

Lutheran Church of the Cross - News and Notes

March 17—March 24, 2019

Prayer Requests

LCC Members: Sarah Aga, Rob Norgon, Ken Rasinski, Sue Pratt, Ron Whipple, Carolyn Blanck, Randy Oestreich, Bill Campbell, Mark Boesen, Julie Raymo, Nora Jabas, Sam Andrist, Joy Potthoff, Nancy Schreiner, Don Anderson, Emory Alverson, Sandie Tricker, Diane Baker, Dave Stevens

Friends & Relatives of LCC Members:

Rebecca, Emily, and Nancy (friends of Al & Linda Larson), Ken Brandt (Kathy Kosobud's dad), John Ramberg (Jana & Brent Campbell's friend), John Grell (David Grell's dad), Lillian Carin's Family (Lyle Hillman's friends), Evelyn Wolverter (Pete Mogensen's aunt), Dave Dec (Jane Nemitz's cousin), Julie Foley & Family (Mary Lou Weegman's sister), Bill Weiss, Chris Weiss & Family, Brandon Heinz (friends of JoAnn Rivers), Kristin Fanning (Midge Shaw's daughter), Joan Nyhus (Maureen Schmidt's sister), Rob Lewis (friend of Pete Mogenson), Lori Dowd (Lois Jensen's daughter), Deb Adamek (Mindy Whipple's Mom), Shirley Lintner (Lois Jensen's sister), Sandee Haugene (friend of David, Sara, Mike & Carol Smith) and all of our veterans and active servicemen and women, and those struggling with mental health or addiction issues.

Please call the church office to make updates to the prayer list.

Our sincere sympathies and prayers to Susan Mezzenga on the passing of her mother Bette Mezzenga. Bette's funeral will be held Saturday, March 23rd at 11:00 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Crosslake. Visitation one hour prior to service. Please keep Susan and her family and friends in your prayers as they grieve.

Forum: March 24th at 9:30—"Make It Ok"

Join Kathy Sell from Crow Wing Energized for a Make It OK presentation to learn more about reducing mental health stigma. The most recent Crow Wing County Community Health Survey found that more than 1 in 4 adults in Crow Wing County experience mental illness. Most will wait an average of ten years before seeking treatment, largely due to the stigma. The Make It OK campaign is designed to encourage people to talk more openly about mental illnesses and ask for help.

Newly Added Forum: March 31st at 9:30—"Lutheran Volunteer Corps"

Come and hear Emma Endicott share her experience living in Wilmington, Delaware as a LVC volunteer. What is LVC?: "At LVC, we pursue our mission by placing Volunteers in full-time service positions at social-justice organizations for one or two years. All LVC Volunteers are encouraged to live into LVC's core spiritual practices of living simply and sustainably in intentional community while serving the cause of peace with justice. In its program, LVC places a particular emphasis on racism, oppression, and privilege and how these contribute to ongoing injustice in our society. It also explores the role that spirituality plays in inspiring and sustaining work in the quest for peace with justice".

THIS WEEK AT LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

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- Today, 3-17:** *B-days: Harvey Anderson, Mark Hahn, Dirk Henry, Dylan Paulson, Allison Timmons*
- 8:15** **Worship w/ Communion**
- 9:15 Coffee/Fellowship
- 9:30 Sunday School
- 10:30** **Worship w/ Communion**
- MON, 3-18:** *B-days: Tom Anderson, Renee Boesen, Stephanie Marquardt, Lizzi Ortmeier, Jim Swanson*
- 8:30 MOPS
- 1:00 Prayer Shawl Group
- 7:00 Suicide Loss Survivor Group
- TUES, 3-19:** *B-days: Ramona Stumvoll, Olivia Trosdahl*
- 9:00 Computer Lab
- 1:00 Book Discussion
- 1:00 Staff Meeting & Prayer
- WED, 3-20:** *B-days: Maria Clarine, Chris Lindholm, Dawn Maine, Peter Nistler*
- 8:30 Text Study
- 10:00 Garden Club Board Meeting
- 4:30 Creation Care Team Meeting
- 5:45 Lenten Supper
- 6:00 King's Kids
- 6:45 Lent Worship w/Communion
- 7:45 Youth Snack Time
- 7:45 Sr. Choir
- THURS, 3-21:** *B-days: Sharon Baker, Drew Bakken, Barrett Campbell, John Erickson, Jane Erickson, Mike Gromer, Mark Hallan, Sandy Hins, Roger Johnson, Pete Mogenson, Josephine Nistler, Jerry Raedeke, Carrie Taylor, Randy Thomson, Louise Warden*
- 8:30 Thursday Morning Prayer
- 9:45 Toning with a Purpose
- 5:00 Grief Support Group
- 7:00 Congregational Book Study
- 7:00 A.A.
- FRI, 3-22:** *B-days: Meghan McAllister, Andrew Whiteman*
- 12:00 TGIH Devotions at Stonehouse in Baxter
- SAT, 3-23:** *B-days: Emory Alverson, Moriah Benz, Casey Gromer, Blair Jedinak, Marcia Turcotte*
- 6:30 Miss Nisswa Pageant

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Daily Bible Reading from Lectionary C

Mon., Mar 18, 2019

Exodus 33:1-6

Romans 4:1-12

Psalms 105:1-15, [16-41]42

Tues., Mar 19, 2019

Numbers 14:10b—24

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Psalms 105:1-15, [16-41]42

Wed., Mar 20, 2019

2 Chronicles 20:1-22

Luke 13:22-31

Psalms 105:1-15, [16-41]42

Thurs., Mar 21, 2019

Daniel 3:19-30

Revelation 2:8-11

Psalms 63:1-8

Friday, Mar 22, 2019

Daniel 12:1-4

Revelation 3:1-6

Psalms 63:1-8

Sat., Mar 23, 2019

Isaiah 5:1-7

Luke 6:43-45

Psalms 63:1-8

**Please pick up your kid's
artwork that is located on
the table in the Celebration
Center.**

SUN, 3-24: *B-days: Gail Anderson, Sharon Endicott, Katharine Mitchell*
8:15 **Worship w/ Communion**
9:15 Coffee/Fellowship
9:30 Forum: Make It Ok
9:30 Sunday School
10:30 **Worship w/ Communion**
12:00 BWCA Mini Gathering

The **MOPS** Kids program provides quality, loving care for children ages infant through kindergarten. While mothers attend the MOPS meeting, the children enjoy a program designed to meet their needs. Looking for volunteers for **Monday, March 18th from 9:00 to 11:15am**
For more information contact: Lisa Trosdahl at 320-232-0695 or lisa.trosdahl@gmail.com

Congregational Book Study and Small Groups:

A yearlong journey through scripture with Brian McLaren's "*WE MAKE THE ROAD BY WALKING.*"
Third Thursday of the month at 7pm. Pastor Drew will lead discussion. If you are interested in being in a small group please feel free to call Pastor Drew at 218-963-2564 or email him at pastordrewlcc@gmail.com. **Next group study date is Thursday, March 21st.**

Mid Week Lenten Services —Supper at 5:45 and worship at 6:45. On Wednesday, March 20th, Cathy Taylor will share her Fifth Gospel during worship and we join together in singing *That You May Have Life* liturgy by Marty Haugen and Susan Briehl.

Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and all Lenten services will be live streamed and can be viewed on our website lccnisswa.org

Brewing Theology

Please join us this month for another rendition of Brewing Theology. Good conversations are always here and you could be too! The topic of the month is yet to be determined.

March 25th at 7pm. Jack Pine Brewery. Lots of different beverage options available!

Creation Care Green Tip

Americans spend **93 percent of their time indoors or in vehicles**, which can cause a disconnect from the earth and its natural growth rhythms. Even as adults **spend an average of 11 hours per day looking at the screens of television, social media, internet and video games**, a renewed interest in gardening and houseplants is emerging as people are realizing a changing climate is presenting global challenges. While too much screen time can cause physical and psychological problems, gardening offers access to healthy foods as well as improving our own health. Americans spent a record **\$503 per household on gardening in 2018, up \$100 from the previous year**. The rapid rise in participation in **community gardening** is a sign that young and old are increasingly uniting together for the common good, with volunteerism on the upswing as well. Gardening can also help **reduce food waste by composting unusable food for soil improvement instead of sending it to the landfill**. With **one-third of all food wasted globally, food is the largest waste in landfills**, more than diapers, Styrofoam and tires combined, according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Children and Family Ministry News

ROUTE 56: Reminder that we will not be meeting during Lent, from March 6—March 17. You are encouraged to complete and turn in sermon note sheets during Lent (there will be a box in the narthex) and keep working on your “homework” and read your daily Lenten devotion book. We are going to postpone our Pool Party for now—look for info on our next event soon!

Today in Sunday School we will be learning about The Plagues —join us. Opening starts at 9:30 in the Treehouse!

Just a heads up about our 2019 **First Communion Workshop on April 6**—mark your calendar if you are interested—see Kari E. or Pr. Kari with any questions—sign up on the bulletin board across from the Nursery or let Kari or Pr. Kari know.

March is MN FoodShare month and to help generate donations to the Lakes Area Food Shelf, we will be erecting a “**Toilet tree**” - and requesting donations for toilet paper and toiletries—see display in the narthex for a list of needed items. We will also sponsor **Noisy Offering and Pack the Pews** on March 20 and 24—lists will be available in the narthex.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR ROAR VBS—June 10—14, 9am—12n. We will need tons of helpers, crew leaders and campers!! We will be posting specific ways you can help out as the weeks go by. **Online registration is now open at <https://vbspro.events/p/lccnisswavbs2019>.**

Zach’s Blurb



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Upcoming Things:

Mar 20— Snack Time #2

Mar 24—BWCA Mini Gathering

Mar 27— Snack Time #3

Apr 7— Conf Scavenger Hunt

Eighth Grade Retreat

Holy Cats! It’s finally just about here! We are so excited to host our second Confirmation Retreat of the year. Our theme is Lutheranism 101. We will explore our identity, the cross, and our history as Lutherans.

What’s Snack Time? Snack Time is our opportunity to reflect together on the messages that are shared on Wednesdays during lent. We will snack on Childhood Snacks and engage in great group conversation. All youth and confirmation guides are invited.

To our Guests...

Welcome to Lutheran Church of the Cross (LCC)! We are delighted to have you worshipping at LCC this Sunday morning or Wednesday evening. Please use the “white attendance card” that is in your bulletin to let us know who you are so we can extend our welcome to you. If you have questions about LCC, please feel free to call Pastor Drew or Pastor Kari at 218-963-2564.

We look forward to hearing from you. Again, welcome!

Blessings, Pastor Drew and Pastor Kari