



Monthly Newsletter

March 2022

Community Lutheran Church



PASTOR TIM EIGHMY

Jesus said, "Whoever believes in me, streams of living water will flow from within them." John 7:38



Pastor Tim Eighmy

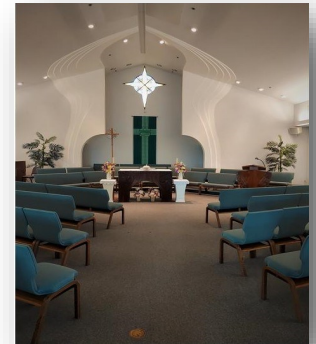
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Office Hours

Tues. – Fri., 9 am to 1 pm;

Weekend Worship

Sunday, 9:00 am & 11:00 am
10 am every last Sunday or the month.



Lent



Mission Statement of Community Lutheran Church:

Living Christ's love in all we do.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR TIM



Lent

This is the time of fulfillment.
The Kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent and believe in the Gospel.

MARK 1:15



“Lent: the Season of Facing the Cross”

We confess that we are saved through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In the season of Lent we commemorate our salvation through Christ’s suffering and death. And in the coming Easter season, we will celebrate God’s victory over death through Christ’s resurrection.

In the early centuries of Christianity, new adult Christians took part in a training session on what the Church teaches by being isolated from friends and family and staying at the church where they learned about the teachings of the Church from sunrise to sunset every day for 40 days. They only got Sundays off because that was when the entire community gathered at the

church to worship. After 40 days, they were baptized, confirmed, and received their first communion on the same day during the Sunday worship service. And this is how the 40 day season of Lent (not counting Sundays) and the baptismal day of Easter Sunday first came to be.

During this Lenten season, we somberly reflect upon the realities of sin, suffering, death, and evil in the world and how Christ came into the world and into our lives to deliver us from these destructive forces. Because of the somberness of the season, we have a tradition during Lent of not singing the words “alleluia” or “hallelujah” that mean “Praise the Lord!”; for this is our Easter praise.

The Lenten season begins on Wednesday, March 2nd with Ash Wednesday. We will have an Ash Wednesday Service at 7 pm with Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes. And on that low note, we begin the Lenten season that ends with Christ's death on Good Friday, April 15th.

Throughout the Lenten season, we will have Wednesday evening services at 6 pm and a soup dinner before the service at 5:30 pm beginning on March 9th. These will be prayer services with homilies on the five basic relationship skills in the Christian faith.

Of course, Lent is a challenging time for our choir rehearsals as well. On Ash Wednesday, the choir will rehearse at 6 pm and then on the Wednesdays afterwards at 7 pm following the Lenten Services.

Lent is a time for honest soul-searching. It is a time for us to be painfully honest about how sinful we are, how much our lives are influenced by evil forces around us, and how death is always looming overhead. It is a time to be reminded of our utter need of God's salvation through Jesus Christ and to be thankful that we have it.

I pray that this Lenten season may be an enlightening and enriching time for your faith.

ANNUAL MEETING NOTES

FOLLOWUP TO "QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE"

At the end of our Annual Meeting on January 23, 2022, there was time for questions and concerns from those in attendance. I'd like to address those questions here so that we can continue to improve our communication processes.

My notes from that meeting said:

Publicize annual meeting

Do a calendar for the year with the number of services and times

Enhance sound system

Website

During the past months there have been several times when there was only one service along with changing times for those services.

We realize this can be confusing and there are several ways to improve our communication.

It's tough to do a calendar for the entire year. The weekly Streams in the Desert provides times for the coming week. We'll try posting calendars for the next two months of services and activities on the kiosk. In addition, we are working on updating the website, clcbhc.com, to reflect more current service times and activities. In terms of the required communication for the Annual Meeting notifications, this will be done as directed by the Constitution and we'll make a point of being more vocal about what's available and when.

"Enhance the sound system" is certainly on the radar for action and we will be addressing this in the near future with/for those who have the expertise and interest.

We are always a "work in progress" and we try to respond to our congregational family in a positive way.

Jan Parrott
VP, CLC Church Council

COUNCIL MEMBER POSITIONS VOTE....

Joann Hoffmeyer — President
Jan Parrott — Vice President
James Smock — Treasurer

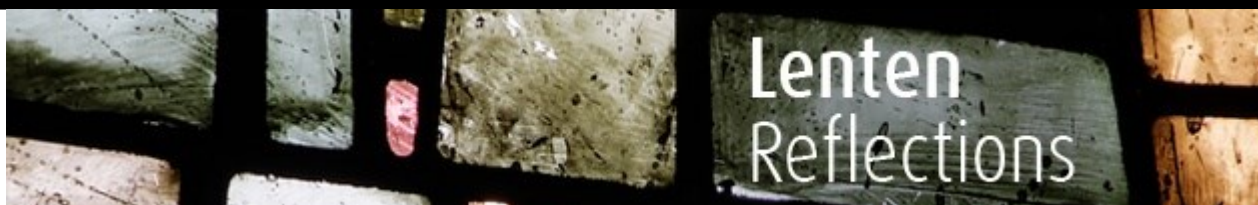
Lynda Crawford — Secretary
Don Dueker
Chad Leim



LOOKING BACK.....

◆ CHRISTMAS PAST....

.... Thank you again for your generous donations which made it possible for the Guardian Foundation to spread the Christmas joy to underprivileged families. It was precious to see the look on the parents' faces as they watched their children receive Christmas presents....



“SOME IDEAS FOR YOUR LENTEN DISCIPLINES”

Matthew 6:1-8, 16-21 is the Gospel reading for Ash Wednesday to prepare us for our spiritual disciplines for the Lenten season.

Here are some of my ideas to help you experiment and perhaps develop new spiritual disciplines to help you in your relationship with God.

Fasting is when you give something up for 6 weeks that you know you will miss even though you really don't need it. This might be sweets, coffee, social media, watching TV, gaming,

shopping, etc. Whatever it is, let your discipline be to pray during the times when you miss what you have given up. Fill God with the time that you spend on things that you don't need.

Or if fasting is too hard, then let the time when you listen to the news be a time of devotion.

Every time you are frustrated, angry, or concerned about what you hear; lift that up in prayer.

When Jesus was speaking of “giving alms,” he was speaking of the charity that we give. Give an anonymous gift to a charity that you have always liked but have never given to it before and perhaps never will again.

Or if you are not financially solvent right now, then give some of your time to help a neighbor in need or visit someone in a nursing home within the next couple of weeks.

Here are some ideas for your prayer time.

Pray each petition of the Lord's Prayer by emphasizing each word over and over.

For instance:

- "OUR Father who art in heaven."*
- "Our FATHER who art in heaven."*
- "Our Father WHO art in heaven."*
- "Our Father who ART in heaven."*
- "Our Father who art IN heaven."*
- "Our Father who art in HEAVEN."*

And do this with every petition. You may hear your own prayer speaking in different ways.

*"Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return."
-Evangelical Lutheran Worship, p. 254*



With these ancient words from Genesis 3:19 and the swipe of a dirty thumb across our foreheads, Ash Wednesday propels us into Lent with the proper context to understand our lives as stewards of the riches God entrusts to us.

The essential teaching of Ash Wednesday – that we are just mortals, after all – crushes our ego, dispels our pretensions, and drives us deep into God's mysteries. Why are we here? What are our lives all about? What's *really* important? Pray over these questions and profound insights emerge.

We are dust. Yes, but we are *God's* dust. Our body consists of trillions of atoms, each a speck of "dust" created by of God, billions of years ago. God put us together from the stuff of the universe.

- Therefore, we are quite literally "earthy" beings, made of the same material as air, water, soil and stone. Part of creation, we work to preserve and sustain God's creation for future generations.
- Therefore, we revere and care for our bodies through healthy living.

We are breath. We are not *only* dust. Genesis 2:7 describes us as "dust" into which God has "breathed the Holy breath of life." Our lives are the breath of God in our dust.

- ◆ Therefore, every breath we take is holy, a prayer that whispers God's praise.

Or pray for different people whom you love or are concerned about in different rooms in your home. Sometimes we remember different people in different places.

Or make your favorite church hymn or Christian song into a prayer.

Or go for a walk with God and thank God for every good thing you see and pray for the things you see that are not so good during this walk.

The idea of Lent is for us to renew and refresh our daily relationship with God. May God bless you in your spiritual devotions.

- Therefore, we look to God to align our lives with God's holy reality that arcs towards peace, love, joy, justice, and truth.

Our time is brief. The "dust" that is us *will* return to the earth. We have a finite number of minutes.

- Therefore, every hour, every second is sacred. There is not a single moment one to waste. We spend our time wisely, carefully, prayerfully.
- Therefore, we do not cling to our possessions, knowing that we will leave it all behind.
- Therefore, we nourish our lives with lasting treasures – relationships, trust, love, joy, service, generosity, and harmony.

This Lent spend time in prayer, with openness and honesty. See how God will transforming you into the person you were created to be. Reflect each day on Ash Wednesday. "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

--Rob Blezard

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Looking Ahead to April

Sunday, April 3	9:00 am & 11:00 am Worship Services
Wednesday, April 6	5:30 pm Soup Supper 6:00 pm Lent Service
Palm Sunday , April 10	9:00 am & 11:00 am Worship Services 3:00 pm <i>Cantata</i> — ‘ <i>Upon This Rock</i> ’
Maundy Thursday , April 14	7:00 pm Service
Good Friday , April 15	7:00 pm <i>Cantata</i> — ‘ <i>Upon This Rock</i> ’
Easter Sunday , April 17	7:30 am Sunrise Service 9:00 am & 11:00 am Worship Services
Sunday, April 24	9:00 am Worship Service (one service only) ... <i>begin Summer Schedule</i>

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CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Wed, March 2: 6:00 pm
 Wed March 9: 6:45 pm
 Wed, March 16: 6:45 pm
 Wed, March 23: 6:45 pm
 Wed, March 30: 6:45 pm

Wed, April 6: 6:45 pm
 Sat, April 9: 9:00 am



PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



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

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.



Let us remember the ones God called home out of our midst, and keep their families and friends in our prayers:



- Cathy Cornell, Dec 20, 2021*
- Albert Lemke, Jan 13, 2022*
- Phyllis Adair, Jan 14, 2022*
- Jan Clayton, Jan 19, 2022*
- Greg Larson, Jan 20, 2022*

If you know someone who would like to be included in the ongoing monthly prayer list, be it for prayer or thanksgiving, please let the office know!



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	Ash Wednesday 6 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Service	2 2:00 pm Bible Study	3	4 5
6 9am & 11am Worship Service	7 Office Closed	8	9 5:30 pm Soup Supper 6 pm Lent Service 6:45 pm Choir Practice	10 9:30 WMC meeting 2:00 pm Bible Study 6pm Council Meeting	11	12
13 Begin Daylight Savings Time 9am & 11am Worship Service	14 Office Closed	15	16 5:30 pm Soup Supper 6 pm Lent Service 6:45 pm Choir Practice	17 2:00 pm Bible Study	18	19
20 9am & 11am Worship Service	21 Office Closed	22	23 5:30 pm Soup Supper 6 pm Lent Service 6:45 pm Choir Practice	24 2:00 pm Bible Study	25	26
27 10 am Worship Service	28 Office Closed	29	30 5:30 pm Soup Supper 6 pm Lent Service 6:45 pm Choir Practice	31 2:00 pm Bible Study		

Birthdays & Anniversaries

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

6—Kelly Buth	13—Karen Hough
6—Brenda Buth	14—Michele Werchau
6—DiAnne Kaul	22—Chelsey White
9—Becky Mlekush	22—Marvin Leonhardt
10—Milton Vanerstrom	25—Nicole Buth
11—Don Flatt	31—Ethel Tomlinson
13—Monty Ostgaard	

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

18—Kelly & Brenda Buth (33)
24—Luther & Carol Johnson (71)



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