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**KIRKEBO AND NORA LUTHERAN CHURCHES**

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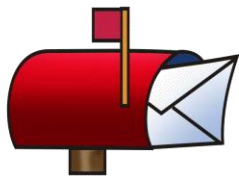
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## *Grace is a Gift—God's Riches at Christ's Expense*



FROM THE  
*PASTOR'S DESK*

Dear Friends and Members:

Holy Week begins with Passion (Palm) Sunday, and then we come to what are often called **The Three Days**: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. These are the central days of the Church Year. Christians all over the world gather for worship on these days, thanking and praising our Lord for what he has done for us.



**Maundy Thursday:** Eat, drink, wash, love. Hands, feet, body, blood. The vocabulary of Maundy Thursday is sensory, corporeal. *This day shall be a day of*

*remembrance for you* (Exod. 12:14) and a day that our bodies are re-membered, tangibly. Too many of us are ashamed or dissatisfied with our bodies. So, hear a word of mercy for all the bodies present, however little or large, abused or betrayed, hurting or dirty they may be!

On Maundy Thursday, love is not an empty sentiment, but it is grace enacted with wash basin and towel. We wash and eat and live, that we might love one another as Christ has loved us, on the night Christ instituted his Supper.



**Good Friday:** This night we look to Jesus and see our High Priest, the Suffering Servant, the great *I am*, dying on the cross. This is Christ who offered up himself and in so doing gained the victory over the forces of sin and death—a victory we share through our baptisms

At the cross, we lay our prayers. We pray and pray for everyone, trusting the Wounded One with all of our wounds.

**Easter:** We gather for a victory celebration. Sin, evil and death itself have not had the last word. Christ is risen. He is risen, indeed. As we live in a relationship with him, we share that victory. We, too, shall rise, to live with him into eternity.

This is the highest festival of the church year.



### **THREE DAY SCHEDULE**

**Maundy Thursday:** 7:00 p.m. at Nora

**Good Friday:** 7:00 p.m. at Kirkebo

**Easter Sunrise:** 7:00 a.m. at Kirkebo

**Easter Breakfast:** 8:00 a.m. at Kirkebo

**Easter Festival:** 10:00 a.m. at Nora



Please remember in prayer all of our family and friends who have been dealing with health issues, loss of loved ones, or who are not able to come to Worship with us each Sunday.

**AT HOME:** Glen Olschlager, Riley Gunderson, Marlys Dullum, Sylvia Holte, Alan Ellenson, Nils Buringrud, and Doug Dosland, Marlys Nedrebo.

**NURSING HOMES:** Betty Lerud at Manor Care, Evie Nelson at Eventide, Jody Williams at Manor Care, Burton Larson in Bismarck.

**ASSISTED LIVING:** Milly and Wally Lindgren, Gloria Peterson, Del Upman, Sherman Hoganson, Deb Jacobson,

**IN APARTMENTS:** Bev Jacobson, Jean Emery, Natalie Aasen, Cynthia Johnson.

IF WE HAVE MISSED SOMEONE, please let us know so that we can bring this more up-to-date next month.



**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

**Kirkebo:**

- 3 - Jeff Loe  
Trevor Pederson
- 6 - Kylie Borgen
- 7 - George Nelson
- 8 - Doug Ohren
- 11 - Leanne Nelson
- 13 - Emily Jobgen  
Austin Goble
- 15 - Cheryl Loe

- 16 - Eric Guttormson
- 19 - Cory Carter
- 22 - Amber Loe
- 26 - Sonja Meline
- 27 - Lloyd Manley
- 30 - Tina Borgen

**Nora:**

- 18 - Brodie Reierson
- 21 - Helen Madson
- 24 - Bailey Ellenson
- 26 - Emrey Reierson
- 28 - Alan Ellenson
- 30 - Madison Kalash

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

On **Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>** at 2:00 pm the performance of J. S. Bach's masterpiece, St. John Passion will be performed at First Lutheran Church, Fargo by the NDSU Concert Choir and the Baroque Festival Orchestra under the direction of our own Jo Ann Miller. Contact the NDSU box office for tickets.



Everyone is invited to join the Nora; Kirkebo Youth Group for an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., at Nora Lutheran. Register in the Fellowship hall of the Church or on the Youth Group Facebook page. Come and have some fun with us.



Please watch for the announcement of a Youth Group Meeting sometime after Easter in which we want to re-organize. There is a desire to have at least two divisions so that the programming can be more age-related. We so want all parents and young people to participate,



## Ethel Rebecca Hest

April 10, 1928 - March 01, 2017

Ethel Rebecca (Houglum) Hest, 88, of Ada, MN (formerly of Moorhead, MN and Perley, MN), passed away peacefully on March 1, 2017 at the Benedictine Living Community

in Ada, MN.

Ethel was born on April 10, 1928 to E.S. (Selmer) and Pauline (Shefveland) Houglum at their farm near Perley, MN. She was baptized and confirmed at Bethania Lutheran Church, rural Perley, MN. She attended Riverside School near their farm, and later graduated from high school in Borup, MN in 1946. Ethel went on to attend Concordia College in Moorhead, MN where she received her teacher's certificate. She taught elementary school for one year near Leonard, ND. Ethel married Ralph Hest on November 20, 1948 at Bethania Lutheran Church. They were blessed with seven children.

Ethel and Ralph operated a dairy and crop farm near Perley, MN until retiring in 1989. They moved into Moorhead in 1993, and they lived there until Ralph's death on December 31, 2014. Ethel then moved to the Benedictine Living Community in Ada, MN.

Ethel defined the role of homemaker. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She hosted many events for both family and friends wherever she and Ralph were. She enjoyed sewing, and became a gifted quilter, providing beautiful quilts to her entire family. Ethel was known for her exceptional flower and vegetable

gardens, as well as being a natural teacher to the entire family.

Ethel was a devoted member of Kirkebo Lutheran Church of Perley, MN. She served in countless roles throughout the years, such as Sunday School teacher, WELCA leader, and choir member. She shared her gift of song, often singing duets with Ralph and in various quartets. Together with the ladies of the church, she helped stitch together innumerable quilts to be sold or donated. Ethel was active in 4-H, both as a member and as an adult leader. She volunteered as an aide at the elementary school in Perley for several years, and served on the boards of Norman County Social Services and Lutheran Homes of Halstad and Twin Valley. She was also active in her local garden and homemakers clubs. Ethel will be missed by all who knew her.

Ethel is survived by Rick (Barb) Hest of Eagle Bend, MN; Jim (Terry) Hest of Grygla, MN; Russ (Joyce) Hest of Casselton, ND; Bruce (Cheryl) Hest of Minot, ND; Bryan of Perley, MN; and Becky (Dave) Smart of Ada, MN. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, a sister - Betty Blevins of Lakeland, FL, and two sisters-in-law - Bev Hest of St. Paul, MN and Geri Houglum of Duluth, MN.

Ethel was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, Ralph; their daughter Nancy; her parents Selmer and Pauline Houglum; her brothers Arvid and Edward; her sisters and their spouses: Carol and Andy Midthune, Ruby and Myron Miller; and a brother-in-law, John Hest.

Blessed be her memory!

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