



Lake George Lutheran Chapel

March 2019 Newsletter

Proclaiming Jesus, the Living Water



From Your Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

I have been out of commission for the past 3 ½ weeks following surgery to replace the joint in my big toe. I have spent a lot of time looking at my foot, especially since I had to keep it elevated higher than my heart most of my waking hours. I have become very familiar with what my bandaged foot looks like. I have also been once again reminded of how one ailing part of the body can affect all other parts.



This is relevant in the life of the church. The Apostle Paul described the church this way.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is

with Christ. ... For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ... If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ... On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable... Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. (Excerpts of 1 Corinthians 12:12-27)

The winter months may seem challenging for us as a congregation, especially when contrasted to the large attendance we have during the summer months. Yet, as part of the body of Christ, we are an important part of the Church. We are able to provide year-round worship for our members who live in the area all year, as well as provide meaningful worship to our summer friends. We are important! We have the opportunity to proclaim Jesus to all people, whether we have 152 in worship or 14 in worship. Jesus worked with thousands of people and also with just a few. We are blessed to gather each week to be forgiven of sins and directed to the cross of Jesus and the empty grave of resurrection! Spring and summer will soon be here, and we will continue our work as a very important part of the body of the Church of Christ! Praise God for giving us this very important work!

Pastor Easterday

Thank You!!!

Thank you so much for the prayers you lifted up and the cards you sent while I was recovering from my foot surgery. Recovery is still in process, but I am intending to lead services on Sunday, March 3.

I am also grateful for Rev. Chad Hoover for helping lead services and for Rev. Art Klausmeier who planned to lead services until his wife fell and broke her hip. An especially big thank you to Mike Saalfrank for keeping things going during this time, even leading the service when Pastor Klausmeier was not able to be there. (I heard that the object lesson was a really good one.)

I look forward to being back with you as we continue our worship of Jesus Christ!



Lent- 2019

Lent begins this coming Wednesday, March 6, with the Ash Wednesday service. As in past years, we will have a soup supper at 5:30 p.m. followed by a short (approximately 30 minute) service at 6:00 p.m. The series is titled “Amazing Grace” and will have the following themes:

****March 6 Ash Wednesday**
Soup Supper at 5:30 p.m. with worship at 6:00 p.m.

We begin our Lenten focus based on the theme, “Amazing Grace.” This week the focus is, “Amazing Grace For The Repentant.” (Jonah 3:1-10, Matthew 6:1-6).

****March 13 Midweek Lent Service**
Soup Supper at 5:30 p.m. with worship at 6:00 p.m.

The focus for this service is, “Amazing Grace For The Tempted.” (Genesis 3:1-15, Hebrews 4:14-16, Matthew 4:1-11).

****March 20 Midweek Lent Service**
Soup Supper at 5:30 p.m. with worship at 6:00 p.m.

The focus for this service is “Amazing Grace For The Healed.” (Genesis 32:22-30, Romans 5:1-5, Matthew 15:21-28).

****March 27 Midweek Lent Service**
Soup Supper at 5:30 p.m. with worship at 6:00 p.m.

The focus for this service is “Amazing Grace For The Free.” (Isaiah 61:1-3, Luke 11:14-28).

****April 3 Midweek Lent Service**
Soup Supper at 5:30 p.m. with worship at 6:00 p.m.

The focus for this service is “Amazing Grace For The Filled.” (Exodus 16:2-15, Acts 2:41-47, John 6:1-15)

****April 10 Midweek Lent Service**
Soup Supper at 5:30 p.m. with worship at 6:00 p.m.

Note: This is the last of the soup suppers.

The focus for this service is “Amazing Grace For The Faithful.” (Genesis 22:1-14, John 1:29-34).

****April 18 Maundy Thursday**
This service will be at 11:00 a.m., will include Holy Communion, and will conclude with stripping the altar in preparation for Good Friday.

This service concludes the Amazing Grace Lenten Series with a focus on, “Amazing Grace For The Servant.” (Exodus 24:3-11, 1 Corinthians 11:23-32)

**April 19 Good Friday

12:00 p.m.

We remember the seven last words of Jesus spoken from the cross as the light gradually darkens in the church.

This is a great way to continue our individual preparations leading up to the resurrection celebration on Easter Sunday.

Worship Schedule- March/April

March 3 Transfiguration

This is a day to consider the radiance of God. Moses' face glowed after his face-to-face contact with God. In a far greater way, the appearance of Jesus dramatically changed, reflecting His true glory. At the conclusion of the service, we will adjourn outside for the burning of the palms from last year's Palm Sunday service to prepare the ashes for Ash Wednesday. (Deuteronomy 34:1-12, Hebrews 3:1-6, Luke 9:28-36).

March 10 1st Sunday in Lent

We begin our 40 days of Lent (not counting Sundays) focusing on the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness tempted by Satan. His temptations were the same as ours, yet He was without sin. As we address our own struggles, we give thanks for the sinless sacrifice of Jesus for our sins. (Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Romans 10b-13, Luke 4:1-13).

March 17 2nd Sunday in Lent

Multiple times in the days of the Old Testament, God relented of the judgment he had planned. Jesus would weep over Jerusalem, for there would be no relenting of the final judgment for sin. God's judgment would ultimately be placed upon Jesus. We worship Him for this great gift! (Jeremiah 26:8-15, Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35).

March 24 3rd Sunday in Lent

God calls us to "heed the warning!" The prophets shared God's warnings. Jesus also spoke a message of warning, "...but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." Jesus gave his life to rescue the

perishing! (Ezekiel 33:7-20, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9).

March 31 4th Sunday in Lent

Each Sunday when we gather in worship is a time of rejoicing. The father of the prodigal son rejoiced at the return of his wayward son. Our father in heaven also rejoices in the return of his wayward children. As we are welcomed back, we also rejoice in God alone! (Isaiah 12:1-6, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3a, 11-32).

There will be a 5th Sunday door offering for Worship Anew (formerly Worship For Shutins) and its television ministry.

April 7 5th Sunday in Lent

God spoke through the Prophet Isaiah that he would continue to "make a way," just as he did for the Israelites in the wilderness. Now he leads the way for us to heaven. (Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippians 3:8-14, Luke 20:9-20).

April 14 Palm Sunday

It was a day of celebration as Jesus entered Jerusalem. Little did the people know what the end of this journey would bring. This Sunday we will hear the passion of Jesus account as our preparation for the journey to Calvary. (Deuteronomy 32:36-39, Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 22:1-23:56).

April 21 Easter Resurrection Sunday

Throughout the ages people have joyfully proclaimed, "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!" Today we are reminded that the hope of the resurrection was proclaimed by many, including Job who said, "For I know that my Redeemer lives..." (Job 19:23-27, 1 Corinthians 15:51-57, John 20:1-18),

April 28 Second Sunday of Easter

Even with the testimony of others, Thomas was still a doubter. It was only when he touched the hands and side of Jesus that he finally believed that Jesus was alive! We gather to worship a risen Lord Jesus! (Acts 5:12-20, Revelation 1:4-18, John 20:19-31).



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(Formerly known as Worship For Shut-ins)

March 3, 2019 – The Transfiguration of Our Lord

**Psalm 99; Old Testament: Hebrews 3:1-6;
Gospel: Luke 9:28-36**

“His Exodus” - Sermon Text: Luke 9:28-36 - Rev. Dr. Daniel Brege

On the Mount of Transfiguration Moses and Elijah spoke to Jesus about His departure. The word for “departure” is literally “exodus.” Through Moses God led His Old Testament people in an extraordinary Exodus. Christ traveled an Exodus that brings His people into the “Promised Land” of heaven!

March 10, 2019 – First Sunday in Lent

**Psalm 91:1-13; Epistle: Romans 10:8b-13;
Gospel: Luke 4:1-13**

“God Commands His Angels” - Sermon Text: Psalm 91:1-13 - Rev. Bill Mueller

Psalm 91 contains one of the most treasured promises in all of Scripture. What does it mean that God commands His angels over us? How are we encouraged to live our Christian faith with this in mind?

March 17, 2019 – Second Sunday in Lent

**Psalm 4; Epistle: Philippians 3:17-4:1;
Gospel: Luke 13:31-35**

“Where’s Your Home?” - Sermon Text: Philippians 3:20-21 - Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

Citizens incur obligations and benefits. Through the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we hold citizenship in heaven. Paul encourages the Philippians, and us, to live each day mindful of the obligations and benefits we possess by

answering for us the question: Where's Your Home?

March 24, 2019 – Third Sunday in Lent
Psalm 85:1-9; Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

“Temptation” - Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 - Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

We have been and will be tempted to sin. Who will help us in our time of need? Jesus – who was tempted in every way that we are, yet who never sinned.

March 31, 2019 – Fourth Sunday in Lent
**Psalm 32; Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21;
Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**

“The Prodigal Father” - Sermon Text: Luke 15:11 - Rev. Thomas A. Eggold

This story in Luke 15 is often called the “Parable of the Prodigal Son.” But the word prodigal is actually a much better description of the father. You see, “prodigal” means “reckless” or “extravagant” and it is in the father’s unrestrained and overwhelming grace that we find the truth that changes our lives.

Birthdays- March/April

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| 03-02 | Jim Bertram |
| 03-14 | Cory Hull |
| 03-18 | Joyce Easterday |
| 03-26 | Bob Beebe |
| 04-01 | Anne Horstmeyer |
| 04-17 | Greg Gick |
| *04-24 | Ron May |
| 04-26 | Sue Dunbar |
| 04-30 | Denny Motz |

Anniversaries- March/April

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| 03-17 | Holly & Ron May |
| 04-03 | Carol & Hap Saalfrank |
| 04-04 | Margie & Bob Beebe |
| 04-26 | Betty & Bill Heckley |

Shut-ins

Remember our shut-ins with cards of encouragement!

Esther Hein
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Membership Information

Weekly Attendance Average

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| 2019 | 18.75/week (150/8 weeks) |
| 2018 | 24.75/week (198/8 weeks) |

Mission Offerings

Our 5th Sunday door offering will be March 31.
Matt Leighty, Executive Director of Worship
Anew, will share with us about the many things
they are now doing in this ministry. We look
forward to hearing what we can do to help with
this important work!