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**March 2018** 



Obeying Christ and Opening Doors to Faith

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### **Worship at First Lutheran**

### March 4

#### Third Sunday in Lent

First Lesson: Exodus 20:1-17

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Psalm: 19

Gospel: John 2:13-22

#### March 11

#### Fourth Sunday in Lent

First Lesson: Numbers 21:4-9 Second Lesson: Ephesians 2:1-10

Psalm: 107:1-3, 17-22 Gospel: John 3:14-21

#### March 18

#### Fifth Sunday in Lent

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34 Second Lesson: Hebrews 5:5-10

Psalm: 51:1-12

Gospel: John 12:20-33

#### March 25

#### **Sunday of the Passion**

First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

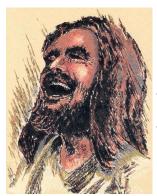
Psalm: 31:9-16

Gospel: Mark 15:1-47



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# Servanthood or Servitude? Pastor Doug

Jesus is a model of servanthood. He was a slave of none and a servant of all. Paul molded his behavior after Jesus as well. Although Jesus as God had the ability to command anything He wanted, He choose to do for others, not to be done for. As Christians, we strive to become more like Jesus, just as Paul did.

Just what is the definition of servanthood? Paul tells us in Philippians 2: <sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Again we are told in 1 Corinthians 10; <sup>23</sup> "All things are lawful," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful," but not all things build up. <sup>24</sup> Do not seek your own advantage, but that of the other.

When we use our Spiritual Gifts through Servanthood, then mission and ministry for all of God's children can and will be carried out. God has expectations of us. God gives us gifts through the Holy Spirit, so that we can carry out ministry. It is good to use our gifts and talents that God gives.

When does servanthood cross into servitude? Can someone allow themselves to move from servanthood to servitude? Can others cause someone to move from servanthood to servitude? These are good questions to ponder. When you are in a servanthood mode but you no longer feel energized by using your Spiritual Gifts, yet continue to use them, resent the work being done, either by your own feelings of the work or by the treatment of others in their demands, regarding your quantity or quality of the use of your gifts, then you have crossed from servanthood to servitude.

I had an occasion on Ash Wednesday to speak with the choir about the use of their Spiritual Gifts and talents in leading worship and singing. When I spoke with them, Joey Hartshorn and Kris Dill were asked to leave the room, so all could feel free to speak about their experiences. Overwhelmingly, there was positive feedback about the leadership of the choir, the time allowed for practice, the quality of the music chosen and most of all, about the number of times that they have sung and anticipate singing in worship.

Each choir member uses their gifts and talents to serve God. They volunteer their time to serve the congregation, in serving God. They expressed how happy they are that practice time is kept to the promised one hour. They are pleased that they now have input to perform on a Sunday or not. That is both regarding other commitments and if they do not feel that the quality of their singing may not be up to their own expectations. Once the quality is where the choir wants it, then they will sing the piece they have practiced. They each expressed the joy

they have in being in the choir and providing quality over quantity for leading worship.

Let us each give thanks and joy for the gifts of our choir. Let us show our appreciation to them when they sing and when they do not. When they are leading worship, show them your joy by making eye contact, by facial expression and applause. It is okay to say thank you through applause. God gave us hands and we can use them to make a joyful noise in response to the use of their gifts.

Thanks be to God for our Choir and our Bells.

Although I did not speak with the bell players, the expression of appreciation for the choir and bells can be the same. Let them know how much they are appreciated.

Thanks be to God!

**Pastor Doug** 

### **Happy Birthday**

Kathy Blair—March 31 Patrick Conley—March 14 Pearl Curry—March 23 Dean Dudley—March 25 John Fader—March 28 Leisa Hamilton—March 4 Misty Hedquist—March 6 Roger Johansen—March 28 Terry Kenny—March 18 Gary King—March 15 Gayle Kleinberg—March 18 Brianne Lake—March 24 Vicki Lyons—March 10 Matt McArthur—March 11 Shauna Meier—March 14 Ron Olsen—March 25

Mark Peterson—March 20

Nathan Phipps—March 30 Anakin Porter—March 4 Trish Porter—March 15 Sharon Potter—March 7 Janell Sila—March 10 Lyle Todd—March 17 Tom Weekes—March 16

### **Youth Birthdays**

Justin Baker—March 14
Nate Feenstra—March 8
Joe Graves—March 20
Ashley Kleider—March 6
Brynlee Mohning—March 26
Peyton Schutt—March 5

### **Daylight Saving Time**

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 11. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour!

### **Lenten Prayer Vigil**

The annual prayer vigil begins at 9:00 pm on Good Friday, March 30, and concludes on Holy Saturday, March 31. A sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center. Please consider participating this year.

### **Social Ministry**

The Social Ministry Committee collects "Pantry" items each month to donate to the needs of our community. The Pantry items collected for March are food items for families in need. Also being collected are 5 quart ice cream buckets (to make Easter baskets), toothbrushes, toothpaste, candy, crayons, coloring books and other small items for Easter baskets to be distributed to children at CSADV and Haven House. Please leave your donations in the cart in the entryway.



**����** CIRCLE MEETINGS ���

March 8, 2018

### **Financial Reports**

Grounds Maint.

<u>Benevolence</u>

January 28

#### **Treasurer's Report - January 2018**

Beginning General Fund Balance: \$ - 25,917.64

Receipts:

7:00PM

2:00PM

Contributions \$13,552.88

Misc. Income 106.00

TOTAL: \$13,658.88

Expenses:

Pastor's salary \$ 3,458.34

Pastor's allowances / exp. 3,521.48

Auxiliary staff salaries 7,014.57

Payroll Taxes 536.62

Parsonage Payment/Utilities 908.74

Utilities 1,809.36

529.21

948.75

\$ 4,442.93

Building Maint. 378.59

Office Expenses 475.61

Worship & Music 9.04

Parish 170.06

Snow Removal 4,000.00

TOTAL: \$23,760.37

Transfer to Capital Improvement: \$ 100.00

Transfer from other funds: \$ 235.00

Ending General Fund Balance: \$ -35,884.13

January Attendance & General Fund Receipts

 January 7
 127
 \$ 2,914.00

 January 14
 116
 \$ 3,296.29

 January 21
 92
 \$ 2,899.66

132

LEADER:

**HOSTESS:** 

LEADER: Lee Mathiason
HOSTESS: Donna Krontz

March 19, 2018

Lee Mathiason

Vicky Johnson

Jennifer Durant

<u>CIRCLE II:</u> March 13, 2018 9:15AM

LEADER: Group

HOSTESS: Kris Bergstrom



#### **Bible Study**

"Multiple Meanings"

Lydia: "Resting in Him: I Need to Slow Down But I

Can't!"

### **Pastor's Office Hours**

Monday off

Tuesday 8 am-4 pm (limited availabil-

ity until 2 pm)

LYDIA GROUP:

**CIRCLE I:** 

Weds/Thurs 8 am-4 pm Friday 8 am-12 pm

Other hours by appointment.

Pastor Doug can be reached by phone (402-235-

6969) or by email (pastordoug@flcssc.org).

### **With Deepest Sympathy**

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the following families. Please keep them in your prayers.

The family of Bradley Ebaugh, who passed away Wednesday, January 31. Services were held Sat- fect time for reflection upon these. urday, February 3 here at First Lutheran.

Marla Bianchini and family, on the death of Marla's mother, Alice Gosch, on Saturday, February 10. Services were held Tuesday, February 13 at Soldier Lutheran Church.

Roger and Susan Monk and family, on the death of Roger's brother, Larry Monk, on Wednesday, February 7.

### Thank You

First Lutheran Church Food Pantry-Thanks to Circle I, Salem Lutheran Church and Bobier Studio for their donations of food. Fifty-one food boxes were distributed in January.

**Lee Mathiason-**A big thank you to everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards, visits and phone calls while I was in the hospital and home recovering.

### **Conflicts and Bullies**

As we continue our journey through Lent, reflecting on the immensity of the love of God for us in Jesus Christ, I think it is also appropriate for us to consider how we respond to God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. In that response is how we treat God's children, our family and God's. I have included the covenant on conflict that all staff and committee/teams sign and agree to abide by. As when this was first introduced, we are not asking that each in the congregation sign this, but instead consider this document in dealing with each other, in response to God. I have also in-

cluded another document that was placed out in the welcome center some months ago, but few copies were taken. I invite you to read both of these documents and be in contemplative prayer about what is contained within. Lent is the per-

Peace be yours.

**Pastor Doug** 

#### **How to Deal with Conflict and Complaints**

You are an elected or volunteer leader in your congregation or hold a staff position. As a leader you may be in a position to hear complaints or be aware of conflict. If someone comes to you and says, "You are on the council (board or committee). I need to talk to you about this problem, concern, issue or situation." What do you do? Consider these steps.

- 1. Follow Matthew 18: 15 "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses.
- 2. Be careful about addressing complaints through email that can be quickly forwarded. Consider responding with a short note that lets the sender know you've received the message and an invitation to meet to talk about it face-to-face.
- Listen to the whole story. Be a good and careful listener.

- 4. Say "I'm sorry," about the problem. "I'm sorry you felt hurt." Be empathetic, sympa-
- 5. Ask questions to gain more understanding. Look for areas of agreement.
- 6. Wonder and ask about possible solutions to the problem. Try to imagine "win/win" solutions. Keep Jesus in the conversation.
- 7. Remember that the purpose of the church is to participate in God's mission to redeem the world. Keep Jesus in the center of every conversation. Don't be a afraid to say, "I wonder what Jesus would do."
- 8. Let them know that this is the council policy. No anonymous complaints will be forwarded. Anonymous letters are kept on file but not read at council meetings. Only signed letters will be read. The phrases like "a lot of people are saying," or "everybody thinks" are manipulative and not accepted. Individuals can only state their own feelings or opinions.
- 9. Do not gossip about the matter. Do not form a triangle by talking to others about the problem. Encourage direct face-toface communication between the conflicted individuals. Instruct folks to deal directly with the board or individual. If that is not possible, instruct the person to talk to the personnel committee. If there isn't a personnel committee then talk to the church council president.

# **12 REASONS WHY IT IS GOOD** TO BE A CHURCH BULLY JANUARY 23, 2014 REV. ERIK PARKER

- 1. Being a bully is the easiest way to get what you want. Churches are groups where people thetic but don't take sides. Remain neutral. usually have to work together, and work out how to live as a community. That means give and take, compromise and collaboration. Bullying, however, means you can get anything and everything you want. You can bend people to your wills and desires without giving anything up in return. And as a bully, you don't have to work with, consider or respect others. Bullying is the easiest way to get what you want.
  - 2. Bullies can offer anonymous feedback.

Churches are already pretty good at not requiring people to stand behind what they say. We send out surveys and feedback tools that remain anonymous. But bullies have it really great. They can send anonymous emails to leaders. They can give in-person feedback with the qualifier, "people are saying." Bullies never have to own the criticisms, and so are free to criticize anything they want to.

- 3. **Bullies often have gossip clubs.** Bullies are often supported in a small group that likes to keep up on the latest church gossip. This kind of group can meet for coffee during the week or lunch on Sundays or any number of places. As a bully, you can find allies who are ready to support you, who will offer behind-the-scenes support to your behind-the-scenes bullying. It is always easier to bully when you can be confident you are supported by, or acting on behalf of a club.
- 4. People will worry that challenging bullies is unkind or unchristian. The vast majority of church members worry that their behavior could be perceived as unkind or unchristian. You know, Jesus never stood up to anyone and never challenged bad behavior. So as a bully you know

most of the time you can be confident that other church members won't stand up to you, lest they be thought of as creating conflict or being un-Christ like.

- 5. You can use your anxiety against others. Human beings don't like anxiety, we don't want to be worried or fearful if we can avoid it. Anxiety and fear are contagious. Use this your advantage. As a bully, if you can get others to take on your worries, your fears, your issues, your anxiety, most people (especially church people) will do almost anything to relieve you (and therefore themselves) of your fears. Use this to your advantage.
- 6. You can use the other's anxiety against them. As human beings we have often been taught that we have two responses to anxiety Fight or Flight. Bullies know that this isn't true. There are 3 Fight, Flight or Freeze. The best bullies know that freeze is the most common response. If you can make others anxious, you know that their first response will be to do nothing. It is pretty easy to bully people when they don't do anything or say anything to stop you. Make them anxious.
- 7. You don't have to be open or transparent. Bullies know this tactic well. It is much easier to bully from the shadows than in the open. Write anonymous letters and emails that you can deny came from you. Ambush your victims when others aren't around to catch you. Make life miserable for people in private, and be an an-

- gel in the open. Most people won't even know that you are a bully. Hide in plain sight.
- 8. You can play the victim card when caught. So what do you do when someone actually calls you on your bullying? Why accuse them of being the bully, of course! Most people will get so worried that they are bullying you that they will forget all about the fact that you were bullying them first. You never want to defend your own actions, so make other people defend theirs play the victim card.
- 9. The stakes are low for you but high for others. One of the great things about being a church bully is that the stakes are pretty low. What could happen to you? Churches will rarely kick you off the membership list. Pastors have jobs to keep, leaders have to tend to running the place. As a bully the worst that could happen is people get annoyed with you, but really that's good for you (see point 6).
- 10. You don't have to change. Change is hard. Growing up and being mature is really hard. Bullying means you can stay the same. You don't have to accept new ideas or learn new things. You can just impose your will on others, make them do what you like, and complain if they don't. Don't change, be a bully instead.
- 11. The congregational system (read: family system) will often work to keep you in pow-
- er. Great church bullies know that individuals might challenge them, but the system will work to maintain the status quo. Bullies don't change, and therefore don't challenge the system. Intelligent individuals will cease thinking straight in a group and will seek to silence those who oppose bullies (and therefore advocate change in the system) since is it easier to maintain the norm.

Feel confident that almost all of the group behavior in a church is there to support your bullying.

12. You don't have to care about anyone but yourself. This is the best part of being a bully of course. You can claim you are speaking for the wronged, the victimized, the silent majority or minority, but really it is all about you. That's the whole reason you can bully in the first place, because your issues come first. Your needs, your wants, your feelings, your ideas. You are numero uno, and thinking about others only gets in the way of taking care of you. So put yourself first and you will be a great bully.

All snark aside, bullying is a major issue in society, one that often seems to paralyze those in authority. Bullying happens because most bullies know to use our anxiety, our fears, and our emotions against us. Most of us would much rather just avoid conflict altogether, and it is much easier to give in to make the bullying stop than to challenge it.

Bullying in the church makes me crazy. I have zero tolerance for it, but I have watched as colleagues and friends deal with church systems / family systems where bullies are protected. Upsetting the bully would cause so much stress on the church, that their behavior is permitted, condoned even.

EDIT: Some commenters here and on Face-book have mentioned that Pastors can be bullies too. I want to be clear that anyone can be a church bully. Regular members, pastors, bishops, leaders, etc....

It is time for the bullying to end. But it won't be easy. Standing up to bullies means recognizing our own anxieties and need to be liked. Standing up means risking being unpopular, it means risking the wrath of the system that protects the bullies. Standing up means knowing all the advantages that bullies have to lose (see the list above), and not underestimating how far bullies will go to retain their power and privilege. Standing up means that we all participate, even unknowingly support bullies, when our own anxieties about change prevent us from moving and growing into healthier ways of being.

Ending bullying means change. Change is hard. Sometimes it might land you on a cross.

#### **Lenten Meals**

We are in need of people to help provide the Lenten lunches and Lenten suppers. There are sign-up sheets at the Welcome Center.

### A Challenging Time of Year!

By J.R. Reider

Picking appropriate music for Lent and Easter is tough! There is SO much joyful contemporary Christian music available from SO many artists that it's tough to keep up with all the new songs.

But finding the right music for the Lenten season can be very tough. Most artists prefer to record music celebrating and praising God. It is more difficult to find songs that speak to what takes place during this time. And as Lutherans we avoid using Alleluia or Hallelujah until Easter, so we have to exclude those pieces, too.

While we keep to the seasonal requirements, we still have much to celebrate at First Lu-

theran—a music team that continues to grow and get better each week; most of our equipment is working correctly and we're seeing more and more people attending AND singing along on some of the songs.

We are looking forward to seeing you all on Easter—and hopefully during our Lenten Sunday Services.

Oh, and don't forget to attend the Wednesday Lenten services—they're AWESOME!

#### **Walk on Water**

If You Want to Walk on Water, You have to Get Out of the Boat.—John Ortberg

Peter may have been the first one out of the boat, but Jesus' invitation to walk on water is for us all. But walk on water? What does that mean? Walking on water means facing our fears and choosing not to let fear have the last word; discovering and embracing the unique calling of God, in our lives, experiencing the power of God to accomplish what we would not be capable of doing on our own.

This 6 week video & workbook session will begin the week of 04/08, presented by Kris Dill.

Please sign up in the entryway. Include your name along with the best evening and time that works for you. Upon review of the dates and times provided, the best fit will be selected. I hope to see you there.—Kris Dill

### **Happy Spring!**

Another month of 2018 is here! Is it March already? Happy Spring!

I would like to bring to your attention the people that will be (or have already) done a Lenten Portrayal. These portrayals bring a new and interesting element to our Wednesday night services. Each actor will bring thoughts and feelings to their character's experience with the events leading to the crucifixion of Christ. We hope you can find the time to experience one if not more.

February 14th - Dale Hartshorn – Pontius Pilate

February 28th - Joey Hartshorn – Pontius Pilates Wife (Claudia/Procula)

March 7th - Tim Niemeyer – Joseph of Arimathea

March 14th - John Krager - Peter

March 21st - Benji Cotter - Judas

Join us on Wednesday, March 28th for the Living Last supper, and walk into the experience of what it might have been like to have been seated with Christ and his disciples during their last meal together.

If you have interest in join the bell choir or our Adult Singers please feel free to contact me, we would love to have you. 712-389-4492

Tuesdays I am in the office from 9-3, please feel free to stop in if you would like to visit. I'm interested in your thoughts and ideas as we continue our journey together here at First Lutheran Church.

Psalm 57:7

My heart, O God, is steadfast, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and make music.

Rejoicing in the fact that God's love is steadfast.

Joey Hartshorn

#### Chili Cook-Off

## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off 03/11/2018

#### 4:30 pm

That's right, you heard it correctly. If you missed last year, you will have the chance to come and join us this year for our first annual chili cook off. You can participate in making the chili or be a judge and enjoy eating the chili! It is your chance to get your name on the champion board.

Our current reigning champion, Kris Dill, with white chicken chili will be defending her title (although I'm told she will be bringing another fabulous chili, just not chicken). Rumor has it she made chicken soup, but I think the MEN were just jealous.

Come join the fun, have some great fellowship, and chili will be served after judging is complete.

Judging starts at 4:30 and ends at 5:00. Then it is time to eat!

Corn bread, cinnamon rolls and Fritos will be served, too. You are welcome to bring chili, corn bread and cinnamon rolls, too.

Don't miss out on the fun! We had such a good time last year.

#### **March Flower Chart**

March 4 (Altar) Given by Linda and Conrad Johansen in honor of the birthday of their daughter-in-law, Mary.

**March 11 (Altar)** Given by Janell Sila in honor of her 66th birthday.

March 18 (Altar) Given by Vicki Lyons.

**March 25 (Altar)** Given by the McLarty family in memory of Barbara McLarty.



MARCH 11—CHILI COOK-OFF at 4:30 pm MARCH 28—LIVING LAST SUPPER at 7:00pm

MARCH 29—MAUNDY THURSDAY WOR-SHIP at 7:00 pm

MARCH 30—GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP at 7:00 pm

MARCH 30—PRAYER VIGIL BEGINS at 9:00 pm

APRIL 1—EASTER WORSHIP at 6:30 am, 8:15 am and 10:30 am

APRIL 15—SPRING FLING at 2:30 pm

MAY 12—MOTHER'S DAY TEA at 1:30 pm

JUNE 16—FATHER'S DAY COOKOUT at 3:00 pm

# Thanks to our March Volunteers

| March 4  | March 11   | March 18  | March 25  |  |
|--|--|---|---|--|
| Third Sunday in Lent   | Fourth Sunday in Lent  | Fifth Sunday in Lent  | Sunday of the Passion   |  |
| Lectors: 8:15 am Ron Olsen 10:30 am Josie Geveshausen                            | Lectors: 8:15 am Brian Leiting 10:30 am Mary Wolf                              | Lectors: 8:15 am Suzette Curry 10:30 am Rick Heuertz                                    | Lectors: 8:15 am Pam Knudsen 10:30 am Jenni Durant                                    |  |
| Cantor: 8:15 am Joey Hartshorn   | Cantor: 8:15 am Brandon Trautwein  | Cantor: 8:15 am Linda Johansen  | Cantor: 8:15 am Chris Knudsen   |  |
| Acolytes: 8:15 am Jake Gill Autumn Phommavong 10:30 am Tyler Fader Nate Feenstra | Acolytes: 8:15 am Aidan Arneson Jessica Baker 10:30 am Diew Diew Breck Swanson | Acolytes: 8:15 am Drew Benson Julie Geveshausen 10:30 am Nyaluet Diew Aubree Van Berkum | Acolytes: 8:15 am Peyton Martinez Michael Sigsbee 10:30 am Branden Lieber Ashlyn Rich |  |
| <u>Ushers</u> : 8:15 am Chris & Denise Kleinberg 10:30 am                        | <u>Ushers</u> : 8:15 am Chris & Denise Kleinberg 10:30 am                      | Ushers: 8:15 am Chris & Denise Kleinberg  10:30 am Dan & Daniele Feenstra               | Ushers: 8:15 am Chris & Denise Kleinberg  10:30 am Rick Lieber  Branden Lieber        |  |
| Altar Care:  | Altar Care:  | Altar Care:   | Altar Care:   |  |
| Money to safe: 8:15 am 10:30 am  | Money to safe: 8:15 am 10:30 am  | Money to safe: 8:15 am 10:30 am   | Money to safe: 8:15 am 10:30 am   |  |
|  | Communion Assistants: 8:15 am 10:30 am   |   | Communion Assistants: 8:15 am 10:30 am  |  |

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| SUNDAY   | MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY   |
|--|--|---|---|--|--|--|
|  |  | April 2018 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 |   | 1<br>8-10am Coffee and<br>Breakfast with the<br>Pastor(s)<br>2-4pm Food Bank<br>distribution<br>6:00pm Fellowship<br>Committee Meeting @<br>Panda Palace | 2<br>8:30am TOPS   | 3<br>4:00pm Spirit Connection<br>practice  |
| 4<br>8:15am Worship<br>9:30am Sunday School<br>10:30am Worship<br>11:30am First<br>Communion Class   | 5  | 6<br>5:30pm Worship & Music<br>Committee Meeting<br>6:00pm Bells<br>7:00pm AA<br>7:00pm Al-Anon           | 7<br>12:00pm Worship<br>1-3pm SHARE<br>6:00pm Lenten Supper<br>7:00pm Worship<br>8:00pm Choir                               | 8<br>8-10am Coffee and<br>Breakfast with the<br>Pastor(s)<br>7:00pm Lydia Group  | 9<br>8:30am TOPS   | 9:00am Saturday Quilting<br>Group<br>4:00pm Spirit Connection<br>practice                  |
| 11 Holy Communion 8:15am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30am First Communion Class 4:30pm Chili Cook-Off  Daylight Saving Time Begins | 12   | 9:15am Circle II<br>6:00pm Bells<br>7:00pm AA<br>7:00pm AI-Anon   | 14 12:00pm Worship 6:00pm Lenten Supper @ St. Paul United Methodist 7:00pm Worship @ St. Paul United Methodist 8:00pm Choir | 15 8-10am Coffee and Breakfast with the Pastor(s) 2-4pm Food Bank distribution 7:00pm Dakota County Amateur Radio Club  Newsletter Deadline              | 16<br>8:30am TOPS  | 17<br>10:00am Prayer Shawl<br>Ministry @ parsonage<br>4:00pm Spirit Connection<br>practice |
| 18 8:15am Worship 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30am Church Council Meeting 11:30am First Communion Class                                    | 19<br>2:00pm Circle I                                  | 20<br>6:00pm Prayer Shawl<br>Ministry<br>6:00pm Bells<br>7:00pm AA<br>7:00pm Al-Anon                      | 21<br>12:00pm Worship<br>6:00pm Lenten Supper<br>7:00pm Worship<br>8:00pm Choir   | 22<br>8-10am Coffee and<br>Breakfast with the<br>Pastor(s)   | 23<br>8:30am TOPS  | 24 4:00pm Spirit Connection practice   |
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