

The Mustard Seed

March 2018

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Dear Sister's and Brother's in Christ,

Where are we going with the Good News, that the world is saved by grace through faith, and what are we doing with this Good News as we ourselves are being saved? Lent is time to reflect on the Good News our spiritual journey and the spiritual practices we have been working on together. A time to ask ourselves if we are ready to move ahead as a proclaiming church? Using the authority of our experience to share the Good News of Jesus Christ here in Onamia and throughout the world. Will we continue to and with even more enthusiasm invite relatives, friends, neighbors and strangers to "Come and See." To come and encounter Jesus. Will we do our best to embrace those God adds to our Bethany family as we engage God's mission by being "Embraced by God, growing in faith and sent by the Spirit to serve."

Your Brother in Christ,

Pastor John

Lent IS A TIME TO
GROW
CLOSER TO JESUS

HELPERS FOR MARCH 2018

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

March 4
 (Servers) Council
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Velma Jones

March 11
 (Servers) Council
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Judy Lundberg

March 18
 (Servers) Council
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Ray & Sandy Kephart

March 25 - PALM SUNDAY
 (Servers) Council
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Craig & Judy Hagman

March 29 - MAUNDY THURSDAY
 (Servers) Council
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Ed & Shirley Stukey

April 1 - EASTER
 (Servers) Council
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Velma Jones

WORSHIP HOSTS

March 4
 Andy & Norma Holen & Norma Thompson

March 11
 Ed & Shirley Stukey & Chuck Anderson

March 18
 Ray & Sandy Kephart & Marian Veaaasen

March 25 - PALM SUNDAY
 Dick & Elaine Asmus & Dennis DeFrang

March 29 - MAUNDY THURSDAY
 Bruce & Dixie Peterson & Norma Thompson

April 1 - EASTER
 Arden & Patti Hook & Judy Waytashek



OFFERING COUNTERS

March 4
 Dixie Peterson & Marian Veaaasen

March 11
 Judy Hagman & Charleen Dahlgren

March 18
 Bruce Peterson & Sandy Kephart

March 25 - PALM SUNDAY
 Ed Stukey & Marian Veaaasen

April 1 - EASTER
 Craig Hagman & Dixie Peterson

LECTORS

March 4
 Judy Lundberg

March 11
 Arden Virnig

March 18
 Colleen Kightlinger

March 25 - PALM SUNDAY
 Sandy Kephart

April 1 - EASTER
 Judy Waytashek

PIANISTS

March 4 Barb

March 7 (Wed.) Joan

March 11 Barb

March 14 (Wed.) Joan

March 18 Barb

March 21 (Wed.) Joan

March 25

March 26 (Thurs.) Susan

April 1 (Easter)

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

March 4

March 11

March 18 Hillman Group

March 25

April 1

If you can help out in providing treats for fellowship after worship, please call the church office to be put on the list. **THANK YOU!**

MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH

<u>March 2nd</u>	Brad Foure's Birthday
<u>March 2nd</u>	Dorothy Lemke's Birthday
<u>March 7th</u>	Kaye Mickus' Birthday
<u>March 7th</u>	Logan Anderson's Birthday
<u>March 12th</u>	Deloris Marschel's Birthday
<u>March 19th</u>	Charleen Dahlgren's Birthday
<u>March 22nd</u>	Butch & Eileen Hasting's Anniversary
<u>March 25th</u>	Darcy DeBoer's Birthday
<u>March 27th</u>	Dale & Colleen Kightlinger's Anniversary
<u>March 30th</u>	Mark Anderson's Birthday

HOMEBOUND OR RELOCATED?

If a family member or friend has become homebound or has been moved into Assisted Living or the Nursing Home, please share that information with the church office. **THANK YOU!!**

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Monday through Friday 9am-3pm

Pastor John will be in the office on Tuesdays. Please stop in or call for an appointment.
 Pastor John's phone: 320-676-3130

DEADLINE for the April 2018 Mustard Seed will be **NO LATER THAN** Sunday, March 25th.
 Please have all items in to Darcy by this date. Thank You!

Minutes for February 2018 Council Meeting

These minutes will be corrected, if needed, and approved at the March, 2018 meeting.

Members present: P. Hook, R. Kephart, P. Olson, D. Peterson and Pastor John.

Members absent: N. Holen, V. Jones

Consent Agenda was approved.

Old Business: A. Basement floor/Other basement projects-The new areas that have recently been tiled, now need to be sealed. We haven't found anybody that is willing to seal the floors yet but, the council is looking at how we can get the job completed. Tim Stout wants to wait until the wax is hard before he installs the new water heater. B. Lenten Plan-The service will start at 6:00 and be done by 7:00. The plan is to eat and visit and finish with Holden Evening Prayer. The council is thinking that there will be changes made to the plan as we get a better idea how everything will work. C. Proposed 2018 budget-The council agreed to submit the proposed 2018 budget to the Annual Meeting for approval by the congregation. D. Nuts and Bolts and a Few Loose Screws Workshop -Several council members plan on attending this workshop on March 17 in Grand Rapids, MN.

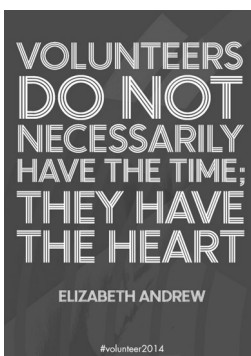
New Business: A. Easter brunch- A discussion was held regarding whether we should have an Easter brunch. The council approved having a breakfast after church on April 15 to replace the Easter brunch. The breakfast will be planned at the March council meeting. Please contact a council member if you would like to help. B. Parsonage walk-through- The annual parsonage walk through will take place in May or June at the regular council meeting. C. Extra pews- The extra pews we have will be stored in the main room of the basement against the wall. D. Quorum change- The council approved changing the continuing resolutions for the Annual Meeting regarding quorums. Fifteen members is the new quorum number. E. Professional spray job for insects- The council approved getting quotes to have the church sprayed for insects.

Project Updates: A. Confirmation- A Bethany youth will be attending confirmation at Immanuel Church in Hillman. Part of the confirmation requirements will be done at Bethany. B- Future planning with other churches-The council discussed meeting with some people from other congregations to start talking about networking and future planning. C. Treats for Alliance youth-The council made a sign-up list for treats. D. Thank you- A thank you was sent to Pastor Kate Mensing thanking her for her help with a funeral that took place at Bethany this past fall. E. Banners-The council continued discussing purchasing some swooper banners that would invite people to attend/visit Bethany.

Next month's council meeting will be Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

The Annual Meeting is Sunday, May 20th.

Meeting was adjourned,
Dixie Peterson, council secretary



**BETHANY WOULD LOVE TO ENGAGE YOUR TALENTS AND IDEAS
ON THE CHURCH COUNCIL! PLEASE CONSIDER GIVING A
SMALL AMOUNT OF YOUR TIME TO SERVE BETHANY!
ANNUAL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, MAY 20TH.**

GROUPS, MEETINGS, ETC.

Prayer Shawl - NO PRAYER SHAWL IN MARCH

Quilting - March 20th from 9am-3pm.

SENIOR COMPANIONS Meet at Bethany on the second Tuesday of each month from 9-11:30am.

Council meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 20th at 7pm.**

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS AND INFORMATION

We are doing something
New, Different and Exciting
COME AND SEE!

On the Wednesdays in Lent, beginning February 21st (the Wednesday after Ash Wednesday) we will gather to feed our souls and our bodies. We will come together to nourish our relationship with God, our relationship with Jesus and our relationship with one another. This will be done through singing, prayer, scripture readings, storytelling and eating. We will begin at 6:00 pm and finish about 7:00 pm.

New, Different and Exciting
COME AND SEE!

Using the information, you provided in the survey on Lenten practices the worship leadership of Bethany has developed a worship plan that is unlike anything we have done before. These gatherings have the potential to be fresh and innovative, stirring and moving. Something we would like you to come and see for yourself.

COMMUNITY DIAPER PROGRAM

The Onamia Area Early Childhood Coalition is proud to announce that we have been accepted into the Community Diaper Program! That means that we will have FREE diapers available to community members in need. Diapers from size 1-6 and wipes are available at the Rolf Olsen Center. The Community Diaper Program is a joint effort of the White House, Jet, and Cuties Diapers. The Early Childhood Coalition can purchase diapers at a very low cost and pass them on FREE to families in need. No one should have to decide between buying food and buying diapers! Donations toward this project are welcome! Please talk to Susan B. or Darcy if you have questions or would like to help.

Thank you for your support!

MARCH IS FOOD SHELF MONTH

Donations made to the food shelf in March are matched. Please bring your donations to Bethany from now through March and we will see that everything gets taken to the food shelf. Cash gift are also needed as they use this money to purchase food at a very reduced cost. **THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR DONATIONS!!**

RUBY'S PANTRY

Food Distribution Program. Everyone who gets hungry qualifies! You receive an abundance of grocery items for a \$20 donation. Bring your own baskets or boxes for food. Located at the Lions Community Center, Onamia beginning **at 10:30 am the FIRST Monday of the month. Registration begins at 10am.**

Next three dates will be and Mar. 5th, April 2nd and May 7th.

THANK YOU... to those who are giving through Thrivent Dollars!! Much appreciation!

LENT SCHEDULE

- March 7th** - Light Supper/ Holden Evening Prayer Worship 6pm *
- March 14th** - Light Supper/ Holden Evening Prayer Worship 6pm *
- March 21st** - Light Supper/ Holden Evening Prayer Worship 6pm *
- March 25th** - **PALM SUNDAY** - Worship 9:30am w/ Rejoice & Praise
- March 29th** - **MAUNDY THURSDAY** - Light Supper/ Holden Evening Prayer Worship 6pm *
- April 1st** - **EASTER SUNDAY** - Worship 9:30am w/ Holy Communion

There is a sign-up sheet for the Soup Suppers on the door in the Narthex
 * A light supper will be incorporated into the worship gatherings as a time of fellowship.



MUSICIANS NEEDED

If you are willing to help lead Holden Evening Prayer on Wednesday evenings during Lent, please arrive by 5:45pm for rehearsal. Thank you!

BETHANY COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

EVERY SUNDAY IN APRIL WE WILL BE COLLECTING ITEMS THAT ARE NEEDED AT MILLE LACS ACADEMY. THEIR "WISH LIST" WILL BE POSTED IN THE NARTHEX IN THE COMING WEEKS. ITEMS CAN BE NEW OR SLIGHTLY USED IN MOST CASES. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE BULLETINS.



YOUTH HAPPENINGS



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Youth are dismissed immediately following the gospel reading during worship on Sunday mornings. There will be NO Sunday School on Palm Sunday (March 25th) or Easter (April 1st)

MARCH 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>4</p> <p>9:30am Holy Communion</p> <p>S.S. following the Gospel</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:30am - RUBY'S PANTRY</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9am - Senior Companions</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6pm - Holden Evening Prayer Worship & Meal</p>	<p>1</p> <p>3:30pm - Bible study at UMC</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:30am - Men's Breakfast at UMC</p> <p>DST- Set clocks ahead 1 hour tonight</p>
<p>11</p> <p>9:30am Holy Communion</p> <p>S.S. following the Gospel</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6pm - Holden Evening Prayer Worship & Meal</p>	<p>15</p> <p>3:30pm - Bible study at UMC</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p> <p>9:30am Holy Communion</p> <p>S.S. following the Gospel</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9am-3pm - Quilting</p> <p>2pm - Mutual Ministry</p> <p>7pm - Council Meeting</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6pm - Holden Evening Prayer Worship & Meal</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <p>PALMSUNDAY</p> <p>9:30am Holy Communion</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6pm - Holden Evening Prayer Maundy Thursday Worship w/ Holy Communion & Meal</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>
<p>1</p> <p>EASTER</p> <p>9:30am Holy Communion</p>						

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President - Pam Olson
Vice President - Velma Jones
Secretary - Dixie Peterson
Treasurer - Ray Kephart
Norma Holen - Patti Hook

Music Coordinator - Susan Bracken
Administrative Assistant - Darcy DeBoer

RETURN SERVICE
REQUESTED

Address:

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

9:30am - Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

6pm - Holden Evening Prayer Worship & Meal

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

9:30am - Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

6pm - Holden Evening Prayer Worship & Meal

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

9:30am - Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

6pm - Holden Evening Prayer Worship & Meal

SUNDAY, MARCH 25 - PALM SUNDAY

9:30am - Holy Communion

THURSDAY, MARCH 29 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

6pm - Holden Evening Prayer Worship w/ Holy
Communion & Meal

SUNDAY, APRIL 1 - EASTER

9:30am - Holy Communion

“Come and See” Brunch

**We will be having brunch following worship on Sunday,
April 15th. Contact a Council member if you would
like to help. Watch the bulletin for more information.
Please plan to join us!**



Daylight Savings Time begins on
March 11th. Remember to move
your clocks ahead one hour.