

Congregational Clarion

A M E R Y C O N G R E G A T I O N A L U C C

"My Easter Dove"

There came a dove, an Easter dove,
when morning stars grew dim;
It fluttered round my lattice bars,
to chant a matin hymn.

It brought a lily in its beak,
aglow with dewy sheen;
I caught the strain, the incense
breathed,
and uttered praise between.

It brought a shrine of holy
thoughts
to calm my soul that day;
I caught the meaning of the note,
why did it fly away?

Come peaceful dove, sweet Easter
dove!
Above earth's storm and strife,
sing of the joy of Easter-tide,
of light and hope and life.

—Henrietta Cordelia Ray (1849-1916)



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NATIONAL MONTH OF H O P E

During April, buds come into full bloom brightening our days, and the National Month of Hope also lends a hand in lifting our spirits.

Bringing hope to someone can take many forms. Being a positive role model in a child's life or providing a community a foundation for future endeavors both provide hope for the future. Lift the spirits of a friend suffering from a medical issue or volunteer at a local homeless shelter. We are each able to bring a ray of hope in our own ways by contributing wisdom, time, kindness, and when possible, donating to charities that make the impossible possible.

<https://www.nationaldaycalendar.com/april/national-month-of-hope->

The Trustees have decided it would be wise to compile into one place, information on all the many "moving parts" that keep our church facility up and running. Many have information on certain items, but it's a safe bet that no one knows all the bits and pieces.

We're asking each of you to share information you may have regarding any aspect of the building you may have been involved with . You can email or give to Tom or Sany Morris, or email or drop at the office. A binder and/or computer file with all that comes in will be created for easy access to all the bits and pieces of the facility.

We'd like to see contact information on businesses/ people who have done or could do work, service manuals, maintenance records and schedules, where items are stored in the church, etc. Any information that would be helpful and necessary if one were starting from scratch.



April 6 Kelsey Monteith

April 8 Brittany Dusek

April 9 Chris Lindee

April 14 Marian Elmer

April 19 Jill Jackson
Irene Stindle

April 21 Dan Satterlund

April 21 Nancy Hoppe

April 23 Corey Warner

April 25 Mary Piasecki

April 28 Jane Hayden-Hart

April 29 Andrea Newton



Other Special April Dates

- Holy Week, April 13-20, 2025
- Palm/Passion Sunday, April 13, 2025
- Maundy Thursday, April 17, 2025
- Good Friday, April 18, 2025
- Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

A Month Long Opportunity to GIVE

GiveBIG SCV is coming soon and Northwoods Homeless Shelters needs your help. Generous donors have stepped up and provided over \$10,000.00 in challenge matches.

Find us at: <https://www.givebigvalleys.org/organization/Northwoods-Homeless-Shelters> or when you go to the Give Big website, click on the "Search" button, and type in our name. When you get to our page, you will find information about our organization as well as a place to donate to Northwoods. You can donate for this event beginning April 1st and it will count toward our overall total (as well as match). Don't like online giving? You can write a check and mail it to Northwoods Homeless Shelters at P.O. Box 411, Amery, WI 54001 during the month of April. Make sure you put "Give Big" on the memo line. Donations by check are doubled as well! Your donation will help support our program's operating expenses and provide needed assistance for families in crisis in our county! Watch our GiveBIG page to follow our progress throughout the day of April 29th. Northwoods board and staff thank you in advance for your support of our homeless shelter program. You are our heroes!!!

APRIL Highlights and Messages



April 1—15th: Tuesdays:

11 am Lenten Lunch followed by a Lenten Service

April 2—16: Wednesdays: 5:30 pm Lenten Meal & Meditation

Annual Meeting

Sunday, April 27 at 11 am

Upcoming Meetings At A Glance

April 6: 9 am Diaconate
11:15 am Christian Education
April 9: 7 pm Trustee Meeting
April 13: 8 am Council Meeting
11:15 am Missions and Social Concerns
April 27: 9 am Congo Giving
April 27: 11 am Annual Report

Fire Starters Dates 3:30-6 pm. (Pre-K—5th Grade): April 9th and 23rd, May 14th and 28th

Amery Breakfast Club Dates (6th—12th Grade) at Our Savior's from 7-7:45 am: April 14, 28 and May 12.

Amery Community Youth Group (6th—12th Grade): April 27th 12:30—3 pm @
First Lutheran (lunch Provided)

Amery Memory Care is looking for volunteers to help escort residents from the facility to Sunday Services. Sign up sheet is on the table outside of the office or call the office, 715-268-7390.

The Council is looking for a **Moderator**. The Council meets once a month before Sunday Service, and at the Annual Report and Budget & Planning meeting. If you are interested reach out to Sandy Morris, Sherry Monson or Chad Leonard to express interest. You can also call the Office at 715-268-7390 or email: office.ameryucc@gmail.com

Do you like counting money? Please let Chad Leonard or Sherry Monson know if you would like to become a money counter after Sunday service weekly, and help with deposits.

Save the Date....

Spring Dinner Theater May 1st, 2nd, 3rd at 6 pm

Amery Congregational Church Mission Team will once again be hosting a Spring Dinner Theater as a fundraiser for our Habitat for Humanity build this summer in LaCrosse, WI.



This year we are doing a comedy about airline travel called, "Arrivals and Departures." See what happens if you book a trip on **Buzzard Airlines!** This play is sure to make you think twice about budget flights.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children under 12.

Hor d'oeuvres at 6 pm and seating is at 6:30 pm.



Tickets are available from Mission Team members, or by calling the church office at 715-268-7329.

****Invite your Family and Friends**



(651) 247-1497, or visit <http://www.indianheadchorus.org> if you have questions

Freewill Offering to Benefit Northwoods Homeless Shelters

Join us for a **FREE** concert on Sunday **April 6th at 1 PM**

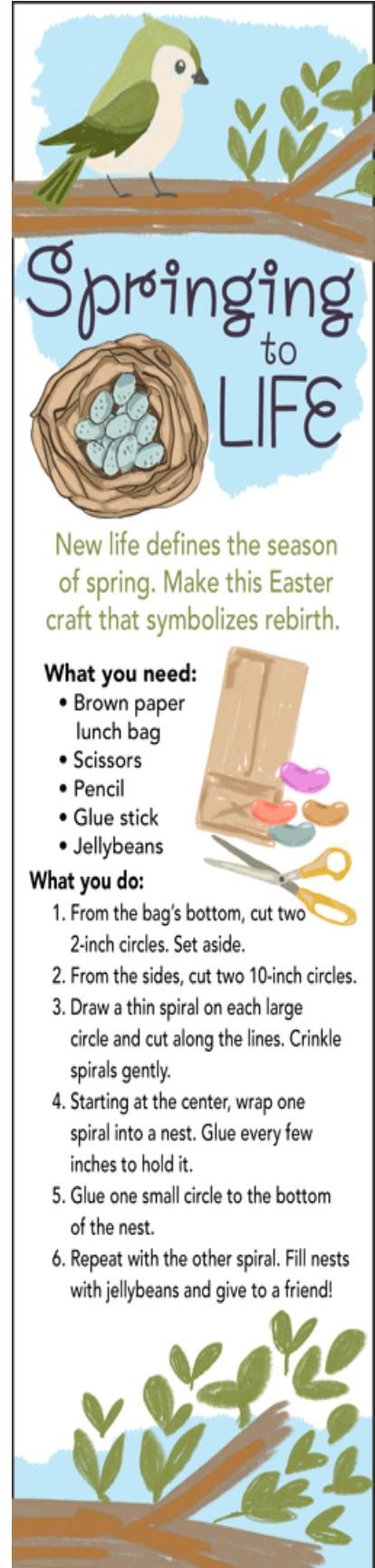
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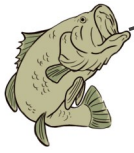


**FREE
CONCERT**

Performers:
Indianhead Chorus and Special Guests **Vocality**
Chariot Quartet Bright Knights Quartet

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Walleye Dinner March 2025

On March 7th the kitchen was humming with activity as members of our congregation prepared a feast for all who came to join in the Annual Walleye Dinner. A HUGE thank you to those that helped to make this event happen.



Bill Faughn
Bob Swank
Joyce Helland
Donovan Maukstad
Joseph Maukstad
Sheldon Betzold
Leslie Nyholm
Beth Leonard
Darlene Sattler
Margie Peterson
Jacob Kapp

Jane Hayden-Hart
Sandy Morris
Peter Kwong
Maralyn Saleh
Chris Lindee
Alek Keller Betzold
Nyla Anderson
Penny Carter
Abby Betzold
Sherry Monson
Wanda Burstad



Over 120 meals were served and enjoyed by the community. A special thank you to our Friends of Stower Trail who donated a Walleye meal to be randomly given to an individual. It was such fun to be able to surprise a guest with this act of kindness. It lifted the spirits of the entire event. Remember, acts of kindness never go unnoticed!

2025

Chinese New Year Dinner

The Chinese Dinner held last February was a success! It came about from an idea from a member. Peter Kwong brought his idea forward, planned and prepared, with the help of numerous members, and created a unique, fun and educational experience for all to enjoy. Over 120 meals were served and enjoyed by members of the church and the community.

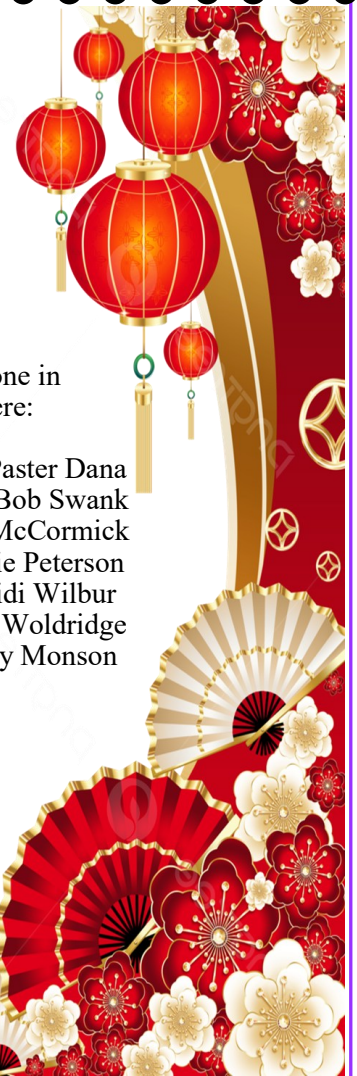
As with all events it takes a committed group of volunteers to get the tasks done in order to have a wonderful experience by all. The volunteers for this event were:



Peter Kwong
Colleen Kwong
Chris Lindee
Penny Carter
Beth Leonard
Julie Maukstad
Rick Maukstad
Donovan Maukstad

Barry Tulkki
Vonnie Niccum
Nic Niccum
Nyla Anderson
Adam Tulkki
Abby Betzold
Mary Burman
Duane Morris

Paster Dana
Bob Swank
Leslie McCormick
Margie Peterson
Heidi Wilbur
Rae Woldridge
Sherry Monson



Council Meeting Held March 16, 2025

Attendance: Chad Leonard, Maralyn Salah, Sandy Morris, Sherry Monson, Nyla Anderson, Abby Betzold
Meeting opened in prayer led by Abby B.

Approval of December Minutes: Motion made by Abby B and seconded by Maralyn S. Passed

Financial/Treasure Report: Chad L reported the Foundational Income is off budget by \$14,946. This is primarily related to the purchase of 2 new boilers. The personnel variance in the budget is driven by the delayed Office Manager starting date and the timing of Pension and Health Care payments. The final Walleye Dinner profit will be determined after bills are paid. Estimated profit at this time is approximately \$1,000.00. There are still a few walleye fillets to be sold. We need to watch cash on hand. We may need to sell stock. A motion was made by Nyla A and seconded by Maralyn S to pay for the new boilers out of the Reserve Fund instead of the yearly maintenance budget or Memorial Fund. Motion passed.

Clerks Report: Sandy M we gained 1 new member (Jane Hayden-Hart) and had 2 deaths (Evie Porter & Gussie Fennern) so the current membership stands at 145.

Board of Trustee: Chad L reported they had discussion regarding Ruby's Pantry and that Pastor Dana is now using her Short-Term Disability.

Board of Christian Education: Abby B reported Firestarter's, Breakfast Club, and the Youth Community Group is still active. Because of the inconsistency of Firestarter's this year she has been investigating the possibility of joining up with Our Savior's next school year. VBS will be held June 8-12th. Our church will be responsible for providing 1 meal for VBS. Rae W. is still working on an intergenerational program during worship. One such program was done in worship a few weeks ago.

Board of Diaconate: Nyla A reported they are planning something new for Maunde- Thursday. Vonnie N would like to see more external signage of our Mission Statement. She saw something like this at another church they attended. Sandy M brought up the importance of retrieving contact information on the new regular worship attendees and have name tags made up for them.

Board of Congregational Giving: Maralyn S reported she provided supper on Ash Wednesday. One Great Hour of Sharing will be on March 30th. They plan to share a video during worship that Sunday. March 30th will also be Noisy Kettle. They plan to give the money collected to the Amery Food Pantry. Maralyn will have a memorial leaf engraved for Evie Porter. The memorial donation given for Evie will be used toward the planting of trees in our green space.

Board of Mission and Social Concerns: No report.

Pastor Report: none

Review of Monthly Calendar: Changes made on the computer.

Old Business:

- Walleye Dinner served approximately 120 people. Attendance was down approximately 20 from last year.
- Lenten Suppers:
 - March 19 – Chad Leonard (Order from Kwik Trip)
 - March 26 – Sandy Morris (Potato Soup with Ham)
 - April 2 – Maralyn Salah (Soup); Abby Betzold (Bread)
 - April 9 – Firestarter Night (Abby B will check with Rick M and/or Rae W)

New Business:

- Change date of next Council Meeting
- Annual Meeting: 4/27/25 after worship
- Dinner Theater: 6:00 pm on Thursday, May 1; Friday, May 2; Saturday, May 3.

Next Council Meeting: Sunday, April 13 (Palm Sunday) at 8:00 am

Motion to adjourn made by Abby B and seconded by Nyla A. Passed
Submitted by: Sherry Monson (Recording Secretary)



OUR EASTER GIFT

Thanks to Easter, what wonderful gift does God give us?

Directions: Start at the given letter, move one space in the direction each arrow points. Write the last letter in each sequence in the spaces provided. Then write those answers in order on the blanks below to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.

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F	G	H	I	J
K	L	M	N	O
P	Q	R	S	T
U	V	W	X	Y

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4. I ← ← ↑ _____
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Praise be to the God and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ!

In his great mercy he has given us

_____ into a living hope through the
resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3, NIV



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Easter Lily's and Plant Orders Due 8:30am - 9:30am Congregational Giving Mtg 10:00am Sunday Worship 11:00am Pot Luck	31 10:00am - 2:00pm Office Open 6:30pm Boy Scouts	1 Get out and Vote 10:00am Adult Studies 10:00am - 12:30pm Office Open 11:00am Lenten Lunch 11:30am Service	2 10:00am - 2:00pm Office Open 5:30pm - 6:00pm Lenten Meal and Meditation	3 10:00am - 2:00pm Office Open	4 10:00am - 2:00pm Office Open	5
6 9:00am Diaconate Meeting 10:00am Communion 10:00am Sunday Worship 11:15am Christian Ed. Mtg 1 pm 9th Annual Gospel Show @ Luck Lutheran Church	7 10:00am - 2:00pm Office Open 6:30pm Boy Scouts	8 10:00am Adult Studies 10:00am - 2:00pm Office Open 11:00am Lenten Lunch 11:30am Service	9 10:00am - 2:00pm Office Open 3:30pm - 6:00pm Fire Starters 5:30pm - 6:00pm Lenten Meal and Meditation 7:00pm Trustee Mtg.	10 10:00am - 2:00pm Office Open	11 Office Closed	12 7:30am - 9:00am Ruby's Pantry Distribution at SMC 10:00am Share a Share Volunteers
13 8:00am Council Mtg. 9:00am Mission Team Meeting 10:00am Sunday Worship	14 7:00am - 8:00am Breakfast Club at Our Saviors 10:00am - 2:00pm Office Open 6:30pm Boy Scouts	15 10:00am Adult Studies 10:00am - 2:00pm Office Open 11:00am Lenten Lunch 11:30am Service 5:00pm Gaither Video	16 10:00am - 2:00pm Office Open 6:00pm - 7:00pm Investment Meeting	17 9:00am Ministerium 10:00am - 2:00pm Office Open 5:30pm - 6:00pm Maunde Thursday	18 10:00am - 2:00pm Office Open	19 Baby Shower - Private Event 9:00am - 11:00am Bunny Bash
20 10:00am Easter Sunday Worship 	21 10:00am - 2:00pm Office Open 6:30pm Boy Scouts	22 10:00am Adult Studies 10:00am - 2:00pm Office Open	23 10:00am - 2:00pm Office Open 3:30pm - 6:00pm Fire Starters	24 10:00am - 2:00pm Office Open	25 10:00am - 2:00pm Office Open	26
27 9:00am - 10:00am Congo Giving Mtg 10:00am Sunday Worship 11:00am - 12:00pm Annual Meeting 12:30pm - 3:00am Amery Community Youth Group	28 7:00am Breakfast Club at Our Saviors 10:00am - 2:00pm Office Open 6:30pm Boy Scouts	29 10:00am Adult Studies 10:00am - 2:00pm Office Open	30 10:00am - 2:00pm Office Open	1 10:00am - 2:00pm Office Open 6:00pm - 8:30pm Dinner Theater	2 10:00am - 2:00pm Office Open 6:00pm - 8:30pm Dinner Theater	3 6:00pm - 8:30pm Dinner Theater

