



## PASTOR'S CORNER

### And then it was lent.....

Yes, Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, March 6th. We will once again be joining our neighboring brothers and sisters in a Round Robin, where the pastors from the area will be traveling to each church and sharing the message. It is a wonderful opportunity to get to know the other pastors in the area and hear a different voice. I hope that you will make time to come and fellowship together as we gather for a meal before worship. The schedule is posted in the newsletter.

This year's Lent Theme is Lasting Hope and we will hear and meditate on the Psalms. The book of Psalms is such a wonderful and broad scope of the journey of faith for communities and individuals alike. In the Psalms there is lament and crying out to God, as well as joy and celebration at God's presence and protection. There are songs of Thanksgiving and songs of longing and everything in between. It shows the raw and realness that we all face in this journey of faith.

Most of all, the Psalms point us to God. In all that is faced in our human existence, the good, the bad, the ups and downs, the writers of the Psalms turn to God and remember God's promises. Those promises that have been fulfilled and those promises still being revealed. It is these promises that the Psalmist and the Israelites clung to and revealed to them God's lasting hope.

As we enter into these days of Lents may we read these words, spend time in prayer with these words and come together to worship these words, and may God's lasting hope be revealed to us.

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# PARISH LEADERS

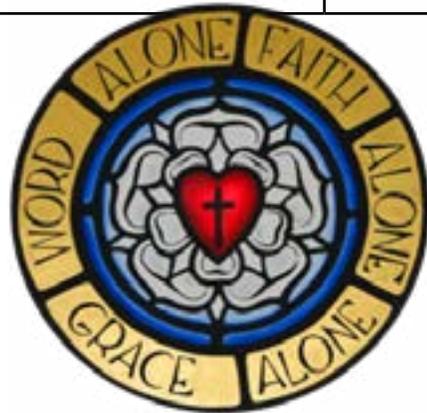
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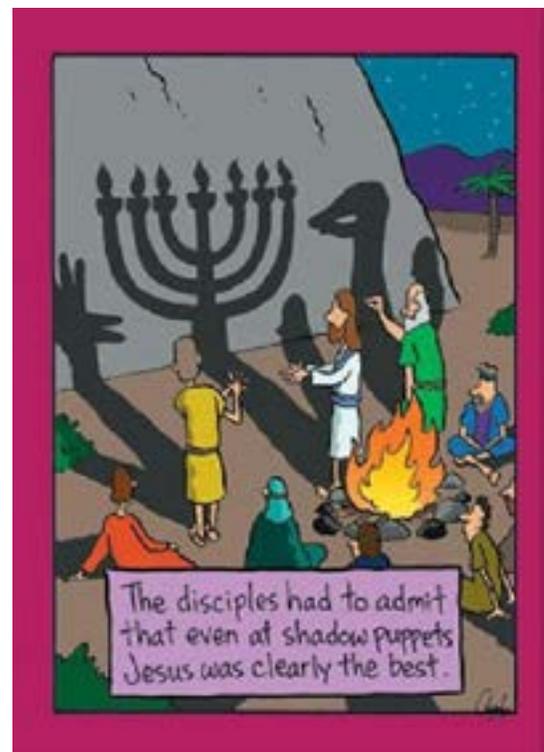
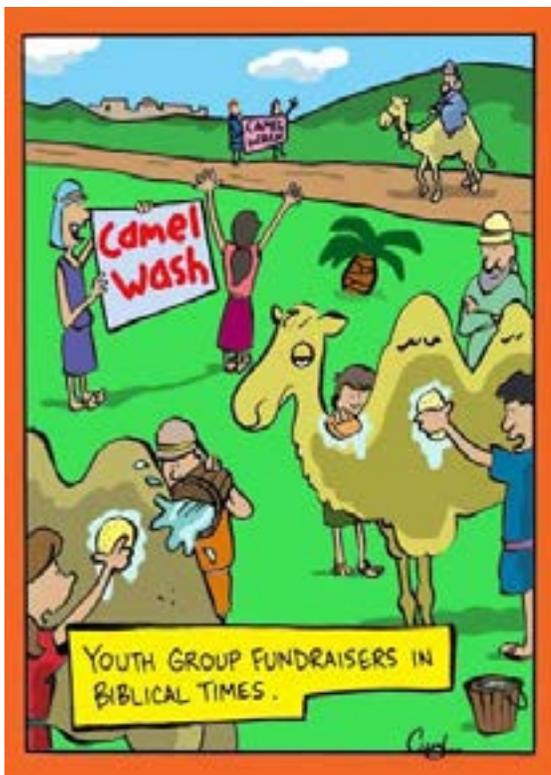
# FAITH AND CARE GROUP

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| March                          |                        |                         |                     |
| Ashley Burger-Jensen           | Corey Chappellear      | Shirley Chappellear     | Stephen & Stacy Cox |
| Lee & Sharon Doolittle         | Lisa Doolittle         | Marion Fox              | Agnes Harder        |
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| Jerry & Tracy Larsen           | Betty Lehman           | Kevin & Jennifer Lehman | Debby Thompson      |
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As we begin this season, here are the readings. Take time to read the reading for the week, I will be posting a question or reflect on the readings each week on Facebook and the our church Website. I hope you can take the time to respond. There are devotional books that go with the readings available in the entry of each church. Here is the order of readings for our congregation (it doesn't follow the book because of the round robin schedule).

- Psalm 51 (March 6-9)
- Psalm 126 (March 10-16)
- Psalm 32 (March 17-23)
- Psalm 27 (March 24-30)
- Psalm 63 (March 31-April 6)
- Psalm 91 (April 7-13)

I look forward to journeying with you this Lent as we seek God's promises of Lasting Hope.  
With Hope,  
Pastor Marilyn



### March Scripture

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| Mar 3  | Matthew 16:24-17:8 | Brooke Chappellear | Karen Johnson    |
| Mar 10 | Matthew 18:15-35   | Carol Medchill     | Merry Yates      |
| Mar 17 | Matthew 20:1-16    | Emily Crossfield   | Claudia Balcom   |
| Mar 24 | Matthew 22:1-14    | Jacob McKinven     | Don Swanson      |
| Mar 31 | Matthew 25:1-13    | Justin Swanson     | Emily Crossfield |

Deuteronomy 11:18-21 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

18 You shall put these words of mine in your heart and soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and fix them as an emblem on your forehead. 19 Teach them to your children, talking about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. 20 Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, 21 so that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land that the Lord swore to your ancestors to give them, as long as the heavens are above the earth.

## *Lenten Worship Schedule*

March 6th Ash Wednesday @ First Lutheran 7pm

March 13th Psalm 126 (Pastor Dorothy Sandahl) Laketown Supper at 6pm Worship at 7pm

March 20th Psalm 32 (Pastor Maggie Issacson) First Lutheran Pot luck @ 6pm worship @ 7pm

March 27th Psalm 27 (Pastor Lori Pepper) Laketown Supper @ 6pm Worship at 7pm

April 3rd Psalm 63 (Pastor Angie Kutney) First Supper @ 6pm Worship @ 7pm



**Chili Feed**  
Dine In or Take-Out  
Proceeds to benefit the Luck Hope House  
of Northwoods Homeless Shelters  
Sunday, March 3, 2019  
11:30 am — 1:30 pm



Free Will Offering

Luck Lutheran Church  
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## Living our Faith

Our Vision is that; “All people are Fed, Clothed, and Cared for in Christ’s Love.”

Our Current Mission focus is on warm clothes. We will be collecting jackets, coats, snowpants, and winter boots. The need for socks is all year; from children to adult sizes. Items can be placed in the first Sunday School Room





## First Circle Meetings

Mar 19  
Circle @ 6:30pm  
Jeanne Jensen, Hostess

## Laketown Workers

Cleaning - Brenda  
Newsletter - Karen

Quilting  
Thursdays from  
8:30 - 12:00

Mar 13 & 27  
Midweek Lenten service



Please have  
your recipe  
submissions in  
by May 15th.



March 15—16, 2019,

7:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

(Fasting starts at 1:00 p.m. Friday before arriving)

Grades 7-12 at

Luther Point Bible Camp

### What is the 30 Hour Famine?

*Students around the world loving God and fighting hunger.*

Your students will grow closer to Christ and each other as they fast together for 30 hours and raise funds to fight hunger. What's more, when you do the Famine you're challenging your students to be part of something bigger than themselves. To take action for God's kingdom. To help save the lives of hungry kids. To permanently change the way your students see the world.

## Thanks, Praise and Prayers

*As God's beloved children, let us pray that the light of Christ shine on the nations, the church and all those in need.*

Sharon Doolittle, LaVonne Lumsden, Jennifer Schwartz, Paula Gudmunsen, Lynne Johnson, Loren & Beulah Nelson and others we name before God today.

We extend our Christian Sympathies to the Family of Merle Austad.

**Sometimes in our busy lives we forget to stop, reflect upon our blessings, and take the time share our compassion and empathy with others. Since there has been very little room in the past few bulletins to pray for family and friends who need our immediate attention, let's do it now**

There are a number of ways to add someone to the prayer list. Call the church office and leave a message; make a note of it on Sunday morning with your name and name of person and give it to Pastor Marilyn or put it in the offering plate. We will keep the person on the prayer list for 6 weeks. If you would like the person to continue on the prayer list, just let us know and they will be added/kept on the list for another 6 weeks. There is no limit to the number of times a person can be put on the prayer list. Thank you for your help and for lifting one another up in prayer.

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### Please Note!

Please remember to have family notify the church office if you are in the hospital. The privacy data laws do not allow the hospital to notify the church of your admittance.

# Thank You

for all those that gave  
this past December.



## EXODUS FROM SLAVERY TO SERVICE



March 6th, we start the Lenten Season a time of Fasting and Reflection with our Ash Wednesday Service. We will again be reading either the book of Exodus in the Old Testament or Hebrews in the New Testament or both at the same time.

Exodus tells us how Moses came to lead the Israelites out of Egypt and Slavery to Freedom in God's Service. The book of Exodus has 40 chapters that is one for each day.

The book of Hebrews gives us how the Old Testament points to and confirms Jesus as the Messiah. If you read one chapter a day you can read through Hebrews three times over the 40 days. Do we see ourselves and our lives in these books?

In the February 9, 2009 readings in "Christ in Our Home" from 2 Kings 4:8-17, 32-37 and in Our Daily Bread from 1 Peter 2:9-17. I was reminded that we are being watched as to how in God's Freedom we live our faith and calling to serve Him and those around us (our Stewardship).

In the 2 Kings passage even though Elisha and his servant did not say he was a man of God the Shunammite woman could see that he was. So when ever Elisha passes by the house she would invite him in to eat and rest with them she even had her husband add a room on for him. This was her Stewardship. All because of how Elisha lived his faith and calling to serve God. And when the son he promised her died, her only son, a son of barrenness and old age (Abraham & Sarah, Genesis 15:4 & 18:10-15, Zechariah & Elizabeth, Luke 1:13) she did not falter in her faith in the God of Elisha and her son was restored.

In the passage from 1 Peter 2:9-17 (NIV) the passage the Apostle Peter writes,  
*9But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*  
*10Once you were not a people, but now you are*

*the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

*And ends; 17Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king.*

Anne Cetas the writer of the thought for the day in Our Daily Bread writes: "First Peter 2 reminds us that people are observing our lives (vv.11-12). To be good representatives of Jesus Christ, Peter teaches that we're to be submissive to authority, to live an honorable life, to do good works, to honor all people, and to fear God (vv.12-17).

The testimony of our lives can give us opportunities to share the good news of Jesus. So we might want to ask ourselves; What do people see in me? Am I a good and faithful Steward of what God has given me? Help me to sing a joyful song  
For those bowed down with care,  
A song of hope and freedom  
For those in dark despair. —Andrews  
Do others see Jesus in you?  
The Alter hangings are Purple from March 6th until April 14th Palm Sunday when they change to Red, then White on Easter Sunday April 21st.

"God's Work-Our Hands"  
Together in Christ,  
Steve Jensen



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God's work. Our hands.

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### Laketown Lutheran Church

We seek to know and love God, share His love and word, strengthen our faith through the Holy Spirit, and as servants of Christ serve those in need.



### First Lutheran Church

As part of God's family we seek to grow in our faith, provide spiritual education to our congregation, and reach out to others.

Address service requested