

THE MONITOR

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Greetings to you, Church!

Every single month. Sherry has to remind me, every single month! to write you all a letter, a note, a report of some sort for the Messenger. Every month.

I fail to remember.

I procrastinate until she says, in the most special, sing song-y way, “Aaaaammmyyyy....I need your newsletter messaaaaagggeee....”

So I sit down to write. Sometimes, I have a focus. Often, I go through the upcoming Sunday lessons to find a theme. Today, I’m telling you about Lent.

Because Sherry’s reminders are LENT. Lent is from Middle English and means “springtime.” A time of bursting forth, of regeneration, of the bringing forth of something new. Often, something beautiful. Often, new life. LENT.

Sherry reminds me, as the warmth of the sun on the soil, coupled with the soaking of the melting snow onto a seed, that it’s time to burst forth something new!

As we’ve moved through Lent this year, we’ve focused on the idea that “perfect love casts out fear.” I’m grateful that I don’t fear Sherry as she reminds me to get my note completed. I’m grateful that she is kind (mostly) and continues to practice patience and grace with me.

This, too, is of Lent. That God walks with us, patiently awaiting for us to turn to God even as we trust that, in Christ, the vengeance of God is abated. We have no fear of God’s wrath as we live in love. From 1 John 4, we read,

“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.”

Our response to this love is to practice the disciplines that Jesus taught: prayer, worship, praise, forgiveness, mercy, grace, healing, and so on. This is Lent also, to turn to God in all that we do, to be co-creators with the Spirit by carrying on, as best we are able, the work of Jesus. Our practices nestle us into the soil of God’s love, the Spirit working through us in all ways we serve God. We fear God as we recognize our failures, as we are afraid to turn to God because we know just how failed our behaviors, our thinking have become.

And God, amazingly, blesses us, using our attempts to bring about that which may be most faithful to God through our lives.

As we move through these next three weeks, we will hear the parable of the Prodigal Son, the story of Jesus having his feet washed with expensive perfume, we hear the story of Jesus coming into Jerusalem, breaking bread with his disciples, his encounter and friendship budding with Herod, and Joseph who helped him carry the cross...and the cross itself...this story of Jesus, this story of our salvation has all the elements of Lent, new awarenesses, new life coming through in real moments, moments you and I have daily throughout our lives.

It is this daily dying and rising that opens to us the knowledge of Jesus with us, an awareness of God making all things new. Daily.

Like Sherry calling me to task, gently, directly, and then offering me grace when I procrastinate, even when I make her sensibilities feel late in getting things done.

This is the grace in which we live and the grace, with intentionality, we seek out through the season of Lent. We are buried, we abstain from different practices, to help us practice disciplines and focus on that of which we are to put nothing before: God.

As we finish up this season, may you continue to turn to God in all things, may know you are held in grace, and may you remember to do all which you plan to do, that God might be honored and glorified by you.

~Yours in Christ, Pastor Amy

April Birthdays

Muriel Gentine	4/01
Breckin Rodgers	4/01
Paul Gentine	4/03
Julie Aeschliman	4/08
Tyler Atkinson	4/21
L'Jean Swisher	4/22
Jill Forsberg	4/23
Ione Toll	4/26
Cindy Daniels	4/27
Pari Ford	4/28

3/12/19 Thank you for allowing the chess school to use your facilities for our recent chess tournament for young people. Your support of the Anatoly Karpov Int'l School of Chess is greatly appreciated. Sincerely, Board of Directors

What's Up in March

- **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.
- **Thursday, April 4, 3:00** Purlettes at Assisted Living. Sharing a cup of coffee, listening and talking with residents and with each other - always a special time.
- **Wednesday, April 24, 7:00pm**, MESSIAH CHURCH WOMEN FELLOWSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY will meet at the Chess School. Anna James will be the hostess, and Kay Streufert 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. Enjoy worship, learning opportunities and lunch with women from other congregations in our area.

"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. This will be in place of our traditional "Spring Fling".

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.

We are looking for bakers to make "crusty" bread (round loaves) for our Agape meal on Maundy Thursday. We will need 12 loaves. If you need a recipe we will provide one. Contact Mary Lindgren or Pr. Amy for details.





A Celebration of the Smoky Valley (Palm Sunday)

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

“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 19, and G.F. Handel’s “Messiah” on Easter Sunday, April 21. 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.*

News from our seminarian March 25, 2019 - In the spring assignment process, I was assigned to the Central States Synod! I am now in the call process and will share more information when I can. In the meantime, I have two classes left to finish before graduation on May 17th. While the beginning of my candidacy process was a bit rocky, my time in seminary has more than affirmed my call to ministry. For all the ways you have supported and encouraged me I am most grateful. I look forward to catching up with many of you when I am around this summer planning and preparing for a June 29th wedding. Melissa Woepel



Throughout the season of Lent, our theme will be "Perfect Love Casts Out Fear." (1 John 4:14-21)

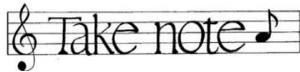
In order to make this prominent, Corey Griffith's agreed to make a frontal for the altar that will bring us through this time. Additionally, Joy Janis agreed to make a larger parament, as well as cloths for the pulpit and lectern AND a new stole for Pastor Amy! These pieces of art share the Spirit through a whole new medium and we are truly blessed by these artists in our midst! Thanks Be To God!

Lenten Prayer Services

Meal is at 5:45pm and services begin at 6:30pm
Theme "Perfect Love Casts out Fear"

Date	Readings	Place	Preacher
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

This Lent, we have been observing the season with *Unfailing Light*, an evening service with music by Marty Haugen and texts by Susan Briehl. The text of this service is based on images found in the story of the journey to Emmaus, complementing classical liturgical texts. The complete service was designed as a Communion service, starting with an opening dialogue, followed by an evening hymn of praise, gospel acclamation, song at the gathering of gifts, Great Thanksgiving, Lamb of God, and the option of two post-Communion hymns.

Those who know the *Holden Evening Prayer*, which has been part of Lenten services in the past, can recognize Pastor Haugen's calm and relaxing music. Marty Haugen is a well-known Lutheran liturgical composer, workshop presenter, performing and recording artist and author from Eagan, Minnesota. For the past 30 years, he has presented workshops and concerts across North and Central America, Europe, Asia and the Pacific Rim. He has also served as an editor or consultant for a number of hymnals, including many outside the Lutheran tradition.

Susan Briehl is a pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, who works to educate and form communities of faith and their leaders in worship practices and the way of life in and for the world that flows from worship. She has taught preaching and parish worship at Wartburg University, and she is Associate Director of the Valparaiso Project. Previously she served with her husband, Martin Wells, as Executive Director of Holden Village, as campus pastor at Pacific Lutheran University, and as pastor of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Bellingham, Washington.

Unfailing Light was commissioned by the Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Texas at Austin.

March 29, 2019

Our sincerest thanks to Pastor Amy and our church family for all your caring expressions of love for our family. Your kindness has been a comfort to us. With love and thanks. The family of Roger Lindgren, Grerry & Sue Untz, Mary Lindgren, Don Lindgren & family, Erika Hedberg and family

Messiah Worship Assistants – April 2019

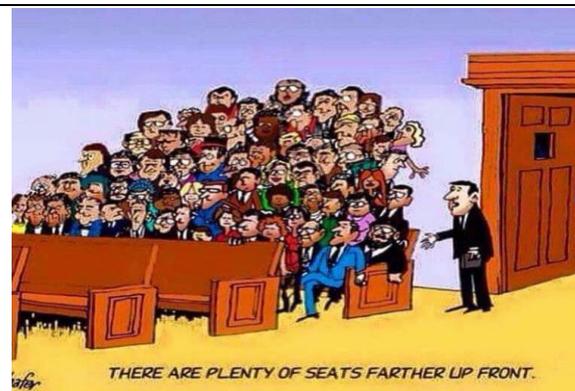
Thank you for your time of serving. If you are unable to serve on your assigned Sunday, please trade with someone and call the church office at 227-3977 by noon on Wednesday.

April 7, 2019	Service of the Word
Acolyte	Cayson Lindquist
Lector	Matt Lucas
Liturgist	Marc Anderson
Nursery Attendant	Olivia Ford
Ushers	Andy Carlson, capt; Bill Brock, Bill Lindholm, Larry Elmquist, Dixie Mattas
Altar Steward	Julie Aeschliman
Counters	Sharon Bruce and Ron Wilson

April 14, 2019	Holy Communion Palm Sunday
Acolytes	Jake Lucas
Lector	Palm Sunday readers
Liturgist	Marc Anderson
Nursery Attendant	Anya Pohl
Ushers	Harvey Daniels; capt, Julie Aeschliman, Dwight Ford, Matt Toll
Communion Assistant	Linda Lewis
Altar Steward	Julie Aeschliman
Counters	Sharon Bruce and Ron Wilson

April 21, 2019	Holy Communion Easter Sunday
Acolyte	Ellise Peterson
Lector	Gretchen Norland
Liturgist	Marc Anderson
Nursery Attendant	Macie Carlson
Ushers	Brian Anderson, capt; Don Anderson, Ken Peterson, Marc Anderson
Communion Assistant	Linda Lewis
Altar Steward	Julie Aeschliman
Counters	Ron Wilson and Pari Ford

April 28, 2019	Holy Communion
Acolytes	Olivia Ford
Lector	Lois Carlson
Liturgist	Marc Anderson
Nursery Attendant	Jake Lucas
Ushers	Dwight Swisher, capt; Arne Reinert, Ron Wilson, Aaron Yoder, Harvey Daniels
Communion Assistant	Linda Lewis
Altar Steward	Julie Aeschliman
Counters	Ron Wilson and Pari Ford



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

Council Members present: Pastor Amy Truhe, President Pari Ford, Becky Anderson, Kirsten Bruce, Chock Hefner, Ted Kessinger, Linda Lewis, Muriel Gentine, Ingrid Pohl.

Absent: Lois Carlson, Gavin Doughty, Warren Olson, Ingrid Pohl

Opening Prayer: Pastor Amy

Reports:

Secretary: Approval of Minutes from February **M/S/P**

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

Pastor: see written report

President: No report

Old Business:

Dishwasher – The cost of the dishwasher from the Methodist Church is \$1,200.00. Muriel will talk to Mark Flynn about the cost of installation.

Thrivent Forum – Justin Carlson will present information about Thrivent on March 31 following Fellowship. Thrivent Choice Dollars are due by March 29.

New Business:

Format for Council Packets – Council members will receive their packets by email. There will also be 6 printed packets available.

Spring Clean-up – Altar Guild is planning a brass polishing and cleaning of the altar area on March 25. All other inside and outside clean-up is scheduled for April 6 at 10:00 a.m.

Thrivent Members – There will be a sign-up sheet available for all Thrivent members to sign. This will be used as a reminder for members as opportunities are available with Thrivent.

Discussion:

Ideas were discussed for celebrating young children's first communion.

Attendance at Sunday School is a concern. For the high school, teachers are looking for some continuity between S.S., Youth group, Christian Ed., and perhaps KICK

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 – Linda reported that TACOL needs volunteers.

Worship & Music – Becky Anderson

Youth – (Jeanne Lucas) Anya Pohl – Pastor Amy will be leading conversations on relationships.

Memorial – (Dixie Mattas)

Sprout House Update: Fundraiser Meal will be March 24 at 5:00 at MELC

Next Executive Committee Meeting: April 22 at 2:00 p.m.

Next MELC Council Meeting: Wednesday April 24 , 2019 at 7:00 PM

Devotions: Kirsten Bruce

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar



April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:30 am BC Chapel 6:30 pm Lutheran Catechism Review-Pastor Amy	2 6:00 am Yoga - Pari Ford	3 10:30 am BC Chapel 5:45 pm Lenten supper @BLC 6:30 pm Lenten Svc @ BLC 7:00 pm Fellowship Meeting 7:00 pm Worship and Music	4 9:00 am Women's coffee at church 10:00 am Service Master 12:00 pm Mom's in Prayer at Barbara Peterson's 3:00 pm Purlette's @ assisted living 4:30 pm Yoga - Pari Ford	5 10:30 am BC Chapel	6 8:00 am Men-Bible Study	
7 8:15 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Service of the Word 10:30 am Fellowship 4:30 pm Bible Study - Biblical Heaven	8 10:30 am BC Chapel 3:30 pm Executive Board 6:30 pm Lutheran Catechism Review-Pastor Amy	9 6:00 am Yoga - Pari Ford	10 10:30 am BC Chapel 5:45 pm Lenten supper @MLC 6:30 pm Lenten Service @ MLC 7:00 pm Worship and Music	11 9:00 am Organ tuning Women's coffee at church 12:00 pm Mom's in Prayer at Barbara Peterson's 4:30 pm Yoga - Pari Ford	12 10:30 am BC Chapel	13 8:00 am Men-Bible Study
14 PALM SUNDAY 8:15 am Choir Rehearsal 9:30 am Holy Communion 10:30 am Fellowship 3:00 pm Palm Sunday-A Celebration of the Smoky Valley-Presser Hall	15 Newsletter Deadline 10:30 am BC Chapel	16 6:00 am Yoga - Pari Ford 7:30 pm Messiah Soloists' Recital	17 10:30 am BC Chapel 7:00 pm Council	18 MAUNDY THURSDAY 9:00 am Women's coffee at church 12:00 pm Mom's in Prayer at Barbara Peterson's 2:30 pm Bethany Student Honors Recital, Pearson Chapel 6:30 pm Agape Meal	19 GOOD FRIDAY 12:15pm Good Friday worship service at St. Bridgets	20 8:00 am Men-Bible Study
21 EASTER SUNDAY 8:15 am Choir Rehearsal 9:30 am Holy Communion 10:30 am Fellowship 3:00 pm Handel's Messiah - Presser Hall	22 10:30 am BC Chapel 2:00 pm Executive Committee	23 Messiah Soloists' Recital 7:30pm +rehearsals Messiah Soloists' rehearsals reserved all day 6:00 am Yoga - Pari Ford	24 10:30 am BC Chapel 7:00 pm MELC Council 7:00 pm Messiah Church Women	25 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	26 10:30 am BC Chapel 4:00 pm Nat'l Asso of American University Women 7:00 pm Bethany College Area Youth Lock-in	27 Bethany College Area Youth Lock-in 8:00 am Men-Bible Study 8:00 am National Asso. of American University Women (Kansas) 9:30 am Smoky Valley Cluster Meeting at St. John's Church, Salina 6:00 pm Pryor birthday party
28 8:15 am Choir Rehearsal 9:30 am Holy Communion 10:30 am Fellowship 1:00 pm Sigma/Omega Tea Party	29 10:30 am BC Chapel	30 6:00 am Yoga - Pari Ford				

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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

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