



KOINONIA

March-April 2017



LUTHERAN PARISH OF NORTHERN DUTCHESS
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ASH WEDNESDAY STATEMENT ON REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS

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CHICAGO (March 1, 2017) – The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), and leaders from The Episcopal Church, the Anglican Church of Canada, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada have issued an Ash Wednesday statement addressing refugees and migrants.

The statement follows:

Ash Wednesday, 2017

Remember the Refugees and Migrants

On this day many people will participate in a liturgy including the Imposition of Ashes. Some presiders blot these ashes upon our foreheads and we are reminded that we are but dust and to dust shall we return. Others trace them upon our forehead in the sign of the cross, a reminder of the place to where the Lenten journey takes us. Even at the outset of this holy season we are reminded that while for some the cross is a stumbling block and for others mere foolishness, it is for those who are being called, the power of God and the wisdom of God (1 Corinthians 1:23). Remembering Christ crucified we are mindful not only of our personal need for repentance and renewal in doing the work of God, but indeed of the need of all humanity to repent of our indifference to the brokenness of our relationships, to the suffering of millions of people worldwide who are starving, oppressed, enslaved, or seeking sanctuary even if it be in a place far from their homeland.

This Lent we call our Churches to be continually mindful of the global refugee and migration crises, and the injustices and conflicts that have swelled the statistics to a number greater than ever in the history of the world. We acknowledge the good work done by so many of our synods and dioceses and parishes in sponsoring refugees, welcoming them, accompanying them and advocating for them as they settle in our countries. Similarly, we commend the compassionate work of our partner churches in other lands and intergovernmental bodies caring for migrants and refugees. We call on our Churches not to weary of this good work in the name of God.

Given the current political climate in the United States, it is important to say that while both our countries recognize the need for measures ensuring homeland security, we also stand up for the long established policies that welcome migrants and refugees. That is not to say any of them are not beyond reform. But it is to say that fair and generous policies strengthen the economy of our nations and enriches the economic, social and cultural fabric of our countries – a fabric woven by both the First Peoples of these lands and all those who have settled here through numerous waves of migration throughout our histories.

Fair and generous action and deliberations are from our perspective, deeply grounded in the Law of Moses, in the teaching of the Prophets and in the Gospel of Jesus. For some two millennia millions of people have found consolation in the suffering of Jesus upon the cross and in his holy name they have prayed for the compassion and justice of God in the midst of the terrible circumstances of their lives – circumstances that compel them to flee their homelands, making their way over dangerous treks of land. Sometimes they find refuge in new nations and frequently they make their way to ports where they can board vessels and make what are often treacherous voyages in the hope of reaching a land free of the oppression they have known. Some make it. Many don't.

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May this Season of Lent be especially marked by our prayers and advocacy for refugees and migrants – on the run, in United Nations camps, in waiting, in our communities... And let it be marked by a continuing resolve in welcoming the stranger in our midst, for such hospitality is in keeping with the faith we proclaim. (Matthew 25:31-40)

In Christ,

The Most Rev. Fred Hiltz, Primate
Anglican Church of Canada

The Rev. Susan C. Johnson, National Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop
Episcopal Church (United States)

About the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America:

The ELCA is one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States, with more than 3.7 million members in more than 9,300 congregations across the 50 states and in the Caribbean region. Known as the church of "God's work. Our hands," the ELCA emphasizes the saving grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, unity among Christians and service in the world. The ELCA's roots are in the writings of the German church reformer Martin Luther.

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—Contributed by Carl Dowden, Parish Council President

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

We continue to move forward in this time of Pastoral transition as the Call Committee works diligently at their task of finding our next Pastor. The Parish Council and all three Congregational Councils have been meeting and carrying on with their usual business.

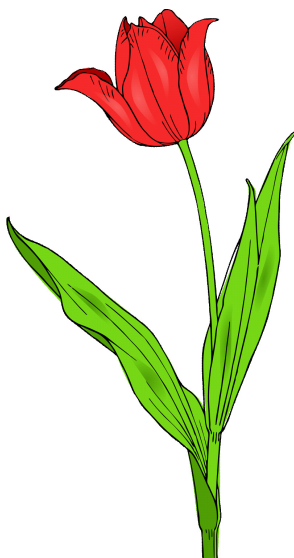
Many things are happening in our Parish and Congregations. As we begin the Lenten Season, a time for repentance, self-examination, and almsgiving we again will be collecting personal care items for the Baskets of Promise project of Lutheran World Relief. Beginning on Sunday, March 5, and continuing each Sunday of Lent, soap, combs, towels, and nail clippers will be collected. At the end we will gather to assemble the personal care kits.

Lutheran Parish of Northern Dutchess will be participating in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life Northern Dutchess. We are currently assembling our team and accepting donations. There has been a change in the location and date of this year's Relay for Life. The event will be held on Saturday, June 3 from 12:00 pm to 10:00 pm. It will be at Franklin Delano Roosevelt High School on South Cross Road, Staatsburg, NY. If you would like to participate or make a donation, go to the Relay for Life Northern Dutchess website and look for the Lutheran Parish of Northern Dutchess team. To jump start our fundraising efforts collect your quarters each week and deposit them in the purple Relay for Life bucket at your church. There will also be a Pampered Chef party on Saturday, March 25 beginning at 12:00 p.m. at Memorial Lutheran's Parish Hall. A percentage of all sales from this party will be donated to our team account. This is open to everyone in our community, not just our Parish. Invite your friends and neighbors!!

REFORMATION 500: This year is the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. For the past 50 years, the Lutheran Church and the Roman Catholic Church have been in dialogue trying to come to an ecumenical understanding. We are closer than ever. On October 31, 2016, Pope Francis and leaders of the Lutheran World Federation met in Lund, Sweden, for an ecumenical commemoration of the Reformation. They led a common prayer service. Simultaneously, Bishop Rimbo and officials from the Archdiocese of New York held a common prayer service in New York City. We are being encouraged to reach out to our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters to join us in a common prayer service. I am seeking members of our Parish community to serve on a committee to organize a common prayer service with our fellow Christians in the Roman Catholic community. If you are interested, please contact me or your Congregation Council President.

May God's Peace and Love be with all of you, always!

Carl Dowden
Chairperson



| Wednesday Lenten Services Red Hook Ecumenical @ 7:00 p.m. Light refreshment and fellowship immediately following the services | | |
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| Mar. 8 | St. Christopher's RC Church 7411 S Broadway Preacher: Rev. Syedullah | Red Hook 758-3732 |
| Mar. 15 | St. Paul's Episcopal Church 39 Woods Road Preacher: Rev. Randall Prentiss | Tivoli 757-3131 |
| Mar. 22 | Christ Church Episcopal 7423 S Broadway Preacher: Rev. Nikki Edelman | Red Hook 758-1591 |
| Mar. 29 | St. John's Reformed Church 126 Old Post Road North Preacher: Fr. Pat Buckley | Upper Red Hook 758-1184 |
| Apr. 5 | United Methodist Church 4 Church Street Preacher: Rev. Dr. Eric Titus | Red Hook 758-6283 |

Meetings

Third W&M Mar. 7 & Apr. 4 @ 4:00p.m. @ Third
 Parish Council Mar. 21 & Apr. 18 @ 6:00p.m.
 Joint Session of Councils Mar. 21 & Apr. 18 @ 7:00p.m.
 Congregational Councils Mar. 21 & Apr. 18 following joint session
Council Meetings March @ Third & April @ St. Paul's
 Special Joint Congregational Mar. 26 @ St. Paul's
 following 10:00 a.m. joint worship service for the purpose of voting on the call for a new pastor.

Call Sunday

Joint Service followed by Joint Meeting of All Three Congregations

March 26 10:00 a.m.

at

St. Paul's in Red Hook

Luncheon Reception immediately following the joint congregational meeting

Purpose: to vote on extending a Call to the recommended candidate for Pastor to serve the Lutheran Parish of Northern Dutchess

No services at Memorial or Third



You are Invited

April 13: Maundy Thursday

Service 7:30 p.m. @ Memorial Rock City

April 14: Good Friday

Service 7:30 p.m. @ St. Paul's Red Hook

April 15: Easter Egg Coloring @ Memorial

Children & adults of all ages welcome 10:00 a.m.

Donations of candy are welcome.

April 16: Easter Sunday

Services at each church @ regular times

Immediately followed by

Easter Egg Hunt



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Alleluia!

Faith Building Opportunities

Christian Ed

Sunday 10:00 a.m. @ St. Paul's
1st Grade: Monday 4:00 p.m. @ Memorial

Confirmation
Contact Brad Patton
889-4437

Bible Study

with Pastor Sonja Maclary
from Christ Lutheran in Woodstock

Tuesday (as announced) **10 a.m.**

Third Rhinebeck
Upper meeting room
Watch for updates on upcoming sessions
Contact Monica G.
914-475-6613

Men's Breakfast

Saturday **8:00a.m.**

Memorial in Rock City
Contact Fred Novak
758-2915

Bible Study

Thursday **6:30 p.m.**

St. Paul's Red Hook
Downstairs at the church.
"Martin Luther's Commentary on Romans"
Contact Steve Bucala
758-1228

Invite a friend!

Service Opportunities

Crafty Christians

Tuesday
10:00 a.m. – Noon
or immediately following the 10 a.m. Bible study
at
Third in Rhinebeck
Upper Meeting Room

Contact Carol Cronk
845-889-4168

Children's Community

Clothes Closet
1st & 3rd Fridays
March 3 & 17
April 7 & 21
9:30a.m – 1:00p.m.
at
Third Rhinebeck
Contact Carol Cronk
845-889-4168

RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY MARCH 25TH

12:00 noon

MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Come enjoy a hands-on cooking demonstration by a Pampered Chef consultant. Sample the food prepared and purchase Pampered Chef products if you choose to. 20% of each purchase will be donated to the American Cancer Society. Invite a friend or order on-line. Any questions, call Joanne Plass 845-516-4606.

RELAY FOR LIFE OF NORTHERN DUTCHESS

WHY WE RELAY

Nearly everyone has been touched by cancer, either through their own personal battle or through the battle of someone they love, and this disease has taken too much from too many. Many of our members have expressed interest in participating in this event again this year.

RELAY FOR LIFE OF NORTHERN DUTCHESS is scheduled to take place on:

June 3rd from 12 noon to 10 pm.

at

FD Roosevelt High School

156 S Cross Rd. Staatsburg, N.Y.

OUR TEAM: Lutheran Parish of Northern Dutchess

Please sign up to walk with us, make a donation or participate in our fundraising events. team captains : Joanne Plass from Third and Susan Martin of Memorial.





Youth Group Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday April 29 @ St. Paul's

Jointly sponsored by the LPND Youth
and the
Ecumenical Youth Group of the Taconic Retreat Center

Mark your calendars to support our local youth

More details to follow

THOUGHTS FROM MONICA AND CALL COMMITTEE NEWS

Bittersweet would be a good adjective for the beginning of this year. As most of you know, my Mom, Christa Cruse (Omi), passed into life eternal early in February. She will be sorely missed by family, friends, and her church family, but she lives on in our memories, our shared experiences, and the many positive impacts she has had on our individual and communal lives. We had the opportunity to celebrate her life with her among family and friends last year at a special 90th birthday party in her honor. This year less than 3 weeks before her death she was able to attend our annual January birthday bash at my sister's near Boston and within the last 5 days she managed to prepare 2 family meals, one shared with my brother and I and the other with two of her grandsons, Michael and Christopher. We take comfort from the fact that she was able to do what she loved the most, be with and provide sustenance for her family without ever feeling like a burden right up until the end.

Ingrid, Rick, and I along with our respective families, would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Parish for their kind words and remembrances of "Omi", for the flowers, and for the gifts to Third in her memory. We would especially like to thank the members of Third that so generously gave of their time to organize, bake, setup, cleanup, etc. for the reception after the funeral and who assisted with the service. Your support during this time of sorrow has been a blessing and a comfort. Your words and actions have shown us that she has been a blessing to many in her own quiet and unassuming way. Thank you!

Since the middle of January, I attended four additional funerals, two associated with Third. Stanley Brose (97) had been a member of Third while I was growing up and later moved. Bob Milroy (90), a long-time member of Third, would at times play the piano during the service. He often stopped by during the week to play the piano that he had donated. It was always a pleasure to enter the building and hear his music coming from the Fellowship Hall. His family expressed heart felt appreciation for the support provided for the service and especially the reception afterwards. Thank you to all who gave of their time to once again support a family during their time of loss.

Call Committee News

Looking forward I'm excited to share some good news! On February 28, the Parish Call Committee presented a candidate for Call to a joint session of the congregational councils. The vote was unanimous within each of the three councils to recommend the candidate to their respective congregations for Call. The Call Sunday joint service, immediately followed by the joint congregational meeting, has been scheduled for March 26, 2017 at St. Paul's in Red Hook at 10:00 a. m. Further details will be mailed to all voting members. Please mark your calendars to attend this very important meeting.

See you in church!

God Bless,

Monica C. Gabryszewski

Parish Call Committee Chair 914-475-6613 gabrymc@frontiernet.net

**Year-in-Pictures & Coffee Hour
 April 2 @ Third in Rhinebeck
 In the Fellowship Hall
 immediately following the 9:45 a.m. worship service.**

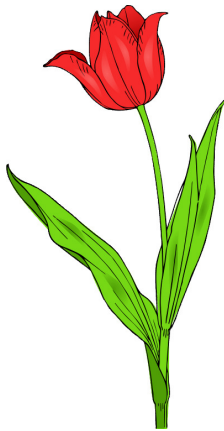


| March | | | | | |
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| 3 | Scott Lewis | 50 Quail Lane | Tivoli | NY 12583 | |
| 5 | Molly McConville | 789 Spring Lake Road | Red Hook | NY 12571 | child |
| 5 | Kim McConville | 789 Spring Lake Road | Red Hook | NY 12571 | |
| 6 | Raena Lueck | 1 Locust Tree Drive | Red Hook | NY 12571 | child |
| 18 | Tom Cathcart | 15 Meadow Drive | Red Hook | NY 12571 | |
| 19 | Arlene Theilman | 30 Blue Echo Road | Red Hook | NY 12571 | |
| 21 | Rob Schultz | 7255 S. Broadway | Red Hook | NY 12571 | |
| 23 | Curt Birnbaum | 22 Sunset Terrace | Red Hook | NY 12571 | |
| 28 | Nancy Denegar | 22 Fraleigh St. | Red Hook | NY 12571 | |

| April | | | | | |
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| 1 | Gary Stock | 10 Ravish Road | Hudson | NY 12534 | |
| 16 | Mike Lueck | 1 Locust Tree Drive | Red Hook | NY 12571 | |
| 22 | Lois Hoger | 20 Roosevelt Rd. | Hyde Park | NY 12538 | |
| 23 | David Queen | 23 Cambridge Drive | Red Hook | NY 12571 | |
| 25 | Trudy Thiede | PO Box 81 | Red Hook | NY 12571 | |

| NEW APRIL ADDITIONS | | | |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 5 | Karen Smythe | 8 Park Ave | Red Hook, NY 12571 |
| 27 | Sue Kowalski | 3 Amherst St | Red Hook, NY 12571 |

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 church in your will?**





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THE SEASONS OF LENT & EASTER



**LUTHERAN PARISH OF
NORTHERN DUTCHESS**

Parish Council President: Carl Dowden

Memorial Lutheran, Rock City, Council
President: Fred Novak

Sunday Holy Communion 8:30 am

St. Paul's Lutheran, Red Hook, Council
President: Stephen Bucala

Sunday Holy Communion 11:00 am

Third Lutheran, Rhinebeck,
Church Council President:
President: Susan Peckmann

Sunday Holy Communion 9:45 am

Vicar James Miller

**SEE INSIDE FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER UPCOMING
EVENTS**



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