

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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News FROM THE PEWS

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March 2018

Lent Continues to Holy Week and Easter

As we continue through Lent in the month of March, we are reminded our journey leads to Holy Week and the celebration of Easter. Opportunities for worship and growth include:

- Lenten meals and worship:
March 7, soup supper hosted by the Choir at 6:00 pm
 Worship with faith sharing by Daryle Odden, 7:00 pm
March 14, soup supper hosted by Property & Finance at 6:00 pm
 Worship with faith sharing by Mike Kunka at 7:00 pm
March 21, soup supper hosted by Men's Square at 6:00 pm
 Worship with faith sharing by Judy Ericksen at 7:00 pm
- March 25, Palm Sunday worship at 10:00 am, beginning in the Sunshine Room to process with palms
- March 29, Maundy Thursday worship at 7:00 pm in the Sunshine Room (to include first Holy Communion for youth preparing in class.)
- March 30, Good Friday worship at noon at Central Christian Church (led by the Great Falls Ministerial Association.)
- March 30, Good Friday at 7:00 pm at Our Savior's (joined by First Presbyterian) service of Light and Darkness.
- April 1, Easter Sunrise worship at 7:00 am in the Sunshine Room with Holy Communion.
- April 1, Easter Celebration at 10:00 am with Holy Communion.

As the journey to the cross and empty tomb continue, may God's continued presence fill you with comfort and hope. Blessings, Pastor Anna

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Directory Update

Please update this address and phone number in your home directory:

David Evanko, The Lodge, 1801 9th St S, Room 116, Great Falls, MT 59405, 771-7440.

If you have any updates for the directory please let Emily in the church office know.



Notice to Thrivent Members

This is a reminder that if you have Thrivent Choice Dollars that are designated to some agency such as Our Savior's Lutheran Church, FISH, Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp or some other charity, and have not "spent" them in 2017, you have until March 31 to designate your dollars. This is necessary every year or it will not be sent out to the agency. Call 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice Dollars" to direct your contribution. The phones may be busy and you may be put on hold.

Our Savior's Lutheran Lenten Brunch



The Cross Our Faith

You are invited to Our Savior's Lutheran Lenten Bruch on Saturday, March 24 at 10:30 a.m. We will meet at the Meadow Lark Country Club, enjoy a lovely meal, and hear from a wonderful guest speaker, ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton. Tickets are \$15 and will be available after church on March 4th and 11th, and in the church office. The deadline for ticket purchase is March 12th. We hope to see you there for a morning of fun fellowship.

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Ellen Forslund	Worship & Music Director
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COUNCIL

Jerry Ramstead	761-6639	President
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MARCH SERVICE GROUP

*Bill Larson & Judy Ericksen	Dick Marberg
Jere & Rikki Lehman	Don Marberg
Bob & Lynne Lemke	Pat Marsden
Sharon LePard	Fred & Bonnie Martens
Catherine Lowden	Robbie Martens
Meredith Ludford	* <i>name is the month's coordinator</i>
Judy Ludtke	



Blessings to all who celebrate birthdays in:
March!

If we have missed anyone's birthday, please call the Church Office.

Trenton Olson	3/03	Madisen Sechena	
Paxton Stein		Teagan Olson	3/15
Luana Brown	3/07	Sean Dello Iacono	3/16
Ivan Konen	3/08	Ryan Long	3/18
Jennifer Moore		Jared Long	3/19
Tom Selstad		Rich Hamill	3/20
Tom Schule	3/09	Matthew Wade	
Samuel Turville		Jamie Kirkhart	3/22
Chad Anderson	3/10	Dayton Kolstad	
Judy Ludtke		Ellen Forslund	3/23
James Schaffel		Spencer Jovick	
Laura Wilson		Julie Swedberg	
Diane Mewes	3/12	Olivia Vanni	3/24
Darla Dillabough	3/14	Linda Lassila	3/25
Dakota Sechena		Lindsay Danielson	3/26



WELCA News

- Thank you to everyone who helped with the Shrove Tuesday event on February 13, 2018. Close to 60 people attended and enjoyed pancakes and sausages and good fellowship.
- WELCA Board Meeting will be Wednesday, March 14 at 1:15 p.m.
- Love Day will meet Thursday, March 1 and again on March 15 starting at 9:30 a.m. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy a time of fellowship and helping make beautiful quilts for Lutheran World Relief.
- CIRCLES-Martha Circle will meet Thursday, March 22, at the church at 10:30 a.m. Miriam Circle will meet Thursday, March 22, at Clarice Flanagan's at 1:30 p.m.
- The SPRING FAMILY BANQUET – honoring graduating seniors... will be coming in May. More details at a later date.

Young at Heart

Young at Heart will meet Monday, March 19th, at 1:00 pm in Lunde Hall. Program details are not yet finalized, but rest assured, we will continue our world journey and will have the chance to learn more about an interesting place and sample goodies from that country. Unfortunately, we had to cancel in February due to weather conditions. Our February speaker, Sheila Kelly, will be rescheduled to speak in one of the coming months. We are looking forward to hearing her story soon. Watch the Sunday bulletin and bulletin board posters for details concerning the March Young at Heart.



Book Club

The next Book Club gathering is Monday, March 26, at Juanita Hogenson's home.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – IT'S COMING AGAIN

The biennial **Rummage Sale** is scheduled for Saturday, June 9. Now is the perfect time to clear out that space in the garage or the storage area and donate your gently used items (no clothes, please) for the Rummage Sale. If you have questions, please be in contact with Jerry Ramstead.



Community Quilting

All are welcome to come for a time of quilting for others at New Hope Lutheran church, Monday, March 5, from 6:00-8:00 pm.



“My Neighbor is Muslim” Sunday Study

Using a resource written for Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, the study of Muslim faith continues through the Sundays in March. Come and join Pastor Anna in the Memorial Room at 11:15 for a time of learning and discussion.



Ladies: Let's Do Lunch

Come and enjoy lunch, fellowship, and one another's company at the next Ladies: Let's Do Lunch on Thursday, March 8, 11:45 am, at Rikki's Pasta and Pizza, 1220 9th St. S. Please let Pastor Anna know you plan to attend by Tuesday, March 6 (this is very important so the restaurant will have seats available for everyone). See you then!

YOUTH NEWS

- The next event for youth grades 1-12 led by counselors from Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp will be March 25 at First English Lutheran, 726 2nd Ave N. The time is 1:30-2:45 pm. Come for a fun time of learning and games.
- Pastor Anna will be volunteering as a pastor at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp the week of July 29-August 3. It's not too early to be planning your child's week at camp. Check out flbc.net for information and a schedule of camps offered (brochures are also available in the church office and upstairs at the back of the sanctuary). Those that register by April 1st get a \$50 savings. There are scholarships available - see Pastor Anna for more information and ask about an additional savings!



“Change for Change” Change



In March, the monthly “Change for Change” for hunger will be collected on the third Sunday of the month, March 18, to allow time for Jacob Kvale from FLBC on March 25 to talk about camp and camp scholarships.

**OUR SAVIOR’S LUTHERAN CHURCH
FINANCIAL REPORT**

January 2018		YEAR TO DATE	
Beginning Balance	0	Beginning Balance	0
General Offerings	12,464.41	Offerings YTD	12,464.41
Disbursements	16,511.12	Disbursements YTD	16,511.12
Ending Balance	-4,046.71	Ending Balance	-4,046.71

CHANGE FOR CHANGE
The January total was \$148.08
 Thank you for your generosity!



ROOF UPDATE

The balance of the Roof Loan is PAID IN FULL as of the end of February, 2018!!!!

First Quarter Special Offering Envelopes

The special envelopes in your boxes for 1st quarter will be designated for Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp (FLBC) camp Scholarships. Jacob Kvale from FLBC will be with Our Savior's on March 25th to talk more about the camp and its ministry with youth.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to order a lily for Easter Sunday Worship, you may do so by filling out the form below and placing it in the offering plate today or by dropping it off at the church office by March 18. Be sure to include \$10.00 to cover the cost of each plant you order. Checks should be made payable to OSLC, and marked “Easter Lily” on the memo line.



Name _____
 Envelope Number _____ Quantity _____
 In Memory of _____

 In Honor of _____
