

## MUSIC NOTES\*

A new hymn is chosen for the first Sunday in April, the Fifth Sunday of Lent. *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*, or in French, *Jesus, je voudrais te chanter*. This French hymn and its tune were composed in 1961 (assumed in Montreal and adopted in a French community, *Les petites Soeurs de Jesus*). It was later translated in 1970 by Stephen Somerville into an English version. It is a gentle round-the-world text about Jesus as the song on life's journey. It takes into account the whole creation, servanthood, salvation, worship at the table, fear, and courage.

This French community is an international contemplative community founded in Algeria in 1939 by Magdeleine Hutin who sought to be a sign of love to people who are rejected. She was inspired by a French explorer, who became a hermit committed to Africa and devoted himself to prayer, penance, and works of charity. Hutin wanted to join an order but none would accept her because of her health. Her rheumatism was crippling because of the climate so she was told to go to Algeria where it never rained. She made her vows in 1939 and now the order has 1400 sisters from sixty nationalities on five continents who share the poverty and social conditions of the slums. These communities provide family-like homes where adults with disabilities live together.

The tune used for this hymn was written by an anonymous member of the community for whom it is named, *LES PETITES SOEURS*. Two of the four verses are included in the next column.

**Alpha Roeszler**  
Music Director

*\*Excerpts from ELW Hymnal Companion*

## Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song\*

1) *Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;  
I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:  
You alone are our life and our peace and our love,  
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.*

2) *Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey,  
May all of my joy be faithful reflection of you.  
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.*

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## Holy Week Services

**Palm Sunday:** We will meet at the east entrance of our office building on 417 Main Avenue at 9 a.m. for the Procession of the Palms on **April 14**. We will process down 4<sup>th</sup> Street South and turn on 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. South to go to the chapel. Worship begins at 10 a.m. with coffee following. The Crosswalks Intergenerational Series meets at 11:15 a.m.

**Maundy Thursday:** Worship is at Churches United for the Homeless at 5:45 p.m. on **April 18**.

**Good Friday Service:** TBD



## EASTER SUNDAY

Worship is at 10 a.m. The choir sings. The "Alleluias" come out of hiding. Easter flowers adorn the chancel. Our voices raise in familiar Easter refrains!

**Coffee Hour:** Please bring muffins, rolls, or fruit to be served following worship. Thanks!

"Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace"

Our Lenten Worship Services continue at Churches United for the Homeless in Moorhead on the following evenings:

**April 3** – Darkness/Light  
**April 10** - Sadness/Joy  
**April 18** - Sowing Love

Worship/Communion is held at 5:45 p.m. in the dining room through Maundy Thursday. Join us as we gather with the guests at Churches United for singing, praying, and sharing of the Gospel.



## Gospel Readings for April

Apr 7 – **Lent 5**

John 12.1-8

*Mary anoints Jesus for his burial*

April 14 – **Passion/Palm Sunday**

Luke 23.1-49

*The passion of the Lord*

April 21 – **Easter Sunday**

Luke 24.1-12

*The women proclaim the resurrection*

April 28 – **Easter 2**

John 20.19-31

*Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ*

## Choir Rehearsals

**Lent 5**

**March 31<sup>st</sup>:** Rehearsal at 9:15 and sing for worship

**Easter Sunday**

**April 21<sup>st</sup>:** Rehearsal at 9:15 and sing for worship

The choir welcomes new singers to join at any time!

## April Schedule

### USHERS

7: Charlie Jordan  
14: Stan F. and Amelia G.  
21: Brian Buteyn  
28: Bill Roeszler

### LECTORS

7: Cindy Roholt  
14: Pending  
21: Pending  
28: Becky Barry

### CANTORS

7: Ryu Kroshus  
14: Tara Jensen  
21: Jay Jansen  
28: Becky Barry

### ALTAR GUILD

7: Maxine Fagerland  
14: Naomi Franek  
21: Elna Solvang  
28: Tammy Lanaghan

### BREAD

7: Maxine Fagerland  
14: Tammy Lanaghan  
21: Carly and Amelia Gaddie  
28: Ryu Kroshus



### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Apr 3:** Lenten Worship, 5:45  
**Apr 5:** Church Women United at the chapel, 11-1  
**Apr 7:** Food Pantry Sunday  
**Apr 7:** Intergenerational Education Series, 11:15 am  
**Apr 10:** Lenten Worship, 5:45  
**Apr 14:** Palm Sunday Procession, 9:00 a.m. at the office  
**Apr 14:** Intergenerational Education Series, 11:15 am  
**Apr 18:** Maundy Thursday service at CUFH, 5:45 pm  
**Apr 19:** Good Friday - TBA  
**Apr 21: Easter Sunday Worship**  
**Apr 24:** Church Council Meeting, 6:00 pm  
**Apr 25:** Newsletter Mailing, 9:30  
**Apr 27:** Spring Cleaning & Sorting, 10-4  
**Apr 28:** Mosaic Dedication, 12:30 pm & Open Houses (see article)



## FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

Sunday, April 7, will be the next Sunday for collecting items for the Emergency Food Pantry. In March we collected 55 lbs. which was up from the 33 lbs. we collected in January. We have collected 116 lbs. so far this year – our goal is about 290 lbs. We are on track in meeting our goal.

Current needs include the following: Canned Tuna, Peanut Butter, Canned Fruit, Rice (one-pound bag white or brown rice, Pasta/noodles, Toilet Paper, and Bar soap. They also accept other non-perishable items, basic hygiene items, and egg cartons (must be 1 dozen carton and prefer large size).

If you wish to make a monetary donation, please make the check out to St. Mark's Lutheran Church and notate Emergency Food Pantry on the memo line.

*Jane Radig*

### Did You Know...

...that Bethany Retirement Living offers a broad range of senior care services to meet just about any need a senior may have? At Bethany on University, Skilled Nursing Care, Memory Care, Transitional Care, Basic Care, and Assisted Living are available. Bethany on 42<sup>nd</sup> features Skilled Nursing Care, Transitional Care, Assisted Living, and Senior Apartments. Ethos Home Care & Hospice offers services in your own home. Are you looking for living opportunities for someone you love? Visit our website at [www.bethanynd.org](http://www.bethanynd.org) or call 701.239.3000 or 701.478.8900.

### Spring Cleaning/Sorting

It's time to do some sorting and cleaning in the office and chapel. Even though we're renting we still have a lot of stuff!

**Date: April 27 Time: 10-4**



## Dedication for the Mosaic and Open House

The "Bright Sky" Mosaic will be dedicated at a ceremony on Sunday, April 28, at 12:30 p.m. at the Bright Sky Apartments, 3305 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE in Moorhead. Pastor Joe designed this mosaic, as well as the one that is mounted in the chapel at Churches United. We thank all of the many volunteers from our church as well as other community members who gathered weekly for several months to create this beautiful piece of artwork. Let's celebrate together at the dedication on April 28!

The Open House will be held from 1-3 p.m. at Churches United, Bright Sky Apartments, Dorothy Day House, and the Dorothy Day Food Pantry! You have the opportunity to take a tour, meet the staff and volunteers, as well as enjoy refreshments.

**VOLUNTEERS:** They are still seeking some volunteers to help with hosting at one of the sites on the day of the Open House, the making of bars/cookies/snack items along with coffee and juice, too. Feel free to reach out to Brady McClaffin at [bradym@churches-united.org](mailto:bradym@churches-united.org) or call 218.236.0372.

ADDRESSES for the Open House:  
**Churches United for the Homeless:** 1901 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North, Moorhead  
**Bright Sky Apartments:** 3305 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North, Moorhead  
**Dorothy Day House:** 714 8<sup>th</sup> Street South, Moorhead  
**Dorothy Day Food Pantry:** 1308 Main Avenue, Moorhead

## Crosswalks



### A Journey to ComPassion

Our intergenerational series continues through Passion/Palm Sunday, April 14, when we will reflect upon what we have learned over the course of our engagement with the weekly texts.

Artwork from the group is displayed in the chapel and reflects the themes and conversations which have taken place.

All are welcome to join in from 11:15 to Noon after worship on April 7 and 14.

We thank the St. Mark's Education Committee for their creativity and commitment to bringing people of all ages together to learn and share and grow!



### Query

The Query Book Discussion meets at the Front Street Taproom on Tuesday, April 30, 5:30-7 pm. This month's book is "Fatal Shadows" by Josh Lanym, a romantic mystery involving a bookstore owner and a detective. The setting is Los Angeles.

Please contact Pastor Joe or Tammy Lanaghan for more information. The date is TBD.

### Rainbow Seniors

The Red River Rainbow Seniors Happy Hour will be on April 9 from 5-7 p.m. at Drekker's Brewhalla, 1666 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North in Fargo.

## Faye Seidler Interviewed

John Harris, who moderates "Prairie Pulse" on Prairie Public TV, recently interviewed transgender activist Faye Seidler, who works at the Harbor Health Clinic in Fargo, the only informed consent transgender conversion clinic in North Dakota. Faye talks about her upbringing, her work at the clinic, insurance needs and issues with conversion therapy medicine, and also touches on transgender rights and discrimination within the state of North Dakota.

Faye writes a column for the High Plains Reader and has led many educational seminars.

The interview is available on U-Tube at **Prairie Pulse 1623: Faye Seidler**. Congratulations to Faye

## \$\$ Special Offering for May

St. Mark's will collect offerings for Churches United for the Homeless and the Emergency Food Pantry during the month of May. The method of collecting money is based on the "Thankoffering" model that many women's groups (including my mom's!) have used over the years. A calendar with suggested prayers and donations is used along with a coin bank. The calendar will be included in next month's newsletter. If you would rather write a check, please write "CUFH-Emergency Food Pantry" on the memo line.

**We are asking your help in collecting containers with soft lids, such as yogurt, nuts, etc., etc., for our coin banks. Bring them to church by Sunday, April 7. We plan to decorate them...thanks.**

*Jane Radig*



Pictured above are some of the participants of our Crosswalks Intergenerational Series which meets after worship from 11:15 to Noon. Join us!!

Emily, Jon, Charlie, Tammy, Helen Beth, and Ruth



**Easter Floral Display**

If you would like to contribute to the Easter Floral display at St. Mark's this year we are asking a donation of **\$15**. Please submit your order by **Wednesday, April 10**, by mail or call 701.235.5591. We plan to purchase a variety of flowers, including the traditional white lilies.

Please make your check out to: St. Mark's Lutheran Church." Our mailing address is 417 Main Ave., Ste. 401, Fargo, ND, 58103.

The flowers will be distributed to shut-ins and some will stay in the chapel during the Easter Season. If you would like to take a plant home, please indicate that below. Thanks!

**Name:**

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**Phone:**

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**In Honor of:**

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**In Memory of:**

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**Amount Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to take a plant home with me: yes \_\_\_  
no \_\_\_

*Thank You & Have a Blessed Easter*

**Bethany Auxiliary Geranium Fundraiser**

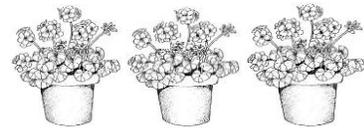
The Bethany Auxiliary, which helps to raise money to provide items for Bethany residents - such as subscriptions to The Forum, blanket warmers, Netflix services, heat lamps, Portals of Prayer devotional booklets, to name a few - will be selling geraniums again this year.

The geraniums are in 4 1/2" pots, with a choice of red, pink, salmon, and white, for \$5.25 each, with \$2.25 for each pot sold going to the Bethany Auxiliary.

Orders **must be placed by May 6** and **payment must be made at the time the order is placed**. Checks should be made out to Bethany Auxiliary. **Order blanks** are available at the church office, the chapel, or from Jane Radig.

Orders may be picked up **May 22 at Bethany on University and May 23 at Bethany on 42. All orders must be picked up between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm on both days.**

If you are unable to pick them up, please contact Jane Radig at 701.239.4386 as she has offered to deliver them.



**HELP WANTED**

I am looking for a volunteer(s) who would like to help pick out Easter flowers and plants for April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Please contact Naomi at the office:

701.235.5591 or

[admin@stmarkslutheranfargo.com](mailto:admin@stmarkslutheranfargo.com)

*(Must be able to stay within a budget... ☺)*