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March 2019



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**Arise, shine, for
your light has come...**

Isaiah 60:1

The deadline for the April Newsletter is March 21.

Worship at First Lutheran

March 3

Transfiguration of Our Lord

First Lesson: Exodus 34:29-35

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2

Psalm: 99

Gospel: Luke 9:28-43a

March 10

First Sunday in Lent

First Lesson: Exodus 6:2-3, 6a, 7b

Second Lesson: Isaiah 53:3-6a

Gospel: Matthew 11:28-30

March 17

Second Sunday in Lent

First Lesson: Exodus 20:8-11

Second Lesson: Philippians 4:11-13

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

March 24

Third Sunday in Lent

First Lesson: Hebrews 4:14-16

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:1-4

Gospel: Luke 14:8-14

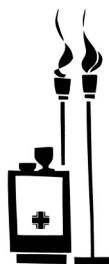
March 31

Fourth Sunday in Lent

First Lesson: Isaiah 57:1-2

Second Lesson: Philippians 4:4-9

Gospel: Matthew 26:37-39



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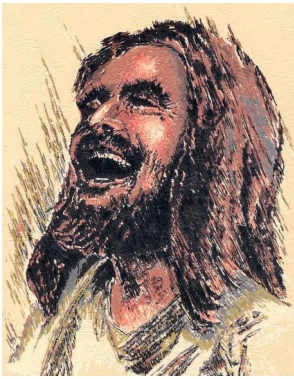
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Challenge Issued Pastor Doug

After my newsletter article last month, I was contacted by a member. This member wants to help encourage each of us to give more to First Lutheran. In case you were not aware, the council designated 2019 as the year of Stewardship. In light of both of these, the member has issued a challenge and so has the council.

During the month of April, any monies that are donated to the General Fund will be matched by this member. Yes, you heard that right, they will be matched. What a wonderful gift of both what God has first given, but a gift to help us lower our deficit and learn to be good stewards of what God has given us.

At the last council meeting I was discussing this wonderful gift. In response to that gift, I have already increased my giving on a regular basis and plan on giving extra in April. The idea is to NOT only give extra but maintain an extra giving plan. While getting a matching donation is extremely helpful, it does not eliminate the long-term problem of getting into a stewardship mindset.

If everyone could increase their giving as much as they can, that may be \$1 per month or not at all, it would be helpful in learning how to respond to God. It is a step in learning good Stewardship.

The entire council have accounts in Easy Tithe, which is our electronic giving. Electronic giving is easy and ensures that the monies intended to be given to First Lutheran always make it there. Just last week we had very low attendance due

to the weather. The week before some could not make it in due to the weather. On the annual meeting day, we had only one worship service. Summer attendance goes down while people take advantage of good weather. All of that means less donations. Before you ask, no, not everyone brings in their offering the following week. Electronic giving helps, show or no show, worship or not, worshipping in person or online.

Sign up today, <https://give.flcssc.org>

Don't forget, please consider giving extra during the month of April. Also consider increasing what you planned on giving, going forward. It all helps fund the Ministry Support Plan.

In 2018 I attended a stewardship event. During the Synod assembly, three members of our council will be attending the same event. We want to walk with you in being good stewards of what God has given us, everything.

Peace and blessings

Pr. Doug

Happy Birthday

Kathy Blair—March 31
Pearl Curry—March 23
John Fader—March 28
Leisa Hamilton—March 4
Misty Hedquist—March 6
Terry Kenny—March 18
Gary King—March 15
Gayle Kleinberg—March 18
Brianna Lake—March 24
Vicki Lyons—March 10
Matt McArthur—March 11
Shauna Meier—March 14
Ron Olsen—March 25
Mark Peterson—March 20
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

Lenten Meals

We are in need of people to help provide the Lenten lunches and Lenten suppers beginning on March 13. Lunch will follow the 12:00 p.m. service, and a supper will precede the 7:00 p.m. service at 6:00 p.m. There are sign-up sheets at the Welcome Center.

Thank You

Arlene Barker-Thank you all for the cards of encouragement and cheer. I appreciated it very much.

Fellowship Team-Thank you to all who attended our Pancake and Egg Bake. We had over 60 people, seven different egg bakes, pancakes and treats. A great time was had by all. The Fellowship Team looks forward to seeing you at our next breakfast.

First Lutheran Food Pantry-Thank you to Salem Lutheran Church and Circle I for their donations of food. Forty-six boxes of food were given out in January.

Funeral Serving Group-Thanks to John, Lucas and Tyler Fader for setting up the fellowship hall in preparation for the JoAnn Addison funeral luncheon.

Cathie Galvin-I'd like to thank all of you for the prayers, cards, and calls you made for me this past month. I am so appreciative of all of this kindness. A special thank you to Pastor Doug for the support and comfort shown to me during my hospitalization. It certainly made the experience so much easier for me and my family. I'm blessed to have such a loving and caring First Lutheran

family.

Lutheran Services in Iowa-Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the amazing gifts you provided for our families we serve at LSI and the hard work in packaging these gifts! You all are doing amazing work! Thank you for our partnership.



☼☼☼ CIRCLE MEETINGS ☼☼☼

LYDIA GROUP: March 14, 2019 7:00PM

LEADER: Rose Dudley

HOSTESS: Jennifer Durant

CIRCLE I: March 18, 2019 2:00PM

LEADER: Group

HOSTESS: Betty Bass

Sandy Larson

CIRCLE II: March 12, 2019 9:15AM

LEADER: Jan Durant

HOSTESS: Jane Krogh



Bible Study

“The Gospel of John”

Lydia: “Living Above Worry and Stress”

Financial Reports

Treasurer's Report - January 2019

Beginning General Fund Balance: \$ - 53,624.18

Receipts:

Contributions	\$12,059.86
Misc. Income	169.55
TOTAL:	\$12,229.41

Expenses:

Pastor's salary	\$ 3,458.34
Pastor's allowances / exp.	3,717.05
Auxiliary staff salaries	4,574.28
Payroll Taxes	346.11
Parsonage Payment/Utilities	862.63
Parsonage Improvements	2,065.00
Utilities	1,668.25
Building Maint.	52.25
Office Expenses	816.30
Worship & Music	22.58
Parish	298.54
Postage	460.00
Food Bank	400.00
Youth	39.00
Benevolence	545.00
TOTAL:	\$19,325.33

Transfer to Capital Improvement:	\$ 100.00
Transfer from other funds:	\$ 205.00
Ending General Fund Balance:	\$ -60,615.10

January Attendance & General Fund Receipts

January 6	150	\$ 2,880.38
January 13	131	\$ 2,395.88
January 20	94	\$ 1,560.00
January 27	121	\$ 3,318.60
Online/Electronic Giving		\$ 1,905.00

Where Does My Offering Go?

ELCA members in more than 9,300 congregations in the United States and Caribbean give approximately \$1.75 billion in regular offering to support ELCA ministries in their local communities and worldwide. When members give through their congregations, a percentage of that money is then shared with the local synod and the national churchwide organization.

This unrestricted giving, called Mission Support, gives us both the foundation and the fuel to do God's work in the world, and a portion of the gifts circle back to support ministries in synods and local congregations. Of these unrestricted gifts, the churchwide organization received around 2.6 percent. This represents the largest portion of the ELCA churchwide organization's operating budget.

Your Mission Support helps fund the following churchwide ministries:

- Grow the ELCA in the United States: 25% goes to plant and support 357 new congregations; enable congregations to renew their ministries and reach out to their surrounding communities; work together with our African Descent, American Indian and Alaska Native, Arab and Middle Eastern, Asian and Pacific Islander, and Latino/Latina members to develop networks and resources for ministry; and develop and share resources for faith, discipleship, prayer and worship.
- Grow the Lutheran church around the world: 18% goes to send 230 missionaries in more than 48 countries, and more than 84 Young Adults in Global Mission in 11 country programs; as a member of The Lutheran World Federation, we're in communion with 145 member churches and directly connected to 85 companion churches in other countries; and accompany new Lutheran churches, expand ministries, and train leaders and evangelists.

- Provide coordination and support for church-wide ministries: 16% goes to maintain constituent database, including 1.1 million records of rostered and lay leaders, members, donors and congregations; preserve and maintain archives and historic records of the ELCA and its predecessor bodies; provide office space, equipment and human resources for staff and operations; process 150,000 gifts to ELCA ministries; and equip congregations and synods with resources to assist in risk management and legal matters.
- Support and develop current and future leaders in the ELCA: 15% goes to recruit, prepare and implement a system for the assignment of 9,900 rostered ministers; support the work of seven ELCA seminaries and 26 colleges and universities; identify, connect and provide ministry resources and opportunities for networking for lay leaders; and offer events and leadership opportunities for youth and young adults.
- Invest in technology and communications: 8% goes to design and maintain communications tools to strengthen our Lutheran identity and grow awareness of our church and its mission and ministries; and connect members with one another through new technology and systems.
- Provide governance and leadership: 5% goes to coordinate meetings and support 65 synodical bishops; and organize lay and clergy leaders from across the church to serve on the governance boards and committees that provide guidance and oversight for ELCA ministries.
- Grow and sustain financial resources: 5% goes to develop and promote efforts related to stewardship education, financial literacy, mission interpretation and growth in giving to all church ministries.
- Address social issues and work for justice: 4% goes to support social ministry organizations, such as Lutheran Services in America, to impact the lives of 1 in 50 Americans; engage in churchwide study and deliberation to create social statements and resources that address social, political, environmental and other public issues; and equip members and leaders to advocate with lawmakers in order to support policies that promote justice and peace. Your designated gifts to ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response provide additional funds annually to address hunger, poverty and suffering around the world.
- Engage in research and strategic planning: 2% goes to research and analyze trends that impact the ELCA and develop innovative strategies to improve mission and ministry in the 21st century.
- Sustain ecumenical and interfaith relationships: 2% goes to facilitate dialogue and common action among communities of other faiths, including the development of resources and communications for ELCA congregations; and seek unity in faith and life with all Lutherans and six full communion partners.

With Deepest Sympathy

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

The family of JoAnn Addison, who passed away Thursday, February 21. Services were held Tuesday, February 26 here at First Lutheran.

The family of Maynon Burson, who passed away Tuesday, February 26. Services will be held Sunday, March 3 at Meyer Brothers Morningside Chapel.

The family of Paul Knudsen, who passed away Tuesday, February 26. Services will be held Saturday, March 2 here at First Lutheran.

Easter Lilies

Order forms are available in the entryway if you would like to give Easter lilies this year. Lilies may

be picked up after the 10:30 a.m. service on Easter Sunday, April 21.

Thrivent Choice

Don't forget to direct your Choice Dollars! Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice program can help support First Lutheran Church. Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars available have until March 31 to direct any remaining 2018 Choice Dollars. Help support First Lutheran! Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 10. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour!

Food Pantry

Our food pantry is running low on funds! Every month, between 50 and 90 food boxes are given out of the office. We are able to buy food at a drastically reduced price from the Food Bank of Siouxland. If you can donate any money towards the pantry, please do so! Just write "pantry" on either your check or your envelope.

Lent

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6, with services at 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Both services include Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes. Wednesday services continue for the next five weeks at 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. There will also be a Living Last Supper here at First Lutheran on Wednesday, April 17 at 7:00.

Social Ministry

Social Ministry is collecting 5-quart ice cream buckets for Easter baskets. Also being collected is candy, coloring books, crayons, small stuffed ani-

mals and other small items to help fill the Easter baskets. Donations can be left in the cart.

Leftovers

Leftovers are such humble things,
We would not serve them to a guest,
And yet we serve them to our Lord
Who deserves the very best.
We give to Him leftover time,
Stray minutes here and there,
Leftover cash we give to Him,
Such few coins as we can spare.
We give our youth unto the world,
To hatred, lust and strife;
Then in declining years we give
To Him the remnant of our life.

—Author Unknown

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, March 6, and marks the beginning of Lent. We will have our noon and 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday worship this year, like last. In addition to that, Pastor Jose from St. Paul UMC and myself, along with multiple other Siouxland churches, will be offering Ashes 2 Go. If the noon and 7:00 p.m. opportunity for the marking of your forehead with ashes does not work into your schedule, how about Ashes 2 Go. Pastor Swanson is heading up the initiative in the area.

On Ash Wednesday, March 6, a group of clergy and lay people from area ELCA Lutheran, Methodist, and Episcopal congregations will be offering a new approach to a centuries-old Christian tradition.

"Ashes 2 Go" is a nationwide movement that has clergy and lay people visiting retail shops, street corners, homeless shelters, college campuses – even drive-thru locations to mark the foreheads of interested passers-by with ashes. The ashes are an ancient reminder of our mortality and of penitence. Participants are invited to repent of past wrongdoing and seek forgiveness and renewal during the Lenten Season.

"Faith is a very public matter" said the Rev. Jeff Swanson, pastor at St. John Lutheran Church. "This effort to be public as the Lenten journey begins is a declaration of our idea that faith is not just for inside buildings but is for the activities and actions of daily life. We invite the community to share and participate."

In the Christian tradition, Ash Wednesday marks the start of the holy season of Lent, a time for reflection and repentance in preparation for the celebration of Easter.

Pastor Swanson said, "We're offering ashes on the street corners and at drive-thru locations because they are a reminder of need, humility, and healing, available in and through communal worship. This shouldn't be confined to a church building. We probably need it more when we are in the middle of our busy daily business! The ashes we receive are to remind us throughout the day of our need for God, and of God's call to us."

"Ashes to Go is about bringing the important traditions of our faith out from behind church walls and into the places we need them every day," said the Rev. Emily Mellott. "The people who receive ashes on the street are often people longing to make a connection between their faith and the forces of daily life."

The group of area clergy and lay leaders will have stations in Sioux City and South Sioux City at:

- Drive-Thru at St. John Lutheran Church, 2801 Jackson St. from 6:00 to 8:00 a.m.
- Drive-Thru at Augustana Lutheran Church, 600 Court Street. From 6:00 to 8:00 a.m.

- Grace United Methodist Church, 1735 Morningside Ave. from 6:30 - 8:00 a.m.
- The Warming Shelter, 9th and Nebraska from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.
- Courthouse and City Offices, 6th and Douglas Streets from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m.
- Olsen Campus Center on Peters Ave, Morningside College from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m.
- Hy-Vee Marketplace, Hamilton Blvd. from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.
- First Lutheran Church, 3601 Dakota Ave, South Sioux City from 6:00 to 9:00 a.m.

Spiritual Direction

Throughout our lifetime, we all develop our own relationship with God. Sometimes, no matter how hard we pray or read our bibles, we are still longing for more. Bible studies are a great way to connect with God, as it allows us to share our thoughts with each other. Church services also can help, as we spend time in community and praising God. But maybe, even with all that, we all long for more.

I would like to introduce you to the idea of working with a Spiritual Director to help you dig a little deeper. A Spiritual Director is one who walks the path with you as you discover more about your relationship with God, and what God wants for you. Spiritual Directors are not counselors, magical fortunetellers, or have any other supernatural power. What they are trained to do is to help you, by questions you may not have thought of, and instruct you through prayer practices that can lead you closer to God.

In May of 2018, I started seeing a Spiritual Director. Now, as some of you know or maybe you do not know, in August of 2018, I was approved for enrollment into the Nebraska Synod's Spiritual Direction program, called "Seeking the Spirit Within." This is a two-year program with intense readings and retreats. In May, I will be applying for permission to begin my practicum training. I

will be looking to work with 2-3 people on developing your own personal relationship with God. Would you be interested in entering this journey?

There is no cost to you, however, it does require a 1-year commitment. We would meet a minimum of one time a month, for one hour. I will do my best to work around your schedule. These meetings are private and can be done at church, at the parsonage or any place where there are limited distractions.

If you are interested in helping me with my own journey in becoming a Spiritual Director, I would love to help you develop your relationship with God. Through this, you may find out things God intends for you that you never would have dreamed of.

—Kris Dill

A Brief History of Stewardship

“Stewardship” is a word created by leaders in the Protestant churches of North America in the late 19th century. At that time it was a way of talking about money for the church and especially missions in the West and missionaries abroad. The concept developed in response to the separation of church and state, which meant churches were no longer funded by the state. By necessity, the American church had to find a way to raise money for congregations and missions. Over the last one hundred years, there have been three periods or stages when stewardship has taken a high profile. By the late 20th century, stewardship was commonly used both inside and outside the church.

1. The Beginnings of American Stewardship 1890 - 1918

- This first period linked stewardship with law and connected it with the tithe.
- Churches were not supported by taxes and needed to find their own way of gathering funds.

· Early methods of fundraising included renting or selling pew space, subscription lists, church suppers, church socials, raffles and lotteries.

· Special collections were taken in support of missions in the rapidly expanding West and for other parts of the world.

· At the turn of the century, envelope giving offered privacy.

· Churches began to adopt unified budgets.

· A rising middle class began dealing with the “burden of affluence”.

· The enthusiasm for mission collapsed with the loss of idealism in the United States. By the 1920’s many congregations took to erecting new church buildings rather than giving money to benevolences or missions.

2. The Flowering of Stewardship 1945 – 1965

· The second period connected stewardship with the Gospel and began to see money as only a part of a broader understanding of stewardship.

· During the post World War II period, there was a religious boom. The United States entered an era of unprecedented and increasing affluence.

· American life was changed by suburbia, the interstate highway system, better automobiles and television.

· The situation was ripe for the church to respond to the needs of the people.

· In contrast to the atheism of communist nations, Americans were “God-believing church goers”.

· Church membership as a percentage of the total population grew from 49% in 1940 to 63% by 1960.

· A renewed interest in stewardship brought forth the three “T’s” – Time, Talent and Treas-

ure. This elicited a positive response in campaigns.

- Denominational loyalty was strong. In 1957, 96% of Americans cited a specific religious affiliation.

3. The Globalization of Stewardship 1980 – 20??

- The current period joins stewardship with the care of this world and often does not mention money.
- A broader definition of stewardship includes a lifestyle of working for the environment, justice, peace and the integrity of creation.
- The word “stewardship” became more popular in secular circles than it was within the church.
- Christianity does not play as important a role in the establishment; secularization is taking over society.
- Focusing stewardship on the finances of the church is not legitimate because the emphasis should be on the needs of the whole world.
- In the words of Douglas John Hall (1990),

“Now the church can assume its proper place as a servant to the world, rather than trying to maintain its own power and position within society. It has an opportunity to act as a steward (servant) and can now take stewardship seriously.”

Reflections on the History of Stewardship

- We learn that we are not masters living in a world that we own and control, but we rather are stewards of what has been entrusted to us.
- Christian stewardship is rooted in God’s gift of Jesus Christ to us, and we are entrusted with sharing this gift.
- Through God’s grace, we freely receive God’s gifts and have permission to use these gifts.

- Stewardship has to do with every aspect of living out personal faith, including creation, lifestyle, gifts, finances and callings/vocation.
- Churches are increasingly dependent on lay members to assume their rightful place of servant leadership, using their gifts to participate in God’s work in the world today.

(This brief history is summarized from “A History of Stewardship” by Dr. William O. Avery of Gettysburg Seminary, and was published by the Lutheran Laity Ministries for Stewardship.)

Prayer of Thanks

Hello everyone. I would like the disciples of God to write prayers of thanks. You can start dropping them off, mailing them in or sending them via email. We will collect these prayers and put in the April Newsletter. Easter comes April 21st this year. Often some may look at Christmas as the best time of year and to be thankful for the birth. Agreed, it is a great time and without Christmas, there is no Easter. Without Easter, there is no gift of grace by Emmanuel who gave of Himself through death. Without Easter, we do not see the Mercy of God in the resurrection for us.

Thank you, Lord, for all that you have done for me. I thank you for my calling to be the pastor of First Lutheran and to serve in Your church as a pastor for all of Your children. You have blessed me and my family and I give you thanks for all. Amen.

Send your prayers to: First Lutheran, 3601 Dakota Ave, South Sioux City NE 68776. Drop them off in the office. You can also email them to office@flcsc.org.

Peace

Pastor Doug

EasyTithe—Giving Electronically

New things can often seem overwhelming. When something is working, we don’t like to CHANGE. But I am here to tell you that change is Good!

Everything we bring into this building is here to help us collectively to serve our Lord and our community better.

One of the changes we added is EasyTithe. For the past year, those using the program have been extremely happy with the results. All of the Council members are signed up with EasyTithe! It is simple to set up on your phone, tablet, laptop and/or computer. Chad Cain can get you set up on your phone within minutes, or bring in your tablet or laptop to have it added there as well.

Here is a listing of some of the reasons we want you to consider using this program for your giving:

- The system provides you with emails to confirm your giving.
- It is safe and secure. Your information is protected.
- It is set up so that you can direct where your dollars go. You will be able to use more than three funds in one gift.
- It only takes minutes and you direct the giving.
- It can be changed with just a few clicks.
- You can give even when you are traveling or visiting family away from our four walls.
- No more envelopes to worry about.
- No more missed donations-it is on time, on point and on-going.
- You can add a new one-time donation while you are in the pew or your couch. If you thought you would like to give more to the church, it is easy to go into your app and send a separate donation.
- You can login into your giving account and track your donations for the year.
- The church receives a steady giving stream for income.

- Superior Customer Service.
- Streamlines the handling of money and checks from the congregation.
- Deposits directly into the church's account so no deposit necessary to be made for these donations.
- Give from anywhere via your phone.
- It was developed by a Church and built for the Church.

Chili Cook-off

The annual chili cook-off takes place March 10 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Will Carli Lake be able to defend her title? Please join us as competitor, judge, or just for fellowship. A good time is had by all. If you are competing, you can bring your chili in starting around 4:00 p.m. Please sign up in the entryway.

Voices Unite

Morningside Lutheran Church, 700 S Martha, Sioux City, presents Voices Unite on Saturday, April 6. A singers' workshop takes place from 9:00-3:00, with lunch provided. A concert follows the workshop at 4:00 p.m. For more information, call 276-2511.



March Flower Chart

March 3 (Altar) Given by Circle II.

March 10 (Altar) Given by Todd, Melissa and Jessica Baker in honor of Justin's 8th birthday.

(Chancel) Given by Janell Sila in honor of her 67th birthday.

March 17 (Altar) Given by Carol Marmo.

March 24 (Altar) open

March 31 (Altar) Given by the McLarty family in memory of Barbara McLarty.



MARCH 6—ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP at 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

MARCH 10—CHILI COOK-OFF from 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

APRIL 2—WOMEN OF THE ELCA GENERAL MEETING at 7:00 p.m.

APRIL 17—LIVING LAST SUPPER at 7:00 p.m.

APRIL 18—MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP at 7:00 p.m.

APRIL 19—GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP at 7:00 p.m.

APRIL 21—EASTER WORSHIP at 6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m., and 10:30 a.m.

APRIL 22—OFFICE CLOSED

APRIL 28—FAMILY GAME DAY from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

MAY 12—MOTHER'S DAY TEA & COOKIES FOLLOWING BOTH SERVICES

MAY 27—OFFICE CLOSED

Mission Statement:

Loving others in Christ for outreach to all, while providing for God's diversity.

Vision Statement:

Building upon the properties that God provides. To reach out in mission to the community.

March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat																																																
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