


March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
			1	2	3	4	
5 6 PM worship service	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 worship Potluck	13	14			16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18
19 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 worship	20	21			23	24	25
26 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 worship	27	28	29	30	31		

Altar Guild- volunteer
 Cleaning- Bolstad's
 Potluck- Cheryl Bolstad, Cindy Lechleitner, Jessica Wisocky

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Up Coming Events

1st Sunday of the month
Worship with Communion at 6 PM

Other Sunday's
Sunday School at 9:30 AM
Services at 10:30 AM

March 5 Worship with Communion at 6 PM

March 12 Sunday School at 9:30am
Worship at 10:30am
Pot Luck Lunch

March 19 Sunday School at 9:30am
Worship at 10:30am

March 26 Sunday School at 9:30am
Worship at 10:30am

Shut In's

Please remember our shut-in's n prayer with a note or visit. Days are long for them, they love to hear from you. Those that are shut-ins: Tom Lechleitner, Bonnie Weber, Laura Weber-Meyers (Howard Bonnie's daughter), Pete Skille, Jacob Skille, Carol Bolstad, Al Meyer. If I have forgotten or missed someone please let me know.

Finances

In order to keep the congregation better informed the council decided to publish the finances each month. We need \$300 per Sunday to meet our budget. This Figure is arrived at by dividing the budget by 52 Sundays.

Income for December (Last Month Available to be Published)

December 4	\$315.00	December 18	\$150.00
December 11	\$110.00	December 24	\$323.00

Communion

We will have communion on the Sunday's/Other Services when we have an ordained minster with us. On other Sunday's Jason Meyer or Richard Pulcher will be serving us, no communion on these Sunday's. Those serving us and communion dates are subject to change.

Visitation

At this time we do not have a full time pastor. If you would like a visit from a pastor or are in need of other services, Jason Meyer has agreed to be the primary contact at this time. His home phone s 715-644-0382, cell 715-703-9071. He will make arrangements for you.

Seder

The Seder Meal will be held April 6th at 8 PM. If you plan to attend please sign up at Church or let Cheryl Bolstad at 715-447-5428

A Note From Bonnie Weber

no note at time of printing

If you would like to send a card or note the address is:

Bonnie Weber
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Bloomer, WI 54724

A Little About Lent

Definition

Lent is the forty-day season (excluding Sundays) of penitence and preparation for the Three Days of Holy Week and Easter.

A Very Brief History

The term "Lent" originally comes from the Anglo-Saxon word "lencten" which means "spring." This is the time, in the Northern Hemisphere, when the days are lengthening. The season began as period of fasting leading up to the Vigil of Easter. Catechumens, those preparing for baptism at Easter, would fast and spend days in intense preparation. For those that were already baptized, Lent was a period to be renewed in their faith by studying the Bible, the Creed and the Lord's Prayer.

Although it was originally only a two-day period of preparation, Lent became a three-week preparatory period in the middle of the fourth century and then this was further expanded into six-weeks, or forty days. By the end of the fifth century, there was a desire to exclude Sundays from Lent since Sundays are always celebrated as feasts of the Resurrection. Thus Lent begins not on Sunday, but on Ash Wednesday.

The current practice of forty days of Lent recall Jesus' forty-day fast in the wilderness after his Baptism (Matthew 4:2, Luke 4:1-2) as well as Moses' forty-day fast on Mount Sinai (Exodus 34:28).

A Few Notes on Current Practice

-The appointed liturgical color for Lent is purple because purple has long been associated with royalty. In this case, Christ reigns from a cross.

-Currently, the ancient understanding of Lent as both a time for baptismal preparation and baptismal renewal is being rediscovered in Lutheran rites and practice. Many congregations hold mid-week services during Lent and a baptismal renewal theme is particularly appropriate for these.

-Many congregations refrain from speaking or singing the word "alleluia" during Lent. "Burying" the alleluia occurs at the conclusion of worship on Transfiguration Sunday and it is restored at either the Vigil of Easter or Easter Sunday. A Lenten acclamation replaces the alleluia verse in preparation for hearing the Gospel

Anniversary's, Birthday's, Baptism's, Confirmation's March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Birthday Courtney Myren	4 Birthday Clarice Gabryel
5 Baptism Masen Fredrickson	6	7 Birthday Merideth Westaby	8 Baptism Amber Lodahl	9	10 Baptism Blake Wisocky	11
12	13 Baptism Vonda Kinas Samantha Kinas A.J. Kinas	14	15	16 Birthday Tucker Lane Hulle	17 Birthday Carter Wisocky	18
19	20	21 Birthday Brian Bolstad	22	23 Baptism Jade Fredrickson	24 Birthday Joel Alcantara Sr.	25
26 Baptism Carol Bolstad	27	28			30 Birthday Spencer Bratsven Mya Grace Hayes Baptism Marcus Meyer	31 Birthday Charles Slowiak