

North Riverdale Lutheran Church
Weekly Update
*Where we seek to do justice, love with compassion, and
walk humbly with our God.*
April 28, 2023

Sunday, April 30, 2023

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister:	The Rev. Susan Masters, Interim Pastor
Musician:	Dana Peters
Altar Guild:	Romona Carver
Greeters:	Pat and Denny Wegley
Usher:	Joe Hasenjager
Assisting Minister:	Sarah Fletcher
Lay Reader:	Jim Lake
Communion Assistant:	Jim Bannan
Sound Board:	Dick Jones
Livestream:	Tim Roberts
Altar Flowers:	Given by Laura and Tim Roberts in celebration of their 18 th Wedding Anniversary
Money Counters:	Jim Lake and Sylvia Lessentine

Announcements

The Bulletin and Update are Under New Management! Margie Stamper has graciously agreed to take over full management of our Sunday bulletin and weekly update. Beginning May 1st, please send all your announcements and schedule changes IN WRITING to Margie (not Pastor Susan). You can e-mail Margie (mmstamper51@gmail.com) or put your written information in the food pantry 's mail slot.

Wednesday Coffee with the Pastor: One of the things that came up in our focus groups last fall is a desire among the congregation for more potlucks and other opportunities to socialize together. To that end, **beginning Wednesday, May 10th, at 10:30-11:30 AM**, all are invited to join Pastor Susan each week in the parlor for coffee and conversation. There will be no agenda. There will be coffee. There might be cookies if someone brings them. And there will be definitely be an opportunity for relaxed conversation with your church friends. All are welcome.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for: Drew, Audrey, Jane, Marielle, Laura, Lauren, Jess, Tom, Kristi, Kim, Denny Wegley, Traci Miller, Cathy Grody, Karen Fox, Zayn Van Luvender, Janice Griffin, Scott and Barb Davis, Jim and Margie Stamper, Mel and Sondra Elliott, all who are grieving, all who have COVID or long COVID, and our members who are homebound or in care centers.

Upcoming Events

- Thursday, May 4th @ 4:00 PM: Transition Team meeting
- Sunday, May 7th after worship: Worship and Music Committee meeting
- Wednesday, May 10 @ 7:00 PM: Church Council meeting
- Sunday, May 14th – Mother’s Day
- Wednesday, May 17 @ 4:00 PM: Human Resources Committee meeting
- Wednesday, May 17th @ 5:30 PM: Food Pantry
- Saturday, May 20th @ 6:00 PM: Euchre Night
- Tuesday, May 23rd @ 11:30 AM: 4th Tuesday Ministry

Finance Committee

1st Quarter Report

YTD (Jan/Mar) budgeted income	\$ 38,329.95
YTD (Jan/Mar) actual income	\$ 39,194.34
Over/<short>	\$ 864.39

Outreach Update

March Numbers

Our Food Pantry served 26 families.

Our Welcome Home Ministry served 2 families.

Our 4th Tuesday Ministry served an average of 70 people.

May Needs

Food Pantry

canned corn
deodorant
shampoo
spaghetti
canned meat
toilet paper

4th Tuesday

sunglasses
soap

Welcome Home

eating utensils (no knives)
pots and pans
sponges
shower curtains
anything on the list

from Mary Anne Marshall



Earth Day was April 22! Did you miss it? Did you look for the Earth Day banner in church last week? Not to worry, you may have missed the banner or the actual day, but that doesn't mean that we must wait until next year to talk about being good stewards of Mother Earth! While most people recycle at home, did you know the church also offers help in recycling everyday items we find in our homes?

- Got used batteries? Look for the little collection basket on the table in the Narthex to recycle old batteries.
- Tired of all those plastic and paper grocery bags? Bring them with you to church and place them at the door of the food pantry! They can use them!
- Finished reading your Sunday Bulletin? Be sure to recycle them at home or you may choose to place them in the recycling tub at church on your way out the door!
- Let's keep using the glass communion cups! You can help reduce the amount of plastic the church gives back to the earth by volunteering to help wash the glass communion cups on any certain Sunday.
- Unsure what to do with all those outdated electronics, hazardous household materials, oil, transmission fluids, tires, or prescription drugs? For more information on recycling these items and more check out the Montgomery County Solid Waste and Recycling [website](#) or call 937.225.4999.
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Interesting Paper and Plastics Recycling Statistics

- Paper is one of the most-often recycled materials, accounting for half of the materials collected for recycling by weight.
- More than 50 million tons of paper were recovered for recycling in 2021, achieving a 68% recycling rate.
- In 2021, 91.4% of corrugated cardboard was recycled.
- Almost half of the paper recycled in 2021 was used to make cardboard boxes.
Keep reusing and recycling those Amazon boxes!
- Plastic recycling has long posed challenges. Unlike glass and metal, plastic cannot be repeatedly recycled without quickly degrading in quality.
- Every hour, 2.5 million plastic bottles are thrown away just in the U.S. The total bottle recycling rate for 2020 was 27.2%, down from 28.7% in 2019. **Keep refilling and using those tumblers!** Plastic bottles take upwards of 450 years to degrade.
- Between 75 and 199 million tons of plastic are currently in our oceans.

We are called to be good caretakers of the planet and all of God's creation. We can do that by choosing to reduce, reuse and recycle at work, at home and at church! We Can Make Everyday Earth Day!