

THE SHEPHERD'S LOVE

New York Mills Apostolic Lutheran Church • 315 Main Ave South • New York Mills, MN 56567 Vol 3 No. 36

From the Pastor's Desk

July 2023



³¹ Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field:

³² Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.

³³ Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

³⁴ All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them:"

Matthew 13:31-34

Consider how a tree grows, the mustard seed was the smallest of seeds, but when given time and nourishment it grows into a tree. Jesus likens his kingdom to this. Just as a tree grows little by little so does God's king-

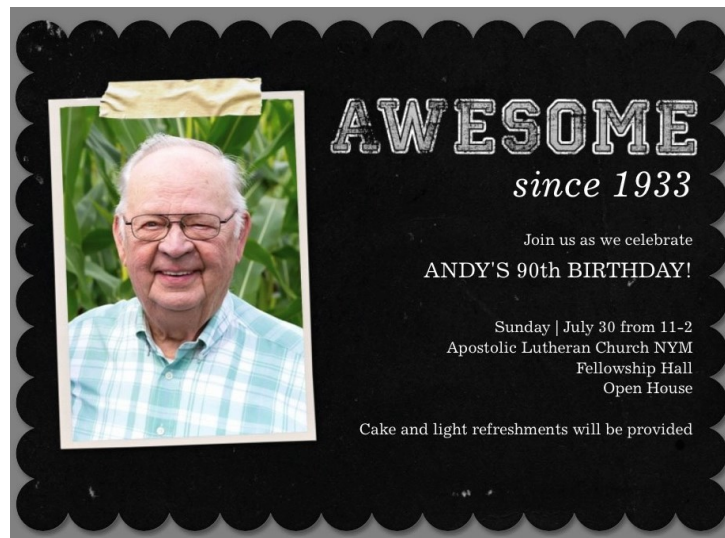
dom. In his small catechism on his explanation of the Lord's Prayer, Luther says this regarding the petition "Thy kingdom come": "The Kingdom of God comes indeed without our prayer, of itself; but we pray in this petition that it may come unto us also." When Jesus speaks of his kingdom, we often think of a place, but the word in Greek more accurately reflects that which a king does, another way we could think of it is "The reign of God." This is apt especially when we consider the reference to the mustard tree which birds are able to shelter in. Jesus gives us more insight into how his reign works. It's like yeast. A little bit of it in a whole lump of flour causes the whole thing to rise. On the day of Pentecost the church consisted of virtually that small group of men waiting in the upper room. That day through the working of the spirit 3000 souls were saved and God's kingdom began to spread throughout the world like yeast. This spread eventually reached our forefathers in Finland, and people who went from worshipping pagan God's repented and believed the gospel. Through the powerful working of God's Word you and I have been given refuge. Where God's word is preached there is the kingdom of God, there is the reign and rule of Christ. There is the cross where we poor birds can lodge in it's shadow and take refuge from this world of sin and death.

God's Peace,
Pastor Nicholas Kandoll





Sunday school classes singing for the program in May



The blessing of living in America

**“How little do my countryman know that
precious blessing they are in possession of,
and**

which no other people on earth enjoy.”

**Thomas Jefferson, 1743 -1826, America
Founding Father,**

**Author of the Declaration of Independence,
3rd President**

of the United States

Thank You for Our Freedom

Thank you, Lord, for the privilege of living in this great country where we have freedom to openly worship you. May we never take that privilege for granted, but always guard it and treasure it. May we not live in apathy to you, but live in awe of your love and forgiveness freely poured out for us. Allow our light to shine brightly as our hearts turn to you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen. (by Dena Johnson)



From the Laestadian Movement

By Warren Hepokoski

At the 1908 meeting, it was decided to hold a similar meeting the following year in New York Mills, Minnesota -- and annual meetings, known as the convention, have been held to this day.

1908 was Calumet MI

Church dues
are due by
the end of
July.
\$60 per sin-
gle.
\$120 per
couple.

The fourth annual New York Mills
Bible Reading Marathon

will be held on July 9-15,
2023. Please consider signing up
to read for 15 minute incre-
ments! This reading will
start at Genesis and continue
through the Bible until
ending at the end of Revelation.

Twenty-four year old Samuel Smith, who had just graduated from Harvard, had a reputation for being able to speak fifteen languages. That's why composer Lowell Mason handed him a collection of some German songs for children. Mason didn't know German, and he didn't know if any of the songs would be worth translating, but he wanted Smith to check them out for him. Here's the way Smith tells it: "One dismal day in February 1832, about half an hour before sunset, I was turning over the leaves of one of the music books, when my eye rested on the tune which is now known as 'America.' I liked the spirited movement of it....I glanced at the German words and saw that they were patriotic and instantly felt that impulse to write a patriotic hymn of my own, adapted to that tune. Picking up a scrap of waste paper which lay near me, I wrote, probably within half an hour, the hymn 'America.' The following Fourth of July it was sung publicly for the first time. What Smith didn't realize was that the British had been using the same tune for a hundred years to sing "God Save the King." With a great sum obtained I this freedom....Acts 22:28

My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty,
of thee I sing:
Land where my fathers died,
of the pilgrim's pride,
From ev'ry mountain side let freedom ring!
My native country, thee, land of the noble, free,
Thy name I love: I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills like that above.
Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song:
let mortal tongues awake;
Let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.
Our fathers' God, to Thee, Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing.
long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light:
Protect us by Thy might, great God, our King!

(No. 659 in Hymns and Songs of Zion)

Church Information

Apostolic Lutheran Church
315 Main Ave South
New York Mills, MN 56567

Pastor Nicholas Kandoll
Cell: 218-316-1365
Church: 218-385-2166

Office Hours
Monday-Thursday
9 a.m.-noon

Church Website
www.nymalc.org
View live or archived services

Federation Website
www.apostoliclutheran.org

Board Chairman
James Keskitalo
218-385-3067

Kitchen Chairwoman
Norma Tumberg
218-385-2046

Care To Share
Sheila Keskitalo
218-639-9017

Newsletter Editor
Norma Tumberg

218-385-2046

Bryan_norma@arvig.net

If you want to be added or removed from our mailing list please contact me. All newsletter items to be considered can be emailed to me at the above address by the 20th of each month.

Echoes of Mercy
Radio Broadcast
920 AM KWAD

Sunday mornings
English at 8:05 am

*Sponsored by
New York Mills, Spruce Grove
and Menahga Apostolic
Lutheran Churches*

Church Hours

Worship @ 10 on Sundays

If you choose to watch the services online and would like to donate to the church please send checks to:

Louise Amberg-Jokela

206 South Broadway #107 New York Mills, MN 56567.

Thank you to everyone that has taken the time to send contribu-

Meals/potluck, will be served on the
first Sunday
Group 10 in June
July is convention
Group 7 for Aug

The serving group will make the main dishes for **potlucks** (unless announced otherwise) and others are asked to bring salads or desserts.

There is a sign up sheet for Sunday coffee in the dining room.



NYM Emergency Food Shelf

FOR EMERGENCY HELP CALL NYM
CULTURAL CENTER 218-385-3339

CONNIE WARNER

218-385-2853 (work)

218-385-3669 (home)

TERESA MUCKALA

763-843-3269

KAY TOUGAS

218-298-0272

ALL INFORMATION IS CONFIDENTIAL

LOCATION:

400 S WALKER AVE

NYM MN

FOOD SHELF HOURS

HOURS 9-NOON & 4:30-6:30

June 26, 2023

July 31, 2023

August 28, 2023

Sept 25, 2023

Usage limit 1 time

per month