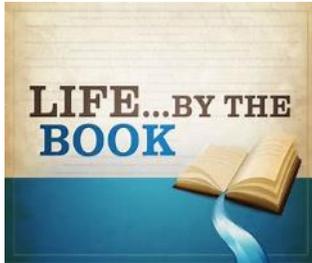




Epiphany Lutheran Church

"Growing in faith through God's grace."

# THE EPIPHANY STAR



**"Life By The Book"**  
Worship 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday,  
March 4 - April 1  
Holden Evening Prayer

Some books of the bible contain the life story of one person. This lent we will look at five books in the Old Testament that tell the story of five faithful people of God. We are invited to read the full book each week before we worship to explore how these stories come alive for us today!

Ruth - March 4 ~ Esther - March 11 ~ Job - March 18  
Daniel - March 25 ~ Jonah - April 1

**Delicious home-cooked meals served each Wednesday**  
5:30 – 6:15 p.m. Epiphany Community Room  
Minimum Suggested Donation: \$4.00 per person

## March 2020

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**Spring 'Scraftin' Retreat**  
**'Let's Flamingo'**

Our Spring 'Scraftin' Retreat is the weekend of  
Friday, March 20 & Saturday, March 21

Come join in the fun!  
More details are on page 3

**Sunday Worship**  
9:00 a.m.

**Fellowship**  
10:00 a.m.

**Faith Formation**  
10:30 a.m.

**Wednesday**  
**Lenten Supper**  
5:30 p.m.  
**Lenten Worship**  
6:30 p.m.



## Living with Grief

I thought I knew something about grief; it is, after all, part of my job to sit with grief on a regular basis. I thought I knew what it was to go to the depth of grief because people I love unconditionally have died. I thought I understood the complexity of grief, how everyone's experience of it is different, and that we all need to experience grief in our own way and in our own time. What I have been reminded of in the death of my mother-in-law is that I know nothing about grief.

When my mother-in-law, Nan, died February 7 something inside me broke, and I physically felt the pain of her death in my body. I don't know how to describe it other than to say that it felt like I was both being crushed and pulled apart at the same time. I wasn't sure I would be able to pull myself back together. In the days that followed I think that people's hugs were often physically holding me together. At the same time, I realized that the pain my wife was feeling was different from my own, there are pieces of her grief that are profoundly different from my experience.

One of the truths that I saw lived out as we held vigil at Nan's bedside is that everyone's relationship to Nan was different. Each of her children did something to care for their mother, and each of those acts told something of their relationship. Some might try to compare those relationships as close or distant, intimate or formal. In truth they are just different; close and intimate each in their own way. In the same way Nan had different relationship with each of her in-laws; she loved us as her own children and more importantly she trusted that we love her children. We find comfort that all three of Nan's remaining children and their spouses were with her for her death, and that in her final days she was never alone.

The dying process moved very quickly. Nan was hospitalized the Monday after Thanksgiving and we knew this was different than previous hospital stays, like a switch being flipped, she developed dementia that could not be treated. After her discharge she went to a rehab facility where we hoped that she would recover to her pre-hospitalization status, but unfortunately things got worse. Our family made the decision that Nan would not be able to return to her independent living apartment and that she would need to move to a memory care unit. She was hospitalized again on New Year's Day and after another week in the hospital went to her new apartment. In the weeks that followed she was under constant care by healthcare providers and received excellent nursing, but

something was obviously wrong. February 3, she was again admitted to the hospital and on February 4 doctors talked to the family about moving to hospice care. Nan died three days later.

Grief is a strange creature that comes to live with you. We don't know when grief will attack suddenly causing a wave of uncontrollable tears, or when it will sneak up and take our breath away, or when it will sit in our bodies causing a numbness that will not let us feel anything. At times we have lost our ability to think clearly, or remember everyday words or names. At times grief has made us moody or irritable. In the midst of it I have needed different care at different times. Sometimes I want a hug and I want to talk, and a minute later I want to sit in silence and don't want anyone to touch me. Where I normally would look at the positive, think about the bright side, and search for a silver lining; in this I have needed to sit in the grief. I'm not ready to look for hope, I don't want to hear that she is not in pain, I need to grieve and mourn the loss of a remarkable woman who I was not ready to say goodbye to.

Yet even in our pain we grieve with faith. We do hold to the promise of baptism; we know that death will not have the final word. We know that Nan is in Christ and that she no longer feels pain or sorrow. We envision her at the banquet feast that has no end, with rich foods, and well-aged wines. We trust the promise that because she was united to Christ in her baptism she is united to his death and resurrection, and that because he lives, she lives too.

And we live with the reality that we wish she was still with us. We want to sit down at OUR table again to eat an Easter meal of lamb, green rice, red cabbage, and a special desert. We want to go to another concert of the National Lutheran Choir, or take her to a play. We want to plan a trip, or talk about our family. We want to just sit in her living room and tell stories and remember. We want things to go back to normal.

So, like so many of you, we will live with this strange creature called grief. We will be gentle with our selves, and we hope you will be gentle with us as well. And we will learn from this grief how to be gentle with others living with their grief. And while I have learned more about grief, I hope I can remember as I sit with others in their grief that it is different than my own, and that really, I know nothing about grief.

Yours in Christ,

### Gift's of Grace

As Gift's of Grace prepares for the Holy season of Easter, new items of Easter cards and handmade gifts will be added throughout the month. Please check us out often. And of course, if you're looking for something specific please let us know.

Baby items are being restocked. Wonderful handmade cloth books, children's handmade travel packs and pencil cases (also great for cosmetics and toiletries) are new this year. Plaques for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion (or any other special occasion). New cards are being made for Easter, First Communion, St. Patrick's Day as well as general greetings.

### Connecting Community

Wednesday, March 11 ~ 10 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to meet with friends and neighbors for coffee at our monthly gathering. Coffee is ready at 10 a.m. at the city hall in Eagle Lake. Plan to bring a friend or neighbor and join us on Wednesday, March 11.

Contact: John and Susan Nasinec with any questions at 257-3135.

### Women's Bible Study

Monday, March 2 & 16 ~ 6:30 p.m.

Our Bible Study was cancelled in February due to weather so we are planning to meet on March 2 where we will discuss some new ideas for our Bible Study. We will meet again on our regular third Monday, March 16. Please join us at the church at 6:30 p.m.



### Garage Sale Fundraiser

Epiphany youth who are going on a Mission Trip this summer will be participating in the Eagle Lake City Wide Garage Sale that is held the first weekend in May. Please help by accumulating your unwanted items to donate to this fundraiser. The church has no extra storage area for donations so please keep them at your home until closer to this event.

### Spring 'Scraftin' Retreat

'Let's Flamingo'

Friday, March 20 - Saturday, March 21

Our Spring Retreat, planned for the week-end of Friday, March 20 and Saturday, March 21. Come join in the fun!

Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used in support of the General Fund. Make plans now to attend-bring your friends, relax, have fun, scrapbook or work on your crafts.

We provide meals for the attendees, as well as do set-up before and clean-up after the event. Please watch the Happenings bulletin board for donation and help requests so we can have another great success!

The cost for this retreat is \$30 for Friday, (5 p.m.-11 p.m.), \$40 for Saturday (8am - 8pm) or \$50 for both Friday and Saturday.

Please contact Vickie Huebl at 257-3653 if you have any questions or would like to be a member of the scrapbook team.

### Help Needed!

On the bulletin board is a signup sheet for donations for our Scrapbooking/Craft retreat. Please sign-up if you would like to donate a door prize or snack items. The retreat is successful each year because of the church's excellent reputation for providing the space, accommodations and wonderful meals. Thank you for helping make this another successful fundraiser!

#### Meal Assignments:

Friday Supper: Fellowship & Evangelism

Saturday Brunch: Worship & Education

Saturday Supper: Youth & Stewardship

### Adult Adventures Movie

Sunday, March 29 ~ 11 a.m.

Join us for 'A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood' a film about Mr. Rogers who is played by Tom Hanks.

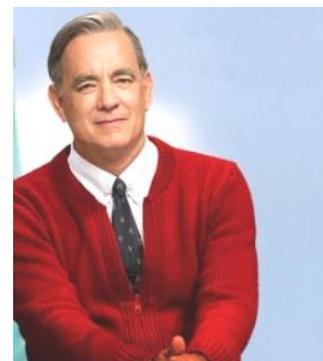
A sandwich lunch and beverages will be provided. Please bring a snack to share. You are invited to bring a lawn chair so you have a comfortable seat to watch the movie. Watch for a signup sheet on the Happenings Board.

### Lunch for \$1

We have plans to serve 'Lunch for \$1' at Crossroads Campus Ministry on March 17. Please speak with Colleen Hall if you have questions or want to help serve.



The theme for the Spring 'Scraftin' Retreat is 'Let's Flamingo' Friday, March 20 Saturday, March 21



'A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood'



American Red Cross

Together, we can save a life

### Red Cross Bloodmobile

On Monday, February 17, a Red Cross Blood drive was held at Epiphany. A total of 24 units of blood were donated during this drive. We thank the volunteers from Epiphany who provided assistance to the Red Cross staff.

- Jim Enz for his role as coordinator of the drive.
- Jim Enz, Patty Adams and Deloris Mosher for helping with registration, providing treats and working in the canteen.



### UFO Saturday- UnFinished Objects

If you are experiencing UFO's (Unfinished Objects) in your home and need space and no distractions we invite you to meet at the church on March 14 and April 4. The church will be open 9 a.m.- 9 p.m. Cost of \$15 per Saturday (proceeds will go to church general fund) gets you the space you need. No registration is required - just come and go as your schedule allows. Bring your projects/supplies, your own food, and beverage (church has full kitchen). Enjoy the company of others and get those projects done! Questions ~ email Vickie at [huebvick@outlook.com](mailto:huebvick@outlook.com). with subject line of "UFO Saturday". Hope to see you there.



### MN Food Share Month

'Pack the Pews'  
Sundays during March

During the 2020 March Campaign, Minnesota FoodShare will host a 'Pack the Pews' event. 'Pack the Pews' is an opportunity for congregations across the state to engage their members in supporting Minnesota food shelves by bringing non-perishable food items to worship services.

**Epiphany will participate in 'Pack the Pews' each Sunday during the month of March.**

Plan ahead and bring your donations to worship during March. Items collected will be brought to the altar and then distributed to several of our partners such as ECHO and our Little Pantry.

During the 2019 March Campaign, more than \$8 million dollars and 5.1 million pounds of food were raised by MN food shelves and Minnesota FoodShare.

### Quilting and Sewing in March

Wednesdays, March 4, 18, 25 ~ 9:00

We meet to sew quilts and blankets several times each month at 9 a.m. in the Community Room. Everyone is welcome - sewing experience is not required as there are many ways to help.

### Epiphany's Little Pantry

During the month of March in conjunction with MN Food Share we are looking for donations to help fill our Little Pantry. We have highlighted specific needs each week; however, feel free to bring your favorites.

Week 1 - Pancake mix and syrup

Week 2 - Canned and dry soups

Week 3 - Peanut butter, canned meats, beans (dried or canned)

Week 4 - Personal care items, toilet paper, Kleenex, feminine hygiene products, deodorant, soap, full size shampoo and conditioner, diapers

Week 5 - Pasta and sauces, rice packets, tuna or hamburger helper.

### HyVee Coupon Books

HyVee Coupon Books will be on sale after church the second Sunday of each month and during Lent's Wednesday night meals. This is a fundraiser for youth traveling to Colorado on a mission trip in June.

The cost of the coupon books is \$5.00 each. Because of the generosity of a Thrivent Community Impact Grant, these sales are pure profit. Coupon books sold at church will go to support the group as a whole. Participants may also sell coupon books on their own. These funds will be directed to the individual's account.

If you would like to purchase a coupon book and the second Sunday of the month does not work for you, please contact Jacki Madden at [jackimadden07@gmail.com](mailto:jackimadden07@gmail.com). Jacki can also be contacted by mission trip participants if they would like to sell books outside of church.

### Pop Donations

Our supply of pop is running low. If you would like to donate, we would welcome cola, orange, root beer or 7-up. Pop is sold for 50 cents and sales are a fundraiser for our youth programs.



Spring is just around the corner and we can't wait to get back outside! This March, we will be talking about working and living on a farm. We will discover what types of animals live on a farm and what a farmer's job is. We will also celebrate St. Patrick's Day and have Parent/Teacher Conferences at the end of the month. We have learned so much this year and look forward to sharing with you on Sunday, March 15, when we sing in worship.

### Preschool Expansion Update:

Thank you to the congregation for voting to move forward with the expansion of the preschool. We will be moving from a Preschool to an Early Learning Center since we will be offering care to children ages 16 months-5 years.

Since your vote at the Congregational meeting the preschool staff has moved the preschool office, and the classrooms are starting to be cleaned out for renovations of the physical space to start soon. Renovations will include removal of both walls between the three classrooms so it will be one room to accommodate 14 toddlers. On one end of the classroom, a hand sink will be installed along with some cupboards, counter space, a microwave, a mini fridge, and tiled flooring.

We have received the \$10,000 grant from the City of Eagle Lake through the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation. Funds from this grant will go towards purchasing equipment, furniture, and supplies for the new toddler room. Some of these items will need to be stored in public spaces throughout the building while renovations take place, so please be patient as they appear. They will be put into place after renovations are complete.

A new playground for the toddlers will be constructed on the east side of the building. This will include equipment for climbing, a sandbox, appropriate turf for a fall zone and fencing. We are still waiting to hear on a grant to help cover cost of the playground.

We will be holding a series of events to introduce the Early Learning Center. On Friday, March 13, we will host "Try Your Luck at Game Night". Families are invited to tour the facility, meet and greet our current staff and have fun playing games. Please invite family, friends and neighbors with children who would be eligible to attend the center to take part in these events. Watch for more activities coming in the next months including "Mommy and Me", "Dogs with Dad" and our Grand Opening in August.

### Mission Trip Shares

During Lent those attending our Mission trip to Colorado in June will be selling shares for their trip. To be an investor you buy a share or multiple shares from one of the participants. Shares cost \$10 each and entitle the shareholder to a place at our shareholders dinner after our trip where participants will present what they experienced and learned from their time away. Shareholders will also receive a note from one of the students during the trip.

Shares purchased at Epiphany will be divided evenly between all participants, shares purchased from individuals will go toward the expenses of that individual. We hope you will generously support this experience, and remember you can buy as many shares as you want!

### First Communion Class Sunday, March 15



Epiphany offers Communion to children of God of any age. When a family feels their child is ready for communion, they can talk to Pastor Myers and receive a book to read together as their child prepares to come to the table for the first time.

Families can pick any Sunday that fits their schedule for first communion. We also want our young people to have experiences that form their faith and invite them to ask faith questions on a regular basis, so we will be offering a Communion Fair on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> following Faith Formation at 11am. We will provide a meal (Pizza) and help youth explore what it means to take communion. Any age is welcome to attend, but activities will be geared for those in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Those who would like to communion for the first time as a class will do so during worship on Palm Sunday, April 5

Our hope is to provide this Communion Fair on an annual basis for those who have had first communion over the past year and those who would like to come to communion for the first time. Activities will include grape stomping and making bread for worship.

### Confirmation Students and Mentors

Regular Confirmation classes are not held during Lent; however, students are required to attend Lenten worship at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday followed by time with your mentors after worship. Please speak with Pastor Myers if you have questions.

Thanks to our confirmation students who serve as ushers during our Wednesday worship services.



Lenten Worship each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. with the theme: "Life By The Book" Featuring Holden Evening Prayer



Palm Sunday Worship April 5- 9 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Worship April 9 - 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday Worship April 10 - 6:30 p.m.

Easter Worship April 12 - 7 a.m. & 9 a.m. breakfast served between services

### Easter Flowers or a Mobile Sound System

This year we are giving you options for your Easter memorial gifts. You can give flowers to decorate the sanctuary or you can help us purchase a mobile sound system for the community room. If you like you can give gifts to both projects!

Envelopes for both projects can be found in your pew rack. Fill out the appropriate envelope, include your check or cash and place the envelope in the offering plate. Gifts may be given "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one.



### Holy Week Theatre

On Maundy Thursday, April 9 we will be telling the story of Holy Week in an interactive dinner theatre. The worship team will provide a meal and you are invited to sit at the table in the upper room with Jesus and the disciples. Join them as they travel to the garden of Gethsemane, and watch as Judas betrays his Lord

You will become part of the crowd at Jesus' trial and experience Peter's denial of Jesus in the high priest's courtyard. This experience invites us to think about Holy week in a new way and asks us to join the story of Jesus' last days.

### LEAD

Epiphany continues to work through the LEAD (Living Everyday As Disciples) process. As we head into the final year of the program our team is expanding, we have several new members joining us as we consider what the core values of Epiphany are and how we might better live them out in our governance and in our ministries.



### Daylight Savings

Remember...daylight savings goes into effect on March 8. Set your clocks ahead 1 hour.

### Sunday Morning Study

We have cancelled Pastor Myers' Sunday Morning Studies until after Easter.



### Lenten Meals Schedule/Menu

Lenten Suppers are served each Wednesday between 5:30 and 6:15p.m. Join us for dinner (minimum suggested donation - \$4). Then stay for Lenten worship at 6:30 p.m.

February 26 - Ash Wednesday Servers - Youth Menu - Spaghetti

March 4 Servers - Evangelism/Outreach Menu - Soup, salad, bread

March 11 Servers - Fellowship Menu - Sloppy joes

March 18 Servers - Adult Adventures Menu - Loaded baked potatoes

March 25 Servers - Church Council Menu - Chili

April 1 Servers - Worship & Youth Menu - Hot dishes

**P r a y e r s**

**Dorothy Zeissneiss**, Pastor Myers grandmother  
**Phyllis Regnier**, Carol Regnier's mother  
**Preston**, great nephew of Audrey Rieck  
**Les Jensen**, Heidi Johnson's grandfather  
**Bob Hiller**, nephew of John and Sue Nasinec  
**Ralph Buesing**  
**Scott Olson**, Nasinec's future son-in-law  
**Roger Krueger**  
**Neil Westby**  
**Pam Wendt**  
**Lue Arndt**  
**Warren Schueneman**, brother-in-law of Katy Schueneman and uncle of Debbie Weckman  
**Peggy Rogers**  
**Jan Leitheiser**, cousin of Colleen Hall  
**Henry Hansen**, nephew of Deb Lawson  
**Wyatt**, great nephew of Linda Kiecker  
**Bev Hild**, friend of Deb Lawson  
**Brooke Resner**, granddaughter of Katy Schueneman and niece of Debbie Weckman  
**Chris Price**, friend of Winnis Buesing  
**Craig Kapfer**, son of Dorothy Kapfer  
**Mark Buesing**, nephew of Ralph and Winnis  
**Kristian Peter**, Edstrom's great nephew  
**Barb Youell**, sister of Marylss Johnson  
**Patrick**, Eagle Lake resident  
**Barb**, Joann Meyer's aunt

*Members of our church family battling cancer:*  
**Sue Nasinec, Dorothy Kapfer, Gloria Ideker**

*All who serve in our military including:*  
**Regan Geving**, grandson of Larry and Bernita who serves in the Navy  
**Garrison Pfeffer** at Air Force basic training in San Antonio.



Christian sympathy to the Myers family who grieve the death of Charlotte Zeissneiss, Pastor Myers aunt. Charlotte died on February 21 and her funeral service was on February 25th.

Christian sympathy to the Dobberman and Myers family who grieve the death of Nancy Dobberman, Pastor Myers mother-in-law. Nancy died on February 7th and her funeral service was on February 13th.

Christian sympathy to the Meyer family who grieve the death of Bob's father, Donald Meyer. Donald died on January 24th. His funeral service was February 1st.

**P r a i s e**

- Lunch for \$1 served at MSU on Tuesday, March 11. Thank you to Colleen Hall and Linda Kiecker for preparing and serving this meal. They served 40 kids a hot meal.
- The Red Cross Blood Drive - 24 units of blood were donated. Thank you to Jim Enz, Patty Adams, Deloris Mosher for their help with this important event.
- All who came to the Adult Adventures potluck. We appreciate all who donated warm winter items for The Reach.
- Billie Jo Wicks for preaching when Pastor Myers was away.
- The Sieberg family for painting the hallway and office.
- John Nasinec for repairing several broken pews.
- The Noisy Offering of \$182.48 collected on 'Souper Bowl of Caring' Sunday for our Little Pantry.
- An overwhelming response to our request for Valentine cards for the kids in the Eagle Lake school.
- A check for our Preschool for \$85.24 from HyVee's KASH4KIDS program. We thank everyone who saves their grocery receipts and many thanks to Winnis Buesing for handling the paperwork.
- Sue Edstrom, Brenda Olson, and Carol Regnier for helping prepare the stewardship mailing.
- Lily Platt and Brian Mattson for providing children's activities during last week's annual meeting.
- Adam Johnson for plowing the church parking lot.
- Linda Kiecker, Carol Regnier and Katy Schueneman for helping prepare the newsletter for mailing.

General Fund

In Memory of Donald Meyer  
*Given by Dale and Colleen Hall*  
 In Memory of Dean Mosher  
*Given by Linda Kiecker*  
*Given by Katy Schueneman*  
 In Memory of Nancy Dobberman  
*Given by Linda Kiecker*  
*Given by Jim Enz and Tracy Enz*  
*Given by Bruce and Katie Sieberg*

Building Fund

In Memory of Nancy Dobberman  
*Given by Joel and Donna Nielsen*  
*Given by Dave and Becky Overholser*  
*Given by Mike and Linda Arndt*  
*Given by Audrey Rieck*

In Memory of Donald Meyer  
*Given by Audrey Rieck*

Youth Mission Trip

In Memory of Nancy Dobberman  
*Given by Patty Adams*  
*Given by Amy and Jaylee Ely*

*In Loving Memory*



**Church Council Summary-February 10, 2020**

(draft version - not yet approved by church council)

Members Present: Winnis Buesing, Sue Edstrom, Heidi Johnson, Deb Lawson, Jacki Madden, John Nasinec, Dave Overholser

Members Absent: Duane Anderson, Pastor Myers, Tom Wellner

Call to Order: 6:30pm

Devotions – Deb Lawson

Prayerful Preparation – Jacki Madden

**Agenda review – additions/changes**

Motion to approve: Deb Lawson. Second: Winnis Buesing.

All in favor-motion carried

**Approval of minutes from January 7<sup>th</sup>, January 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and January 26<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting:**

Motion to approve: Heidi Johnson. Second: Deb Lawson. All in favor-motion carried

**Pastor report:** No Report

**Committee reports**

- **Preschool:** Report submitted. The preschool board has chosen a new name which will be released as part of a new marketing strategy.
- **Evangelism:** Gifts for Grace has a profit of \$500. Welcome Bags will return. Food for Friends dates are: May 30<sup>th</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- **Stewardship:** No Report
- **Property:** Hallway was painted by the Sieberg family
- **Fellowship:** No report.
- **Worship & Music:** No Report
- **Youth:** HyVee coupon book fundraising has begun for the mission trip.

**Treasurer’s report**

- **Financial Statement review**  
See Treasurers report for details.  
Motion to approve: John Nasinec. Second: Deb Lawson. All in favor-motion carried.
- **Approve Bills to be paid with the transfer of \$1021.53 from General to Building Fund.**  
Motion to approve Sue Edstrom. Second: Winnis Buesing. All in favor-motion carried.

**Old Business**

- **LEAD update –** Dave reported that the council will work on a purpose statement.

**New Business**

- **Pastor Myer’s housing allowance** is set at \$13,454.00 for 2020. Motion to approve: Deb Lawson. Second: Winnis Buesing. All in favor-motion carried
- **Bank Signature Cards –** Motion to remove Amy Ely from bank signature card and authorize Heidi Johnson, Jacki Madden and Dave Overholser as approved signers. Motion to approve: Winnis Buesing. Second: John Nasinec. All in favor- motion carried.

- **Open and Close Schedule.** Updated schedule will be sent to Donna.
- **Scrapbooking Meals:** Fellowship and Evangelism provide meal Friday night, Worship and Education Saturday brunch, Stewardship and Youth Saturday dinner.
- **Lent Meals.** Council will prepare chili for the March 18<sup>th</sup> meal.

Next meeting date: **Monday March 16<sup>th</sup>**

Treats: Winnis Buesing

Devotion: Heidi Johnson

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Edstrom



**Church Council Summary-January 26, 2020**

Members Present: Duane Anderson, Heidi Johnson, Winnis Buesing, Sue Edstrom, Deb Lawson, John Nasinec, Dave Overholser, Pastor Myers, Tom Wellner

Members Absent: Jacki Madden

Call to Order: 10:55 a.m.

**Officer Elections –** Nominations All in favor-motion carried.

- President – Jacki Madden
- Vice President - Heidi Johnson
- Treasurer - Dave Overholser
- Secretary - Sue Edstrom

**Opening & Closing Schedule:**

- 1st Sunday open - John close - Heidi
- 2nd Sunday open - Sue close - Winnis
- 3rd Sunday open - Deb close - Dave or Jacki\*
- 4th Sunday open - Duane close - Tom
- 5th Sunday open - Dave or Jacki\* close - Dave or Jacki\*

\*Please let Donna know so she can add to bulletin.

**Emails/Phone Numbers/Keys**

Please make sure we have everyone’s correct email, phone number and who needs keys for next meeting.

Next meeting date: February 10, 2020

Devotions: Deb Lawson

Treats: Heidi Johnson

Motion to adjourn – All in favor-motion carried.



Our stewardship theme this year is “I Love to Tell the Story”. Our Stewardship Sunday was February 23 and we still have lots of stories to tell! We are looking for people who are willing to share your story on video to use in worship and on social media. Our goal is to tell one story a month for the rest of the year.

In February Pastor Myers told his story (you can see a video on Facebook). In that video he shared that he gives through an automatic fund transfer from the bank. Pastor Myers began giving electronically when he was in high school. His home church was one of the first in his synod to sign-up for the new Simply Giving program. Pastor Myers said, “When I got my first checking account I was proud that I could give an ‘adult gift’ to the church. My offering made it church every week, even if I didn’t.” One of the things Pastor missed by doing electronic was putting something in the offering plate when it went by. He said, “One week when the plate went by I put cash out of my pocket into the plate, and it hit me, just because the majority of my gift was given electronically didn’t mean I couldn’t still put something in the plate. Somehow the extra I put in each week felt even more like an offering because it was above what I had planned, it felt like a sacrifice because otherwise I would have spent it on myself.”

We hope that you will join Pastor Myers in giving regularly to Epiphany through an automated fund transfer.

We also want to assure you it’s not too late to hand in a pledge for 2020. If you did not receive a giving plan form, please contact the church office. You can return your card in the offering plate or by mail. If you donate electronically through Simply Giving be sure to update your giving amount. If you have questions, please contact the church office.

**Financial Report as of January 31, 2020**

<b>General Fund</b>	
<b>For the Month:</b>	
Beginning Balance 1/1/2020	\$1,140
Monthly Receipts	11,155
Monthly Expenses	<u>(11,222)</u>
Ending Balance 1/31/2020	1,074
<b>Year to Date:</b>	
Beg Balance 1/1/2020	\$1,140
Year-to-date Receipts	11,155
Year-to-date Expenses	<u>(11,222)</u>
Ending Balance 1/31/2020	1,074
<b>Mortgage Fund</b>	
Beginning Balance 1/1/2020	\$3,403
Income	\$3,011
Expenses	<u>(3,011)</u>
Ending Balance 1/31/2019	3,403
Year-to-date Receipts	\$3,011
Year-to-date Expenses	(3,011)

**2020 Church Council**

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**Snow Emergency Policy**



**Sunday Morning Policy:**

In severe weather, a decision regarding cancellation of worship services will be made by 7:00 a.m. Sunday morning and the radio stations KTOE and KYSM and TV station KEYC will be notified. The closing will also be posted on [katoinfo.com](http://katoinfo.com) (on the top of the homepage for the message “Business, Community & Event Closings Alert - click here for details.”) If there are still questions, please call the Council President.

**Midweek Snow Policy:**

If the Mankato School District is cancelled or dismisses early because of weather, there will be NO Wednesday evening activities. Please contact your committee chair or choir director to determine if committee meetings or choir is cancelled.

**Southeastern Minnesota Synod Assembly**  
May 15-16, 2020 ~ Mayo Civic Center-Rochester

“Poured Out - The Promise of the Holy Spirit for All”

The 2020 Synod Assembly will be held at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester on May 15-16, 2020. The theme of the 2020 assembly is “Poured Out - The Promise of the Holy Spirit for All.” Epiphany is allowed to have two voting delegates plus one additional youth at the Synod Assembly. Please speak with Pastor Myers if you are interested in attending.



# Service Ministry Schedule

<b>March 1</b>	
9:00 a.m.	
Greeters:	Keith & Sue Edstrom
Reader:	Joel Nielsen
Pianist:	Laurie Thorstad
Communion:	Jacki Madden, Allison Madden, Linda Kiecker
Ushers:	Jim Enz, Dale Hall, Sandy Johnson
Acolyte:	Gavin Madden
Open/Close:	John Nasinec & Heidi Johnson
Altar Guild:	Linda Kiecker & Linda Arndt
Counters:	Jacki Madden & Adam Johnson
Fellowship:	*Lange, Buesing, Matthies, Peterson, T. Wellner

<b>March 22</b>	
9:00 a.m.	
Greeters:	Ralph & Winnis Buesing
Reader:	Carol Regnier
Pianist:	Laurie Thorstad
Communion:	Marlyn & Theresa Mosher , Deb Fingerson
Ushers:	Tom Wellner, Alan Peterson, Brian Fingerson
Acolyte:	Ashtyn Sorenson
Open/Close:	Duane Anderson & Tom Wellner
Altar Guild:	Colleen Hall & Becky Overholser
Counters:	Katie Sieberg & Ann Stensrud
Fellowship:	*Purrier, Chatleain, Ely, Walker, M/L Arndt

<b>March 8</b>	
9:00 a.m.	
Greeters:	Dean & Lisa Nagel
Reader:	Amber Preston
Pianist:	Laurie Thorstad
Communion:	Amy Ely, Dale & Colleen Hall
Ushers:	Dean Nagel, Ray Weber, Bob Brunz, Alan Baer, Joel Nielsen
Acolyte:	Katrin Allensdottir
Open/Close:	Sue Edstrom & Winnis Buesing
Altar Guild:	Linda Kiecker & Linda Arndt
Counters:	Linda Arndt & Sarah Weber
Fellowship:	*Huebl, Weber, Oian Vust, Krook-Halleck

<b>March 29</b>	
9:00 a.m.	
Greeters:	Audrey Rieck
Reader:	Katie Sieberg
Pianist:	Laurie Thorstad
Communion:	Dave & Becky Overholser, Savanna Adams
Ushers:	Alan Baer, Joe Fisher
Acolyte:	Bryce Weston
Open/Close:	Jacki Madden & Dave Overholser
Altar Guild:	Donna Nielsen & Amy Ely
Counters:	Jacki Madden & Adam Johnson
Fellowship:	*Edstrom, B/K Meyer, Nagel, Lewis

<b>March 15</b>	
9:00 a.m.	
Greeters:	Mark & Vickie Huebl
Reader:	Tootie Oachs
Pianist:	Laurie Thorstad
Communion:	Susan Brunz, Patty Adams, Winnis Buesing
Ushers:	Marlyn Mosher, John Nasinec
Acolyte:	Bryanna McNeary
Open/Close:	Deb Lawson & Dave Overholser
Altar Guild:	Colleen Hall & Becky Overholser
Counters:	Amber Preston & Amy Ely
Fellowship:	*Rieck, Quaal, Baer, Behrens, Anderson/Carter

<b>April 5</b>	
9:00 a.m.	
Greeters:	Linda Kiecker
Reader:	Lisa Nagel
Pianist:	Laurie Thorstad
Communion:	John & Sue Nasinec, Beth Rossow
Ushers:	Jim Enz, Dale Hall, Sandy Johnson
Acolyte:	Ryder Mastin
Open/Close:	John Nasinec & Heidi Johnson
Altar Guild:	Donna Nielsen & Amy Ely
Counters:	Jacki Madden & Adam Johnson
Fellowship:	*Nasinec, A/H Johnson, M/T Mosher, Schueneman, Wendt



3/4 - Parents-please worship with your student	3/11 - Parents-please worship with your student	3/18 - Parents-please worship with your student
3/25 - Parents-please worship with your student	4/1 - Parents-please worship with your student	4/8 - Parents-please worship with your student

# March 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:20am Choir practice 10:30am Faith Formation	<b>2</b> STRIDE 2:30 p.m.  Women's Bible Study for class cancelled in February - 6:30 p.m.	<b>3</b> S.A.I.L. 9:30 a.m. Girls on the Run 2:30 p.m. Evangelism/Outreach Mtg 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:30 p.m.	<b>4</b> 9:00 am Sewing 11:00 am Chapel Time 2:30 pm STRIDE 5:30 pm Lenten Supper 6:30 pm Lenten Worship 7:15 pm Choir	<b>5</b> S.A.I.L. 9:30 a.m. Girls on the Run 2:30 p.m.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> MN - EMS Honor Guard
<i>Daylight Savings Begins</i> <b>8</b> 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:20am Choir practice 10:30am Faith Formation	<b>9</b> STRIDE 2:30 p.m. Preschool Board Mtg 6:30 p.m. Pack 54 6:15 p.m.	<b>10</b> S.A.I.L. 9:30 a.m. Girl Scouts 6:30 p.m. No Girls on the Run	<b>11</b> 10:00 a.m. Connecting Community Coffee 11:00 am Chapel Time 2:30 pm STRIDE 5:30 pm Lenten Supper 6:30 pm Lenten Worship 7:15 pm Choir	<b>12</b> S.A.I.L. 9:30 a.m. No Girls on the Run	<b>13</b> Preschool Game Night 6:30-8:30 p.m.	<b>14</b> UFO 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
<i>Preschool Sings</i> <b>15</b> 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:30am Faith Formation 11:00am First Communion Class	<b>16</b> STRIDE 2:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Church Council Mtg 6:30 p.m.	<b>17</b> S.A.I.L. 9:30 a.m. Lunch for \$1 Girls on the Run 2:30 p.m.	<b>18</b> 9:00 am Sewing 11:00 am Chapel Time 2:30 pm STRIDE 5:30 pm Lenten Supper 6:30 pm Lenten Worship 7:15 pm Choir	<b>19</b> S.A.I.L. 9:30 a.m. Girls on the Run 2:30 p.m.	<b>20</b> 'Scraftin' Retreat 5:00-11 p.m.	<b>21</b> 'Scraftin' Retreat 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
<i>Morning Blend</i> <b>22</b> 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:20am Choir practice 10:30am Faith Formation	<b>23</b> STRIDE 2:30 p.m. Pack 54 6:15 p.m.	<b>24</b> S.A.I.L. 9:30 a.m. Girls on the Run 2:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:30 p.m.	<b>25</b> 9:00 am Sewing 11:00 am Chapel Time 2:30 pm STRIDE 5:30 pm Lenten Supper 6:30 pm Lenten Worship 7:15 pm Choir	<b>26</b> S.A.I.L. 9:30 a.m. Girls on the Run 2:30 p.m. Preschool Closed	<b>27</b> Preschool Closed	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:20am Choir practice 10:30am Faith Formation 11:00am Adult Adventures Movie 'A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood'	<b>30</b> STRIDE 2:30 p.m.	<b>31</b> S.A.I.L. 9:30 a.m. Girls on the Run 2:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:30 p.m.				



5:30-6:15 p.m. Lenten Supper  
 6:30-7:15 p.m. Lenten Worship  
 7:15-8:15 p.m. Choir



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### **Sunday Worship Schedule**

**9:00 a.m. Worship**

**10:00 a.m. Fellowship**

**10:30 a.m. Faith Formation**

### **Schedule of Events**

*March 13 - Preschool Game Night*

*March 14 - UFO*

*March 15 - First Communion Class*

*March 17 - Lunch for \$1*

*March 20-21 - 'Scraftin' Weekend Retreat*

*March 29 - Adult Adventures Movie*

*Looking Ahead....*

*April 5 - Palm Sunday*

*April 9 - Maundy Thursday-Holy Week Theatre*

*April 10 - Good Friday*

*April 12- Easter*

### **NEWS DEADLINE**

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