Newsletter for the Fisher Bygland Lutheran Parish Lutheran Parish
April 2022

THE MESSENGER

From the Pastor's desk...

We have almost made it to the cross. Please plan to join us for Lenten services in addition to Sunday worship in preparation for Holy week. Our tradition at Fisher/Bygland is that the 5th graders receive their first communion on Maundy Thursday which will be held at Bygland Church at 7pm. Good Friday worship will be at Fisher at 7pm, at which time the worship service will close in silence in anticipation for the culmination of the three days in the Easter Vigil.

It seems most appropriate that you welcomed me as your interim pastor, into the life of Fisher/Bygland on Ash Wednesday, so that we have been able to journey through the wilderness with one another. It's a rigorous treck with Jesus throughout these 40 days.

I am eager to celebrate Easter with you! Sunrise service will be at 7am at Bygland with a pancake breakfast to follow. Worship at Fisher will be held at 10am.

Following Easter, I will begin visitation including communion with our homebound membership. If you know someone who would benefit from a visit, please let me, or the church office know. In addition, I would like to visit to each of you. My primary office time will be at Fisher, while I have set office hours at Bygland for Friday's 9-12pm. I work well by appointments, or I invite you to simply drop by the Fisher church office. My date off is scheduled for Monday's. Although if an emergency arises on Monday's, please call/text me on my cell 812-639-7816.

You may be wondering how long I will serve as your interim pastor. I do not know the exact answer to this question, but I will assure you that I will do my very best, a day at a time, to provide helpful pastoral leadership. The Call Committee will be meeting soon to discern next steps in the call process for the next pastoral candidate. If you have any specific questions regarding the call process, I am happy to field your questions.

In closing I will share a Psalm of God's promises of life for those who trust in Him.

Those who live in the shelter of the Most High
will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
2 *This I declare about the Lord:*
He alone is my refuge, my place of safety;
he is my God, and I trust him.
3 *For he will rescue you from every trap*
and protect you from deadly disease.

Sharing Christ's Service,

Pastor Gretchen Enoch

FISHER NEWS

FISHER LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

APRIL 3, 2022 - BAPTISM RECOGNITION

FLC Sunday School students will rejoice with those celebrating the anniversary of becoming children of God in the sacrament of Baptism during the month of December & January.

April Baptism Anniversaries

Hobey Bakken

Zeke Tinkham

Bryson Newhouse

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! *1 John 3:1*

APRIL 10, 2022 - NOISY OFFERING

The Sunday School children will be collecting a **NOISY OFFERING** on **April 10th** during the regular church service in Fisher as well during Sunday School. Bring in loose change and let it ring as it is gathered in our metal buckets**.** Noisy offering collected December 2021 through May 2022 will be sent to Pathways Lutheran Outdoor Ministries.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL APRIL 17TH – EASTER BREAK

APRIL 24, 2022 – MISSION SUNDAY / SPECIAL MAY DAY PROJECT

It's Mission Sunday – April 24th! In lieu of a monetary offering at our opening session, the children are encouraged to bring individual serving cups/containers of pasta items (ex. Ravioli, Mini ABC's, Spaghetti & Meatballs, Lasagna, Beefaroni or Mac & Cheese) to help support the Backpack Program at Fisher School. This program provides nutritious, non-perishable, easy-to-prepare food to students to ensure they get enough food on weekends to avoid hunger when they can't depend on school meals.

GOODBYE WINTER, HELLO SPRING!

The Sunday School children will be working on a special **May Day Project** as part of their Gathering session on April 24th!

MEMORIZATION GOALS

Preschool – Grade 2 – The Lord's Prayer
Grades 3 & 4 – The Ten Commandments
Grade 5 – The Apostle's Creed
All classes will learn the Books of the Bible.

PATHWAYS 2022 SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Pathways is a camping ministry of the ELCA within the Northwestern Minnesota synod committed to providing unique experiences where God encounters people and renews them to live lives of love!

Pathways programs and retreats allow for important faith formation and spiritual growth with elements like daily devotions, campfire worship, camp songs, and prayer all included.

Visit Pathways at **https://pathwaysbiblecamps.org/** for more information and online registration.

CAMPERSHIPS

Fisher Lutheran Church offers a campership of $100 per student when they attend ELCA Bible Camps.

FISHER LUTHERAN CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

April 15	Gr. 6/7/8	Location: Fisher @ 7:00 PM
April 20	Gr. 8	Apostle's Creed – Exploring Article Three
April 27	Gr. 6/7	The Resurrection
May 4	Gr. 8	The Sacrament of Baptism
May 11	Gr. 6/7	The Road to Emmaus
May 18	Gr. 8	The Sacrament of Communion

FISHER LUTHERAN WELCA BIBLE STUDY

April 20, 2022 @ 9:00 AM

The Kingdom of God: Here and Now

Session Four

Living Forever With God

By Rev. Mark Allan Powell

In sessions one through three of this study, we've looked at how the Bible uses expressions such as "kingdom of God," "kingdom of heaven" and "eternal life." These phrases usually refer to living in a world that is ruled by God, experiencing life as God intends. The Bible often speaks of this as a present reality. We experience God's power and presence now in many ways. And yet the Bible also makes clear that God's ultimate rule is still to come. We will not fully experience what it means to live in the reign of God until Jesus returns or until we enter into the resurrection life beyond death.

In this final session, we explore that future life and the hope that awaits us all.

You can also join the Gather Zoom Bible Study session each

4th Monday of the Month

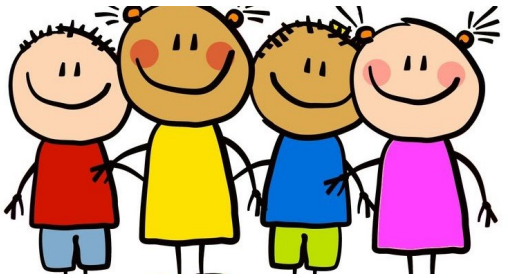
7:00-8:00 PM

Zoom Meeting ID 830 8115 5921

Gather Zoom Bible Study

BYGLAND NEWS

No Sunday School on Easter Sunday
Last day of Sunday School will be April 24th
Student and teacher recognitions will be offered during the 11:00 service
Adopt-A-Highway service project, Saturday April 30th at 10:00 AM



PARISH NEWS

Meet and Greet

What exactly is the Meet and Greet with Pastor Gretchen?
Good question. It is an opportunity to get to know one another better. You are invited to think of something that you love. For instance…You may love 'your cell phone' so, you could bring Pastor Gretchen a copy of your cell phone bill. Of course, without the expectation that she will pay it! LOL. It is meant to be a lighthearted way to help me know what captures your heart. Please plan to join in the fun!

Bygland: April 3rd after Worship

Fisher: April 10th after Worship

Thank you to the Parsonage committee for all your help. Pastor Gretchen and her husband Kirby are settling in well.
Please mark your calendars for a parsonage meeting April 10th and 12:00 PM At Bygland Lutheran.

Fisher:	**Bygland:**
John McDonald	Eric Egeland
Chad Knutson	Barry Traub
Travis Schwarz	Jamie Brundin
Gail Kasowski	Chris Egeland
Mitch Bakken	Ronnie Thorson