



SHROVE TUESDAY

On March 5th, the Church Council will once again be preparing pancakes and sausage for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at 5:30pm. Please use the sign-up sheet posted in Augustana Hall so they will know how many to plan for.



Ash Wednesday is March 6th. Please join us for the 6:30pm worship service, which includes the confession and imposition of ashes, together with words of grace and a plea for mercy. This day marks the beginning of the Lenten season of repentance.



Simple Soup Suppers will be served each Wednesday beginning on March 13th, before worship at 5:30pm. There will be sign up sheets posted in Augustana Hall for soup, bread and bars/cookies, or see Ruth Jones if you are able to help. Also if you would like to share your soup recipe, please turn it into the office so it can be put in the next "Beacon".

Midweek Lenten Services:

This year we are examining and reviewing Luther's Small Catechism as our Lenten discipline. We will gather in Augustana Hall at 6:30 for a brief service that includes hymns, scripture, prayer and each week focus on a different portion of the catechism.

March 13—The Ten Commandments

March 20—The Apostles Creed

March 27—The Lord's Prayer

April 3—Baptism

April 19—Confession and Absolution

We hope that you will join with members of our church family as we journey through Lent with a reflection on the basic statements of faith in our Lutheran heritage.



Daylight Savings Time starts Sunday March 10th. Be sure to set your clocks **ahead** one hour on Saturday night or you could be late for church on Sunday morning!



Girl Scout Week begins on *Girl Scout Sunday*, March 10th. This is the day Girl Scouts around the country are recognized as Girl Scouts in their faith communities. This year we have three Girl Scouts in our congregation, Natalie Gauthier, Aurora Demers and Aiyonna Swisher. Be sure to greet them and let them know how proud we are that they are making this commitment to service in their community.

Our Annual Meeting and Potluck luncheon was held on February 10th. There was a great variety of yummy food and after lunch it was time to get down to business. Naomi Fletcher, Mary Hicks, and Rick Pink were elected to the Church Council for a three-year term. Jim Russey was elected to fill the remaining two year term that was vacated by Clyde Johnson and Teddy Nelson was elected to fill the remaining one year term that was vacated by Julie Malloy. Our outgoing council members are Cyndee Miske, Frank Leitgeb and Jon Maline. We would like to thank them for their dedication and service to our congregation. Shirley & Frank Leitgeb will be our delegates at the Synod Assembly in May and Larry & Rebecca Peterson will be the delegates to the Conference meeting in October.

Circle News

Sarah Circle will meet, 1:00pm, March 4th in the Conference Room.

Joy Circle will meet March 14th, 10:00am, in the Conference Room. Be sure to bring your "Gather" magazine.

Priscilla Circle will meet at Upper Crust for lunch on March 19th, at 12:15pm.

Ruth Circle will meet at Upper Crust for lunch on March 20th, 11:30am.

Hope Circle will meet March 21st, 6:00pm, in the Conference Room.

The Sarah Circle would like to start a "**Prayer Chain**" during Lent and are inviting anyone else who would like to join them. "Prayer Requests" will be given out. You just need to put your name and if you have a special prayer request. A prayer request for our congregation and for a new Pastor will be included. Names will be drawn randomly after worship on Ash Wednesday, March 6th. If you have questions, see a member of the Sarah Circle or Shirley in the church office.

Join us for Bible Study

The Monday night group will be meeting at 6:30, every 2nd and 4th Mondays. Members are studying the Book of Revelation.



The Wednesday morning Lectionary Bible Conversation has been canceled until further notice.

*Gifts to our congregation have been given in
memory of*

Helen Hill

Anna, Karin & Elsa—Memorial

James Thompson

Lois Bentley—Pew Cushions

Virginia Russey

Mary Louise Kolch—Memorial

Lois Bentley—Pew Cushions

David Erikson

John & Donna Gauthier—Pew Cushions

NOISY OFFERINGS

February 2019	Lutheran Disaster Relief	\$199.65
January 2019	Backpack Buddies	\$133.76

Backpack Buddies Needs Your Help

Our backpack count is near 50 children per week. Along with Emerald Elementary school, we have reached out to the Head Start Program and St. Francis de Sales Catholic School. JoNell Berger and Kathy Peterson could use help with delivering the crates of food to the three locations. They are also looking for donations of snack type foods, such as fruit cups, cookies, cupcakes, etc. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact the church office at 906-341-5427. Thank you!!

Upcoming Scripture Readings

March 3 —Transfiguration of Our Lord

Exodus 34:29-35, Psalm 99, 2Corinthians 3:12—4:2,
Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

March 10—First Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16, Romans 10:8b-13,
Luke 4:1-13

March 17—Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Psalm 27, Philippians 3:17—4:1,
Luke 13:31-35

March 24—Third Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55:1-9, Psalm 63:1-8, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9

March 31—Fourth Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12, Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Mark Your Calendars!!

2019 Marked! Event for our Confirmation class will be Sunday, March 17, 2019, hosted by Our Redeemer, Newberry for 4-7:00pm. The Marked! event includes music, service projects, worship, learning, food and fun. Confirmands will be collecting items for personal care kits. Each kit needs:

- **1 light-weight bath-size towel** (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- **2 or 3 Bath-size bars of soap** equaling 8 to 9 oz., **any brand**, in original wrapper (please, **NO mini soap bars from hotels**)
- **1 Adult-size toothbrush** in its original packaging
- **1 Sturdy comb**
- **1 Metal nail clippers** (attached file optional)
- Monetary donations can also be made.



Thank you so very much for your donation to our Food Pantry. It is so very much appreciated.

God Bless You!

Your Friends at Good
Neighbor Services

Dear Members of Zion:

From the very beginning of the story of salvation, people have been giving thanks to God for all that God has done. It used to be that people brought a portion of their wealth to the place of worship and burnt it on the altar. Bulls, rams, and lambs simply went up in flames.

Today, we find a more productive use for our offerings. Together, we pool our shared resources for the work of Christ in and through our Synod and with the whole ELCA throughout the world. Thank you for your support of our work together in Christ!

Your congregation's restricted gifts do not go up on flames, rather your financial gifts make ministry possible, not only in the Upper Peninsula and Northern Wisconsin, but across our country and all over the world. Gifts in 2018 include:

7/3/18 Unrestricted Gift from Parsonage Sale--\$5,000.00

7/31/18 World Hunger-\$344.11;

Keweenaw Flood Relief-\$291.00

9/30/18 World Hunger-\$727.09;

Always Being Made New-\$101.34;

Hurricane Florence Relief-\$155.00

No Date World Hunger-\$590.09;

Hurricane Disaster Relief-\$100.00

No Date World Hunger-\$306.00

Thank you for your willing heart and your generosity.

Your partner in ministry,
Bishop Katherine Finegan



If you haven't visited our library lately, you will be in for a surprise! The table that was in there has been moved to our new conference room, and in its place are now comfy chairs and a lovely coffee table. The media items have been moved to the conference room so they can be used with the new big screen, smart TV (you can still check them out). So take a minute and **check it out!**

Coming Events from the Northern Great Lakes Synod

"Faithful Innovations" for Lay Leaders, Pastors and Licensed Lay Ministers. Coming in 2019 to a location near you! The Northern Great Lakes Synod invites congregational lay leaders, pastors, and licensed lay ministers to take a journey with us as we re-imagine church in light of today's changing culture. This is a Spirit-led journey in which we are invited to engage the spiritual practices of listening, discerning, experimenting and reflecting.

- A congregation commits 5 to 7 lay people to attend trainings and become part of that congregation's "Guiding Team"
- Three Training Events (Saturdays?) with monthly ongoing coaching for laity and pastors.

Key Features of "Faithful Innovations"

Dwelling in the Word

Tracing God's Movement in Our Lives & Neighborhoods

Action Learning Experiments

Intentional Reflection

More details on this renewal effort and dates of training sessions will be available soon!

Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly 2019

Equipping The Saints For Ministry

Where: Escanaba/Gladstone ELCA Churches & Bay De Noc Community College in Escanaba

When: May 16—18, 2019

Until All Have a Piece of the Pie

Make plans for your Synod Assembly World Hunger Offering!

Some ideas to raise Hunger dollars in your congregations:

~Have a pie social

~Sell Pizza Pie

~Have a pie eating contest

~Challenge everyone to donate at least \$3.14

~Use pie tins for a Noisy Offering during Lent

Together, let's TAKE A BITE OUT OF HUNGER and make a real impact with our World Hunger Offerings!!

News From Fortune Lake

Fortune Lake Welcomes Amanda Rasner as the new Camp Director! She will be installed at 3:00pm CT on May 5, 2019 at FLLC. Everyone is invited to attend! God's blessings to her and the staff at FLLC as they begin a new chapter in the ministry of the camp!



On the first day of Lent, pastors in many churches dip a finger in ashes (often made by burning palm branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday) and make a cross on parishioners' foreheads.

God's people have used ashes as a sign of mourning, humiliation and penitence. In the Old Testament, ashes were used as a purification offering. The New Testament speaks of repenting in "sackcloth and ashes" (Luke 10:13, NRSV).

On Ash Wednesday, Christians are pained because our sins – private and public – led to Jesus' death. With repentant hearts, we begin the season of Lent, knowing it leads to resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Refocus for Lent

Give up complaining – focus on gratitude.

Give up harsh judgments – think kind thoughts.

Give up worry – trust God to provide.

Give up discouragement – be full of hope.

Give up bitterness – turn to forgiveness.

Give up hatred – return good for evil.

Give up anger – be more patient.

Give up pettiness – become mature.

Give up jealousy – pray for trust.

Give up gossiping – control your tongue.

Give up sin – turn to virtue.

Give up giving up – persevere.

—Author unknown



Scout Sunday Troop 400, Girls Troop 401, Cub Scout Pack 402

**Serving Zion with Altar Flowers,
Bulletin, Bread & Wine, & Fellowship**

	Altar Flowers	Bulletin, Bread & Wine	Fellowship Hour
Mar 3	Verda & Harry Kreuzwiser	Karen Klaus	
Mar 10	Jim & Eleanor Russey	Lois Bentley	Girl Scouts
Mar 17	Larry & Rebecca Peterson	Elsa, Anna & Karin	Sunday School
Mar 24		Amy Johnson	
Mar 31	Marilyn Larson	Joanne Nelson	Quilters