

# *Steeple News*

## **Bible Studies**

**Ladies Bible Study 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month**  
May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

**Bible Study with Rev. Hans Lillejord**  
No Tuesday Bible Study this month.

## **Game Nights at New Sweden Church**

2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday this month – 7:00 p.m.  
Join us for these fun evenings!

## **Synod Convention**

Pastor Hans and Kim Strong are delegates to ELC Southwest Texas Synod and will be attending the convention May 3-5. The order of business will be to elect a Bishop for the next 6-year period.

## **Day Trip**

Sunday, June 2 - We are planning to attend the play "Doubt" in Georgetown at the Palace Theatre. The play begins at 2:00 p.m. and tickets are \$33-\$35. Seating is limited so please respond ASAP.  
Call Jamie Lundgren 512-633-0640  
or Pastor Hans 512-9479044

## **Heritage Day 2024**

The New Sweden Heritage Center celebrated its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Heritage Day on April 20. It was a success, and the rain did not dampen our spirits. We had attendees from outside the community and outside the state. A general store organized by Leland Lundgren provided many items of Swedish and community interest. Poster displays of local school districts and a trip through the Heritage Center highlighted the theme of "Early Schools on the Prairie." Of course, the big draw was the meal of authentic homemade meatballs. After the meal, attendees were escorted by Barbara Gustafson Pate in an authentic Swedish costume to the program of mini skits, written by Debbie Tucker, depicting life in early days by local members portraying young students. The audience joined in old-time songs and laughed at the aging students. A special thanks to all who helped put together this production. There were many and all were greatly appreciated. See you next year!

## **Congrats Grads!**

**Joanna Ojeda** is graduating from Manor Early College High School.

**Lauren McManus** is graduating from UT Arlington with a degree in Business Marketing and Business Management.

**Ryan Silvus** is graduating from UT San Antonio with a degree in Computer Science with a concentration in Cyber Operations.

**Jaden Strong** is graduating from Texas A&M University with a degree in Biological and Agricultural Engineering.

## **Thank You**

A special "Thank You" to the members of New Sweden for their prayers, expression of sympathies and memorials on the death of my brother Nels Lillejord.

Rev. Hans Lillejord

From Pastor Hans' nephew...

To members of New Sweden Lutheran Church: Your gift of flowers at Nel's funeral was absolutely beautiful and much appreciated. Thanks for thinking of Hans and his family.

Jon & Connie Lillejord

From the Gideons...

Thank you once again for allowing the Gideons to speak at your wonderful church. You are a blessing to us as you are to your church. The amount of offering was \$298.00.

I would like to express my condolences to Pastor Hans regarding his brother. May God continue to be with you.

Dave Johnson

Blessing of the Bicycles

We had great volunteers who helped with setup, clean up and donated cookies! Thank you to Pastor Hans for leading the blessing service! First year we had 75 cyclists, last year we had 150 and this year we had over 200!

*Church Services*

Sunday School ----- 9:30 a.m. each Sunday

Worship Service ----- 10:30 a.m. each Sunday

*Holy communion -----First 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.***

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# May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study	3	4 Voting- Parish Hall
5 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service Flowers:	6 11:30 am Swedish Interest Meet in Parish Hall	7	8	9 7:00 pm Game Night	10	11
12 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service Flowers:	13 7:00 pm Evangelism	14	15	16 7:00 pm Game Night	17	18
19 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service <i>Holy Communion</i> Flowers:	20	21 7:00 pm Church Council	22	23 7:00 pm Game Night	24	25
26 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service 11:45 am Potluck/Fellowship Flowers: Yvonne & Ronnie Creppon	27	28 Voting-Parish Hall	29	30 7:00 pm Game Night	31	

**Acolytes:** 5<sup>th</sup> Riley Mabry, 12<sup>th</sup> Jack Sutton, 19<sup>th</sup> Makina Mabry, 26<sup>th</sup> Joanna & Josh Ojeda

**Altar Guild:** Sharon Robbins, Kim Strong

**Communion Assistants:** Yvonne Carroll, Terry Johnson

**Pastor's Communion Assistants:** 19<sup>th</sup> Jack Atterstrom

**Greeters:** 5<sup>th</sup> Lena Ging, 12<sup>th</sup> Donna Snowden, 19<sup>th</sup> Sharon Robbins, 26<sup>th</sup> Nancy Sutton

**Lectors:** 5<sup>th</sup> Yvonne Carroll, 12<sup>th</sup> Kim Strong, 19<sup>th</sup> Geoff Zimmerman, 26<sup>th</sup> Kendra Silvus

**Ushers:** Chris Mabry, JJ Strong, Kent Heath