

VOICE Newsletter

Welcome New Members

Welcoming new members is important news for several reasons: it introduces the newest members to the current members, announces that the church is growing, and tells new members the church cares about them and is pleased they have joined the congregation. Please introduce yourself and welcome them to Ebenezer. These are the new members and the hobbies and interests they enjoy:

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Nona Anderson

Art, crafts, travel, & spending time with family.



Margaret Dildine

Gardening, home maintenance, & reading.



Susan Edmundson

Enjoys spending time with family, scrapbooking, & reading.



Kathy Larsen

Bowling, golf, camping, fishing, & quilting with Ebenezer friends.



Jason, Amber, & Miles Schultheis

Winter skiing, Little League baseball, jazz, writing, & cooking.



Elizabeth "Liz" Smith

Gatherings with family & friends, crafting, cooking, music, road trips.

Special points of interest:

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Lorrie Spencer

Art, cooking, baking, hiking, skiing, & reading.



Marjorie "Marge" Wild

Reading, sewing, & spending time with family.

These new members were received into the church on Sunday, March 10.



Education



HAPPY APRIL, EBENEZER FAMILIES!

We have been so full of amazing blessings in our community this Sunday School year. Now that we are in the final two months of programming, it's a great time to look back and reflect on what we have done while looking forward to the things we still want to do.

Our Godly Play® program grows and grows and from our sacred circles we have soon-to-be middle school-aged children that are now heading to the Youth program in the fall. We are taking an opportunity to take all the 5th graders (and 6th graders) who attend Godly Play® to the Youth Room during our class on April 28. We are excited to show them where they will be going in the fall and want them to be looking forward to it as well.

The Godly Play® classes have moved back to two classrooms again (went to one classroom for winter) as we are busting at the seams! It's so nice to have everyone back and our new families. All the volunteers look

forward to seeing the kids' smiling faces each Sunday and hearing about how they're doing outside of Church.

At the end of the month, kids will be going home with a "Flat Jesus" they have colored and we laminated. We invite all families to send in photos of your child(ren) and "Flat Jesus" going on adventures during summer vacation. Maybe it's in your backyard, reading a book, camping, or some grand adventure, we want to see it!

Our end-of-the-year party will be on May 19, so make sure you are there to celebrate such a fabulous year and to be sent off with a blessing.

—Joy

GODLY PLAY® TRAINING CLASS

In February we had free training for Ebenezer members and an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of children's spirituality and how to nurture it. It was also a fundraiser for the three youth from Ebenezer who are attending the Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July. We raised a total of \$700.

6TH-12TH GRADE CLASS

Sundays at 8:45 am in the Youth Room

We will *not* meet on April 7; enjoy



spring break. We *will* meet on April 14 and 21 to continue our Illustrated Ministry lessons, learning, and discussion and to enjoy treats and other activities. Questions? Please talk to Virginia.

EDUCATION MINISTRY

WATCH (Wednesday At The Church)

Confirmation (7th-8th grades) classes will resume at 6 pm on April 10. Questions? Please call the church office, 425-334-0421.



EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

**Tuesday, April 9, at 10 am
(Please note the change in time.)**

We welcome you to join us in Room 3 for discussion and planning our education opportunities.

FIVE MINUTE DEVOTION

Just a reminder: At Ebenezer we are reading through the Bible one chapter at a time taking about five minutes a day.



Check the daily reading schedule on the back of the church calendar, pick up a copy on the counter in the Narthex, or go to www.ebenezerlakestevens.org to start reading with us.

JOKES ONLY A MOTHER COULD LOVE

Why is a computer so smart?
It listens to its motherboard.
Why did you chop the joke book in half?
Mom said to cut the comedy.
Why do mother kangaroos hate rainy days?
Because their kids have to play inside!



**GODLY
PLAY®
TRAINING
CLASS**

**FEBRUARY
23-25**

Youth of Ebenezer Preschool

6th-12th Grade Youth Contacts:
Virginia & Andi
Check your Ebenezer Phone Directory



LOADED BAKED POTATO FUNDRAISER SUNDAY, APRIL 21 ~ AFTER SERVICE

Please help send these amazing youth to the 2024 ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this July.

You can buy tickets for our Loaded Baked Potato feed after service in the Fellowship Hall. The potato feed will be Sunday, April 21, at 11 am.

We thank the congregation for their continued support. If you have any questions, contact Kristin or Andi.

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING 2024



We are sending three Ebenezer youth and two adults July 16-21, 2024,

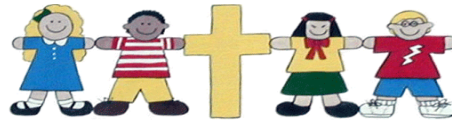
to New Orleans. The last Gathering was in 2018—we are excited to be sharing another time of planning with all of you. Learn more at <https://www.elca.church/gathering/faqs>. Please pray for a safe journey!

YOUTH COMMITTEE (EYC) MEETING SUNDAY, APRIL 28 ~ 8:45 AM

We will meet in the Youth Room. Youth and families, welcome!

NORWEGIAN PANCAKE BREAKFAST SATURDAY, APRIL 20 ~ 7:30-10:30 AM

Youth 6th-12th grades can help at the breakfast on the third Saturday of each month October through May. Contact Scott Sutton if you want to volunteer.



WHAT'S NEW AT PRESCHOOL?

Preschool classes will continue learning the Bible lessons about how Jesus gives us new life and cares for us always. The kids will celebrate that Jesus has risen by having a Jesus Is Alive party! Then we will end with April showers bring May flowers. The themes they will cover are insects and the welcoming of springtime.

EASTER DAY

by Evaleen Stein

Christ the Lord is risen today!
 Angels rolled the stone away
 From the tomb wherein He lay!

Little children, come and sing,
 "Glory, glory to the King,
 Christ the Lord of everything!"

SPECIAL DATES

- Spring break, April 1-5, No School
- Trike-A-Thon Fun-raiser will be the week of April 15. Each class will have their own day and time for this fun event.

TRICYCLES, BICYCLES, & SCOOTERS ... OUR TRIKE-A-THON FUN-RAISER

All Preschool classes will participate in this FUN-RAISER event which is a great opportunity for everyone, including Ebenezer's congregation, to make a donation to the Preschool.



Your pledges will go towards keeping our program affordable for all families, preschool materials, maintenance, and adding and replacing broken toys. Preschoolers will collect pledges from family, friends, and neighbors. Be sure to check the Preschool newsletter for your child's special date.

The preschoolers will start the day

Worship & Music

FAST MINISTRY

FAST Team Briske members will serve during April. Team Hoffmann, watch for the postcard coming in the mail in April.

WOW (WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAYS)

Midweek Worship will resume on April 3 from 7:00-7:30 pm in person and livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube. The worship style changes each week and is very different from our Sunday worship. These services include:



- Contemplative Prayer service
- *Holden Evening Prayer* service
- *Unfailing Light* Communion service
- Festival of Hymns service

Join us to hear God's Word and receive His blessings. Holy Communion will be served at some of these services.

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with a bicycle and helmet safety lesson! Then they will take laps around a track and earn a certificate with a gold medal for all their hard pedaling. If you would like to make a pledge for one of our "Ebenezer Kids," call the Preschool office at 425-397-6374 or send an email to preschool@ebenezerlakestevens.org.

Thank you for supporting the Preschool.

FALL 2024 REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

A few spots are still open. Help spread the word to family, friends, and neighbors that you know of a caring, fun, creative, and supportive preschool program they should check out. To schedule a tour and to receive registration information, email preschool@ebenezerlakestevens.org.





Events Page

ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIPS DEADLINE: FRIDAY, APRIL 26



The Endowment Board looks forward to supporting Ebenezer's high school graduating seniors and undergraduate college students. Applications have been sent directly to all high school seniors and college undergrads for applying for this year's Endowment Scholarships.

We ask that completed applications be returned to the church office by April 26. The Board will meet to review the applications.

Questions can be directed to Wayne Kuehl, President; Lon Shultz, Vice President; Jim Backstrom, Secretary; Susan Shephard, Financial Secretary; and Jeff Gust, Treasurer.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY FRIDAY, APRIL 12 ~ 10 AM-12 PM



All are welcome to our meeting in the Youth Room. Supplies are provided. We have lots of pretty yarn for you to use.

Questions? Call Lynn Riggs or Roseanne at the church, 425-334-0421. Want a shawl to give to a friend or loved one? Just ask.

MISERY BE GONE!

On the Sunday after Easter, some churches celebrate "holy humor." Laughter is a gift from God, who wants us to be joyful. A happy disposition is also an effective—and infectious—way to share our faith.

"I cannot think that when God sent us into the world, he had irreversibly decreed that we should be perpetually miserable in it," said John Wesley. "If ... taking up the cross [implies] bidding adieu to all joy and satisfaction, how is it reconcilable with what Solomon expressly affirms of religion, that 'her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace'?" (Proverbs 3:17)

NORWEGIAN PANCAKE BREAKFAST BENEFIT: FAITH FAMILY VILLAGE SATURDAY, APRIL 20 ~ 7:30-10:30 AM



The all-you-can-eat pancakes are delicious! The cost is ages 13-99 ~ \$10, 5-12 ~ \$5, 4 & under ~ FREE, 100+ ~ FREE.



You're encouraged to bring friends and neighbors to the breakfast to support the Faith Family Village in Everett. It is hoped we will be able to partner with Thrivent.

The March benefit generated \$870 for the Lake Stevens Boys & Girls Club Scholarship Program and \$60 for Youth of Ebenezer. Thank you for your generosity.

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

- **Wits Workout ~ Monday, April 1, at 2 pm.** This is a time to laugh, have fun with friends, and maybe even sharpen your thinking skills. Everyone is welcome! Questions? Call Jane Briske. 
- **Ebenezer's Book Club Discussion ~ Monday, April 1, at 4 pm.** If you have read or are interested in reading *The Good Sister* by Sally Hepworth, join us for a short discussion of March's book.  During April we'll read *Legends of the North Cascades* by Jonathan Evison. If you have questions or to learn how to obtain copies of these books, please contact Jane Briske.
- **A Springtime Sip 'n Paint Class ~ Saturday, April 6, from 1-4 pm.** Class size will be limited to 12 students so sign up early. Fran Clapper will lead us in painting a springtime painting

of a bird; you can choose which bird. Sign up today on the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Invite a friend. Questions? Talk to Fran Clapper.



- **Pinochle ~ Sunday, April 7, beginning promptly at 1:30 pm.** Check out upcoming events on our webpage at www.ebenezerlakestevens.org. Questions? Call JoAnn Cross. 
- **Hike the White Chuck Bench Trail ~ Saturday, April 27, leaving the church at 8 am.** This should be a fairly easy trail as it's 5 miles round trip with only 360 feet of elevation gain. Be sure to bring lunch and plenty of water in your backpack. Contact Grey Robinson or Ken Cross for details.
- **It's Time to Plan Our Women's Gathering.** Join us Tuesday, April 16, at 4 pm in the Fireside Room. We always have a good time and everyone's ideas and thoughts are appreciated ... and needed. Any questions? Call Jane Briske.
- **Secret Sister Signup Is NOW.** From May 1 until August 3, ladies will be prayed for daily and sent notes of encouragement. All ladies are welcome. If you would like to be a Secret Sister, the signup will be in the Narthex. Final day to sign up is Sunday, April 28. Questions? Call Jane Briske. 
- **Palm Sunday Potluck Brunch Report.** Our Palm Sunday Brunch was wonderful! Over 80 people enjoyed delicious food and fellowship with each other. It was a great event. We hope to have another potluck brunch in May. Watch the May VOICE and Sunday announcements for the date. Join us for another great Fellowship event.

Ministries of Ebenezer

FROM YOUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY



It is important to remember we are still serving our community. Your gifts help to keep the church open and working in the world. Please remember to continue your contributions by:

- Donating online at www.ebenezerlakestevens.org. Use the "Give" link.
- Using Bill Pay from your bank.
- Consider asking your financial planner about a qualified charitable distribution from your IRA or 401K.
- Mailing your contribution to us at 2111 117th Avenue NE, Lake Stevens, WA 98258, Attn: Financial Secretary.

Thank you for sharing your gifts. We are still doing God's Work with Our Hands. If you would like to have a few offering envelopes, let me know.

—JoAnn Cross
finance@ebenezerlakestevens.org

ROOF WORK



As of this writing our roof is complete and it's looking good. Our

new insulation is clearly working, and our roof should be trouble-free for a long time. Thank you so very much to all who made this possible.

COMMUNITY SUPPER

Community Supper is currently serving FREE take-out only meals every Thursday from 4-6 pm. Since serving take-out meals, we have served an average of 330 each week.

"Like" us at Lake Stevens Community Supper on Facebook to see what is happening. Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support for this program. For more information, contact supper@ebenezerlakestevens.org.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY



Pastor Benson's Thursday morning Bible Study will begin at 10 am.

Join us every week in April in the Fireside Room as we dig deeper into the lessons that will be read the following Sunday.

MAR-CILLA CIRCLE TUESDAY, APRIL 2 ~ 10:30 AM

New members are always welcome to participate with other women for fellowship and Bible study in the Fireside Room. On April 2 the Mar-Cilla Circle will meet as usual at 10:30 am. Bring a lunch—dessert and coffee will be provided. Study topic for April is "Wisdom from Proverbs 22-31." Copies of the study will be in the Mar-Cilla Circle mailbox at church.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY EBENEZER'S FIRESIDE ROOM TUESDAY, APRIL 16 ~ 10 AM

ALL women are invited to join us for this Bible Study from *Gather*, the wonderful women's magazine of the ELCA. Questions? Please call Lynn Riggs.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY KIRK CLAPPER ROOM ~ TUESDAYS 9 AM

The Birth & Growth of the N.T. Church.

Pastor John is teaching this Bible Study—ranging from John the



Baptist and Jesus to Stephen, Peter, Paul, John the Apostle, and others. We'll explore the foundation and mission of the Church and those whose lives proclaimed the Good News that is God's gift to us. All are invited to attend. Check the calendar for dates.

Council President's Corner

April is here and our spring has begun with some beautiful sunny days and blooms all around.

Our roof project has been completed. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this project. This is certainly a wonderful accomplishment for our church.

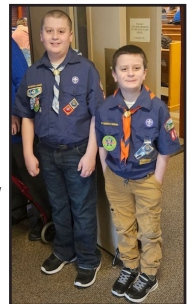
Ebenezer has welcomed 10 new members to our church family this past month. Please introduce yourself to them as they join in worship and other activities.

—Gretchen Aikman

Congratulations!

OSCAR & ELIAS

During worship in January, Oscar and Elias earned their Boy Scout Badge—Faith and Fellowship—by helping with Communion. On Scout Sunday, February 4, they wore the new badges they had earned. Congratulations, boys!



On March 16, they participated in the Boy Scout Pinewood Derby. Oscar placed 9th and won Spectator's Choice for his A1 Abrams tank car (see picture). Elias placed 10th in the Outlaw Division with his Good Humor Strawberry Shortcake racer (see picture). Awesome job, boys!



AWARDS PRESENTED

In February, two of Ebenezer's youth, Abbi and Avery, were presented awards at Cavelero Mid High School for Physical Education and Art. Way to go, ladies!



Our April Birthdays

Name	Birth Date (month/day)	Name	Birth Date (month/day)
Egtvet, Megan	4/2	McDonald, Betty	4/13
Backstrom, Jim	4/3	Thompson, Peggie	4/14
Brandstetter, Paul	4/3	Sellars III, William	4/18
Nida, Thommas	4/4	Hurt, Linda	4/19
Travis, Gail	4/5	Aikman, Gretchen	4/21
Studer, Garet	4/8	Hoel, Kayla	4/24
Mattia, Cathy	4/11	Sellars, Eli	4/24
Butzer, Ted	4/13	Martuch, Paul	4/29
Champaigne, Diane	4/13	Owens, David	4/29

A friend is what the heart needs all the time. —Henry Van Dyke

“What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev’rything to God in prayer!”
—ELW Hymnal, #742

The Prayer Corner

Prayer Chain:

 If you have an urgent need, please call Prayer Chain leader & Ken Cross. He will contact Prayer Chain members to pray for your request. Please pray for the following:

Members of the Congregation:

Kay Caulfield	Mary Lamb
Jennifer Flax	Terry Lambert
	David Large
Sheldon Hendrickson	Debbie May
Abbi Holmes	Joe Probst
George Hughes	Margaret Ren
Pat Jackson	Margene Squires
Colleen Kozak	Leah Tate

Homebound or Special Care Residents:

Ethel Coryell	Nancy Poremba
Bob DeFrang	

Extended Family/Friends with Cancer:

Dina (Phyllis Peterson’s daughter-in-law)
Emily (Kay Caulfield’s relative)
Jim (Phyllis Peterson’s neighbor)
Paul (Kay Caulfield’s friend)
Dennis Aikman (Hannah Sellars’ cousin)
Kristine Andersen (Iris Ingram Forbus’ friend)
Dan Bagwell (Melissa Probst’s brother-in-law)
Heather Bland (Kathy Parzyk’s niece)

Danny Cooper (Erlene Cooper’s son) - liver
Marin Drage (Betty Bauer’s friend)
LeRoy Ettlin (Fran Clapper’s friend)
Chris Grigsby (Kathy Larsen’s great-nephew)
Ron Gunter (Kay Caulfield’s friend)
Ron Herzog Sr (Jackie Herzog-Robertson’s friend)
Curt Johnson (Neil Brandt’s nephew)
Timmy Johnson (Kay Caulfield’s relative)
Wyeth Larson (Robin Lindsay’s cousin)
Peggy Layne (Terry Lambert’s sister)
Bruce Mullikin (Fran Clapper’s friend)
Dawn Nielsen (Kathy Larsen’s granddaughter)
Mary Platz (Glenda Platz’s cousin)
Susan Pratt (Fran Clapper’s cousin)
Jodi Sanders (Pam Shultz’s friend)
Adrienne Shaffer (Kay Caulfield’s great-niece)
Carole Thorngate (Fran Clapper’s cousin)
Sean Walker (Kay Caulfield’s nephew)

Extended Family/Friends with Needs:

Coryn (Mary Lamb’s granddaughter)
Emit (Kay Caulfield’s friend)
Helena (Kay Caulfield’s granddaughter)
John William (Sally Yates’ grandson)
Melissa (Sally Yates’ daughter)
Zack & Riley (Mary Alstad’s grandchildren)
Hans Bersas (Ellen Bersas’ husband)
Kenny Blake (Pat Jackson’s godson)
Terrie Bright (Patty Myntti’s sister)
Ken Cooper (Erlene Cooper’s friend)

Judie Davison (Pam Shultz’s mother)
Rose DiVittorio (J & P Olson’s granddaughter)
Kate Everley (CC Kuehl’s daughter)
Heather Garbes (Mary Lamb’s friend)
Kayla Gay (Helen Hendrickson’s niece)
Ryder Jacobson (MaryJo DuBeau’s nephew)
Ron Koepsell (Betty Bauer’s brother)
Denise Lamb (Sally Yates’ friend)
Eric Mittag (Patty Myntti’s nephew)
Sue Pryor (Helen Hendrickson’s niece)
Mark Rice (Alice Werner’s nephew)
Elinor Shultz (Alice Werner’s sister-in-law)
Diana Thomsen (J & A Wesling’s daughter)
Meggi Ward (Susan Shephard’s friend)
Bridget Wellen (M Ren’s granddaughter)
Cale Werner (Alice Werner’s grandson)
Fiona Werner (Alice Werner’s granddaughter)
Tom Wood (Ken Holmes’ father)
Karen Young (Betty Bauer’s cousin)

Preschool Director, Staff, & Families

All Our Military and Their Families:

Hunter Gardoski, Sid Hendrickson Jr, Ethan Stuart, Alec Zimmerman, Tyler Perry

Readings for Worship

April 7 (Communion)

1st Lesson: Acts 4:32-35

Psalm: Psalm 133

2nd Lesson: I John 1:1—2:2

Gospel: John 20:19-31

April 14

1st Lesson: Acts 3:12-19

Psalm: Psalm 4

2nd Lesson: I John 3:1-7

Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

April 21 (Communion)

1st Lesson: Acts 4:5-12

Psalm: Psalm 23

2nd Lesson: I John 3:16-24

Gospel: John 10:11-18

April 28

1st Lesson: Acts 8:26-40

Psalm: Psalm 22:25-31

2nd Lesson: I John 4:7-21

Gospel: John 15:1-8



Worship	Schedule
April 3	WOW Service - 7:00 pm
April 7	9:30 am
April 10	WOW Service - 7:00 pm
April 14	9:30 am
April 17	WOW Service - 7:00 pm
April 21	9:30 am
April 24	WOW Service - 7:00 pm
April 28	9:30 am
Sundays: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6th-12th Graders meet in the Youth Room ~ 8:45 • Godly Play® starts in Sanctuary ~ 9:30 	
<h3>Church Office Hours</h3>	
Monday	Office Closed
Tuesday	9:00-12:30 & 1:30-5:00
Wednesday	9:00-12:30 & 1:30-4:00
Thursday	9:00-12:30 & 1:30-4:00
Friday	9:00-12:30 & 1:30-4:00

Living Lutheran

One of the special things about *Living Lutheran* (now online) is reading about Lutherans in other places. A congregation in Nebraska had many people using their parking lot while waiting for schools in their neighborhood to dismiss. Members are now giving snacks, water, and smiles to the families in their parking lot. This ministry, they say, is about listening to those outside our doors and building relationships in the community.

Another article is about a woman in Sitka, Alaska, who compares her Lutheran Christian faith to her work with Native American museum collections. She says, "There's this idea in Christianity that everything is sacred, and it's the same thing within indigenous communities, that everything is sacred. And art is probably one of the most sacred things." Read more about fellow Lutherans at www.livinglutheran.org.

Special Thanks

The Sanctuary Looked Fantastic!

I would like to thank everyone who purchased the beautiful Easter flowers for the Sanctuary this year—so colorful.

—Thank you, Jeanette Backstrom

Thank You!

Thank you for the many prayers, cards, and get well wishes during my recovery from knee surgeries. Physical therapy is going well! —Gale Brandstetter

Thank you to ...

- FAST teams Wilson, Briske, and Hoffmann who served delicious soups before the Lenten services each week in March. We had a good variety of YUMMY soups served this year.
- All who came out to help with our Spring Work Party. It's great to have our building looking nice for Easter.
- Thank you to all the participants that

helped on Palm Sunday with the reading of the Passion Gospel.

—JoAnn Cross

Generous Donations

Thank you for your generous donations to Lutherwood Camp and Retreat Center, a place of welcome for all people to know God more fully and experience God in creation.

—Janice Stepp on behalf of Lutherwood's Board of Directors and Staff

Recent Donation

On behalf of the Lake Stevens Community Food Bank, I would like to thank you for your recent donation which helps us provide healthy food and staples as well as toiletries and diapers to our friends and neighbors who may be struggling. Your one gift has a deep and lasting impact for the betterment of all in our community.

—Anthony Hawley, Executive Director

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**Sundays
9:30 AM**
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**WEDNESDAYS
7:00 PM**

Remember to post your calendar!

JESUS LOVES ...



In the News

Celtic Dinner 🍀 March 2024



Our Celtic Dinner was a complete success. We sold all 120 tickets and had a packed house. There were 10 musicians who provided music and a bagpiper. The winners of the raffle prizes

were Sally Yates who won Fran Clapper's beautiful painting



of a castle in Ireland, Glenda Platz who won a week's stay in Gleneden Beach, OR, and many other winners. Congratulations! Special thanks to Betty Bauer for an amazing array of desserts and to Lynne Charlot and Cathee Himel for baking loaves of Irish soda bread. Thanks to everyone for your support of this annual event.

Over 50 Anniversary

On April 2, Joe and Paula Olson will celebrate their 53rd anniversary. We pray God's blessings on them and their family and thank them for the wonderful example they are to all. Congratulations, Joe and Paula!



Watch Out ~ Computer/ Security Fix Scam

All too often, we continue seeing people getting duped into allowing a fraudster to take control of their computer, iPad, or smartphone. What happens is someone who is out to steal your money calls to tell you they are from Apple or Microsoft and they need to remote in to fix a security flaw. Another way they get in is when you get a pop-up on your screen telling you there is a security problem and to "click here" or call a number for Microsoft or Apple technical support. Never click or call any number in a pop-up.

Nobody from Apple or Microsoft will ever call you! In fact, we'd bet you would never get anyone on the phone if you did try to call them. Do not ever allow anyone who says they are from Apple or Microsoft to remote into your device. They're attempting to steal your account info. Remember: If you have money, it's very likely someone has you in their sights.