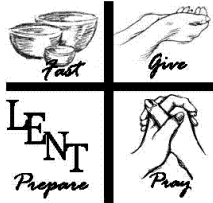




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Season of Lent –

Time for Reflecting, Reconnecting and Recommitting

From March 6 (Ash Wednesday), continuing to April 20 (Holy Saturday), we will celebrate the 40 days of Lent. When we look at the calendar, however, we realize there are actually 46 days in that time period. Those extra days are the Sundays not included in the Lenten observance. During these “free” days, it is traditional to celebrate the resurrection of Christ – “little Easters.” For we are indeed “Easter people.”

What is your tradition for the season? Rooted in Jesus’ 40 days of fasting in the wilderness, do you fast? Do you give up something? Or do you add something? Usually if one does something for that length of time – 40 days – it becomes a habit. During this time, we are able to reflect, examine and learn. Lent is about spiritual results.

With this Lenten season, let’s commit to continuing or adding a habit of coming together for all the opportunities offered to us during this holy season. Begin with attending our repentant Ash Wednesday service. Share in a time of fellowship, food and worship on the five Wednesday evenings, March 13-April 10, in the FAB (reservations requested). A noontime worship opportunity will also be available in the Sanctuary. Join in the reflective services on Wednesday in Holy Week, April 17, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. And, recommit to attending Sunday School and worship each Sunday.

LENTEN OFFERINGS

Traditionally during Lent we give up material things to focus our attention on God’s spiritual gifts and to provide aid to the poor.

You are receiving a special offering envelope so you can make daily offerings throughout the Lenten season. You are invited to return your offering during Holy Week. Our Lenten Offerings go to local charities that assist homeless individuals and families: Family Shelter, Providence Home for Men, and The Women’s Shelter.

Family Shelter provides emergency shelter for up to 120 days for 15 families at a time. Residents receive help in finding employment and affordable housing so they can become independent. The Family Shelter also provides counseling and parent education classes.

Providence Home for Men is to help stabilize the living conditions of dislocated men and to encourage progress in realizing their full personal potential in self-sufficient living through the power of Jesus Christ.

The Women’s Shelter provides a variety of support services for “women in crisis.” It provides temporary shelter for up to 90 days and transitional housing for up to two years, serving about 90 residents a year.

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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Lent. This year the Season of Lent begins on Wednesday, March 6, 40 days (plus Sundays) before Easter. Some of you probably wonder to yourselves why we just don't count those Sundays and call it 46 days. Well, there are a couple of reasons for this. One has to do with those little words about which I sometimes talk. The Sundays following Ash Wednesday through Passion Sunday are Sundays in Lent, but not of Lent. Two little words, in and of, yet monumental differences in their meanings.

So, why 40 instead of 46? Well, the 40 days of Lent are reminiscent of Jesus' time in the wilderness, as told in Matthew, Mark, and Luke, fasting and being tempted by Satan. In some ways we see this 40 day period of fasting and temptation as Jesus preparing himself for his earthly ministry -- preaching, teaching, healing -- which would set him at odds with the religious leaders in Jerusalem. This being at odds leads ultimately to Jesus' death. Thus, to some degree, during Lent, we enter into these 40 days ourselves to prepare ourselves for the sacrifice Jesus makes on our behalf.

There are, however, those Sundays that are in and not of. They are in and not of because each Sunday of the year is a celebration of Jesus' resurrection. They are not days of preparation for Jesus' death for they celebrate Jesus' victory over death -- ergo 40 days and not 46.

Lent, the word itself, seems to have come from the old English word *Lencten* -- meaning to get longer, specifically in relation to days. Therefore, Lent, the word recognizes, that, though the season begins in winter, there is a relentless march toward spring, with its warmer, longer days, and the greening new growth that put the winter weather behind us. So, in a sort of strange dichotomy, as the earth moves back to the life of spring coming out of the death of winter, Jesus comes ever closer to death. And our following of Jesus leads us farther and farther into the recognition of our need for redemption and salvation.

Yet, before Lent begins on March 6, there is March 5 which we know as Shrove Tuesday. The word Shrove comes from the Shrive which means to receive absolution of sins. In medieval times it was common for each person to be shriven (absolved of their sins by a priest) before entering into the penitential season of Lent. Later the eating of pancakes became associated with Shrove Tuesday, especially in England and its dependents as a sort of celebration by the eating of foods that would not be used during the Season of Lent.

Also common was the "giving up" of something -- a food or a pleasure for the Season of Lent. This "giving up" was seen as a way of aiding the penitential nature of Lent. You are invited to participate in this "giving up," though I won't ask you about it.

Each Wednesday in Lent we will have services at 12:00 noon and at 6:30 pm. Prior to the 6:30 pm service there will be a simple meal at 5:30 pm in the FAB. We invite you to participate in these services which are designed to aid us in our preparation for Jesus' death. Amen.

WELCOME MICHAEL SIMMONS

We are pleased to announce that Michael Simmons will join us as the Interim Contemporary Music Director beginning March 3. Michael brings a wealth of musical talent and skill.

Michael has served in several churches in Nashville, TN, Marietta, GA, and here at Good Shepherd several years ago. He is originally from Columbia, SC, and a graduate of USC with a Bachelor of Music Theory and Composition.

He has served as Musical Director for both the traditional and contemporary services and enjoys working with the staff, choirs, and praise teams. Michael also enjoys working with community theater. Recently in Columbia he was musical director for *West Side Story* at Town Theater and this summer he will be musical Director for *Cats* with the Broadway Vista Theater Project.

As a composer and arranger he has done studio work in Nashville, TN and also written musical scores for SC-ETV.

Donna Foster, Worship Life Chair

MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT....

Here it is February 3rd, and I am already at my computer writing my message to you for the March newsletter. Why? Because I'm so excited about what our Congregational Council experienced at our retreat this past weekend.

I just could not wait to share with you what we did. And, if I wait until the end of the month to write this, I might forget something or leave something important out. Our enthusiasm and inspiration might have waned a little. Oh, I hope not!

I personally felt the work of the Holy Spirit as Dr. Daryl (Tony) Everett led us on Friday evening and Saturday. And, at Sunday School, worship and the YOGS Souper luncheon today, I witnessed the sparkle in the eyes, the joy in the voices and the anticipation of the future of each of the Council members I encountered.

Dr. Everett's goal was to affirm, encourage and inspire Good Shepherd Lutheran Church's leaders in all areas of our lives – especially when we are in the “wilderness” stages of life. And, truly the Holy Spirit worked in and through him to do that. As strong leaders in the congregation, he emphasized four “L's” –

- 1) TO LEAD – with commitment, study, honesty, respect, patience and confidence;
- 2) TO LEAK – with guidance from and strengthened by the Holy Spirit leak (spread) the love of Christ;
- 3) TO LAMENT – with understanding and empathy share sorrows and joys;
- 4) TO LOVE – with compassion, grace and prayer love ALL – those we agree with and those we do not – those we like and those we do not.

In the midst of our discussion, one of our own suggested to Dr. Everett a fifth “L,” and he heartily agreed. So, we added

- 5) TO LISTEN – with open ears, eyes, minds and hearts to hear, see and feel where we are and WIGIAOT (Where Is God In All Of This?). WIGIAOT is a slogan of Dr. Everett's. You may see it on a bumper sticker and particularly posted around the campus at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary.

I wish every member of GSLC could have experienced this time with Council. I had one Council member tell me today – “We need to have an event like our retreat for the whole congregation!” So, I share this with you to say – Folks, this is just the beginning! Our Council is fired up – Fired up by the Holy Spirit! I pray that the Council leads in a way that leaks the love of Christ to inspire all of us, that laments with you, that loves you, and listens to you!

PART II – Yes, I am back to my message to you. It's deadline time for me to submit my article. Time has gone by, but I do not think the inspiration and enthusiasm have gone away. For I see how our Council is stepping up in leadership ways. I see committees meeting, getting organized, and making exciting plans.

One of those exciting plans is the Congregational Retreat to Lutheridge April 5-7. I hope you are making plans to attend. Our gathering in another setting offers us a special time together to learn, worship, fellowship and inspire us in service. There will be activities for all ages. To register, please complete the registration form found in the Sunday bulletins. It, with your fee payment, may be placed in the offering plate or returned to the Church Office. I hope to see a lot of you at the retreat!

In closing, let me say to each of you. Look around. See what is going on at Good Shepherd. Choose an area you are interested in and join in the excitement of learning, worshipping, fellowshiping and serving together!

Peace be with you,
Nancy Hyatt

GOD'S YOUNG FOLLOWERS

Saturday, March 30, Club 3, 4, 5 will meet at Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm (lunch provided). Calling All of our God's Young Followers (3rd - 5th graders) to bring a friend and join us for this fun, SC Synod sponsored event! Please contact Lisa Sanchez, if your child is interested in attending as we will need to preregister all those attending and coordinate transportation.



Our YOGS would like to thank the entire GSLC congregation for their love offering and support of the Souper Bowl of Caring which raised \$391.83 to be given back to our food pantry. A huge thank you to all those YOGS and volunteers who helped prepare and serve lunch, set up, and clean up. Much appreciation to Pastor Eric Wolf and all our YOGS who participated and shared their gifts and talents during worship on Youth Sunday.

DAY SCHOOL NEWS

The year is getting off to a great start here at the Day School. This month we celebrated Valentine's Day with our classroom parties. There was love all around the center as we exchanged valentine cards. We have been learning all about arctic animals and our 3's and 4's did a wonderful job on their habitat projects with their parents. This month, we also had Dental Hygiene week where we did quite a few things to learn about our oral health including proper brushing of our teeth. To end the month, we enjoyed celebrating Read Across America Week and Dr. Sues's birthday with our spirit week activities which the children loved.

We look forward to what next month has in store and the children are already excited about St. Patrick's Day. I suspect it is going to be magical.

Thank you and as always we ask for continued prayer.

Jessica Burton
Day School Director

YOGS NEWS

GraceWorks Informational and Planning Meeting at Ebenezer Lutheran Church - Please let Leigh Ann Tollison or Jennifer Ross know if you are interested in attending or in being involved in GraceWorks this summer, July 14-19. We need at least one representative to attend.

11:00 am – 12 Noon Informational Meeting
12 Noon - 3:00 pm Planning Meeting
(Bring your own lunch.)

Tuesday, March 5 - Pancake Dinner and Talent Show. All are welcome and all are encouraged to share their special talent, sing, dance, play an instrument, tell jokes or even do the "floss." This event will be hosted by the YOGS and will benefit the Summer Mission Fund. **Please contact Mitch Uehling** if you would like to share your talent or help with this event.

Sunday, March 10 is the Spring Clean-up event for all YOGS. Meeting at 12 Noon in youth room for lunch. Please bring comfortable work clothes and a pair of gloves. We will plan to return back to the YOGS room at 4:00 pm.

March 15 - 17 is Hand in Hand/Spring into Action weekend. This service event is sponsored by the SC Synod. It calls youth to learn and serve as Christ served. We've had some youth express interest in attending. Please let Leigh Ann Tollison know by March 10, if you would like to attend.

March 23-24 - Camping Overnight. Save the Date as there will be more details to follow, but you won't want to miss this great experience. Contact Deborah Whitlow if you have an interest in helping chaperone or participate in this event. We are especially in need of a male chaperone for this one-night camp out.

April 5 – 7 All youth and their families are encouraged to attend the Congregational Retreat at Lutheridge.



MARCH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Adult Sunday School classes meet downstairs. Come at 9:00 am for fellowship, coffee, and brief announcements before class begins. Join any class you like — our classes are always open for new folks!

COME & SEE CLASS—CLASSROOM 1

Penry Gustafson will lead the class that focuses on evangelism called DARE.CARE.SHARE. meaning dare to care and share.

AROUND THE CORNER CLASS— CLASSROOM 2

All are welcome. Come As You Are. Discussion-based class with the following topic for March 3 and 10:

“Wine in the Bible—fermented vs. unfermented: Grape juice or wine at Communion?” taught by Wes and Amanda Snodgrass and Stacy Gross.

FELLOWSHIP CLASS—CLASSROOM 5

Lula Camp and Don Caughman will alternate leading an adult Bible study.

SPOTLIGHT ON DARE.CARE.SHARE. A NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Lutherans don't "do" witnessing, right? Wrong! All are welcome to join a new adult Sunday School class that focuses on evangelism called DARE.CARE.SHARE. meaning dare to care and share. Penry Gustafson will lead classes in Classroom 1 from March 3 to May 26. A weekly theme will guide discussion including faith sharing, reflections, and handouts. Visitors are especially encouraged to join. Yes, we CAN be more dynamic missionaries both inside and outside our walls!



YFMs

Saturday, April 13, 10:00 am – 12 noon

Young Family Ministries will host a community Easter Egg Hunt for all our little ones up to 5th graders.

More details to follow.

Volunteers needed, **please contact Mitch Uehling** if you are interested in helping.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS (PER CHURCH RECORDS)

1	Becky Anne Struthers	4	Emma Peake	12	Milford Hunter	15	Sid Havird	23	Tory Shelton
2	Miles Kemp		Madelyn Snodgrass		Katie Miller	16	Emily Whitlow	24	Raymond Hendrix
3	Badgie Badgerow		Jay Jenny	14	Callen Gilbert		Stan Wilson		Keri Hogue
	Don Caughman	6	Jason Jakiela		Julie Hendrix	18	Sarah Peake	29	Helen Hanayik
	Libby Anne Inabinet		Frances Plyler		Janet Lockhart	22	Bonnie Hammond	29	Maddy Hancock
	Joanne Wuori	8	Jeannine Jameson		Anna Ross		Sara Hydrick	31	Ed Beaman
4	Eric Kemp	10	Nancy Taylor		Perry Shuping	23	Michelle Ortiz		

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

- 8:15 AM Contemporary Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 9:00 AM Fellowship, Refreshments, & Announcements (CI-1)
- 9:25 AM Children's Music (Children's Music Room)
- 9:30 AM Sunday Church School Grade 6—Adult
- 9:55 AM Sunday Church School—Kindergarten—Grade 5
- 10:45 AM Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)



March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue
<p>NOTE: Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00 am—4:30 pm Friday 9:00 am—2:00 pm In the event of an emergency call the church office at 803-787-4413 or call Pastor John at 803-924-0016.</p>		
<p>3 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE</p> <p>5:30 pm Supper Club (FAB)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:00 pm Learning Committee Mtg (CI-2) 6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>11:30 am Bible Study (CI-2)</p> <p>5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conf Room) 6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4) 6:00 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner & Talent Show (FAB)</p>
<p>10 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE</p> <p>1ST SUNDAY IN LENT</p> <p>12:00 pm All YOGS Spring Cleanup 3:00 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:00 pm Private Event (FAB) 6:30 pm NA (Conference Room) 6:30 pm Youth Committee Meeting (Youth Room)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>NO Bible Study 12:30 pm Staff Lunch Mtg (FAB) 2:00 pm Executive Comm Mtg (CI-2)</p> <p>5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4) 6:30 pm 20*20*20 Healing Prayer Group (Parlor)</p>
<p>17 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE</p> <p>2ND SUNDAY IN LENT</p> <p>FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY</p> <p>6:30 pm Council Meeting (CI-2) (Confirmands attend)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p> <p>6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>11:30 am Bible Study (CI-2)</p> <p>5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4) 7:00 pm FANA Meeting (FAB)</p>
<p>24 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE</p> <p>3RD SUNDAY IN LENT</p> <p>YOGS Camping Overnight 1:00 pm Evangelism Committee Mtg. (CI-2)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:00 pm Weston Homeowner's Meeting (FAB) 6:30 pm NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>11:30 am Bible Study (CI-2)</p> <p>5:30 pm OA Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00 pm Centering Prayer (CI-4) 6:30 pm 20*20*20 Healing Prayer Group (Parlor)</p>
<p>31 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE</p> <p>Transitions Service Project (FAB)</p> <p>4TH SUNDAY IN LENT</p> <p>NOISY OFFERING</p>		

Please see an updated church calendar and the calendar for other months at <http://www.gslc.com/>.

Click "See the Current Calendar" at the bottom of the page.

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 3:00 pm private event setup (FAB)	2 11:00 am GraceWorks Informational & Planning Meeting @ Ebenezer Lutheran Confirmation Retreat at the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary (Bus Reserved) 10:00 am - 4:00 pm private event (FAB)
6 12:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary) 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary) 6:30 pm NA (Conference Room) 7:00 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal	7 10:00 am Mary Group (CI-2) 6:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting (CI-2) 6:00 pm Mentoring Program	8	9
13 12:00 pm Lenten Service (Sanctuary) 5:30 pm Lenten Supper (FAB) 6:30 pm Lenten Service (FAB) 6:30 pm NA (Conference Room) 7:15 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal	14 6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room)	15 SCLCY Spring Into Action Service Retreat at Coastal Retreat Center 12:00 pm Live Wire (FAB)	16 SCLCY Spring Into Action Service Retreat at Coastal Retreat Center
20 12:00 pm Lenten Service (Sanctuary) 5:30 pm Lenten Supper (FAB) 6:30 pm Lenten Service (FAB) 6:30 pm NA (Conference Room) 7:15 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal	21 2:00 pm Shepherd's Visitors 5:30 pm Social Ministry Committee Meeting (CI-2) 6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room) 6:30 pm Dorcas Group (FAB) 6:30 pm Tamar Group	22	23 YOGS Camping Overnight
27 12:00 pm Lenten Service (Sanctuary) 5:30 pm Lenten Supper (FAB) 6:30 pm Lenten Service (FAB) 6:30 pm NA (Conference Room) 7:15 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal	28 6:00 pm Mentoring Program (Youth Room)	29	30 Transitions Service Project (FAB) 10:00 am SCLCY CLUB 3, 4, 5

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP STEWARDSHIP FOR MARCH

DATE	3/3/19	3/10/19	3/17/19	3/24/19	3/31/19	4/7/19
GREETERS	Mary Anne Rush, Alice Buckner	Steve Steck, Justine Parker	Pat Quattlebaum, Linda Taylor	Bonnie & Wayne Hammond	Mitch & Delaney Uehling	Jerry & Judy Rogers
USHERS	Alice Buckner, Marion Eargle, Pat Quattlebaum, Mary Stallings	Lula Camp, Pat Quattlebaum, Marion Eargle, Mary Stallings	Lula Camp, Alice Buckner, Mary Stallings, Dick Sturkie	Lula Camp, Alice Buckner, Pat Quattlebaum, Dick Sturkie	Lula Camp, Marion Eargle, Dick Sturkie, Mary Stallings	Team #4 Wingard
ACOLYTE	Jack Wuori	Grayce Boozer	Eden Rowell	Isabella Fettig	Madison Tankersley	Noah Adams
CRUCIFER	Eric Whitlow	William Foster	Forrest Havird	Jake Lalumondier	Brock Tollison	Eric Whitlow
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Jennifer Ross (L & C)	Barbara Rowell (L & C)	Becky Shealy (L & C)	Cathy Quinton (L & C)	Elaine Zornow (L) Steve Steck (C)	Kerry Stubbs (L) Joey Allison (C)
NURSERY	Kimi Dail, Donna Foster	Kimi Dail, Lennae Sox	Kimi Dail, Grayce Boozer	Kimi Dail, Amanda Snodgrass	Kimi Dail, Laura Smith	TBD, Mitch Uehling
ALTAR GUILD	Janet Lockhart	Janet Lockhart	Janet Lockhart	Janet Lockhart	Janet Lockhart	Neal Inman
TABULATORS	Mary Margaret Hoy, Mitch Uehling	Karen Lucas, Mary Stallings	Terri Tokaz, TBD	Jerry Vaughn, Steve Steck	Leigh Ford, Mitch Uehling	David Lucas, Lavina Chandler

COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH:

Penry Gustafson

OPENING BUILDINGS:

Ty Boheler

FOOD PANTRY: Grayce Boozer

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP STEWARDSHIP FOR MARCH

DATE	3/3/19	3/10/19	3/17/19	3/24/19	3/31/19	4/7/19
GRUSHERS	Steve Fink, Steve Hanayik	Jay Jenny, Frances Plyler	Karen & David Lucas	Susan & Mike Weaver	Frances Plyler, Rebecca Richardson	Usher Team # 1
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Penry Gustafson (L) Barbara Nagy (C)	Ethan Richardson (L) Connie Donovan (C)	Charlene Fink (L & C)	Barbara Nagy (L & C)	Mike Weaver (L & C)	Bev Weymouth (L) Connie Donovan (C)
NURSERY	Kimi Dail, Pat Quattlebaum	Kimi Dail, Anna-Marie Plyler	Kimi Dail, Marilyn Hogan	Kimi Dail, Amy Kemp	Kimi Dail, TBD	TBD
ALTAR CARE	Steve Hanayik	Connie Donovan	Charlene Fink	Barbara Nagy	Mike Weaver	Betti Stroud

FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY MARCH 17

Keeping the food pantry stocked is a regular challenge, and we encourage donations at any time. Any non-perishable food items are appreciated, but we especially need canned meats, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta and pasta sauce, and peanut butter and jelly.



Remember you can bring food for the pantry any time during the month.

TRANSITIONS SERVICE PROJECT

Meals at Transitions is a project started by the Parlor Sunday School Class to cook and serve a chili supper for residents of Transitions Homeless Center in downtown Columbia about four times a year, usually on the fifth Sunday of a month. The project is led by Susan and Mike Weaver with many volunteers helping with meal preparation on Saturday morning and delivering the food and serving on Sunday evening.

If anyone would like to participate in the Transitions Service Project, please contact Susan Weaver at 803-600-1936 for details.



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SAVE THE DATE

**Mother/Daughter/Friend Gathering
and WELCA Unit Meeting
April 14 in the FAB
from 3:00 to 5:00**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Noon service: Don Caughman,
Lector & Communion Assistant
Ushers: Team # 1 Lucas

6:30 pm service: Karin Culp, Lector
Joey Allison, Communion Assistant
Ushers: Team # 3 Camp

LIVE WIRE

Live Wire will meet again on March 15 at noon in the FAB. Our guest speaker will be Joe Copeland. He is the former pastor of North Trenholm Baptist Church of the senior adults for 15 years and is now a funeral director at Shives. He will do a humorous program of his days in the ministry.

Please DO NOT BRING ANY FOOD as it will be furnished by Joe Copeland. Grilled chicken, beans, potatoes, and slaw. He is bringing his grill and cooking it at the church. **If you plan to come, please contact Betty Cox by March 10.** We sincerely hope to have a good attendance. So come and enjoy the laughs and fellowship.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Call Committee met with Pastor Ginny Aebischer in February to continue gathering names and profiles for potential candidates to serve as our next pastor.

To date, the Call Committee has received the profiles of FIVE candidates. Two of the candidates have been interviewed and visits made to their worship services. There are scheduled interviews and worship visits with another two candidates during the months of February and March.

Please remember, we are working around the very busy schedules of these candidates, and as we approach the Lenten season their availability is limited. That being said, I am proud to report this Call Committee has continuously worked with these time constraints to meet the needs of candidates and adequately serve our church.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers during this time of discernment.

Peace,

Amanda Snodgrass, Chair

LECTIONARY FOR MARCH 2019

MARCH 3 – TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus will be unable to avoid reflecting that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see the glory of the Lord in the word and in the supper and who are being “transformed into the same image” by the Spirit of God.

FIRST READING – Exodus 34:29-35

Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the ten commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.

PSALM – Psalm 99

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD; worship upon God's holy hill. (Ps. 99:9)

SECOND READING – 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.

GOSPEL – Luke 9:28-36

The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.

MARCH 10 – FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues; to receive the gifts of God's grace; to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus; and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

FIRST READING – Luke 4:1-13

The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

PSALM – Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways. (Ps. 91:11)

SECOND READING – Romans 10:8b-13

Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.

GOSPEL – Luke 4:1-13

After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called “the Son of God.”

MARCH 17 – SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek the face of the Lord again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who “comes in the name of the Lord.”

FIRST READING – Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a son, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.

PSALM – Psalm 27

In the day of trouble, God will give me shelter. (Ps. 27:5)

SECOND READING – Philippians 3:17-4:1

Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.

GOSPEL – Luke 13:31-35

Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.

MARCH 24 – THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Lent is a season of repentance. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: “Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.” The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

FIRST READING – Isaiah 55:1-9

To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to the Lord will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways.

PSALM – Psalm 63:1-8

O God, eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you. (Ps. 63:1)

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Paul uses images from Hebrew story and prophecy to speak the truth of Jesus Christ: He is our rock, our water, our food, and our drink. Christ is the living sign of God's faithfulness.

GOSPEL – Luke 13:1-9

Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.

MARCH 31 – FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

The psalm sets the tone this day: “Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!” Happy are those who have “become the righteousness of God” in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has “rolled away . . . the disgrace” of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice!

FIRST READING – Joshua 5:9-12

By celebrating the Passover and eating the produce of the promised land instead of the miraculous manna that had sustained them in the desert, the Israelites symbolically bring their forty years of wilderness wandering to an end at Gilgal.

PSALM – Psalm 32

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD. (Ps. 32:11)

SECOND READING – 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

One way to describe the gospel is the promise that in Christ everything is transformed into newness. All mistakes, all deliberate sins, all old history is reconciled with Christ's resurrection. This is Paul's strong message to the congregation in the city of Corinth.

GOSPEL – Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Jesus tells a parable about a son who ponders his father's love only after he has spurned it. The grace he receives is beyond his hopes. That same grace is a crisis for an older brother who believed it was his obedience that earned his place in the father's home.

WITH PRAYER

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Andrew Fettig

WITH SYMPATHY

The family of Gerte Bultman Elliott, Anna-Marie Plyler's aunt.

The family of Emma Knoblach, Johanna Moore's last surviving sister, who lived in Germany.

The family of Jean Ray.

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Please do not assume that we know the name should be renewed or removed.



Dear Good Shepherd friends,

Thank you for your continued prayers. Also, a very special thank you to the ladies of the Tamar group for everything you have done for me and my family during my recovery and treatment. Your generosity has really touched my heart.

Ashleigh Taylor

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April 13 Easter Egg Hunt

April 14 WELCA Event

April 17 Wed. Holy Week Service

April 18 Maundy Thursday Service

April 19 Good Friday / Tenebrae Service

April 21 Easter Sunday Services

April 22 Church Office Closed

May 19

Food Pantry Sunday

May 27

Church Office Closed

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