Room or Book Bus in the Fellowship Hall on a Sunday morning, during church office hours or when you are in the building for another activity to browse, select items or return them to the labeled container. If you have questions about the library, contact Myrna Flatland at [m-flat@umn.edu](mailto:m-flat@umn.edu) or Janell Wampler at [janell.wampler@gmail.com](mailto:janell.wampler@gmail.com).



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**NEXT TIDINGS  
DEADLINE**  
Tuesday, April 18

## Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church

### Pastor

D Foy Christopherson

### Office hours

Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

### Sunday worship

9:30 a.m.—Worship in person or  
online on Facebook or YouTube.

10:30 a.m.—Coffee Fellowship

10:45 a.m.—Faith Formation

### Mini-bus Transportation

Call 612-781-2796 to be added to  
Sunday's list.

### Mt. Carmel Child Care

Brenda Wetzel, Director  
612-781-2798



## WORSHIP WITH US

**Join the Mt. Carmel faith community for worship in person or  
live on Facebook and YouTube, Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.**

Worship with us in person or live online. For those unable to worship with us  
in person, **we also broadcasting worship live on Facebook and YouTube.**  
Videos are available to watch at any time after live worship on YouTube.



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