



MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Lent

In a few short days we will officially be in the season of Lent! So many things come along with the season of Lent. It seems to be the busiest six weeks in the Spring. We have church services every Wednesday, still have services on Sundays, not to mention State B's that happen which are a big deal to many in this area. On top of all of that, you have undoubtedly heard that you are supposed to give something up for the 40 days of Lent.

But where does this come from? Why is this practiced? Should you give something up? Scripturally, this is based on the 40 days that Jesus spent fasting in the desert being tempted by Satan. It is to Easter as Advent is to Christmas. Aside from that event, some claim that we are to give something up in order to gain some perspective and feel at least a little bit of the pain that Jesus felt and went through. Another reason that comes up when discussing the practice of giving up something for Lent is the idea of getting closer to God and doing penance.

There is a problem with many of these ideas though. Yes, Jesus did endure 40 days in the desert being tempted by the devil, but as it is written in Matthew, "... He took our sicknesses and removed our diseases." (8:17b). Christ did not come to this world, be placed under the laws of this earth so that we could copy them 2,000 years later. In fact the moment you choose to give something up to be closer to God, to feel more holy, you begin

to go deeper into the sin that Jesus came to save you from. The moment you think your action, your decision, has anything to do with God's love for you, you have broken the First Commandment. According to your logic, you now have a role in increasing your favor with God, thus attempting to have a hand in your own salvation... that is exactly what Christ died on the cross for. He died for your sin of not trusting that His promise is for you entirely. He died so that all who believe in Him shall not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16). And this happened once and for all.

Maybe you do get some perspective from abstaining from a desired object/action. Maybe Lent is just a good 40 day period for you to try and break bad habits or form better new habits. If that is the case, and this is a motivational period for you, by all means, do as you please!

Now, hear these words. (And if you have someone to read these words aloud to you, I encourage you to do so): "You are my child. With you I am well-pleased. God has chosen you as His own. He is a faithful God, who keeps his promise..." (Deut. 7:9).

Prayer: God, be with me in these 40 days as you always have been and always will be. I pray that you stay true to the promise that you have given me. Help me to hear your Word and trust in your voice every day of my life. Amen.

Sunday School News

Sunday School kids working on Valentine cards for the nursing home



We are looking for a new Sunday School teacher. The new teacher could teach any of the grade levels they would like.

Our class levels are:

PK—1st

2nd—4th

5th—6th

Please talk with Belinda or Michelle if you are interested in helping our children learn about God.



March 2 at 7PM
"A Wounded Savior for a Wounded People"

6PM Soup Supper and Worship at 7PM. Location is OSLC for both congregations. Free will offering will support the VCIS mission trip in July.

Get Sunday School updates!



Get Sunday School updates and notifications right on your phone! If you have a smart phone, go to the link <https://rmd.at/b473dg> and follow the instructions to sign up. If you DON'T have a smart phone, text @b473dg to 81010. if you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @b473dg to (424)216-5096

Luther League



On February 20th the Luther League had lunch with some members of the congregation and then visited the Danish Museum

The food pantry is in need of the following items:

facial tissue, toilet paper, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes, lotion, body wash, canned pasta, toaster pastries, cereal bars, granola bars, cooking oil, mayo, salad dressings, ketchup etc., sauces- soy, worchestershire, etc., spices, peanut butter, jelly, pastas, rice (not instant) and Ramen noodles.

We have a refrigerator and large freezer so meats, cheese and other items may be donated as well.



March 5
5:00PM - 9:30PM

Drop your kids off at the Parish Hall so you can have a date night! The VCIS Youth will be providing snacks and games while you enjoy a night out! Free Will donation is encouraged as the VCIS continues to fund-raise for their Mission Trip to Alamosa, CO.



March Scripture Readings

Ash Wednesday (Worship at OSLC)

Joel 2: 12-19, Psalm 51:1-13, 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:2, Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

March 6

Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16, Romans 10:8b-13, Luke 4:1-13

March 13

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Psalm 27, Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35

March 20

Isaiah 55:1-9, Psalm 63:1-8, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9

March 27

Isaiah 7:10-14, Psalm 45 or Psalm 40:5-10, Hebrews 10:4-10, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



Sunday Schedule

Worship Service 9:00AM
Sunday School 10:15AM

Wednesday Events

Bible Study 7:30AM
We meet at Parsons Insurance. Contact Pastor Max if you would like to participate.

JR. VCIS Resumes after Easter
Confirmation..... Resumes after Easter
VCIS Resumes after Easter

Lenten Worship..... 7:00PM
Please see the Wednesday Lenten Worship Schedule below.



Wednesday Lenten Worship Schedule

March 2 Ash Wednesday
Time: 7:00PM Location: Our Saviors Lutheran Church

March 9 "The Wound of Betrayal"
Time: 7:00PM Preacher: Reverend Daryl Location: Bethany Lutheran Church

March 16 "The Wound of Apathy"
Time: 7:00PM Preacher: Reverend Kent Location: Church of the Nazarene

March 23 "The Wound of Denial"
Time: 7:00PM Preacher: Reverend David Location: First Baptist Church

March 30..... "The Wound of Mockery"
Time: 7:00PM Preacher: Reverend Max Location: United Methodist Church

April 6 "The Wound of Abandonment"
Time: 7:00PM Preacher: Reverend Val Location: Spring Valley Lutheran Church



2022 Committee's of the Month

Each month's committee members are responsible for reading the Scriptures on Sundays. Confirmed youth of committee members are included in the month in which the parent serve. A full list of duties is on the bulletin board and in the committee of the month binder.

MARCH

Matt and Denise Graves
Neal and Jenny Hanson
Jon and Krista Schaeffer
Derek and Jenna Hight

APRIL

Mike and Lisa McIlvenna
Derrick and Kayla Mehlhaf
Troy and Amy Lee
Lydell and Cath Peterson
Nancy Severson

MAY

Shelley Wray
Matt and Sharon Wirth
Joe and Teddy Schafer
Steven and Linda Holmberg
Tyler Bjerke and Samantha Rothschild

JUNE

Fred and Janet Holmberg
Robert and Marilyn Christensen
Loren and Michelle Johnson
Robert and Mariann Lee

JULY

Josh and Jenae Duus
Fred and Janet Holmberg
Jay and Melanie Parsons
Staci Kropuenske

AUGUST

Joe and Teddy Shafer
Les and Judy Sampson
Robert and Marilyn Christensen
JoAnn Hansen

SEPTEMBER

Loren and Michelle Johnson
Matt and Denise Graves
Chad and Belinda Holm
Justin and Catrina Walsh

OCTOBER

Matt and Sharon Wirth
Shelley Wray
Chad and Belinda Holm
Steven and Linda Holmberg

NOVEMBER

Jay and Melanie Parsons
Josh and Kristie Huth
Ellie Whitehead
Don and Jeanie Gerdes

DECEMBER & JANUARY 2023

Mike and Laura Stevens (Dec.)
Mike and Lisa McIlvenna (Jan.)
Josh and Jenae Duus
Evan Stevens

**The Next
Council Meeting
is March 2nd
after Worship**

ATTENTION!! Committee of the Month Leaders

Please submit your
reader schedule
line-up to
admin@oslcivb.org
before the 1st of the
month. Thank you!!!

Newsletter submissions! While it may be too late for this month, whoever needs or wants to submit anything to the newsletter just

needs to go onto the website, scroll all the way to the bottom, and click "Submit your newsletter article". If you have any photos, please put them in a Word document and be sure to label them.

The newsletter will be proofed before being sent out, don't worry. Talk to Pastor Max if you have any questions!





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The Living Last Supper

Come witness a Holy Week event as 13 men gather to present a brief telling of the lives of Jesus and the 12 Disciples before and after their calling to follow Christ.

April 10 at 5PM

Scandia Lutheran Church, Centerville

April 11 at 7:00PM

Riverview Reformed Church, Yankton

April 12 at 7:00PM

Spring Valley Lutheran Church, Viborg

April 13 at 7:00PM

Redeemer Free Lutheran Church, Canton