

# MARCH NEWS

**Lord of Life Lutheran Church**

**1143 N. 26th Street**

**Bismarck, ND 58501**

**Pastors Nadine Lehr and Beth Walch**

*We love, serve and welcome all so each person knows God's grace in Christ.*

## Upcoming Events in March

March 3<sup>rd</sup> - New Member recognition service at 11:00 am

March 6<sup>th</sup> - Ash Wednesday

March 16<sup>th</sup> - Concordia Choir performing at Trinity Lutheran

## Worship Services

Sundays: 8:30 am & 11:00 am

Wednesdays: 6:15 pm

## Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8:00 am-4:00 pm

Friday: 8:00 am-3:00 pm

I've been thinking lately about prayer and meditation.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Often I will hear people say that they will "give something up" for Lent, maybe wine or chocolate or some other indulgent treat. I have for the past couple of years removed myself from Facebook and Twitter during Lent and it's quite freeing. It allows me up to engage in different ways with friends and family. I have to be much more intentional about sharing news and pictures with people I love instead of simply posting something on Facebook and assume those interested would seek out my news and take a look and hopefully like (or love or smiley face) my post. I will take that break from social media again this year, and perhaps this will be the year I stay off completely and not go back...we shall see.

So what does that have to do with prayer and meditation?

Last week, just before writing this article for this March Newsletter, I was preparing to preach about Jesus preaching on the Level Place. I read what came just before this sermon in chapter 6 beginning at verse 12. Jesus went off by himself to the mountaintop to pray. He was with God in prayer all night. When morning came he returned and called

his twelve disciples and continued on with his ministry. Many times in scripture we are given this example of Jesus "going off to pray". Some sort of prayer and meditation is suggested by nearly every faith in every part of the world. As Lutherans of Northern European descent I would venture to say that going off to pray or meditate is something that we would not claim is our strong point. We are quiet about our faith. We don't do anything flashy or trendy. But Jesus did these things.

Jesus went off to the mountaintop, Jesus went off by himself to be quiet with God, for extended periods of time! It wasn't a quick Now I lay me down to sleep...prayer. Nope he prayed so long and hard that in the Garden of Gethsemane his disciples couldn't keep up with him and they feel asleep midsentence! Now most of us are not able to keep up with Jesus, but how about trying for five minutes of quiet with God in the morning or at the end of the day, not giving God our laundry list of "to do's" but simply being quiet with God. You could try a mantra like "Be still and know that I am God" as you sit quietly in a chair. Or Thy will be done, at the top of the hour every hour you are awake.

Prayer and meditation. It's an amazing connection with God and it's a pretty good thing to add this Lent.

Pastor Beth

## Pastoral Acts



### Baptisms

✝ Abigayle Ann Vollmers, daughter of Travis Vollmers and Amber Just on February 3, 2019.

### Bible Study Opportunities

(Guests and new members always welcome!)



#### **MEN'S SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE**

**STUDY** meets every Saturday at 8:30 am in the St. Alexius cafeteria. For more info contact Dave Kolding (400-8098), Ken Snyder (258-1901) or Mike Beck (391-4384).

#### **WOMEN'S TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE**

**STUDY** will meet March 12 at 9:30 am with Doreen Kadrmas serving. The lesson is "Friends for life in Christ".



### Piecemakers

A call went out asking for blankets and quilts for the homeless and those living in cars due to the bitterly cold weather, so the women voted to give ten of our just completed mission quilts plus the ten blankets that Peggy and Bruce Boe had donated (with their approval). Monday night quilters meet on March 4 & 18 (6:30-9:00) and Tuesday Quilters on March 5 & 19 (9:30-3:00). There are lots of opportunities at Lord of Life to make a difference, to bring comfort to people, and to know you helped a little.

### Baby Care Kits

If you need a winter project, we need help with hemming or serging baby receiving blankets. Feel free to take some home with you and return them by June 1st or join us on March 4 at 12:30 for a sewing afternoon at church. Last year, we were able to send 67 baby care kits and would like to make it 100 for 2019. With your help, we can make this happen.

### Cozy Comfort

The Cozy Comfort group meets on the first Monday of the month from 2:00 pm– 4:00 pm through fall, winter and mid spring. The dates for our upcoming meetings are as follows: March 4 and April 1 in the church library. Cozy Comfort is a positive group who knits or crochets prayer shawls. We welcome **any one** who is interested and we have varying degrees of experience ourselves. If you don't know how to knit or crochet, we would be happy to help you get started. If you can't make the meetings but want to knit or crochet prayer shawls on your own, that will work too. If you have questions, please contact Deb Knudsen at 701-220-8688. If you know of someone who could use a prayer shawl, please contact one of the pastors through the church office or Coralyn Hoovestol at 255-1401.

### Lutheran World Relief Health Kits

During March and April we will be starting to collect our items for health kits! Items needed are bath towels (dark light weight towels preferred, these may also be gently used), bar soap (4oz), heavy duty combs, adult toothbrushes, and nail clippers with file. The first three items listed are those needed the most. Please bring your items and place them in the display area that will be set up in the narthex. Thank you!

### Adult Education

Church of the Latter Day Saints will be explored in our home grown US faith series during adult forums. Join us for 3 weeks (March 3, 10 and 17) lead by Lucas Brendel. March 17 will not have a topic since Bismarck Public Schools will be on break. But the next Sunday, March 24 we will have our In The News. US immigration has been a news topic for quite a while so we plan to have a presentation on United States immigration process and law. Hope to see you there with your coffee or tea!

## **Lent 2019: For the Least of These**

### **Wednesday, March 6: Ash Wednesday – Worship at 6:15 pm**

The 40 day Lenten journey begins with Ash Wednesday, when we hear God's call to repent, we remember our mortality with the mark of ashes on our foreheads, and we gather at the table to receive food and drink for the journey to the cross. Don't miss this important worship service!

### **Wednesday (6:15 pm) and Sunday (8:30 am and 11:00 am) Lenten Worship**

In this year's worship series, we will remember Jesus words in the parable of the Sheep and the Goats: *"Come, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me"* (Matt. 25:34-36). Each week's worship will focus on one of the groups mentioned by Christ in the parable. Special offerings will also be taken.

### **Week One: March 10-16 – The Hungry**

We will reflect on texts where God calls us to eat and promises to fill us. Those who attend worship will receive special offering boxes to collect money for the purchase of goats for poor families around the world. The cost of each goat is \$50 through ELCA World Hunger. We will also have a special goat visit us in the worship services. All goat offerings will be collected on Easter Sunday at the 3 morning worship services and on the Wednesday after Easter at 6:15 pm.

### **Week Two: March 17-23 – The Thirsty**

We will reflect on Christ's promise that everyone who gives a cup of cold water to those who thirst will receive a reward. We will collect offerings to purchase family water filtration systems through Lutheran World Relief. Each system costs \$190.

### **Week Three- March 24-30 – The Stranger**

We will consider God's instructions of how faithful people are to care for resident aliens. We will also remember the parable of the Great Dinner where the host of a wedding invites outsiders to a great feast. To demonstrate our concern for the stranger, we will collect toiletries for refugee families through Lutheran Social Services.

### **Week Four – March 31-April 6 – The Sick**

We will review Christ's healing of a demoniac and a group of lepers. We will also collect flat white twin sheets (please no other colors or sizes) to be sent to Global Health Ministries where they will be used for bedding or for bandages in hospitals around the world.

### **Week Five – April 7-13 – The Imprisoned**

We will remember the promise that the Messiah will proclaim liberty to the captives and we will review the story of Paul and Silas singing their way out of prison. As an offering this week, we will provide assistance to Ministry on the Margins by providing a hot breakfast to their clients on Tuesday, April 9 and by working in the Ministry on the Margins food pantry on

Thursday, April 11. Lord of Life members will also have the opportunity to donate food items to the pantry. Watch for volunteer sign up sheets and pantry food lists in the narthex.

### **Wednesday Luncheons and Discussion – March 13, 20,27, April 3, 10 -12 noon**

In addition to weekly worship, we will reflect on the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats with roundtable Bible study and discussion every Wednesday at noon. The pastors will lead the studies, which will be aimed at discovering how each of us experiences hunger, thirst, loneliness, sickness and prison in our own spiritual lives. Please bring your own brown bag lunch.

### **Holy Week Worship**

**Palm Sunday Cantata:** Sunday, April 14, 9:30 am In preparation for your Easter Celebration, please join us on Palm Sunday for a musical Interpretation of Jesus' journey to the cross. Lord of Life Choir will present "Lift High the Cross" by Lloyd Larson. Featured within the cantata will be Mozart's Ave Verum Corpus (Hail, True Body) performed by a local string quartet. All children are welcome to join in a palm processional to recall Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. The Cantata will be at 9:30 on Palm Sunday, April 14. Please plan to attend – and perhaps invite guests to – this meaningful performance. This Cantata will be in place of regular Sunday Services.

**Living Last Supper with First Communion:** Thursday, April 19, 7:00 pm A Living Last Supper with Jesus and the 12 Disciples in Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. In this dramatic reenactment of Jesus' last meal with his friends in the Upper Room, the disciples will serve communion to everyone in attendance. First Communion will be served to Lord of Life youth and their families at reserved tables.

**Good Friday Echos of the Passion:** Friday, April 20, 7:00 pm Our worship will center on the sounds that were a part of the story of Jesus' death. These sounds are powerful echoes of Jesus' passion. As the service progresses the church becomes darker. By the end of worship we are in total darkness, except for the light of the Paschal candle, which reminds of us Jesus' loving sacrifice. The last of the echoes of the passion is silence. We will leave worship in silence as we await Easter.

**Easter Sunday Festival Worship:** April 21, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, and 11:00 am

This year for Lent, our various committees are responsible for the meals assisted by our confirmation small groups. Here are the details.

3/13 Volunteerism/Education - Taco Bar & Sides- Confirmation Small groups that will help are: Melberg & McMillan

3/20 Property/Youth & Family - Breakfast for Dinner - Small Group - Angie Bolme

3/27 Stewardship/Evangelism - Sloppy Joes, Macaroni & Jello Salads, Chips & Brownies - Small Group - Swenson & Beck/Sauer

4/3 Worship & Staff - Soup, Bread and Salad - Small Group - Binegar

4/10 Nominations/Executive – Swedish Meatballs and all the fixings - Small Group - Nelson & Anderson

## *You won't want to miss the Concordia Choir*

The Concordia Choir will be performing at Trinity Lutheran Church on Saturday, March 16th at 7:30 pm. The cost is \$20 Adults/\$15 Seniors/\$5 Students. Tickets are available online at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4048967>, or at Lord of Life, Trinity and Lutheran Church of the Cross church offices. The singers will need to be housed on Saturday March 16th after the concert and then brought to Lord of Life on Sunday morning to catch their bus. We are partnering with Trinity Lutheran and Lutheran Church of the Cross to house these college students in groups of 2 or 4, they can share a queen bed. Please let Pastor Beth know if you are available to take in a few nice kids. Also, let her know of any pets you may have.

### **LOL BOOK CLUB**

March's book is "A Mother's Reckoning: Living In the Aftermath of Tragedy" by Sue Klebold. On April 20, 1999, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold walked into Columbine High School in Littleton, CO, where they killed 12 students and a teacher, and wounded 24 others before taking their own lives. The book deals with Sue, and how she has lived with the shame and grief of that day.

Books are available at Barnes and Noble or on Amazon. Date: TBA

### **LOL Women of the ELCA**

Once again, the board is looking for people to coordinate the church rummage sale. We are looking to do it in June. You can volunteer to be the coordinator or find someone to do it with you as co-coordinators. There are procedures written up to follow so you won't be starting from scratch. We are looking to set-up on Thursday with the sale on Friday and until noon on Saturday. We are also looking for someone to open their garden to have the Flowers & Fellowship Event this summer. You get to pick the date and the board does the program and provides the refreshments. If you have questions or can assist with either of these events, please contact Janell Quinlan, President at 224-8244. Thank you to all that assisted with the Lutheran World Relief projects. Thank you to all who assisted with the lefse making and supported the event by purchasing. Also, thanks to those that took the time to do the Blessing and Thankoffering calendar in November. Your assistance and support was greatly appreciated. Janell Quinlan

## Lord of Life Directory

It's so easy! You can bring your picture into the church office or email it to [lordoflife@midconetwork.com](mailto:lordoflife@midconetwork.com). Be sure to include all names in the order they are positioned, address, phone numbers and email addresses. If this doesn't work, come on in and we'll take it for you! Sundays, March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31- pictures will be taken between services in the library...no need to sign up, just come on in! Wednesday March 6-pictures will be taken only before the Ash Wednesday service, starting at 5:30. Wednesdays March 13, 20 and 27, pictures will be taken before and after the service.

Got it! Good Boy!  
You get a treat!



Sit! Stay! Smile!

# YOUTH NEWS!



## March Youth Event!

**What: Mardi Gras Mystery Party with Masks and King Cake!**

**When: Friday, March 22 from 7:00 pm-10:00pm.**

Stay tuned for information about a possible “lock in” following this event.



## High School Trip

**Unfortunately, we are unable to go to Colorado for our High School Youth trip this summer. Pastor Beth instead is planning a trip to the Twin Cities to do an urban immersion and service trip. All the details are not in place but we can visit the Center for Changing Lives, worship at an urban church, go to Valley Fair and of course the Mall of America.**

**Dates of this Trip will be announced ASAP**

## IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR CAMP!

*7<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation students*, we go to camp together at Camp of the Cross! It's a great time at Night Pathfinders July 7-12. You sign up online at their website and pay the deposit. We cover the rest of the cost of camp. <https://www.campofthecross.com/>

*8<sup>th</sup> graders*, you can have the camping experience of your choice. Talk to Pastor Beth if you need ideas, but check out Camp of the Cross, or one of the other great camps in our region for a Lutheran/Christian camping experience this summer. LOL helps with your cost of camping too!

## March & April Calendar

3/6 ASH WEDNESDAY  
(required worship attendance)

3/13 Small Group

3/20 Large Group – Jesus calls Disciples **Parents Night**

### 3/23-24 Mardi Gras Party

3/27 Large Group - Feeding of 5000

4/3 Large Group – Good Samaritan

4/10 Small Group

4/17 Holy Week - Please attend worship Thursday, Friday, and Sunday

April Event is “Game Day” hosted by the Nelson and Baerlocher Families

# Children's & Family Ministry

Betsy Debertin, coordinator

March 2019

## Bury the Alleluia

During a recent lesson at Church School, we "buried the Alleluia" for Lent. We generally have an "Alleluia" banner that kids walk under when they gather for Church School. We took the banner down and placed it in a box that says, "Do Not Open Until Easter." This is our reminder that Lent is a time of anticipating the celebration of Easter. Lent makes the joy of the Easter celebration even more powerful because we have paused to reflect on our need for the cross.



## Chocolate and Change Needed

Our Palm Sunday Easter egg hunt needs your help! Can you purchase a bag of Easter candy the next time you are shopping? There will be a box at the information desk for your donation. Also, each Sunday and Wednesday, there will be a canister for any spare change you can share. We will put the change in some of the Easter eggs. Kids who find these eggs will get to choose from a few charities to donate the money they find.

## Save the Date for VBS

Summer – it will come! Save the Date for VBS now!

**Sunday, June 9 – Thursday, June 13**  
Each evening from 5:45 pm – 7:45 pm



## Mark Your Calendar

### Sunday School

March 3 – Sunday School

March 10 – Sunday School

March 17 – Sunday School & Preschool

Bible presentation for parents  
& preschoolers

March 24 – NO Church School (Spring  
Break)

Wednesday, March 27 – First  
Communion instruction for 5<sup>th</sup>  
graders & their families (7:00 –  
7:45)

March 31 – Sunday School

### Wednesday School

March 6 – NO Wednesday School (Ash  
Wednesday)

March 13 – Wednesday School &  
Preschool Bible presentation  
for parents & preschoolers

March 20 – Wednesday School

March 27 – Wednesday School AND  
First Communion instruction for 5<sup>th</sup>  
graders and their families



**Youth and Family Ministry Team**  
**Introductions and Information for 2019**

**By Lark Welch – Team Council Liaison**

It is with warm, winter wishes for this 2019 year that I, Lark Welch, the Youth and Family Ministry Team Council Liaison, introduce our Team to the community of Lord of Life (LOL) Lutheran Church. The Chair of our Team is Jeremy Kjos. Current working members of this Team are Alex Sauer, Marcy Gabbert and Brandi Twete. Pastor Beth Walch is the pastor who leads and directs this Team. Our Team will welcome anyone else who has a desire or interest to be involved, as we can have/use as many people on our Team as we need to complete our tasks and goals. If you have any interest to join us, please let one of the Team members know. We would love to have you join our Team anytime. We also may invite individuals who have youth (5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) or families, to be involved with our Team; so if any of us ask you to do so, please consider joining us.

By definition this *Youth and Family Ministry Team* strives to build relationships with our youth and the families in our congregation and our community through Christ-centered coordinated activities, gatherings and events. By involvement and working together on church and community services, ministries, and activities, the youth and families will support one another, develop positive relationships, and be engaged and connected to the church, and to Christ himself. If youth and family are not involved in the biblical Christ teachings, learning the ELCA historical messages, completing tasks and church scheduled youth events together, youth themselves and families may miss excellent messages of witness, and personal, Christian growth that can leave lasting connections and love for the Lord.

Lent is always a time for Lutheran's to reengage, recharge, and reconnect with the church and to our Lord. I personally invite each of the youth and their families to join this year's Lenten renewing timeframe, by being involved with the church and any of its recommended or established activities for this group. The youth are our future and their families who promote the development of their Christian hearts through worship involvement, Youth and Family sponsored activities, will reap grand rewards from this involvement. The Team, and all of you whom are involved or fall into this ministry group at LOL, will be asked in the future to fulfill Lenten duties and activities. With hungry hearts for knowing, growing and going in Christ, may you all find reasons to come and be involved with the church during activities that have been designed and planned especially for you and your families. During this 'maturation time' as a

youth/teen, we look forward to seeing you and your family all the year through, even after this renewing time of the upcoming Lenten season ends.

If you have any questions or want any further information about the Youth and Family Team, please speak to Pastor Beth, or one of our Team Members directly.

**Young at Hearts**

Young at Hearts will be meeting at 11:30 am on March 26<sup>th</sup> for a Spring Fling with lunch and a presentation by a representative from the Senior Center. Mark your calendars and plan to join us on April 23 for a presentation with Kyle Debertain on "Money Matters for Seniors" and on May 28<sup>th</sup> we will be dining together at a local restaurant.

**Crossways Bible Study Begins Fall 2019**

**Do you know your Bible?** Could you answer the following questions: What is the Great Commission? Who was known as the wisest king of ancient Israel? Who was the "weeping prophet"? What Jewish woman became the queen of Persia? Who was the first martyr of the Christian church? If you can't answer these questions, you may benefit from the Crossways Bible Study program, an intensive two-year class that covers the major events and characters of all 66 books of the Bible. Crossways will help you understand the biblical timeline, the connections between the Old and New Testaments, major themes, and how the many "pieces" of scripture come together in the story of Jesus Christ. Crossways will begin at Lord of Life in September 2019, most likely on Wednesday evenings. Pastor Lehr will be the primary teacher. If you would like more info or would like to register, please visit with Nadine very soon. We need at least 12 participants to start the course. Cost of the two year class will not exceed \$50 per person.

## **Church Clean-up and Spruce-Up Days at Lord of Life**

As spring quickly approaches, the property team and staff are working hard to clean up the grounds and the building for a fresh start! We need your help!

An outdoor clean-up day has been scheduled on **Wednesday, May 1** where we will trim shrubs and bushes, rake up winter debris, and haul refuse away. Please plan to come to church around 5 pm. Bring your gloves, rakes and pruning tools.

Also please mark **Saturday, May 4** as a Clean-up Day. We will need several volunteers to do a deep clean indoors as well as some heavy lifters to clear out the river rock in the circle outside the main entrance. We will redesign the circle for a sharper appearance and easier maintenance. More specific plans will be announced soon. Bring your rags, buckets, shovels, and gloves. We will work through the morning and possibly over the noon hour.

## **Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center Hosts Golf Event**

Please make plans to join us for a one of a kind fundraising event on March 29<sup>th</sup>! The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hillview Cup will take place at Golf Etc. (511 Airport Rd, Bismarck) on March 29<sup>th</sup> and you don't want to miss it. This event is a team long drive contest where teams of four will have 30 minutes to drive a golf ball as many times and as far as they can. The total cumulative yardage will be totaled to determine the event winner. The event runs from 9am-6pm using the golf simulators at Golf Etc. Teams will sign up for 45-minute time slots after they register for the event. Join us for prizes, food and fun all to benefit a good cause! Register or get more information at [missourislope.com](http://missourislope.com).

## Financial Stewardship News

Lord of Life's income and expense summary ending January 2019 is as follows:

	<b>January 2019</b>	<b>2019 Year to Date Totals</b>
<b>Income</b>	\$41,2983.84	\$41,983.84
<b>Expenses (approved additional benevolence and mortgage pay down are now included)</b>	\$35,969.65	\$35,969.65
<b>Income over (under) Expenses</b>	\$6,014.19	\$6,014.19
Our projected income ending January 2019 based on our approved budget is:		\$54,360.25
Our actual income is over (under) our budgeted income by:		(\$12,376.41)

Our GENERAL ENVELOPE giving is \$16,904.00 behind 2018.

Please consider automatic giving options such as Simply Giving or using your bank's online bill pay features to set up recurring offerings. Using your credit card is another method. Yet the newest method is the Give+App for your cellphone with instructions available in the narthex of the church. Simply Giving is an excellent way members can help assure that our giving is more equally distributed throughout the year. If you'd like to sign up for this feature go to our web site at [www.lordoflifebismarck.org](http://www.lordoflifebismarck.org) and click on "online donations" or visit your banks online application.

We have been blessed with generous support for God's mission at Lord of Life and look forward to continuing and expanding this work throughout 2019. If you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to contact any of the team members. They are Keith Demke, Melody Karlberg, Larry Klundt, Jordan Nygaard, Bud Reiner, Bob Sprynczynatyk and Justin Storey.

**LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
February 12, 2019**

**Call to Order:** President Jim Gray called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Council Members Present:** President Jim Gray, Vice President Linda Simmons, Secretary Roxanne Gardner, Karl Carlson – Property & Maintenance, Crystal Engel - Volunteerism, Mark Swenson – Worship & Music, Bud Reiner – Financial Stewardship, Lark Welch – Youth Ministry, Bob Salveson – Nominations & Placement, Dennis Steele - Evangelism

**Absent:** Pastor Nadine, Pastor Beth, Craig Nelson - Education

**Guests:** Bruce Boe, Larry Klundt, Russ Honeyman, Barb Andrist, Becky Salveson

**Staff Members Present:** None.

**Devotions:** Vice President Linda Simmons led devotions.

**Minutes of the December and January Meetings**

Crystal Engel moved to approve these minutes. Karl Carlson moved to second the motion. There was no discussion, motion carried.

**Team, Pastor and Staff Reports**

Those in attendance were provided with hard copies of team reports. For others wishing to read them, they can be found online.

**Installation of new Council members and Team Chairs**

Since Pastor Nadine was absent, there was no formal installation of new Council Members or Team Chairs.

**Review of Council member and Team Chair roles- Jim Gray**

- Jim handed out the current (unedited) L of L Constitution. This version should be used as a reference for the upcoming year.
- There are 11 voting council members, 3 executive and 8 team liaisons
- Teams, with the exception of Nominations, should meet at least once a month. Meeting more often when necessary is okay. It is suggested that you meet the week before the council meeting. Team chair leads that teams' meetings.
- Teams are encouraged to assign a co-chair.

**Logistics- Linda Simmons**

1. **Paying bills** – Team Chairs or Liaisons should check for payments in the blue binder found in your mailbox. Please leave in the mailbox; purple slip must be signed so that Jessica can pay the bill. Team consent is not needed to sign.
2. **Tracking the budget** – A financial statement is included in each month's council meeting packet. Review to make sure things look okay. Large accumulations in the dedicated accounts should not occur.
3. **Newsletter and bulletin deadlines** – Newsletter deadline is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month by noon. Bulletin deadline is Thursday by noon. If you have something to be submitted, please type the article and submit it to Jessica. Her duty is to include them; not write them.

4. **Submitting monthly team reports** – There will be a new form. Each team must submit their form to Jessica by Friday prior to the council meeting. If not by then, you must make copies and bring to the council meeting. Roxanne will email these new forms to council members and team chairs this week.
5. **Council devotion schedule** – The schedule for 2019 was handed out. The March devotions are to be led by the Education Team.
6. **Updating Council photos** – Roxanne will take pictures tonight of those needing them.
7. **Updating team rosters** – Each chair is asked to submit a running roster of team members. E-mail the roster to Jessica.
8. **Team responsibilities for pastors**
  - Nadine is assigned to Executive, Worship & Music, Property & Maintenance, Financial Stewardship, Nominations & Placement
  - Beth is assigned to Youth Ministry, Evangelism, Volunteerism, Education

#### **Putting our new mission statement into action- Jim Gray**

1. **Review of “why” and “how”... now “what”?** – Jim handed out a sheet to further explain this after he discussed it and showed a short video. It was originally launched on Rally Day 2018. Roxanne will email this to council members and team chairs this week. There are currently 7 “how” points. They are subject to change.
2. **Keeping focus on new mission statement in 2019** – We intend to do so without losing sight of our Family Friendly focus.
3. **Monthly team discussions and reports** – There is a new monthly report form that focuses on the “why, how and what” as discussed. Roxanne will email the new report form to council members and team chairs this week. Please submit team report in this format starting in March. The Executive Team suggests that each month at your team meeting, you allocate 15 minutes to each “how” point. Start in order and discuss one each month. Point 1 can be discussed in your March meeting and so on with the last one being discussed in September.
4. **Breakout discussions** – About 5 minutes were spent in small groups to look at the why, how and what. Some shared the ideas they came up with.

#### **Lenten meal assignments**

These were discussed. Menus and teams are set for March 13, 20, 27 and April 3 and 10. Refer to the email you received regarding the details.

**Old Business:** No old business at this time.

**New Business:** Karl Carlson announced that Spring Cleanup will be held May 1 in the evening and May 4 from 8 to 11 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roxanne Gardner, Secretary

*PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MINUTES ARE NOT APPROVED UNTIL VOTED ON BY THE COUNCIL AT THE NEXT MONTH’S MEETING.*



## March Service Group List

**March Leaders:** Byron & Justine Bennes (222-8853)

Mike & Arlyce Malarkey (426-5236)

Beverly Schatz  
Chelsie Scherr  
Richard Schlenker  
Eldon & Linda Schlosser  
Erich Schmeling  
Dan & Peggy Schmidt  
Patricia Schmidt  
Steve & Rachael Schmidt  
Martin Schock  
Lew Schoeneman  
Mike & Valerie Schroeder  
Pat Schroeder  
Kelli Schroeder  
Bradley Schulz  
Ron Schulz  
Marlys Selness

Shelley & Thomas Sharp  
Cheryl Sick  
Susan Simes  
Linda Simmons  
Phil & Ann Sletmoe  
Ken & Gloria Snyder  
Derek & Cindy Solberg  
Andrew Solberg  
Bob & Karen Sprynczynatyk  
Dennis & Betty Steele  
Mark Steele  
Troy Steele  
Dawn Stein  
Justin & Jill Steinle

**Thank you to all the volunteers who helped serve in February:**

**Keith & Mary Jane Sailer  
Kendra Roeder  
John Sandbakken  
Mike & Leslie Riepl**

**Bud & Arlys Reiner  
Ken & Jacque Salwey  
Nora Salveson  
Daryl & Eileen Rosenau**

**Watch the table near the Keurig Machine (under the TV) for more opportunities to purchase Equal Exchange products! The Youth & Family Team will have an ongoing display of products for sale. If you have something in particular you would like let Pastor Beth know and she can add it to the order.**



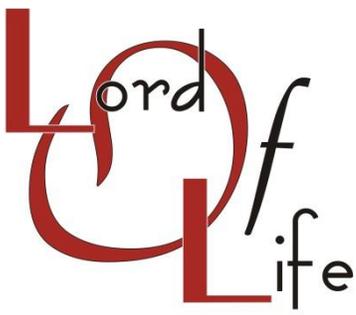
## ***March Volunteers (Sundays)***

	<b><i>March 3</i></b>	<b><i>March 10</i></b>	<b><i>March 17</i></b>	<b><i>March 24</i></b>	<b><i>March 31</i></b>
<b><i>Assisting Ministers</i></b>					
<b><i>8:30 am</i></b>	<i>Steve Andrist</i>	<i>Mike Riepl</i>	<i>Linda Simmons</i>	<i>Alex Sauer</i>	<i>Steve Andrist</i>
<b><i>11:00 am</i></b>	<i>Bruce Boe</i>	<i>Sheryl Hardy</i>	<i>David Clinton</i>	<i>Roxanne Gardner</i>	<i>Cindy Anderson</i>
<b><i>Communion Assistants</i></b>					
<b><i>8:30 am</i></b>	<i>Mark &amp; Stephanie Swenson</i>	<i>LeNor Dollinger</i>	<b><i>HELP NEEDED</i></b>	<b><i>HELP NEEDED</i></b>	<b><i>HELP NEEDED</i></b>
<b><i>11:00 am</i></b>	<b><i>HELP NEEDED</i></b>	<b><i>HELP NEEDED</i></b>	<i>Perry &amp; Sheryl Hardy</i>	<b><i>HELP NEEDED</i></b>	<b><i>HELP NEEDED</i></b>
<b><i>Ushers</i></b>					
<b><i>8:30 am</i></b>	<i>LeeAnn Glatt</i>	<i>Roger Dollinger</i>	<b><i>HELP NEEDED</i></b>	<b><i>HELP NEEDED</i></b>	<b><i>HELP NEEDED</i></b>
<b><i>11:00 am</i></b>	<b><i>HELP NEEDED</i></b>	<i>Doug &amp; Bev Doolittle</i>	<b><i>HELP NEEDED</i></b>	<i>Sheryl &amp; Perry Hardy</i>	<i>Jordan &amp; Mallory Nygaard</i>
<b><i>Organists</i></b>					
<b><i>8:30 am</i></b>	<i>Marilyn Kesterke</i>	<i>Becky Salveson</i>	<i>Blended</i>	<i>Becky Salveson</i>	<i>Marilyn Kesterke</i>
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<b><i>Acolytes</i></b>					
<b><i>8:30 am</i></b>	<i>Samantha Reich</i>	<i>Brianna Feist</i>	<i>Jenica Twete</i>	<i>Cade Pittenger</i>	
<b><i>11:00 am</i></b>	<i>Sage Wetzel</i>	<i>Kendra Dockter</i>	<i>Ave Vetter</i>	<i>Avery Brousseau</i>	

<b><i>March Volunteers (Wednesdays)</i></b>					
	<b><i>March 6</i></b>	<b><i>March 13</i></b>	<b><i>March 20</i></b>	<b><i>March 27</i></b>	
<b><i>Acolytes</i></b>	<i>Miah Quintus</i>	<i>Jenica Twete</i>	<i>Maren Swenson</i>	<i>Taylor Gabbert</i>	
<b><i>Pianist/Organist</i></b>	<i>Marilyn Kesterke</i>	<i>Marilyn Kesterke</i>	<i>Marilyn Kesterke</i>	<i>Marilyn Kesterke</i>	
<b><i>Song Leaders</i></b>	<i>Ruby Altringer</i>	<i>Janell Quinlan</i>	<i>Janell Quinlan</i>	<i>Janell Quinlan</i>	

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
					1	2 8:30 am: Men's Bible Study
3 Noisy Offering 8:30 am: Worship 9:45 am: Sunday School 9:45 am: Choir Rehearsal 9:45 am: Adult Ed 11:00 am: Worship & New Member Recognition	4 12:30 pm: Sewing for Baby Care Kits 2:00 pm: Cozy Comfort 6:30 pm: Piecemakers	5 9:00 am: Staff Meeting 9:30 am: Piecemakers 5:00 pm: Evangelism Team Meeting 5:30 pm: Worship Team Meeting 6:30 pm: Property Team Meeting 6:30 pm: Volunteerism Team Meeting 7:00 pm: Youth Team Meeting 7:00 pm: Boy Scouts 7:30 pm: Education Team Meeting	6 Ash Wednesday 6:15 pm: Worship No Church School or Confirmation	7 9:30 am: Brunch with Beth 3:00 pm: Executive Team Meeting 6:00 pm: Stewardship Team Meeting	8	9 8:30 am: Men's Bible Study
10 8:30 am: Worship 9:45 am: Sunday School 9:45 am: Choir Rehearsal 9:45 am: Adult Ed 11:00 am: Worship	11	12 9:00 am: Staff Meeting 9:30 am: Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm: Council Meeting 7:00 pm: Boy Scouts	13 12:00 pm: <b>Brown Bag Luncheon</b> 5:00 pm: Lenten Meal 6:15 pm: Worship 7:00 pm: Church School 7:00 pm: Confirmation Small Group	14	15	16 8:30 am: Men's Bible Study
17 8:30 am: Worship 9:45 am: Adult Ed 9:45 am: Choir Rehearsal 9:45 am: Sunday School 11:00 am: Worship	18 9:00 am: Prepare/Enrich Class 6:30 pm: Piecemakers	19 9:00 am: Staff Meeting 9:30 am: Piecemakers 7:00 pm: Boy Scouts	20 Newsletter Deadline 12:00 pm: <b>Brown Bag Luncheon</b> 5:00 pm: Lenten Meal 6:15 pm: Worship 7:00 pm: Church School 7:00 pm: Confirmation Lg Group	21 9:30 am: Brunch with Beth	22	23 8:30 am: Men's Bible Study
24 8:30 am: Worship 9:45 am: Adult Education 9:45 am: Choir Rehearsal No Sunday School 11:00 am: Worship	25	26 9:00 am: Staff Meeting 11:30 am: YAHS 7:00 pm: Boy Scouts	27 4:45 pm: Book Club 12:00 pm: <b>Brown Bag Luncheon</b> 5:00 pm: Lenten Meal 6:15 pm: Worship 7:00 pm: Church School 7:00 pm: Confirmation Lg Group	28	29	30 8:30 am: Men's Bible Study
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