



A Monthly Newsletter — March 2021

COMMUNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Jesus said, "Whoever believes in me, streams of living water will flow from within them."

John 7:38



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Office Hours: Tues.– Fri., 9 am to 1 pm; 928-763-2422

Weekend Worship

Saturday, 9 am

Sunday, 9 & 10:30 am

Recordings on website & YouTube

Lent Services:

Wednesdays, 6 pm on Zoom

March 24: Last Lent Service

Upcoming Services:

Maundy Thursday, 6 pm

Good Friday, 6 pm

Easter Sunday, 7:30, 9:00, & 10:30 am

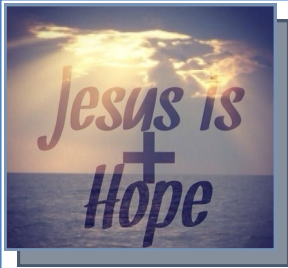
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CROSS is foolishness to
those who are perishing,
But to us who are being
saved it is the

Power of God

1 Corinthians 1:18



Mission Statement of Community Lutheran Church
Living Christ's love in all we do.



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR TIM

"Hope In Our Lenten COVID Journey"

We are still in the season of Lent, but the dawn of Easter is drawing near.

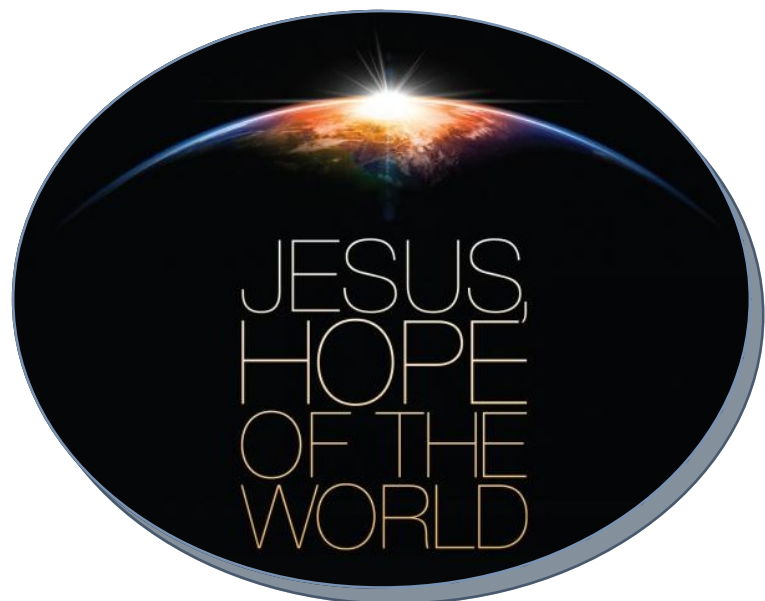
Lent is when we remember the realities of sin, death, and evil in the world and in our lives and how God's loving grace by Christ's presence is our hardships through his cross – his suffering and dying. And this year it is still easy to remember that by the chaos, that is in our world. The pandemic rages on with new mutations of the virus threatening us, but more vaccines are on the way. Leading health organizations warn us that the next two months will be critical for mask wearing and social distancing to prevent more people being hospitalized, but they also think the pandemic will be mostly over this summer. Our nation still needs to address our economy that is hard hit by the pandemic and many people unemployed. And we still need to address the reality of racial injustices and a fractured political system. But still, hope is not far away because of God's grace.

Even though our Wednesday Evening Lenten Services will continue over Zoom throughout this month, we are having in-person worship services on Saturday morning at 9 am and on Sunday morning at 9 am and 10:30 am. And on Holy Week we are not having our annual Easter Cantata, but we are having in-person worship services on Maundy Thursday (April 1) at 6 pm and on Good Friday (April 2) at 6 pm.

Even though the darkness of Lent is still weighing heavy over us, the light of Easter is coming. God's grace is present in the cross of Christ during our hardships and God's peace is present in our Easter joy through Christ's resurrection. May this time of Lent and the coming Easter season truly be a blessing in your lives.

In Christ's peace,

Pastor Tim





WALK IN LOVE...

“And this is love: that we walk in obedience to His commands. As you have heard from the beginning, His command is that you walk in love.” (2 John: 6)

What does it mean to “walk in love?”

The love I’m talking about is the kind of love that God has for us...a self-sacrificing love that endures personal pain and always focuses on others.

Remember that in Matthew, when Jesus was asked, “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” (Matthew 22:36-40)”

I know you know I Corinthians 13: 4-7 and have heard it many times. “Love is patient, Love is kind. It does not envy. It does not boast. It is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking. It is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. It always protects. Always Trusts, always hopes. Always perseveres. Love never fails.”

It is a very popular bible verse used at weddings. Yet the verse can have such impact for all of us at any time.

The theme Pastor is using for our Wednesday Lenten services is “In Community with...” The first week was, “In Community with Creation.” The second week was, “In Community with all the Saints,” and this past Wednesday, week three was, “In Community with our Neighbors.”

I believe that to be in community with, you must care...you must love. To be in community with you must share a common bond, feel togetherness. If you do not care...you do not love, you aren’t “in community with.”

After all, the Lord said that the two greatest commandments are “the love commandments.” Love the Lord your God with all your heart...” and “Love your neighbors as yourself.”

I challenge you to try this yourself, replace the word Love in these verses with I: I am patient, I am kind. I do not envy, I do not boast. I am not proud, I do not dishonor others, I am not self-seeking. I am not easily angered, I keep no record of wrongs. I do not delight in evil but rejoice in the truth. I bear all things, always trust, always hope, always persevere. To love others, these are the things we must do.

Well, I don’t know about you, but I have a few (OK several) areas to work on. I’ll start by praying for God’s help in this process.

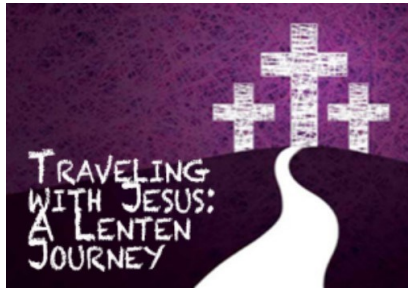
I also know that it becomes easier if we just focus on the kind of love God has for us—that sacrificial, unconditional love. Treat others the way we would like to be treated. Love God above all else. And, keep in mind that others will remember us...not for what we did, not for what we had, but for how we made them feel. That will go a long way toward helping us live our lives according to those two greatest commandments.

Walk in love...today, tomorrow and every day!

Wishing you God’s blessings!

Linda Miller





Lent: Time to go the second mile

"If any of your kin fall into difficulty and become dependent on you, you shall support them." - Leviticus 25:35a

Thanks to vaccines, we can expect an end to the pandemic this year, but the economic recovery will linger much longer. Our government reports that half the families in our nation lost income in 2020, with many of them forced into desperate poverty.

Billions of dollars in federal assistance and a moratorium on evictions have helped ease the pain, but many are suffering. The pandemic's economic victims may include you, your family members, and people in your community or congregation.

Lent has begun, but it's not too late to adopt a discipline that may simultaneously help bring you closer to God, increase your faith and help your neighbor. Pray for guidance on how best to respond to the need. Here are some ideas:

- Pray. Set aside time each day to talk and listen to God.
- If you can afford to make a financial contribution, give sacrificially to a ministry that's helping people get by. A food pantry, soup kitchen, homeless shelter, clothing closet. Can you make a weekly donation through Lent, and beyond?
- If you cannot afford to make a financial contribution, can you volunteer? Are there special talents – writing, online communications, organizing, fund-raising, etc. – that you might be able to donate?
- In your congregation, start or expand a helping ministry. Alternatively, lead your church to become a ministry that's already doing a good job.
- Learn about the needs in your congregation and community, and then educate others.
- Advocate on issues of poverty and economic justice.

The pandemic's bruising effects will take years to heal. As God's people, we can help by praying, serving and supporting those in need.

-Rob Blezard



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PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for all the persons whose names have been offered up by members and friends of the congregation.

We especially would like to lift up all those affected by COVID 19, and those who lost loved ones.

We pray for healing, comfort, guidance, strength, recovery, safe travel, and unrevealed needs, as well as for those with thankful hearts and for those who grieve.

March Happenings

Happy Birthday



5	Jan Clayton	13	Karen Hough
6	Kelly Buth	14	Michele Werchau
6	Brenda Buth	22	Chelsey White Beard-Larson
6	DiAnne Kaul	22	Marvin Leonhardt
9	Becky Mlekush	25	Nicole Buth
10	Milton Vanerstrom	31	Ethel Tomlinson
11	Don Flatt		

March Birthdays



March Anniversaries

6	Mort & Mary Jo Kent	(55)
18	Kelly & Brenda Buth	(32)
24	Luther & Carol Johnson	(70)

March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Office Closed	2	3 6pm: Zoom Worship Ser- vice	4	5	6 9 am Worship Service
7 9 am & 10:30 am Worship Services	8 Office Closed	9	10 6pm: Zoom Worship Service	11 6 pm Council Meeting on Zoom	12	13 9 am Worship Service
14 9 am & 10:30 am Worship Services	15 Office Closed	16 9:30 am Worship Committee Meeting at church	17 6pm: Zoom Worship Service	18	19	20 9 am Worship Service
21 9 am & 10:30 am Worship Services	22 Office Closed	23	24 6pm: Zoom Worship Service (last Lent Service)	25	26	27 9 am Worship Service
28 Palm Sunday 9 am & 10:30 am Worship Services	29 Office Closed	30	31			

WORSHIP SERVICE INFORMATION

Service Times for March 2021

Saturday, 9 am

Sunday, 9 am & 10:30 am

Due to attendance being limited, please call or email us to reserve a place at the service of your choice. Once you attended a service we will automatically leave your name on the list for that same service the following week. Please let us know if you would like to change service times or won't be attending.

Masks are required.

Lent Services:

Wed, 3/17, 6 pm

Wed, 3/24, 6 pm (last service)

Lent services will be on Zoom only.

You can find recordings of all services on YouTube, under CLCBHC.

Upcoming Dates:

Maundy Thursday (4/1): Worship Service, 6 pm

Good Friday (4/2): Worship Service, 6 pm

Saturday, 4/3: No Services

Easter Sunday (4/4): Worship Services 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need Volunteers!

Greeters, Ushers, Communion Setup, Readers, Offering Counters.....

If you are able to help, please let the office know, or sign up on the sign-up sheets which are posted on the kiosk in the Narthex.

Readers needed for Good Friday!

We need readers for our special Good Friday Worship Service.

Please let us know if you would like to be one of several voices.

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HOSEA 6:1-6
COME, LET US
RETURN
TO THE LORD

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