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News And Views



2015

Pastoral Perspective



The forty days before Easter, not counting Sundays, make up the season of Lent. We are currently in the Lenten season. The word Lent means spring. Think of early spring with the working of the soil and getting everything ready to burst forth into full springtime. It is a time of preparation for the full flowering of spring on Easter Sunday.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. That is a time when we remember how much we need new life in Jesus. By ourselves, we are dust and to dust we shall return. In Christ, we have new life. At the beginning of the Ash Wednesday service we receive ashes on our foreheads to remind us of our mortality. As we go forward for Communion that night, we wipe off the ashes in the waters of the baptismal font to remind us of the new life we have in Jesus.

During the Sundays in Lent, we consider Bible passages dealing with Jesus' journey to Jerusalem to die for us. He took all our sins upon himself so we could be free of their power to destroy us. The overriding theme is that God keeps his promise to be our God and give us salvation even though it costs him so dearly. We place a rugged cross made of an old Christmas tree in the front of the church during Lent to remind us of Jesus' awesome sacrifice on our behalf. The fabric hangings in the front

of the church and my vestments are purple during Lent. Purple is the color of penitence and royalty. We are sorry for our sins and remember it took the sacrifice of the King of all creation to free us from their power to destroy us.

We have special times together on Wednesdays during Lent. We begin with a soup supper in the multipurpose room at 6:00 PM. This is a special fellowship time for us to enjoy a simple supper together as God's people. We then have a short service at 6:30 PM also in the multipurpose room. This year we have a series of dramas that help us consider what evidence there is in our lives that we have a saving relationship with Jesus.

The week before Easter Sunday is known as Holy Week. It begins with Palm Sunday, also known as the Sunday of the Passion. The service starts with a procession of palms to remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem riding on a donkey. Everything seemed so wonderful, but it became increasingly obvious that Jesus did not come to set up a kingdom of this world. The service quickly changes mood, as Holy Week did so many years ago, for Jesus ends up being rejected and dying on a cross.

Thursday of Holy Week is an especially significant day. Jesus gathered with his disciples to share his last supper. During the Passover meal held that night he identified himself as the lamb to be sacrificed to save God's people from their sins.

He promised to be in with and under the bread and wine shared that night and any time the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) is shared. We observe this day with a Passover Supper in Schultz Hall at 6:00 PM. We remember through special foods and readings how God saved his people from slavery in Egypt. After a full lamb dinner, we have a Holy Communion service in the sanctuary at 7:30 PM. We remember, as we receive the bread and wine of Communion, how Jesus saved us from slavery to sin. At the end of the service we strip the altar in remembrance of Jesus being arrested and taken into the hands of his captors. On Friday of Holy Week (Good Friday) we gather at 7:30 PM for a service of shadows. We remember through a series of Bible readings and hymns Jesus' awesome sacrifice for us on the cross.

All this is to help our hearts and minds get prepared for a wonderful celebration of the new life Jesus won for us on Easter Sunday. May God bless our Lenten journey together.

Spreading, Sharing, and Serving with You,

Pastor Carl

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This year's Passover Lamb Supper will be held on Thursday, April 2 at 6:00 PM and will once again include a Ritual Meal. This is a wonderful time of sharing as Pastor Carl explains the history and religious significance of the Passover in our everyday lives.

The dinner will be sponsored by the St. Luke's Women of the ELCA. You are encouraged to purchase your tickets early which will assist in the planning of this very labor intensive meal. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults. Children 12 and under are \$5. Tickets will be available for purchase after church service or call the church office.

There will also be sign-up sheets on the opportunity table for anyone interested in assisting with the set-up and meal preparation.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 2

Ritual Dinner at 6:00 PM
Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar begins at 7:30 PM



Good Friday

Service of Shadows

April 3

7:30 PM



We are pleased to announce that Carol Carney and Ron Webb have agreed to Chair the Easter Breakfast. They have done a great job in the past and we are

lucky they have agreed to once again organize a delicious breakfast. Look for the sign-up sheets for helpers so be sure to be included in the kitchen staff. It is work, but fun! Watch for more information in the Sunday Bulletins.



Movie Time - On Saturday March 14th, SLY will be attending a matinee screening of the new movie Cinderella. Movie times haven't been released yet so be watching your emails for information as we will most

likely be pre-ordering the tickets to avoid the line at the theatre. Let Kirsten know if you will be able to go. Sure do hope you will join in the fun!



Reminder - the youth will be making and sacking lunches for the Winter Sanctuary on March 22 after Confirmation. A list of needed items will be handed out by Kirsten to each youth/parent

so that you can sign-up to bring something to the service project.



SLY Helpers - As the weather is getting nice and the grass and weeds are growing SLY is sure that many of our members may have spring cleaning projects or yard work that they need help with and they just aren't able to

complete on their own. That's where SLY comes in! We would love to help you out. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the church for folks who have projects that SLY can help with. Youth are available on weekends and projects will be pre-screened for appropriateness. See Pastor Carl or Kirsten Ireton for more information.



Community Concerns

The Community Concerns Board is calling all willing volunteers to help with the Winter Sanctuary on Sunday, March 22nd. We will be hosting a group of 100 homeless individuals for a night in Schultz Hall. If you are interested in joining in and helping out with this much needed community project please contact Al Moser, Community Concerns Board Chair!



After Service Refreshments

This is a wonderful time of sharing and enjoying a cup of coffee, tea, juice and a cookie or two, but have you ever wondered where the delicious cookies, nut breads, cakes and other treats come from? We have a great team of people willing to help serve, but that does not mean that they need to bring all the refreshments. Sometimes our servers do choose to bring refreshments, but we need everyone to help. If you happen to be doing some baking or you are out grocery shopping, think about bringing something to share for refreshment time. If we have too much for one Sunday, we can always put some in the freezer for the next Sunday.



**90th Anniversary 2015
Pictorial Directory**

Thanks to everyone who participated and had their photo taken for the pictorial directory. We especially want to thank all our wonderful volunteer hosts and hostesses who greeted everyone and made sure all the necessary paperwork was in order and ready for the photographers. Special thanks to Al and Peggy Moser who made sure the church was open early so the photographers could set up and be ready for the first appointment of the day and then came back to lock up the church after the photographers had packed up all their equipment.



**Lenten Soup Suppers and
Worship Services**

Our Lenten season began on Ash Wednesday, February 18, with a soup supper hosted by W-ELCA at 6pm in Schultz Hall followed by the Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes service in the sanctuary. Each week through March 25, soup suppers and services will be in the Multipurpose Room at 6pm. Thank you to the Council for hosting the second soup supper on Wednesday, February 25.

Please join us for the remainder of the soup suppers to be hosted (includes set up, providing soups, breads and desserts, and clean up) by the following boards or church groups:

Wednesday, March 4 – Worship & Music and Choir

Wednesday, March 11- Property and Youth

Wednesday, March 18 – Evangelism and Community Concerns

Wednesday, March 25 – Congregation

The soup suppers and services are a very special time of sharing and learning. You will also enjoy some great soups!

In loving service,
Pat Webb, Evangelism Chair



- March 1 Howard Triebwasser in memory of wife Pearl
- March 8 Larry and Deanna Dockter for Renee's birthday
- March 15 Bob Behr for Sarah's 2nd birthday
- March 22 Jan Tanaka for 35th Wedding Anniversary
- March 29 Larry and Deanna Dockter for Ronny's birthday



St. Luke's W-ELCA Valentines Day Luncheon



Sharing the modern way—on cell phones!





March 1 Corey Anderson
 March 4 Sue Jones
 March 4 Gayla Parent
 March 5 Selena Connell
 March 5 Monica Willoughby
 March 6 Jennifer Connell
 March 6 Renee Roberts
 March 7 Laura Tice
 March 10 Ruth Jones
 March 10 Don Miller
 March 13 Ben Bates
 March 13 Donna Ben-Iesau
 March 13 Sarah Thomas
 March 16 Sarah Madison
 March 17 Mackenzie Harrison
 March 18 Inge Marchuk
 March 22 Jan Tanaka
 March 23 Irma Lowe
 March 23 David Saxby
 March 24 Kimiya Ricciardi
 March 24 Norene Schell
 March 26 Bob Harrison
 March 26 Al Moser
 March 27 Elizabeth Ward
 March 28 Karen Kiser
 March 29 John Johnsen
 March 29 Pat Lehman
 March 30 Bob Behr
 March 30 Kelly Sobkowsky

If your birthday is this month
 and you are not on our list
 please notify the church office,
 so we can update our files.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

JANUARY 2015

OFFERINGS (General)

	This Month	Year to Date
Total Offering	\$16,076	\$16,076
Compared to Budget	-\$135	-\$135
	-0.8%	-0.8%
Compared to 2014	\$399	\$571
	3.0%	3.60%
Contributors:		
2015 (Current Year)	75	75 ^{Aver}
2014 (Last Year)	84	84 ^{Aver}

Note: Positive values (no +/- sign) means **above**; negative values

Other Special

a) Sunday School
\$5.90

b) Flowers \$140.00

Ron Webb
 Financial Secretary

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolytes

March 1 Daniel Encinas
March 8 Isabella Basquez, Elizabeth Wilson
March 15 Amber Mansfield, Angie Martinez
March 22 Joshua Bell, Morgan Furry
March 29 Daniel Encinas

Altar Care

8:15 AM Cheryl Franklin
10:30 AM Jennifer Connell, Rachel Kiser

Communion Servers

Janette Payne, Connie Reule, Peggy Moser

Counters

March 1 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule
March 8 Don Schell, Bob Behr
March 15 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule
March 22 Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser
March 29 Jack and Micki Fenske

Greeters

March 1 Gail Webber and Rebecca
March 8
March 15 Chet and Sarah Madison
March 22 Mack and Carole Vance
March 29 Crystal Boettcher, Dominique Hardin

Head Ushers

8:15 AM Ron Franklin
10:30 AM Larry Dockter

Prayer Leaders

March 1 Janette Payne
March 8 David Saxby
March 15 Faith Thomas
March 22 Pat Webb
March 29 Mary Frances Harris

Wednesday Lenten Prayer Leaders

March 4 Judy Saxby
March 11 Alison Thomas
March 18 Laura Tice
March 25 Triss Hoppman

Psalm Leaders

March 1 Daniel Encinas
March 8 Sierra Etchison
March 15 Morgan Furry
March 22 Amber Mansfield
March 29 Angie Martinez

Readers 8:15 AM

March 1 Kelly Boyer
March 8 Eric Linblade
March 15 Phil Petersen
March 22 Sarah Madison
March 29 Ron Webb

Readers 10:30 AM

March 1 Ron Zoesch
March 8 Tracy Etchison
March 15 Marlene Kiser
March 22 Ken Lentsch
March 29 John Orcutt

Wednesday Lenten Readers

March 4 Larry Dockter
March 11 Holly Hoppman
March 18 Barbara Manlapig
March 25 Al Moser

Refreshments

March 1 Ed and Kirsten Ireton, Lynn Gavia
March 8 Jerry and Carol Carney
March 15 Paul Maki, Chona Sison
March 22
March 29 Ken and Debi Lentsch

Visitors Gifts

March 1 Joyce Jensen
March 8 Joyce Jensen
March 15 Pat Webb
March 22 Pending
March 29 Walt and Pauline Arndt

Welcome Leaders

March 1 Peggy Moser
March 8 Pat Webb
March 15 Chet Madison
March 22 Carolyn Andrews
March 29 Pauline Arndt

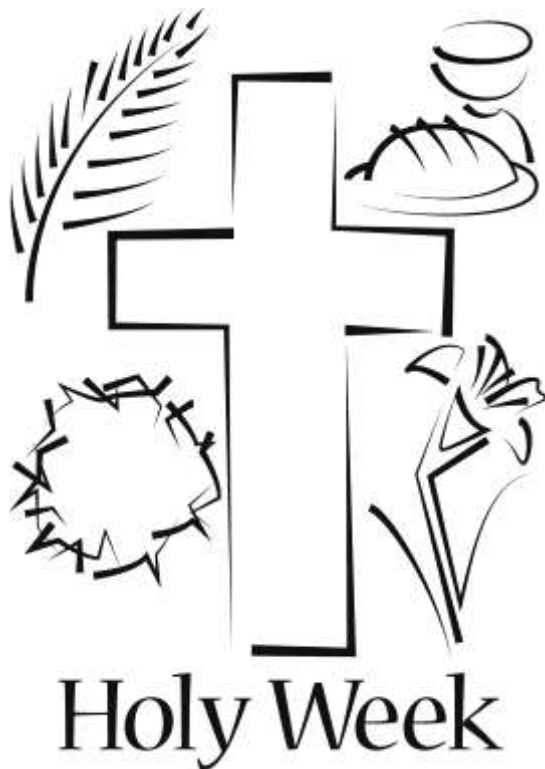


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Palm Sunday

March 29
8:15AM and 10:30AM

Maundy Thursday

April 2
Lamb Supper at 6:00PM
Service at 7:30PM

Good Friday

Service of Shadows
April 3 at 7:30PM

Easter Sunday

Breakfast 8:30AM—10:00AM
Egg Hunt 10:00AM
Service 8:15AM and 10:30AM