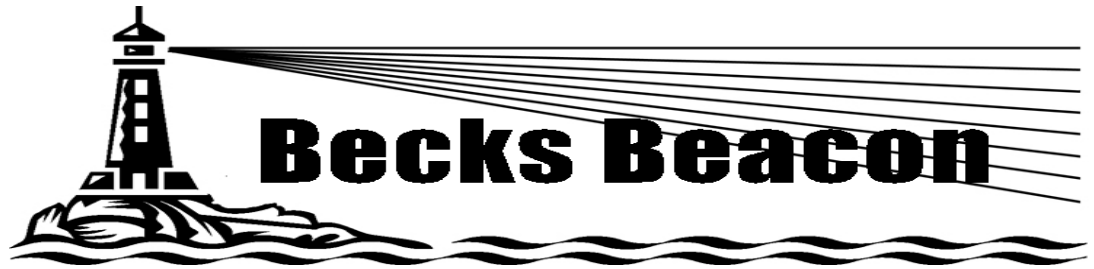


**April
2024**



**He is risen!
He is risen indeed!**

This pronouncement, this good news, is vindication for Jesus and inspiration for us!

While this is just the most recent of many Easter celebrations for most of us, it's important to remember this announcement – He is risen! – changes things. Sometimes it's too easy to just go through the motions and then go back to the way things usually are. But the good news changes things, transforms people, and calls the world to move in a different direction.

In the resurrection, God has vindicated Jesus. And not just Jesus, but all that he taught his followers. Easter is the reaffirmation that we're to listen to him and follow him as we're able.

Jesus should be part of most of our important decisions in the world, the guide to how we treat our neighbors, how we care for the world, how we vote, how we use the gifts we've been given.

We should be guided by these teachings, that are given to us, maybe written on our hearts:

- Love God and don't put anything or anyone in God's place
- Love your neighbor
- Love yourself
- Love your enemies and do good for them
- Serve the needy and provide for them
- Welcome stranger, foreigner, and the genuinely oppressed
- Don't judge others
- Forgive

None of us follow these as we should or as we wish we did. But I hope we aspire to do so, at least on our better days. I hope we support policies that uphold these teachings, vote for candidates who genuinely strive to live by them, and urge our churches to follow our mission out into the world and reflect these teachings to the world.

Alleluia! He is risen! And he calls us to change, to change our world, and to follow him! Happy Easter to all of you!

Peace,
Pastor Chris



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Monthly Stewardship

Needed for the month of March —Budget	17,175.00
March 3, 2024 —Budget —Facility Reserve	\$4,856.33 \$85.00
March 10, 2024 —Budget —Facility Reserve	\$1,506.00 \$50.00
March 17, 2024 —Budget —Facility Reserve	\$3,075.00 \$340.00
March 24, 2024 —Budget —Facility Reserve	\$1,318.00 \$30.00
March 31, 2024 —Budget —Facility Reserve	\$3,180.50 \$120.00
Received for March —Budget —Facility Reserve	\$13,935.83 \$625.00



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

<i>Brittany Blankenship Guest</i>	6
<i>Barbara Callicutt</i>	6
<i>Terry Hedrick</i>	12
<i>Alexandra Myers</i>	15
<i>Kimberly Blankenship</i>	16
<i>Al Hoppensteadt</i>	17
<i>Arch McMullan</i>	20
<i>Scott Allen</i>	20
<i>Teresa Baxter</i>	21
<i>Derick Vawter</i>	21
<i>Tom Jackson</i>	23
<i>Phyllis Leonard</i>	24
<i>Keith Trexler</i>	25

Welcome
to
Sunday School

Sunday, April 7, 2024
Sunday School for ALL AGES!

*Please join us at 9:30 AM for
our next Sunday School.*

*Come early and enjoy a time of fellowship
with your church family!*



**Becks Lutheran Church Council
February 17, 2024
Becks Lutheran Office Complex**

Members Present: Selina Everhart – President, Buford Blankenship – Vice President, Eva Cushman – Secretary, Pastor Chris Johnson, Kent Beck, Micky Beck, Artie Helton, Donna Myers

President Selina Everhart called the meeting to order.

No guests were present.

Micky began the meeting with the devotions.

Micky made a motion to approve the January 21, 2023, minutes, seconded by Donna and approved by all.

No Closed Session.

Reports:

Finance: *(A report was included in the council packet)* – The report for January was a very good month for giving. There was a lump sum contribution given which drove up the offerings in January, and we are very thankful. Expenses were as to be expected. There was an adjustment of \$165.15 which was a bookkeeping error. The mistake has been corrected and all is taken care of. Currently the General Fund has \$53,148.88 and Facility Reserve has \$52,354.62. The non-Budget account has \$41,356.82 and Edward Jones account \$89,401.34.

Membership and Outreach Team: No Report.

Pastor Chris report: *(A report was included in the council packet)* Since last Council meeting led 4 Sunday services, attended two text studies and

January Council meeting and Worship Board informally. Visits including phone calls, shut-ins, hospital/nursing home visits (74 as of 2/14/24). Will perform a wedding on February 20, 2024, at St. Luke's. The average worship attendance for January was 50. Sunday school continued on February 4, 2024, and the next one will be on March 3, 2024. Confirmation with St Luke's on January 28, 2024, with three children. The next meeting will be February 25, 2024.

Property Team: *(A report was included in the council packet)* – Micky has replaced or repaired all exit signage that we had written up from the Fire Marshall inspection, as well as some additional ones after retesting. Chris and Bryan are working on sound system repairs and wiring. Kent found a couple of people that may be interested in giving quotes for the replacement of the front Church doors. The FEB carpet was cleaned on February 14, 2024. Artie plugged some areas of the church yard and put out grass seed. There are a few trees that appear to be dying and need to be removed. Buford and Artie will get some estimates.

Service and Fellowship Team: No Report.

Stewardship Team: No Report.

Worship Team: No Report.

Discretionary Fund: \$500.00 in and \$604.42 out (\$500.00 in/out for anonymous assistance and \$104.42 out for non-member), balance on hand \$2,889.58 as of January 31, 2024.

Food Pantry: We have served 4 units for a total of 9 people for the month of January.

New Business:

- Blood drive scheduled Tuesday, March 5, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.
- Spring clean-up for the church grounds is scheduled on Friday, March 1, 2024 and inside the FEB scheduled on Saturday, March 2, 2024 and will need volunteers.

- Easter Egg Hunt scheduled Saturday, March 30, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
- Easter Sunday service scheduled on March 31, 2024. We will have breakfast at 9:00 a.m. followed by regular service at 10:30 a.m. Traditional communion to start again beginning with our Easter service.
- Children's Sunday School class to begin March 3, 2024 and so far two volunteers have agreed to help.
- There will be no Sunday School class for the months of July and August.
- Life Screening has requested to use the church building again on July 24, 2024. Micky made motion to approve the request, second by Donna and approved by all.
- The office complex needs some repairs. Buford will proceed with getting estimates for the repairs.
- Several people have asked about defibrillator training. There are pictures that tell you everything to do step by step. Anyone can use it and it is self-explanatory.
- Discussion on the cemetery guidelines pertaining to burial of urns and bud-vases for columbarium. Buford will get an estimate of costs for the vases.
- Discussion of Vacation Bible School. Eva will get with Grace Episcopal, and Donna will get with First Lutheran to determine if we will combine churches again this year.

The next Council meeting will be on March 17, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. at the office complex.

Motion to adjourn made by Donna, seconded by Eva and all approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Eva Cushman
Secretary



I want to thank my church family for all of the love and support, calls and texts and cards during Ronnie's cancer journey and subsequent passing. We definitely felt loved! Please continue to pray for our family as we move through our grief.

*God's Peace,
Rebecca Moretz*



There is room for you in the Chancel Choir!

We are always welcoming new faces as well as anyone who has participated in the past.

Please see Arch McMullan for details.



The choir rehearses each Sunday Morning at 9:30 AM in the Choir Room.



We had almost 90 folks to attend our Easter Egg Hunt this year! Look at these photos and see what a great time was had by all. Many thanks to all who helped organize the event, donated candy, and worked to make this a successful outreach to our community!

Blood DRIVE

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

2:00 PM — 6:30 PM

**Register online at
www.redcrossblood.org**

Lector Schedule for April and May

APRIL

7 Kent Beck
14 Michelle Moore
21 Shane Young
28 Tammie Beck

MAY

5 (volunteer needed)
12 (volunteer needed)
19 (volunteer needed)
26 (volunteer needed)

