



MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER



Holy Week

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As Christians we spend our lives learning about Jesus Christ, trying to find out who that man from Nazareth, the Son of God, is. There have been thousands of books written, works of art done (paintings, drawings, sculptures), DVD's, workshops, lectures, seminaries, Bible translations, and more, produced to try and answer these questions. I don't know for sure, but I imagine there are more things written, (and all the things I mentioned above) about Jesus than any other person who ever lived.

Lent is a time to turn our attention to someone else – ourselves. Now is a good time to take stock of our good and bad attributes. What have we done well and where could we make improvements? If Jesus Christ stood before us, he would know every nook and cranny of our beings. I'm inviting you to do the same during this time of Lent. Write down everything about yourself, physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Write down the good and the bad and your confessions.

On Easter morning tear up that piece of paper into tiny pieces and throw it away. Jesus knows what you wrote down and has forgiven all your sins. Then you can truly shout "Alleluia". He is risen and delivered me from bondage of my past sins. I can start over clean from God's grace.

I hope to see you soon as we begin in-person worship services March 7 at 10. Stay safe. You are beloved. Pastor Rosemary

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Palm Sunday March 28 at 10 am

Maundy Thursday reading of the Passion April 1
at 7 pm in the sanctuary

Easter Sunday service of Word and Sacrament April 4 at 10 am



AMONG OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS



MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

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| 3/1 | Dee Schott | 3/9 | Jan Miller |
| 3/3 | Hayden Myers | 3/9 | Barb Whitaker |
| 3/8 | Nancy Eisenhauer | 3/12 | Carol Bulva |
| 3/8 | Donna Isselhard | 3/19 | Terry Kissel |
| 3/8 | Tiffany Baldwin | 3/20 | Mary Lou Baum |
| 3/9 | Ardella Morris | 3/30 | Ruth Ogles |

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES:

- 3/11 Pat Bregen & Larry Cates # 16
- 3/14 Mary Lou & Urban Baum # 57
- 3/16 Amy & Cody Brink #19
- 3/17 Tiffany Baldwin & Lew Thomasino #20
- 3/20 Jan & Tom Miller # 50



PRAYER LIST: We pray for the health and well-being of all affected by the pandemic and we especially pray for: Urban Baum, Rich Schmitt, Donna Isselhard, Shari Hamilton, Becky Ballard, P.J. Bennett.

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The UCCs One Great Hour of Sharing Special Mission Offering

will be received in worship on Sunday, **March 14, 2021**. Through the OGHS offering, seeds of new life are being planted by investments in communities world-wide by providing education to girls and boys, empowering communities through vocational training, supporting microcredit lending and seeing people through to self-sufficiency, empowering families with skills to support themselves and their neighbors, and participating in sustainable solutions that offer dignity to all. Please give generously and you can include your gift with your regular offering, just mark which portion is for OGHS, or use one of the special envelopes that will be provided on March 14. **This is one of the 5 for 5 collections.**

CHOIR

Hello to all of you! I hope you are well and weathering the pandemic as best you can. I don't know about you, but I am ready to sing. Easter is on the horizon and I am hoping to record an anthem to be played at our Easter Sunday service. This email is going out to regular members of St. John choir as well as some friends who may be willing to help us out.



Here is what I am thinking. On Saturday, March 27, at 1:00 p.m., we would gather at St. John to rehearse and record an anthem called "An Easter Fanfare", We will rehearse socially distant and masked in the sanctuary. As soon as we are ready that day we will record the anthem. I think we can spread ourselves out enough to be safe. I know some of us will have had our two Covid vaccinations by then.

Please let me know as soon as possible whether or not you can help us out. If we have enough voices, we will proceed. Those of you who attend St. John can pick up music on a Sunday morning starting March 7. If any of the rest of you want the music ahead of time, let me know and we will make arrangements to get it to you.

I hope to see you March 27 to sing the most joyous music of the church year!
Nancy

DON'T FORGET THE TIME CHANGE ON SUNDAY MARCH 14, WE RETURN TO DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME. You don't want to be late for church.



WOMEN'S EVENING CIRCLE

Ladies, hope your month of February went well I know some of you are finally getting your vaccination shots; Congratulations!!!!

March starts with the 7th being our first Sunday back to in-person church services; therefore, on MARCH 14th we will have a meeting after services in the sanctuary. Hope everyone can attend.

BAKE SALE, SUB SANDWICHES, TURTLES, & OFFERINGS

The Evening Circle was unable to have any of our regular fund-raisers or offerings. If anyone would like to make a one time donation on March the 14th, there will be a collection box in the narthex. Then we will distribute the donations in April (exact date will be announced later).

For March a Gaelic Blessing:

May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sunshine warm upon your face;
The rains fall soft upon your fields
And, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Eileen Gammon, Co-Chair

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 | 2 Bible Study at 7 pm | 3 | 4 AA Meeting | 5 | 6 Church in use by the quilters |
| 7 Service of Word & Sacrament 10 am | 8 | 9 Bible Study at 7 pm | 10 Church Council 7 pm Via Zoom | 11 AA Meeting | 12 | 13 Church in use by the quilters |
| 14 Worship at 10 am Daylight Savings Time | 15 | 16 Bible Study at 7 pm | 17 | 18 AA Meeting | 19 | 20 Drive thru Bridal Shower in parking lot. |
| 21 Worship at 10 am | 22 | 23 Bible Study at 7 pm | 24 | 25 AA Meeting | 26 | 27 |
| 28 Palm Sunday Worship at 10 am | 29 | 30 Bible Study at 7 pm | 31 | | | |
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