

Faith Friends

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Lent at Faith!

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Lent is a season of forty days that begins six and a half weeks before Easter. The name itself—Lent—comes from lengthen-tide, the time of lengthening days: spring. As we look out on the fields covered with snow right now we are in a time of waiting and watching as the earth is resting before it prepares to grow new crops. During Lent our faith can grow and deepen to come forth renewed and strengthened at Easter. Lent is usually a more somber time but it is not without joy – we prepare with joy for that wonderful Easter morning!

Our Lenten focus this year is on discipleship. It is a time to concentrate on how to live, how to follow Jesus, how to be a disciple. Lent can be a time to deepen our life in Christ. It is a time for self-examination, spiritual cleansing, prayer, growth in faith and in disci-

pline. The traditional Lenten disciplines are prayer, fasting and the giving of alms. These help us focus on God and what is essential in life. Lent is a journey of conversion, a time that shows us we are utterly dependent on God's grace. On Wednesday evenings we will be learning how to be a disciple thru Lenten dramas. We hope that they will give you some thought about what discipleship means both for Lent and throughout the church year. Each week will be a description of what it means to be a disciple from the views of the twelve disciples. Come and join us at 6:15 on Wednesday evenings for a worship of learning about discipleship.

Lent, of course, begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14th. We will be having an Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 p.m. with distribution of ashes and time for reflection.

~ Barb Wawrzyniak

Worship on Wednesday!

Even with frigid temps and plenty of bugs going around, WOW is still going strong! The kids sing in church on the fourth Sunday of the month, so please come to hear their hard work. There are a few kids interested in going to Clearwater Forest Camp this summer so please join us for the Campers Brunch on Palm Sunday after Church. We will be having VBS this summer so please consider helping to make the week a successful one.

~ Donna Morang, CE Director



SESSION REPORT

Another year gone and a new one has begun. The session has met with the new members and have begun with committee assignments. The committees and their session members are listed below, if you have any questions or concerns please contact these members.

Buildings & Maintenance: Brent Posusta, Jerry Quast
 Budget & Finance: Margie Nelsen
 Christian Education: Donna Morang
 Membership: Margie Nelsen
 Memorial: Gary Warner
 Mission: Jan Wanous
 Nominating Committee: Brent Posusta, Donna Morang, Margie Nelsen
 Personnel: Doris Jerabek, Bruce Svanda
 Worship & Music: Laura Pieper

2018 guarantees many changes in our church, the MIF is okayed meaning we're in the Presbyterian search throughout the United States, so we're looking forward to looking through the resumes and hopefully finding a match.

Gary Warner,
Clerk of Session



NEWS & NOTES!

It seems that just a few weeks ago we were celebrating Christmas and singing the wonderful carols of the season, but Lent is soon upon us and our songs change to more reflective and solemn songs. We'll be singing songs of love and grace thru Jesus Christ. Throughout Holy Week our songs of Hosanna on Palm Sunday will culminate on Easter morning with songs of Joy and Resurrection. My Lord, What a Morning when the Son of God arose!

~ Submitted by Barb Wawrzyniak

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Thanks to all who donated diapers and toiletries this Christmas season for Common Cup distribution. Common Cup served approximately 40 children each month with diapers in 2017 and approximately 140 persons/families with provisions or personal products (popp).

Special thanks for the continuing donations for the back pack program and to those who help pack 31 bags a week! Because of our church family's generosity we have been able to provide extra hot chocolate every week.

March is Food Shelf Month!!! All donations are matched during the month,, so lets help feed the county's needy. In past years we have surpassed a goal of \$350 and 350 pounds of food; lets do that again!

A new mission project here at Faith is a "change jar." The last Sunday of the month a jar will be put out to collect your spare change. Collect your change all month and bring it on the last Sunday. It will be used for local 'helping hand' projects.

~ Jan Wanous, Mission

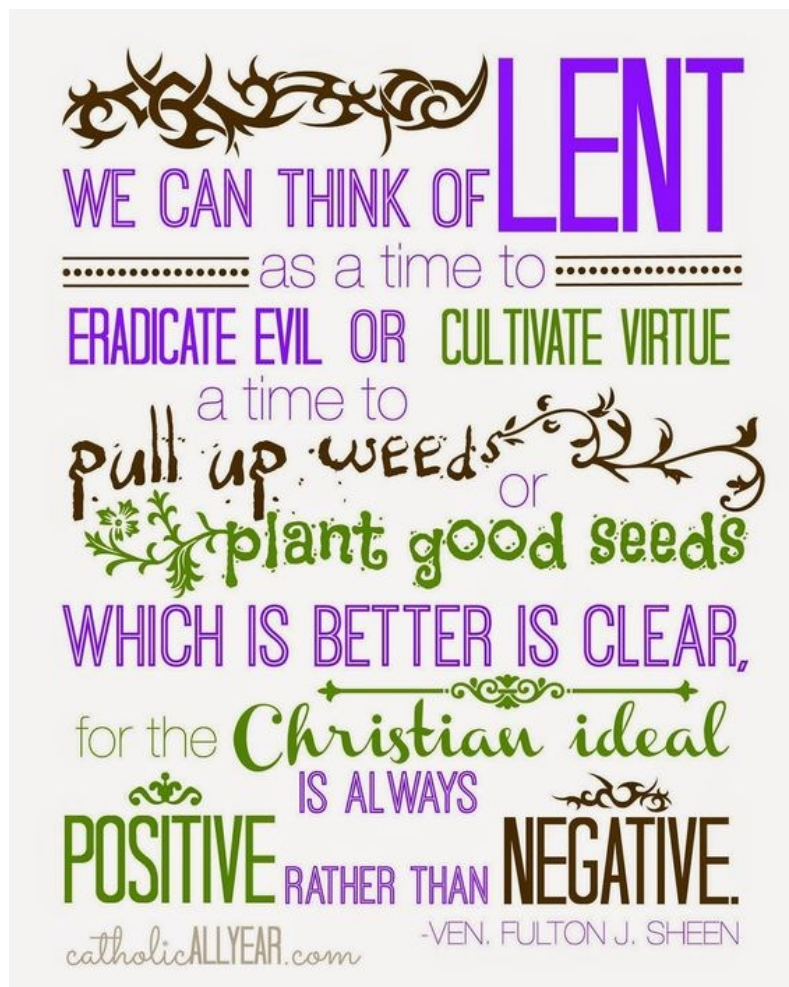
There is one who scatters,
 yet increases more;
 And there is one who withholds more
 than is right,
 But it leads to poverty.

The generous soul will be made rich,
 And he who waters
 will also be watered himself.

~Proverbs 11:24-25

LENTEN MEALS!

The Presbyterian Women will again be hosting a light meal before the Lenten Wednesday Services. The meal is free will donation and will begin at 5:30 pm. WOW children are invited to attend along with all members and friends.



- ✓ Fast from HURTING WORDS and say KIND WORDS.
- ✓ Fast from SADNESS and be filled with GRATITUDE.
- ✓ Fast from ANGER and be filled with PATIENCE.
- ✓ Fast from PESSIMISM and be filled with HOPE.
- ✓ Fast from WORRIES and TRUST IN GOD.
 - ✓ Fast from COMPLAINTS and contemplate SIMPLICITY.
 - ✓ Fast from PRESSURES and be PRAYERFUL.
- ✓ Fast from BITTERNESS and fill your heart with JOY.
- ✓ Fast from SELFISHNESS and be COMPASSIONATE to others.
- ✓ Fast from GRUDGES and be RECONCILED.
- ✓ Fast from WORDS and be SILENT, so you can listen.

~ Pope Francis

LENTEN DEVOTIONS!

Our devotion this year is entitled "Psalms for Lent: Devotions for the Sacred Season" by Jane Wilke. It uses the ancient songbook of the Psalms to help us walk our Lenten journey with an eye towards Christ. They will be available to pick up starting the Sunday before Ash Wednesday.



HOLY HUMOR

It is March 2, the third Friday of Lent, and a faithful parishioner stumbles through pouring rain past hamburger huts and steak houses into the monastery at Mount Angel and requests shelter. He's just in time for dinner and was treated to the best fish and chips he's ever had.

After dinner, he goes into the kitchen to thank the chefs. He's met by two brothers, "Hello, I'm Brother Michael, and this is Brother Francis."

"I'm very pleased to meet you. I just wanted to thank you for a wonderful dinner. The fish and chips were the best I've ever tasted. Out of curiosity, who cooked what?"

Brother Michael replies, "Well, I'm the fish friar."

The man turns to the other brother and says, "Then you must be . . ."

"Yes, I'm afraid I'm the chip monk."

40 NOTES IN 40 DAYS

CULTIVATING RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH LENT

For forty days (take Sundays off, or use them to catch up. There's no mail anyway), write a note to someone in your life. This list is a suggestion for someone to think of. Pray for the person you want to write to first, then write a note. You can tell them what you're doing. You can tell them why you thought of them, Or you can just keep it secret and keep it as simple as, "I was just thinking of you. I said a prayer for you today, and I hope you are doing well."

Write a note to someone who:

1. Start with a note to yourself. Who are you most looking forward to contacting? Open on Easter.
2. Is in need of healing.
3. Walks to the beat of their own drummer.
4. You taught.
5. You share a secret with.
6. Taught you a valuable lesson.
7. Is family.
8. Once gave you good advice.
9. Is a part of your chosen family.
10. You admire.
11. You have not seen in at least a year.
12. A random person on your friends list.
13. Was a classmate.
14. You once got into trouble with.
15. Could (but won't) blackmail you.
16. Is good at their job.
17. Inspires you.
18. You need to forgive.
19. Once forgave you.
20. Is struggling.
21. You met in the last six months.
22. You've known as long as you can remember.
23. Might be lonely.
24. Shares an inside joke with you.
25. Is or was your pastor.
26. Is mourning.
27. You are proud of.
28. Is a mother-figure.
29. Is a father-figure.
30. Is a good dancer.
31. Hurt you.
32. Someone who does a service for you (like a postal carrier or regular server at a restaurant).
33. Knows your nickname you try to forget.
34. Is really smart.
35. Works for justice.
36. Is a peacemaker.
37. You once shared a great meal with.
38. Walked with you through the valley of the shadow of death.
39. You have seen transform.
40. Happy Easter. Open your note.

PW NOTES

We have had a few new things this past year. We now have Bible Study at 2 PM after our regular meetings on the first Wednesday of the month. We appreciate anyone who cares to attend either the PW meeting or come at 2 PM for Bible Study. Its very interesting and helps us to learn more about our Bibles.

We plan to have Lenten Meals again this year. We donated to GSL school monies for snacks for needy children.

Donation was made to Food Shelf.

We appreciate all the women of the church who help with these projects as it helps keep our church going.

If you can please join us whenever you can so you to can learn what we do at our meetings. All PW women of the church are important to the work of the church.

~ Donna Holm, Secretary

MUSIC & WORSHIP

The Music and Worship Committee meets monthly to plan worship services and activities. Supply pastors are in place thru February. Ash Wednesday will be a regular worship service with distribution of ashes. Weekly Lenten services will be held each Wednesday thereafter. The services will be handled by the Music and Worship Committee. The evening will begin with a light meal at 5:30 PM and service at 6:15 PM. Maundy Thursday, March 29, service with communion. A Good Friday service is yet to be determined. Palm Sunday, March 25, a regular service. Easter, April 1 will have a Sunrise Service with fellowship after, and the regular service at 10 AM. Lenten devotionals have again been ordered and will be placed by the front door and Fireside Room.

Celebration of Women Service will be held in early March.

The Pocket Change Sunday was held Jan. 28 with good results. Watch Sunday bulletin for amount collected. Remember this will be an on-going event every last Sunday of the month. Jars will be placed at both entrances where you can empty your pockets. The money will be used for a worthy cause.

~ Dorothy Merrill

DEACON'S REPORT

Deacon's Mission Statement: God's People, in God's Place, doing God's Work.

The Deacon's meet the second Sunday of each month following the worship service. We want to thank our outgoing class of 2017 – Margie Fronk, Mary Beth Chmielewski and Carol Denneson. Our new members for 2018 are JoLen Bentz, Betty Williams and Doris Wraspir who join Linda Prochaska, Jacki Rossi, Helen Jensen, Joy Nunvar, Barb Quast and Joleen Nowak.

Mark **Friday, February 9th** on your calendar to join your fellow Presbyterians for the steak fry at the Silver Lake Legion. Bring your family and friends, the more the merrier! Call to order your steaks/chops/shrimp (and all the fixings) before noon that Friday. The number is **(320) 327-2404**. Grills are ready from 6:00 – 7:30pm and volunteer Legion members grill your meal for you. The cost varies depending on what meat your order. If you'd like to attend, but are hesitant to drive in the cold and dark, call Joleen at (320) 583-1060 and we will make arrangements to provide transportation.

The Deacons will be planning and hosting a spaghetti dinner after worship on **Sunday, March 18**. There is no cost, this is our gift to you. Hope to see you there!

We continue on with our work with prayer concerns, visiting/contacting shut-ins, cards being sent for birthdays, thinking of you, sympathy and get well, as well as providing meals for those that might need a little helping hand. We are also available to provide transportation for appointments or errands.

As always, if you ever have any comments or suggestions, please pass them along to any one of us.

~ Submitted by Joleen Nowak, Deacon Chair

Spaghetti
Dinner
March 18th
After Worship



BIBLE SUPER QUIZ

Score 1 point for each correct answer on the Elementary Level, 2 points on the High School Level and 3 points on the College Level.

Topic: The Season of Lent

Elementary Level

1. On what day does Lent start?
2. How long does lent last?

High School Level

3. What is the name of day before Lent starts?
4. On what day does Lent end?

College Level

5. What does *lencten*, the old English word from which we get the name *Lent*, mean?
6. Did Jesus observe Lent?

Answers:

1. Ash Wednesday 2. Forty days, not counting Sundays 3. Mardi Gras, Carnival, Fat Tuesday, Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Tuesday. 4. Good Thursday/Mundy Thursday 5. Spring (the days are lengthening) 6. No, we observe Lent based on his 40 days in the wilderness.

SCORING:

12 points: congratulations, Pastor; 9 to 11 points: WOW Teacher!; 6 to 10 points: Confirmation Student; 2 to 5 points: WOW Student; 0 to 1 point: time to stay awake in church!



NEXT NEWSLETTER

If you have something you would like to see in the next newsletter, or in our newsletter in general please leave a message with the church secretary and she will see what she can do.

Next newsletter Deadline is May 15th.

Also, if you would like to receive the newsletter via e-mail instead of the postal service please send an e-mail to the church office with 'Electronic Newsletter' in the subject line.

If you would like to stop receiving the newsletter, please just let the church know.

Lucas Morang's 11th Annual Old Fashion Coffee Klatch & Silent Auction

Date: April 21st

Time: 10 am—1pm

Place: Duran's Photography Winsted
135 1st St N (Lakeside)

Lucas' Coffee Klatch is a time for hot coffee, sweet treats and fun.

If you would like to make a donation, please contact Lucas, Duncan or Donna.

100% of the money raised goes to Starkey Hearing Foundation

SPECIAL REQUEST!

The new member directory will soon be out. Many people no longer have landlines, and we would like to request that if you no longer have a landline, would you please share a cell phone number you would preferred to be reached at? Information can be sent to faithfriends@embarqmail.com, or left at the church in the Secretary's mailbox. Thank you!

~Mary Beth Chmielewski
Church Secretary

Camper's Brunch



Palm Sunday!
March 25th



From 11:15 until the food is gone!

Menu: Egg bake, fruit, juice and coffee

Cost: Free will donation

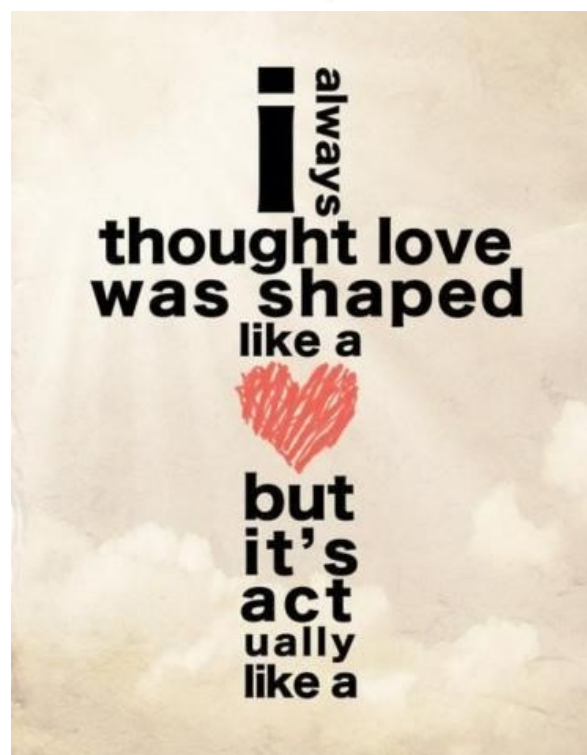
All proceeds will go towards helping kids from Faith Presbyterian go to Clearwater Forest Camp this summer.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS ~ LENT 2018

February 7th	1 pm Presbyterian Women's Meeting 2 pm Bible Study 6-7 pm WOW Church School 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:15 pm Music & Worship Meeting
February 9th	Steaks at the Legion with the Deacons
February 11th	10 am Worship Service with Fellowship after Deacon's Meeting after Worship
February 14th	No WOW 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service Choir Practice after Service
February 18th	8:45 am Handbells Practice 10 am Worship Service with Fellowship after Mariner's Luncheon and Meeting at Unhinged Pizza after Worship
February 21st	5:30 pm Lenten Meal 6-7 pm WOW Church School 6:15 pm Lenten Worship Service Choir Practice after Service
February 24th	Elder/Deacon's Workshop in Redwood Falls
February 25th	8:45 am Handbells Practice 10 am Worship Service with Fellowship after
February 28th	5:30 pm Lenten Meal 6-7 pm WOW Church School 6:15 pm Lenten Worship Service Choir Practice after Service
March 4th	8:45 am Handbells Practice 10 am Communion Service with Fellowship After
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March 15th	6:30 pm Session Meeting
March 18th	8:45 am Handbells Practice 10 am Worship Service Deacon's Spaghetti Dinner after Service
March 21st	5:30 pm Lenten Meal 6-7 pm WOW Church School 6:15 pm Lenten Worship Service Choir Practice after Service
March 25th	8:45 am Handbells Practice 10 am Palm Sunday Service 11:15 am Camper's Brunch
March 28th	6-7 pm WOW Church School 6:30 pm Choir Practice
March 29th	6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service
April 1st	8 am Sunrise Service 10 am Easter Worship Service

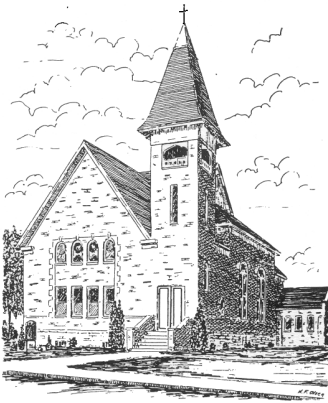
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Lent and Easter Schedule

February 14th Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 pm

Wednesday's during lent (excluding Holy Week)

5:30 pm Light Supper

6-7 pm WOW classes

6:15 pm Lent Service

March 25th

10 am Palm Sunday Service

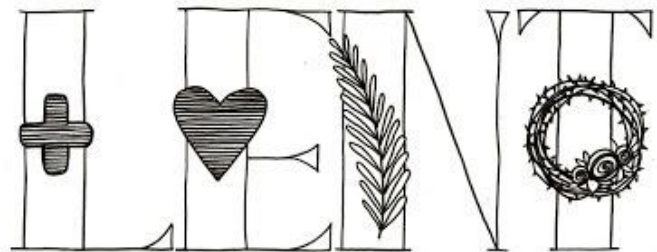
March 29th

6:30 pm Maundy Thursday

April 1st

8 am Sunrise Service

10 am Easter Sunday Service



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