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March 2023



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MARCH

The deadline for the April Newsletter is March 16.

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- Randy Rahn 928/551-2464
- Pastor David Halaas 701/430-3393

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, not much to say but it's March!!! The bathroom project is coming along nicely so we can thank our contractor, Rod, for that. We have several other projects in the works so we will keep you updated. I hope everyone is enjoying the new RED hymnals that were purchased, definitely long overdue. Easter will be here before we know it. We will have service at our normal time with an organist and special music. We are looking for volunteers to help get our streaming service back on track, so if you're interested let Mike Hunter or myself know.

As always,
Christ be with you,

Jarrod Knudsen
Council President

LIVING SACRIFICES

To search our souls, to meditate,
will not suffice for Lent.

To share the cross, to sacrifice;
these are the things God meant.

– Jane McKay Lanning

FROM PASTOR HALAAS

Welcome to March – the season of Lent – and the month that winter (slowly) turns to spring. This helpful summary: “We are now on the Lenten journey – the pilgrimage which began on Ash Wednesday when we confessed our sins and received the ashes – the symbol of our brokenness and mortality. From this event we walk toward Holy Week and Easter where we will remember, celebrate and participate in Christ’s death and resurrection. Lent exists for the sake of Easter. During Lent we do battle with everything in our lives to which we must die. We also practice, in a very intentional way, the new life which is the gift of Easter. Thus, we do the Lenten disciplines: prayer, fasting, meditation, reading, giving generously, Scripture study, simplifying, advocacy for the poor and hungry, peacemaking, and doing deeds of love and mercy.”

– Pastor David Halaas

Email – david.halaas.rev@wisynod.org

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

- March 5 Janell Norton
- March 12 Dennis Remington
- March 19 Pastor David Halaas
- March 26 Janell Norton

LECTORS

- March 5 Tristan Kinnaman
- March 12 Mary Wolf
- March 19 Ellen Prescott
- March 26 Jill Gill

THE SEASON OF LENT AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday morning worship at 9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer service led by Pastor Halaas...a brief service of prayer and song...All are invited to attend!

WORSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 5 2nd Sunday in Lent
First Lesson: Genesis 12:1-4a
Second Lesson: Rom. 4:1-5, 13-17
Gospel: John 3:1-17

March 12 3rd Sunday in Lent
First Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7
Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-11
Gospel: John 4:5-42

March 19 4th Sunday in Lent
First Lesson: 1 Samuel 16:1-13
Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel: John 9:1-41

March 26 5th Sunday in Lent
First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14
Second Lesson: Romans 8:6-11
Gospel: John 11:1-45

JANUARY ATTENDANCE

January 8	54
January 15	52
January 22	62
January 29	32

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 5	Rob Bianchini
March 7	Sharon Potter
March 10	Vicki Lyons
March 15	Trish Porter
March 20	Mark Peterson
March 23	Pearl Curry
March 24	Brianne Lake
March 31	Kathleen Blair

YOUTH BIRTHDAYS

March 14	Justin Baker
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If we have missed any birthday or anniversary, please let us know.

SUNDAY SCHOOL continues on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Please encourage all young people to come for a lesson and interesting stories from the Bible. Come, join the fun and bring a friend!

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy and prayers to: Clint Barrs on the death of his brother, Ronney Barrs, on February 8.

The family of Lonnie Slaughter, who passed away February 13.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank you for everything the church did for our family during the passing of John. The cookies were delicious and the dinner was greatly appreciated. Also, thank you to Pastor for the visits and service. Your kindness and hospitality as a church was very comforting and very much appreciated.

Scott and Julie Brown and family
Elaine, Lucas and Tyler Fader

YOU ARE INVITED!

All are welcome to join us for Gabbi Durant's Baptism on Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023, and helping us welcome her into God's family. Fellowship brunch after church.

CIRCLE I

Circle I met February 20, 2023. We had dessert, coffee, fellowship and Bible study. We will meet again at 2:00 p.m. on March 20, 2023. Everyone is welcome.

LYDIA GROUP

Lydia Group will meet March 9 at 7:00 p.m. for fellowship, dessert and a study from Women of Faith "Encouraging One Another." All women are welcome to attend.

PRAYER CHAIN

Volunteers responded positively to the request to participate in First Lutheran's Prayer Chain and so the ministry begins! If you have a concern or need for which you would like prayer, please call the first person on the list and then each person in turn passes the prayer request on to the next person on the list. This is a powerful and comforting ministry that our church offers our members and their friends/families. The current prayer chain consists of the following volunteers:

Sandy Larson	712-490-9948
Jackie Gierman	712-490-3180
Lucy Gagnon	605-999-1332
Ruth Ailts	402-494-6456
Linda Fischer	712-259-0889
Patty Blessing	402-404-1371
Collen Schleusener	402-987-3780
Mary Wolf	402-494-4697

If you would like to participate or have any questions, please contact Sandy Larson at 402/494-2135 or Mary Wolf at 402/494-4697.

FOOD PANTRY

Our Church's food pantry is available each Wednesday. Hours are from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and again from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Donations are always accepted for this project – either in the form of grocery items or monetary. All grocery items must be non-perishable. The grocery cart is always in the entryway where you may place your donation.

NOTES FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

- Agenda, Pastor's Report and Financial reports are posted on the bulletin board.
- Offerings in January = \$11,011
Expenses in January = \$9,687
- Bathroom renovation project to begin very soon!

AN IRISH BLESSING

May God grant you always
A sunbeam to warm you,
A moonbeam to charm you,
A sheltering angel
So nothing can harm you,
Laughter to cheer you,
Faithful friends near you –
And whenever you pray,
Heaven to hear you.

THE BIBLE IN 50 WORDS

God made
Adam bit
Noah arked
Abraham split
Joseph ruled
Jacob fooled
Bush talked
Moses balked
Pharaoh plagued
People walked
Sea divided
Tablets guided
Promise landed
Saul freaked
David peeked
Prophets warned
Jesus born
God walked
Love talked
Anger crucified
Hope died
Love rose
Spirit flamed
Word spread
God remained

“You don't know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and as soon as you have said, ‘Lord, I don't know how to pray!’ you can be sure you have already begun.”

– St. Josemaria Escrivá

March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Food Pantry 9:00-11:00 a.m. 5:00-7:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. Prayer Service	2 Food Bank 1:00-3:00 p.m.	3	4
5 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship	6	7	8 Food Pantry 9:00-11:00 a.m. 5:00-7:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. Prayer Service	9 7:00 p.m. Lydia	10	11
12 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship	13	14	15 Food Pantry 9:00-11:00 a.m. 5:00-7:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. Prayer Service	16 Food Bank 1:00-3:00 p.m.	17	18
19 9:00 a.m. SS 9:30 a.m. Worship (Communion) 11:30 a.m. Council	20 2:00 p.m. Circle I	21	22 Food Pantry 9:00-11:00 a.m. 5:00-7:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. Prayer Service	23	24	25
26 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship	27 WELCA Executive 7:00 p.m.	28	29 Food Pantry 9:00-11:00 a.m. 5:00-7:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. Prayer Service	30	31	