

Friendly Messenger

MARCH 2019

Lenten Series on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount

As we approach the Season of Lent, you may be considering what you might give up or take up as a Lenten discipline. We often cut things out of our lives during this time, such as certain foods and habits that have taken hold of us and have perhaps gotten in the way of our relationship with God and our interest in serving others. We can fast from these things and allow room for the Holy Spirit to grow. We may also decide to take up something such as a commitment to read more scripture each day, pray for a particular person or ministry, or to find a way to help someone each day.

You may commit to attending each one of our Sunday Evening Lenten services. Each Sunday evening, we will gather for a soup and sandwich meal at 6pm and then our worship service at 7pm. This year our Lenten theme for our evening services is focused on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7. This may be a familiar text for you; however, in this Lenten series, we will take it a step further to relate them to the events surrounding Christ's life, death and resurrection. In the process, the services will powerfully reveal that the cross itself is the ultimate sermon on the mount for our journey of faith in this sacred season.

We are participating in a Lenten rotation with Mt. Zion, St. Paul, and Messiah Lutheran churches. Pastors Scott Bollinger, Ralph Kraft, and Paul Christ will each bring a Lenten message. Here is what our evening service Lenten journey will look like:

Ash Wednesday:

This service starts off the Season of Lent. In this service we will remember that we who are poor in spirit, who mourn, and who hunger and thirst for righteousness are called blessed by our Savior. We are reminded us that though we have been brought low by sin, our Lord will bless us with new life in him through the cross.

Week 1: Salt and Light, Matthew 5:13-16

Join us for the Sermon on the Mount evening service for Week 1 of Lent. In this service we remember that Christ calls us to be salt and light in this world of sin. We who have tasted and seen his great love for us on the cross can spend our Lent savoring his salvation and shining with his glory and grace in the places where he has put us.

Week 2: Judge Not, Matthew 7:1-5

In this service for Week 2 of Lent, we recognize that we live in a very judgmental world, so Jesus' advice not to judge sounds radical to our modern ears. When we leave all judgment up to God, we free ourselves to look at one another through fresh and forgiving eyes.

Week 3: Prayer and Fasting, Matthew 6:5-18

In this service, we remember that Lent is a season of prayer and fasting. We grow in our relationship with Christ by communicating with him, and we learn more about him and ourselves by giving up those things that can distract us from our connection to him.

Week 4: Do Not Worry, Matthew 6:25-34

In this service for Week 4 of Lent, we recognize that so much of our lives, even in Lent, is spent worrying about what might happen or what has happened. Christ teaches us to stop being anxious, but simply to trust that he knows what is best and will take care of us to the very end.

Week 5: Built On Rock, Matthew 7:24-27. Shared service held at Trinity Village

Join us for the Sermon on the Mount special service for Week 5 of Lent. In this service we recognize that we build our lives on very shaky foundations, and then we are surprised when things start collapsing. Jesus reminds us in his teachings that the only solid foundation is himself, the Rock of our salvation. On him alone we build. As the culmination of our evening series, all four congregations will gather for a shared service at Trinity Village at 6:45 pm. Coffee and desserts will follow the service. *Blessings*

Pastor Adrienne



**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Tuesday, March 5th 6:00pm**

The youth will be cooking sausage and pancakes for the church and community. Make plans to come support them. If you would like to help cook/clean up etc. please come at 5pm.

Lenten Rotation Series: Jesus' Sermon on the Mount

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<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Pastor</u>
March 10	Salt and Light	Pastor Ralph Kraft (Saint Paul's)
March 17	Judge Not	Pastor Scott Bollinger (Mt. Zion)
March 24	Prayer and Fasting	Pastor Paul Christ (Messiah)
March 31	Do Not Worry	Pastor Adrienne Martin (Sardis)
April 7	Built on Rock	Shared Service with Desserts after at Trinity Village 6:45pm

FROM EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

The next Evangelism Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19th at 7:00pm.

SHEPHERD'S APPRECIATION DINNER

The Shepherd's appreciation dinner will be held this year on

SATUDAY NIGHT, MARCH 23RD at 6:00pm.

This annual event will be held at Sardis Lutheran Church and will be sponsored by the Evangelism Committee. All shepherds and family members are invited.

The **Fred T. Foard Senior Citizens** group meets on the first Wednesday of each month for lunch and a program. The group will meet March 6th at Plateau United Methodist. All are invited to join us for fun, food, and fellowship.



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A Bright Light

I would like to extend a big thank you to Rick Lutz for his time in finding the resource for the new lights in the education hall and back of the sanctuary, and his many hours spent in the installation of them. Thank you also to Ken Propst and Roger Teague who helped with the installation. What a big job that was! These new lights are beautiful and more efficient. Generations to come will benefit from this project. Thank you for this generous gift of your time and talents.

Sincerely,
Pastor Adrienne

Sardis to Host Spring Gathering of the Catawba Conference of Women of the ELCA

On Saturday, April 6th, the Women of the ELCA in Catawba County will meet at Sardis for their Spring Gathering.

The program is entitled **“Called to be Women in Mission”**

The gathering consists of the program and business of the conference, which includes electing a presider for a two-year term. Registration and social time are from 9:00 – 9:30 am, then the program and business meeting, with lunch following at 12:30 pm. Cost for lunch is \$8.

Your help is needed and appreciated. Could you lend a hand in assisting at the morning refreshment area or at lunch, or help in decorating the tables in the fellowship hall? The lunch will be catered. We will have more information in the bulletin as soon as it becomes available. At our monthly Women of the ELCA meeting on March 3, we will make final decisions. Please attend our meeting for the bible study, fellowship, and business meeting at 6pm. Meetings usually wrap up in an hour. If you can't make the meeting but would love to help, just let Dawn Covington, Nena Babb, Jill Bledsoe, or Sylvia King know. Thank you, women of Sardis, ~~for your prayers and support.~~

PERSONAL CARE KITS

Cleanliness may not be actually next to godliness, but it certainly helps a person feel more human. The simple items included in a Personal Care Kit provide much-needed self-care, critical germs fighting and the chance to regain dignity from uncertainty.

Include the following items in each Care Kit:

- One** light-weight bath-size towel (20 in. x 40 in. to 52 in x 27 in)
- Two** bath-size bar of soap, any brand, in original wrapping.
- One** adult-size toothbrush in original packaging.
- One** sturdy comb (no picks) or fine toothed combs.
- One** metal nail clippers, remove packaging.

All items must be new and in good condition.

BLOOD DRIVE AT SARDIS

There will be a BLOOD DRIVE at Sardis on Sunday, March 3rd. If you are able please plan to come and give the gift of life.

2:30pm -7:00pm.



BIRTHDAYS

- 3/2 Sheila Ramsey
Ronnie Weaver
Barbara J. Whitener
- 3/4 Richard Covington
Mike Midgett
- 3/5 David Fulbright
- 3/6 Lucas Richard
Kendra M. Starkey
- 3/11 Laythe Yousef
- 3/13 Robin Stuart
- 3/16 Patsy Johnson
Glenn Stuart, Jr.
Joe D. Biggerstaff
- 3/17 Mike Hollar
- 3/19 Ralph Ramsey
- 3/20 Sandra Roseman
- 3/22 Carolyn Truitt
- 3/23 Jackson Ellington
- 3/24 Jeremy Cushing
Nate Johnson
Shuford Whitener
- 3/26 Andy Yoder
- 3/27 Shannon Hollar
Sidney Richardson
Celeste R. Caulder
Teresa E. Starkey
- 3/30 Ron Crawley

ANNIVERSARIES

- Wayne & Elaine Jarrett**
3-3
- Garry & Annette Richard**
3-8

****NOTE****

*If Wesley Weaver
has a birthday or
anniversary and they are not
listed please let the office
know.*

Thank you

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

ACOLYTE / CRUCIFER / COMMUNION ASSISTANT

- Mar. 3rd** Kathy Weaver Marilyn Teague Jane Moretz
- Mar. 10th** Jane Moretz Kathy Weaver Bruce Sigman
- Mar. 17th** Samuel Biggerstaff Rick Johnson Zach Stuart
- Mar. 24th** Jane Moretz Tryston Sylvester Margaret Whitener
- Mar. 31st** Tryston Sylvester Marilyn Teague Roger Teague

USHERS

Isaac Hollar, Randy Speagle, Kimmie Speagle, Nelson Speagle

ALTAR FLOWERS

- March 3rd** Ralph & Sheila Ramsey
- March 10th** Buster Bledsoe
- March 17th** Bruce & Sharon Sigman
- March 24th** Richard & Dawn Covington
- March 31st** Dwight & Hope Gladden



LAY READERS & GREETERS

- Mar. 3rd** Jon Gladden Al King, Margaret Whitener
- Mar. 10th** Jane Moretz Rita Lutz, Jill Bledsoe
- Mar. 17th** Leevada Wood Carol Mayer, Joe Wyant
- Mar. 24th** Ray Whitener Sherrie Midgett, Barbara E Whitener
- Mar. 31st** Gene Biggerstaff Margaret Propst, Nena Babb

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP AND PREPARATION

Barbara J Whitener, Sharon Sigman

COUNCIL CONTACT

Dwayne Whitener

ASSISTING MINISTER

Jon Gladden

SATURDAY MEAL DELIVERY

- March 2nd** *No Meal Delivery* **March 9th** Sylvia King
- March 16th** *No Meal Delivery* **March 23rd** April Fulbright
- March 30th** *No Meal Delivery*

OFFERING COUNTERS

- March 3rd** Sherrie Midgett, Patsy Johnson, Dwayne Whitener
- March 10th** Dwayne Whitener, Al King, Sylvia King
- March 17th** Sherrie Midgett, Mike Midgett, Dwayne Whitener
- March 24th** Susan Jones, Nena Babb, Sandra Roseman
- March 31st** Dwayne Whitener, Al King, Sylvia King

FEBRUARY SECURITY

- March 3rd** Rick Johnson **March 10th** Wayne Jarrett
- March 17th** Ralph Stallings **March 24th** Darrell Jarrett
- March 31st** Ben Whitener

Delivery Week

- March 8th** Joe & Phyllis Biggerstaff
- March 15th** Dawn Covington & Carolyn Truitt

BACKPACK PROGRAM

Monthly Food Pickup

Warehouse

Joe Biggerstaff

CALLING ALL LADIES– Sardis Sisters Night Out

Women of Sardis have enjoyed four “*Ladies Night Out*” adventures. Dinner at the Blue Moon, painted and decorated Christmas door signs, and Dinner & Bingo at Kick Back Jack’s and Bowling at Pin Station.

Our next adventure for Ladies Night Out is on Monday, March 11th at 6pm at the church.

CRAFT NIGHT

You will have the option of making a Spring Wreath or an Abstract Painting. Darlene Gilbert will be instructing how to make the wreaths and Fran Whitener will be leading the abstract painting. Please bring materials that would be used in making a wreath such as flowers/ beads / ribbon/ and other decorations . Mesh will be provided. More information will be included in your March 10th bulletin.

WELCA NEWS

EASTER LILIES for 2019

Sardis WELCA will be taking orders for Easter Lilies to adorn our chancel on Easter Sunday. Look for your order blanks and information in your bulletins & on the table in the narthex later this month.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

WEDNESDAY , MARCH 6th

7:00pm



Thank you to all who donated food for the Food Drive the WELCA had in February. This will go a long way in helping the less fortunate families in our community. Also please remember Sardis is to help volunteer at ECCCM on the fourth Monday of each month. You can go anytime during the day Monday



OPPORTUNITY SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH

The Hymn Choir will be singing the hymn, "Go Down Moses."

We welcome you to join us in the choir room at 10:15 on the second Sunday each month to prepare for worship. Hymn Choir is an open invitation to members of the congregation to be part of the Music Ministry without weekly commitment.

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Sardis Lutheran Church

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
						1 Pastor Martin's Sabbath Day	2
3	Sunday School@ 9:30 Worship @ 10:30 Blood Drive 2:30—7:00 WELCA Action Comm. 5:30	4	5 Bible Study @ 10 Noon Fred T Foard S Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 6pm	6 Noon Fred T Foard Seniors at Plateau Ash Wednesday Service 7:00pm	7	8 Pastor Martin's Sabbath Day	9
10	Sunday School @9:30 Hymn Choir @ 10:15 Worship @ 10:30	11	12 Bible Study @ 10	13 Nellie B's @ 10 Handbell Choir @ 6 Chancel Choir @ 7	14	15 Pastor Martin's Sabbath Day	16 COUNCIL RETREAT 9:00am—3:00pm
17	Sunday School @9:30 Worship @ 10:30 <i>Confirmation at Beth Eden @ 3:00</i>	18	19 Bible Study @ 10 Evangelism Committee Meeting @ 7pm	20 Prayer Service 6:30 Handbell Choir @ 6 Chancel Choir @ 7	21	22 Pastor Martin's Sabbath Day	23 Shepherd's Appreciation Dinner 6:00pm
24	Sunday School@ 9:30 Worship @ 10:30 Prayer Group @ 11:45 Trinity Ridge @ 3:50	25	26 Bible Study @ 10	27 Nellie B's @ 10 Handbell Choir @ 6 Chancel Choir @ 7	28	29 Pastor Martin's Sabbath Day	30
31	Sunday School@ 9:30 Worship @ 10:30						