



# THE MESSENGER

Vermont Lutheran Church's Mission Statement:

Christians **A**ctively **R**eaching Out **E**xperiencing Christ and **S**preparing His Word

## From Pastor Barry's Desk . . .

Dear Beloved Saints at Vermont Lutheran,

I am sorry, but I am beginning this month's article with a little bragging.



The image here is a picture of my "Boarding Pass" for the recent rocket to Mars. It is actually not a fake! It comes as a result of a long story, but suffice it to say that I was sent a text by NASA asking if they could put my name (with others) on the Perseverance Rover which is now on the planet Mars. I sent back an email saying that I would love that. Early in February I received a confirmation saying that my name, along with others was etched into a plate that is affixed on the new Mars rover and that it was to land on Mars recently.

Here is the notice that I received: *A placard commemorating NASA's "Send Your Name to Mars" campaign was installed on the Perseverance Mars rover on March 16, 2020, at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Three fingernail-sized chips affixed to the upper-left corner of the placard feature the names of 10,932,295 people who participated. They were individually stenciled onto the chips by electron beam, along with the essays of the 155 finalists in NASA's "Name the Rover" contest. Liftoff aboard a United Launch Alliance Atlas V 541 rocket is targeted for mid-July of 2020 from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. NASA's Launch Services Program, based at Kennedy, is managing the launch. I know it's rather silly; I'm only one of almost 11,000 names on there, but my name is on Mars!*

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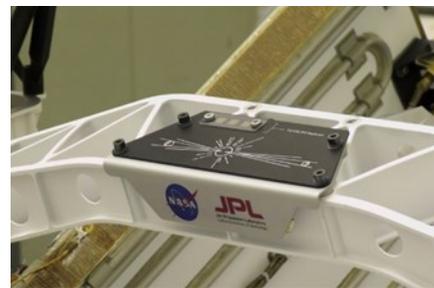
## From Pastor Barry's Desk (continued)

I don't understand exactly why, but this has really opened up my horizons. I had previously thought that our driving down to the southern part of Florida took a long time! And, when I look at what matters to me, seldom does my concern travel far beyond Dane County, Wisconsin, or even the United States... But that some little piece of me is on Mars, well that's something different altogether!

It has broadened even my perception of God. Sure, I believe that God created everything, but I don't ever remember thinking that "everything" went beyond what we could see and experience. Suddenly I understand in a new way that God existed long before there were people, and that God will exist long after I (we) am gone. Not only that, but God exists not just in our world, but "beyond" as well! How magnificent this God must be! How enormous this God must be!

I thought that I had (sort of) a handle on who God is, but I'm rethinking what I know - to go much further than I could ever dream of. And yet, despite all of this, God still loves and cares about *me*. Wow!

*Pastor Barry*



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## News



***Easter is April 4, 2021!***

***WE WILL BE HOLDING IN-PERSON EASTER SERVICE OUTDOORS IN THE EARLY MORNING.***

*More details to come in the next newsletter...*

## Lent Project – Homeless Veterans



Vermont Lutheran Church has been providing supplies and funds to Wisconsin veterans and their families. We are committed to helping veterans and their families experiencing homelessness. MADISON, Wis. – The most recent Census Bureau estimates for **Wisconsin** say of more than 6,000 **homeless** people, at least 500 are **veterans**.



Vermont Lutheran Church's Homeless Veterans Fund is in need of replenishment. So for our Lent Project, we have elected to make a special donation request for the Homeless Veterans around the area. Money donated will be used to buy supplies for when they transition into a living space. If you would like to donate, please send checks with memo "Veterans" to:

Vermont Lutheran Church  
9886 Vermont Church Road  
Black Earth WI, 53515

Let's help some of these individuals and families exit homelessness with the comforts of HOME



# Hands-on activity: Make Personal Care Kits



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## PERSONAL CARE KITS

### SOME IMPORTANT GUIDELINES TO REMEMBER

- Be sure to shop for light- or medium-weight towels, which are easier for Kit recipients to hand wash and air dry, take up less storage space and are considerably less expensive than the fluffier towels we may prefer to use.
- Bath towels vary in size. The 52" X 27" size listed in the guidelines is the maximum size. 20" x 40" is a good guideline for a minimum size.
- Please give new items only.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
- All items should be new and in good condition.
- Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

### INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT

- ONE** light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- TWO** or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- ONE** adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging\*
- ONE** sturdy comb, remove packaging
- ONE** metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

\* Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap

### HOW TO PACK YOUR PROJECT PROMISE KITS

- Fold the towel in half. Place the rest of the items in the towel, fold and roll so nothing falls out, and secure with yarn, ribbon, string or rubber bands.
- Pack completed Kits, like items together, in boxes. Label contents in LARGE, BLOCK LETTERS on the outside of the boxes.
- Use strong cartons secured with packing tape, not to exceed 40 pounds.
- Do not use plastic or paper bags to pack donations.
- Include the name and address of your group or congregation on each box and label the contents

Once assembled, these can be dropped off at the church office.

# Daily Discipleship

## Palm Sunday (A) – Matthew 21:1-11

### [Passion Sunday (A)- Matthew 26:14-27:66]

**Discipleship:** *An Instrument of Giving*

**Focus Question:** *This week how might you be an instrument of God's giving?*

### word of life

**“The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven.’”** Matthew 21:9 (NRSV)

Read Matthew 21:1-11

On Palm Sunday worshippers often gather outside a church or in the church's narthex and hold their palms high in the air. They listen to the story of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem waiting to join the chant, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!”

1. *Describe that scene as Jesus enters Jerusalem.*

*What traditions do you associate with Palm Sunday in today's churches?*

The story begins with Jesus making methodical preparations for his entry into Jerusalem. This week in the life of Jesus does not begin with a random event. He sends two disciples to make the final arrangements for the donkey. If by chance there are complications or questions, these disciples are instructed to reply, “The Lord has need of them.” (Matthew 21:3 NRSV) Jesus is not a passive victim, but one who willingly enters into Jerusalem, even though he has predicted his own death.

3. *How would you respond if someone said to you, “The Lord has need”?*

4. *What might the Lord need from you this week?*

All four gospels describe the entry into Jerusalem with similar details. It is an entrance worthy of royalty. Whereas most people of that day walk into the city, Jesus rides. Unlike kings who come in a carriage, he rides on a donkey. Whereas most people enter the holy city without fanfare, Jesus draws a crowd of people who are willing to place their garments on the road. The crowd goes ahead of him, preparing the way for Jesus.

5. *What makes this entrance into the holy city so special?*

6. *How does it contrast with the coming events of the week?*

Psalm 118:25-26 is quoted by the crowd. Take a moment to read Psalm 118:27-29. Note the tone of victory in this song. The Jews had been waiting for centuries for such a day when God's anointed and David's descendent would claim his rightful throne in Jerusalem. Yet, Jesus did not come with sword or an army. He enters the city as royalty, but with humility.

7. *What do you think the crowds mean when they proclaim, “Hosanna to the Son of David”?*

8. *What would it have been like to have been part of the crowds?*

9. *Do you believe all who shouted “Hosanna” were followers of Jesus?*

# Bible Study (continued)

It has become popular on Palm Sunday to begin with the reading of Jesus entering Jerusalem, but also to read the entire passion narrative. Thus, the congregation is invited to move from the victory song of a parade through the pains of betrayal and denial to death on the cross. Yet, God remains faithful despite the behavior of humanity towards God's very own Son.

## **word** *among us*

Take a moment to read through the passion narrative found in Matthew 26:14-27:66. Take your time to read, reflect, and ponder the meaning behind the actions of Jesus, the disciples, and others. Make a list of the range of emotions experienced within this final week of the life of Jesus.

This section begins with the plot to kill Jesus and the anointing of Jesus by a woman. The passion narrative includes the final meal of Jesus with his disciples before his own disciples turn against him. He is betrayed by Judas, denied by Peter, and abandoned by the others. Jesus is also questioned, stripped, mocked, whipped, and crucified by those in authority.

After the death of Jesus, the guards secure the tomb. His death is final and he is buried. It is quite a contrast from the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. It appears to be the end of the story.

All seems lost in this tragic story of a king who rode into town on a donkey.

1. *What can one expect from a ruler who carries no weapon or has no army?*
2. *Describe the emotions experienced by Jesus during this week.*

*Describe the emotions experienced by the followers of Jesus during the last week of his life.*

**Holy Week!** It is a week in the life of Jesus filled with passion.

4. *What does this one week in the life of Jesus mean for your own life?*  
*How has your life been changed because Jesus was willing to sacrifice his life?*

**Holy Week.** It is a week set aside.

6. *But for what?*
7. *How might you set aside Holy Week this year?*  
*How might you keep vigil with Jesus during this most holy of weeks?*

**Holy Week!** Yet, we know Easter is coming! The death of Jesus is not the end of the story.

9. *What happens after the burial?*  
*What can be said to those who want to skip from the joy of the palm processional to the Easter lilies?*

**Holy Week!** Thanks be to God for Holy Week.

Take extra time this week to ponder the significance of the Holy Week and the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

## **Prayer**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. For it is giving, that we receive. Amen

**Dig Deeper** Matthew 26:14-27:66.

## *last word*

Pray each day this week:

Lord, make me an instrument  
of your peace,

For it is giving that we receive.



**March 7**

Lost Sheep, Coin, Son  
Luke 15:1-32

**March 14**

Rich Man and Lazarus  
Luke 16:19-31

**March 21**

Zacchaeus  
Luke 18:31-19:10

**March 28**

Triumphal Entry  
Luke 19:29-44

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

Heidi	Doyle	March 01
Marie	Severson	March 01
Shelby	McKenzie	March 02
Anne	Donaldson	March 06
Cole	Rickey	March 06
Tyler	Haugen	March 07
Virginia	Urness	March 07
Sara	Amble	March 09
Amanda	Powers	March 09
Sadie	Powers	March 09
David	Parrell	March 11
Kent	Norslien	March 12
James	Hanson	March 13
Arlyn	McKenzie	March 15
Alex	Page	March 16
Dylan	Lemke	March 17
Wes	Childs	March 18
Michael	Dauck	March 21
Jill	Adler	March 26
Mya	Boebel	March 28
Paul	Dybdahl	March 28
Susan	Olson	March 28



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Vermont Lutheran Church Council Minutes  
February 18, 2021

The February meeting of the Vermont Lutheran Council was held via ZOOM conference video. Acting Vice President Paul Dybdahl called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM.

**Attendance:** Paul D, Steve H, Ellie B, Pastor Barry, Len S, Melissa H, Larry Z, Jamie H. Also joining us was Joel Feuchtinger who has been nominated and is on the ballot for election to our Council at Vermont's Annual Meeting on February 28.

**Devotions:** Pastor Barry spoke about the amazing feat of the space landing of the NASA Rover Perseverance on Mars earlier in the day. What do we think of who God is? As we expand our view of the universe with this space exploration feat, do we realize that God is watching over all of this? His view is beyond our understanding but yet he constantly sees all of us!

**Reports – Consent Agenda items:**

Pastor's Report – Can be read as presented and printed separately

Secretary's Report – January 2021 draft of minutes, can be read as presented and printed separately

Treasurer's report – Can be read as presented and printed separately

Melissa made a motion to accept the Reports as presented, Larry seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business:**

**Emergency Bylaw Review and Approval** – A Vermont Church Constitution Emergency Bylaw that was presented at the January meeting and needed Council approval prior to the Annual meeting. This Bylaw Resolution states:

**“This Congregation may hold meetings by remote communication, including electronically and by telephone conference, as long as there is an opportunity for simultaneous oral communication. Notice of all meetings may be provided electronically”**

Len made a motion to approve this Resolution, Jamie seconded it and it passed unanimously.

**In Person Services:** We will continue to monitor the severity of the Pandemic and the vaccination rate of our Seniors and those in essential fields of work. As we watch the Covid trend we will adjust our Services accordingly. Our present hope is that we can hold weather permitting outdoor Services in the Summer months. Our current speculation is that indoor Services may not resume until Fall. Our preference would be not to get into a stop and start situation but rather resume with a favorable certainty of continuing.

**New Business:**

**2021 Spending Plan and Approval** – Steve reviewed the 2021 Budget proposal as it will be presented to the Congregation at the Annual Meeting. With some minimal changes it will appear very similar to our 2020 Budget. Paul made a motion to approve the Budget Spending Plan proposal and Melissa seconded it. It passed unanimously.

**2020 Annual Meeting:** The Annual Meeting Packet had been sent out to Council Members by Liz. Upon approval Liz will print the Packet for distribution by email, postal mail and hard copies available for pick up at the Church. The Packet approval will include : The Annual meeting will be held by ZOOM Conference and call in, agenda, ballot and a 25 member quorum must be met.

Larry made a motion to approve the Annual Meeting Packet, Paul seconded it, and it passed unanimously.

**Lent and Easter:** Online Lenten services on Wednesdays have begun. The Confirmation Class Mentors for the Lenten Season are Karsten H, Stuart D, Riley L and Larry Z. Easter Service is in the initial planning stage.

The next scheduled Council Meeting will be Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM

Steve made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 PM, Len seconded and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote

Pastor Barry led us in The Lord’s Prayer

Submitted by Larry Ziemer, Secretary

		<b>STEWARDSHIP</b>		<i>Managing God’s Gifts To Us</i>	
<b>Monthly Financial Report</b>					
Feb-21					
<b><u>Contributions</u></b>					
	2021	2020		Change	
Monthly	\$ 13,041	\$ 10,661	\$	2,379	
YTD	\$ 21,723	\$ 30,018	\$	(8,294)	
<b><u>Operating Expenses</u></b>					
	2021	2020		Change	
Monthly	\$ 10,267	\$ 12,108	\$	(1,841)	
YTD	\$ 23,496	\$ 21,996	\$	1,500	
<b><u>Operating Cash</u></b>					
Current Month	2021		\$	102,439	
Current Month	2020		\$	64,355	
Current Month	2019		\$	23,749	

# Pastor's Report

Church Council Meeting February 18, 2021

02/02/21: Burial of Mary John at Graceland Cemetery in Blanchardville, WI.

Our prayers continue for Denise Boehnen who struggles with her cancer, and others in our congregation who suffer with difficulties at this time.

Confirmation students have been paired up with mentors as in previous years, and they will have the choice of meeting in person or over the internet, whichever works best for them. They have been given instructional materials that the students are used to using in class.

Worship services continue to be recorded on YouTube and shared through our church's website for people to join in any time after Saturday evenings. The roll-out of vaccines for the COVID virus are slow, with most of the population expected to have availability to receive the vaccine hopefully sometime in June or July. With this in mind, I do not anticipate being back indoors for worship services until next fall, though I am looking forward to being able to worship outside when the weather turns warmer – let's cross our fingers and bend our knees in prayer for an early spring!

We will be having regular Lenten services on line on Wednesdays during Lent, and I have included a link to a Lutheran Church YouTube for the Holden Evening Prayer to those who miss doing those services during our Lenten time.

I have sent a letter to Bishop Eaton regarding her actions with the National Council of Churches that was approved by the Council and am awaiting her response.

I also took a week off on February 8-14 and spent some great time building shelves (yet unfinished, but mostly done!) for our home. Thank you!

That's it for this month.

Attendance Matters	
<b>February 2021</b>	
7th	27 views
14th	22 views
17th	11 views
21st	11 views
24th	9 views
28th	17 views

## WELCA News

### MARCH ALTAR DUTY

Jill Dybdahl & Joyce Howery

# Synod News

## **What's A Synod? - Part 5**

**By Deacon Vicki Hanrahan**

**Assistant to the Bishop for Synodical Life**



Two weeks ago you learned that our synod which spreads across 12 counties in south-central Wisconsin is divided into 12 smaller geographical regions called “Conferences.” Conferences are made up of 10-15 congregations led by “Conference Deans” who are Rostered leaders (ordained pastors or deacons).

Organizing into smaller communities allows the congregations to envision ways in which they might partner together for ministry, learning, fellowship and ministry initiatives.

As you can see by the calendar in this issue of What Matters, our conferences meet regularly, some meet weekly for text study and collegiality, others monthly. All are currently meeting via videoconference.

Most recently, our conferences did much of the heavy lifting in the election process of our new bishop. They participated in town hall gatherings and learned about the new process, they lifted names of nominees for bishop in each of their conferences, and each brought several names to the election call committee. We are grateful for their continuing efforts to stay in connected community!

You can see how we are organized and learn which rostered leaders serve as deans and if your pastor or deacon is one of them, feel free to thank them for their good work!: <https://bit.ly/SCSWConferences>

Please share these issues of What Matters and invite others to send me an email to receive What Matters directly. Include a link to What Matters on the home page of your website!

**Invite New members to Sign up for What Matters today!** <https://scsw-elca.org/news/>

or to send me an email and put “Add Me to What Matters” in the subject: [vickih@scsw-elca.org](mailto:vickih@scsw-elca.org)

**Include a sign up sheet in your new member packets!** Include a simple yes, no question:

Would you like to stay connected to our larger church through the synod’s e-newsletter, What Matters?  
We highly recommend it!



**WELCA's Synodical Women's Organization To Host Zoom Book Discussion**

**Thursday, March 25**

**7:00 – 8:30 pm**

We will be reading *Noted!* by Kathy J. Jacobson. Janna Smith will be leading the discussion and the author, who lives within our South-Central synod, will also be present. If you follow *The Word in Season*, Pastor Jacobson has written the daily devotionals for Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> – March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Short updated bio**—Kathy J. Jacobson is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa. She has worked counseling troubled youth, has been an at-home mom, served the church as a deacon in youth and Christian education, worked in campus ministry, volunteered as a hospice chaplain, and served as an ELCA pastor in rural Wisconsin for seventeen years until her recent retirement. Kathy is an avid traveler, having visited all fifty states and six continents. She loves reading, hiking and the Wisconsin Badgers. She resides with her husband, Jeff, in Monona, WI, where she is focusing on writing projects and being a grandma.



**Description of Noted!** Jillian Johnson, a life-long Lutheran, single mother and nurse living and working in Wisconsin, is taking a leap of faith and pursuing her longtime desire to become a writer. Tired of the snow and cold of the Midwest, she starts anew in sunny Los Angeles, where she meets many new people, including her boss who only communicates with her via notes and who is also connected in an unusual way to her past, even though they have never met. Jillian is a very faithful woman, yet she is not perfect. But through thick and thin, her faith in God helps her maneuver all types of people and situations and enables her to help others— sometimes just by being herself. The love, kindness, forgiveness and grace she shows to others are often life-changing—for her, and for them. *Noted!*, the first of the five-book series.

Books are available from either Janna or Kathy. Regular print: \$9 and Large print: \$7. If you would like the book mailed to you, add \$3 for regular print and \$3.50 for large print. You can also purchase this book on Amazon.

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Kathy J. Jacobson - [katbadger79@gmail.com](mailto:katbadger79@gmail.com) or (608) 732-8372

# Synod News (continued)



**LUAD**  
LUTHERANS UNITED ASSISTING AFTER DISASTERS

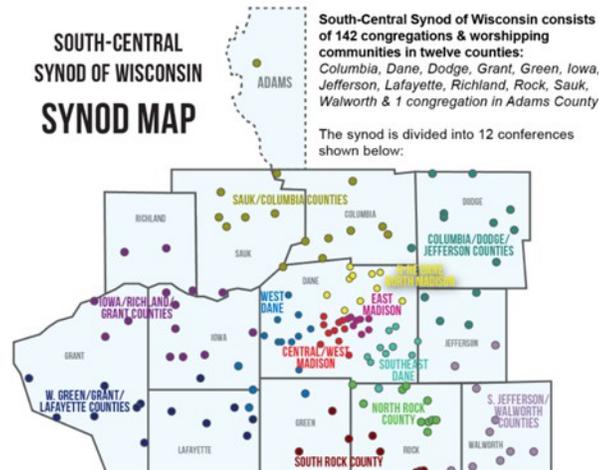
Lutherans United Assisting after Disasters (LUAD) remains committed to our Vision of being a spiritual partner in assisting disaster survivors in the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin-ELCA through the initial stages of disaster recovery. Our Mission is to help disaster survivors bridge the gap between the emergency of disaster and long-term recovery by rendering the necessary services, donated items, supplies, assistance, and the social, emotional, and spiritual support to help them return as quickly as possible to a state where they can again safely carry out 'the business of family/individuals'.

Although our Synod area was blessed to not experience any natural disasters, the COVID19 pandemic created a different type of disaster for which LUAD could be of help. The LUAD Council elected to use our "disaster fund" to provide grants for applicants needing assistance with their food pantries and related services. We coordinated our efforts through the synod office and provided nearly \$12,000 in grant funds for those churches/missions with the greatest need. LUAD considers it a great blessing to offer this financial relief for the pandemic disaster throughout our Synod. Our LUAD Council offers sincere thanks to all the Synod churches that donated to our mission in 2020.

The LUAD team continues to work hard in recruiting Council representation from each of the 12 SCSW-ELCA Conferences. We still have work to do with representation from just over half of these conferences. Recruiting conference representation remains critical for the conferences of East Madison, South Jefferson/Walworth, Southeast Dane, Iowa/Richland/Grant, and W Green/Grant/Lafayette. LUAD is also looking for more women to bring their unique gifts who are willing to volunteer.

LUAD also initiated a quarterly newsletter to build awareness and inform our Synod area of our mission, efforts, and activities. More information about LUAD can also be found at [www.LUAD.org](http://www.LUAD.org).

Please contact us at [info@luad.org](mailto:info@luad.org) for more information on how to become a part of this wonderful ministry or to schedule a team visit/videochat with your church. Our response number is 888-237-0433.



To learn more about LUAD: Check out the website, facebook page and watch this 2-minute Mission Moment [Video](#)  
[My Movie 1 - YouTube](#)



God's Peace,  
Rob Malewicki  
2020 LUAD President

Tom Irwin  
2021 President-Elect & Past Treasurer

The world provides enough food for all, but nearly

**690 million people**

**around the world face chronic hunger.**

We believe in a God of abundance,  
so as a church, we live out our baptismal call  
to strive for a just world

*where all are fed.*

ELCA World Hunger is our church's ministry to end hunger and poverty. We journey alongside our partners and companions in the United States and 60 other countries. Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger address hunger and poverty around the world with creative and courageous action.

Over the last year, the COVID-19 pandemic has pushed more people into hunger and poverty. Our work together is more important than ever, even as we feel separated from each other.

## News from ELCA (continued)

As the world has reeled from the effects of a deadly pandemic, we have seen the number of hungry people around the world rise, watched as food pantries and soup kitchens expanded to serve an ever-growing number of guests, and longed together for the time when we **"will hunger no more, and thirst no more ... and God will wipe away every tear from [our] eyes"**

(Revelation 7:16-17).

This very yearning is at the heart of who we are as church together. Yet our longing has never led to inertia or despair, despite the discouraging forecasts. We are an Easter people, ever journeying toward the cross but trusting in faith that God's story does not end on that hill.

**This Lent,** you're invited to join with fellow supporters to pledge to work to end hunger together during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving. Your support is critically needed for people around the world facing hunger and poverty.

Bring ELCA World Hunger into the life of your congregation and family with resources that are available to use at home, online or in person.



- 1) A devotional calendar with daily ideas for reflection, giving and action.
- 2) A weekly study inviting deep discernment and critical thinking, with inspirational stories about how your gifts to ELCA World Hunger are at work in the world.
- 3) Additional resources, including an inspirational weekly email series.

You're invited to study, pray, reflect and give during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving — for our families, our neighbors and communities around the world.

**Visit [ELCA.org/40days](https://www.elca.org/40days) to get started today.**

Call or email

# PRAYER

## REQUEST to

Jan Cowan - 767-4616 - jancowan@tds.net  
Kay Rettenmund - 767-2328 - rett@tds.net.

### **It is our time to build a legacy**

*Become a member of the Legacy Fund. Members of the Legacy Fund come from all walks of life and are united by a desire to preserve our beautiful Church and Cemetery.*

Vermont Lutheran Church owns and maintains a cemetery, historic church building and Gathering Place with a hilltop viewscape. Christian stewardship involves the faithful management of all the gifts God has given us, including accumulated, inherited and appreciated resources. Therefore, we created the Legacy Fund to encourage, receive and administer these gifts.

Our goal is to generate a Legacy Fund of \$1 Million dollars, or more.

Through receipt of bequests, grants and/or gifts, contributions to the Legacy Fund and investment growth will serve two very important purposes now and into the future:

- To purchase neighboring land for expansion of the cemetery; and/or
- Provide funds for future maintenance of the cemetery and/or building and grounds needs of the Church.

Any legacy member whose contribution totals \$1,000 or more will be recognized with a brass plate on a prominently displayed plaque. Annual meeting reports will include all the names of those individuals who made a contribution of any amount that year.

**April Newsletter**  
**articles are due**  
**March 26th**

**to Elizabeth Herrling at**  
**vermont\_church@tds.net**

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