

# APRIL 2020 Newsletter



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Our Mission Statement:

**"Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;  
make known among the nations what he has done."**

**Psalm 105:1**



## Wrestling with God

We read in Genesis 32:22-32 that Jacob wrestles with God. Jacob spends the whole night in this wrestling match and comes out with a victory. Not because he is stronger than God. Not because he is smarter than God. Not because God lost. Simply put by faith Jacob understood what was going on and would not let go of God's Word until it overcame God's wrath and obtains God as the gracious Father (WA DB 8:137). In short, Jacob by faith clung to the promise found in God's Word and trusted that God would bless him.

We wrestle all the time with God. When we come to the Word of God and read it, mark it, and inwardly digest it we are wrestling with God. Sometimes this feels easy because we understand what we are reading right away. Other times this is tiresome work. We labor over a small portion of scripture trying to figure out what God is saying to us. We struggle and strive to get how this might apply to our lives or even just how something could be. Examples of these struggles can be the Trinity, the Incarnation, the death of Christ, the foretelling of destruction to the Israelites, etc. The list could go on all day.

This is not a bad thing. Wrestling with God is good. It means we are digging into the Word of God and letting it form us. We are letting God's Word get ahold of us, and shaping it to how it sees fit for us. At times, this is painful; like when Jacob's hip is put out of place. Sometimes it might even feel like we are wrestling an opponent we cannot beat (this would be true). This last point comes about because we have an idea of what it means to win. We think we must try to bend God's will to ours; or we have to be broken and give into God's will. Of course, we should be doing the will of God. Victory is not any of these things. Victory comes to us when we cling to the Word of God in faith until it overcomes the wrath of God. Victory is ours when we wrestle with God's Word and with God and our faith becomes strengthened by it. We cling ever more to the foot of the cross until life everlasting.

It is here, that God gives us the strength to face the challenges of this world. We will not always be able to overcome what the world gives to us, but the strength given, helps us to cling to God through all of it. We are given strength to trust that God will care for us, provide for us in the face of trials and struggles; in the face of every thing that life can throw at us. This is what happens to Jacob. Jacob is facing a brother who wants to kill him for stealing his birthright. Jacob knows even in a pitched battle, he stands no chance against Esau; so, God comes to Jacob and reminds Jacob that even in the face of this struggle, God will provide for him and take care of him. When we wrestle with the Word of God, we are taught to trust that the Lord will provide and protect us in the face of our struggles. We receive assurance of our blessing by God and have victory because Christ overcame the wrath of God on the cross. On the cross, Christ made it possible for us to become the children of God by removing our sin.

The next time you are reading the Bible, struggling with the understanding of it, do NOT be discouraged. Continue to wrestle with the text knowing you are wrestling with God; knowing God is strengthening your faith; knowing you are being prepared to face the world; and knowing you have victory over sin, death, and the devil in Christ's victory on the cross.

Your Servant in Christ,  
Pastor Welton

## Easter Sunday – April 12, 2020

**Easter Sunrise Service – Worship w/Holy Communion 6:30 am**

**Breakfast - 7:30 to 8:30 am**



**Easter Worship with Holy Communion 9:00 am**



The LWML met on February 8th with 6 people present and again on March 14th with 4 people present.

At the February meeting, Pastor opened with a devotion, "Beautiful Savior" from the Winter 2019 Quarterly. The devotion for the

March 14th meeting was, "Why The Joy of the Lord is Our Strength".

Since the last newsletter, we have held the Ladies Tea and hosted the Wednesday night Bible study. The Bible study went well and we look forward to another after the Lent and Easter.

The Brookings/Sioux Falls Zones Spring retreat is fast approaching in April and St. Peter's is hosting. We have asked the kitchen committee for assistance as we are expecting at least 70 people for this event. **THIS EVENT CANCELLED DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS**

The next Tour of Tables date has been set for August 22nd.

The South Dakota District Convention will be held May 29th - 30th. The Brooking Zone is looking for quilters that are willing to make the banner for the zone. This year's theme is, "Set Your Eyes on Jesus". Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith. Hebrews 12:2. If you have any suggestions or are willing to help, please contact Delorus Limmer.

Our next meeting is set for April 4th at 9:00 AM. We will be discussing final preparations for the spring retreat and upcoming events.

To God Be the Glory,  
Your Sisters in Christ.



**Thursday, April 16, 2020**

Voters Meeting – 7:00 pm

**Sunday, April 19, 2020**

**Wentworth Fire & Rescue Annual Pancake Breakfast**

Community Barn

8:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Sunday, April 19, 2020**

Council meeting – 10:15 am

**April 26, 2020**

**~ Confirmation Day ~**

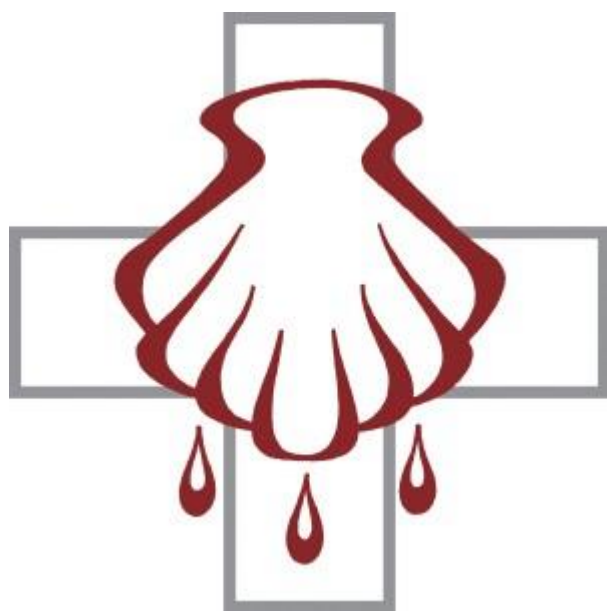
Ella Fischer ~ Parker Gerry ~ Jackson Heidelberg

To read the Bible in one year:  
**SUGGESTED BIBLE READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>FIRST READING</b>	<b>SECOND READING</b>
April 1	Isaiah 25:1-9	Romans 1-3
April 2	Psalm 114	Romans 4-6
April 3	Psalm 115	Romans 7-9
April 4	Psalm 116	Romans 10-13
April 5	Psalm 117	Romans 14-16
April 6	Psalm 118	1 Corinthians 1-3
April 7	Psalm 119: 1-8	1 Corinthians 4-6
April 8	Psalm 119: 9-16	1 Corinthians 7-9
April 9	Psalm 119: 17-24	1 Corinthians 10-11
April 10	Psalm 119: 25-32	1 Corinthians 12-14
April 11	Psalm 119: 33-40	1 Corinthians 15-16
April 12	Psalm 119: 41-48	2 Corinthians 1-4
April 13	Psalm 119: 49-56	2 Corinthians 5-7
April 14	Psalm 119: 57-64	2 Corinthians 8-10
April 15	Psalm 119: 65-72	2 Corinthians 11-13
April 16	Psalm 119: 73-80	Galatians 1-3
April 17	Psalm 119: 81-88	Galatians 4-6
April 18	Psalm 119: 89-96	Ephesians 1-3
April 19	Psalm 119: 97-104	Ephesians 4-6
April 20	Psalm 119: 105-112	Philippians 1-2
April 21	Psalm 119: 113-120	Philippians 3-4
April 22	Psalm 119: 121-128	Colossians 1-2
April 23	Psalm 119: 129-136	Colossians 3-4
April 24	Psalm 119: 137-144	1 Thessalonians 1-3
April 25	Psalm 119: 145-152	1 Thessalonians 4-5
April 26	Psalm 119: 153-160	2 Thessalonians 1-3
April 27	Psalm 119: 161-168	1 Timothy 1-3
April 28	Psalm 119: 169-176	1 Timothy 4-6
April 29	Psalm 120	2 Timothy 1-2
April 30	Isaiah 25: 1-9	2 Timothy 3-4

## April Baptismal Birthdays

April 1, 1951	Ione Marie Schmidt	204 SE 5th St. Wentworth, SD 57075
April 3, 1949	Daniel Dale Lindholm	45954 230th St. Wentworth, SD 57075
April 7, 2013	Brendyn Scott McManus	202 N. Dakota Ave. Wentworth, SD 57075
April 9, 1978	Bonnie Faye Lindholm	45954 230th St. Wentworth, SD 57075
April 10, 1949	Virginia Ann Heidelberger	24312 467th Ave. Dell Rapids, SD 57022
April 11, 2002	Ashes William Dean	PO Box 112 Wentworth, SD 57075
April 12, 2015	Janessa Belle Baumberger	45796 234th St. Wentworth, SD 57075
April 14, 1957	Shirley Kay Backus	23546 462nd Ave. Wentworth, SD 57075
April 15, 1951	Lee Raynard Limmer	23385 461st Ave. Wentworth, SD 57075
April 15, 1969	Delorus May Limmer	23473 461st Ave. Wentworth, SD 57075
April 16, 1961	Kay O. Mendel	6249 Dakota Ave. Madison, SD 57042
April 17, 2005	Rayden Jeremy Lindholm	PO Box 51 Wentworth, SD 57075
April 18, 1993	Brett Logan Martin	PO Box 52 Chester, SD 57016
April 18, 1981	Ryan James McManus	202 N. Dakota Ave. Wentworth, SD 57075
April 18, 1962	Marsha Lynne Ellison	920 N. Lincoln Ave. Madison, SD 57042
April 20, 1941	Dean Harold Hess	23756 Arena Dr. #1203 Rapid City, SD 57702
April 22, 1990	Louis Derek Lindholm	46038 234th St. Wentworth, SD 57075
April 24, 1955	Jane Louise DeVaney	914 S. Highland Ave. Madison, SD 57042
April 25, 1943	Leslie Armin Heidelberger II	24312 467th Ave. Dell Rapids, SD 57022
April 29, 1973	Tye Raethz Heidelberger	PO Box 141 Chester, SD 57016
April 29, 2018	Jayla Lynn Baumberger	45796 234 <sup>th</sup> St. Wentworth, SD 57075
April 30, 2017	Caesyn Allen Hemmer	47408 238 <sup>th</sup> St. Dell Rapids, SD 57022



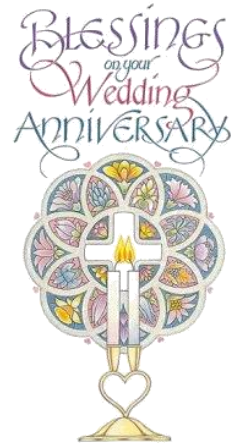
*Happy Baptismal Birthday!!  
From your brothers and sisters in Christ*

*"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved" Mark 16:16a*



### APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. & Mrs. Llyn & Luanna Shuck **April 6, 1973**  
Mr. & Mrs. Drew & Amy Hemmer **April 9, 2016**  
Mr. & Mrs. Ryan & Tara McManus **April 12, 2008**  
Mr. & Mrs. Lyle & Sandi Johnson **April 14, 1962**  
Mr. & Mrs. Gale & Diana Maas **April 16, 1977**  
Mr. & Mrs. Dan & Misty Alfson **April 19, 1997**  
Mr. & Mrs. James & Jane DeVaney **April 29, 1988**



### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 1, 1962	Marsha Ellison	April 14, 1955	Jane DeVaney
April 1, 1991	Lacey Gehrels	April 15, 1969	Delorus Limmer
April 3, 1941	Dean Hess	April 15, 1988	Jenna Baumberger
April 4, 1968	Mike Tammen	April 18, 2011	Elijah DeGroot
April 7, 1936	Arlene DeJabet	April 19, 1951	Carol Feldmann
April 9, 1973	Tye Heidelberger	April 19, 2018	Jayla Baumberger
April 11, 2012	Darwin Lindholm	April 20, 1973	Melissa Gerry
April 12, 1963	Jill Martin	April 22, 1952	Thomas Graff
April 12, 1968	Mark Limmer	April 27, 1957	Krista Beeck
April 13, 2017	Caesyn Hemmer	April 27, 1982	Amy Hemmer

