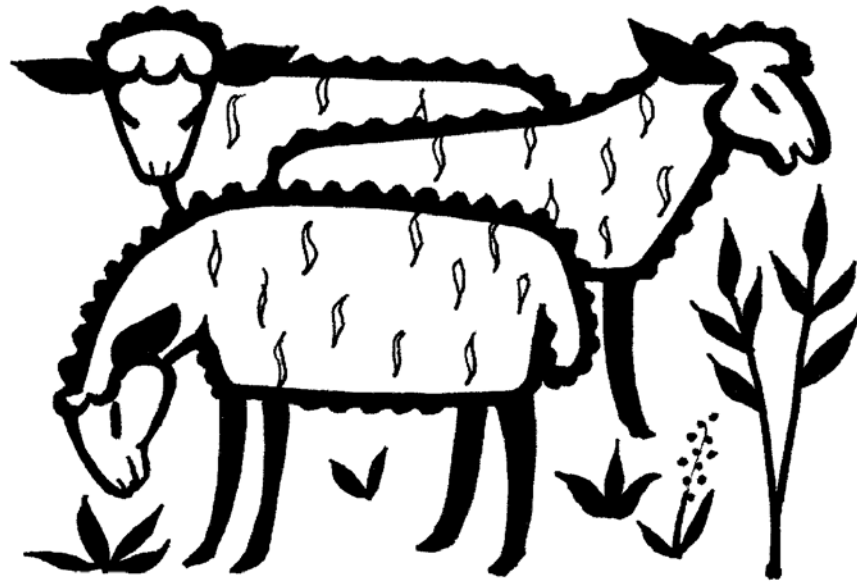


Fourth Weekend of Easter
Saturday, April 20, 2024, 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 21, 2024, 8:00 a.m.



MIDVALE
COMMUNITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Midvale Community Lutheran Church is a community of
believers in Jesus Christ, called by the Holy Spirit to
PRAISE, LIVE and **SHARE** God's love.

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Welcome to all - We're glad you're here!

Connect with Midvale! Cards are available in the seatback holders. If you are new to our worship, have a prayer request, an address change, would like a pastor to call, or would like to get involved in any of our ministries, please complete the card and place it in the offering plate or give it to a pastor or usher.

Holy Communion is celebrated during each worship service. Jesus, who is present in this meal, welcomes ALL; there is a place for YOU at our Lord's table! In this meal, we receive the grace and love of God, and we are connected with one another in God's mission. More information about how to receive communion is printed in the order of worship following the Lord's Prayer.

Worshiping with children - All children are welcome in worship! To support families in worship, there are children's worship bags inside the entrances to the Sanctuary with quiet activities. Children's bulletins for both pre-readers and readers are available on the tables as you enter the Sanctuary. There is a Cry Room along the right-hand side of the Sanctuary and an unstaffed nursery with an audio connection to worship down the main hallway past the restrooms. Some families find sitting towards the front so children have a good view of worship works well.

Large Print bulletins are available.

T-Coil Hearing Loop is installed inside our worship center. This allows people who wear hearing aids to directly receive the sound from the sound system without having to use a separate device. For those without T-coil equipped hearing aids, Loop Listener headphones are available from the ushers.



Midvale Community Lutheran Church welcomes all because Jesus welcomes all.
With you here, we are closer to who God is calling us to be.
If you've felt excluded or harmed in any way, you are welcome here.
Your gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation are welcome here.
Your family, children, friends, and partner are welcome here.
Your abilities, culture, socioeconomic circumstances, race, and
religious background are welcome here.
Here you will find an affirming community committed to racial equity
and welcoming of all.
We strive for all people to experience God's abundance.

In Christ, you are loved.

Welcome!



*Midvale is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
and a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation.*



GATHERING *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The assembly stands.

Call to Worship

Psalm 23

The Psalm is spoken responsively.

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no
evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Gathering Song



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.



WORD *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

Children's Message (8:00 & 10:30)

Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

¹⁶We know love by this, that Jesus Christ laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a sibling in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before God ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and God knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from God whatever we ask, because we obey the commandments and do what pleases God.

²³And this is God's commandment, that we should believe in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and love one another, just as Jesus has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey God's commandments abide in God, and God abides in them. And by this we know that God abides in us, by the Spirit that God has given us.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 10:11-18

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

[Jesus said:] ¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

Sermon

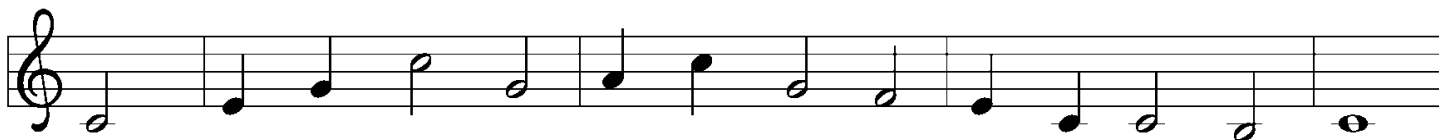
The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

Hymn of the Day #778

The Lord's My Shepherd



1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres - ence of my foes;
5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,



in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake;
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;
my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be;



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
My head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be.

Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1650

Music: BROTHER JAMES' AIR, James L. Macbeth Bain

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Initially and after each petition the congregation responds.

God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

As we share the peace of Christ, we extend the reconciliation we have received from Christ to one another. Respecting the comfort and health of all in our community, please use a verbal greeting, a raising of the hand, a handshake, or hug, based on the consent of each person.

The assembly is seated.

Build to Serve: Grow in Love Inspiration Moment

"Place God First"

Eric Oakland

Billy Dean

Miles Oakland

Build to Serve: Grow in Love Prayer

Gracious and creative God,

We are yours, made in your image and claimed by your love.

**So draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds,
so fill our imaginations, that we embrace your future.**

**Inspire us to use all of who we are for your glory
and for the good of your people,**

through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Offering baskets are located at the entrances to the Sanctuary and envelopes are available in the seatback holders. In addition to the offerings collected today, we recognize the offerings given by mail and electronically. All donations are a sign of giving our whole selves in grateful response for God's gifts.

For those that would like to donate online, here is the QR code to the giving page of our website:



Offering Prayer

Risen One,

You call us to believe and bear fruit.

**May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.**

**Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.**

Amen.



MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Instrumental music is played as the table is set. (5:00 & 10:30)

Special Music

(8:00)

Finlandia

arr. Dale Wood
trans. Arnold B. Sherman
Handbell Choir

The assembly stands.

Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth,

burning with justice, peace, and love.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ is made known to us
in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

The assembly is seated.

Holy Communion is offered with bread or gluten free cracker, and wine or juice. To receive the sacrament, please approach the altar as directed by the ushers.

- *To receive the bread, hold your hands open and the server will break off a piece of bread and place it in your hands.*
- *To receive a gluten free cracker, approach the altar with your hands at your side. Say to the server that you would like a gluten free cracker. The server will hold out the tray of crackers and invite you to take one from the tray.*
- *To receive wine or juice, move to the next server and take a cup from the communion tray; there is red wine and light-colored juice available in each tray. Place your empty cup in the basket.*

Children not yet receiving communion are invited forward to receive a blessing. Children can indicate their wish for a blessing by keeping their hands down at their sides. The server will make a sign of the cross and bless them in Jesus' name.

If it is difficult for you to come forward, or, if for any reason you prefer communion brought to you at your seat, please let an usher know. The pastor will bring communion to you after those coming forward have received communion.

Communion Hymn #525

You Are Holy

Du är helig



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

* May be sung in canon.

Text: Per Harling, b. 1945

Music: DU ÄR HELIG, Per Harling

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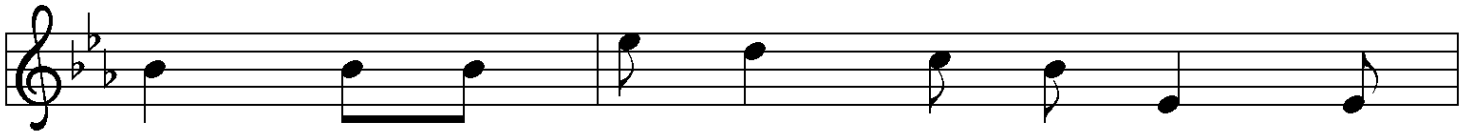
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Communion Hymn #764

Have No Fear, Little Flock



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4
Music: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930
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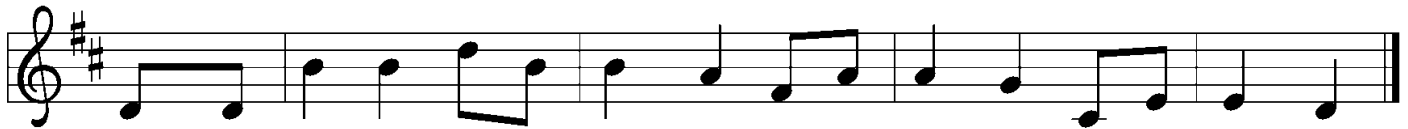
Communion Hymn #781

Children of the Heavenly Father

Truggare kan ingen vara



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958

Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune

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May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen, keep and unite us in God's grace.

Amen.

Prayer After Communion

Shepherding God,

**You have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.**

**Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.**

Amen.

The assembly stands.



SENDING *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.

Amen.

Sending Song #881

Let All Things Now Living



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
 2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
 the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.
 deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
 joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
 till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
 God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892–1980, alt.
 Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Altar flowers are given by Stephanie and Ralph Mork in memory of Sharilyn Willer, mother of Stephanie Mork.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship schedule

- Saturday at 5:00pm
- Sunday at 8:00am (also on Facebook Live)
- Sunday at 10:30am
- Sunday School and Adult Education at 9:15am

Worship hike at the UW Arboretum, April 21. Gather from 10:30-10:45am at the steps of the visitor center (enough time to join after attending Sunday School or Adult Forum at Midvale). All ages welcome. Dress for the weather. The worship hike is a time to experience God in creation and connect with one another in prayer, reflection on a Bible reading and Holy Communion. Regular worship will be offered in the Sanctuary at 10:30am as well.

Celebrating Nancy Paulson, April 21. Join Nancy and her family in the Gathering Space between worship services to celebrate her 90th birthday!

Adult Education Sunday at 9:15am. Adult Forum will be offered simultaneously both in person in Fellowship Hall and by Zoom. You do not need to register to participate. Reference our weekly newsletter, *The Moments*, for the Zoom link. The same link will be used for all sessions.



- **April 21** – St. John's Lutheran Church's Redevelopment Project with Victor Forberger
- **April 28** – An Introduction to Spiritual Gifts – Roots in Scripture (Part 1 of 2) with Pastor Ken Smith and Nelse Grundvig



"Build to Serve: Grow in Love" all congregation lunch at Henry Vilas Zoo, May 5. Mark your calendar and participate in fun activities, enjoy lunch and receive a short presentation about our vision for growing our ministry. If you can attend, RSVP using the QR Code; link in the weekly newsletter, *The Moments*, or by contacting the office at info@midvalelutheran.org or (608) 238-7119. **Register by Sunday, April 21.**



Midvale Adopt-A-Highway Project, April 23. Spring is here and it's time to remove litter from the Midvale "Adopt-A-Highway" section of the South Beltline (from Whitney Way to Verona Road, eastbound direction only). Interested volunteers should meet at the Dane County Title Company (off of Whitney Way) at 1:30pm on Tuesday, April 23. Please contact Pete Wood or the office (info@midvalelutheran.org or (608) 238-7119) if you plan to be there or have questions. Also, if you are willing to help shuttle the crew back to their vehicles, please let us know.

Midvale Readers Book Club, April 23. Join the Midvale Readers Book Club on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 7pm in the church library for a discussion of *Switchboard Soldiers* by Jennifer Chiaverini.

Spring Clean Up Day, Saturday, April 27, 8:00 – 10:00am. The Building and Grounds Committee invites all to join them on the church grounds for spring landscape cleanup. Bring any yard tools and work gloves you have, but some will be provided as well. Many hands make quick and fun work! Rain date is May 4.

Just Bakery, April 28. Sales are from 8:30-11:45am in the Gathering Space. Just Bakery is a 12-week educational and vocational training initiative of JustDane. The program works with individuals who are experiencing significant barriers to employment (homelessness, justice involved, lack of education, and/or a lack of work history or skills). All proceeds from Just Bakery sales are reinvested into the program. Thank you for supporting Just Bakery!

Seniors With Spirit Luncheon, May 14. Seniors with Spirit will meet on Tuesday, May 14th, at 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall for a light lunch followed by a program on downsizing. Our speakers are Kate Wagner, a professional organizer from Renewal by Kate, and Edith and Richard Hachsteller, who make several trips each year taking donations to Kentucky. There will also be a handout of sources to help in downsizing, liquidating and making transitions. Lunch will be free, but donations are welcome. Sign up ahead of time is not necessary, helpful for planning the food, especially for vegetarian or gluten free requests. Register using the QR Code or contact the office at info@midvalelutheran.org or (608) 238-7119. We hope you will join us and bring a friend or neighbor.



New member information session, May 19. If you are interested in becoming a member of Midvale Community Lutheran Church or would like more information about our ministry, please contact one of the pastors or the church office. Information is also available on our website. We would love to have you join us in our mission to share the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ and make a difference in the lives of those in our community and all the world.

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING TODAY

5:00	Preaching/Presiding	Pastor Blake Rohrer
	Greeter	Rebecca Hagness
	Accompanist	Quinn Christensen
	Lector	Kay Bloedorn
	Communion Assistant	Colette Corwin
	Ushers	Gene Nelson, Kip Schick, John Warnick, Margaret Hoffman, Susan Knowles
8:00	Preaching	Pastor Blake Rohrer
	Presiding	Pastor Katie Baardseth
	Greeter	Enid Erdman
	Accompanist	Nancy Linder
	Lector	Enid Erdman
	Communion Assistants	Enid Erdman, Kim Frey
	Ushers	Jon Langsdorf, Brad Chapiewsky, Phil Simon, Tom Lovett
	AV Technician	Jay Wians
	Livestream Moderator	Toni Swandby
	Director of Music Ministry	Laura Svaren
	Handbell Choir Director	Eleanor Mertenich
	Chancel Guild	Linda Crane, Laurie Stensland, Lisa Chapiewsky, Gayle Perlberg, Rebecca Hagness, Colette Corwin
	Sunday Hospitality	The Paulson Family

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