

Thanks to:

- Donna Pederson who organized and made sure we had enough soup and sandwiches each week
- Shelly & Joey Hoppe who made sure each week that all was ready to serve the meal
- Those who provides the soup and sandwiches
- The youth, who cleaned up after the meal.
- Those who helped with our Midweek Services by being part of our dialogues.



Thank you to those who helped on Easter Sunday by:

- Setting up our beautiful Easter Garden.
- The Altar Guild for all their help with the many changes in altar clothes, stripping the altar and preparing for communion services.
- Providing special music through instrumental music, and the extra work done by our organist, Marcia.
- The youth, their leaders and parents for the great Easter breakfast

And lastly, 'Thank You' to everyone who worshipped with us!



### Save the date for Vacation Bible School!

Vacation Bible School will be held at Esther Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> through Thursday Jun 15<sup>th</sup>. Tentative times are 5 pm -8 pm VBS will again be led by the counsellors from Luther Crest Bible Camp. Supper will be served each evening. All children 3 years through entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall are encouraged and invite to attend. Please contact Karin Wagner or the church office with any questions or concerns.

Our four graduating high school seniors, Kathryn Burquest, Summer Dobratz, Nolan Hart and Jared Higgs will be recognized during the worship service on May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 28<sup>th</sup>. A reception will be held before worship on both Sundays for us to honor and congratulate these young people on their accomplishments and to wish them well on the next stage in their lives.

Kathryn, Summer and Nolan will graduate from Parkers Prairie and Jared will graduate from Bertha-Hewitt.



The congregation is invited celebrate with the graduates at their Open House celebrations.

Kathryn Burquest	June 4 <sup>th</sup>	2-5 pm
Summer Dobratz	June 10 <sup>th</sup>	4-8 pm
Jared Higgs	June 17 <sup>th</sup>	1-5 pm
Nolan Hart	July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2-5 pm



Congregation Members of Esther:

The Esther WELCA is planning to support a physical offering to our annual women's convention in September and we are asking for your help.

The physical offering will be personal items given to children ages 0-18 who are placed in emergency Foster Care.

Rather than collecting individual items, we will be taking an offering on May 14<sup>th</sup> and then purchase the items with money gathered.

Another way to help this cause is to donate a gently used duffle bag or carry-on suitcase for us to place the personal items in. The bags/carry-on suitcase is given to the child to keep along with all the items to help the transition to Foster Care.

To help a Foster Child, bring your loose change or donation to church on May 14<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day.

### WELCA April Meeting

#### **Treasurer Report:**

- Checking: \$1,353.77
- Savings/Memorial: \$4,427.02

Our 4 graduating seniors will be recognized on May 7<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> with refreshments served both Sundays

Our ladies have been busy sewing quilts this winter

- 6 donated to the Salvation Army in Henning
- 6 will be donated to Lutheran World Relief
- 9 more quilts are available for donation, please contact Margaret Wehking if you have suggestions

We will be going to St. Williams to help with bingo on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. All are invited to come and participate.

- Circle 2 is in charge of the refreshments that will be served

New fabric has been purchased to replace some of the tablecloths, and there will be enough to cover all the tables in our expanded seating space in the basement. Thanks to Inez Haase for the donation of the 50% off coupon to help with the purchase of this material!

### Cemetery Evergreen Project



Here are photo of the planting of the new evergreens in our cemetery. Again thank you to the board and to Jeff Koep for spearheading this project. Thank you to everyone who helped with the planting of the trees. If you are interested in donating to this project, please make out your check to "Esther Lutheran Cemetery."

