

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF APRIL 23, 2023

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jack & Lureen Vaught; Darlene Welsh; Walt & Carolyn Trier; Ralph Hammel; Jerry & Sylvia Braun; Roy Kincaid; Connie Eipperle; June Schroeder

YOUTH GROUP tonight beginning at 6:00pm. Join us!

VICARAGE & CALL SERVICES: the seminary will live-stream its Vicarage (Monday 4/24 at 7pm) and Call Service (Tuesday 4/25 at 7pm) at www.ctsfw.edu/callday/.
Check out the Back Page for more info!

THURSDAY VESPERS: join us for Vespers on Thursdays at 6:30pm right before Bible study at 7:00pm!

RESPIRE NIGHT: the Life Team will host a respite night **THIS Friday**, April 28, from 5:00 – 8:00pm. Drop off your kids at the church and enjoy a night out! (Supper, etc. provided for the kids). **Please RSVP** to Caland & Alex Sembach!

SEEKING DONATIONS OF YARN & COTTON MATERIAL: a member of our Life Team is sewing and crocheting blankets for Project Linus. If you have any unused or unwanted yarn or cotton material it will be greatly appreciated and put to good use! (See www.projectlinus.org for more info on this project).

LAST CALL FOR HIGHER THINGS: pick up a registration form from Pastor Mullet. In addition to the completed forms we require a deposit of \$100.

CALENDAR

Sun. Apr. 23

(Easter 3 – Misericordias Domini)

8:00 & 10:00am Divine Service

9:00am Sunday School / Bible Study

6:00pm Youth Group

Mon. Apr. 24

8:30am Discussion of next Sunday's readings

7:00pm Vicarage Assignment Service

Tue. Apr. 25

7:00pm Call Service

Wed. Apr. 26

7:00pm Divine Service

Thu. Apr. 27

6:30pm Vespers

7:00pm Bible Study (James)

Fri. Apr. 28

5:00pm Respite Night

Sun. Apr. 30

(Easter 4 – Jubilate)

8:00 & 10:00am Divine Service

9:00am Sunday School / Bible Study

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Concordia Theological Seminary's Vicarage Assignment Service and Candidate Placement Service ("Call Service") are this Monday and Tuesday, April 24 and 25, respectively, both at 7:00pm. Both services can be live-streamed at this website:

www.ctsfw.edu/callday

(I'll put a link on our Facebook page and our website tomorrow!)

But what's this all about? What is a vicarage? What is a "call"? Perhaps you already know these things, but maybe you're a little unsure. In any case, I thought this was a good opportunity to review a few basics of the process of training pastors.

The LCMS has a four-year seminary program through which men are educated and prepared to serve as pastors. Normally, this takes place in the following manner: two years of coursework, a one-year vicarage, and one final year of coursework. During the first two years of coursework, seminarians work with local pastors on Sundays to gain experience in the conduct of the Sunday service and also have opportunities to teach, preach, and so on. Our fieldworker, Sem. Kenny Klaehn, is nearing the end of his first year.

Vicarage (normally the third year) is essentially a one-year internship. It is like the fieldwork done in the first two years, but full-time. The vicar learns the day-to-day operations of a congregation and, while assisting the pastor with Sunday services and Bible studies, also gains deeper experience with things like hospital visits, church administration, funeral planning, and more. Vicar Woodhouse will finish his vicarage with us at the end of July. **And, we will receive a new vicar for the following academic year—watch Monday to meet him!**

Near the end of the final year of coursework, the seminarian receives a divine call to the Office of the Holy Ministry. We say it is a divine call because we believe God has called these men to be pastors and pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance as the seminary and the synod administration work to place seminarians in churches that will be a good fit for them as they begin their ministry. Sem. David Woelmer, our "vicar emeritus" has reached this point in his seminary education—watch Tuesday to see where he will serve as pastor!