

### March Birthdays

- 3 Erik Elmstrand
- 7 Hendrick Harwick
- 8 Eric Maikkula
- 12 Sylvia Twingstrom
- 15 Emma Stamm
- 15 Ken Wing
- 16 Teddi Sullivan
- 20 Darin Magaard
- 21 Mary Avre
- 26 Diane Althoff
- 27 Diane Solbrack
- 31 Debbie Bray



### March Anniversary

- 9 Winston and JoAnn Hansen



Please inform Denice of any additions or corrections. Thank you!

Sunday Offerings	January 30— February 2022
Envelopes + Basket	18,913.44
Expenses	19,040.87
(+over/-under)	-127.43

\$1333.33 of each month's general fund offering is sent to the MN North District for our mission pledge.



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME STARTS SUNDAY, MARCH 13. Don't be late for church!**

### LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR

**WCCO 830AM Radio** Sundays 6:05 a.m.  
**XM Satellite Radio** XM170 Family Talk  
 Sundays at Noon  
**Internet:** www.lutheranhour.org or  
 www.lutheranhour.org/AFN

#### March 6 "One Thing Needful"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
 The Bible is not a Magic 8-ball; it's a portal into a new world. (Luke 10: 38-42)

#### March 13 "No Room for Demons"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
 Why did God allow evil? The Bible doesn't answer that question. The question it does answer is, "In spite of evil, what will God do?" (Luke 11:14-28)

#### March 20 "Everything I Have Is Yours"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
 Being very bad can get one lost, but so can being very good. (Luke 15:1-32)

#### March 27 To be determined

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge  
 (Acts 2:22-36)

ATTENDANCE	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
January 30	27	52
February 6	23	65
February 13	23	51
February 20	33	56
February 27	24	68



# Joyful Noise

March 2022

**Worship Schedule**  
 8 a.m. Traditional Service  
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Class  
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

### HOLY WEEK

#### **PALM SUNDAY**

April 10

#### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

April 14

#### **GOOD FRIDAY**

April 15

#### **EASTER SUNDAY**

April 17

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Please go to [joylutheran.net](http://joylutheran.net) to watch worship services online. Weekly bulletins & monthly newsletters are also posted on the website.



**LENT BEGINS ON MARCH 2**  
*No suppers before the services*

**March 2**  
 Ash Wednesday Service 7 p.m.  
 with Communion

**March 9, 16, 23, 30; April 6**  
 Lenten Services 7 p.m.

**Confirmation during Lent**  
 6—6:45 p.m.

*No Confirmation March 16  
 (Spring Break)*

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# Pastor's Letter

March 2022

Last week I turned on my T.V. at 9:00 PM to quickly listen to a recap of the day's news. You can imagine my surprise when the correspondent reporting from Ukraine began to hear the thunderous sound of missile strikes in the background. The 5-10 minutes I planned to spend on a news update quickly turned into a few hours listening to the early reports of the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

War has a way of quickly changing our perspective. The kitchen remodel you've been planning suddenly feels less important when you see houses hit by artillery shells. A few additional minutes stuck in rush hour traffic seems less inconvenient when you see images of highways at a standstill with refugees and people fleeing violence. Decisions about where to go for vacation seems insignificant when you hear others trying to decide where to go because their homes are no longer safe. War is horrible and it is sobering.

As Christians, how do we respond to news of war? While each of our responses will be different, I wanted to share with you three thoughts that I have personally had as I've reflected on the news coming out of Ukraine during the past 24 hours.

First, I have found myself thanking God for the blessing of being able to live in a peaceful and stable country. I cannot imagine what those living in Ukraine are currently experiencing because I have never had to worry about rockets falling on my house or tanks rolling down my street. We live in a country that has not experienced a war in the lower 48 states since the American Civil War. That we have had nearly 160 years without a war threatening our families and our homes is a blessing from God and one for which we should give God thanks..

Second, I have found my heart breaking for our brothers and sisters in the Ukraine. We read in 1 Corinthians 12:26 that "if one member suffers, all suffer together." We have Christian brothers and sisters in Ukraine who are hurting and their suffering is our suffering because in Christ we have all been made one body. Our hearts *should* break when we see other people suffering and, as Christians, we are called to intercede on their behalf in prayer.

Finally, I have also found myself recalling Jesus' words to us in Matthew 24:6-8. Jesus says, "You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. . . . All these are the beginning of birth pains." News of war is always frightening and unnerving, yet, Jesus tells us not to be alarmed. Just as birth pains foretell the birth of a child, so too the troubles of this earth point us ahead to something wonderful that is coming: the new heavens and the new earth. Someday we shall behold God and dwell in His house forever, and in God's house there will be no more war. That is the eternal hope that we cling to, even as nation rises against nation.

*Pastor Daniel*



## FEBRUARY 2022 WOMEN OF JOY MEETING MINUTES February 8th at 9:30 a.m. Joy Lutheran Church Basement

Present: Diane Althoff, Elaine Belsheim, Gretchen Beecroft, Gerri Westerberg, Sara Elmstrand, Jody Dobe, Pat Magaard, Jan Elder

Elaine led the Bible study, "His Faithfulness to All Generations" from the Fall LWML Quarterly.

Sara opened the business meeting.

The secretary's minutes were approved as read.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1786.16. Our mission obligations are paid for the first Quarter. January Mites were sent in to the MN N District.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** We received a letter from Roger and Marilyn Reeck. They have officially retired from Wycliffe Bible Translators. But they are continuing their work on a volunteer basis.

### OLD BUSINESS:

We chose a new mission organization to support for this year (2022). Jody moved to send \$25/month (retroactive to Jan. 2022) to the Orphan Grain Train. Gretchen seconded. MMSC.

Baby Bottle Fundraiser for the Pregnancy Resource Center of Cambridge---We got 35 bottles from the PRC. ~30 were taken home by members of the congregation. Eight bottles have been returned. Hopefully the majority of them will be returned by this Sunday (2/13). Sara will return them to the PRC next week.

Sara and Elaine attended the planning meeting for the Rum River Zone Spring Rally on Jan. 28.

Rally info: Date: April 30, 2022

Place: St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Braham

Cost: \$6.00

Registration: 8:30am Program starts 9:00am Lunch to follow.

Theme: 1 Peter 3:15 "Be ready to give an answer for the hope that is in us".

Speaker: Rev. Tim Renstrom (He will be retiring in August 2022)

Ingathering: Items for the homeless which will be given to New Pathways. We are waiting to receive a list of most wanted items.

**DISTRICT NEWS:** We are on track to meet the District Mite goal for the 2020-22 Biennium which ends on 3/31/2022. The MN N District LWML Convention will be June 20-22,2022. Theme is "Drawn to the Cross".

### NEW BUSINESS:

Shalom volunteers are needed. Time slots for Joy are Tuesdays from 12:30-4:00pm and Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of the month from Noon-3:00pm. We also sort greeting cards on Thursdays from 9:00-11:00am. (a sit down job). Anyone who is interested is encouraged to come.

We closed the meeting with a Litany about the meaning of the LWML Pledge, the Lord's Prayer and offerings for MITES and the Women of Joy general fund.

Thank you to Elaine for leading the Bible study.

Thank-you to Diane for hosting.

Next Meeting: March 8, 2022. Hostesses: Debbie and Elaine

Respectfully submitted, Sara Elmstrand, Secretary Pro Tem