

March 2019 Elder: Dave Zierke, Altar Guild: Derek & Mandie Allen, Stewardship: Ashley Bultman

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 6:00 pm Worship*
3 9:15 am Sun. Sch. & Bible St. 10:30 am Worship* Usher Team: Lester Janssen Greeters: Carol & Jessica Coffelt Acolytes: Carter B. & RJ V. Camera: Dakota Allen A/V: Tom Murren	4	5 10:00 am Hillcrest	6 11:00 Ash Wed. serv. 5:45 pm Catechism Youth Choir 7:00 Ash Wed. serv.	7	8	9 6:00 pm Worship
10 8:30 am Elders' Meeting 9:15 am Sun. Sch. & Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Usher Team: Rodney Matz Greeters: Jerry & Wendi Ruhland Acolytes: Mia & Alyssa Camera: Mary Aldrich A/V; Larry Bauder	11	12	13 9:30 am Lamplighters 11:00 am Lent 5:45 pm Catechism Youth Choir 7:00 pm Lent	14	15	16 6:00 pm Worship*
17 9:15 am Sun. Sch. & Bible St 10:30 am Worship* /Gary Theis Usher Team: Larry Van Wyhe Greeters: Audree O. & Kim W. Acolytes: Conner & Jessen Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Jon Burt	18	19	20 11:00 am Lent 5:45 pm Catechism Youth Choir 7:00 pm Lent	21	22	23 6:00 pm Worship
24 9:15 am Sun. Sch. & Bible St 10:30 am Worship 2:00 pm Youth Group/SF Usher Team: Bill Buryanek Greeters: Derek & Mandie Allen Acolytes: Logan Tepe & Kelan Camera: Katrina Burt A/V: Randy Klaus	25	26	27 11:00 am Lent 5:45 pm Catechism Youth Choir 7:00 pm Lent	28	29	30 6:00 pm Worship*
31 9:15 am Sun. Sch. & Bible St 10:30 am Worship* 12:30 pm Hillcrest Usher Team: Dave Aldrich Greeters: Bill & Sharilyn Buryanek Acolytes: Tessa & Emma Camera: Dakota Allen A/V: Duane Aldrich						



Gary Thies at Trinity

Gary Thies will be here to speak about missionary work in the LCMS on March 17. Gary will speak to Sunday School and congregation members during the Bible class time following a congregational breakfast. Gary will also speak briefly after the worship service inviting them to Mission Central.

Lenten Midweek

Just Words...

Words matter. The meaning of words is important. Jesus speaks. Jesus' words deliver what they say, but what do they mean for you?

Join us for Midweek worship 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Fellowship and food follow each service.

Thrivent Choice Dollars®

Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® by March 31 Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars® have until **March 31, 2019**, to direct them. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend that Thrivent Financial provide outreach funding to Trinity Lutheran Church. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

Treasure's January Report

2019 Yearly Budget - \$193,000 approx. (Includes Missions)

	HOME	MISSION
Budget to Date	\$ 13,600.00	\$ 1,400.00
Amt. Needed/Week	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 350.00
Amt. Received to Date	\$ 11,506.00	\$ 1,472.00
Amt. Ahead (Behind)	\$ (2,094.00)	\$ 72.00

2/3/19 TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH INFORMATIONAL MEETING REGARDING ROOFING PROJECT

Pastor opened the meeting with prayer.
24 members+ Pastor present.

Austin Bultman (Contractor) present to answer questions regarding roof project. Brochure was handed out to give examples of color and material of shingle. Questions of color, warranty and time-frame were answered. Austin would like to get materials ordered as soon as possible and start project while the ground is still frozen. Roof will be a granulated steel with epoxy as voted on at the Voter's Meeting of November 11, 2018. Agreement with today's members to go with Walnut color and permission to have Austin order materials.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer. Meeting adjourned.
Respectfully submitted,
Deb Kratochvil

Hymn of the Month

LSB 594 "God's Own Child I Gladly Say It" This hymn speaks of what baptism is and gives, and the power of baptism has for this life, in death, and for the life to come. It was written by German Lutheran pastor Erdmann Neumeister who lived in the 1700s in Hamburg. He also wrote the words to 5 of J.S. Bach's cantatas. The tune is Swiss written by a Reformed pastor from the same time period. It is bouncy almost like a dance. This is one of Pastor Lowe's favorite hymns- just FYI.

Jr. Youth Group March 24

We will leave at 2:00 and return after eating out. Jr Youth will travel to Sioux Falls to rollerskate. Parents are invited to come; drivers needed. Money will be needed for food.

Thank You!

Vikki Sullivan (sister of Cassie Lachmann) finished her chemo treatments and is doing fine. She would like to thank the congregation for their thoughts and prayers during this time.

Daylight Savings begins Sunday, March 10th.



*"This is the Life" followed by
Lutheran Worship Service
led by local LCMS pastors*

**Sunday Mornings 10 am
KCAU Channel 9**

Check your local cable listings
for the channel in your area

*Watch these programs on demand at
mainstreetliving.com*

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2113 Ridge Road Sioux Center 51250

Main Street Living

Below are some inserts that Main Street Living has requested we share with those congregations in the viewing area. If you do not have access to station KCAU, you can also view the programs on the Main Street Living website: www.mainstreetliving.com.

March 3 airing

This is the Life – "Man Adrift" - Faith, not works.

Worship Service – Rev. Paul Egger, of St. John's Lutheran Church in Galva, delivers the message "Jesus Alone" based on Luke 9:28-36. Additional information is available on the web site:

www.mainstreetliving.com.

March 10 airing

This is the Life – "Time Out for Bill" – The Christian faces adversity.

Worship Service - Rev. Tim Geitz, of Grace Lutheran Church in LeMars, delivers the message "Tempting, Isn't It?" based on Luke 4:1-13. Additional information is available on the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com.

March 17 airing

This is the Life – "A Gift for Grandpa" – Freddie goes to great lengths to get a special gift for Grandpa Fisher and learns valuable lessons along the way.

Worship Service - Rev. Bruce Lessman, of St. John Lutheran Church in Storm Lake, delivers the message "The Right Attitude" based on Philip-pians 3:17 – 4:1. Additional information is available on the web site:

www.mainstreetliving.com.

March 24 airing

This is the Life – "Boy on the Fence" – Young Tom is faced with a dilemma as he chooses new friends when he moves to the city.

Worship Service - Service has not been taped yet. Will forward when information is available. Additional information is available on the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com.

March 31 airing

This is the Life – "The Sin of Ray Baxter" – A man is overcome with guilt after making decisions that go terribly wrong.

Worship Service – Rev. Ryan Roehrig, of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Alta, delivers the message "What Wondrous Love?" based on Luke 15:11-32. Additional information is available on the web

site: www.mainstreetliving.com.

LWML

Saturday February 16, 2019 • 10 AM Meeting

We enjoyed egg dishes and muffins for brunch.
Thank you Terry and Lycia for serving.

Pastor led a Bible Study on 1 John 2:15-27.
Jeanette had a devotion entitled, "Every Day a Valentine's Day".

Roll was taken with 11 members present.
Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.
Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand of \$293.14.

OLD BUSINESS

The Food Pantry project has been extended to April. Non perishable food items can be left in the pie room.

NEW BUSINESS

The spring rally will be held in Kingsley on April 6.
Reminded everybody to furnish one or two dozen cookies, bars or breads for Ash Wednesday on March 6.

Our March meeting will be held at 6:15 in the Pie Room on Wed. March 20, before the Lenten service. The project for March is Orphan Grain Train.

We said our pledge, sang the song and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Lycia Anderson



March Birthdays

3. Sarah Van Ballegooyen
5. Levi Huebner
6. Tim Allen, Barb Ballard, Karen Engleman
7. Robert Danielson
8. Colby Janssen
9. Joyce Peck
10. Aaron Boyer, Jane Buryanek
11. Carol Bolluyt
13. Calena Topete, Evan Vander Feen
16. Janice Kitchenmaster, Jacob Vander Hamm
19. Justin Ortner
21. Harlan Benda, Rooney Utesch
23. Gayden Wohlman
25. Trentin Zemanek
26. Rhonda Huls
27. Casey Finch
28. Linda Bockelman
29. Brice Buryanek
30. Ken Bultman, Lindsey Van Bochove
31. Makenzie Graves, Karey Hurtado



March Anniversaries

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| 5. Howard & Jule Schoellerman | 59 years |
| 11. Phil & Angie Van Wyhe | 66 years |
| 16. Jim & Tracie McManaman | 18 years |

From Pastor's Desk...How are you doing at following Jesus?

The season of Lent is here. For forty days and nights (minus Sundays) we follow Jesus in the wilderness of this world to the Cross, burial, and resurrection. The life of a Christian is a life of following Jesus. It is more than just paying lip-service to Jesus or a casual association that comes and goes depending on how you feel at the moment. It is a total life immersion. It's such a dedicated following that through being and listening you begin to sound and act like Jesus. Baptism conforms our life to Christ's- discipleship comes from Him to us (Gal. 3:27).

A life conformed to Christ must be crucified; we must die (Mark 8:34). We die to ourselves, our desires, our ideas of what it means to love God and live life. This kind of denial means sacrifice. We don't like to make sacrifices for anything or anymore. This is strange because we live in the most abundant time in the history of the world where giving things up should be easy. Those who have least in the U.S. still have more than most of the world. Being asked to sacrifice often reveals our true selves and the gods we worship. Following Jesus comes with a cross to bear.

Sacrifices, self-denial, brings suffering- and that's the last thing we want. Life brings enough suffering, why would we want more. The suffering naturally comes living in a broken world, but suffering also comes a gift from God (Romans 5:3-5). Being needy, struggling, hurting hardly seems like a gift. But God often uses it to accomplish great good. After-all, it is through His suffering, bloodshed, and death on the Cross that accomplished our salvation. This is the greatest good gift ever.

During the season of Lent, Christians historically give things up to remember Christ's sacrifice and to better understand temptation and denial. They also take things up which brings good to themselves and others- like a new habit or act of service or special devotions. You are free to do either or something else. But hear the Word of the Lord, know that Jesus has accomplished everything so that you may follow Him in this life into the life to come. Many gifts accompany the hard-road of discipleship. Remember St. Paul's words.

^{ESV} **Philippians 3:7** But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ.

Building Relationships

Relationships need to be built; they don't just happen. Even in families where blood relationships exist, emotional relationships must be built. How do we go about doing that? What are the criteria? Let's look to the master of relationships: our Lord Jesus.

Jesus, the incarnate Christ, lived in a relationship with His earthly family. In the Gospel of Luke, we are told that, when His parents became separated from their son on the return from Jerusalem where they had attended the Feast of the Passover, they were distraught. When they were reunited, Mary asked, *"Son, why have You treated us so?"* He gave His well-known reply: *"Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"* Then, we're told, *"He went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them...And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man"* (Luke 2:48-52). The Son of God, the Savior of the World, lived in obedient relationship with the earthly parents His Heavenly Father gave Him.

It is in the early days of His ministry that Jesus starts gathering to Himself His disciples, the Twelve who would sleep at His side, share their food with Him, endure the variances in the weather (as they were often outdoors), hear and try to understand His words, and seek to emulate Him, their Rabbi and Master. From Jesus we learn about being stewards of relationships. The criteria include quality time together, the opening of hearts to one another, trust and forgiveness, and interdependence.

Just as He called His disciples into relationship with Himself, so He initiates that closeness with us. He calls us with His Gospel words, *"Come to Me...and I will give you rest"* (Matthew 11:28). He invites us, *"Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men"* (Matthew 4:19). He abides with us (John 15:4); He shares His Heavenly food with us (Matthew 26:26-28); He speaks to us by His Word, Jesus Himself, and through His called servants (Hebrews 1:1-2); He presents us to His Father as holy in His sight (Colossians 1:22).

Secure, then, in our relationship with Jesus, we come to understand both our identity and purpose as His stewards. Equipped by His Word and empowered by His transforming love, our stewardship is no longer limited to specific acts occurring here and there but encompasses our entire lives. With a growing awareness of Christ's redeeming love, we are motivated to express our faith by the way we live



Read the Bible in one year by reading the following passages this month...

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| 1. Isaiah 64:1-9 | Numbers 16-18 |
| 2. Psalm 85 | Numbers 19-21 |
| 3. Psalm 86 | Numbers 22-24 |
| 4. Psalm 87 | Numbers 25-27 |
| 5. Psalm 88 | Numbers 28-30 |
| 6. Psalm 89 | Numbers 31-33 |
| 7. Psalm 90 | Numbers 34-36 |
| 8. Psalm 91 | Deuteronomy 1-3 |
| 9. Psalm 92 | Deuteronomy 4-6 |
| 10. Psalm 93 | Deuteronomy 7-9 |
| 11. Psalm 94 | Deuteronomy 10-12 |
| 12. Psalm 95 | Deuteronomy 13-15 |
| 13. Psalm 96 | Deuteronomy 16-18 |
| 14. Psalm 97 | Deuteronomy 19-21 |
| 15. Psalm 98 | Deuteronomy 22-24 |
| 16. Psalm 99 | Deuteronomy 25-27 |
| 17. Psalm 100 | Deuteronomy 28-30 |
| 18. Psalm 101 | Deuteronomy 31-34 |
| 19. Psalm 102 | Luke 1 |
| 20. Psalm 103 | Luke 2-3 |
| 21. Psalm 104 | Luke 4-5 |
| 22. Psalm 105 | Luke 6-7 |
| 23. Psalm 106 | Luke 8-9 |
| 24. Psalm 107 | Luke 10-11 |
| 25. Psalm 108 | Luke 12-13 |
| 26. Psalm 109 | Luke 14-15 |
| 27. Psalm 110 | Luke 16-17 |
| 28. Psalm 111 | Luke 18-19 |
| 29. Psalm 112 | Luke 20-21 |
| 30. Psalm 113 | Luke 22 |
| 31. Isaiah 64:1-9 | Luke 23-24 |



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