



# Long Lake Lutheran Church

## March Newsletter

### March:

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| 1st:  | 9:30-noon Fellowship Café<br>3:30 Vision and Planning w/Architect<br>7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous  | 16th | 5:15 Weds. Dinner– Lenten soup<br>6:00 Worship/Confirmation/<br>Children’s Church<br>7:00-7:45 Church Choir |
| 2nd   | Ash Wednesday Worship at 1:00 pm<br>and 6:00 pm with drive through<br>Imposition of Ashes at 1:45 pm                                      | 17th | 9:00 Prayer Group<br>10:30 Bible Study<br>1:00 WELCA  |
| 3rd   | 9:00 Prayer Group<br>10:30 Bible Study<br>1:00 Worship & Music Meeting  | 20th | 9:00 Worship/Holy Communion<br>10:15 Stewardship Meeting  |
| 6th   | 9:00 Worship/ Holy Communion<br>10:15 Youth and Education Meeting<br>10:15 Property & Finance Meetings<br>10:30-12:30 1st Communion Class | 21st | 6:00 Emotions Anonymous<br>6:30 4H  |
| 7th   | 6:00 Emotions Anonymous   | 22nd | 9:30-noon Fellowship Café<br>7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous  |
| 8th   | 9:30-noon Fellowship Café<br>1:00 Sunshine Circle<br>7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous  | 23rd | 5:15 Weds. Dinner–Lenten soup<br>6:00 Worship/Communion/<br>Children’s Church<br>7:00-7:45 Church Choir     |
| 9th   | 5:15 Weds. Dinner– Hot dogs<br>6:00 Worship & Camp Celebration<br>7:00-7:45 Church Choir  | 24th | 9:00 Prayer Group<br>10:30 Bible Study  |
| 10th  | 9:00 Prayer Group<br>10:30 Bible Study  | 27th | 9:00 Worship<br>10:30-12:30 1st Communion Class   |
| 13th  | 9:00 Worship<br>10:15 Cong. Life & Mission Team<br>Meeting  | 28th | 12:00 Lunch Ladies<br>6:00 Emotions Anonymous   |
| 14th: | 1:00 Friends of Ruth<br>6:00 Emotions Anonymous   | 29th | 9:00 Mission Quilting<br>9:30 Fellowship Café<br>7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous                                  |
| 15th: | 9:30-noon Fellowship Café<br>7:00 Alcoholics Anonymous  | 30th | 5:15 Weds. Dinner– Lenten soup<br>6:00 Worship/Communion/<br>Children’s Church<br>7:00-7:45 Church Choir    |
|       |   | 31st | 9:00 Prayer Group<br>10:30 Bible Study  |

## From the desk of Pastor Sue:



We begin our Lenten journey to the cross on Ash Wednesday, March 3rd with the Imposition of Ashes, and continue through Holy Week beginning with Palm Sunday, April 10th, experiencing the humility of our Lord on Maundy Thursday, the torture and crucifixion of our Lord on Good Friday, and finally joyously celebrating the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday, April 17th . I hope you fully engage in our Lenten series with the theme of **“Full to the Brim,”** produced by Adrian White of *“A Sanctified Art.”* Bring all that you are to worship, to engage in self-examination, to repent and to hear the words of forgiveness. Return to God with all of your heart. You are enough; God wants to be with you. Come as you are, with all that you are!

With the crisis in the Ukraine developing as I write this, I am concerned for all the people involved. The Ukrainian people, the Russian people who are not in favor of this invasion, the Americans who reside in Ukraine and the Americans with family members and friends residing in the Ukraine. I pray that peace will prevail, but I also know that there must be repentance by the aggressors. All our religious traditions call us to pray and work for peace. We join our voices and hands together with Christians worldwide. We must open our eyes to those who are suffering, and we cannot remain indifferent to the injustice this conflict has brought on the people of Ukraine and may bring on people of neighboring countries.

We must call on all those involved—whether governments, movements or individuals—to repent of aggression and violence, and turn instead to the way of peace through dialogue. We also call upon the faithful people of our congregations and communities to pray for wisdom, peace and justice to prevail in Ukraine. And, we are called to action when they need food, water, medical supplies, clothing, diapers, money, and refuge. We cannot and should not just sit by complacently watching it all unfold on national news.

Join us as we pray united as people of the ELCA:

*“Oh Divine, most mighty, most merciful, our sacred stories tell us that you help and save your people. You are the fortress: may there be no more war. You are the harvest: may there be no more hunger. You are the light: may no one die alone or in despair. Oh Divine, most majestic, most motherly, grant us your life. Amen.”* (from ELCA, *An Interfaith Call to Peace for Ukraine*)

When I think of some of the issues we complain about or are fascinated with; when I think about my warm house and cupboards full of food; when I think about my own safety and security; I just can’t consider myself blessed above others. I wonder why I was born in America to hard working parents; I wonder why I am overweight when so much of the world hungers; I give thanks to God, but I know that my blessings come with very troubling responsibilities.

Our attention is now on Ukraine. There are many other trouble spots in the world as well. We must be aware of the needs of our fellow human beings, and we must act when we are able. I invite you to stop by our Ukraine prayer station in the Narthex. Spend some time if you can. Contribute financially, if you are able, to our special appeal for Ukraine through Lutheran World Relief or our benevolence fund. Thank you for your prayers and concern for the people of Ukraine.

## *From the desk of Shawna Berg:*



We are heading into Lent again, that time in the church calendar that begins on Ash Wednesday, and ends on Easter. Some people traditionally give up something during Lent, as a way to remind them of the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. For many years, that was something that I would do, often giving up caffeine for Lent. I would endure the caffeine withdrawal headaches, would most definitely be a little crabbiest and would convince myself that perhaps this year, the change would be permanent. Then Easter Morning would come, which almost always meant hosting a youth ministry Easter Breakfast fundraiser which involved a very early morning, some caffeine, and I was back on the caffeine bandwagon. After several years of this cycle I began to wonder why it really was that I was doing this. Was giving up caffeine bringing me any closer to Jesus? The truth was, no.

It was that year that I began giving up something else each Lent, something a little more precious, TIME. I made a commitment to ADD a practice each Lent allowed me to focus a little more on my faith. In 2009, the first year of my “new plan” I made a commitment to pray through my friends list on social media. At the time, I had 350 friends on Facebook. I divided that by 40, and made a spreadsheet of between 8-9 people per day that I would pray for. I then went through the process of contacting them, the day before to let them know that I would be praying for them, and asking them for specific prayer requests. I then invited other people to join me on this journey. That year, I had a group of 150 people that committed to praying through their friends. I was very nervous as I started to contact people. It may be true for some of you too, but many of the people that I was contacting, were people that I only knew casually, and they were people that I had definitely never talked about faith with. The conversations that were opened up that Lent, were incredibly powerful, as I learned about very personal struggles, celebrated amazing accomplishments and had lovely conversations about faith and God with people who were trying to figure out exactly what it was that they believed. It was a much more meaningful practice than giving up Diet Coke.

Since then, I’ve tried to think of other ways to connect with God over Lent. Some years it has been through family devotions, some years it has been through a guided bible reading plan but every year, I find it to be reflective and meaningful, and one of my favorite church seasons of the year.

I invite you to think about meaningful ways you might connect with God this Lenten season. We hope you will consider joining us for our Wednesday evening Lenten services, perhaps that could be your practice this Lent. Maybe you will try out the Bible Study or commit to reading a chapter in your Bible each day. Whatever it is that you do, I hope that this Lenten season reminds you of the promises of God’s abundant and expansive grace, and helps you connect with them more deeply!



## 24th Annual Quilt Auction, Silent Auction, and Bake Sale September 17, 2022

Greetings from Camp Onomia!

February 2022

**The 2021 auction** was again a huge success, thanks to the many volunteers, donors, and attendees.

This annual event is always enjoyable with live quilt auction, raffle quilt, silent auction, bake sale, overnight stays, and lots of fellowship! **Save the date – Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**. Steve Hermanson of Buffalo will again be donating his auctioneering services this year.

**The quilts** donated for the auction are always beautiful and a true blessing for Camp Onomia's primary fundraiser. We look forward to receiving your generous contributions.

**Looking for ideas** of quilts to make? Neutrals are very popular, and neutrals with a little splash of color. Contemporary quilt patterns and geometrics are always popular. Also consider those which remind us of God's creation. If you would love to make it, someone else will love to buy it, gift it, or use it!

### **QUEEN SIZE IS BY FAR THE MOST POPULAR QUILT.**

**Standard quilt sizes** are as follows: Twin: 72x90, Full: 81x96, Queen: 90x108, King: 110x120. These measurements include a 12-inch drop on the sides. Throws and odd sized quilts, though still beautiful, do not sell as well. Wall Hangings are also needed, and just a few baby quilts.

**Quilts must be submitted by August 1.** Quilts received after August 1 may be held for the 2023 auction. Quilts will be posted on the website [www.camponomia.org](http://www.camponomia.org) for preview. We'll send you more information in May including how to get your quilts to camp, a form to submit with your quilt, and other details.

**We are seeking items for the Silent Auction, especially high quality craft and wood items.** If you have church members, friends or relatives who have these skills and would like to donate, please let Julie Lind know. Silent Auction items must have a form (included in the May mailing) emailed to Julie Lind by September 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Thank you** for your past donations and for participating this year. We couldn't do it without YOU!

Questions? Want to join the team? Contact Sharon Buckley at 612-581-5739 or Sandy Miller at 763-453-2233, or Julie Lind (Silent Auction only) [juliepiano@comcast.net](mailto:juliepiano@comcast.net).

*Sharon, Sandy and the team*

***FAITH COMMUNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMC)***

***2554 BROADWAY AVE  
SLAYTON MN 56172***

February 9, 2022

Pastor Sue Olson  
Long Lake Lutheran Church  
3921 277th Avenue NW  
Isanti MN 55040

Dear Pastor Sue Olson and Long Lake Lutheran Congregation:

On behalf of our Faith Community Lutheran Church congregation, I am sending a sincere "Thank You" to you for the Reclaim Hymnals given to us. Pastor Sarah Carlstrom of Crossroads Lutheran Church in Dawson delivered them to us. Your congregation was very kind and generous to share them with us. It is greatly appreciated!

As a new congregation, we have been so blessed by others giving support in our journey. We feel the Holy Spirit is leading us every day and pray that we will be able to pay forward blessings to others as we grow in faith and love.

We also appreciate all the prayers supporting us in this endeavor.

God's Blessings to You,

Jerry Moline, President  
Faith Community Lutheran Church  
Slayton, Minnesota

# What's Happening at LLLC?

## 2022 Adult COED softball season is starting to ramp up!

If you are 16 and over, please think of coming out and playing!

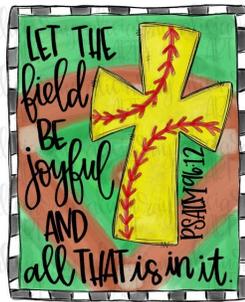
We offer fun, christian camaraderie and a good time enjoying the gifts that the Lord has endowed upon us to play ball!

Games are normally Tuesdays 6:30- 8:30pm and more than half are at our home field.

For more information please Contact: Bruce Riebe [bruce.riebe@gmail.com](mailto:bruce.riebe@gmail.com) or

612-384-9109

Sign up sheet is in the narthex.



**SPRING CLEANING with PURPOSE!** Exciting news! WELCA has decided to tentatively hold its Annual LLLC Spring Garage Sale on the first Thursday in May. To be successful we will be in need of your “extras” and your castoffs that you no longer need! PLEASE: we cannot accept large pieces of furniture or items such as computers, printers, tv’s or other larger electronics! The WELCA garage sale is a wonderful way to assist those in our community that may be in need and as usual it will offer a free will offering. The proceeds from the sale allow for WELCA to continue its funding of many LLLC projects! \* Please note that the uncertainty about COVID may impact our plans.

## Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> is Camp Onomia Church night.

We will be celebrating all things camp, like hot-dogs, s’mores, songs and stories about camp. Wear your camp t-shirts. Executive Director Jim Schmidt will be joining us.

## Wednesdays March 16- April 6<sup>th</sup> will be the Lenten Series

“Full to the Brim, An Expansive Lent”, from A Sanctified Art. Soup suppers will begin at 5:00 pm with worship at 6:00 pm. We are looking for kitchen helpers for those evenings to serve and to clean up.

## Help our youth go to camp:

Consider making a donation to help our kids go to Camp Onomia this summer! It costs almost \$500 for kids to go to summer camp, and as a congregation we would like to offset those costs for as many kids as possible! To make a donation you can write a check to Long Lake Lutheran with Camp Onomia Campership in the memo. Camp experiences are life-changing!

## First Communion:

It is time for our First Communion classes! Students in grades 3 and up can sign up to attend the two classes that will be held on March 6<sup>th</sup> and March 27 from 10:30 – 12:30 p.m. Students must attend both classes with at least one adult. Please let Shawna know you will be attending so we have enough supplies!

Friends of Ruth is inviting all women of the church to mark your calendar for April 9<sup>th</sup>. This invitation is for a special Spring Luncheon : “Let’s Flamingo” We are having a guest speaker: Kris BJORKE. We will have a program at 11:00 and don’t

be surprised to see a lot of PINK.

The cost is \$10.00/ person.

We’ll have a nice selection of salads and finger-sandwiches.

Please bring your friends and come for a wonderful afternoon.



**March Worship Helpers are:**

**March 6th**

Greeter: Yvonne Miller

Ushers: Richard & Jean Hanson

Lector: Angie Spartz

Kitchen: Joanne Eittreim

**March 13th**

Greeter: Barry Smith & Margaret McBride

Usher: John & Rose Hass

Lector: Julie Nielsen

Kitchen: Ernie & Nancy Sandahl

**March 20th**

Greeter: Wayne & Becky Olson

Ushers: Dave & Kathy Findell

Lector: Margaret McBride

Kitchen: Connie & Gerald Anderson

**March 27th**

Greeter: Jennifer Manion

Ushers: Connie Engren

Lector: Wayne Olson

Kitchen: Barb Talbot

# Kitchen Flooring Update:

The work on the kitchen flooring has begun. Thank you to the volunteers that put in so much time and effort removing everything. The demolition of the existing floor will begin on Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. That will bring us a lot of free dust!

We'll keep the doors to the fellowship hall closed until the dust settles. Please do not use the kitchen door for the next two weeks.

Coffee and donuts will be served in the Narthex until we can return to the kitchen.



# Youth Curling



# Youth Confirmation Retreat



# March Birthdays & Anniversaries

## Birthdays:

03/01	Roger	Pelika
	Madonna	Schmidt
03/03	Kylie	Berg
03/05	Wesley	Sonsteby
03/06	Matthew	Lundeen
03/07	Logan	Orr
03/08	Carlee	Oliver
	Roxanne	Peterson
	Katherine	Pipp
03/09	Logan	Anderson
	Colleen	Bell
	Bexley	Budnick
03/12	Jon	Westover
03/13	Siravaj	Moeller
03/14	Samantha	Capra
	Kerri	Hill
	Zachary	Thompson
03/15	Karen	Baker
	Karen	Bartz
03/18	Antonio	Rouen
03/19	Richard	Larsen
	Nicholas	Wachsmuth
03/20	Wyatt	Wald
03/21	Jarek	Scheller
03/23	Mark	Hanson
03/24	Carter	Fournier
	Kendra	Lynn
	Don	Weidner
	Ben	Westover
03/25	Marlene	Mitchell
03/26	Logan	Hemsworth
	Alexander	Hylen
03/27	Jeannine	Anderson
	Lydia	Lund
03/28	Kaitlyn	Bauer
03/29	Gerald	Anderson
	Tony	Nechanicky

## Wedding Anniversaries:

03/05	Kathy & Dale Findell
03/22	Linda & Larry Oliver
03/28	Betsy & Jim Vincent

## Baptism Anniversaries:

03	Madonna	Schmidt
	Mackenzie	Goedel
	Logan	Soligny
03/01	Wayne	Olson
	Edward	Rouen
	Donna	Larsen
	Angela	Hylen
	Phillip	Maguire
	Jenna	Goslinga
	Kelsey	Hooker
03/04	Aubrey	Bell
03/08	Michael	Hanson
	Charlotte	Fischer
	Margaret	McGovern
03/09	Peyton	Stanius
03/11	Abigail	Niemi
	Tiffanie	Niemi
03/12	Susan	Netzer
	Andrew	Jaques
03/14	Reagan	Rockstad
03/17	Kenneth	Miller
03/18	Charlotte	Sonterre
03/19	Lydia	Lund
	Sophia	Lund
03/21	Tucker	Kolb
03/22	Karen	Bartz
	Baylye	Anderson
03/23	Taylor	Bender
03/24	Benjamin	Hylen
	Robin	Gemmill
	Brooklyn	Zemmer
03/25	Kaitlin	Bender
	Victoria	Henry
03/26	Mitchell	Nelson
	Kody	Puck
	Jacob	Anderson
	Madelyn	Anderson
	Maya	Anderson
	Sam	Anderson
03/27	Mickey	Hanson
03/31	Donald	Hansen



## **LENT 2022**

**March 2nd**

**Ash Wednesday**

Worship Services with Imposition of Ashes:

1:00 pm and 6:00 pm in the sanctuary

1:45 Drive through from east to west under

the portico

No meal

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**March 9th**

**Camp Worship**

Come join the fun with Executive Director

Jim Schmidt

Enjoy hot dogs and s'mores from 5-6

Camp Style Worship at 6:00 pm

Wear your camp shirt!

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**March 16th**

Soup Supper at 5:00

Worship @ 6:00

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**March 23rd**

Soup Supper at 5:00

Worship @ 6:00

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**March 30th**

Soup Supper at 5:00

Worship @ 6:00

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**April 6th**

Soup Supper at 5:00

Worship @ 6:00

## **HOLY WEEK**

**April 10th** Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday

9:00 am Worship

Special Music

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**April 13th--Wednesday**

6:00 pm Worship

No meal

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**April 14th --Maundy Thursday**

6:00 pm Worship

1st Communion

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**April 15th -- Good Friday**

1:00 pm Worship

6:00 pm Worship

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**April 17th – Easter Sunday**

Worship times:

Sunrise 6:15 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Breakfast 7:00 am – 10:30 am

