

The Mustard Seed

March 2019

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Moving through the cold, the wind and the snow at this time of year can leave us feeling, at times, empty, exhausted and lifeless. The oppression of being forced inside, feeling limited in our movements can leave us bored and blue. This time of year, is in fact, often referred to as the dead of winter. As Christian we know that resurrection, new life, follows death. And as Psalm 19 tells us even now we can have our soul revived and our hearts can rejoice.

7The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul...8the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart... (Psalm 19).

Spend some time these next couple months in Prayer, Scripture reading and Worshiping together. Take note of how your soul is revived and your heart rejoices.

Your Brother in Christ

Pastor John

Lent IS A TIME TO
GROW
CLOSER TO JESUS

HELPERS FOR MARCH 2019

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

March 3
 (Servers) Council
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Velma Jones

March 10
 (Servers) Council
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Ed & Shirley Stukey

March 17
 (Servers) Council
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Dennis DeFrang

March 24
 (Servers) Council
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Judy Lundberg

March 31
 (Servers) Council
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Ray & Sandy Kephart

April 7
 (Servers) Council
 (Set-up/ Clean-up) Velma Jones

WORSHIP HOSTS

March 3
 Gordy & Maverine Anderson & Judy Waytashek

March 10
 Ray & Sandy Kephart & Norma Thompson

March 17
 Dwight & Bette Hagman & Marian Veaaasen

March 24
 Dick & Elaine Asmus & Chuck Anderson

March 31
 Ed & Shirley Stukey & Dennis DeFrang

April 7
 Jim & Joani Ellingson & Judy Waytashek

OFFERING COUNTERS

March 3
 Bruce Peterson & Charleen Dahlgren

March 10
 Marian Veaaasen & Sandy Kephart

March 17
 Ed Stukey & Kaye Mickus

March 24
 Bruce Peterson & Charleen Dahlgren

March 31
 Sandy Kephart & Marian Veaaasen

April 7
 Ed Stukey & Kaye Mickus

LECTORS

March 3
 Dixie Peterson

March 10
 Arden Virnig

March 17
 Colleen Kightlinger

March 24
 Judy Lundberg

March 31
 Kaye Mickus

April 7
 Joani Ellingson

PIANISTS

March 3 Barb

March 6 (Wed.) Joan

March 10 Barb

March 13 (Wed.) Joan

March 17 Barb

March 20 (Wed.) Joan

March 24 Barb

March 27 (Wed.) Susan

March 31 Barb

April 3 (Wed.) Joan

April 7 Barb

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

March 3

March 10

March 17 Hillman Group

March 24

March 31

April 7

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

March 2nd	Dorothy Lemke's Birthday
March 7th	Kaye Mickus' Birthday
March 7th	Logan Anderson's Birthday
March 12th	Deloris Marschel's Birthday
March 19th	Charleen Dahlgren's Birthday
March 22nd	Butch & Eileen Hasting's Anniversary
March 25th	Darcy DeBoer's Birthday
March 27th	Dale & Colleen Kightlinger's Anniversary
March 30th	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 2019 Mustard Seed will be **NO LATER THAN** Sunday, March 24th.
 Please have all items in to Darcy by this date. Thank You!

Minutes for February 2019 Council Meeting

These minutes will be corrected, if needed, and approved at the March, 2019 meeting.

Members present: N. Holen, P. Hook, V. Jones, P. Olson, D. Peterson and Pastor John.

Members absent: D. Defrang, R. Kephart

Consent Agenda was approved after a discussion of the budget numbers for the end of the 2018 fiscal year and the month of January. Pam also informed the council that Darcy will start working 4 days a week instead of 5 days. This change in Darcy's schedule will amount to a \$6,000 savings.

Old Business: A. Nuts and Bolts- The Nuts and Bolts workshop will be held in Grand Rapids on March 16, 2019. Several council members plan on attending this synod workshop. B. Lenten plan- Ash Wednesday is March 6, 2019. Pastor John will be out of town on that day. No supper will be served before the service on Ash Wednesday. The Lenten theme is once again, "Come and See". Holden Evening Prayer and discussion questions will be combined with a meal. Sign-up sheets for helping with the Lenten meals will be posted for people to volunteer to help provide food. C. Mission Plan action- The council has completed the required mission plan needed by the synod to move forward with Bethany's pastoral plans.

New Business: A. Thank you- Dixie will send a thank you from Bethany for a financial gift given to Bethany from an outside source. B. Lamoreaux Fund- Velma had questions about the Lamoreaux fund, which is currently under Thrivent's control. The council will revisit this and discuss what is the plan for the Lamoreaux committee. C. Norma Holen council resignation- Norma informed the council that she is resigning from the Bethany council. Norma's last council meeting will be in March. Bethany council thanked Norma for her years of dedication and hard work at Bethany. We wish her well as Norma plans on moving to Arkansas.

Project Updates by Council Members: A. Thrivent- Thrivent representatives visited Bethany recently and the council discussed Thrivent dollars. B. AED- Patti informed the council that the pads have expired on the AED. She is working on replacing the pads as soon as possible.

Next month's council meeting will be Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Dixie Peterson, council secretary

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY, MARCH 19th AT 7PM



**Remember to set
your clocks ahead
one hour at 2am
on March 10th**

GROUPS, MEETINGS, ETC.

Prayer Shawl - Tues. March 12th at 4pm

Quilting - March 19th 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 19th at 7pm.**

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS AND INFORMATION

COME AND SEE!

On the Wednesdays in Lent, beginning Wed., March 13th (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.

COME AND SEE!

The worship leadership of Bethany has developed a worship plan that is fresh and innovative, stirring and moving. Something we would like you to come and see for yourself.

WE ARE IN NEED OF OFFERING COUNTERS!! If you can help with this, please let Darcy know.

Beginning in March, we will have a "Bethany Needs" list posted on the door. There will be items listed that Bethany needs (ex. Coffee, coffee cups, napkins, etc.) If you would like to purchase an item, please cross it off the list or let Darcy know. THANK YOU!!

LITTLE FREE PANTRY!

BRING CANNED + DRY FOODS + HYGIENE PRODUCTS WHENEVER YOU CAN FOR OUR LITTLE FREE PANTRY.
FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT LITTLE FREE PANTRIES VISIT LITTLEFREEPANTRY.ORG.
OUR LITTLE FREE PANTRY CURRENTLY NEEDS DONATIONS OF DRY GOODS AND HYGIENE PRODUCTS

SAVE YOUR TEAL'S GROCERY RECEIPTS!!

Teal's will give 1% back from receipts. There is a bucket in the Narthex to place your receipts.
THANK YOU for saving your receipts!!

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. 4th, April 1st and May 6th.

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

LENT SCHEDULE

March 6th - ASH WEDNESDAY - Worship 7pm w/ **Imposition of Ashes**

March 13th - Light Supper/ Holden Evening Prayer Worship 6pm *

March 20th - Light Supper/ Holden Evening Prayer Worship 6pm *

March 27th - Light Supper/ Holden Evening Prayer Worship 6pm *

April 3rd - Light Supper/ Holden Evening Prayer Worship 6pm *

April 10th - Light Supper/ Holden Evening Prayer Worship 6pm *

April 14th - **PALM SUNDAY** - Worship 9:30am w/ Holy Communion

April 18th - **MAUNDY THURSDAY** - Light Supper/ Holden Evening Prayer Worship 6pm *

April 21st - **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!



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 (April 14th) or Easter (April 21st)

MARCH 2019

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

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Council Members:

President - Pam Olson

Vice President - Velma Jones

Secretary - Dixie Peterson

Treasurer - Ray Kephart

Norma Holen - Patti Hook - Dennis DeFrang

Music Coordinator - Susan Bracken

Administrative Assistant - Darcy DeBoer

RETURN SERVICE
REQUESTED

Address:

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

9:30am - Word & Prayer

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

7pm - Ash Wednesday Worship
w/ Imposition of Ashes

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

9:30am - Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

6pm - Holden Evening Prayer Worship & Meal

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

9:30am - Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

6pm - Holden Evening Prayer Worship & Meal

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

9:30am - Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

6pm - Holden Evening Prayer Worship & Meal

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

9:30am - Holy Communion

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

6pm - Holden Evening Prayer Worship & Meal

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

9:30am - Holy Communion

Ash Wednesday

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Worship at 7pm w/ Imposition of Ashes



Daylight Savings Time begins on
March 10th. Remember to move
your clocks ahead one hour.