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## Our Mission Statement

*Inviting all to grow in Christ!*



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### **Sunday, March 4th: The Third Sunday in Lent**

**John 2:13-22**

When we look carefully at the gospels, we find that Jesus was a pretty radical figure. He befriended the outcast ones, broke Sabbath rules, and made enemies. Today's story is in all four gospels, but only John puts it at the beginning of Jesus' ministry, alerting us that Jesus is about to turn the status quo on its head.

So, what does this mean for us as Christ's followers? I think it means we proclaim with zeal Jesus' radical message of love for neighbor, and in the face of hatred or injustice, we raise our voices and bravely speak truth to power. Emboldened and empowered by the Spirit, we do what Jesus would do.

### **Sunday, March 11: The Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**John 3:14-21**

In today's reading, Jesus declares that the light has come into the world, but the people love darkness more. Looking at the state of our world, it can feel like darkness is winning. There is so much shouting and so little listening. Fear seems to rule over all. We cower in shadowy corners, trying to hide the things in our lives we are not proud of or simply trying to stay out of the fray.

Jesus call to us: ***Come into the light!*** All attempts to hide our shortcoming and fears fail in the brightness of Christ. We are exposed. But Jesus' light isn't meant to condemn; instead it shines with forgiveness and illumines the way for us to see clearly how to share it with others!

### **Sunday, March 18: The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**John 12:20-33**

Some Greeks came to Philip asking to see Jesus. When Philip tells Jesus about them, Jesus begins to talk about his death and what it means to follow him. Many who came to see Jesus were tourists, just wanting to get a glimpse of him-surprised at his teaching, gawking at his miracles, curious about his followers. Were these Greeks tourists? I don't know, but Jesus challenges everyone who comes looking for him to believe and follow.

### **Sunday, March 25: Palm Sunday**

**Mark 14:1-15:47**

When stuff happens, suffering is often the result. Suffering is a common human experience, yet each person's suffering is uniquely his or her own. The next time you are sad, lonely, afraid, or depressed; the next time you are facing sickness or physical pain; the next time death draws near as someone you know and love comes to the end of his or her life; when finally your own time upon this earth draws to a close - remember Jesus. Call upon the vast, eternal reservoir of courage and hope available to you through his suffering and death.

Because Jesus embraced the cup of suffering and death, we are never alone in our suffering and dying. We are never without his divine help. We are never lost to his care and keeping.

*The above devotions are taken from the Christ in Our Home; January, February, March 2018; Augsburg Fortress*



Don't forget that Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 11th.

Remember to set your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.



Time to Spring Ahead



## Holy Week Events

Palm Sunday, March 25th at 9:00 am

Maundy Thursday, March 29th  
*Soup supper at 6:15; service at 7:00 pm*

Good Friday, March 30th at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 1st at 9:00 am  
*Please join us for an Easter Breakfast potluck from 8:15-8:45*

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**HEY KIDS...of ALL ages**

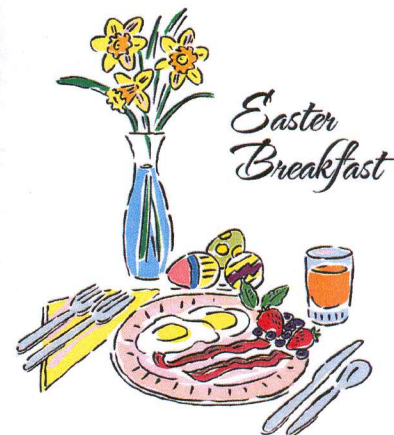


Join us Palm Sunday, March 25th, at 10:15 am for our annual Easter egg hunt. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun. Bring your Easter basket and meet in the fellowship hall at the end of the service.

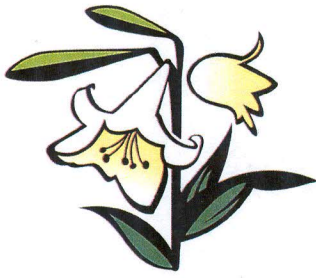
If anyone would like to donate candy and/or filled eggs, please bring them to the church office before March 25th. Thank you for your help.



Everyone is invited for an Easter Sunday Potluck Breakfast on April 1st from 8:00-8:45 am. Please sign up in the Narthex.







You may bring an Easter lily to decorate the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday. Your lily will be

placed around the altar in honor or memory of a loved one in celebration of Christ's resurrection. Please have them to the church office by Friday, March 30th. Be sure to take them home with you following the Easter worship service.



Like playing board games or cards games? Need someone to play with? Missing out on Bunco or other group activities?

Lord of Life is looking to bring back some of the food, fun, and fellowship gatherings. We would like everyone to be involved, so if there is an activity that you would like to do, be sure to contact Cindy Cassem or the church office with your request.

These will be scheduled early enough in the day, so night driving will not be an issue. Stay tuned for further information.

Can you knit, crochet, or sew? Audrey Flickinger has a Prayer Shawl/Blanket ministry for the members and friends of Lord of Life. If you want to help wrap someone in a warm hug infused with prayer, please contact Audrey. There are patterns for all skill levels. If you or anyone you know would like to receive a prayer shawl, please contact the church office. Thanks!



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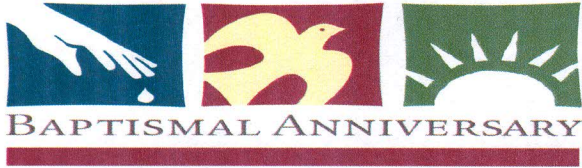
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**March:**

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 Maggie August  
 Fernando Garcia  
 Alivia Gardner

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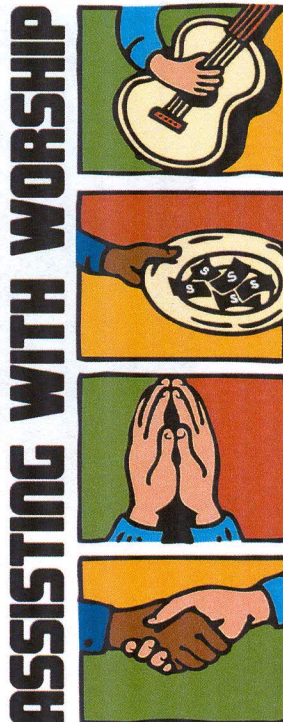
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 Joseph McMillian  
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 Pat Rupers  
 Larry Olson  
 Darlene Bueker  
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*If your baptism information is not included, or included in error, please contact the church office so that we may update our system. We would like to celebrate everyone's baptism anniversary, so please be sure to contact the church office with your information.*

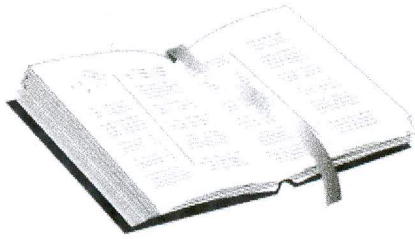


The family of Ira Yoder, Harold & Jeannine Lester, Gene Yoder, Bob & Oly Vernlund, Larry & Alice Olson, Jim & Cindy Cassem, Katherine Ward, David

**Please Pray For:** Johnson, Bill Shulin, Kathy Bickel, Susie Davis, Karen Ptacek, Louise Russell, Ann Miller, Carole Horton, Wendy Eder, Gi Pierce, Tarah Sheridan, Janice Gadbow, Mike Johnson, Patti Meyer, Dale Barnes, Floyd Johnson, Don Rasmussen, Laura Entrekin, Gail Paddock, Megan Kelley, Lola Booth, the family of Gerald Linker, Elisa Gonzalez, John Abramson, Mark Korshavn, Larry Wilderman, Kathy Bickel, Jeff Sims, Jack Hoffman, Janell Stanford; and all others needing God's healing touch.



*We are in serious need of volunteers for Sunday Worship: Assistant Ministers, Acolytes, Altar Care, Usher, and Refreshments. If you feel you are being called to help, please contact Marv Egeland or Becci in the church office. No singing required.*



# Easter Story

## Word Search

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MIRACLE  
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