

**LOOKING AHEAD: MAR 5 @ 9:00AM**

Reader ..... Brett Mellem  
 Acolytes..... Kaleb Huber & Emily Ludens  
 Communion Helper ..... Parker  
 Live Stream..... Janet Munkvold  
 Music..... Annet Kropuenske

**LOOKING AHEAD: MAR 12 @ 9:00AM**

Reader ..... Tonya Rudd  
 Acolytes..... Reagan & Nora Rudd  
 Live Stream..... Janet Munkvold  
 Music..... Annet Kropuenske

**MARCH USHERS**

- † Randy and Charlene Overgard
- † Tim and Tammy Sorensen
- † Troy and Kayla Larsen

**CHURCH CLEANERS: FEB 26 - MAR 11**

- † Elaine Lee, Brenda Lee  
 Kaye Lee, Katie Smit

**LOOKING AHEAD: MAR 5 @ 10:30AM**

Reader..... Ellie Whitehead  
 Acolyte/Communion Helper ..... Westin  
 Live Stream..... Maxx  
 Organist/Pianist .....Melanie Parsons

**LOOKING AHEAD: MAR 12 @ 10:30AM**

Reader..... Kayla Mehlhaf  
 Acolyte..... Godwin  
 Live Stream..... Maxx  
 Organist/Pianist .....Melanie Parsons

**MARCH COMMITTEE OF THE MONTH**

- † Derrick & Kayla Mehlhaf
- † Mike & Laura Stevens
- † Ellie Whitehead,
- † Derek & Jena Hight
- † Josh & Kristie Huth

**Mar 12, 2023 Readings:** Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 95, Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42



The "Round Up for Hunger" program at Hometown Grocery is now in full swing. Please consider "Rounding Up for Hunger" the next time you shop. It may seem like a small amount, but it adds up fast and your spare change will go directly to the Viborg Community Food Pantry to help those in need of this service. The Food Pantry does have a freezer for cold storage items as well (meats, cheeses, etc).

We are very grateful for all food and monetary donations given.  
 The Viborg Community Food Pantry Board



**Needed items:**

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|-----------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| 🍆 Facial Tissue             | 🍆 Cereal Bars    | 🍆 Salad Dressings    |
| 🍆 Toilet Paper              | 🍆 Granola Bars   | 🍆 Spices             |
| 🍆 Shampoo                   | 🍆 Cooking Oil    | 🍆 Peanut Butter      |
| 🍆 Toothpaste & Toothbrushes | 🍆 Sauces -       | 🍆 Jelly              |
| 🍆 Lotion                    | ◆ Soy            | 🍆 Pastas             |
| 🍆 Body Wash                 | ◆ Worcestershire | 🍆 Rice (not instant) |
| 🍆 Canned Goods              | ◆ BBQ.           | 🍆 Ramen noodles      |
| 🍆 Toaster Pastries          | 🍆 Ketchup Mayo   |                      |

*Please Lift in Prayer*



- † Art Wirth
- † Pastor Carol Marohl
- † Beverly Andersen
- † Family & Friends of Jordan Mogck  
(Lisa M's niece)
- † Kaye Lee
- † Family & Friends of Arlen Jensen
- † Bob Christensen
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- † Marin Bultena



**Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 7:00 PM**

Location: Church of the Nazarene  
 Preacher: Rev. Kent  
 2 Timothy 1:6-10

*Girl Scout Cookies!*

We have girl scouts that would like to sell you their cookies! See them in the back of the church before or after worship on March 5.



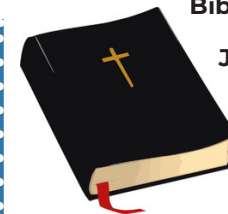
**Wednesdays of Lent**

**Bible Study 8:30AM @ Parsons Ins.**

**JR. VCIS 3:45 - 5:00PM**

**No Confirmation** but Confirmands are expected to attend the Lenten services.

**VCIS 8:00PM**



**SPECIAL MEETING & POTLUCK TODAY AFTER WORSHIP!**

**The council has met, bids have come in, and options are being put together to present to the congregation.**



The Issues:

- ✂ Foundational cracks and dampness/mold in the basement
- ✂ Shingles and siding need to be repaired/replaced
- ✂ Electrical issues in the kitchen as well as other rooms
- ✂ Water leaking through the kitchen and bedroom windows

**To Our Visitors**

We're so glad you're here.

If you'd like to become a new member, please talk to Pastor Maxx by calling 507.227.4787 (or scan the QR Code below) to talk about what it takes to become a member and to discuss potential dates.



We hope to see you again very soon!

Offertory Prayer

**Merciful Father, We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution of Communion

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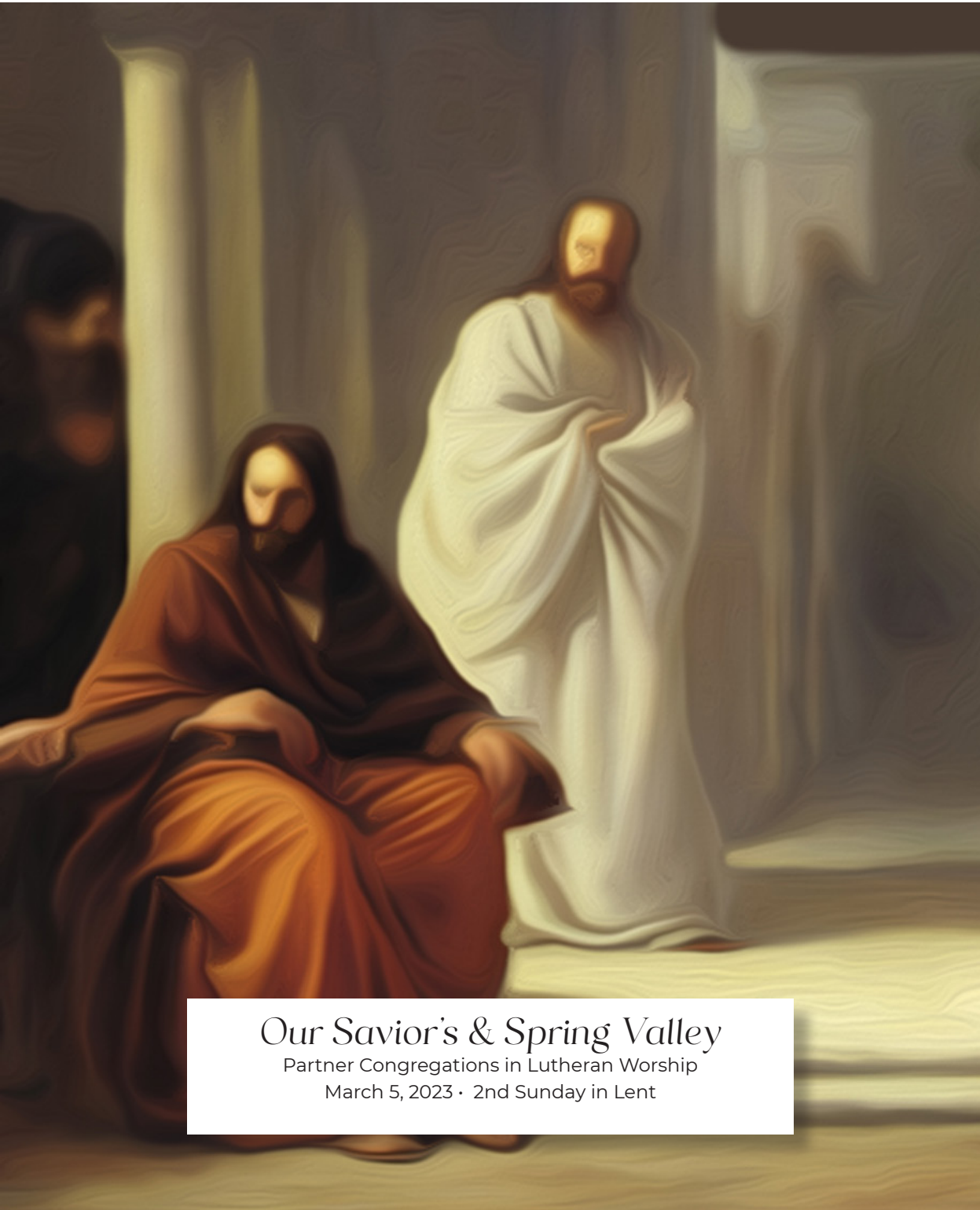
Hymn "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" ..... LBW #327

Post-Communion Prayer

**We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Benediction ..... pg. 74

Hymn "Were You There" ..... LBW #92



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Partner Congregations in Lutheran Worship  
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Welcome/Announcements

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness ... ..pg. 56

Hymn “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain” ... .. LBW #301

Apostolic Greeting ... .. pg. 57

Kyrie ... .. pg. 57

Hymn of Praise “This Is the Feast” ... .. pg. 60

Prayer of the Day:

**Heavenly Father, it is your glory always to have mercy. Bring back all who have erred and strayed from your ways; lead them again to embrace in faith the truth of your Word and to hold it fast; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading ... .. Genesis 12:1-4a

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you.<sup>2</sup> And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.<sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the

families of the earth shall be blessed.”

<sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God**

Psalms 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills.  
From where does my help come?  
**<sup>2</sup> My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.**

**<sup>6</sup> The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.  
**<sup>4</sup> Behold, he who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

<sup>7</sup> The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.  
**<sup>8</sup> The Lord will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time forth and forevermore.**

<sup>5</sup> The Lord is your keeper;  
the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Second Reading ... .. Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup> For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup> For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as

righteousness.” <sup>4</sup> Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. <sup>5</sup> And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness,<sup>13</sup> For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir

of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all,<sup>17</sup> as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

<sup>16</sup> That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God**

Gospel ... .. John 3:1-17

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

The Gospel of our Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon ... .. Pastor Max Whitehead

Hymn “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” ... .. LBW #488

Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offering Hymn “Create in Me a Clean Heart” ... .. LBW 186