

THE PARISH VOICE

Our Savior's

Skogdalen

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Pastoral Perspectives

SO WHAT?

That's the question that is on the wall during confirmation this Lent. We are watching the Jesus movie and every so often I stop the video and ask the kids -SO WHAT?

So what's happening? Who is involved? What is Jesus up to?

These questions allow us to "dig" into scripture in a way that is familiar with the kids and it also allows me to give them some insight into what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Other "So Whats" are directed at the kids.

SO WHAT does it have to do with you? SO WHAT does it matter? SO WHAT other questions do you have?

My hope is that the kids will become comfortable enough with me and other adults to be willing to ask the questions of life and faith that they are struggling with. My goal for our confirmation kids is that they continue what began in Baptism – a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Come to think about it this is true for all of us!

In our baptism we are embraced in the waters of God's Love; we then grow in our awareness of Jesus' complete vulnerability through his teachings, death and resurrection and we are encouraged and challenged by the Holy Spirit to be vulnerable and open to grappling with our own SO WHATS.

SO WHAT does it mean in my work, school, friendships?

SO WHAT does it mean in my view and use of time and money?

SO WHAT does it mean in my interaction with others?

SO WHAT does it mean?

I invite you to grapple with your SO WHAT'S this Lenten Season.

In God's Surprising Grace,

John



HOLY HILARITY

A guy is drowning and a boat comes. Do you need saving? No, God will save me! A second boat comes. Another guy asks "do you need help"? No God will save me. A third boat comes, do you need saving? No God will save me. So the guy gets to heaven and asks God why didn't you save me? Dude, I sent you 3 boats.



OS USHERS FOR MARCH

Head Usher: Howard Langhus
Balcony: Peter Leum



Youth

ALTAR CARE: Jayne Anderson

COMMUNION CARE: Cindy Langhus & Brenda Olson



MEMORIALS



Harlan Johnson

General



LAST MONTH'S OFFERINGS:



	Offerings, Memorials	Other Income	Attendance
Feb 3	\$3,709.51 (*\$1440)	\$ 500.00	119
Feb 10	\$1,769.79 (*\$300)	\$ 1,550.00	118
Feb 13	\$ 595.00		23/76
Feb 17	\$4,443.27 (*\$1930)	\$ 3,204.00	151
Feb 20	\$ 700.00		20/68
Feb 24	\$1,601.00 (*250)	\$ 50.00	146

*Auto Giving included in Total

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**If there is anyone in need of pastoral care or visits, please contact the church office at 634-4871.**

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PAPERLESS NEWSLETTERS

As a reminder, if you would like to receive your newsletter electronically rather than by paper copy, please call the church office or send an e-mail to oursav@mwt.net , letting us know your wishes, and providing your e-mail address.

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**WEB SITE UPDATE:**

Our new website address is as follows:

[www.oursav-skogdalen.org](http://www.oursav-skogdalen.org)

We have now added the newsletter as well as the church calendar. Make sure to check it out.

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 9:00 to 4:00

TYPICAL OFFICE HOURS FOR PASTOR JOHN

Monday: Available in the morning and afternoon
 Tuesday: Bible Study in morning, available most afternoons
 Wednesday: Office in the morning, available most afternoons
 Thursday: Office in the morning, available most afternoons
 Friday: Sabbath/Day Off

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**EASTER SCHEDULE**

10:00 a.m. Maundy Wednesday Service at OS's  
 7:00 p.m. Maundy Wednesday Service at OS's  
 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service at Skogdalen  
 1:15 p.m. Good Friday Service at WCP  
 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at OS's  
 7:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast at OS's  
 9:00 a.m. Easter Service at Skogdalen  
 10:30 a.m. Easter Service at OS's

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ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

If you are caring for someone with Alzheimer's or other dementia, come and join us on Monday, March 4, 2013 at 4 p.m at the Kirkeeng Room, Bethel Home, 614 South Rock, Viroqua, WI

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**SKOGDALEN ANNUAL MEETING**  
**January 27, 2013**

Meeting was called to order at 10:20 with prayer by President Annette McHenry with 23 voting members present.

Secretary's Report was read by Jan and approved as read.  
Treasurer's Report was given by Lisa. She noted how little we had taken in for the Fuel Fund this year. Report was approved as given.

The following reports were given:

WELCA by Terry Gilbeck  
Ruth Circle by Emy Quaal for Marilyn Scharping  
Altar Fund by Annette McHenry  
Memorial Fund & Maintenance Fund by Nancy Graw  
SS and Youth Accounts by Jan Letterly  
Cemetery Ass'n by Jan Letterly Archie Rundhaugen

Having done the auditing, Nancy questioned the Cemetery Report. Therefore motion was made and carried to approve all reports except Cemetery.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Window coverings were discussed, and the urgency of getting the job completed before something happens to the stain glass windows. Joe, Glen, Richard, John, Loren, & Matt all volunteered to help.

After studying the Cemetery Report, Nancy concluded that the figures were last year's and hadn't gotten changed. She gave the corrected figures. Motion was made and carried to accept Cemetery Report with corrections.

Sharon noted that they are still considering their options regarding new church signs or possibly having the old metal ones refurbished. This is being done with her mother's memorial money.

Screws and preservative on the ramp have been completed.

Our insurance, through Acuity, is \$1,509 and comes due in April. We will be looking into other companies for possible better rates.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Water on bathroom floor needs to be looked into and taken care of. Fundraisers and what causes to support were discussed. Motion was made and carried to pass a 2<sup>nd</sup> jar a month. Pastor John then suggested a committee to brainstorm for fundraisers and present ideas to Council. Heather, Heidi, Dennis, Annette, & Lisa volunteered.

Lisa read a letter she had working on to go out to all members regarding giving, last year's expenses, and projected expenses for this year and next. Motion was made and carried that the letter be sent to all members.

It was noted that there is a lot of stuff in the balcony that could probably be gotten rid of. One Sunday in the near future things will be brought down after services to be taken, tossed, or given away.

List of nominations was read by Heidi Brueggeman.

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| President           | Annette McHenry   |
| Vice President      | Matt Euler        |
| Secretary           | Jan Letterly      |
| Financial Secretary | Archie Rundhaugen |
| Treasurer           | Lisa Mellen       |

Deacons and trustees were listed but as noted earlier, we no longer have these designations with the new constitution. So we now have:

|                                               |      |
|-----------------------------------------------|------|
| Yvonne Gerlach & Gary Gilbeck, terms expiring | 2014 |
| Bob Marsh & John Opsahl                       | 2015 |
| Marilyn Mellen & Richard Mellen               | 2016 |

Board of Education:

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| Heidi Brueggeman (replacing Annette) | 2014 |
| Rhonda Berg                          | 2015 |
| Terry Gilbeck                        | 2016 |

Cemetery Board:

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|-------------------|------|
| Amy Mellen        | 2014 |
| Ryan Letterly     | 2015 |
| Archie Rundhaugen | 2016 |

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| Maintenance Fund      | Nancy Graw                         |
| Memorial Fund         | Nancy Graw                         |
| Auditors              | Nancy Graw & Yvonne Gerlach        |
| Altar Committee       | Annette McHenry, Eric & Amy Mellen |
| Bethel Home Delegate  | Gwen Siverhus                      |
| LX Synod Delegate     | Matt Euler                         |
| Hunger Committee      | Dennis Letterly                    |
| SS Superintendents    | Heather Euler, Hilary Marlowe      |
| Sugar Creek Delegates | Heather Euler, Heidi Brueggeman    |
| Head Usher            | Randy Letterly                     |

**OUR SAVIOR’S SOUPER BREAD SUPPER**

On Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> we will have a soup tasting event to raise funds for the youth. Come and taste a variety of soups & breads, and vote on your favorite soup. We will be serving 4:00-8:00. The cost is \$5.00, plus \$1.50 for pie & ice cream.

Motion was made and carried to approve all nominations. Heidi consented to continuing on Nominating.

If anyone is interested in contributing a soup, specialty bread or a pie, please contact Barb or Corey Christenson 608-632-0993 or 608-634-2067.

Pastor John requested that we start services at 9:00 instead of 9:15 to give him a little more time to greet people and get back to town. Motion was made and carried to begin the new time on the first Sunday of March.

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**OUR SAVIOR’S COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

Meeting adjourned, and potluck meal was shared.

Election of officers and Ministry Committees assignments

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**OUR SAVIOR’S BAKE SALE**

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| President      | Wally Breuer   |
| Vice-President | Ernie Peterson |
| Secretary      | Kay Holte      |
| Treasurer      | Jayne Anderson |

We will be having another bake sale on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. We will put the proceeds towards building up camp scholarships.

Stewardship Committee - Ernie Peterson (chairperson), Joy Moser, Marilyn Leum

If you would like to help or contribute, please contact Barb Christenson at 608-632-0993 or bring goodies on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Thanks.

Worship & Evangelism – Lynette Johnson (chairperson), Joan Anderson, LaVonne Kingslien

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**WDCLC BOOK FAIR**

Property Management – Jay Hankee (chairperson), Dorothy Stoffregen, Peter Leum, Monte Tewalt

Westby Day Care & Learning Center is having a Book Fair March 7 through 12<sup>th</sup>. Come and check out the books and see if you can find some Easter gifts!

Youth & Education – Marsha Hall (chairperson), Sandy Anderson, Doug Traastad, Kay Holte

Synod Delegates - Barb Christianson and Jayne Anderson

Reports:  
Personnel - Approved a \$50.00 per month salary increase for Shelly.

Treasurer- Review of Report included in Council Packet.

Pastor's - Council Retreat date set for Saturday March 16  
Looking forward to meeting people in small groups

Ministry Committees:

Worship – We will have communion each Sunday during Lent.  
Joint Syttende Mai church service will be held with Coon  
Prairie on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. at OSLC.

Property – An Electrician will be coming to check out the electrical  
problems.  
Discussed getting locks on door without locks

Youth/Education– A Sunday Morning nursery is being organized,  
60 kids are attending Sunday School

- Youth & Education – Shirley Hagen
- Property Management – Gerald Johnson
- Daycare Committee – Wally Breuer

Approval of the 2013 Budget

- Motion to approve the 2013 Budget as presented by Donna Leum. Second by Sandy Iverson. Motion Carried 41 -0.

Election of New Council Members

1 year Term Wally Breuer; 2 year Term Ernie Peterson; 3 year  
Term Joy Moser and Doug Traastad. Motion to approve ballot by Dave  
Maxwell. Second by Hilder Devine. Motion Carried 41-0.

Meeting Adjourned @ 12:15 Motion by Dave Maxwell. Second by Steve  
Holte.

Closing Prayer/Table Grace

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OSLC WELCA

On Valentine's Day, February 14, 2013, the WELCA ladies met in the church basement bedazzling in their shades of red. President Joan Anderson read the Purpose Statement at the start of the meeting at 1pm. We then sang Hymn #49 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" as pianist Betty Homstad played. Pastor John Dumke gave the devotions talking about who St. Valentine was and how love was connected to him during his ministry.

The Secretaries Report was given by Lynette Johnson and it was accepted as read. The Treasurers Report was given by Hildur Devine and it was accepted as read.

New Business: Syttende Mai is coming faster than we think so it was discussed on when the ladies should make lefse to freeze. After some discussion it was decided that Saturday, March 2nd at 8am the basement could fill up with the aroma of lefse and the chatter of all that come including the men that always help out. Karen Hankee asked to speak about a kitchen concern which requires rebuilding the island that has sagging counter top along with the mold underneath. She asked if it could be in the WELCA budget for getting a couple of estimates on just the island with the narrowing of the island and getting new faucets to start. Karen would follow up with estimates next month.

OSLC ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING January 20, 2013

Called to order by Wally Breuer @ 10:35AM
Opening Prayer given by Pastor John Dumke
Pastor's Report

- Written report found in Annual Report of the Congregation

President's Report

- Written report found in Annual Report of the Congregation

Financial Review Report

- J. Anderson provided a summary of financial improvements made during 2012

Treasurer's Report

- Written report found in Annual Report of the Congregation
 - J. Anderson provided a summary of financial activities during 2012.
 - Motion to approve reports by Dave Maxwell. Second by Lynette Johnson. Motion Carried 41-0.

Committee Reports

- Stewardship – Eric Nottestad
- Worship & Evangelism – Lynn Johnson

The program was then turned over to the Officers and Evanelle Jacobson started the program with showing the many lovely valentines that her mother-in-law (Ms. Frydenlund) received when she was a school teacher at the Dell School which is now known as Grandma's Attic. Hildur and Lynette treated the ladies to homemade cards, silk flowers, and candies after each lady told a story of how they met the love of their life. The ladies enjoyed the stories and were comparing the different ways that love can happen.

While the collection was taken, Betty Homstad played some appropriate Tennessee Ernie Ford music. We said the Lord's Prayer and sang the Table Grace. The month of March has the Rachel Circle doing the program and the Serving Hostesses are LaVonne Kingslien and Marianne Wiedenbach.

SKOGDALEN WELCA

The Skogdalen WELCA met on Saturday, February 2nd at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by President Shirley. We sang "Love Divine, All Love Excelling" Emy gave devotions from Guideposts. Shirley read the mission statement.

The Secretary's report was read. The treasurer's report was read.

Business: Yvonne was wondering if we could fix the stools in the kitchen. The backs need to be replaced. We will check and see if we have anyone willing and able to do this in the church.

Shirley passed the January and February Newsletter from the Bethel Home around for everyone to look at.

Jan thanked everyone for her gift of money. Rhonda thanked every for her cute poinsettia.

On Thursday, February 21st, the quilters will start quilting at Skogdalen.

There are some things in the balcony that we need to go through. It also needs to be cleaned. Could this be done on a third Sunday. We decided to clean out the balcony on Sunda, April 21st.

On Sunday, March 3rd, we will start having church at Skogdalen at 9:00 a.m. This will give Pastor John a little more time to spend down at Skogdalen to visit with everyone.

Everyone was reminded that we need salad recipes for our cookbook. Please submit them to the committee members. Shirley, Jan, Rhonda and Heidi are on the committee for the cookbooks.

The Kitchen Committee includes the following ladies: Shirley (Chairman), Terry, Kay, Rhonda, Gwen, Marie, Yvonne and Marilyn S. The Chairman will make sure we have workers, decorations and coffee for dinners, funerals, etc. Emy will still be in charge of the cakes for funerals.

Birthdays in February include Hilary, Yvonne, Heather, Gwen, Annette, Ann, and Karn. We sang "Happy Birthday" to the birthday girls.

Thank you Annette, Heidi and Heather for serving today. Next month servers are Emily & Tina.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, March 2nd. We will be making scarves, so please bring a Men's Large T-shirt and scissors .

The Lord's Prayer was said and the table prayer was sung.

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### **EASTER LILIES**



Would you like to help brighten the church on Easter Sunday? Easter Lilies will be for sale in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone special to decorate the church on Easter Sunday (either Our Savior's or Skogdalen). You are free to take your flower home following the Easter morning services or leave at church. Orders will be taken on Sundays and Wednesday evenings at Our Savior's, or you can contact t Jayne Anderson 634-4851 or Dorothy Stoffregen 452-2123 to place your order.



### **GREETINGS FROM OS SUNDAY SCHOOL**

This is a reminder that the kids will sing the second Sunday in March. Also starting in March, look in the back of the church for bags for children to use during church.

God Bless!  
Janessa, Kelly & Eileen

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### **Nursery**

One of the most important things for visitors and members who have infants and young children is to provide the option of a Sunday Morning nursery. Children are always welcomed in worship yet sometimes there is the need to worship without worrying about the needs of a young one. For this to become a reality at OSLC we need a number of people to assist in coordinating a nursery. Call the church office if you are interested.

### **Grade School**

This summer OSLC will be coordinating with Westby Coon Prairie to provide events/programs for grade school kids and families. We need your input, ideas and energy to make this a reality. A planning session is scheduled for March (I will call Julie at WCP to get the dates). Contact Pastor John if you are interested.

### **Confirmation**

#### **Lock-in - Friday March 22 8pm to 9am \$5**

Students from Carthage College will lead this fantastic evening full of fun, food, music, games, and more. Cost is only 5 bucks and of course you can bring friends. Sign up by Weds. March 20. Adults are needed to support the leaders. Contact the church office for more information.

#### **Confirmation Camp - Sugar Creek June 9-14**

Get your registrations in!!

### **High School**

Breakfast at Borgens! -7am on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of the month.  
BEGINS FRIDAY MARCH 1

A time for eating (\$2 gets you a big sticky roll)

A time for talking (youth will be leading topical conversations)

### **MINI- MISSION TRIP**

Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

Cost \$15 covers transportation, food, and program.

A weekend of serving the community while learning about the realities of homelessness in our area.

We are in need of adults to chaperone and drive. Contact Pastor John for more information.

### **SUMMER EVENTS**

(For those entering high school to 99)

### **SONSHINE CONCERT**

**Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**

Join 20,000 others for a fantastic weekend of great music, and so much more! Check it out at <http://sonshinefestival.com>

Cost will be around \$100 bucks which will include admission, transportation and most meals.

See Rachel Maxell for more information.

Adult chaperones and drivers needed. Earplugs will be provided!



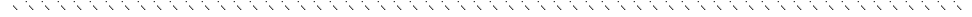
## MISSION NASHVILLE

Sunday, July 28 to Friday, August 2

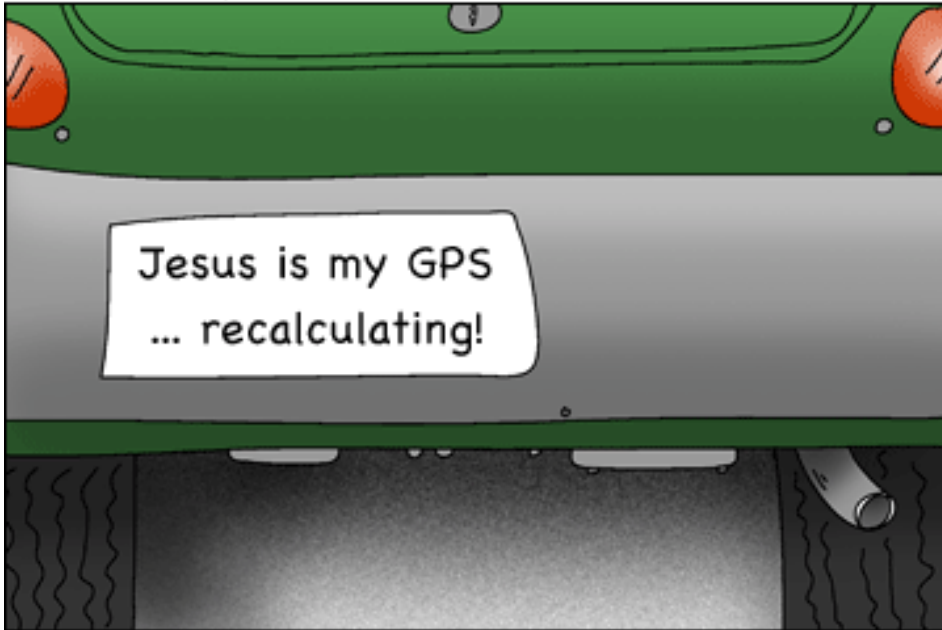
Cost – Around \$175 includes transportation, food, programing, and some surprises. (depending upon transportation costs)

Spend the best week of your summer working up a sweat as you serve Jesus by serving others in the Nashville area. We will be staying and working with Mercy House, a Lutheran social ministry center that focuses on providing a "hand-up" for people in need.

See Pastor John for more information. Adult chaperones and drivers needed.




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# MARCH 2013

| SUNDAY                                                                                             | MONDAY                                                                             | TUESDAY                                              | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                                              | THURSDAY                                                                                                              | FRIDAY                                                                                           | SATURDAY                                                                              |
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| 3<br><br>9:00 Skog w/Baptism<br>9:15 OS SS, Sr Choir<br>10:15 Skog SS<br>10:30 OS w/Comm           | 4<br><br>7:00 Seas Branch 4-H                                                      | 5<br><br>Text Study<br>1:30 Music Committee          | 6<br>7:00 Men's Breakfast<br>10:00 Lent - OS<br>1:00 Quilting - OS<br>3:30 Confirmation<br>5:30 Personnel Com.<br>5:30 Fish Dinner -<br>7:00 Lent - OS | 7<br>9:30 Quilting – Skog<br>5:30 -7:30 WDCLC<br>Program and Book Sale<br>6:30 Skogdalen Choir<br>7:00 Skogdalen Lent | 8                                                                                                | 9                                                                                     |
| 10<br><br>9:00 Skog w/comm<br>9:15 OS SS, Sr Choir<br>10:15 Skog SS<br>10:30 OS w/Comm             | 11                                                                                 | 12<br><br>Text Study                                 | 13<br>7:00 Men's Breakfast<br>10:00 OS Lent<br>3:30 Confirmation<br>5:30 Fish Dinner<br>6:30 OS Council<br>7:00 OS Lent                                | 14<br>9:30 Quilting - Skog<br>10:00 Bothne House.<br>1:00 OS WELCA<br>2:00 Old Times Dev<br>7:00 Lent - Skogdalen     | 15<br>7:00 a.m. Youth Bkft at Borgen's.<br>10:00 Rachel Circle<br>8:00 p.m. Confirmation Lock-In | 16<br><br>8:00 a.m. Council Meeting at WCP                                            |
| 17<br>9:00 Skog Worship<br>9:15 OS SS, Sr Choir<br>10:15 Skog SS<br>10:30 OS with comm             | 18                                                                                 | 19<br>Deadline for Newsletter/Calendar<br>Text Study | 20<br>7:00 Men's Breakfast<br>10:00 OS Lent<br>1:00 Quilting - OS<br>3:30 Confirmation<br>5:30 Fish Dinner<br>7:00 OS Lent                             | 21<br>9:30 Quilting – Skogdalen<br>6:00 Council - Skog<br>6:30 Skogdalen Choir<br>7:00 Skogdalen Lent                 | 22                                                                                               | 23<br><br>Souper Bread Supper<br>4:00 to 8:00                                         |
| 24 Palm Sunday<br>9:00 Skog Worship<br>9:15 OS SS, Sr Choir<br>10:15 Skog SS<br>10:30 OS with comm | 25                                                                                 | 26<br><br>Text Study                                 | 27<br>7:00 Men's Breakfast<br>10:00 OS Lent<br>3:30 Confirmation<br>5:30 Fish Dinner<br>6:30 Committees Meet<br>7:00 OS Lent                           | 28 Maundy Thursday<br><br>9:30 Quilting - Skog<br>7:00 Skogdalen Lent                                                 | 29<br>1:15 Good Friday Service at WCP                                                            | 30                                                                                    |
| 31 Easter<br>6:30 Sunrise<br>7:30 Easter Breakfast<br>9:00 Skog Worship<br>10:30 OS with comm      | 1<br><br>Pastor John on vacation<br>April 1 <sup>st</sup> through 10 <sup>th</sup> |                                                      |                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                  |  |

