

**North Riverdale Lutheran Church**  
**Weekly Update**  
*Where we seek to do justice, love with compassion, and  
walk humbly with our God.*  
**May 12, 2023**

**This Sunday, May 14, 2023**

**Worship Leaders**

Presiding Minister:	The Rev. Susan Masters, Interim Pastor
Musician:	Dana Peters
Altar Guild:	Chris Mulcahy and Karen Burks
Greeters:	Kristine Grove and Joe Hasenjager
Usher:	Joe Hasenjager
Assisting Minister:	Sarah Fletcher
Lay Reader:	Tim Roberts
Communion Assistant:	Donna Alexander
Sound Board:	Zayn Van Luvender
Livestream:	Suzie Bannan
Altar Flowers:	Given by Bill and Donna Alexander and Amy Banks in celebration of Rachel's graduation and Amy's birthday.
Money Counters:	Pat Wegley and Gayle Haskell

**Announcements**

**Upcoming Events**

- Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day
- Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 AM: Coffee with the Pastor in the Parlor
- Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 PM: Human Resources Committee meeting
- Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 PM: Food Pantry
- Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM Church Spring Cleanup and Mulch Day
- Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM: Euchre Night
- Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 11:30 AM: 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Ministry

**From the Worship and Music committee:**

**1) Offering Plates:** Effective immediately, we will resume passing plates up and down the pews during the Offering/Choir Anthem. For your convenience, you can also do your offerings electronically.

**2) New Music:** In our efforts to become more acquainted with the current hymnal of the ELCA (usually referred to as “the ELW” or “the cranberry book”), we will begin introducing at least one new hymn a month and sing it every Sunday for that month. Sometimes it might be a familiar tune with new lyrics, but most of the time it will likely be a hymn that is new to our congregation. Each weekend when you get the bulletin for that Sunday, we encourage you to look at the songs – the new one will most often be the gathering hymn – and acquaint yourself with it. If you don’t read music, you can listen to it on YouTube. Thank you for your patience and, we hope, enthusiasm as we work on expanding our repertoire of music.

**Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 AM – Coffee with the Pastor:**

Our first gathering last week was wonderful and full! You didn’t disappoint with the delicious cookies you brought or the lively conversation we shared. Please plan to join us again next week for more of the same!

**Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, Choir Music Sunday**

Our choir will sing several additional songs as they take a break for the summer, to return next fall.

**Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00 PM at St. John’s UCC Church (515 E. Third St., Dayton) Citywide Pride Worship Service**

All are warmly invited and strongly encouraged to attend this worship service. We will gather to worship and show our support of our loved ones in the LGBTQI+ community as we kick off Pride month.

**Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> after worship – Lunch and the Transition Team’s Final Report:**

We will gather to hear the Transition Team’s (Janice Griffin, Marty Haskell, Tim Roberts, Pat Jones, Brien Dyer, and Andrea McGriff) final report. Please plan to attend this important meeting and hear a summary of the data they have collected over the past few months. The meeting will be made available over Zoom (link to be shared closer to the date) and a simple lunch will be provided.

**Sunday, June 18 after worship - Congratulations to Our Graduates!**

Rachel Banks (University of Dayton), on May 7<sup>th</sup>

Zayn Van Luvender (Northmont High School) on May 21<sup>st</sup>

Allison Fletcher (Northmont High School) on May 21<sup>st</sup>

are graduating this year! We will honor their accomplishments with a reception after worship (before you go out to celebrate Father’s Day!).

**From Mel and Sondra Elliott:** Mel and I want to thank everyone for your support and kindness shown to us during the tragic loss of our daughter, Michele. There aren’t enough gracious words to express our gratitude and thankfulness to have a Church Family as caring and kind as all of you. God’s Spirit is certainly alive in this congregation. Also, we want to thank everyone for the comfort we received through your prayers, cards, donations, and participation in Michele’s service. It was beautiful. I know you will continue to be there for us as we face new challenges along the way. Love you all!

**Birthdays:** We would like to start including member’s birthdays in the weekly updates and bulletin. **If you want to OPT out of having your birthday listed – please e-mail [lclauser@ymail.com](mailto:lclauser@ymail.com) (Laura Clauser-Roberts) by the end of May**, otherwise we will include you. All we will list is the month, date and your name. Should you find your birthday MISSING, or the date is incorrect – again please let Laura know so she can update the Church records.

**Prayer Requests**

Please pray for: Drew, 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.



**Finance Committee**

**Year to Date**

YTD (Jan/April) budgeted income	\$ 51,106.60
YTD (Jan/April) actual income	\$ 50,189.86
Over/<short>	\$ <916.74>

In addition – we budgeted \$3,800 coming in for Lent/Easter that also covers budgeted expenses. However so far we have only received \$2,711 donated as Lent/Easter income – so this is an additional **shortage counted on of <\$1,089>**.

**Total shortage of anticipated income YTD is <\$2,005.74>** and we are entering the summer months when income is normally lower (but expenses do not go away).

\*The monthly figures reported in our bulletin reflect the three main line items of our approved budget that pay the majority of our monthly bills. These line items include: envelopes, contributions and loose offerings, or 83% of our total income.

For your convenience, your offerings can also be sent electronically.

## **Outreach Update**

### **April Numbers**

Our Food Pantry served 14 families.

Pantry expenditures: \$300.00

Food Bank Contributions: 743 Pounds

Donations: 106 Pounds

Our Welcome Home Ministry helped 6 families.

Our 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Ministry served an average of 70 people.

### **MAY NEEDS**

#### **Food Pantry**

canned corn  
deodorant  
toilet paper  
canned meat  
pasta sauce  
jelly

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**

sunglasses  
soap

#### **Welcome Home**

small pots and pans  
deodorant  
toothpaste  
twin or double sheets (lightly used)  
drinking glasses  
coffee cups

# Spring Cleanup and Mulch Day in May at NRLC!



## Calling all helping hands!

It's that time of year again when the church grounds need some TLC. We need **YOUR** help to clean up the church grounds, remove weeds, prepare landscape beds and mulching. Add your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet which you will find on the table at the back of the church. **OR** you can personally reserve your space on the team by calling Dave West at 937.475.5254.

- **When:** Saturday May 20
- **Time:** 9 a.m. – Noon
- **What to Bring:** Gardening gloves, rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows (if you have them), brooms and leaf blowers. (Be sure to mark your tools with your last name)
- We will provide water and juice and for those that arrive a little early may find a sweet surprise or two!



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April 17, 2023

Dear Chris, Faye, and the North Riverdale Lutheran Church Community:

Please receive this letter of gratitude on behalf of the MVHO PATH team and our entire agency and accept our apologies for the tardiness of same.

Once again, this past holiday season, our clients literally felt the warm embrace of your congregation in the form of winter jackets, boots, hats, gloves, socks, etc.

Symbolically, our clients were even more moved by the fact that someone cared for them when they thought they were alone.

As always, the MVHO PATH team appreciates our partnership with the congregation at North Riverdale Lutheran Church and look forward to your continued prayers and support as well as the house-warming baskets, Christmas parcels, etc.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andy".

MVHO PATH team (Amy, Andy, Heather)