



Monthly Newsletter

March 2023

# 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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**Pastor Tim Eighmy**



**OFFICE HOURS:**  
Tues.– Fri., 9 am to 1 pm;

**SUNDAY WORSHIP:**  
Sunday, 9 & 11 am  
Last Sunday of every  
month: 10:00 am

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

## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR TIM

### *"The Lenten Faith"*



The word 'lent' is a British pronunciation of the word 'length' and the word 'lenten' is the British pronunciation of the word 'lengthen'. The season of Lent is when the Church reflects upon our need for Christ's salvation for the world as our days grow longer (especially as the season of spring comes upon us). The Lenten season is forty days before Easter, not counting Sundays.

Lent was originally a time when prospective new members of the church would go through rigorous training in the Christian faith before they were baptized into the church on Easter Sunday. They would study and practice Christian teachings for six days a week for five weeks with only Sundays to be their Sabbath day of rest. The forty day period reflected the times of waiting in

Scripture before people were fully welcomed by God. (Some examples are: the Israelites wandering in the Wilderness for forty years before entering the Promised Land; the Israelites waiting for forty days and nights on Mt. Sinai for the Ten Commandments; Elijah waiting on Mt. Horeb for forty days and nights for God to appear and give him comfort; Jesus fasting in the wilderness for forty days and nights before he began his ministry; and the risen Jesus staying for forty days with his disciples before he ascended into heaven.)

Lent began on Ash Wednesday on February 22nd, continues throughout this month of March, and ends with Holy Week (April 2nd to April 8th).

On Wednesday evenings of this month, we are having Lenten

services at 6 pm with a soup dinner before the service at 5:30 pm. This year's theme for our Wednesday evening services is "Sing with the Saints in Glory" and we will reflect on various people of faith in history who taught and role modeled the various aspects of Christian faith. We will reflect upon John Wesley and Charles Wesley the founders of the Methodist Church; Sojourner Truth and Harriet Tubman who worked against slavery as an act of their faith in Christ; St. Patrick on the week of St. Patrick's Day who modeled the importance of prayer in the life of faith; Oscar Romero, a Catholic bishop of El Salvador, who was assassinated in the 1980's for standing up for the rights of the poor because of his faith; and Hans Nielson Hauge, a Norwegian Lutheran layman, who insisted that

Christ's death and resurrection is reflected in the life of every member of the Church and we should intentionally live in that truth through our faith.

The season of Lent is a time for us to do some soul-searching to see how we need Christ all the more in our lives so we can praise God all the more for Christ's salvation when Easter Sunday arrives.

May God bless each and every one of you in your preparations to live in Christ's salvation.

In Christ's peace,

Pastor Tim Eighmy



## *Notes from your Church Council*



### March Notes from your Church Council

March in the desert is normally our transition through a short springtime. This year's weather has us guessing how to dress each day as our most reliable prediction is whether or not the wind will blow. But if you look closely, you will notice that desert areas are showing touches of green, and the stray "weeds" that survive may be blooming with surprise flowers. God's Wonders surround us.

At the February meeting of the Church Council, officers were elected for the coming year:

President: Janice Parrott

Vice President: D. Jean Thompson

Secretary: Lynda Crawford

Treasurer: James Smock

Member at Large: Chad Lelm, contact for facilities issues

Member at Large: Lou Padilla

Council members may be identified by their red name tags.

In response to concerns expressed at the Annual Congregational Meeting, notice that the curb by the entrance to the church has been painted bright yellow. This should improve visibility to locate the entrance

to the church parking lot. We are currently looking into improving the lighting as well. Also, the hymnals should be more easily accessible when seated in the pews.

Communication is a key to keeping our congregation responsive to the needs of all. The prayer list is a way to share concerns, blessings and losses. Consider also if you know of someone who has been ill or who has not been able to attend services, if that someone is wishing for a visit or call from Pastor, please share that information with Pastor or a council member who can relay the relevant contact information.

Finally, mark your calendars for a Special Congregational Meeting scheduled for Sunday, March 26, 2023, following the 10am service. We will receive a report from the Water Committee regarding progress toward the planned connection to city water. There will also be discussion of any cost savings that might result from a change in the number of services each Sunday. More information will be shared as we move into March.

Respectfully,

Jan Parrott

Church Council President

## March 2023 Newsletter article by Rev. Rob Blezard

### Consider percentage-basis giving

No matter how or what amount you give to your congregation, thank you! Your offerings sustain important ministries, and there is no such thing as an inappropriate or inadequate offering.



But if you are among the many who give regularly on a “lump sum” basis, consider giving on a percentage basis instead.

The “lump sum” basis is when donors give a fixed amount – say, \$50 a week – to the church, regardless of what percentage it represents in their annual income. The advantage of lump sum giving is that it’s simple to calculate and keep track of. But lump sum giving reveals little about the generosity behind the gift. For a poorer family, \$50 a week may be significant, whereas it could be a pittance for a wealthy family.

Since the Bible lifts up the principles of sacrificial giving as well as tithing, giving by percentage provides a better measure for giving. Once a family has calculated their gift as a percentage of income, it’s easier to track it and, over time, build up to a tithe. Here’s how to get started with percentage giving:

- Calculate your regular offering over the course of the year.
- Divide the total yearly offering by your total annual income. This will give you a figure.
- Multiply that figure by 100 to determine your percentage giving.

When planning your offering, consider increasing it by 1 percent a year. If you do, in less than 10 years you will be tithing. However you give, thank you for supporting God’s ministries.



I want to thank everyone who helped with the Anything Chocolate event. It would have never been as much a success without all your time and efforts.

Also, I want to thank everyone who came in support of our Women’s Group and, hopefully, enjoyed the baked potato bar and all the delicious chocolates. Your participation was greatly appreciated.

Thanks, also, to the people who gave the large donation. It will be a big help with the water project.

Reva Sparks

President of the Women’s Group.



## CHURCH CHOR Notes

“Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.” (Psalm 149:1; NRSV)

The choir is now beginning its rehearsals for our Easter Cantata. Rehearsals and we will meet every Wednesday at 6 pm. In March during Lent, the choir will meet at 6:45 following the Lenten services.

Our choir is one of Community Lutheran’s resources to do evangelism to our community and we have singers who are not active with our congregation who always sing with us for the cantatas. Not only that, it is a lot of fun.

Some of us have studied music and read music. Some of us don’t know how to read music and do our best to listen and learn. And all of us laugh as we strive to learn together how to proclaim the gospel message through our music.

If you like to sing and like to fellowship, then this is a great opportunity for you to join us. We always enjoy and welcome newcomers to the choir.

So please join us as we begin our journey together to learn a new cantata and we hope you will also join us in singing choir anthems on Sunday mornings to enrich our weekly worship.

It should be a great year in God’s grace.

***Easter Cantatas: 3:00 pm Palm Sunday, April 2nd  
7:00 pm Good Friday, April 7th***

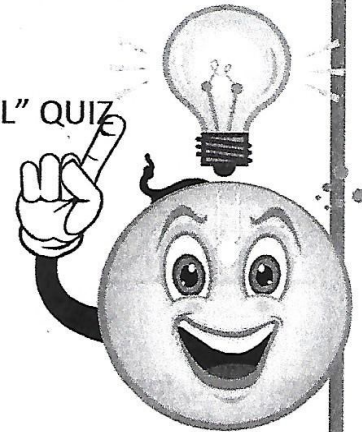
***Pastor Tim (a fellow member of the choir)***



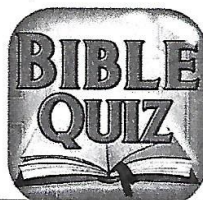
# POP QUIZ!

## OWLS

A "WERE YOU LISTENING IN SUNDAY SCHOOL" QUIZ



- 1) What kind of man was Boaz before he married?  
Ruthless
- 2) What do they call pastors in Germany?  
German Shepherds
- 3) Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?  
Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.
- 4) What was the greatest female financier in the Bible?  
Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.
- 5) What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?  
Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land. Also, probably a Honda, because the apostles were all in one accord.
- 6) Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?  
Samson. He brought the house down.
- 7) What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?  
Your mother ate us out of house and home.
- 8) Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible?  
Moses. He broke all 10 commandments at once.
- 9) Which area of Palestine was especially wealthy?  
The area around Jordan. The banks were always overflowing.
- 10) Who was the greatest babysitter mentioned in the Bible?  
David. He rocked Goliath to a very deep sleep.
- 11) Which Bible character had no parents?  
Joshua, son of Nun.



# Birthdays & Anni-

## March Birthdays

- 1—Don Flatt
- 6—Brenda Buth
- 6—Kelly Buth
- 6—DiAnne Kaul
- 9—Becky Mlekush
- 10—Milt Vanerstrom
- 14—Michele Werchau
- 22—Marvin Leonhardt
- 22—Chelsey White Beard-Larson



## March Anniversaries



- 18—Kelly & Brenda Buth (34)
- 24—Luther & Carol Johnson (72)

## Mark your Calendars!

### WELCA:

#### Women's Bible Study:

10:30 March 7th.

#### Women's meetings:

Tuesdays, at 10:30 am  
Dates to be announced.

#### Wednesday's, March 1st to 29th:

- 5:30 Soup Supper
- 6:00 Lenten Services
- 6:45 Choir Practice



#### Sunday, March 26

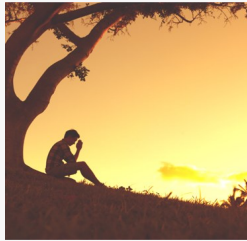
Special Council Meeting after 10:00 am Service

#### Pastor's Bible Study

Thursdays at 2:00 pm  
All are welcome.

# Corner

# Prayer



## 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.



*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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	1 5:30 pm Soup Dinner 6:00 pm Lenten Service 6:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	2 2:00 pm Bible Study	3	4
5 9:00 am & 11:00 am Worship Service Choir Anthem	6 Office Closed	7 10:30 Women's Bible Study	8 5:30 pm Soup Dinner 6:00 pm Lenten Service No choir rehearsal	9 9:30 worship committee 2:00 pm Bible Study 6:00 pm Council Meeting	10	11
12 9 am & 11:00 am Worship Service	13 Office Closed	14	15 5:30 pm Soup Dinner 6:00 pm Lenten Service 6:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	16 2:00 pm Bible Study	17  <i>Happy St. Patrick's Day</i>	18 Buth/Nielsen Wedding
19 9:00 am & 11:00 am Worship Service Choir Anthem	20 Office Closed	21	22 5:30 pm Soup Dinner 6:00 pm Lenten Service 6:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	23 2:00 pm Bible Study	24	25
26 10:00 AM Worship Service Noisy Offering special council meeting following service	27 Office Closed	28	29 5:30 pm Soup Dinner 6:00 pm Lenten Service 6:45 pm Choir Rehearsal	30 2:00 pm Bible Study	31	1

# April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2 Palm Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 am Worship Service Choir Anthem 3:00 pm Cantata	3 office closed	4 10:30 am Women's bible study	5	6 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Choir anthem 2:00 Bible Study	7 Good Friday 2:00 pm Stations of the cross 7:00 pm Contata	8
9 Easter 7:30 am Sunrise Service 8:00 am Easter Breakfast 9:00 & 11:00 am Easter Services	10 office closed	11	12	13 2:00 Bible Study	14	15
16 9:00 am & 11:00 am Worship Service Choir Anthem	17 office closed	18	19	20 2:00 Bible Study	21	22
23 9:00 & 11:00 am Worship Service	24 office closed	25	26	27 2:00 Bible Study	28	29
30 10:00 AM Worship Service Choir Anthem Noisy Offering	1	2	3	4	5	6



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