



MARCH  
2024

# MONTHLY TIDINGS

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## **MARCHing THROUGH LENT (pun intended)**



I write “marching” because the Lenten season can fly by so quickly that we might miss the richness of the season. We continue to walk with Peter as he walks with Jesus on his final days here on earth. We will be privileged to be on the scene as Peter proclaims Jesus as Messiah, son of the living God. Then the next week, literally Peter’s next breath, Peter rebukes Jesus after he told the disciples of his pending death and resurrection. The next week we hear Peter ask Jesus how many times he should forgive one who sins against him, with Jesus’ shocking answer of seventy-seven times.

Then Holy Week arrives with the pageantry of Palm Sunday, where the great crowd shouts, “Hosanna,” which confuses the disciples completely until after Jesus is glorified. On Maundy Thursday we are present at the Upper Room where Jesus, knowing that the hour had come for him to leave the world, performs his deepest work of servanthood in washing the disciples’ feet. Good Friday finds us with Jesus in the garden as Judas betrays him, moving Peter to anger and cutting off the ear of Malchus, servant of the high priest. We also hear Peter’s three denials of Christ and the sound of the rooster crowing.

Easter Sunday finds us running alongside Peter toward the tomb upon word that it was empty and Jesus wasn’t there. Peter not knowing what happened, the mystery of Christ’s resurrection continues into April (sneak peak!), and he sees Jesus on the shore building a fire. And yes, we have one more miraculous catch of fish—the ultimate full circle moment.

So much of God’s love in so little time! Indeed, we’re marching through Lent to the day of resurrection and beyond. Prepare to be overwhelmed by God’s goodness, mercy, and love!

In God’s love,

*Pastor Doug*





## March Worship Highlights

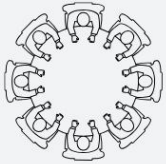
March 3 Sunday 1	3 Lent	8:00 Communion 10:30 Communion, Live Streamed & First Communion
March 10 Sunday 2	4 Lent	<b>NEW MEMBER SUNDAY</b> 8:00 10:30 Contemporary, Live Streamed
March 17 Sunday 3	5 Lent	8:00 Communion 10:30 Communion, Live Streamed
March 24 Sunday 4	Palm Sunday	8:00 10:30 Contemporary, Live Streamed
<b>Thursday, March 28</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	7:00 PM
<b>Friday, March 29</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	7:00 PM
March 31 Sunday 5	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	8:30 Communion 10:30 Communion
<b>Wednesday Evenings 3/6 - 3/20</b>	Lenten Evening Worship	6:30 PM







## COUNCIL, ETC.



- Council approved Connie Schuler as an offering counter.
- The 2024 Annual Meeting minutes were given preliminary approval by the Council.

## ADULT EDUCATION

**March 3 - Love Your Neighbor:** Eunice White, executive director of Journey to Success. This is a non-profit helping kids who are 18 and age out of the foster care system. They offer support and housing. <https://journeytoadultsuccess.org/>

**March 10 - No Adult Forum: New Members Meeting**

**March 17 - Great Women of the Bible Series: "Eve, Mother of all Living" with David Colo**

**March 24 - Great Women of the Bible Series continues.**

**March 31 - Easter Sunday - NO EDUCATION HOUR**



## BIRTHS



Congratulations to Samantha & Max Armstrong and big brother Walker on the birth of their baby girl, Noah James.  
Welcome to your church family!



# MUSIC



**Handbell Choir Rehearsals**

Wednesday, March 6 |  
After the Lenten Service

Wednesday, March 20 |  
After the Lenten Service

If you can read music & count, join us!

Beautiful sounding news is here!!!! More beautifully sounding music is coming soon!!!

The installation of the long awaited Trumpet En Chamade & Digital Antiphonal Division for our existing organ will begin the week of March 11th!

This antiphonal organ will complete the full vision of the new sanctuary and was included in the original designs and concepts. During construction, parts of the sanctuary were built to support this feature on the north wall. All of the support, hardware, and electrical is already installed just waiting to be used. This project has already been fully funded with specific designated donations for the organ over the last several years.

This will be a big draw for Ascension. Ascension will be one of two churches with a working antiphonal organ division. The other is at the St. Norbert Abbey. With this addition we plan to host more musical events and bring in outside musicians to give concerts.

Step one of the installation will be the week of March 11th. You will be able to experience the wide range of how the antiphonal organ will enhance our worship experience, when it fully surrounds the congregation after the completion of the installation in May.

-Kristoffer Engebretson  
Ascension President





# LIFE, GROWTH & WITNESS

## Journey to the Cross

**Join Mike Gilley, Spiritual Director,  
for a Visualization Meditation  
journey with Jesus on His  
journey to the cross.**

**Thursday, March 21 at 6:30 PM  
in the Gathering Room. Sign up  
on the bulletin board or with  
the weekly email link!**



**JOIN  
OUR  
TEAM**

We have a huge need for 8:00 Service Ushers.

If you are interested in learning more  
about this opportunity to volunteer -  
reach out to Amanda.

Low committment: once a month with no  
pressure if you can't make it. Pray on it, please!



# CHRISTIAN SERVICE

## 2024 NEW Community Shelter Meals & Leaders

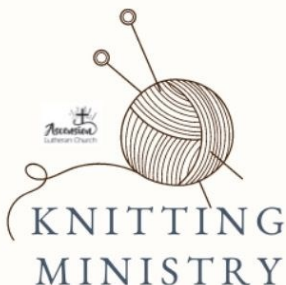
3/16 - Rebecca Grant  
4/21 - Sherry Schneider  
5/18 - Sherry Schneider  
6/16 - Mary Zaborski  
7/20 - Mary Zaborski  
8/18 - Rebecca Grant  
9/21 - Sherry Schneider  
10/20 - Mary Zaborski  
11/16 - Sherry Schneider  
12/15 - Rebecca Grant



Thank you to all those who helped bake desserts, prepare meals and serve food at the N.E.W. Community Shelter meal on the 18 of February.

We served 108 community members ham, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, mandarin oranges, buns and delicious dessert treats. Everyone enjoyed the meal, including the servers, and many expressed gratitude to our team and church for our service. A special thank-you goes to: Rebecca, Cailin and Will Grant as well as Brett Bernard and Brett Bernard Jr. for preparing and serving the meal. The treats were prepared by Lindsay Durand, Julie Baird, Sherrill Wanek, Jenny Bargender, Bev Landry and Sarah Jauger.

Our next meal for the community will be prepared and served on March 16th. If you interested in becoming a part of this type of volunteering you can reach out to any of the leaders (Mary, Sherry or Rebecca) for more information, or simply sign up on the church's bulletin board. Volunteers are generally kept busy from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM on the day of the event, and no cleanup is involved! There are also opportunities to come for only part of the time (food prep 9:30-11:00 AM, serving 11:00-12:30) if this is all that you would be available for. Hope to see you there!



## **Knitting Ministry**

Knitting Ministry donated chemo caps! Bellin Cancer Team recieved 21 caps. St. Vincent's cancer center recieved 20 caps!

Join us March 6 from 4:00-5:00 PM at church!  
New Members are always welcome!





## CHRISTIAN SERVICE, CONT.

### 1ST SUNDAY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Sunday, March 3rd is our Collection of non-perishable items for Resurrection Food Pantry.

As always our greatest needs are meals in a can, canned fruits & vegetables, pork & beans, cereals, spices, laundry & personal supplies.

Monetary donations are always helpful. These help to fill the needed space on the shelves for items that may be running low.

Thank you so much for your generosity for this important ministry.



Greetings to all.

You are a blessing to the hungry folks of Brown County.

The count and total weight are as follows: 778 items, 818 Lbs. Outstanding!

I have recently taken on some additional responsibility to chair the Brown County Food & Hunger Network. This is an organization of 22 pantries that serve all of Brown County. You may think I have lost my mind to take on this additional work and you are probably right. But I look back 10 years or so and think about the difficulty Resurrection Lutheran Food Pantry was having just keeping the doors open. I realize that with your help we were able to actually grow to become the second largest pantry on the west side of Green Bay. While large is not necessarily an objective, it is growing because it helps families who use it, and because partners like Ascension Lutheran believe it should be open and filled with food and volunteers. While it carries the name of Resurrection Lutheran Food Pantry, the Resurrection part of the name feels more like a state of being brought back from the brink of closure by the Grace of God and by dedicated partners like Ascension Lutheran. Thank You for your dedication to this important ministry in our community.

I understand that the increase in item donations this month was partly in celebration of birthdays of your pastor and Rita Krempin. It is wonderful to be remembered on important days in our lives and even more so when those remembrances are made in a way that serves to make the lives of our neighbors better.

As always May God Bless and Keep you all and may God's Peace be with you.

Larry Peterson, Pantry Manager.





## THANK YOU'S

Suzanne Schatt's daughter Kristin would like to thank everyone who has sent her mom notes, etc since she moved. They mean a great deal to Suzanne and she keeps them out on her table to bring her joy - even though she is unable to respond in kind.

If you'd like to keep sending Suzanne love - her address is changing.  
Suzanne Schatt  
16205 36th Ave. N  
Apt. 244  
Plymouth, MN 55446

Please thank "Love in a Dish" in the newsletter - I have had homemade chicken soup with real homemade egg noodles and the best baked treats, etc, etc. These folks are superstars and I really appreciate "a taste of home" Blessings!  
Servants Together, Nancy Johnson

Knitting Ministry,

Thank you for the beautiful Chemo caps! They are great to have, especially this time of year!

Rhonda - BEAM  
Bellin Expressive Arts in Medicine

Excellent Soup!  
Thank you Love  
in a Dish!

Judy & Don  
Hamari

Dear Love in a Dish Friends,

thank you for the delicious & thoughtful chicken noodle soup!

Warmly,  
Lisa & Peter Walraven

Dear Ascension Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift(s) given to your synod, recieved by ELCA World Hunger in December 2023.

*And Mary said, "My sould magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surley, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thorughts of their hearts. He has brought down the poerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. (Luke 1:46-53)*

As we waited once again during Advent, we discovered again within ourselves a longing for Jesus. We are reminded anew that God comes to us, incarnate, bringing forth God's love, justice and mercy.

Beuase of your generous gifts people all over the world, including the US, are recieving food, water, health care, livestock, peace and justice. Through your gifts you join the whole church in working toward a just world where all are fed.

Thank you. May our spirits, like Mary's, rejoice in God for the great things God has done for us all.

In Christ,  
Amanda White  
Director, Congregational Generosity



# Chris<sup>+</sup>care

## January Christ Care Calendar

Mar 2 **Piette** | 7:30APM | Room 128

Mar 6 **Matzke** | 8:00 AM | Room 128  
**High School** | 7:30 PM | Youth Room

Mar 7 **McDermott** | 6:30 PM | Room 118/119

Mar 11 **Knudsen** | 11:45 AM | Room 118/119  
**Marotz** | 6:30 PM | Library

Mar 13 **Gloe** | 7:30 AM | Gathering Room  
**High School** | 7:30 PM | Youth Room  
**Dettlaff** | 7:30 PM | Room 128

Mar 14 **Grief Group** | 10:00 AM | Library

Mar 16 **Piette** | 7:30 AM | Room 128

Mar 20 **Matzke** | 8:00 AM | Room 128  
**High School** | 7:30 PM | Youth Room

Mar 21 **McDermott** | 6:30 PM | Room 118/119

Mar 25 **Knudsen** | 11:45 AM | Room 118/119  
**Marotz** | 6:30 PM | Library

Mar 27 **Gloe** | 7:30 AM | Gathering Room  
**High School** | 6:30 PM | Youth Room  
**Dettlaff** | 7:00 PM | Dettlaff's House







# YOUTH & CONFIRMATION

9th Grade Mentor Year Students and Parents

Introduction to the Mentor Year

Wednesday, March 6th at 7:22PM

Join us for an informative session to kick off the Mentor Program. This gathering is for parents, students who have finished the first two years of the Confirmation Program, and their mentors. We will cover all aspects of the program and allocate time for students and mentors to work on their project.



***Remember to save the date as this meeting is pivotal for a successful start to the mentor year!***

High School Ice Cream Social Night!

March 17th 6:30-8:00

Come for the ice cream. stay for the fellowship!  
It's time to reconnect with one another and have some fun.

Please email or text Tracy to sign up.







# YOUTH & CONFIRMATION



## **Summer Camp!**

It's already time to sign up for **Ascension Week at Pine Lake Camp**, one of Crossways Camping Ministries. While a person can go to camp any of the times offered by Crossways, at Ascension we like to pick one week that we call "Ascension Week" and try to go all together.

Kids, camp is fun! There's always good stuff to do and fun people to do it with. Yes, we worship and learn from the Bible together, but NO, it's not

"going to church all day." Its meals in the mess hall, a cool counselor, quiet and small games, loud and whole camp games, swimming canoeing, and a whole lot of laughing.

**Parents - camp is so important!** Regular summer camp attendance as a youth is one of the key leading factors in **strong faith development** and in creating a **positive faith experience in a person's life**. Camp is where the relationship bonds are formed that return to church and make things like Sunday School, Confirmation, and Youth Group even better. The more kids we have go from a class now, the better confirmation and youth group experiences will be in the future!

## **Ascension Week at Pine Lake**

Registration for Ascension Week at Pine Lake - Session 5 is now open!

July 7th - 12th (full week): 3rd Grade and up

July 7th - 9th (half week): 1st Grade to 3rd Grade

Visit [www.crosswayscamps.org](http://www.crosswayscamps.org) and register today!

Spots filled up fast! If it is full, put your name on the waitlist and let Tracy know ASAP.

Can't go that week? Try a different week or maybe even family camp! We have some youth going to session 5 also! Please email Tracy to let her know that you are going!

Amazing counselors lead campers through a faith experience like no other. Creative worship and active bible study are woven throughout the week, and God's creation surrounds. Opportunities abound to swim, boat, cook out. Campers serve, create, play and sing crazy camp songs! Comfortable cabins are provided for campers, who are grouped by age.

If your family needs scholarship funds for your child(ren) to attend Bible camp, reach out to Tracy!

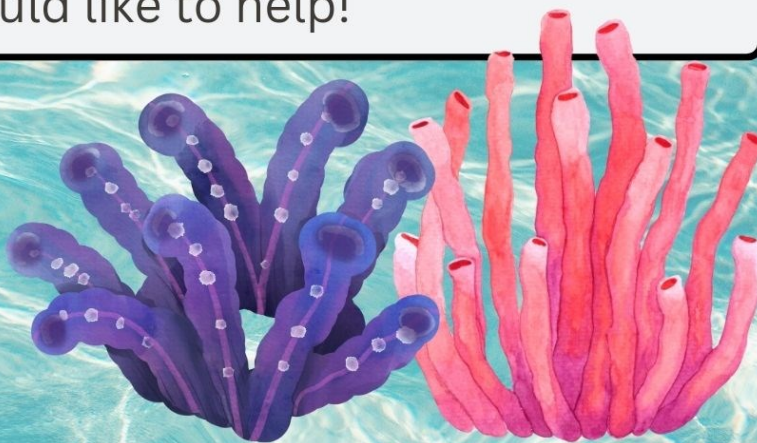




# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## **Vacation Bible School 2024!**

It may still be late winter, but plans are in the works for this year's Vacation Bible School which will take place July 29-August 1st. Mark your calendars now and watch for registration materials in the weeks to come. The theme this year is "SCUBA: Diving into friendship with God. The week promises to be action packed and full of faith filled fun. The children will experience an amazing undersea adventure where they will learn about the ever flowing and never-ending love of our amazing God. MANY volunteers will be needed for us to make this week special for our children. Please consider volunteering in any capacity that you are able to. Contact Colleen at [sundayschool@ascensiongb.com](mailto:sundayschool@ascensiongb.com) and let her know how you would like to help!





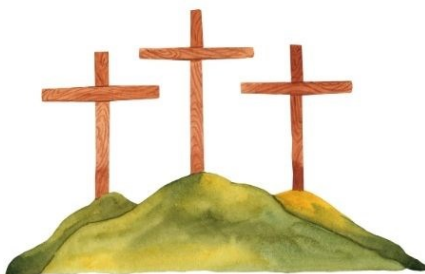
# WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

3/3	USHER TEAMS: Captains	Team 3: Bruce Bader	Team 3: Peter Daanen
	Communion Assistants (Bread)	1. Marilynn Quirk	1. Sandy Marotz
			2. Deb Kralovetz
	(Wine)	1. Andy Schultz	3. John Kepler
		2. Pat Hrdlicka	1. Cindy Meierbachtol
	(Runner)	Mary Zaborski	2. Travis Kralovetz
	Lector	Tina Korshavn	3. Robin Daanen
	Counters (2)	1. Amy Gajeski	4. Ann Dettlaff
		2. Cindy Meierbachtol	
3/10	USHER TEAMS: Captains	Team 4: Mark Becker	Team 4: Joe Refsguard
	Lector	Sonja Pigeon	John Kepler
	Counters (2)	1. Dick Postel	
		2. Micki Geis	
3/17	USHER TEAMS: Captains	Team 1: Craig Effertz	Team 1: Jerry Kralovetz
	Communion Assistants (Bread)	1. Nancy Poley	1. Mike Gilley
			2. Joe Refsguard
	(Wine)	1. Heather Poley	3. Cindy Sleeman
		2. Ray Haulotte	1. Wendy Gilley
	(Runner)	Jamie Van Dyck	2. Robyn Refsguard
	Lector	Nancy Poley	3. Emily Sleeman
	Counters (2)	1. Valerie VanderMeuse	4. Heidi Fagre
		2. Dean Matzke	Valerie VanderMeuse
			Bruce Moeller
3/24	USHER TEAMS: Captains	Team 2: Dave Hongisto	Team 2: Dave McAninch
	Lector	Marilynn Quirk	Paulette Pocquette
	Counters (2)	1. Barb Rogaczewski	
		2. Connie Gloe	

We need  
volunteers for  
Holy Week! See  
the link at the  
bottom of the  
email or check out  
the bulletin board  
at church!


## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS SIGN UP!

<b>Maundy Thursday</b>			
Bread Servers:	1	2	3
Wine Servers:	1	2	3
Lector:	1		
Usher:	1	2	3
<b>Good Friday</b>			
Lector:	1		
Usher:	1	2	3
<b>Easter 8:30 AM</b>			
Bread Servers:	1	2	3
Wine Servers:	1	2	3
Lector:	1		
Usher:	1	2	3
<b>Easter 10:30 AM</b>			
Bread Servers:	1	2	3
Wine Servers:	1	2	3
Lector:	1		
Usher:	1	2	3





# 2024 March

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<div>CC = Christ Care Mtg = Meeting MT = Mission Team</div>					1 9:30A Bulletin Assembly	2 7:30a CC Piette
3 Food Pantry Collection 8:00A Worship 9:15A Educaiton Hr 10:30A Worship & First Communion	4	5 9:00A Quilters 10:00A Staff Mtg	6 8:00A CC Matzke 4:00P Knitting 6:30P Lenten Worship 7:30P CC High School	7 6:30P CC McDermott	8 9:30P Bulletin Assembly	9
10 New Member Sunday 8:00A Worship 9:15A Education Hr, Worship Band Rehearsal 10:30A Worship 11:30A New Member Lunch 8:00P Cross Ministry	11 11:45A CC Knudsen 6:30P CC Marotz	12 9:00A Quilters 10:00A Staff Mtg 5:30P Council Mtg	13 7:30A CC Gloe 11:30A Mutual Ministry MT 6:30P Lenten Worship 7:30P CC High School 7:30P CC Dettlaff	14 10:00A Grief Group 4:30P Property MT	15 9:30P Bulletin Assembly	16 7:30a CC Piette
17 8:00A Worship 9:15A Education Hr Seder Meal 10:30A Worship	18 1:00P Joy Circle	19 9:00A Quilters 10:00A Staff Mtg	20 8:00A CC Matzke 6:30P Lenten Worship 7:30P CC High School	21 Happy Hire Anniversary, Brandon! 6:30P CC McDermott 6:30P Mike Gilley's Journey With Jesus	22 9:30P Bulletin Assembly	23
24 8:00A Worship 9:15A Education Hr Worship Band Rehearsal 10:30A Worship 8:00P Cross Ministry	25 11:45A CC Knudsen 6:30P CC Marotz	26 9:00A Quilters 10:00A Staff Mtg	27 7:30A CC Gloe 7:30P CC High School 7:00P CC Dettlaff	28 7:00P Maundy Thursday Worship	29 9:30P Bulletin Assembly 7:00P Good Friday Worship	30
31 8:30A Easter Worship 10:30A Easter Worship						



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Peter Daanen: Head Usher  
Tina Korshavn: Love in a Dish

*Due to HIPAA privacy laws, the church is often not informed when a person is hospitalized. Please call the church office when you would like a pastoral visit when you are in the hospital. Do not rely on the hospital to call the church office, even if they have said they will. Please call the church office directly, or have a family member do so.*

Email your prayer requests to  
[ascensionprayers@gmail.com](mailto:ascensionprayers@gmail.com)

or call the church office.