# Steeple News

#### **Bible Studies**

#### Ladies Bible Study 1st Thursday of the month

March 7, 6:30 p.m.

Scripture and Nature: Teachers of Faith Session III - Rivers

Focus verse: Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city." Rev. 22:1

#### Bible Study with Rev. Hans Lillejord

2nd & 4th Tuesday - Mar. 12 & Mar. 26, 10:00 a.m.

#### **Lenten & Easter Services**

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Wednesday, March 6
6:00 p.m. Meal, 7:00 p.m. - Service
Wednesday, March 13
6:00 p.m. Meal, 7:00 p.m. - Service
Wednesday, March 20
6:00 p.m. Meal, 7:00 p.m. - Service

#### Palm Sunday, March 24

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

#### Maundy Thursday, March 28

7:00 p.m. Worship Service

#### **Good Friday, March 29**

6:00 p.m. Light Meal, 7:00 p.m. – Short Movie **Easter Sunday, March 31** 

7:30 a.m. - Sunrise Service at the Cemetery

8:30 a.m. - Breakfast in the Parish Hall

9:30 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt

10:30 a.m. - Worship Service with Holy Communion

#### Game Nights at New Sweden Church

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday this month at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to join in the fun and fellowship of card games, ping pong and dominoes.

### Extra! Extra! Go Read About it!

https://www.newswedenelca.org/

The New Sweden Church website has a new look. You can get all our event information, sermons, Steeple News, and more.

#### **Easter Lilies**

Please help us decorate our sanctuary for Easter. We have purchased 24 Easter lilies from Down Home Ranch. It is a fundraiser for Down Home Ranch, a local residential facility for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and for us too. Anything you donate above the \$12.50 will help WELCA with their ministry of purchasing kitchen & bathroom supplies for New Sweden Lutheran Church. The lilies will be displayed on Easter morning and after the services are over, we hope you will take home the lilies that you purchased. You may give your lily in memory or honor of a loved one. Please designate on the envelope (located at greeter stand) how you would prefer it to be listed. Place envelope in offering plate or give to treasurer during Lent.

Thank you,

Carolyn Balkum, Treasurer, New Sweden WELCA



# Matthew 5:16 "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

I am championing a pilot program called GLOW. With the parent's permission, the program's goal is to provide a one-on-one interaction with youth in the congregation ages 14-24, who would like to receive texts, cards, letters, scriptures, care packages, or simply a phone call to let them know they matter. There is not a right or wrong way to do this. This pilot program will be for you to show love, caring and encouragement. The youth is our future, I hope you will let your light shine.

If interested, please contact me by March 10<sup>th</sup>. Thanks, Gayle Anderson 512-670-6945

### About Our Library...

New Sweden Lutheran Church Library was created in 2018 with books donated by church members. The library was in the parish hall making it easily accessible to everyone. Volunteers created a category and labeling system. Due to the lack of borrowing activity in over a year, the library is being dismantled. There is a current inventory list of the books. If you donated books and would like to have them returned, please contact me or the church office before March 10<sup>th</sup>. Any books remaining after March 10<sup>th</sup> will be donated to an appropriate facility. Jacqui Zalkovsky...text or call 920-4943, email Zalkjz@icloud.com

## Heritage Day Saturday, April 20, 2024

### New Sweden Heritage Center 12809 New Sweden Church Rd Manor, Texas 78653

3:00 p.m. - Fun filled activities,
Tour the New Sweden Heritage Center
View the Swedish Community Displays
Maypole Dance

2:00-4:00 Visit Manda School

A **General Store** to purchase items that support and maintain the New Sweden Heritage Center.

**5:00 p.m. - Swedish Meal**Tickets are \$15 Adults - - \$8 children 10 and under

**6:00 p.m. - Program in Sanctuary** "Early Schools on the Prairie"

Tickets available from Jack Atterstrom 512-281-3767 Carolyn Balkum 512-966-8692 or calling New Sweden Church 512-281-0056 Leave a message!

### Church Services

Worship Service 10:30 a.m. each Sunday
Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. each Sunday
Holy communionFirst and Third Sundays

As the church that serves the countryside, we commit ourselves to share in Christ's love in action through our congregation, community, and the world.

New Sweden Evangelical Lutheran Church 12809 New Sweden Church Road Manor, Texas 78653

Pastor Rev. Hans Lillejord, Cell 512-947-9044

Office Hours: Tuesday & Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 512-281-0056

Office Secretary: Susan Rountree

# March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Holy Communion Flowers: Janet Mabry in honor of Riley's birthday	4 12:30 Swedish Interest Meet in Parish hall	5	6:00 p.m. Meal 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service	6:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Class Scripture & Nature Session 3: <i>Rivers</i>	8	9
*Daylight Savings Time * 10 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	11	10:00 a.m. Bible Study	6:00 p.m. Meal 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service	5:00 p.m. Game Night	15	16 Carolyn Johnson Funeral
9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Holy Communion Flowers: Tammy & Geoff Zimmerman	18	7:00 p.m. Church Council	6:00 p.m. Meal 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service	5:00 p.m. Game Night	22	23
Palm Sunday 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:45 a.m. Potluck/Fellowship  Easter Sunday 7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service 8:30 a.m Breakfast 9:30 a.m Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion Flowers: Janet Mabry in honor of Makina's birthday	25	10:00 a.m. Bible Study	27	7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service	Good Friday 6:00 p.m. Meal 7:00 p.m. Movie Parish Hall	30

Acolytes: 3rd Riley Mabry, 10th Paloma Ortiz, 17th Jack Sutton, 24th Makina Mabry, 31st Joanna Ojeda

Altar Guild: Yvonne Carroll, Susan Rountree

Communion Assistants: Doug Arnhamn, M/M Cliff Kessler

Pastor's Communion Assistants: 3<sup>rd</sup> Yvonne Carroll, 17<sup>th</sup> Carolyn Balkum, 31<sup>st</sup> Kim Strong

Greeters: 3<sup>rd</sup> Jacqueline Zalkovsky, 10<sup>th</sup> Gayle Anderson, 17<sup>th</sup> Janet Mabry, 24<sup>th</sup> Carolyn Balkum, 31<sup>st</sup> Bonnie Kessler

Lectors: 3<sup>rd</sup> Bonnie Kessler, 10<sup>th</sup> Yvonne Creppon, 17<sup>th</sup> Byron Jordan, 24<sup>th</sup> Kevin Burleson, 31<sup>st</sup>

Ushers: Aaron Anderson, Jack Atterstrom, Ray Robbins