



*For nearly two thousand years the 40-day season of Lent has been used by God's people to remember the events of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, Christians throughout the ages have chosen to take on disciplines to keep them centered on God all the way to Easter. We encourage you to take on these daily spiritual practices as well, which can help protect from distraction and increase our ability to hear from God. May we all be transformed as we participate in these exercises of grace.*

**Monday: Make no purchases.**

Most of us can buy things whenever we need them. Take a day to fast from purchases. Examples: Make your lunch instead of buying it. Fill your gas tank on another day. Avoid the vending machine. As you do, pray for those who go without. "Dear Lord, I have all that I need and more. Bless those who go without. Amen."

**Tuesday: Make a personal contact.** Our lives can be so busy. Many of us are in such a rush that we don't have time for relationships. Examples: Write and send a hand-written note. Make a phone call to an old friend. Have people over for a meal. As you do, encourage them in the Lord or thank them for their influence in your life: remember that God has promised to be with you.

**Wednesday: Fast from noise.** For many of us, we are constantly barraged with noise from our T.V., radio, or iPod. Our lives are also bombarded with distractions through social media and advertisement. Embrace silence so that God's voice may be loud in your life. Examples: Turn off your car radio. Take a break from social media. Keep the television off.

As you do, sing a worship song, or speak out your prayers, and listen for God's still small voice.

**Thursday: Add an extra hour of sleep.** We are designed to need sleep. Rest is one of the greatest gifts God gives us. Some of us are exhausted from burning the candle at both ends. Be thankful for God's goodness by going to bed an hour early. If you can't sleep, lie in bed and read the scriptures or pray for the needs of others. (Our Taking God's Story Home provides suggestions for scripture text to read.)

**Friday: Fast a food of your choice.** It is easy to become addicted to sweets, caffeine, and constant eating. Recognize your dependence on God, and be thankful for the things you enjoy by choosing to fast a meal or a food of choice. As you do, focus on your dependence on God for your most basic needs. "Heavenly Father, your Son is the bread of life. Feed my heart and soul that I may have peace. Amen."

**Saturday: Add an hour of physical activity.** When we take care of our bodies we take care of the temple of the Holy Spirit. Examples: Go for a walk. Swim a few laps at the YMCA. As you do, pray for those who are suffering from disease or sickness, and thank God for the gift of life and the health you have.

**Sunday: Celebrate in worship! Participate in the 8:00 or 10:30 service!**

## MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MIKE

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*Jesus said, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'"*  
**(John 7:37-38)**

*"Is anyone thirsty? Come and drink—even if you have no money!  
Come, take your choice of wine or milk—it's all free!*

*Why spend your money on food that does not give you strength?  
Why pay for food that does you no good? Listen to me, and you will eat what is good. (Isaiah  
**55:1-2)***

*"Please, sir," the woman said, "give me this water! Then I'll never be thirsty again..."*  
**(John 4:15)**

I used to bake all of our family's bread. Now before you think much more me of than you should... Or before you roll your eyes... you have to know that I had a particularly fine bread machine. It was the most effortless homemade bread you could have! I could program the timer on it. I could throw in the ingredients at night. It would do all the work for me, and we would wake up with nice, wholesome, "beefy" baked bread. And I mean, this was BEEFY bread—cracked wheat and rolled oats and honey and whole wheat flour...mmmmmm.

Since my machine gave up the ghost, we have been back to eating "store bread" for a little a while now. And it works for us. Sort of. It toasts just fine. And it holds the contents of a sandwich just fine. **But I can't really say that it quite satisfies in the same way as that baked bread did.**

I wonder if that is what is at the heart of the Bible readings above? I detect a sense throughout that there is "something" upon which we human beings figuratively eat and drink. But I also detect a sense of need, of want, or of dissatisfaction, of thirst, of a quest for something that addresses that need, satisfies our want, and quenches our thirsts. The language is earthy and common, wine, milk, and water. But those common things have a fine, abundant, rich, and satisfactory quality to them. *"Please, sir," the woman at the well pleads, "give me this water! Then I'll never be thirsty again!"* The story continues to unfold not only with this woman in John 4 but throughout the Gospel of John as a whole. Jesus says, *"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and the one who believes in me drink..."*. **Again and again, people encounter Jesus, have a sip or even a deep chugalug of the draught he offers, and they are sustained, quenched, healed, strengthened, renewed, overjoyed, and more!**

I think that this is what not only the practices of Lent are all about (Lent begins **Wednesday, March 5**, with our **Ash Wednesday observances**); this is what our daily practice of faith is supposed to be all about: encountering Jesus; having a sip or even a deep chugalug of the draught he offers, so that we are sustained, quenched, healed, strengthened, renewed, overjoyed, and more! At one of our Wednesday Adult 4-Key Faith Practice sessions, one of our dads put it this way when asked to describe how the image of Living Water spoke to him: *"When I have a long, hard day at work and nothing seems right, sometimes just coming home and having a shower makes me feel like a new man."* **THAT'S IT EXACTLY, I THINK!** Our entire human race seems to be looking for something, to be made new. And that search seems to be even more magnified in our Western culture with all of its technology and trapping and but remnants of deep, spiritual, satisfying practices. The Irish supergroup U2, fronted by the devoutly Christian Bono, may have written the anthem of era: *"I still haven't found what I'm looking for."*

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Jesus is the Living Water. Jesus is the Bread of Life. These proclamations serve as the foundation for our Christian proclamation and identity. **The question still may be, "Yeah, but HOW do I drink of this Living Water? HOW do I get my hands on this Bread?"** (That's the request of the woman at the well.) I believe that things like our suggested "Lenten Practices" are places where Jesus might meet us. Every single week, we are invited into common, habit-forming faith practices—4 Key Faith Practices of Caring Conversation, Devotion & Prayer, Service, and Daily Ritual—that might be places where we drink and eat deeply of Jesus' presence. If your household is not in the habit of these, choose ONE, and practice it during Lent. **But as you do, always ask yourself: "What am I hearing/experiencing/tasting of God's love through Christ Jesus by doing this?"** I believe that question will be answered ABUNDANTLY for you, in ways that fill hearts and minds like homemade bread fills hungry bellies!

See you in worship! Pastor Mike

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

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**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Ben Hales, Clinton Cox, Lori Langsdorf (Richard Johnson's sister), Rosemary Mortrud (Greg Hurd's Mom), Dave Thomas (friend of Dennie Bloch and Lottie Hansen), John Stroeing (Lisa Orton's brother), Becki Halphen (Tami Klapak's sister), Kristi Werner (friend of Pancoasts), Richard Johnson, Hunter Hoeft (Ron and Lavonne Gilyard's great-great nephew), Heidi Bachler, Barb Whitcomb, Darlene Jones (Garron Orton's sister), Margaret Heinen (Marianne Lindsey's Mom), Gloria Mitchell, John Moeller (friend of Pozorski's), Breann Goracki (granddaughter of Gloria Mitchell), Curt Michaletz, Judy Peterson, Don Grafft (Sandy Empting's brother), Linda Hoffman (Judy Peterson's daughter), Dan Stang, Roger Pearson (Julie Johnson's dad), Ves Stroeing (Lisa Orton's Dad).

**PRAYERS OF THANKGIVING:** Sari Olsen ( Kari Pancoast's Mom),

**MILITARY PRAYERS:** Steve Popplewell, Ted Freese, Zac Heinen, Michael Jacobs, Jeremy Schuch, Brady Marxen, Daniel Kydd, Derek Brown, Logan Draack, Brandon Wiltsey, Derek Schleif, Lindsey Donelson, Adam Graning, Ryan Munsterman, Larry Hoffmann, Gidget Borst.

IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO SHOULD BE ADDED  
TO OUR PRAYER LIST OR PRAYER CHAIN, PLEASE  
CONTACT PASTOR MIKE.



# CHURCH NEWS

**CRAFTING EVENINGS** will be on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 6:30–9 pm. All crafters are welcome, there is plenty of room to work on your projects!



**ASH WEDNESDAY** worship service will include communion. We would like to serve at four stations for that evening. If you are able to help, please contact the office, sign up on the Family Service Group sign up sheet, or online.



## **LENTEN FAITH STORIES**

We are looking for people to share faith stories during worship. Do you have a story to share about a time that God was

particularly active in your life? Do you have a miracle to share? If you do, or you know someone from another church who does, please contact Pastor Mike.



**TABITHA BIBLE STUDY** has two evenings a month they will meet; the first Tuesday and the first Thursday. March dates are Tuesday the 4th at Sheri Haus' home, and Thursday the 6th at Kari Pancoast's home. They will be studying from the book, "Bad Girls of the Bible" by Liz Higgs. All are welcome to join either group.



## **SUICIDE HOTLINE**

**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline  
800-273-8255**

**FAITH CHESTS** Anyone interested in helping to build faith chests for baptism gifts can meet at Lance Barthel's home on Sunday, March 2, in the afternoon (specific time to be announced).



**FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES** will be held on April 6th at 9:15 am, and on April 13th at 10:30 am; and also on April 2nd and 9th at 5:30 pm. You will need to attend both classes on either Sundays or Wednesdays. Students/Parents interested in taking a class to further understand the communion practices of South Santiago Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Church are encouraged to attend.



If you have already taken communion, please know that you can always learn about why we do what we do in our church. This is open to students and families in 5th grade and up. (If your family has already taken communion at a younger age at another church and you believe your child is ready but want instruction please plan to attend.)

**First Communion blessing** will be April 17, Maundy Thursday. Please contact Pastor Mike if you have any questions about the communion process.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** is looking for volunteers to knit or crochet prayer shawls.

They are also accepting donations of yarn to be used for shawls. The type of yarn used is **Lion Brand "Homespun."** Each shawl uses 4 skeins of yarn in a matching color.

Please contact Tammy Alickson for more information.



# CHURCH NEWS



## PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Would you like to learn about your congregation's mission statement and evolving purpose/value statements as ways of discerning God's call to us? Do you have specific experience with human resources or personnel through your work? Would you like to have the rewarding satisfaction of being an intimate part of crafting your congregation's personnel policies and job descriptions?

The council is looking for 4 people from our congregation who are not related to any of our paid staff to form a Personnel Committee to craft these tools for guiding our mission and ministry. For more information or to serve in this capacity, please contact council president Rusty Lear at (612) 432-4947 or via email at rlear@legacyremod.com.



We need HELP with the Nursery... The "sounds" of children in worship are the sounds of life!

We WANT children in worship. Children learn to worship by watching adults worship. While we "regulars" might be able to say, believe, and practice the above items, that very well may not be where guests and new comers are yet. So this becomes a welcome and hospitality issue for us.

How do we staff it well? Youth—who also need to be in worship? Adults and youth—an expression of the cross generational values? Volunteer servants/ Family Service Groups vs. paid—if we can't get it staffed regularly by volunteer servants? Training? Baby sitting certification?

We already have a name or two of people willing to help out. If you are willing and able to be a part of this please contact Pastor Mike or Shelly in the church office.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

will be on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 8—9: 30 am.



All men of the congregation are invited to come for a hot breakfast, devotion, conversation, and some consideration of where and how God is calling us to be in our daily lives—at home, at work, and at leisure.

Our time will focused and prompt so that you have the rest of the day to do what you need to do on Saturdays! Bring a friend!

Other Men's Ministry items on the horizon:

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| Sunday, March 2    | Faith Chest building—time TBA             |
| Saturday, March 8  | 2nd Saturday Breakfast                    |
| Saturday, April 12 | 2nd Saturday Breakfast & Brew—details TBA |

We'll continue our weekly Saturday morning Bible studies, as well. And all men of the congregation are invited to that, as well.

## FISH FRY TO SUPPORT C.R.O.S.S. CENTER

that includes a build your own sundae bar

Will be on Friday, March 14, 2014

From 4 pm to 7 pm

At Henry's Catering in Foley

Proceeds to support our local food shelf



## HANDBELL SOLO CONCERT BY CHRISTINE ANDERSON



Will be held at Atonement Lutheran Church in St. Cloud on Saturday, March 22, at 3 pm. World renowned, her music is a tool to witness for Christ and her deep love for the Lord. Come and join in the experience!





**Pedro here.** I am guessing you probably don't remember me as it seems to have been a long time since I stopped by SSLC. I stopped in this month to get out of the cold and to visit my old stomping grounds. Who ordered Minnesota with an extra side of frost bite? Sheesh! The nice thing about stopping by SSLC, and one of my favorite things, is that it is always so warm, toasty and inviting. What a great place to be!

It seems like a lot has changed since the last time I was here. I walked into the Pastor's office expecting to meet Pastor Dave and was greeted by the bearded wonder that is Pastor

Mike! What a warm and inviting pastor! We don't need to dawdle on him. I have entirely too much to share with all of you!

There are so many great things going on at SSLC. It's hard to turn around anywhere in the building and not see all the good stuff to be a part of! This past Sunday this congregation supported the Backpack Buddies program through noisy offering raising \$444.00, and then on Tuesday they were unloading 2,500 pounds of food into the storage room! Or the fact that the Sunday School program is participating in a Food Drive to support the local community! If you are looking for a place to make a difference in Hunger Ministries it is right there!

How about the fact that your church council met for a period of development and brainstorming regarding the future of SSLC. They talked so much about the shared values and vision of this congregation. Listening to God, Listening to the Community and Listening to One another! From there they took some of those ideas and started to put them into useful tools for all of us to look at and offer input towards. Not only that, but they along with the SSLC staff are continuing to lift up families with our weekly prayer letters, phone calls, and conversations offering members a chance to let us know their prayers, thanksgivings, and needs. What an opportunity to offer a little bit of life and blessing to others. Now that is leading from the front!

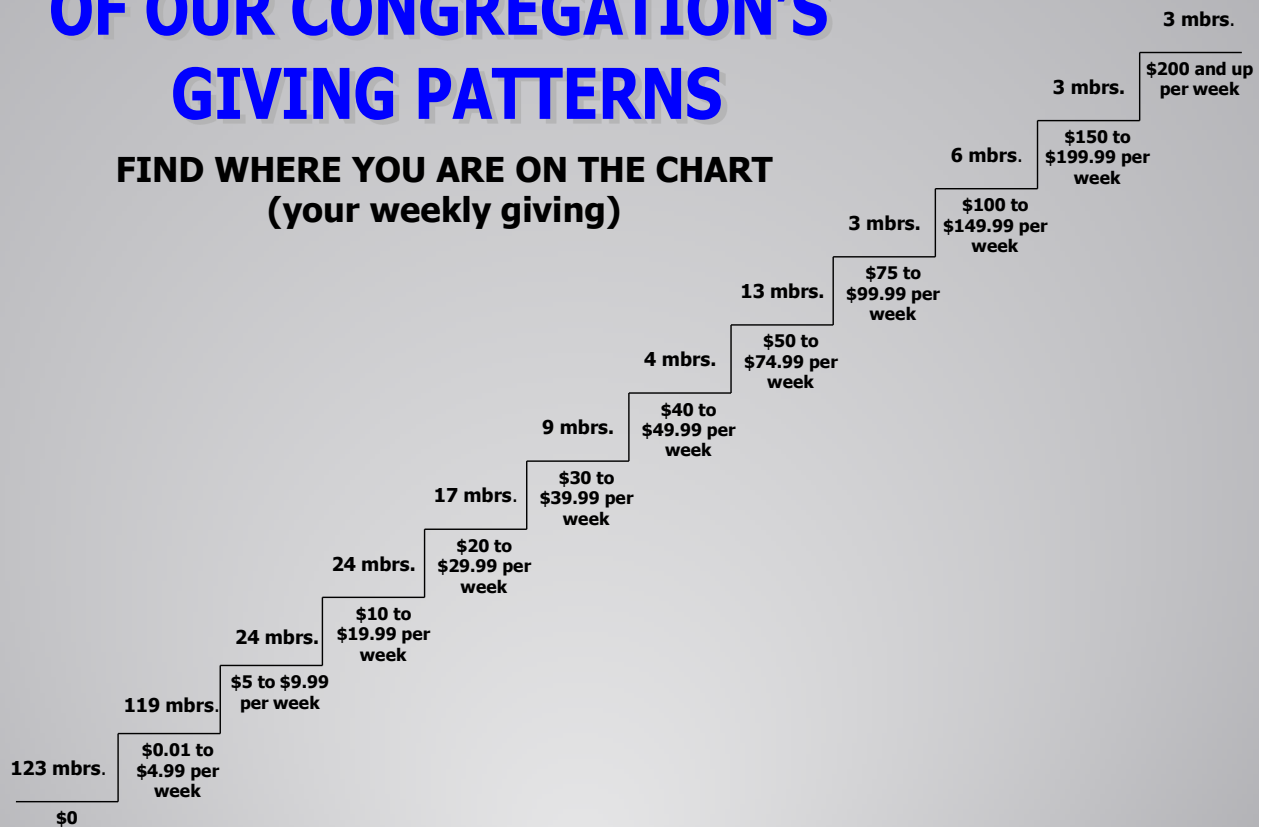
It seems as though there is always an opportunity around SSLC to plug in and get involved. From the people that dedicated their time to training our wonderful acolyte volunteers; the people that came over and gave their time to glue, stain, and fix all the pews. To the wonderful man who went to plow out a stuck member of the church. To the new Men's Breakfast Bible Study; or the new Women's Bible Study (20 people!) Or a multi family, multi age, Game Day! Or the servants that have offered to provide transportation to a member that no longer drives, but wishes to continue worshipping with their church family. And the upcoming Coat Drive on Palm Sunday for families in need in our community. The opportunities are endless and always such a thrill to see God working, living, and playing among his faithful people!

I am always blessed to see so many great things each visit I have. I might just have to make visiting SSLC part of my monthly time... now if only I could get my scribe to write for me more often! Thank you for the blessings you are as a ministry in this community! Until we meet again!

Your humble observer, Pedro Possum

# A REVEALING BREAKDOWN OF OUR CONGREGATION'S GIVING PATTERNS

FIND WHERE YOU ARE ON THE CHART  
(your weekly giving)



A Weekly Gift of:	Amounts to a 1-year Gift of:
\$320.00	\$16,640
150.00	7,800
100.00	5,200
70.00	3,640
50.00	2,600
40.00	2,080
30.00	1,560
25.00	1,300
20.00	1,040
15.00	780
10.00	520

**2 Corinthians 9:6-7**  
*Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

The Giving Table shows how a weekly gift grows over a year. We hope it may be helpful as you pray about and plan your giving to support the ministry at South Santiago Lutheran Church in 2014.

# COUNCIL REPORT FROM February 18, 2014

Present at meeting: Kim Kampa, Carey Bowles, Julie Jarvi, Jessica Johnson, Jeremy Hallquist, Rusty Lear, Frannie Bowles, Joy Hurd, and Pastor Mike.

President Rusty Lear called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Pastor Mike led with devotions from Exodus 16.

The proposed agenda was corrected with regard to the next meeting date. It will be held on Thursday, March 13, at 7:00 pm.

## CONSENT AGENDA

**Youth Report:** Jessica asked Jeremy for an update on the mission trip. Jeremy reported that payments and contracts are being returned in a timely manner. Jeremy invited the group to come on Wednesdays to see how things are going. Several youth have asked to lead a talk, or serve communion, showing that the program is working. With help from the council, he would like to pinpoint specific things that are working (especially from the youth perspective) so that it can be enhanced.

**Pastors Report:** \* Prayer family letters have gone out. \* The nursery will stay in focus as we determine how to best support that ministry. \* Saturday morning Men's Ministry now on the second Saturday at 8am. \* Building use Policy is being revamped. Jessica asked for some advice regarding wording. \* Pastor Mike will be on vacation over Spring Break, 3/23-3/31. Coverage during this time is being worked out. \* Staff are working on New Member visioning.

**Treasurers Report:** It is a three pay period month. Carey will be checking with Shelly about the general fund and building fund balances. It was the understanding that those should be zeroed out going into the year.

Jessica made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, seconded by Kim, motion passed.

## COMMITTEE REVIEW:

**Personnel Committee:** The Executive Committee is putting together a Personnel Committee with no less than 4 people to create and maintain job descriptions for all paid staff, and to handle any issues that may arise. They will be looking for individuals with a business background, and no family relationship to the staff. The Executive Committee will lay out the groundwork for how the committee will function, how long positions will be held, and will provide a liaison. We hope to have names of interested members by March 30.

## OLD BUSINESS:

**Council Retreat:** Pastor Mike gave details on what to bring, and asked for a total count by Wednesday February 19.

**Committee Liaison:** A letter will be drafted expressing the council's desire for improved communication from the committees. Groups will also be asked to re-evaluate their job descriptions.

**Music:** A Contemporary Choir director is needed. Jeremy Hallquist has agreed to cover this position until September. This will be a paid per month position. Jessica made the motion to accept Jeremy for the position, seconded by Julie, motion carried.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Council installation will be this Sunday at both services. If unable to attend, a picture is requested.

Sam and Jessica are meeting on the Kids fighting Hunger event. They are looking at early June.

Mission Investment Cards for Stewardship will be collected on Sunday, February 23.

100 minute meeting information was distributed and discussed.

Joy made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Carey, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Joy Hurd, Council Secretary.





# PRAYER PARTNER CORNER



## Caring Conversations:

Take some time to reflect this month on how you first learned about faith. Who was it that first taught you to practice the faith? Has faith in God always come easy to you or have there been times that you have struggled along the journey? As we enter the season of Lent we are called to renew our faith practices. To seek God in all of our actions and deeds. Take time to connect with your prayer partner. Ask them how you can remind them of God's command in 1 Timothy 4:12.

## Devotion and Prayer: Read 1 Timothy 4

As we enter into Lent our hope is to find deeper connection with God in our everyday actions. To devote ourselves to reading scripture, praying for one another, and growing deeper in our understanding of faith. As you read 1 Timothy 4 we would invite you into asking a few questions this month. What word or phrase sticks out in the reading this month? What is God reminding me of, or asking me to chew on throughout this month? What type of action is God asking me to take this month for myself and for the young person I am praying for?

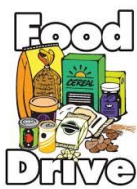
## Ritual and Tradition:

Consider taking a moment this month to create a space, a time, or an opportunity to focus your prayers for the young person you are praying for. Consider an alarm on a phone, or a certain time a day to lift up that student in prayer. Maybe lighting a candle to focus your energy on prayer for your prayer partner.

## Service:

What ways can you encourage the life of faith of your prayer partner this month? How could you be the example to them as others have been the example for you? Take a few moments to send a note, write a letter, or make a personal connection to your student this month. What words of encouragement could you offer to them?

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



Sunday School students will be doing a food drive from now until the end of May for the Becker Food Shelf.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sunday School students will be singing at the **9:30 a.m.** worship service on Palm Sunday, April 13.



### BIBLE BUCKS

Earn while you learn. Take home your verse sheets to memorize and earn Bible bucks to spend at the Bible Buck store!



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### BIRTHDAYS

3/01	Dennis Schuette	3/18	Logan Fassler
3/01	Melanie Gedde	3/18	Grace Kampa
3/01	Olivia Stone	3/18	Isabelle Swanson
3/02	Kim Longley	3/19	Jared Bistodeau
3/04	Brandon Lear	3/19	Carrie Tanner
3/04	Macy Erson	3/20	Elijah Salfer
3/05	Paul Eid	3/21	Morgan Puhl
3/05	Kristin Brovold	3/22	Wayne Bachler
3/05	Kayla Anderson	3/22	Jayden Fouquette
3/06	Libby Petro	3/23	Carla Suckert
3/06	Shelby Zoller	3/23	Melody Swanson
3/07	Jim Burns	3/24	Bonnie Fish
3/07	Brad Thom	3/24	Nicole James
3/07	Martha Haessly	3/24	Emily Brovold
3/07	Tom Gilyard	3/24	Ellie Lawrence
3/07	Alicia Schultz	3/24	Mason Doucette
3/07	Ali	3/25	Steven Tople
	Christopherson	3/26	Brandon Eid
3/08	Blake Sandeen	3/27	Lonnie Halvorson
3/10	Heather Gilyard	3/27	Jane du'Monceaux
3/12	Kathy Hochsprung	3/27	Jennine Conard
3/12	Joan Ernzer	3/27	Nick Dahler
3/12	Logan Gallus	3/28	Travis Eid
3/13	Van Zoller	3/28	Devon Hanzlik
3/13	Kelly Gonnerman	3/28	Paige Tomczik
3/14	Walt Munsterman	3/29	Diane Quisberg
3/14	Madison Doucette	3/31	Mary Gustin
3/15	Linda Brower	3/31	Brett Baldry
3/16	Katie Veches	3/31	Lance Wipper
3/16	Dan Veches		
3/16	Adam Ewald		
3/16	Hannah Klapak		
3/16	Grace Klapak		
3/16	Sophia Stone		
3/16	Benson Stang		
3/17	Adele		
	Munsterman		
3/17	Marie Selin		
3/17	Kirk		
	Christopherson		
3/18	Sandy Empting		

### ANNIVERSARIES

3/06	Jason & Kim Graaf
3/09	Gary & Darla Hansen
3/17	Kay & Marilyn Behrendt
3/17	Ron & Melanie Gedde
3/18	Jim & Sharee Kampa
3/19	Eric & Kristine Johnson
3/20	Jeff & Cinda Loudon
3/20	Mark & Helen Swanson
3/20	Jeff & Kris Mateyka
3/22	Steve & Shelly Gilmore
3/27	Walt & Adele Munsterman
3/27	Scott & Tonia Ulsby
3/31	Al & Bonnie Fish



## NOISY OFFERINGS

During the month of March, our congregation is joining people of good will from across the state



to help alleviate hunger. Minnesota FoodShare's March Campaign is the largest food drive in the state, and congregations like ours are the heart of the campaign.

Our congregation will be collecting cash contributions as the Noisy Offering on March 23 to support this worthy cause.



**ELCA Malaria Campaign**  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

For many years, the ELCA has been supporting clinics and programs in Africa that provide health care. Now, through the ELCA Malaria Campaign, we are focusing on malaria with new intensity. By joining hands with Lutheran partners in 13 African countries, we are becoming part of the global movement to make malaria history. We have designated this campaign as our Noisy Offering on April 27.

## FACTS AND FIGURES

Fund	January	Y-T-D	ATTEND-ANCE	1st/2nd service
General Fund giving	\$12,883	\$12,883		
General Fund expenses	\$20,474	\$20,474	1/5	56 / 53
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-\$7,591</b>	<b>-\$7,591</b>	1/12	88 / 155
Building Fund giving	\$4,134	\$4,134	1/15	95
Building Fund expenses	\$5,640	\$5,640	1/19	60 / 123
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-\$1,506</b>	<b>-\$1,506</b>	1/26	90 / 78
Designated Fund giving	\$1,514	\$1,514	1/29	133
Designated Fund expenses	\$4,547	\$4,547		
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-\$3,033</b>	<b>-\$3,033</b>		
Grand Total Giving	\$18,531	\$18,531		
Grand Total Expenses	\$30,661	\$30,661		
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-\$12,130</b>	<b>-\$12,130</b>		

FUND	
General Fund	\$12,549
Youth	\$220
Building Mort Fund	\$4,134
Coffee	\$85
Noisy Offering	\$189
Backpack Buddies	\$15
Sunday School	\$213
Women's Ministry	\$10
Choir	\$10
Other	\$25
<b>TOTAL OFFERINGS</b>	<b>\$17,450</b>

## CHURCH COUNCIL & COMMITTEE INFORMATION

### Church Council Members

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Head Ushers • Curt Michaletz 320-743-5199  
Historian • Holly Klinker 320-345-0040  
Librarian • Rosalie Klinker 763-263-2540  
Money Counters • Dee Holt 763-262-0052  
Nominating Committee • needed  
Pig Roast Committee • needed  
Stewardship Committee • needed  
Worship & Music • Holly Klinker 320-345-0040  
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Men's Bible Study • Mark Swanson 763-262-2734  
Mission Quilters • Shelly Bluhm 763-662-2468  
Nursery Contact • needed  
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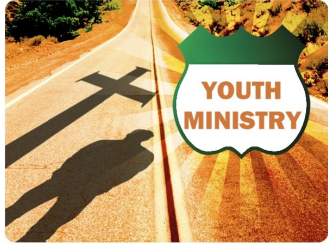
## LENTEN AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



- ◆ **March 5: Ash Wednesday Soup supper at 5:30 p.m., Worship at 7 pm**
- ◆ **March 12 : Soup supper at 5:30 p.m., Worship at 7 p.m.**
- ◆ **March 19: Soup supper at 5:30 p.m., Worship at 7 p.m.**
- ◆ **March 26: Soup supper at 5:30 p.m., Worship at 7 pm**
- ◆ **April 2: Soup supper at 5:30 p.m., Worship at 7 p.m.**
- ◆ **April 9: Soup supper at 5:30 p.m., Worship at 7 p.m.**
- ◆ **April 13: Palm Sunday Worship at 9:30 a.m. with Choir Cantata, Sunday School sings, Clothing Collection for homeless shelter**
- ◆ **April 17: Maundy Thursday Worship at 7 p.m. First Communion served**
- ◆ **April 18: Good Friday Worship at 7 p.m.**
- ◆ **April 20: Easter Sunday Worship at 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Men's Ministry serves breakfast at 9:15 a.m.**



## YOUTH NEWS



### 5th-6th, Confirmation and Senior High

March 5th: Youth Group: Ash Wednesday: 5:30 Soup Supper, 7pm- Worship.

March 12th: 5:30 Soup Supper, 7pm- Worship.

March 19th: 5:30 Soup Supper, 7pm- Worship. Youth Mission Trip Serving at 4:30pm

March 26th: 5:30 Soup Supper, 7pm- Worship.

### 5th-9th Grade Students and Families:

*Just a friendly reminder to tell you about our Youth Programming during the Lenten Season. Our goal and aim is to see our families and young people during the season of Lent. Each year we ask our 5th-9th Grade students to lead and engage in worship. With that being said in order to have full participation we need to remind parents that while we are not doing the "normal" programming of Wednesday nights we are still actively growing in our faith through Word, Sacraments, and Service. Lent is not a "break" in the year but an opportunity to engage. We look forward to seeing you and your young people at worship! Soup Supper at 5:30pm and Worship will start at 7pm. We ask that youth be present by 6:30pm to help with service opportunities.*

### Mission Louisville, Kentucky!

Open to grades 6th-12th. We will be heading to Louisville to serve the community on June 21st-28th, 2014. **A deposit of \$50 is due March 19, 2014.**



### Adventure Christikon!

Open to 9th-12th grade students.

This trip will consist of some high adventure backpack through Montana's wilderness. We will be heading out July 26th- August 4th.

**A deposit of \$50 is due March 19, 2014.**

**If you are wondering where you are at for finances please let Jeremy know ASAP. We are current on all fundraisers except Pizza Ranch. Failure to make payments will result in forfeit of reserved spot.**

### SPRING FLOWER FUNDRAISER

for the Youth Mission trip will begin Sunday, February 23 and go through Sunday, March 23. Many choices from hanging baskets to bedding plants! Delivery will be the first week of May. Please sign up on the bulletin board to help man our sales table.



### Lenten Soup Suppers:

Our Soup Supper dates have been set for March 19th, and April 2nd. Students who work for these events will earn money towards their student accounts. Sign Up on the youth board to help with these events!

### 10th-12th Graders:

Whirly Ball is a go! We will be heading out for an evening of ridiculous antics again! March 2nd we will be heading to Maple Grove at 4pm from SSLC. Cost for the event is \$20 for the Whirly Ball and money for supper on the way. We do ask that students sign up ahead of time so we know how many to plan for. Thanks!

### Contemporary Worship Jam Sessions:

Are you interested in playing music but not really comfortable playing/singing in front of the church? We are going to be forming a contemporary worship Jam Session on the first Sunday of the month after the 11:30 am worship. All ages, all skills, and all types of instruments/voices are welcome to be a part of the sessions! There will be people to walk alongside one another with guitars, and people to hang out with of all ages. We encourage you to bring your gifts to share and grow into a place of serving worship when you are ready! Our aim and goal is to have fun, play some songs, enjoy getting to know other musical people and praise God through our gifts and talents. Talk to Jeremy if you want to know more. First Session will be April 6th at 11:30 am.

# MARCH FAMILY SERVICE GROUP

		Reader	Ushers	Greeters	Kitchen	Goodies	Basket	Communion	Acolyte	Booth
3/2	8 am	Kooiker		Empting	Bursch	Empting,, Miller-Hess		Miller-Hess	Eleanor Pancoast	
3/2	10:30 am					Martin			Autumn & Tristan Martin	
3/9	8 am				Kampa	Kampa, Spiczka			Grace Kampa	
3/9	10:30 am			Schuster		Schuster, Martin			Autumn & Tristan Martin	
3/16	8 am				Bistodeau	Kampa, Bistodeau			Joe Kampa	
3/16	10:30 am	Bille Van Lith				Martin			Autumn & Tristan Martin	
3/23	8 am				Bistodeau	Bistodeau		Bursch		
3/23	10:30 am									
3/30	8 am				Bistodeau	Bistodeau				
3/30	10:30 am			Schuster		Schuster				

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 \*Tammy Alickson for cutting quilt squares;

\*Patty Simmons and Debbie Goenner for cutting batting for pillow stuffing;  
 \*Bill Empting for many hours of pew repairs;  
 \*Family who donated a quilt batting;  
 \*Marvel Paulson for delivering the food donations to the Becker Food Shelf;  
 \*Bill Empting for making the wooden fundraising sign boards;  
 \*Dee and Mike Punton for preparing Servant Appreciation gifts.

### THANK YOU FROM THE LANGE HOME

With deep appreciation for all the wonderful, thoughtful, and generous ways you have blessed our home all year. People like you touch and warm our hearts—God bless you all.  
 Residents and staff of Lange Home



# MARCH 2014

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						<b>1</b> Men's Bible Study 8 am  Graduate Quilting 9 am
<b>2</b> Worship at 8 am & 10:30 am FOOD SHELF SUNDAY Sunday School 9:15 am Choir 9:15 am Contemporary Practice 11:30 Faith Chest Building-afternoon Youth 5-8 pm Whirly Ball	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Men's Bible Study 10 am  Altar Guild 6:30 pm  Tabitha Bible Study at Sheri Haus' home 7 pm	<b>5</b> ASH WEDNESDAY Soup Supper 5:30 pm  Worship 7 pm	<b>6</b> Tabitha Bible Study at Kari Pancoast's home 7 pm	<b>7</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>8</b> Men's Breakfast 8-9:30 am  Contemporary Practice 9-11 am
<b>9</b> Worship at 8 am & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am Choir 9:15 am	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Men's Bible Study 10 am  All Committees 6:30 pm  Education Board 7 pm	<b>12</b> Soup Supper 5:30 pm  Worship 7 pm	<b>13</b> Council meets 7 pm  Esther Bible Study 7:30 pm	<b>14</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>15</b> Men's Bible Study 8 am  Mission Quilting 9 am
<b>16</b> Worship at 8 am & 10:30 am Schuster Baptism 10:30 Sunday School 9:15 am Choir 9:15 am	<b>17</b> Friendship Bible Study 7 pm	<b>18</b> Men's Bible Study 10 am	<b>19</b> Priscilla Bible Study 9 am  Soup Supper 5:30 pm  Worship 7 pm	<b>20</b> Crafting 6-9 pm	<b>21</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>22</b> Men's Bible Study 8 am
<b>23</b> Worship at 8 am & 10:30 am NOISY OFFERING-Minnesota FoodShare Sunday School 9:15 am Choir 9:15 am	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Men's Bible Study 10 am	<b>26</b> Soup Supper 5:30 pm  Worship 7 pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>29</b> Men's Bible Study 8 am  Graduate Quilting 9 am
<b>30</b> Worship at 8 am & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am Choir 9:15 am	<b>31</b>					

# APRIL 2014

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		<b>1</b> Men's Bible Study 10 am  Tabitha Bible Study 7 pm	<b>2</b> Soup Supper 5:30 pm  First Communion Class 5:30 pm Worship 7 pm	<b>3</b> Tabitha Bible Study at Kari Pancoast's 7 pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Men's Bible Study 8 am
<b>6</b> Worship at 8 am & 10:30 am FOOD SHELF SUNDAY Sunday School 9:15 am Choir 9:15 am First Communion Class 9:15 Contemporary Practice 11:30 am Youth 5-8 pm Jeremy's home	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Men's Bible Study 10 am  All Committees 6:30 pm Education Board 7 pm	<b>9</b> Soup Supper 5:30 pm  First Communion Class 5:30 pm Worship 7 pm	<b>10</b> Esther Bible Study 7:30 pm  Council meets 7 pm	<b>11</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>12</b> Men's Breakfast 8-9:30 am  Mission Quilting 9 am
<b>13</b> <b>WORSHIP AT 9:30 AM</b> <b>Coat/Clothing Drive</b> Sunday School sings First Communion Class 10:30 am	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Men's Bible Study 10 am	<b>16</b> Priscilla Bible Study 9 am	<b>17</b> <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> Worship 7 pm  First Communion Celebrated	<b>18</b> <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> Worship 7 pm	<b>19</b> Men's Bible Study 8 am
<b>20 EASTER SUNDAY</b> Worship at 8 am & 10:30 am Men's Breakfast 9:15 am Sunday School 9:15 am Choir 9:15 am	<b>21</b> Friendship Bible Study 7 pm	<b>22</b> Men's Bible Study 10 am	<b>23</b> Worship & Youth 6:30 pm	<b>24</b> Crafting 6:30 pm	<b>25</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>26</b> Men's Bible Study 8 am
<b>27</b> Worship at 8 am & 10:30 am NOISY OFFERING-ELCA Malaria Campaign Sunday School 9:15 am Choir 9:15 am	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Men's Bible Study 10 am	<b>30</b> Worship & Youth 6:30 pm			



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#### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Worship Sundays at 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Holy Communion offered every Sunday/Wednesday

**Office Hours** Monday - Thursday 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

#### **HELP SAVE POSTAGE**

If you would like to receive your copy of the newsletter in your email account, please let us know.

Thank you!



### **FAMILY PRAYER MINISTRY**

**A NEW round of Praying for YOU has begun.**

*In the past, praying for each family of our congregation has been a vital part of our ministry. We have started a new round of that in which we are praying for fewer families at a time (5, instead of 10). **But we are intentionally trying to make personal contact with those families.** You will receive a letter in the mail indicating that you're on our list for the week. After that, sometime over the course of that week, **you'll be contacted by Pastor Mike, Jeremy, Shelly, Sandy, or one of our council members.** They'll be listening for specific prayer requests on behalf of your family. Those prayer requests will be bundled up with the rest of the prayers we share as a ministry staff at our Wednesday morning staff meetings. **They will not be shared in a public way (i.e., the prayer list on Sunday morning) unless specifically requested.** If there are things you would rather talk over with Pastor Mike, please indicate that, and he'll be in touch with you!*

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.  
—Philippians 4:6