

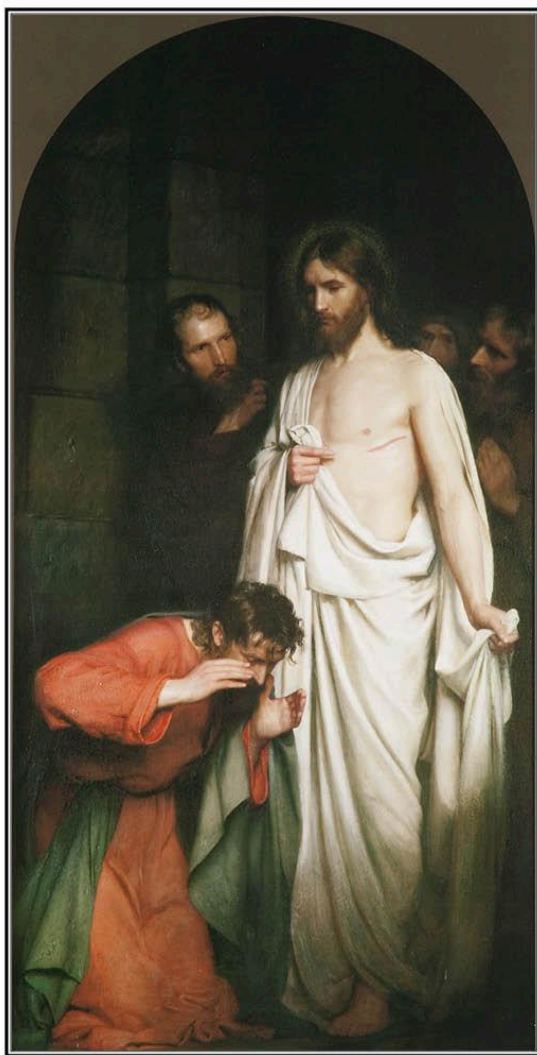
LAKE OF THE ISLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER ✠

April 7, 2024

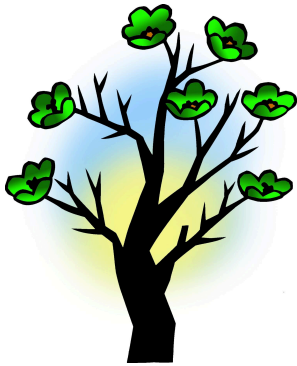
with Guest Preacher, Rev. Gary Anderson

The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.



The Doubting Thomas, Carl Heinrich Bloch, 1881

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*Inspired by Christ, living and growing in faith,  
we are a loving and open community of worship, witness,  
and service in God's world.*  
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Prelude

Welcome &
Paschal Blessing
*Please stand as
you are able.*

Baptismal Song of
Thanks & Praise

✠ Gathering ✠

Following the call of God's Spirit, the community of faith gathers, welcoming one another and praying for God's mercy to fill the church and the world.

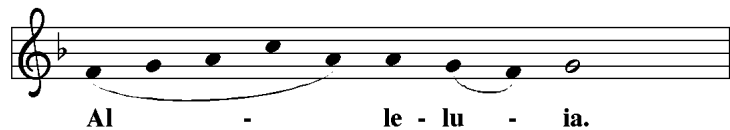
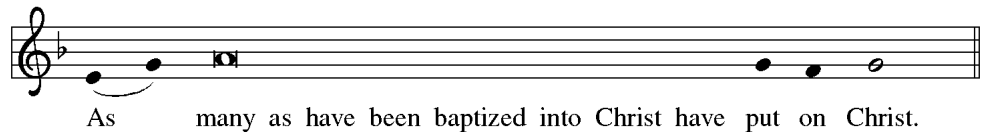
We invite you to use the prelude time to prepare your heart and mind for worship.

Today we welcome Pastor Gary Anderson as our guest preacher.

Pastorale on This Joyful Eastertide

Kristina Rizzotto (b. 1989)

P: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.



P: On the first day of the week at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel; and as they were frightened and bowed their face to the ground, the men said to them: "Why do you seek the living among the dead? Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise."

Gathering Hymn



Christ Is Risen! Alleluia

ELW #382



1 Christ is ris-en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
2 Christ is ris-en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o'er;
3 Christ is ris-en! All the sor-row that last eve-ning round him lay
4 Christ is ris-en! Hence-forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!
through the o - pen gates of glad-ness he re- turns to life once more;
now has found a glo-rious mor-row in the ris - ing of to - day.
We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri-umphed o - ver all.



Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;
death and hell be - fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,
See the grave its first-fruits giv - ing, spring-ing up from ho - ly ground;
All the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;



bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.
an - gels on his steps at - tend-ing, glo - ry round his wound-ed brow.
Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.
hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

Refrain



Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!



Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.
Music: MORGENLIED, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

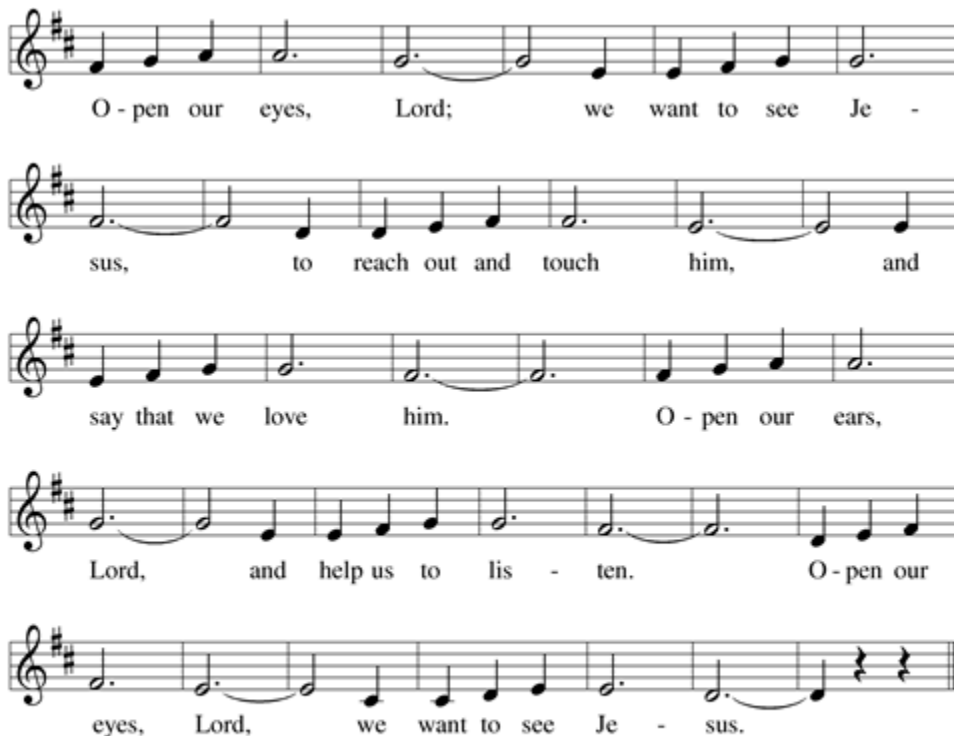
Almighty God, **with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

☒ Word ☒

*The Word of God comes alive for the gathered community.
As God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.*



Open Our Eyes, Lord W&P #113



O - pen our eyes, Lord; we want to see Je -
sus, to reach out and touch him, and
say that we love him. O - pen our ears,
Lord, and help us to lis - ten. O - pen our
eyes, Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

Text: Bob Cull, b. 1949
Music: OPEN OUR EYES, Bob Cull, b. 1949

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Children's Message
Please be seated.

Dismissal Song



Reading

Acts 4:32-35

While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.

R:³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



ALLELUIA

Paschal Verse
& Alleluia
*Please stand
as you are able.*



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



B Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.



Gospel
John 20:19-31
The story of Easter
continues as the risen
Jesus appears to his
disciples. His words to
Thomas offer a blessing
to all who entrust
themselves in faith to
the risen Lord.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the twentieth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon
Please be seated.



Following the sermon, we will take a moment of silence to reflect on today's gospel message.

Hymn of the Day
Please stand as
you are able.



We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight
WOV #675



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 That, when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re - jice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found:
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.
Music: DUNLAP'S CREEK, Samuel McFarland, fl. 1816

Prayers of the
Church

P: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

A: Your church cries out, O God, and you listen.... Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, God of abundant grace, we commend all of whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

Greeting of Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

After the greeting, please share a word of peace with your neighbors.

Offering

Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church is supported through the generous gifts of time, talent and treasure of our friends and members. In order to fulfill our mission and ministry, we need to receive approximately \$7,900 in offerings each week. We thank you for your support and partnership in the proclamation of the good news.

Anthem

Doubting Thomas

Mark Schweizer

O sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of Heaven, the glorious King
O'er death and hell rose triumphing,
Alleluia!

When Thomas first the tidings heard,
How they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word,
Alleluia.

"My pierced side, O Thomas, see;
My hands, my feet, I show to thee,
Not faithless, but believing be,"
Alleluia!

No longer Thomas then denied,
He saw the feet, the hands, the side,
"Thou art my Lord and God," he cried;
Alleluia!

How blest are they who have not seen,
And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win,
Alleluia!



Offertory
Please stand as
you are able.

This Joyful Eastertide
LBW #149

This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
sprung to life this mor - row. Had Christ, who once was
slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our faith had been in
vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -
ris - en; but now has Christ a - ris - en!

Offertory Prayer

A: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C: Amen.

✠ Meal ✠

We lift our hearts with praise and thanksgiving as the table is set, and we receive the bread and wine—the humble meal through which we are fed by the presence of Jesus the Christ and united as the body of Christ in the world.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn...



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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.



Words of Institution

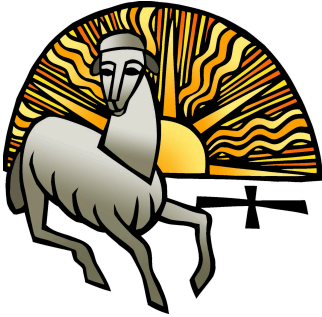
Lord's Prayer


C: 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 *Please be seated*


P: Come to me all who are tired and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. The table has been prepared. All are welcome.


Lamb of God




 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on


 us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have


 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the


 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution Music

Piano Sonata N° 9 in D major, K 311: Andante con espressione
 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Distribution

Holy Communion will begin in the front of the church, nearest where the pastor and assisting minister will distribute the bread and wine. Please take either a glass of red wine or white grape juice from the full tray and place your emptied glass into the extra tray which is in front of the first pew.

Your offerings will also be received as the usher directs you toward the front of the church for communion.

Post-Communion

Blessing
Please stand as you are able.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

A: 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.
C: Amen.

Post-Communion
Canticle



✠ Sending ✠

*We receive the blessing of God and leave in peace,
Sent out to live the way of Jesus for the sake of the world God loves.*



☩ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

Announcements



Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Toccata in C Major

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

You are free to leave during the Postlude or remain to enjoy the offering of music & praise.

WELCOME

*We thank you for celebrating the love of Jesus Christ with us this week, and we invite you back again—
for prayer and worship. We will continue to have Sunday services online.
We hope the message of God’s grace will guide and strengthen you as you grow
in love and faith in your daily life.*

YOUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY Pastor.....*Rev. Gary Anderson*
Organist.....*Dr. Kristina Rizzotto*
Worship Assistant.....*Kathy Hering*
Communion Assistant.....*John Olson*
Altar Servers.....*David & Carolyn Hagford*
Reader.....*Lynn Wehrman*
Usher.....*Scott Gallop*
Coffee Hosts.....*Ellie Holmquist & Ruth Lee*
Worship Tech Assistant.....*Jim Olson*

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Custodian.....*Vitali Haug*
Caretakers.....*Molly Dengler & Anthony Ramirez*

SCAN TO GIVE



CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 7	9:30 AM	<i>Worship with Holy Communion...</i>	Sanctuary & YouTube
		<i>Sunday School.....</i>	Sunday School Rooms
	10:30 AM	<i>Coffee Hour.....</i>	Fellowship Hall
MONDAY, APRIL 8		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
	11:00 AM	<i>Norwegian Glee Club.....</i>	Library
	7:00 PM	<i>AA.....</i>	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	<i>Prayer Ministry.....</i>	Zoom
TUESDAY, APRIL 9	7:00 PM	<i>Men's AA.....</i>	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	<i>AA/Recovery & Spirituality.....</i>	Christy Room
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10	1:00 PM	<i>Math Masters/Kenwood School.....</i>	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	<i>Choir Rehearsal.....</i>	Sanctuary
THURSDAY, APRIL 11	12:00 PM	<i>Al Anon.....</i>	Fellowship Hall
FRIDAY, APRIL 12		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
SUNDAY, APRIL 14	9:30 AM	<i>Worship with Holy Communion...</i>	Sanctuary & YouTube
		<i>Sunday School.....</i>	Sunday School Rooms
	10:30 AM	<i>Coffee Hour.....</i>	Fellowship Hall

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer List

Please keep the following friends & members of our community of faith in your prayers of thanksgiving or for comfort, peace, and healing:



Kathy Dahl, daughter of Phyllis Dahl; **Graham Rawle**, friend of Mark Duff & Michelle McCreery; **Matthew Moen**; **Anna Lena Stenberg Skold**; **Trygve Svard**; **Tom Connors**; **Sam Pederson**, nephew of Jennifer Cook; **Beth Addington & Elizabeth Muench**, friends of the congregation; **Alison Regan**, friend of Mark Duff & Michelle McCreery; **Natalie Mozey**, daughter of Alan & Mary Poulsen; **David Anderson**, brother-in-law of John Bergford; **David Cook**, brother of Jenny Cook; **Kathy Sawyer**, niece of Philip Friedlund, **Joey Juras & Fitz Loula**, friends of the Gruys family; **Lyle Kuehn**, brother-in-law of Carol Kuehn, **Amanda Frahm**, sister-in-law of John & Alyson Frahm; **Donna Shroyer**, cousin of Linda Nelson; **Avey Egsgaard**, friend of Jana & Michael Kavoukjian; **Marion Eddebuettel**, grandmother of Nico & Lauren Rondestvedt Eddebuettel; **David Beebe**, brother-in-law of Suzanne Pepin; **Stephanie Forsyth & Melissa Rothe**, daughters of Don & Eileen Anderson; **Timothy Moran**, friend of Michelle McCreery; **JoAnne Reisberg**, mother of Bernie Reisberg; **Terry Carlstrom**, friend of Don and Eileen Anderson; **Brian Lundquist**, father of Sean Lundquist; **Rachel Rosenthal**, friend of Robin & Mark Bloom; **Jane Scallen**, sister of Mary Goplen; **Mary Finstad**, friend of Michelle McCreery & Mark Duff.

Loved Ones In The Military

Please keep all the members & families of the military in your prayers of thanksgiving and protection.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jon Einess 4/7 Susan Friske Pfaff 4/9

Jackson Hoel 4/10 Sorel Hoel 4/10

Tom Rustad 4/10

Kid Worship Materials

Kid worship materials are available in the Narthex (back of Sanctuary). Crayon packets and a variety of coloring pages and activity sheets are available for your children to enjoy during worship.

Staffed Nursery in the Christy Room

Our Nursery is staffed today for our littlest ones in the Congregation to use. Ushers can help you with directions to the Christy Room or simply follow the signs provided in the back of the Sanctuary.

Visiting Sunday School Age Children

Children ages 3 through 6th Grade are welcome to visit Sunday School. We do ask that a parent or guardian accompany your child to Sunday School to get them checked in and settled before returning to worship.

Our Saviour's Housing Meals

Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church provides a meal for 40 on the second Saturday of every month. Our monthly meals are provided by donation. The shelter orders & serves the meal. Cost per meal is \$250. Thanks to Liz & Mike Brown for the April meal.

Growlers & Theology

Thursday, April 25th

7:00 PM

Parsonage

Pastor Haug leads this monthly gathering of bible study and adult beverages, in the tradition of Martin Luther. pastor@loti.org

Women's Book Club

Friday, April 26th

5:00 PM

Home of Deb Gilroy

This month's selection is *West with Giraffes*, by Lynda Rutledge. Join us! Bring a snack to share if you like...



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