

April 2011

Gloria Dei Parish Caller

Eksjo * Houghlum * Strandvik

Dear Sisters and Brothers Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

How hard it must have been for Jesus to repeatedly find his disciples sleeping as he prayed so fervently in the garden on the night on which he was betrayed. The precise time he so desperately needed them—their wakeful presence and encouragement, he found them sleeping, oblivious of his need. How hard it must have been to be betrayed by one of his very own, with a kiss, no less! How hard it must have been to be “arrested” by night by a misinformed mob and abandoned by his disintegrating disciples. Did he see and hear Peter out in the courtyard of Caiaphas’ house as he himself was tried and convicted by a kangaroo court of supposedly holy and righteous men? Was it but one more nail through his flesh as Peter, not once, not twice, but three times denied even knowing Jesus? How hard must it have been for Jesus to have the people who should have known God’s word and God’s ways best, not comprehending his truth, the very truth of God, and denouncing him and his self-giving, God-serving ministry?

After stripping him, mocking him, and beating him, they led Jesus away to be crucified—to be hung on a cross, nailed to its timbers—until he died. . . . How hard must have it been to remain faithful to God—which was to love even those oppressing him, when the very ones he had come to save, were rejecting him and his sacrifice? Even as Jesus labored for breath on the cross, they spit their venomous tirades toward him. How alone and defeated he must have felt.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” . . . Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, . . .
[Matthew 27:45-46, 50-52a]

How hard it must have been for Jesus.

Often, I find myself asking, “How could those people have been so cruel to Jesus?” But, if I were half as perceptive as I tend to think of myself, I would be asking, instead, “Am I really all that different from them? Would I have been the only human to stand beside him? Or, would I have been there with hammer in hand?”

As we look at ourselves this Lenten season, perhaps we all need to ask, “Are my thoughts *and* my actions with Jesus? If the world put me on trial for such an offense, could they find enough evidence to convict me?”

Am I walking with Jesus, or am I standing with a hammer ready to drive the nails home into that cross? Am I ready and willing to follow Jesus even when it is hard, even when the way seems confusing, even when it means death? Barbara Brown Taylor writes:

Lord, I believe, but help thou my unbelief, because I still do not want to die. I believe Jesus has the power to raise the dead, only I do not want him practicing on me. I want a God who will cut my losses and cushion my failures, a God who will grant me a life free from pain. I want a God who will rescue me from death, who will delete it from the human experience and find another way to operate.

What I, what all of us, have instead is a God who resurrects us from the dead, putting an end to it by working through it instead of around it—creating life in the midst of grief, creating love in the midst of loss, creating faith in the midst of despair—resurrecting us from our big and little deaths, showing us by his own example that the only road to Easter morning runs smack through Good Friday.
[Barbara Brown Taylor, *Christian Century*, March 13, 1996]

Indeed, how hard it must have been for Jesus to die for a person like me. . . . But, he did. Thanks be to God! Take care and God bless!

Yours in Christ,

Randy Whitehead

Pastor, Gloria Dei Lutheran Parish

Your Council

Eksjo

Meets the 2nd Tuesday monthly 7:00 pm

Jay Brown President
Tom Kleven Vice-President
Melanie Hanson Secretary
Jeff Sanborn Treasurer
Marlene Johnson
David Larson
Mike Moeller
Holly Christianson
Tim Brandt

Houglum

Council meets 1st Tuesday, 7 pm

President: Bernie Rosman
Vice President: Darrel Montieth
Secretary : Marilyn Anderson
Treasurer: Lonna Musolf

Other Council Members:

Katie O'Connell, Morris Anderson,
Arlyn Anderson, Bev Montieth, and
Dorothy Rosman

Strandvik

Meets 10 am 2nd Saturday of March, May,
Aug, September, November & in January
after the annual meeting

Sherwood Olson President
Dorothy Harsh Vice President
Janet Dahlgren Secretary
Ila Mae Lindstrom Treasurer
Lyle Dahlgren
Bruce Jacobson

Parish Cabinet Representatives

Meets on the 4th Tuesday
January, March, May, August & October

Eksjo

Diane Midthune
Marlene Johnson
Ruth Lerud
Tom Kleven

Houglum

Bernie Rosman
Dorothy Rosman

Strandvik

Janet Dahlgren
Lyle Dahlgren

Houglum News & Notes

1ST TUESDAY/MONTHLY

Council meets April thru December

Houglum Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 5th
at 7:00 p.m.

6-7:00 pm on Wed., April 6th—Lenten Supper.
Lenten worship to follow @ 7:00 pm.

Houglum's Annual Meatball Supper is on
Sunday, April 17th from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm

Strandvik News & Notes...

1st SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Potluck Dinner following the service. Please join us!

OUR FAMILY BAR CODES

Strandvik is collecting bar codes again. For every 500 collected
we receive \$25 plus a \$25 coupon.

**Strandvik will have their Potluck on April 3rd
after the worship service.**

**Strandvik Council meets next on Sat., May 14th
at 10:00 am., but Synod Assembly might change
meeting dates and time.**

**6-7:00 pm on Wed., April 13th—Lenten supper at
Strandvik. Worship service to follow at 7:00 pm.**

Eksjo News & Notes

Eksjo Website www.eksjolutheranchurch.org

SECOND TUESDAY MONTHLY EKSJO COUNCIL

Eksjo Council meets @ 7 pm on April 12th.

**5:30-6:30 pm Last Confirmation Meeting for the year
for 7,8,& 9th Grades @ Houglum on April 6th.**

Easter Schedule @ Eksjo

Maundy Thursday Service is at 7:00 pm, April 21st

Good Friday Service is at 7:00 pm, April 22nd

Easter Sunrise Service is at 6:30 am, April 24th

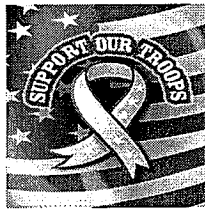
Youth Group is @ Eksjo on April 27th @ 6:00 pm

**No Men's Bible study on April 23rd and the last
Men's Bible study for the season is April 30th.**

Prayer concerns will be listed in the weekly worship
bulletin for up to one month and will then be
removed. Families can request names be to remain
longer, if needed.

Remembering Those Serving in the Military and/or Peace Corps

Our churches are family units. Together we are very proud of and concerned for those who are serving our nation and our world in these service organizations. We would like to list all of the men and women connected to our parish congregations and possibly provide a mailing address for each so that parish members can send a note of thanks or encouragement from time to time. If you have a parent or sibling, a child or grandchild in the military or Peace Corps, we would very much like you to inform the Parish office and get permission for us to publish their names and addresses. Thank you, in advance, for your help!



Thank You

Church Basement Ladies Event

On behalf of the 40 + women who attended the outing on Saturday, March 26th, we would like to say thank you.

Thank you to Melanie and Abby for all of your creativity, organizing, and planning of the outing for us. Thank you to Becky Mitchell for her assistance through the Holmes Center.

Val and Carol how nice of you to share your time and talents by making us aprons— 45 aprons!

The play made us laugh and cry. It reminded us of what a special group we belong to—The Church Basement Ladies!

The men seemed to be doing a pretty good job of running the kitchen on Sunday too. Not only do “many hands make light labor” it also creates many friendships. Our Eksjo church family is really a treasure.



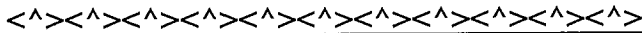
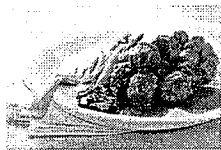
Houglum's Annual Meatball Supper

Sunday, April 17th

11:00 am to 1:30 pm

Cost: Adults—\$8, Children 6-12—\$4

Children 5 and under are Free



St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Annual Fish Dinner

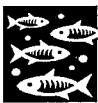
Alaskan Pollock (All You Can Eat)

Saturday, April 30, 2011

4:00 pm—7:00 pm

Adults- \$7, Children 6-12 \$3.50

Children 5 and under Free



Dear Ladies,

Thank you so much for remembering me. It was so wonderful. Thanks especially to the two ladies that made the aprons. I love it. Everything was so great, seeing everyone makes me lonesome even more.

Thanks again,
God Bless you all,
Love,
June Winings

Thanks from the friends of Henry Bowan

Thanks to all the caring people from Eksjo, Strandvik, and Houglum who gave memorials, served the meal, or visited with Henry over the last few months.

Special thanks to Pastor Randy for his kind words.

God Bless You All,
Henry's Friends

Upcoming Youth Opportunities

2012 Youth Gathering is returning to New Orleans. Will you Be There? Sign up for more info by calling the Parish Office 238-5762



Calling All Eksjo Kids...It's Time to Register for Bible Camp!

Families can of course choose to send their children to any week, but here are the dates when car-pooling will be more coordinated and more of our kids will be there. Families may register by picking up a form at Eksjo or by going online to—www.pathwaysbiblecamps.com. You are responsible for the deposit of \$100 for full & half week camps and \$ 25 for the half-pint day. Scholarships are also available through Pathways for early applicants who have financial need by calling 218-751-4208. After registering your child, please notify the church office.

March 15 is the early bird deadline.

Early registration campers will also receive \$20 off a full week of camp or \$10 off a half-week.

Half-Pint Camps	Entering K—2	July 15
Elementary Mini Camp:	Entering grades 2-3	July 13-15 (wed-fri)
Elementary Classic	Entering grades 4-5	August 7-12
Middle School Classic	Entering grades 6-7	July 24-29
Jr.High Classic	Entering grades 8-9	July 31-Aug 5
Wet & Wilderness	Entering grades 7-9	August 7-12

Senior High Students, Grades 9-12, have a variety of programs to choose from: Mission on the Homefront, Faith Paddlers, or Houseboat.

We will try to help coordinate rides. Children can choose one person to be a "cabin mate", but they each need to put the other person's name on their registration form.

Eksjo is hoping to pay about one-half of the cost for camp for each child who is a member of Eksjo.

**St. Mary's Foundation is pleased to present
Autism in Adulthood: Support for Success
on Friday, April 8, 2011
12:00 Noon—1:30 p.m.**

Essentia Health St. Mary's
Hospital Conference Rooms A&B
1017 Washignton Ave., Detroit Lakes
Speaker: Diane McCormack, MS, OTR/L
Please reserve your spot by calling (218) 844-0719

Eksjo's Fair Trade Coffee Project

Put your faith into action by supporting Eksjo's Fair Trade Coffee Project. By purchasing organic fair trade coffee, tea, nuts and chocolate you are supporting small-scale farmers in countries like Uganda, Nicaragua, Sri Lanka and Peru, as they earn a fair price, provide for their families and care for the environment. Check out the display in the basement. New items are Chamomile tea – known for calming the mind and promoting restful sleep; and Green Tea with Jasmine- great for the immune system. Products on display are priced and payment is through the honor system by placing your money in the envelope on the display table. Prices are significantly less than Starbucks or other coffee chains. Save money and support Lutheran World Relief's Coffee Project. Thank You

Take A Journey Of Love during the six Lenten weeks

First Week: The Hand Of Love—Write a letter a day to a friend, near or far away (not relatives). Tell someone how much you appreciate him or her.

Second Week: The Voice Of Love—Telephone two or three people each day for a short chat just to say what they mean to you or say "Thank you" or "I'm sorry." Call people you've intended to phone but somehow never have.

Third Week: The Deed Of Love—Do something for two or three friends who mean much to you, but for whom you rarely express your love—go out for coffee, have a pot-luck, offer to help with spring cleaning, bring them a favorite book or a magazine they'd like, visit a shut-in. Help someone you know who could use a hand.

Fourth Week: The Heart Of Love—Make a list of at least ten people for whom you will pray daily. Include your friends, your enemies, those you don't like. Forgive them if they have wronged you, and ask forgiveness if you have wronged them.

Fifth Week: The Mind Of Love—Use this week to pray for yourself and look inward. Read the book of John. Seek to learn God's will for you. Remember to thank Him for your blessings, name them. Ask for strength, peace, patience, joy, and love.

Sixth Week: The Victory Of Love—This is the week of celebration. God's love for us is revealed in many ways. Get out of doors and breathe in the air of spring. Have friends in for dinner and games. Let your joy be full with life abundant in faith, hope, and love.

**St. Mary's Foundation is pleased to present
"Workplace Personalities"
Wednesday, April 6, 2011
12:00 Noon—1:00 p.m.**

**The Fireside in Detroit Lakes
Speaker: Dawn Kaiser
The Village Family Service Center
Gain helpful tips and techniques for
effective interaction.**

Please reserve your spot by calling (218) 844-0719

FLOOD PLANS

Emmanuel Community and Union Central are preparing to accommodate residents from the Fargo and Moorhead Evergreens assisted living if the flood requires evacuation. If evacuation occurs we will need volunteers to

assist with: friendly visits, playing card & table games, meal time assistance, receptionist duties, hair care, manicures, and assisting with childcare (F/M employees children)

In addition to volunteers we will need the following items loaned: single beds with or without linens, floor lamps, TVs, clock radios, and recliners.

The river is expected to crest late March or early April.

For more information or to volunteer contact Barb Schiller at 218-844-7162 or email: barbschiller@ecumen.org

Rita Arola

Administrative Specialist

Emmanuel Community

1415 Madison Avenue

Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

218-844-7180

Dear Family & Friends,

Once again the waters of the Red River are rising and threatening the Fargo/ Moorhead area. While we are not at immediate risk of flooding here at Sunnyside, we may possibly be impacted by it. In 2009, the flood waters forced nursing homes in Fargo/ Moorhead to evacuate. Some of those evacuees came to Sunnyside. This year, if the nursing homes are forced to evacuate once again, Sunnyside will be stepping up and taking evacuees. Due to the emergent nature of the flood, we may receive more evacuees than we have staff to care for. Because of this possibility, we are calling on our community to support Sunnyside in our effort to help the people of Fargo/ Moorhead. Volunteers will be asked to do things such as make beds, serve meals and visit with residents and evacuees so our caregivers can concentrate their efforts on what they do best. In preparation we are building a call list of volunteers in case of the emergency. If you are interested in helping, please call Sunnyside @ 218.439.3831 or 218.238.5944, we'll be happy to add you to our call list.

Thank you for your continued support of Sunnyside Care Center!

Best regards, Blaine Gamst

Executive Director

Lutheran Social Service Minnesota Adoption

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota Adoption: Join us to learn about the exciting opportunities and recent changes in adoption. Discover the tools and support for families who would like a flexible, proactive adoption process, and learn how LSS can partner with you to grow your family. LSS can help families adopt children locally and from countries around the world. Call Lynne Haggart at (612) 879-5230 or 1-888-205-3769 to register for the 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. meeting at the Clay County Service Center (located at 715 North 11th Street, Moorhead) on **Thursday, May 12, 2011** For more information, or to register online, visit www.minnesotaadoption.org.

Eksjo Sunday School

Our Sunday School teachers have been working hard to prepare a wonderful program for your kids, but we need to have your kids here at church. We have class levels K-6th grade. Hope to see your little ones here on Sunday, signing up is easy, we have room for all who would like to attend. Any questions please call Janet Olson at 238-5594. Parents: it's also a great time for fellowship while the kids are in class. Join us downstairs in the fellowship hall for coffee and goodies.



St. Peter's Lutheran Church Annual Rummage Sale

Saturday, April 30, 2011

9:00 am—7:00 pm

Coffee, barbecues, bars, and donuts
Downstairs in the Gathering Room



TeachHaiti News

The following groups will continue to support their TeachHaiti child for the school year 2010-1011: Sunday School, Youth Group, Kindred Sisters, Men's Group, and WELCA.

Could you also support a child? For \$30/month you could change a life. Please prayerfully scrutinize your family budget for a way to re-route \$30 each month. Send your donations to: TeachHaiti, P.O. Box 1173, Detroit Lakes, MN. 56502-1173
Thank you for helping to make a difference.

Nursing Home Ministry

Please remember our faithful brothers and sisters in area nursing homes & care facilities, in prayer and with visits or cards!

Hawley Manor
 923 5th St, Hawley, MN 56549
 Myrtle Rian
 Esther Luthi

Viking Manor
 Wallace Jacobson
 317 1st St NW
 Ulen, MN 56585

Bethany Homes
 201 University Dr. S
 Fargo, ND 56501
 Solveig Bodin

Sunnyside
 16561 US Hwy 10
 Lake Park MN 56554
 Elaine Larson
 Aldwin Anderson
 Evelyn Swanstrom

Anyone New? Please contact the parish office with this information. Thank you!

Join the F.B.I. - Elementary Youth Kindergarden—6th grade
 After School Bible Club Wednesdays, 3:30—5:00 pm
 Eksjo Lutheran Church



Parents we are in need of either food or money donations for our our Wednesday FBI program. If you can help in either way there is a sign up sheet in the kitchen or talk to Laura, Diane, or Dot. Thank You
 FBI meets on April 13th, 20th, & 27rd this month.
 Note: FBI does not meet Wed. April 6th

Confirmation

Note: Last Confirmation Meeting is at Houghlum on April 6th. Classes are from 5:30-6:30pm for 7,8,& 9th Grades.

What to bring: Your Bible, homework, etc.

Please don't forget to sign in at church when you come to worship. Also, look at your Acolyte schedule, if you are unable to be at church and you are scheduled to acolyte please find a replacement .



Breaking Bread Together

Our Parish ministry to the Dorothy Day House of Hospitality in Moorhead needs volunteers! Our Parish serves dinner on the 4th Monday each month for 12-15 people who are working to rebuild their lives. **The sign up sheet is on the fridge at Eksjo** or you can call the church office to sign up to serve, 238-5762. Thank you for servant hearts.

Please take a look at the new sign up sheet for 2011 on the fridge downstairs at Eksjo. Thank you! April volunteers are Janelle Crabtree and DeeAnn Wolfswinkel

Up Coming Area Events

Lake Park Senior Club's next meeting will be April 12th at 1:30 pm. Sunnyside will be offering free blood pressure checks and the guest speakers will be Robert and Judy Thompson.

Join us on Saturday, April 9th from 9 am—11 am at the Cormorant Town Hall for the Diabetes Walk for a Cure. There is no entry fee, but all walkers are encouraged to raise money or make a donation toward this project. All Proceeds raised will go to support diabetes research. Teams are encouraged! For more information contact Lori Olson at 218-238-5944 or 218-532-3664 or e-mail: LoriOlson@ecumen.org.

Essentia Health St. Mary's has **cancelled** the following event "What's New in Joint Replacement" which was to be held on Mon., April 4th from 12:00 noon—1:00 pm.

44th Annual Hawley Community Art Show

Friday April 1st from 1-9 pm
Saturday April 2nd from 9 am-9 pm
Sunday April 3rd from 11 am-4 pm

God Spa For Women !

Spend a weekend at Luther Crest pampering yourself and enjoying Massage, Reflexology, Ion Cleanse, Sign-Chi-Do, Meditation, Prayer and Wii Fit

April 29-May 1, 2011

For information and registration go to www.luthercrest.org or call the Luther Crest office at 320-846-2431

Our God Reigns Christian Youth Group Meeting At Eksjo!

OGR is primarily a fellowship group for 7th-12th grade students It meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Twice a month we'll share a meal together, have a fun activity and great Christian fellowship! Bring a friend!

Prayer Chain

We believe in the power of prayer! Our prayer chain is confidential. Please call Mary Jo at 238-6060 if you have a prayer request or to be added to the prayer chain. We take email, too! Email Mary Jo at cupajo28@hotmail.com or the office, gloriadei@loretel.net to be included.



Women's Studies

Eksjo's Eunice Bible Study

We will no longer be meeting on a regular basis. Meetings to be announced in the bulletin insert or monthly newsletter.

Eksjo's Kindred Sisters

Usually meet on the 4th Saturday of the month @ 8:30 am for breakfast and fellowship/Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall at Eksjo.

This month we meet on Saturday, April 30th @ 8:30am. We will continue our study in our new book "Calm My Anxious Heart" By Linda Dillow.

2011 Flood News

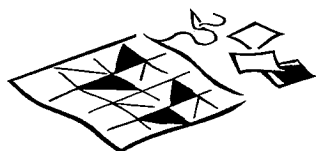
Flood Volunteers Needed

First Lutheran Church of Fargo has agreed to prepare sandwiches for the Salvation Army to be used in the up-coming flood event along the Red River. This operation will take place Monday through Saturday on the even days of the week. First Lutheran needs groups of 8-10 people who can volunteer for 2-4 hours per day, depending on the demand for sandwiches from the Salvation Army. If you would like to volunteer (or bring a group from your congregation to volunteer), please call the church at 701-235-7389 and leave your name (s), phone no.(s) and email address(es). Please call ahead as indicated above; please do not simply "show up" at First Lutheran.

Calling all quilters and wanna be's

Eksjo quilters meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month from 6:30—8:30 pm. We have also begun meeting one Saturday a month from 10 am—3 pm, with a break for potluck lunch. If you enjoy sewing or want to learn, this is a great opportunity. Still can't make it and want to help? We also have bundles of quilt squares you can take home to sew at your leisure and bring back.

We will be meeting in
April on the 4th, 18th, and
after the Kindred Sisters Bible Study on
Saturday the 30th starting at 10:00 am.



Happy Birthday April

- 1 Ruth Larson
- 1 Korey Smigelsky
- 3 Teresa Aamodt
- 3 Cory Christianson
- 4 Keven Anderson
- 5 Marlene Johnson
- 5 Marion Olson
- 7 Mary Lass
- 8 Parker Amundson
- 8 Jesse Wixo
- 10 Rachel Collins
- 11 Thomas Schauer
- 12 Logan Gage
- 12 DeForrest Nelson
- 13 Teresa Nelson
- 14 Donald Harsh
- 14 Jackson Nelson
- 15 Inadel Gunnarson
- 15 Christina Phengdouangdeth
- 16 Samantha Anglin
- 17 Randall Alland
- 18 Cody Larson
- 19 Lyle Dahlgren
- 19 Wallace Jacobson
- 21 April Newton
- 21 Cole Wixo
- 22 Diane Midthune
- 22 Michael Mikkelson
- 23 Nathan Larson
- 25 Alison Knox
- 25 Simon Nelson
- 28 Agnes Gross
- 28 Kody Johnson
- 28 Craig Schmitt
- 28 Wyatt Wixo
- 29 Walker Charboneau
- 30 Marilyn Anderson



April Choir Schedule

Next practice is Sunday, April 10th
@ 8:30 am, with them possibly sing-
ing at the 9:45am service.
More information to follow in your
bulletins.

Practice—April 20th @ 7:00 pm

The choir will sing on Easter
Sunday, April 24th.



Free Youth Concert

Music Drama Fun

Saturday, April 9th @ 7:00 pm

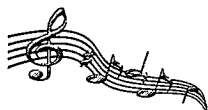
Detroit Lakes High School

www.nlmo.org/youth

Bands playing

Agony of Apathy

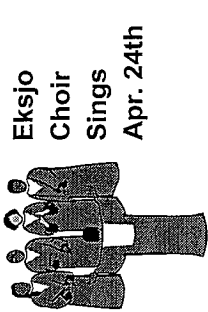

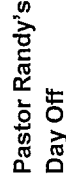



John and Eunice Fegely



Happy Birthday, to you...

April 2011

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

 <p>Eksjo Choir Sings Apr. 24th</p>						<p>2 8:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Eksjo 6:30 pm Levin/Midthune Wedding</p>
<p>3 8:30 am Houghlum; SS 9:30 am 9:45 am Eksjo, SS 11:00 am 11:15 am Strandvik 12:15 pm Strandvik Potluck</p>	<p>4 6:30 pm Eksjo Quilters</p>	<p>5 7:00 pm Houghlum Council Meeting</p>	<p>6 No FBI this week 5:30-6:20 pm Last Confirmation Meeting At Houghlum - 7, 8, 9th Grades 6:00 pm Lenten Supper @ Houghlum 7:00 pm Lenten Worship Service @ Houghlum</p>	<p>7 am Sunnyside Visitation</p>	<p>8 Pastor Randy's Day Off</p>	<p>9 8:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Eksjo</p>
<p>10 8:30 am Houghlum; SS 9:30 am 9:45 am Eksjo; SS 11:00 am 11:15 am Strandvik</p>	<p>11 am Bethany Homes Visitation</p>	<p>12 9:00 am Northside Terrace Bible Study 11:00 am Pastor's Text Study in D.L. 7:00 pm Eksjo Council Meeting</p>	<p>13 3:30-5:00 pm FBI 6-7:00 pm Lenten Supper @ Strandvik 7:00 pm Lenten Worship @ Strandvik</p>	<p>14 8:00 am Hawley Ministerium 9:00 am Hawley Manor & area visitation 2:00 pm Hawley Manor Worship</p>	<p>15 Pastor Randy's Day Off</p>	<p>16 8:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Eksjo</p>
<p>17 Palm Sunday 8:30 am Houghlum; SS 9:30 am 9:45 am Eksjo; SS 11:00 am 11:15 am Strandvik 11:00 am - 1:30 pm Houghlum's Annual Meatball Dinner</p>	<p>18 6:30 pm Eksjo Quilters</p>	<p>19 Am Detroit Lakes Visitation 11:00 am Pastor's Text Study In D.L.</p>	<p>20 3:30-5:00 pm FBI 7:00 pm Choir practice @ Eksjo</p>	<p>21 Maundy Thursday 10:00 am Sunnyside Worship 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship @ Eksjo </p>	<p>22 Good Friday 7:00 pm Good Friday Worship @ Eksjo </p>	<p>23 No Men's Bible Study @ Eksjo</p>
<p>24 Happy Easter  6:30 am Eksjo, Sunrise Service 8:30 am Houghlum; SS 9:30 am 9:45 am Eksjo; SS 11:00 am 11:15 am Strandvik</p>	<p>25 6:00 pm Dorothy Day House Supper</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 3:30-5:00 pm FBI 6:00 pm Youth Group @ Eksjo</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Pastor Randy's Day Off</p>	<p>30 8:00 am Last Men's Bible Study for the Season @ Eksjo 8:30 am Kindred Sisters BS @ Eksjo</p>

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Change Service Requested



Lenten Worship Services

April 6th, 7:00 pm @ Houglum
 April 13th, 7:00 pm @ Strandvik

Maundy Thursday Service

April 21st, 7:00 pm @ Eksjo

Good Friday Service

April 22nd, 7:00 pm @ Eksjo

Easter Worship Services

April 24th

Sunrise Service 6:30 am @ Eksjo

8:30 am @ Houglum

9:45 am @ Eksjo

11:15 am @ Strandvik

April Worship Schedule

8:30 Houglum

9:30 SS

9:45 Eksjo 11 SS

11:15 Strandvik

Readers

April 3
 April 10
 April 17
 April 24

Houglum

Margo Lanigan
 Bernie Rosman
 Trystin Lanigan
 Darrel Montieth

Eksjo

Keven Anderson
 Marlene Johnson
 Lynn Sanborn
 Jean Olson

Strandvik

Rene Fuss
 DeLoyne Nelson
 Sherwood Olson
 Marion Jacobson

Acolytes

E (3) Garrett Munson & Mason Swegarden (6) (Ash Wed-7:00 pm @ Houglum)
 To be announced (10) Brady Mann & Cheyanne Nelson
 (13)(Wed. -7:00 pm @ Strandvik) To be announced
 (17) Keagan Block & Jessie Swegarden (21) (Thur.-7:00 pm @ Eksjo) Taylor
 Carlson & Ryan Olson (22) (Fri.—7:00 pm @ Eksjo) Samuel Whitehead &
 Chance Lefebvre (24) (Sunrise Service @ Eksjo—6:30 am) Jacob Torblaa
 (24) (Sunday Worship @ Eksjo—9:45 am) Jaelyn Revere & Lilly Ness

H Trystin Lanigan

Altar Guild

E Melanie Hanson, Laura Bergren, and Sherri LeFebvre
 S Roberta Erickson

Colors:

April 3 & 10 — Purple April 17, 21—Red April 22—Altar is stripped April 24—White

Ushers

Houglum

Arlyn Anderson

Eksjo

Vance Larson—Head Usher, Rand Alland, Travis Amundson, Phil Schloemer

Strandvik

Duane Olson