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14"...we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but **perfect love casts out fear**; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also."

~ 1 John 4: 14-21

Greetings, Church!

As it seems the wintry weather will not abate, so it sometimes seems that the events of life that create chaos, sorrow, suffering, and discord will not leave us. We live in a fallen world.

Lent begins Wednesday, March 6. Ash Wednesday is a service of worship that helps us name and acknowledge the darkness of life, taking us through a season that names despair and the burial we have as people who seek resurrection. "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." John 12: 24 The reality of our world is that we die over and over, daily, as we attempt to live into Jesus' way of loving, of forgiving, of serving one another. The season of Lent helps us name the distinct discomfort such daily dying offers us.

Fear is a big part of following the ways of God. Fear comes from a sense of being in danger...danger of losing our own sense of control, danger of being rejected as we reach out in love, danger of being misconstrued as we attempt to be a bit different than we have been in the past. Fear is also about the reverence we have toward God—fear that is full of awe at the profound, omniscient, unbounded nature of this "being" who is all in all.

In our humility at this continual discovery of the vastness of God, in our desire to not change and yet to serve God, we are told repeatedly, "Be not afraid." We are asked to live into God's ways without human fear, trusting that God will make all things, including us, new.

For this Lenten season, then, our focus will be on the verse from 1 John 4: 18: "Perfect love casts out fear." We are told that God is love (1 John 4: 4 & 8). To believe that God is love is to have something positive to cling to in a world that throws at us, over and over, ways to suffer, ways to become bitter, ways to become hateful.

Each Sunday, we will look at the texts and find ways to seek a faithful response that gets to the heart of the fear we live into on our own. Each Wednesday, we will hear a message that pulls us into awareness of where love empowers us over fear.

We will have soup suppers before each Wednesday evening, beginning at 5:45 with worship at 6:30. On Wednesday evening, March 27, Bishop Rinehart of the Gulf Coast Synod will be our guest speaker. We will use the "Unfailing Light" setting that we learned last Lent and pray that it holds meaning for you.

It is my prayer that we begin, again to look for the hope God offers us in every situation. God always provides a way out! (1 Cor 10:14) It is my prayer that we boldly share the love of God we have received, such that everyone we meet would like to know more about our motivation, which is to share that love so that everyone knows about this God who is love.

It sounds simple. It seems like it has no difficult parts to it, this love God offers us. Yet we know that in a world brimming with disease, frustrating theologies, open discord, anger, hunger, and a yearning for belonging, the message of unconditional, total acceptance and love seems too good to be true. And it is. God's love is true and real.

Blessings be yours, Pastor Amy

Monthly
Musings

What's Up in March

March Birthdays

Neal Roch	03/01
Carla Wilson	03/01
Bud Benson	03/02
Bill Lindholm	03/02
Melissa Woeppel	03/02
Jeanne Lucas	03/03
Joyce Englund	03/05
Chock Hefner	03/05
Linda Hubalek	03/07
Sharon Bruce	03/09
Andy Carlson	03/09
Mark Lucas	03/14
Diana Saunders	03/16
Dave Carlson	03/20
Bryant Wilson	03/27
Gay Lindholm	03/29

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Anniversary

Tyler and Rachel Atkinson 3/19

COME ONE COME ALL !!
BINGO at Bethany Home
Monday, March 11, 2:45 p.m.

- **Thursdays** 9:00 at church Women's Coffee (stop in for a few minutes or stay a while.)
 - **Thursdays** 12:00-1:00 Moms in Prayer at Barbara's, 405 N. Chestnut, (when school is in session) Join in prayer for our precious children here in Lindsborg and across the world.
 - **Friday, March 1**, 2:00 p.m. WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE at St. Bridget's Catholic Church. Both men and women are invited to join in prayer with others around the world.
 - **Thursday, March 7**, 3:00 Purlettes at Assisted Living. Some of us bring handwork, but most of us don't. We are too busy talking, listening and laughing. Our purpose in getting together is to enjoy each other.
 - **Monday, March 11**, 2:45pm, BINGO at Bethany Home. Volunteers, men and women, are needed to help the residents enjoy the game and coffee afterward.
 - **Thursday, March 14**, 7:00pm, CAFÉ, (place TBA). Enjoy discussing a current topic from a faith perspective.
 - **Wednesday, March 27**, 10 a.m. MESSIAH CHURCH WOMEN FELLOWSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY will meet in the MORNING at Assisted Living. Sharon Bruce will be the hostess, and Lois Carlson will lead the Bible study.
- S.A.L.T. (Single Adults Living Today) TBA
- Save the Date - Saturday, April 27, 9:30 - 1:30 **SMOKY VALLEY CLUSTER MEETING** at St. John's Church, Salina

NATIONAL QUILTING DAY CELEBRATED MARCH 18

"Those who sleep under a quilt, sleep under a blanket of love."

The quote is from a Lutheran World Relief article which goes on to say - "For nearly 70 years compassionate people just like you have put their faith into action and made quilts for people in need around the world. And not just a few quilts - hundreds of thousands of quilts every year. Those gifts of love made life brighter, softer and a bit more comfortable for our neighbors around the world struggling with displacement, chronic poverty, illness, natural disaster or conflict . . . Your faithfulness in sharing your gifts and time weave the Holy Spirit into each and every quilt sent around the world. We at Lutheran World Relief thank God for you every day!" - Melanie Gibbons, quilt and kit ministry manager at LWR

Here at Messiah we are part of this ministry. Some members lovingly create many, many beautiful quilts every year! Others have also caught their spirit and are talking of having an all-day or two workshop at church to cut fabric, arrange it into patterns, sew and tie. We did this one time years ago and hope to do it again.

You do not have to be an exceptionally talented seamstress to be a part of this quilting project, whether you are male or female, you can help! If you can sew a straight line, you can help. If you can iron a seam, you can help. If you can cut fabric, you can help. Our workshop will be more than one day and will be held during the day and evenings, so you can come help all day or a couple of hours.

You may also help by donating supplies or money to purchase supplies, if you'd like. Just make your check out to Messiah Church and put 'quilting supplies' in the memo. We can also use donations of fabric. Please be sure the fabric is sturdy, and washable such as cotton, cotton blends, twill, corduroy, polyester knits, and fleece. Sheets can be used for quilt backs, and

blankets and mattress pads can be used as filler after cutting off the elastic. Crochet cord is used to tie the quilts. Please think about donating some of these items if you have them at home or see them in thrift shops.

If you have questions about the project, or if this would be something you'd enjoy being a part of, please let Sherry know.

Dates for this project will be announced later. It won't be on National Quilting Day, March 18, but we can celebrate it any time!



There is a new flower chart in the hallway going into Fellowship Hall. Please feel free to sign up to furnish flowers for worship in celebration of special family events, to God's glory, or other

LINDSBORG COLLECTS



It's time to feature your special Lindsborg art piece as organizers prepare for the 7th "Lindsborg Collects ..." exhibition held this year from March 24th to April 21st at 105 N. Main St., Lindsborg.

Anyone living in the 67456 zip code area may share an art piece from a Lindsborg or Bethany College related artist for the exhibit and also a story about how it was acquired. Contact Carol Gusenius, 785-906-0285 or gusenius@cox.net with any questions you may have.

Are you curious about poverty in the community and what it takes to overcome it? STEP MC participants would love to share their powerful stories with you!

You're invited!

What: STEP MC Share Night

When: Monday, March 11, 2019

Time: 6:00-7:00 pm

Where: Messiah Lutheran Church fellowship hall
402 N. First Street, Lindsborg

****Cookies will be served****

What is Share Night?

Share Night is an opportunity for Team Leaders to share a part of their journey out of poverty. Team Leaders will share challenges they have overcome, knowledge they have gained, and dreams they are working toward.

Join us to learn more about STEP MC, to encourage others, and to take the first step to engaging in new, intentional friendships.

Need more information?

Contact the STEP MC-Smoky Valley Coach:
Rindi Guldner 785-577-9285





Messiah Festival Holy Week Events

A Celebration of the Smoky Valley (Palm Sunday)

Sunday, April 14--3:00 PM--Presser Hall Auditorium

Tickets are \$10 online and \$13 at the door.

"A Celebration of the Smoky Valley" featuring the Bethany Oratorio Society and students from Salina Central High School, Southeast of Saline High School, Smoky Valley High School, and Inman High School. This concert will feature students from area high schools performing on their own and with the 300 member Bethany Oratorio Society. The Oratorio Society will perform seven selections as accompaniment to writings Bethany Professor Emeritus Linda Lewis has compiled, which highlight the legacy left by prominent past residents of the Smoky Valley, including Birger Sandzen, Carl Aaron Swensson, and Alma Louise Olson. Selections will include, "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arranged by Mack Wilberg, "I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me" by Hubert Parry, and "M.L.K." originally performed by U2 and arranged for choir by Bob Chilcot.

Recital featuring *Messiah* soloists

Tuesday, April 16--7:30 PM--Messiah Lutheran Church

Student Honors Recital

Thursday, April 18--2:30 PM--Pearson Chapel

Bach's "Passion According to St. Matthew" (Good Friday)

Friday, April 19--7:30 PM--Presser Hall Auditorium

Handel's "Messiah" (Easter Sunday)

Sunday, April 21--3:00 PM--Presser Hall Auditorium *The Bethany Oratorio Society will perform its historic and rich performances of J.S. Bach's "Passion According to St. Matthew" on Good Friday, April 14, and G.F. Handel's "Messiah" on Easter Sunday, April 16. The Bethany Oratorio Society has been performing Handel's "Messiah" continuously since 1882 and Bach's "Passion" since 1929. During Holy Week each year in Lindsborg, the more than 300 member community chorus and orchestra are joined by professional operatic guest soloists for the performances.*

Messiah Lutheran Congregation Council Minutes
(these minutes will be approved at the March council meeting)
February 21, 2019

Council Members present: Pastor Amy Truhe, President Pari Ford, Becky Anderson, Kirsten Bruce, Lois Carlson, Warren Olson, Gavin Doughty, Ted Kessinger, Linda Lewis, Muriel Gentine, Ingrid Pohl. Absent: Chock Hefner

Opening Prayer: Pastor Amy

Reports:

Secretary: Approval of Minutes from December **M/S/P** as corrected.

Treasurer: **M/S/P** to approve the Treasurer's report as presented.

Pastor: see written report - **M/S/P, 3 abstentions, 1 no** to build an extension on lower step to serve communion to standing tables.

President: Planning council retreat for June or July – goal setting, new ideas

Old Business:

Dishwasher – Methodist Church member Raymond Reissig will get a price to the Fellowship committee in a couple of weeks.

Council/College Liaison Persons – Pastor Amy, Kirsten Bruce, Ted Kessinger, Warren Olson

New Business:

Sprout House Fundraiser – March 24 at 5:00 p.m. MELC will host, bring desserts and help with set up and clean up.

Thrivent: Presentation by Justin Carlson on Choice Dollars, Action Teams and resources available. Date TBD.

David Nut Foundation: Email congregation the link to McPherson County Community Foundation. Asking members to take the survey and vote for the David Nut Grant for MELC

Committee Reports:

Christian Ed – Pari Ford

Fellowship – Gavin Doughty

Finance & Stewardship – Warren Olson

Global Mission – Lois Carlson

Outreach & Caring – Ingrid Pohl

Property – Chock Hefner

Staff Relations – Kirsten Bruce

TACOL – Linda Lewis

Worship & Music – Becky Anderson

Youth – (Jeanne Lucas) Anya Pohl

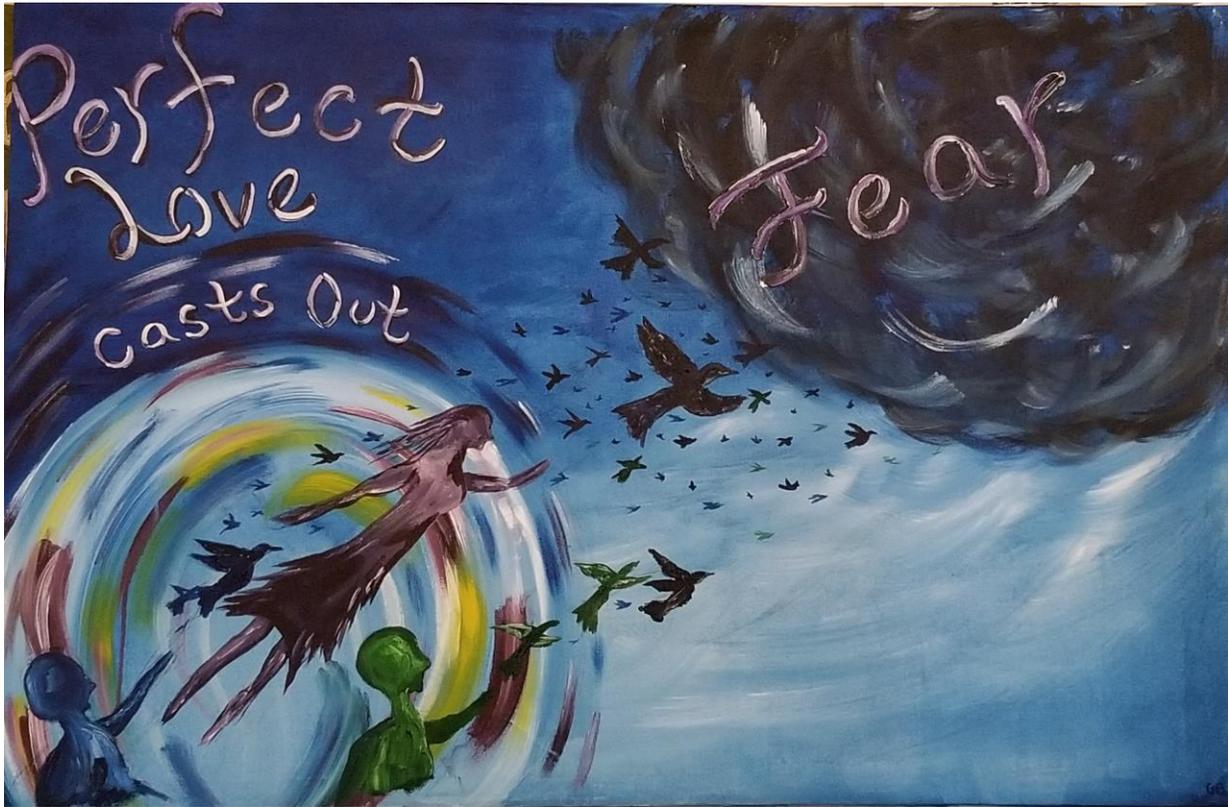
Memorial – (Dixie Mattas)

Sprout House Update: see written report

Next Executive Committee Meeting: TBD

Next MELC Council Meeting: Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 7:00 PM

Devotions: Ted Kessinger, *Afterward in Reclaiming the 'L' Word*



Throughout the season of Lent, our theme will be "Perfect Love Casts Out Fear." (1 John 4:14-21) In order to make this prominent, Corey Griffith's agreed to make a frontal for the altar that will bring us through this time. Additionally, Joy Janis agreed to make a larger parament, as well as cloths for the pulpit and lectern AND a new stole for Pastor Amy! These pieces of art share the Spirit through a whole new medium and we are truly blessed by these artists in our midst! Thanks Be To God!

Lenten Prayer Services Begin this month
 Meal is at 5:45pm and services begin at 6:30pm
 Theme "Perfect Love Casts out Fear"

Date	Readings	Place	Preacher
March 13	Leviticus 19:1-3, 9-18 Romans 13:8-10	Messiah Church	Pastor Amy Truhe
March 20	Hosea 11:1-12 Romans 8:35-39	Bethany Church	Youth
March 27	Deuteronomy 10:12-22 Luke 6:27-38	Messiah Church	Bishop Rinehart (Gulf Coast)
April 3	I Corinthians 13:1-13 John 14:15-31	Bethany Church	Pastor Jim Strasen
April 10	Deuteronomy 7:7-13 I John 4:7-21	Messiah Church	Pastor Amy Truhe

April 14	Palm Sunday	Messiah Worship 9:30 am
April 18	Maundy Thursday Service	Agape Service @Messiah 6:30 pm (watch for more information)
April 19	Good Friday Service	St. Bridget's 12:15 pm



by *Jeanne Ahlers*

Pasted into the back of each of our "lingonberry" hymnals is a copy of a hymn by Walter Pelz. "Rejoice in the Lord" was commissioned by Messiah Lutheran Church in honor of the church's 100th anniversary in 2007.

Dr. Pelz is quite familiar with Messiah Church, having been organist there for several years, during which time he was also part of the committee formed to choose the present organ. (Dare one say he was instrumental in the process?)

Although the hymn is not generally available for purchase, its fame has spread beyond Lindsborg, as a pastor in California recently contacted the church office for information about it. "What a precious gift for your congregation," he wrote. "I think this hymn should be in many hymnals."

Dr. Pelz is, of course, a well-known composer. Most recently -- last July -- he released a collection of twenty-eight new works for organ, which began as improvisational sketches from a worship service or hymn festival, and later written down and edited into finished pieces. Rounding out the anthology, Augsburg Music republished twelve hymn introductions and harmonizations published a generation ago. At the time of publication, he and his wife, Dolores, have twenty-three great-grandchildren, to whom this anthology, *Walter Pelz Organ Anthology*, is dedicated.

It's a wonderful heritage for his family, and Messiah Church has also been privileged to have as part of its heritage this beautiful contribution by such a gifted composer.

Bethany College Music Department Calendar

- March 5Department Recital, 2:30 PM
Pearson Chapel
- March 7Orchestra & Jazz Band Concert, 7:30 PM
- March 28Dr. Cora Cooper, Women in Music, 7:30PM+
Pearson Chapel
- April 2Department Recital, 2:30 PM
Pearson Chapel
- April 4Choirs Home Tour Concert, 7:30 PM
Location TBD
- April 11Symphonic Band Concert, 7:30 PM
- April 14Palm Sunday Event, 3:00 PM
- April 16Messiah Soloists Recital, 7:30 PM
Location TBD
- April 18Honors Recital, 2:30 PM
Pearson Chapel
- April 19Bach's "Passion," 7:30 PM
Location TBD
- April 21Handel's "Messiah," 3:00 PM
- April 30Department Recital, 2:30 PM
Pearson Chapel
- May 4Orchestra Concert, 4:00 PM
- May 7Symphonic & Jazz Band Concert, 7:30 PM
- May 9Choirs and Handbells Concert, 7:30 PM
.....Department Recital, 2:30 PM
Pearson Chapel
- May 19Baccalaureate/Graduation

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Youth Directors Jeanne Lucas, *with Ericka Lysell of Bethany Lutheran Church*

Organist Tyler Breneman

Sr. Choir Director Dr. Mark Lucas

Treasurer Christine Reinert

MELC's Guiding Principles

Jesus is Lord ♦ Everyone is welcome ♦ Love changes people ♦
Everyone has gifts to offer ♦ God sends us as servants to the
world ♦ We commit to grow in faith

MESSIAH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

402 N. First Street
Lindsborg, KS 67456

Messiah Worship Assistants– March 2019

Thank you for your time of serving. If you are unable to serve on your assigned Sunday, please trade with someone and call the church office at 227-3977 by noon on Wednesday.

March 3, 2019	Holy Communion – Transfiguration of Our Lord
Acolyte	Jake Lucas
Lector	Ingrid Pohl
Liturgist	Pari Ford
Nursery Attendant	Anya Pohl
Ushers	Andy Carlson, capt; Bill Brock, Bill Lindholm, Larry Elmquist, Dixie Mattas
Communion Assistant	Barb Malm
Altar Steward	Carol Gusenius and Kristen Prater
Counters	Julie Aeschliman and Marc Anderson

March 10, 2019	Holy Communion
Acolytes	Olivia Ford
Lector	Sharon Hoffman
Liturgist	Pari Ford
Nursery Attendant	Macie Carlson
Ushers	Harvey Daniels; capt, Julie Aeschliman, Dwight Ford, Matt Toll
Communion Assistant	Barb Malm
Altar Steward	Carol Gusenius and Kristen Prater
Counters	Julie Aeschliman and Marc Anderson

March 17, 2019	Service of the Word
Acolyte	Macie Carlson
Lector	Jeanne Ahlers
Liturgist	Pari Ford
Nursery Attendant	Jake Lucas
Ushers	Brian Anderson, capt; Don Anderson, Ken Peterson, Marc Anderson
Altar Steward	Carol Gusenius and Kristen Prater
Counters	Marc Anderson and Sharon Bruce

March 24, 2019	Holy Communion
Acolytes	Matt Lucas
Lector	Cindy Daniels
Liturgist	Pari Ford
Nursery Attendant	Cayson Lindquist
Ushers	Dwight Swisher, capt; Arne Reinert, Ron Wilson, Aaron Yoder, Harvey Daniels
Communion Assistant	Barb Malm
Altar Steward	Marla Elmquist and Pari Ford
Counters	Marc Anderson and Sharon Bruce

March 31, 2019	Service of the Word
Acolyte	Anya Pohl
Lector	Sally Hefner
Liturgist	Pari Ford
Nursery Attendant	Ellise Peterson
Ushers	Ingrid Pohl, capt; Matt Toll, Chock Hefner, David Daire
Altar Steward	Carol Gusenius and Kristen Prater
Counters	Sharon Bruce and Ron Wilson

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 8:15 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Service of the Word 10:30 am Fellowship 4:30 pm Bible Study - Biblical Heaven 5:30 pm Youth groups	4 10:30 am BC Chapel 6:30 pm PEO	5 6:00 am Yoga - Pari Ford	6 9:30 am Pain Management 10:30 am BC Chapel 3:30 pm KICK @MLC 3:30 pm KICK at MLC 6:00 pm KICK Meal 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service at MLC 7:00 pm Fellowship Meeting	7 9:00 am Women's coffee at church 12:00 pm Mom's in Prayer at Barbara Peterson's 3:00 pm Purlette's @ assisted living 4:30 pm Yoga - Pari Ford	8 10:30 am BC Chapel	9 8:00 am Men-Bible Study
10 8:15 am Choir Rehearsal 9:30 am Holy Communion 10:30 am Fellowship 5:30 pm Youth groups	11 10:30 am BC Chapel 2:45 pm Bingo at Bethany Home 3:30 pm Executive Board 5:30 pm StepMC Share Night in FH	12 6:00 am Yoga - Pari Ford	13 9:30 am Pain Management 10:30 am BC Chapel 3:30 pm KICK @MLC 5:45 pm Lenten supper @MLC 6:30 pm Lenten Service @ MLC 7:00 pm Worship and Music	14 9:00 am Women's coffee at church 12:00 pm Mom's in Prayer at Barbara Peterson's 4:30 pm Yoga - Pari Ford 7:00 pm Cafe (place TBD)	15 10:30 am BC Chapel	16 8:00 am Men-Bible Study
17 8:15 am Choir Rehearsal 9:30 am Service of the Word 10:30 am Fellowship 4:00 pm Bible Study - Biblical Heaven 5:30 pm Youth groups	18	19 6:00 am Yoga - Pari Ford	20 9:30 am Pain Management 3:30 pm KICK @MLC 5:45 pm Lenten supper @BLC 6:30 pm Lenten Svc @ BLC 7:00 pm Council	21 9:00 am Women's coffee at church 12:00 pm Mom's in Prayer at Barbara Peterson's 4:30 pm Yoga - Pari Ford	22	23 8:00 am Men-Bible Study
24 8:15 am Choir Rehearsal 9:30 am Holy Communion 10:30 am Fellowship 5:00 pm Sprout House Hamburger Feed (fundraiser) 5:30 pm Youth groups	25 10:30 am BC Chapel 10:30 am Red Cross Blood Drive	26 6:00 am Yoga - Pari Ford	27 9:30 am Pain Management 10:00 am Messiah Church Women & Bible Study @ Assisted Living 10:30 am BC Chapel 3:30 pm KICK @MLC 5:45 pm Lenten supper @MLC 6:30 pm MLC	28 9:00 am Women's coffee at church 12:00 pm Mom's in Prayer at Barbara Peterson's 4:30 pm Yoga - Pari Ford	29 10:30 am BC Chapel 7:00 pm Bethany College Area Youth Lock-in	30 Bethany College Area Youth Lock-in 7:00 am Lock-in ends 8:00 am Men-Bible Study
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