

Seward United Methodist Church News Stream April 25th

Signs of Spring... Life Returns



Today I had the honor of presiding at communion for the Methodist residents at Ridgewood. This is the first time since the start of the pandemic. I was thoroughly checked -- including a COVID test -- when I arrived. Several residents were then helped to the chapel where we had a simple communion service. For me, it was particularly moving when we got to the Lord's Prayer and all their tender voices joined mine in saying those familiar words. For me, this was a small sign of hope that we are on the way to recovery from this pandemic. The recovery is a longer road than any of us would want, but we are making progress. Remind family and friends that vaccines are now available for all adults in our community and part of recovery is getting as many folks vaccinated as possible. So, let us take a deep breath. Let us watch for small signs of hope. And let us persevere in this long journey of defeating this virus.

Grace, peace, Mary Kay

Weekly Activities and Meetings

- April 27th - UMW Leadership 10:00am Fellowship Hall
- April 28th - Chancel Choir 6:15- 6:45pm
- April 28th - Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm
- April 29th - FoodNet 5:00pm

Prayer Request

Prayers for the family of Charlotte Besse who passed away April 20th. A Celebration of Life for Charlotte Margaret (Rhoades) Besse will be April 24th, 2021 at 10:00am. Cards may be left in the church office ahead of time.



Fellowship - Zoom in April - Linger on the Lawn in May

Coffee Fellowship will resume on May 2nd -- with a couple of risk mitigation measures in place. Coffee Fellowship will be on the front lawn. Refreshments will be individually packaged. Hosts may make refreshments and individually wrap them or purchase prepackaged refreshments. We will be looking for folks to sign up to be coffee fellowship hosts starting in May. When the 4 Corners Risk Dial moves into green, we will be able to shift coffee fellowship back to the social hall. While outside, if the weather is uncooperative, coffee fellowship will be canceled for that week.



Zoom Fellowship on April 18th and 25th. The Zoom fellowship will continue through the end of this month. The link will be sent on Saturdays. The final zoom fellowship for the time being will be April 25th. Thank you to everyone who has taken a turn hosting the Zoom Fellowship times.

Summer Camp at Fontanelle Packets Available



Could this be the summer you go to Camp Fontanelle? Camp is for everyone! There are camps for all ages (Pre-K through 12th grade...including an inter-generational family camp!) and for all interests including sports, water activities, animal lovers, music/drama/dance, and even a survivor camp...just to name a few! If you are interested in going to camp this summer - here is what you need to do:

1. Go to the [Camp Fontanelle Website](#) and select "Summer Camps" to find the camp that you want to attend. Also, you can check out the added COVID-19 safety precautions.
2. Pick up a registration form located on the table directly across from the front, red doors at church.
3. Return the completed form with a check for half of the cost of your selected camp to the church office. Our Seward United Methodist Women will graciously pay for the remainder of the costs and submit your registration to Camp Fontanelle.

Opportunity to Support Local Music at Concordia University

Join the community in supporting and celebrating the music of Concordia University. Over the next couple of weekends, Concordia University will be providing public concerts from their vocal choirs and handbell choirs. All performances will be at St. John Lutheran Church in Seward and live-streamed on the St. John YouTube channel.

- Sunday, April 25th at 3:00pm. - Cantamus Women's Choir and Concordia Male Chorus
- Sunday, May 2nd at 3:00pm. - Concordia Handbell Choirs

Tickets are free, but spaces must be reserved in advance to ensure proper social distancing. Masks are required for all St. John and Concordia events. You can reserve your spot at the [St. John's Website](#).

Newest Godparent Group Helps Out



Freshman/8th Grade Godparent Group helping clean out leaves around the Church this past Sunday.