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Sunday, April 28, 2024, 9:30am

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to
worship! Please
complete a
Connection Card
and place the
card in the
offering plate.
Thank you!

*This Sunday's
image of how the
risen Christ
shares his life
with us is the
image of the vine.
Christ the vine
and we the
branches are
alive in each oth-
er, in the mystery
of mutual abiding
described in the
gospel and the
first letter of
John. Baptism
makes us a part
of Christ's living
and life-giving
self and makes us
alive with Christ's
life. As the vine
brings food to the
branches, Christ
feeds us at his
table. We are
sent out to bear
fruit for the life of
the world.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

Blue Sunday

Hayley Smith

(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR CREATION CARE

Let us confess our sin against God and creation, saying, In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Forgive us God, for our indifference to the destruction of wildlife, for the greedy search for profit with no respect for life. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Forgive us God, for the violence against the earth, for our silence before devastated forests and contaminated rivers. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Forgive us God, for our voracious thirst to consume without a thought of future generations, or our fixation on the present without thinking of tomorrow. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Forgive our arrogance, God, when we place ourselves at the center of your universe. Forgive us when we forget our place in creation. **In your mercy, teach us to love your creatures and to care for life in all its forms. Amen.**

Blessed are you, O God, creator of the universe. You are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and full of love. Your compassion fills your whole creation. With all your creatures, we sing your praise and look to you for life, through Jesus Christ, in whom you make all things new, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *For the Fruit of All Creation*

#679

GREETING

The beauty of the Creator inspire us, the grace of Jesus be with us, and the unity of the Breath of Life enfold us all. **May it be so!**

A PRAYER OF ARCHBISHOP DESMOND TUTU

Creator God, **you have called us to be keepers of your earth. Through greed we have established an economy that destroys the web of life. We have changed our climate and we drown in despair. Let oceans of justice flow. May we learn to sustain and renew the life of our Mother Earth. We stand with indigenous people worldwide who are demanding restoration of their ancestral lands. We pray for our leaders, custodians of Mother Earth, that they may negotiate with wisdom and fairness. May they act with compassion and courage; and lead us into the path of justice for the sake of our children and our children's children. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Genesis 1—2:3

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ⁶And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. ⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. ¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night — and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. ²⁰And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. ²⁴And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." ²⁷So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth,

and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Word of God. **Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 104

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty,

²**wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent,**

³you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind,

⁴**you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.**

⁵You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.

⁶**You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.**

⁷At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.

⁸**They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for them.**

⁹You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.

¹⁰**You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills,**

¹¹giving drink to every wild animal; the wild asses quench their thirst.

¹²**By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches.**

¹³From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

¹⁴**You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth,**

¹⁵and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.

¹⁶**The trees of the LORD are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.**

¹⁷In them the birds build their nests; the stork has its home in the fir trees.

¹⁸**The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the coneys.**

¹⁹You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting.

²⁰**You make darkness, and it is night, when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.**

²¹The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God.

²²**When the sun rises, they withdraw and lie down in their dens.**

²³People go out to their work and to their labor until the evening.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

Pastor Bre Kinnunen

(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit)

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Know That Christ is Raised

#449

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE WELL-BEING OF CREATION

God, whose Spirit moved over the deep: We thank you for the gift of water—the waters on the earth, and under the earth, the water above us, and within us. **Make us mindful of the care of all the planet's water, that it may richly sustain life for us and for those who come after us; through Jesus Christ, source of living water. Amen.**

Creator God, who set the stars in their places and directs the course of the planets; who robed this earth with a thin garment of air, making it a haven of beauty and life; who breathed into each of us the breath of life: We thank you for the gift of air. **Create in us such a sense of wonder and delight in this and in all your gifts that we receive them with gratitude, care for them with love, and generously share them with all your creatures, to the honor and glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Creator God, who lifted up the mountains and formed the dry land; whose hands shaped us out of the dust of the earth; who formed the soils and made this earth a place of beauty and abundance: We give you thanks for the gift of the land. **Create in us such a sense of wonder and delight in this and all your gifts that we receive them with gratitude, care for them with love, and generously share them with all your creatures, to the honor and glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Holy God, we lift to you the animal inhabitants of the earth. For those seen and unseen creatures and living things that attest to your creative power, we ask your blessing. **We pray**

for victims of animal cruelty. Bless all who care for injured and abused animals. Comfort those who mourn for their pets and for endangered and extinct species. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Here other prayers may be lifted up either silently or aloud.

God, creator of all living things, you fashioned a world in which lands and waterways, plants and animals, together meet the needs of all that you made. We pray that such vitality may flourish around the globe. **Bless those who work the soil and who manage animals. Uphold their towns and villages. Nurture bees and other pollinators. Protect farmlands and ranches from drought and flood.** Free children from forced labor in the fields. Grant an economy that can sustain those families who treasure a rural life. **Teach us how to share with everyone the benefits of each harvest, and accept our gratitude for all sustenance you provide, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

(Please be seated)

MEAL

OFFERING

(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit)

OFFERING SONG

Let All Things Now Living

#881

OFFERING PRAYER

Holy Spirit, you move through all creation with sighs too deep for words. Open our hearts to listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Speak through your church to rebuke the forces that seek to exploit your planet. Join our human prayers with the voices of all creation and move us to honor you by preserving the gifts of nature that reveal your glory. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

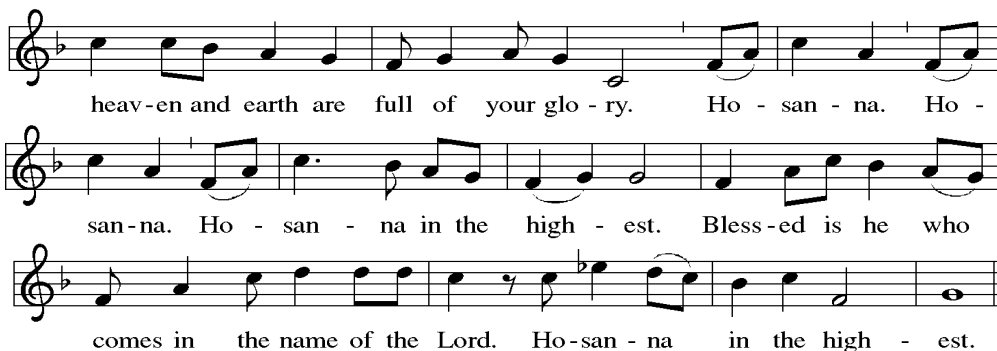
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na. Ho-san-na. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

COMMUNION HYMNS

I Will Be the Vine

Choir

I Am the Vine

by John Michael Talbot

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Shepherding God, **you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

SENDING

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Bre Kinnunen

(Please stand as you are comfortable in body or spirit)

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope

✠ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Journey gently on this planet's green pasture. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF April 28—May 5, 2024

- ***CONGRATULATIONS!** To **Scott Couture** for running in the 2024 Boston Marathon on April 15.
- ***FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** Are you willing to help with Fellowship hour? Donations that are needed are bakery items, crackers, cheese, fruit, or whatever suits your fancy, & cleanup! Your Fellowship Hour committee for May is Staff Support. If it fits your schedule to bring items before Sunday morning, there are shelves in the refrigerator tagged for **Coffee Hour** or leave on the counter marked "Coffee Hour". Please contact **Christine Koski or Cheryl Dix** with your date and any item you wish to bring. **THANK YOU ALL FOR VOLUNTEERING!**
- ***TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY** All are welcome to come to our study on **TUESDAYS** from 7:30pm-9:00pm at Pasquali's in Negaunee. We welcome you to drop in as your schedule allows. Each week's discussion will be structured as a stand-alone study. **This week's Bible Study will be Exodus 15:22-27; 16—Manna falls from the sky.** Bring your questions, confusions, and doubts! If you have questions, call or text 540-435-4915.
- ***WELCOME CHILDREN & FAMILIES** We don't mind the noise. We're glad you're here! The family room across the hall has toys if that would be helpful. Activity bags are also available for the children to use during the service.
- ***VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will take place from **June 10-14, 2024.** Registration forms are available on Immanuel's website. Forms are available for both students and volunteers who would like to participate in this important ministry. Our coordinating team has made good progress in planning. Several congregations from the area are cooperating. **Please text Paulette Patron (906)361-1562- or leave a message with the Office for more details.**
- ***CPR/AED TRAINING** will be held **this Wednesday, May 1, 2024,** from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. People from across the ministries of Immanuel are encouraged to attend including those from both Sunday worship services, the quilters, and various Bible Study and committee members, etc. Contact the church office to sign up.
- ***HONORING GRADUATES** On **May 19th,** we will honor all graduates during and after the 9:30 am worship service. Together we'll celebrate and pray God's blessings on and through these dear brothers and sisters in Christ. Our tentative High School graduates for 2024 are: ***Courtney Beckman, Cassidy Crabb, Owen Debelak, Emily DeMarois, Madison Frustaglio, Alec Nelson, and Eliza Williams.*** *Congratulations to all of you!* If you know of persons graduating from high school, college, trade school, etc., please call the office and let us know (906) 475-9161.
- ***NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION** We will welcome all new members during the 9:30 service **next Sunday, May 5.** The new members will be recognized during the service and cake will be served during fellowship following the service. Chyrl Hemmila and Luanne Skrenes will be available to take pictures of all of the new members. They will also be available to take pictures of anyone else that would like to update their directory photos.

***COUNTERS NEEDED** We are in need of additional captains and counters starting this summer. Please contact the church office if you are interested. Training is available.

***HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** Immanuel will be providing breakfast during the week of **July 29-August 2** for the volunteers of Habitat for Humanity. The volunteers are staying at Immanuel that week. Please contact Linda Sjolund or the Church Office if you would be willing to help.

***DAY OF RENEWAL SPRING 2024** The Women's Spring Cluster 8 program and meeting will be held **next Saturday, May 4**, at Prince of Peace in Harvey, MI. Registration starts at 9:30 am and the program and business meeting start at 10:00 am. Lunch will be served at 12:00 pm. The cost is \$5 which is payable upon registration. Make checks payable to NGLSWO. We will be supporting the Alger-Marquette Community Baby Shower. You will hear from Barbie Dupras about how our work and donations help. Monetary offerings or any of the following new baby items will be accepted: diapers, bibs, crib sheets, burp cloths, toys for 6 months or younger, bottles, books or anything you think a new mother/infant may need. Please sign up on the sheet on the women's table by the quilt by **April 30** if you would like to attend.

***THE FREE STORE** is an interfaith, non-profit group supporting people in the greater Marquette area who express a need for free clothing, linens, personal hygiene items, and household cleaning supplies. Over 1,600 families are registered to shop for free. And the number continues to grow. At this time they especially need bedding including sheets in all sizes, blankets and comforters. For April, they are also collecting laundry soap, dish soap and bars of soap. A tub for our donations can be found by the stewardship corner.

***MUSIC MINISTER APPRECIATION DAY** Today, we extend our heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated music leaders **Connie Scanlon, Connie Lindblom, Dan Lindblom, Vicki Lempinen, Kitty Raymond, and Sam Brink** as we celebrate Music Minister Appreciation Day. Through their talent, passion, and unwavering commitment, they enrich our worship experience and uplift our spirits. Let's join together in thanking them for the beautiful melodies that inspire and unite us in worship each week. Their dedication is truly cherished and valued.

***RECOGNITION OF CHOIR MEMBERS** We would like to recognize the members of our choir and their years of service: Judy Hallgren (40), Kris Hill (5), Dave Keranen (5), Kris Keranen (5), Chris Koski (5), Mike Lempinen (20), Vicki Lempinen (16), Connie Lindblom (31), Dan Lindblom (31), Nancy Mager (55), Lori Marta (5), Alice Mutkala (24), Kathleen Partanen (5), Connie Scanlon (35), Walter Scanlon (35), Tom Skrenes (6), Al Sundine (40), Kathy Sundine (40), and Alice Zinsser (30). Thank you for your service!

***LIONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST** The Negaunee Lions will be having their **54th Annual Pancake Breakfast on May 5th from 8:00am to 1:00pm at the Negaunee Lakeview School Cafeteria**. Profits from this event help support the youth of our community along with the Negaunee Public Schools. The menu includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit, coffee, milk, and juice. Take-out is also available. Tickets are available from any Lions member or at the door. Prices are \$10 for a single person and \$30 for a family. Please come and enjoy a great breakfast!

***CONFIRMATION RETREAT** The Confirmation Day Retreat at Fortune Lake will be on **Saturday, May 4**.

ASSISTING IN SERVICE

SERVING IN WORSHIP: *Pastor Bre Kinnunen*

ORGANIST/PIANIST/MUSICIAN: *Connie Scanlon*

Office Hours are 8:00am-2:00pm, Monday-Thursday (or by appt.)

VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE:

9:30am GREETERS	<i>Doug Palomaki</i>	6:00pm GREETERS	<i>Diana Hetrick</i>
	<i>Kathy Palomaki</i>		
9:30am USHERS	<i>Doug Palomaki</i>	6:00pm USHERS	<i>Diana Hetrick</i>
	<i>Kathy Palomaki</i>		
9:30am LECTOR	<i>Valerie Paulson</i>	6:00pm LECTOR	<i>Paulette Patron</i>
9:30am COMM ASST	<i>Linda Derocher</i>	6:00pm COMM ASST	<i>Paulette Patron</i>
	<i>Jim Derocher</i>		
	<i>Walter Scanlon</i>		
9:30am TECH TEAM	<i>Tyler Moore</i>	6:00pm TECH TEAM	<i>Ben Raymond</i>

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Pray For: *Lori Bell, Betty Carilli, Kevin Carlson, Karen Couture, Christine Hendrickson, Dan Hendrickson, Betty Kinnunen, Michael Kjellman, Anna Laurila, Don & Mary Leece, Marsha Lucas, Kathryn Madison, Diane Nault, Gerald Neldon, Ezra Newman, Kathy Palomaki, Shirley Pizziola, Cindy, Jim Ritzenhein, Jessica Roberts, Marlene Romback, Reuven Romback, Louise Spickerman, Kathy Stambaugh, Molly Taseris, and Bob Walker.*

Our Shut-ins: *Jonelle Collins, Rudy Gagnon, June Jarvi, Timothy Kjellman, Betty Lukkarinen, Butch Pynnonen, Dolores Reichel, Lillian Rivers, Paul Alan Smith, Elsie Suardini, and Lynne Tossava.*

Members in the Armed Service: *Luke DeWitt, Adrianna Gustafson, Michael Gustafson, Spencer Harvala, Hunter (Jessica) Hetrick, Tanner Romback, Michael Sedlock, Ethan Wallner, and all Armed Services Families.*



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 28—May 5, 2024

YOU CAN FIND ALL ONLINE INFORMATION REFERENCED BELOW AT...

www.ImmanuelNegaunee.org

	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	
Sunday	<i>Music Appreciation Day</i>	
	9:30am	Worship Service
	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Coffee & Fellowship
	6:00pm	Worship Service in Fellowship Hall
	7:30pm	AA Group Meets (men & women)
Tuesday	10:00am	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Bible Study @ Pasquali's
Wednesday	9:00-12:00pm	CPR Training with lunch afterward
	6:00pm	Choir
	7:15pm	Stewardship Committee Meeting
Thursday	10:00am	Quilting
Friday	OFFICE CLOSED	
	10:00am	AA
Saturday	8:00-10:00am	Men's Bible Study/Breakfast
	10:00am	WELCA Cluster Meeting at Prince of Peace
Sunday	<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	
	<i>New Member Recognition Day</i>	
	9:30am	Worship Service/Noisy Offering
	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Coffee & Fellowship
	6:00pm	Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall
	7:30pm	AA Group Meets (men & women)

(FYI: Pastor Bre can be reached at 507-993-1909 or email: upbre3@gmail.com)



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IN APRIL our **ELCA World Hunger** will be our Monthly Mission Emphases. The world provides enough food for all, but more than 800 million people around the world face chronic hunger. We believe in a God of abundance, so as a church, we live out our call in baptism to strive for a just world where all are fed.

ELCA World Hunger is this church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, at work. We walk alongside our partners and companions in the United States and more than 60 other countries. Generating unique solutions to local challenges starts by listening to our neighbors and communities. Then, together, we work and serve to help break the cycle of hunger and poverty – for good.

If you wish to give to ELCA World Hunger, use the *April Monthly Mission envelope* from your offering envelope box or in some other way designate your gift. *Thank you for your generosity!*

Thank you for giving \$1,010.69 in March to

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp.

The recipients will be richly blessed with your generosity! Thank you!