

PASTOR'S LETTER

FOR MARCH 2022

Greetings Friends!

March marks the beginning of Lent. During this season we reflect on Christ's ministry, death, and resurrection. It is a time to slow down and examine our spiritual lives. The forty days of Lent are a chance to hit the reset button on our busy, exhausted lives. This is the time to listen to God's voice that is calling us in the wilderness.

Inside the newsletter you will find suggestions of how to intentionally reflect during these 40 days. Maybe you give something up for forty days or maybe you take something on. No matter what, may this season be an opportunity to grow closer to Jesus Christ.

Our Zoom Bible Study is meeting on Tuesday nights at 7pm. We are beginning our Lenten Bible Study-Lent in Plain Sight: A Devotion Through Ten Objects on Tuesday March 1. God is often at work through the ordinary: ordinary people, ordinary objects, ordinary grace. Through the ordinary, God communicates epiphanies, salvation, revelation, and reconciliation. It is through the mundane that we hear God's quiet voice. The Bible study, Lent in Plain Sight, draws our attention to ten ordinary objects that Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem. Please join us as we grow in our faith together.

Thanks to everyone who helps with our worship service. I am so very thankful for Ann Driver, Paul and Ann Riggs, Bob Tracy, Wayne Trom, Steve Willert, Steve Springsted, Howard Gransee, Jane and Don Heser, and Dan and Gayle Kaufeld. Thank you to our liturgists for the month of February: Sheryl Scholer, Kristy Johnson, Paul Pogalz and Deb Dodds. Thank you to everyone who set up coffee and brought food for fellowship this month.



MAY YOUR BLESSINGS OUTNUMBER
THE SHAMROCKS THAT GROW,
AND MAY TROUBLE AVOID YOU
WHEREVER YOU GO.
- IRISH BLESSING

April Newsletter
Deadline- March 23

My verse for us this month comes from Mark 8:34, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." May these words of Jesus echo in our hearts and minds this month as we seek to draw closer to Him.

I am so grateful to be your pastor.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Amanda



**March Session
Meeting on
March 8th at 5:30 PM**

March 3	Mick Madsen
	Gavin Pedersen
March 8	Heather Gransee
	Matthew Hesar
	Noreen Schwen
March 11	Norah Hesar
March 16	Sue Alberts
March 18	Rev. Clint Patterson
March 22	Marsha Brigham
March 25	Mike Prenzlowl
March 27	Beth Gransee
	Colin Law
March 28	Jesse Johnson
	Madison Wilke
March 31	David Gransee

Prayer Chain



Pray for our service men in the military.
 *Todd Livingston with the U.S. Air Force
 *Peyton Wilke with the US Marines.
 *Carol Prenzlowl - continuing rehabilitation.
 *Donna Dutton - for health and continued well being.
 *Grady Lundgren - as he continues treatment.
 Also, his family for continued strength
 *Brevig Family - for continued strength

**No Worship Committee
Meeting in March**



**March is Minnesota
Food Share Month**

Semcac operates four food shelves in the cities of Rushford, Preston, Kasson and Caledonia. The effects of hunger for an individual or family can range from poor health and slowed recovery from injury or illness to poor performance at school or work. Please donate!

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	Wednesday & Friday 9am—noon
Sunday School	9:00 am
Worship	10:00 am



DOING THE
MOST GOOD™



Dodge County Salvation Army helps individuals, families, seniors & students in the communities we serve. We will be providing hygiene bags once a month, to be distributed throughout the county to those in need.

We are asking for your assistance with donations, since this will be an ongoing project.

A list of items needed is below.



Rolls of Paper Towels (individual or larger packs)

Toilet Paper (4 packs or larger packs)

Toothbrushes (individual or larger packs)

Toothpaste

Shampoo/Conditioner (can be a 2in1)

Body Wash & Bar Soap

Q-tips

Disposable Razors (Men & Women)

Hairbrushes & Combs * Hair Ties

Dish soap

Pads & Tampons (can be bigger packs)

Smaller bottles of laundry soap

****Any brand is acceptable****



For more information please contact: Tanya Young
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K-M High School Komet Pantry

A local mission we support is to the K-M High School Komet Pantry. The pantry is a supply closet that high school students can access for needed supplies.

The Pantry provides perishable and non-perishable food as well as personal items such as shampoo and deodorant.

The KoMet Pantry's motto is "those who have share, and those who need receive."



PW CORNER

Greetings all PW,

As I write this article, I will not comment on the weather conditions – I am in Florida and am not aware of what you are dealing with in Kasson. This isn't meant to make you feel bad but it is 77 degrees here and sunny, however I will be leaving the warmth tomorrow so I will soon be experiencing the cold again with you. If it was possible, I would bring the warmth and sun with me.

In March our church is responsible for delivering Meals on Wheels March 28th – April 1st. If you would like to volunteer for this duty, please contact Sharon Law at 507-775-6643. A big THANK YOU to all who help with this project, and a huge THANK YOU to Sharon for organizing all the volunteers. There is no PW event scheduled for March so we will look forward to April for hopefully some type of activity.

Continued prayers are needed for Grady as he continues his recovery from cancer surgery, and please include the rest of his family in those prayers. Carol Prenzlów certainly appreciates all the prayers she has received and she would certainly appreciate the continuation of them as well as phone calls and visits. Please pray also for all who have lost loved ones, and all in military service, emergency services, public & government offices, health care workers, teachers, clergy and church volunteers. These people need all the help they can get.

We all know that March 17th is when St. Patrick's Day is celebrated. This is also called the Day of the Festival of St. Patrick, a cultural and religious celebration. March 17th is the traditional death date of Saint Patrick, the foremost patron saint of Ireland. That date is the commemoration of the arrival of Christianity in Ireland in the early 17th century. We all know that if you are Irish, it is traditional to wear green, attend a parade, wear shamrocks, attend mass (in the catholic church), and of course for those who like beer, drinking green beer is another tradition. Actually, you don't have to be Irish to participate in these customs if you think they are fun.



BEAR HUGS

Love is a gift sent from on high To unite souls as one And make sorrow fly.
Hold dear as a diamond The gift from above; To make life worth living, Just follow God's love.
We love because He first loved us. He has given us this command:
Whoever loves God must also love his brother. 1 John 4:19,21

May you all continue to be healthy, happy and warm. Best wishes for a fun St. Patrick's Day, (the wearing of the green).

Warmest blessings,

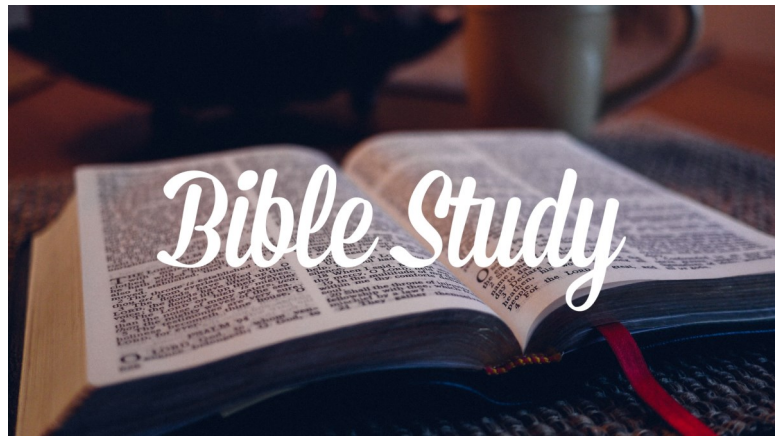
Sue and Paulette, PW co-chairs

P.S.: Paulette is enjoying time in the warm sun also – somewhere in Arizona. Good for her!!

Bible Study

Zoom Bible Study March 2022

Zoom Bible Study will meet virtually on Zoom starting on Tuesday nights at 7pm



Here's what we are studying in March.

Lent in Plain Sight: A Devotion Through Ten Objects by Jill J. Duffield God is often at work through the ordinary: ordinary people, ordinary objects, ordinary grace. Through the ordinary, God communicates epiphanies, salvation, revelation, and reconciliation. It is through the mundane that we hear God's quiet voice. The book, *Lent in Plain Sight*, draws readers' attention to ten ordinary objects that Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem.

This year our church will use the season of Lent to facilitate conversation and connection to each other and the meaning of this time in the church year. The goal of this group study will be to focus on spiritual lessons and recognize how the seemingly ordinary can reveal the extraordinary presence of God in our lives.

Tuesday March 1 at 7pm- First Week of Lent: Dust

We explore what the authors of Genesis, Job, Samuel and Luke have to say about dust and its meaning in our lives today.

Tuesday March 8 at 7pm -Second Week of Lent: Bread

We explore how bread has been used throughout the Bible from the manna from heaven to the bread that is Christ's body.

Tuesday March 15 at 7pm- Third Week of Lent: Cross

We will explore what it means to take up our crosses and follow Jesus.

Tuesday March 22 at 7pm- Fourth Week of Lent: Coins

We will explore how people used their coins in the Bible and how we use our own money today.

Tuesday March 29 at 7pm- Fifth Week of Lent: Shoes

We will explore the shoes we wear and the ways they can remind us of the mission that Christ is calling us to.



Ideas for Celebrating the Season of Lent

Ideas on what to GIVE UP for Lent:

- Don't buy anything you do not need- necessities only
- Donate 40 things for 40 days- walk around your house and find one item to donate every day for forty days.
- No Gossiping
- Don't eat after dinner
- Pop
- Eating Out
- Alcohol
- No Complaining
- Fried Foods
- Chocolate
- Dessert
- Social Media
- Screen time before bed
- Coffee
- Television
- Salt

Ideas on what to TAKE ON for Lent:

- Participate in Zoom Bible study
- Prayer- use a devotional book/ app or pray from the heart
- Gratitude- write down three things you are grateful for everyday
- Exercise
- Acts of Kindness



Easter Memorial Garden

The Worship Committee will be providing the opportunity to purchase Easter plants for the Memorial Garden. Further information will follow.



40 Days of Kindness for Lent

1. Hold the door open for someone.
2. Return someone's grocery cart at the store.
3. Do a chore for someone without them knowing.
4. Tell a joke.
5. Let someone go ahead of you in line.
6. Compliment a friend.
7. Write a thank you note to your mail carrier.
8. Send a card to a service member
9. Pick up litter around your neighborhood
10. Bake or buy dessert for a neighbor
11. Tell someone why they are special to you.
12. Buy coffee for a stranger.
13. Donate food to the food shelf.
14. Call a friend you haven't seen in awhile
15. Tell a manager how good your service was at a store or restaurant.
16. Take treats to the police or fire station.
17. Walk dogs at the animal shelter.
18. Turn off the water while brushing your teeth.
19. Bring your neighbor's garbage cans up for them.
20. Write three blessings you are thankful for
21. Check in on an elderly neighbor.
22. Set the table for dinner
23. Donate old clothes
24. Leave a close parking spot for someone else
25. Shovel a neighbor's driveway
26. Give someone flowers
27. Give a stranger a compliment
28. Cook a meal for a friend
29. Tell someone you are grateful for them
30. Post a positive comment online
31. Avoid complaining
31. Leave a generous tip at a restaurant
32. Email someone who deserves recognition
33. Actively listen
34. Spend the first hour of your day off of your phone
35. Bring snacks to your co-workers
36. Celebrate someone just because
37. Forgive someone
38. Make a video message to someone who is far away
39. Do something just for you. Treat yourself!
40. Write a kind note to your Pastor



Support Grady's Gladiators!

Our church has been holding Jane and Don Hesper's grandson, Grady Lundgren in prayer as he undergoes cancer treatment. The church Session donated \$1,100 out of the local mission fund (*loose offering moneys*) to help support Grady's medical expenses. Below is more information if you would like to support Grady and his family during this challenging time.

How to Help:

Give Money

Checks can be made out to "Grady Lundgren's Benefit." The check can be mailed directly to Merchants Bank in Spring Grove. The address is 126 W. Main St. PO Box 625 Spring Grove, MN 55974.

Attend the Fundraiser

On Saturday April 2 from 2pm-12am there will be a fundraiser for Grady at the Spring Grove Fest Building, 110 N Division Avenue. There will be a corn hole tournament, food, dance, and silent auction. All the proceeds will go to the family.

Donate Money or Items for the Silent Auction Baskets

There is a need for silent auction baskets! Our church is putting together a camping basket and a kid-themed basket. If you would like to donate items for a basket, please drop them off on the table in the fellowship hall. Items are listed below.

If you would like to donate money, please put it in an envelope marked, "Grady Silent Auction" and put it in the church office. Please contact Ally Holtz at with any questions. Her email is aholtz@kmtel.com

Kid-Themed Basket item suggestions: board games, card games, coloring books, markers, stickers, jump rope, playground ball, candy, popcorn, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, nerf guns, toys, play doh, books, football, silly string

Camping- Themed Basket item suggestions: cooler, flashlight and batteries, duct tape, bug spray, sunscreen, poncho, band aids, smores supplies- graham crackers, chocolate bars, marshmallows, drink cups, plates, wet wipes, lighter, playing cards, frisbee, towel, canteen, cook stove, tent, camp chairs, hand warmers



What is LENT?

LENT IS THE 40 DAYS BEFORE EASTER. IT BEGINS THE DAY AFTER SHROVE TUESDAY (PANCAKE TUESDAY) AND ENDS ON PALM SUNDAY.



Christians celebrate **LENT** to remind them of the time Jesus fasted in the desert.

The symbols OF LENT

ASHES

Remind us that God created us from dust.

PALM LEAVES

Were laid upon Jesus path as he entered Jerusalem, for goodness and health.

PURPLE

The colour worn by royalty and associated with mourning.

Why do we FAST?

FASTING FOR 40 DAYS REMINDS US OF WHEN JESUS FASTED IN THE DESERT.



This is an important time when we give up something important to remind us of the sacrifices Jesus made for us.

What is ALMSGIVING?

ALMSGIVING IS THE ACT OF PUTTING OTHERS FIRST AND GIVING TO THOSE LESS FORTUNATE THAN US.

During **LENT** we focus on prayer and almsgiving.



Shrove TUESDAY

THE LAST TUESDAY BEFORE LENT BEGINS.

In the past Christians used this day to eat the food that wouldn't last through **LENT**.

Pancakes used up the milk, egg and fat, just by adding flour.



Also called **PANCAKE TUESDAY**

Ash WEDNESDAY

THE FIRST DAY OF LENT

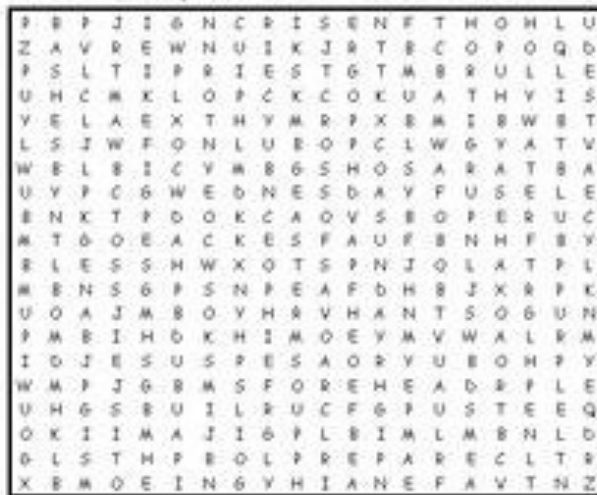


Ashes are placed on the forehead as a sign of the dust from which God made us. It also symbolises the confession of our sins.

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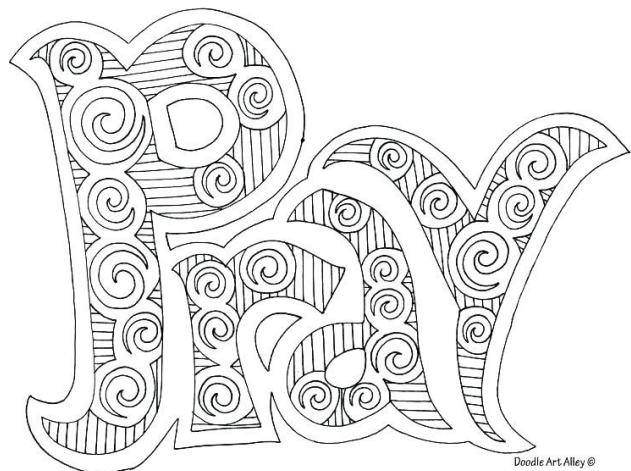
LENT



ASHES
BLESS
CROSS
EASTER
FOREHEAD

HOLY WATER
JESUS
PALM
PREPARE
PRIEST

PURPLE
RISEN
SUNDAY
WEDNESDAY
WHITE



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March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
			Ash Wednesday			
		Zoom Bible Study - 7 PM	NO Choir Practice			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Communion		Session Mtg at church @ 5:30				
		Zoom Bible Study - 7 PM	Choir Practice 6:30 PM			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Spring Forward Change clocks				St. Patrick's Day		
Hymn Sing Sunday		Zoom Bible Study - 7 PM	Choir Practice 6:30 PM			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			Deadline for Newsletter			
			Meals on Wheels			
		Zoom Bible	Choir Practice 6:30 PM			
27	28	29	30	31		
		Zoom Bible Study - 7 PM				



Notes: