



# March Newsletter

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

We are nearing Easter day by day. While Lenten services may not always be widely attended, Easter Sunday is rivaled only by Christmas services. As we are in this Lenten season and are approaching Easter, it is important that we recognize the importance of proclaiming the Gospel and your ability to do just that. The Gospel of Christ's love, forgiveness, and mercy for you is a gift. A gift that we are given through Jesus' death and resurrection; through the waters of baptism; and the body and blood of Holy Communion. And this is a gift that we are to share, especially in the time of year when people are wondering whether or not they should find some sort of church service to attend!

The Apostle Paul to the Corinthians: <sup>1</sup> *When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. <sup>2</sup> For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. <sup>3</sup> And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup> My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup> so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.*"

Let's think about shiny new toys for a moment. Is there something that you have either received or purchased that you just couldn't play with or use for fear that it would lose its "newness"? Perhaps you got yourself a new vehicle but refused to drive it unless it was 75 and sunny outside. Or you remember a toy from childhood that no one, not even you, could play with because then it wouldn't be "new" anymore. We get very possessive of our things. We want them to

hold their value for as long as physically possible. We like to hold out for the "if we would ever get rid of it, we will get our money back" factor.

I'll cut to the chase: you have been given the gift of the forgiveness of all of your sins, everlasting life, and true freedom in Christ. Why is it that so often we feel the need to qualify ourselves to use that shiny gift. As if it is too nice, too expensive, and we don't want to be responsible for damaging this gift. Why is it that we feel that in expressing or speaking about this gift of faith we might show signs of weakness and trembling?

Christ has not freed us so that we might store up this gift of faith, put it in a little box, and cherish it forever. Rather Christ has freed us so that we do not need to fear any trembling or weakness! Christ has freed us to live as His Father's creatures not worrying about whether we are good enough to be His servants and disciples. This is what Paul is saying in the beginning of chapter 2 of his first letter to the people of Corinth. You do not need big, theological words to proclaim Christ and him crucified. You do not need the wisdom of the world to know and deliver the love and mercy of God. As Paul notes, the only thing you need is the Spirit and the power of God. And guess where that comes from? Not deep inside of you, but from God himself. So wherever or whenever you feel nervous about delivering some sort of Word, may you know that any Word of Truth, Grace, or Forgiveness comes to you and through you by the Holy Spirit. May that bring you peace!

This is most certainly true.

*Pastor Maxwell Whitehead*



# March Calendar

## Sunday, March 03

9:15 AM Sunday School  
**10:30AM Worship Service (Communion)**  
 11:30 AM Council Mtg

## Wednesday, March 06

2:00 PM Bible Study  
~~3:45 PM~~ NO Jr. VCIS  
~~5:30 PM~~ NO Confirmation  
 7:00 PM Lenten Service  
 8:00 PM VCIS

## Sunday, March 10

9:15 AM Sunday School  
**10:30AM Worship Service (Traditional)**

## Wednesday, March 13

2:00 PM Bible Study  
~~3:45 PM~~ NO Jr. VCIS  
~~5:30 PM~~ NO Confirmation  
 7:00 PM Lenten Service  
 8:00 PM VCIS

## Sunday, March 18

9:15 AM Sunday School  
**10:30 AM Worship Service (Communion)**

## Wednesday, March 20

2:00 PM Bible Study  
~~3:45 PM~~ NO Jr. VCIS  
~~5:30 PM~~ NO Confirmation  
 7:00 PM Lenten Service  
 8:00 PM VCIS

## Sunday, March 25

**10:30 AM Worship Service (Contemporary)**  
 10:15 AM Sunday School

## Wednesday, March 27

2:00 PM Bible Study  
~~3:45 PM~~ NO Jr. VCIS  
~~5:30 PM~~ NO Confirmation  
 8:00 PM VCIS

## Maundy Thursday, March 28

7:00 PM Worship Service @ SVLC

## Good Friday, March 29

7:00 PM Worship Service @ OSLC

## Sunday, March 31

**10:30 AM Worship Service (Communion)**  
 10:15 AM Sunday School



# March Worship Helpers

## Sunday, March 03

Reader ..... Mitch Larsen  
 Acolytes ..... Andrew Spangler & Katie Spangler  
 Communion Asst. .... Parker Christensen  
 Live Stream ..... Janet Munkvold  
 Organist/Pianist ..... Brenda Whitehead

## Sunday, March 10

Reader ..... Faydra Christensen  
 Acolytes ..... Kaleb Huber & Ryker Larsen  
 Live Stream ..... Janet Munkvold  
 Organist/Pianist ..... Annet Kropuenske

## Sunday, March 17

Reader ..... Amie Larsen  
 Acolytes ..... Lincoln Mellen & Braxton Sorensen  
 Communion Asst. .... Zoey Christensen  
 Live Stream ..... Janet Munkvold  
 Organist/Pianist ..... Annet Kropuenske

## Sunday, March 24

Reader ..... Amie Larsen  
 Acolytes ..... Nora Rudd & Emily Ludens  
 Communion Asst. .... Brooklyn Ludens  
 Live Stream ..... Janet Munkvold  
 Organist/Pianist ..... Praise Band

## Maundy Thursday, March 28

Reader ..... Tonya Rudd  
 Communion Asst ..... Parker Christensen  
 Live Stream ..... Janet Munkvold  
 Organist/Pianist ..... Praise Band

## Easter Sunday, March 31

Reader ..... Youth/Luther League  
 Acolytes ..... Andrew Spangler & Katie Spangler  
 Communion Asst. .... All Luther League  
 Live Stream ..... Janet Munkvold  
 Organist/Pianist ..... Annet Kropuenske

# March Scripture Readings

**March 03:** Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22

**March 10:** Numbers 21:4-9, Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22, Ephesians 2:1-10, John 3:14-21

**March 17:** Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16, Hebrews 5:5-10, John 12:20-33

**March 24:** Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16

**March 28:** Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14, Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, John 13:1-17, 31b-35

**March 29:** Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Psalm 22, Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9, John 18:1-19:42

**March 31:** Isaiah 25:6-9, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Acts 10:34-43, John 20:1-18

# March Helpers

## March Ushers

Randy & Charlene Overgard  
Tim & Tammy Sorensen  
Troy & Kayla Larsen

## Cleaners Mar 3 -16

Tammy Zimmerman  
Tonya Rudd  
Kelli Zimmerman  
Amy Christensen  
Emily Thompson

## Cleaners Mar 17 - 30

Rita Westergard  
Wanda Kost  
Charlene Overgard  
Gail Anderson  
Kristi Johnson

## Cleaners Mar 31 - Apr13

Pam Ludens  
Sarah Ludens  
Lynne Elcock  
Kari Novak  
Tammy Sorensen

# Looking Ahead To April

## Wednesday, April 03

2:00 PM Bible Study  
3:45 PM Jr. VCIS  
5:30 PM Confirmation  
7:00 PM Lenten Service  
8:00 PM VCIS

## Sunday, April 07

9:15 AM Sunday School  
**10:30AM Worship Service (Communion)**  
11:30 AM Council Mtg

## Wednesday, April 10

2:00 PM Bible Study  
3:45 PM Jr. VCIS  
5:30 PM Confirmation  
7:00 PM Lenten Service  
8:00 PM VCIS

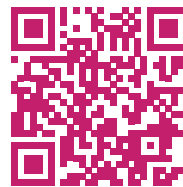
## Sunday, April 14

9:15 AM Sunday School  
**10:30AM Worship Service (Traditional)**

# ATTENTION SVLC YOUTH!!

**There is no Confirmation or Jr. VCIS during the Lenten season (through Mar 31.) VCIS will meet at 8PM rather than 7:00PM. We will resume regular scheduling the first Wednesday after Easter Sunday.**

*"12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." 1 Cor 12:12*



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# AS ONE BODY WE ARE THE CHURCH

**MARCH 2024**

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# DEADLINE

The April Newsletter Deadline is March 23. Submissions after the deadline are not guaranteed inclusion into the newsletter. **Please submit all articles and information on time. Thank you!**

## Thank You Volunteers! You are very appreciated!

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## Wednesday Lenten Worship Schedule

March 6 .....	Time: 7:00PM	Preacher: Pastor Kent	"Son...Mother/The Good Samaritan"
			Location: First Baptist Church
March 13 .....	Time: 7:00PM	Preacher: Pastor Max	"I Thirst/The Rich Man & Lazarus"
			Location: Church of the Nazarene
March 20 .....	Time: 7:00PM	Preacher: Bethel Rep.	"Why Forsaken?/Widow & Judge"
			Location: Spring Valley Lutheran Church
March 27, Maundy Thursday .....	Time: 7:00PM	Preacher: Pastor Max	"Finished/The Wedding Feast"
			Location: Spring Valley Lutheran Church
March 28, Good Friday .....	Time: 7:00PM	Pastor Max & Youth	"Jesus On The Cross"
		Pastor Max & his Youth will be putting on a skit/reenactment of sorts in the Parish Hall lot.	

## Living Last Supper

Every other year, the local community comes together for a truly inspiring event. Men and musicians, along with Vonni Knudtson, put on a play that will immerse you in the story of the Last Supper. You will witness the disciples' gathering at the table and feel their passion and devotion, leaving you with a renewed sense of inspiration and purpose. A free will offering each night will go towards a local charity of our choosing.

Make plans to attend!

- March 24 at 5:00 PM ..... Scandia Lutheran in Centerville
- March 25 at 7:00 PM ..... Grace Lutheran in Parker
- March 26 at 6:00 PM ..... Holy Cross Lutheran in Sioux Falls
- March 27 at 7:00PM..... Dow Rummel Village—Assisted Living in Sioux Falls