

Goodhue Lutheran Messenger– March 2022

THE LENTEN SEASON



In the month of March, we enter into the Lenten Season of the church year. The name of this season comes from the word for “lengthen”, as the hours of daylight keep growing noticeable longer through this season. But the point we have in celebrating this special season of the church year, with the extra midweek services- is to remember the sufferings our Lord Jesus went through for us to win our salvation. The reason for doing it at this time of year is that- unlike the time of year of Jesus’ birth- we know what time of year our Lord’ sufferings, death and resurrection took place, because it happened when he went to Jerusalem to celebrate (and fulfill) the Old Testament Passover Festival- and that always took place in the spring of the year, about when we celebrate Easter.

There’s no rule from God’s word that says we must spend forty days in the spring of the year to remember Jesus’ sufferings, or that we must have extra Wednesday evening church services to help us do this. But whether we celebrate a special season for doing this or not- it’s always good for us to remember our Lord’s sufferings, death and resurrection.

It’s always good to remember Christ’s sufferings and death, because that’s our salvation! This is how he paid for our sins- which otherwise would send us to hell- and won us eternal life with God in the kingdom of heaven instead! *“He was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.”* (Is 53:5 NIV)

It’s good to remember Christ’s sufferings and death for us also because this, like nothing else, shows the depth of God’s love for us. *“This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.”* (1 Jn 4:10 NIV) If tough times you are going through, or your own sense of worthlessness because of your sins and failures ever get you to doubt God’s love for you, just ask yourself this: “Is it still true that God sent his Son to suffer and die for my sins; so he could forgive me and have me with him in heaven forever? Then God must really love me!”

It’s good to remember Christ’s sufferings and death for us as well, because it will help us to endure the sufferings that will come to us in this life from the devil’s attacks, and because of our connection to Jesus, and keep on in the faith to the end, just as Christ continued his road to the cross to the end; and then rose from the dead. *“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”* (Hebrews 12:2-3 NIV)

Beginning with Ash Wednesday Service on March 2, you will get a series of special opportunities to remember your Lord’s sufferings and death for you, along with your fellow Christians, as we gather for our Lenten Worship services. The theme is, “The Crucial Hours”- and the sermons will take looks at important moments and what you might call “turning points” in Jesus’ road to the cross.

The three WELS Goodhue congregations- St. Peter’s, Grace and St. John’s, are planning to hold joint midweek services - the first two at St. John’s; the middle two at St. Peter’s, and the final two at Grace. We plan to have fellowship suppers before each service; and many of the services will feature special music. Besides Pastors Robbert and Weigand, we will have as guest preachers Pastors Engel and Sternberg from Red Wing; and Pastor Schoch and Vicar Grant Freese from Zumbrota.

I hope many of you will be able to join us for these services and be blessed through them!

-Your brother in Christ, Pastor Marty Weigand



Come Worship

Grace Lutheran Church

8:30am Worship
9:30am Bible Class/SS

St John’s Lutheran Church

9:00am Worship
10:00am Sunday School

St Peters Lutheran Church

9:30am Bible Class/SS
10:45am Worship

Schedule for Lenten Services at St. Peter's, Grace, and St John's

Wednesday, March 2 "They Bound Him"

6:00p.m. Soup Supper served prior to the

7:00pm Worship at St. John's, Goodhue
(Pastor Weigand)

Wednesday, March 9 "Satan has Asked to Sift all of You"

6:00p.m. Soup Supper served prior to the

7:00pm Worship at St. John's, Goodhue
(Pastor Engel)

Wednesday, March 16 "I Will Keep the Passover"

6:00p.m. Sandwich Supper served prior to the

7:00pm Worship at St. Peter's, Goodhue
(Pastor Schoch)

Wednesday, March 23 "A Part for the Whole?"

6:00p.m. Soup Supper served prior to the

7:00pm Worship at St. Peter's, Goodhue
(Pastor Robbert)

Wednesday, March 30 "What to Remember When Seized with Remorse"

6:00p.m. Soup Supper served prior to the

7:00pm Worship at Grace, Goodhue
(Pastor Sternberg)

Wednesday, April 6 "The Semblance of Legality"

6:00p.m. Soup Supper served prior to the

7:00pm Worship at Grace, Goodhue
(Pastor Freese)



Joint Choir planned for Lenten Services:

This Choir will consist of *any members from St. John's, Grace and St. Peter's- Adult down through 6th Grade, who would like to join us.* We will have practices after each of the Wednesday Mid-week Lenten Services from about

8 to 8:35 p.m., at whichever place the service was that day (So first two practices will be at St. John's). Pastor Weigand will direct. Jessi Robbert will accompany. We plan to sing at the 4th, 5th and 6th Mid-week Lenten Service. On the last of the 6 Wednesdays, just Grace and St. Peter's choir members will stay to practice for singing during the Holy Week Services. Hope you can join us! If you can't do them all, do some! Let's make a joyful noise unto the Lord together!

WELS & ELS Singles

Tour the SPAM museum in Austin, MN. For ELS/WELS Singles, Saturday, March 26th. Meet at the museum at 11am. We will go for lunch after and explore the town. Weather permitting. To RSVP, or for more details, please email Rachel at rmoldstad@gmail.com (Note: The museum will need advanced notice if we have more than ten people, so please do RSVP) Admission is free. Not able to join us on this date but want to know about future events, check out our Facebook page: [WELS & ELS Singles](#)



Grace Church Council Meeting - February 15, 2022

President Bo Schulz called the meeting to order with Pastor, Dean, Ben, Todd, and Brandon present. Pastor opened with prayer. The secretary, financial secretary, and treasurer's reports were all read and approved. Pastor reported on church attendance and shut-in visits. He also outlined plans for the youth group to serve Lenten supper prior to the March 9th service at St. John's. This will be the first Youth Group Activity since the beginning of COVID. The Youth Group is also planning a trip to Knoxville, TN to attend the Youth Rally this summer. A motion was made to cover at least \$400 of the cost of this trip, making the Youth responsible for roughly \$100. The potential for additional financial assistance with this



**March Flower Committee
at Grace:
Joann Schulz and Kelly
Amundson**

St Peters Council Meeting February 15, 2022

Larry Holst Called the meeting to order with Pastor, Larry, Mark, Dennis, Dean and Curt present. Pastor opened with Prayer.

The Secretary's report was read and approved.

Pastor reported on church attendance and other visits including updates on mailbox follow up visits.

The pulpit exchange proposal was discussed. Motion made and passed that a Good Friday 1p.m. service will not be held at St. Peter's. There will be a 1p.m. Good Friday Service at St. John's.

Sunday School is going well, with a full staff of Teachers. Mission Project for 2nd half of year is Zumbrota Food Shelf.

Joint Youth Group is looking for a Youth Ed Coordinator; also looking to fill the St. Peter's Youth Group Leader position.

Joint Evangelism Committee has not met since COVID; plan to meet in February. Evangelism Com-

was also discussed and may occur closer to the event. All youth interested should get signed up soon for early-bird pricing. Easter for Kids has been set to take place the Saturday before Easter Sunday. Lenten and Holy Week services have been set. The contract has been signed and a down payment made for the replacement of the Soundsystem. A new dishwasher will be purchased for the parsonage, as well as repairs made to the front door and replacement of back entry flooring. Ben has lined up a company to re-furbish the Crucifix on the altar in front of the church. Work continues on evaluating the best option for internet service for the church and the parsonage. Motion to Adjourn.

Submitted: Brandon



mittee will be helping publicize Easter for Kids and Easter Worship Services. Easter for Kids will be April 16 at Grace.

Financial Secretaries' Report and Treasurer's Report were read and approved.

Financial Report was read and approved

Smith Heating checked Furnaces late fall and did some minor repairs. Church Campus everything is ok. No issues with Parsonage and grounds.

Looking for more people to run PowerPoint and livestream. Will check with Norris Voth.

June 7-9 is District Convention. Motion made and approved that Youth Group balance to move to the Sunday School Account.

Motion approved to adjourn meeting; closed with prayer.

Next council Meeting March 15 at Grace at 6:30p.m.

Men's Bible Breakfast February 19 at St. Peter's 8:30a.m.

Respectfully submitted Curt Callstrom.

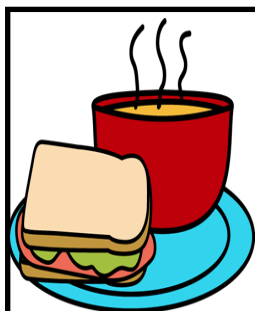
With The Lord

Shirley Strusz

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The LORD is my Shepherd.



St. Peter's is hosting a Sandwich Supper on Wednesday, March 16th at 6p.m. prior to the Lenten Service. This will be served in the Church

Basement-a food sign up sheet will be in the church entry for members to volunteer.

St. Peter's is hosting a Soup Supper on Wednesday, March 23rd at 6p.m. prior to the Lenten Service. This will be served in the Church Basement-a food sign up sheet will be in the church entry for members to volunteer. Contact Ronnelle if you have any questions. Thank you!!

NEW JOINT YPS COORDINATOR POSITION APPROVED OF AND FILLED: After each congregation approved the recommendation to do so, the Joint Elders of Grace, St. John's and St. Peter's met on Saturday, February 19, fleshed out the position description for the Joint YPS Coordinator, and agreed on whom to ask first to serve in this position.

The Joint YPS Coordinator is to work with the pastors and youth leaders of Grace, St. John's and St. Peter's to assist with our joint YPS program and activities. This person is to be a spiritual leader and example for our youth, and someone they could talk to for spiritual advice, as well as to assist with planning activities and communicating with the youth and their parents, and publicizing YPS activities to the congregations. This is a paid position, with the current salary at \$20 per hour, and we estimate it will take 5-6 paid hours per month on average, though the Joint Elders realize it could easily become more than this. The cost will be split between the three congregations. The Joint Elders agreed that we should have our YPS be for youth from 7th Grade through High School, rather than 6th Grade through High School as it had been. The Joint Elders agreed that the first person we wanted to ask to serve in this position was Mrs. Jessica Robbert. It was noted that Mrs. Robbert has training and experience in counseling youth of this age, and seems to have a gift for connecting with youth of this age group. Mrs. Robbert was asked to serve in this position, and has accepted the request. She is to be installed as our new Joint YPS Coordinator during the joint Lenten Service on Ash Wednesday on March 2.

This position includes part of the work Shelley Poncelet had been doing as YPS assistant for Grace and St. Peter's as part of her Youth Education Assistant position for Grace and St. Peter's. Shelley will continue as Youth Ed Assistant for Grace and St. Peter's, assisting with Sunday School, Confirmation Class and Cradle Roll among other things, but will no longer have working with the YPS as part of her job. (This was at her request.)

Please pray for God's blessing on Jessi Robbert in this new position, and make God greatly bless the youth of our congregations through her service!

P.S. The first YPS Activity since COVID will be serving the supper for the March 9 Lenten Service at St. John's. Anything given there in the free will donation baskets will go to support the YPS program.



Grace & St Peter's Sunday School

Many thanks to Shelley for organizing and preparing copies of Sunday School Lessons for every one of our children eligible for Sunday School at Grace and St Peters; 71 children are presently registered between the two congregations.

Thanks to the children for singing "King of Kings and Lord of Lords" on Feb. 13. They did great, and helped us appreciate what a great Lord and Savior we have in Jesus Christ! Let Pastor know if your child would like to sing or play a special song of praise to Jesus at church. He welcomes you to participate in that way.

Sunday School kids sing next at the Lenten Service on March 16 at St. Peter's. The song is "He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word"- (LAPPY Songbook p. 108) Grace and St. Peter's Sunday School Kids sing together for this one.

Grace, St. Peter's and St. John's will again be having Easter for Kids the morning of Saturday, April 16. If you are interested in helping please contact Shelley Poncetlet.(651-212-3219).



COMING UP IN BIBLE CLASS

JOINT MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS HELD AT St. Peter's (Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.) Pastor's Weigand and Robert plan to rotate so that one teaches for two weeks in a row, then the other for two weeks in a row. Pastor Weigand will continue to lead study on the book of Galatians for the next several times that he is up.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS AT GRACE— When Pastor Weigand is up he will continue to lead study on the Book of Romans. When Ben Raasch or Darwyn Tri are leading class, they will teach lessons from the series "Grand Themes and Key Words" of the Bible.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS AT ST. PETER'S— When Pastor Weigand is up, he will continue to lead study on the Book of Romans. When Larry Holst and Norrie Voth are teaching, they will continue leading study through the book, "The Wonders of God," which is a review of the main teachings of the Bible that is often used for Bible Information Class/Adult Confirmation Class.

QUILTING BIBLE STUDY— Wed. at 8:30 am at St. Peter's. We plan to continue study on "A Look at the Other Lessons" coming up in church the next Sunday besides the sermon text. Pastor Weigand leads study. (Pastor Robbert covers for him when he is unavailable.)

JOINT MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST— Saturday, March 19, at 8:30 am at Grace: Pastor Robbert will lead study on a Bible portion or topic to be announced. Invite your friends and other men who might be interested! Bring your son(s) if they are confirmed or older!





St. Peter's and Grace Congregations will be doing a door collection for LWMS Home and World Mission Projects on March 20 and March 27. Collections will be made in the church entry. Thank you for Giving to LWMS Home and World Missions.

Jeremy Belter-Shepherd of the Valley, Candelas, Colorado

Pastor Jeremy Belter, his wife Kelsey, and their children, Ellie and Kieran, serve Shepherd of the Valley-Candelas, a new mission started as a multi-site partnership with Shepherd of the Valley-Westminster, Colorado. This mission began in October 2019 in the northwest Denver suburb of Arvada. Far west Arvada has seen tremendous growth over the last five years, with 15,000 new residents, and approximately 10,000 more estimated in the next decade. This growing area, nestled against the Rocky Mountain foothills, had no churches! So Shepherd of the Valley took the bold step to plant a mission church. The Lord has blessed the mission with many community contacts and lots of outreach opportunities. "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine...to him be glory in the church...for ever and ever! Amen." Ephesians 3: 20,21

Thank you all who are collecting pill bottles for Central African Medical Missions (CAMM) for the LWMS Spring Rally Project. Please see strict instructions on collecting prescription bottles. These prescription bottles are used at the Malawi and Zambia Medical Mission Clinics to put lotion in for their patients.

Prescription Pill Bottles:

PRESCRIPTION BOTTLES ONLY:

1. **Please send the smaller bottles with caps.** Sizes #3(3"x 1-1/4") & #5(3" x 1") are best, #2 ok (3-3/4" x 1-1/2") and avoid #1 & #4. (Bottles are listed from #1-#5 from left to right. We cannot use Tylenol bottles, vitamin bottles, etc., CAMM cannot use them, we have to throw them away.
2. **LABELS REMOVED:** Labels totally need to be removed. There can be **no** sticky adhesive left on the bottle at all. If you cannot get it off, throw it (try Goo Gone).
3. **WASHED:** The bottles need to be washed with hot soapy water.

NOTE INSIDE BOTTLE: After washing the bottle and it is dry, put a small note inside the bottle saying **WASHED** and then put the cover on it so the note stays inside. If you have a full container of the **WASHED** bottles you only need one note that says they are all **WASHED** and then leave the covers off.

CAMM does not have the staffing to take off labels, adhesive, and wash all of these bottles. Thank you for doing mission work by collecting these bottles. Sent from Jule Majerus



*****All are invited to Easter Breakfast at Grace Lutheran Church. Watch the bulletin for more information.**



Members of Grace and St. Peter's

You are invited to help create an Easter Garden for Easter Sunday, April 17th, 2022 at your church.

Please order your flowers from a flower shop and have them delivered to either Grace or St. Peter's by noon on Saturday, April 16th. You may bring something from home as well.

If you are putting your flower in church in memory or in honor of someone **YOU MUST** let Mary, the church secretary know so that it can be listed in the church bulletin if that is your choice. The Flower Shops do not pass on that information. Thank You!



March Newsletter 2022

Jesus Lives! God is Awesome! Psalm 77:14 (EHV) You are the God who performs a wonderful deed. You made known your power among the peoples.

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (EHV) - 7 Therefore, to keep me from becoming arrogant due to the extraordinary nature of these revelations, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me, so that I would not become arrogant. 8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that he would take it away from me. 9 And he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, because my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will be glad to boast all the more in my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may shelter me. 10 That is why I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties, for the sake of Christ. For whenever I am weak, then am I strong.

This March we will once again be reminded of walk to the cross made by Jesus for us. We are reminded of why he was born, tempted, walking, etc. on this earth. Every Wednesday in March we will be humbled and reminded of our condition without Jesus and with Jesus. We will continue to battle with Satan, the world, and our own sinful flesh. In the grace of God, we realize our choices of words and actions are not gold. Our arrogance is refuted with humiliating choices of words and actions. And yet, the thorn that I have - my challenges with the sinful flesh - is there to remind me of my current condition, my need for Jesus every moment of every day. These challenges are the same that Jesus experienced as He walked this earth - and yet Jesus did not sin. Jesus did the unexpected - He forgave me.

This March we are reminded that we don't have to be perfect. We can endure our shortcomings, the gossip, the insults, the persecutions, the tough times because that is when God's power is demonstrated in us. We are reminded that every face we see is a redeemed child of God that needs a generous dose of forgiveness when they sin. Jesus went to the cross for them too. Our strength is in the holy Christ - the Son of God. God's power is made perfect when we are not.

This March we are reminded that the students at St. John's continue to work to the glory of God and not to the world. Homework, relationships, our personal feelings are not perfect on their own. Our God gives us strength to serve Him with these and other things of the world. When we get down on ourselves and the world, God's power is at its finest. These words of God are eternal and comforting when we feel inadequate.

I pray to see all our families in church hearing a message of comfort during the Lenten season.

In His service, Albert Karnopp



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March School Calendar

3/1 8:30 Chapel
3/4 K-4 Crayola
3/8 8:30 Chapel, Spring Pictures
3/9 Lent Service at St. John's K-8 Sing at 7pm, Youth Group Serves Supper at 6pm
3/15 8:30 Chapel
3/20 CEA Meeting
3/22 8:30 Chapel
3/25 6pm Science Fair/Chili Cook Off at the Lion's Bldg.
3/27 K-8 Sing in Church 9am
3/30 - 4/1 6-8 Eagle Bluff

SERVING AT ST. JOHNS IN MARCH

Pastor Robbin Robbert

ST. JOHN'S ELDERS:

Jesse Luhman, Scott Hinsch & Kenneth Schrimpf

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL BOARD:

Jacob Diercks, Jonathon Voth & Cameron Peterson

USHERS

Group 3 - Dennis Diercks, Jon Jablonski,
Wyatt Gadiant, Billy Diercks, Steve Possehl,
Carson Morken, Craig Breuer

GREETERS

3/2 Roy & Dorothy Buck
3/6 Roger & Bev Voth 3/9 Roy & Dorothy Buck
3/13 Mike & Ann Hinsch
3/20 Arnie & Linda Breuer
3/27 Roxanne Lodermeier

ACOLYTE

3/13 & 3/27 Natalie Thomforde

Bible Study



NO Adult or HS Bible
Study on the 13th.

Adult Bible Study with Pastor
Robbert every Sunday
from 10:15 - 11:00

High School Bible Study with
Mrs. Robbert will be on the 27th
from 10:15 - 11:00

**Sunday School and Middle
School Meets** will be the 6th and
20th from 10:15 - 11:00

CEA MEETING

March 20, after church.

St. John's Church Council

Thank you to Jessi Robbert for agreeing to be our joint youth coordinator. We look forward to the energy and skills that she brings with her.

Principal Albert Karnopp received a Divine Call to serve as grades 6-8 Teacher and Principal at Shepherd Lutheran School in Albuquerque, NM. He asks for prayers for Sandy and himself as they deliberate where best to serve our God. Mr. Karnopp would like you to feel free to reach out to him (507)721-8400 or Albert.karnopp@gmail.com or stop by the school to chat.



MARCH 13, 2022



BAPTISM IN FEBRUARY

Breck Cameron Peterson, born
February 2 to Cameron & Mer-
ribeth Peterson was baptized
on February 6.

**NEW
MEMBER**



Sunday, March 13, 2022

Donuts and coffee will be served after church.
Come welcome our new members!"

Alisa Clemons

Paige Hinrichs

Reed Lexvold

Ben & Amy Heintz, Theodore & Owen

E-GIVING NOW AT ST. JOHN'S -- Our congregation now offers electronic giving!

Go to easytithe.com/stjohnswels and follow the easy instructions to set up, or text GIVE and an amount to 1-218-304-7066 (ex: GIVE 250.00) and follow the easy directions.



St. John's School Open House

36620 Co 4 Blvd Goodhue, MN 55027

3PreK to 8th Grade

Saturday, April 9th

8-11am

Activities for kids (weather permitting) and tours of the school.

All are welcome!

SCRIP Order Due

March 8, 2022

Call or Text Brenda Luhman

507-202-6131

*We are encouraging online purchases through
ShopWithScrip, PrestoPay and RaiseRight App*

www.shopwithscrip.com Enrollment code:
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FUNDRAISING

Grace, St. John's, St. Peter's Youth
Group

Will be providing and serving
March 9th Lent Supper at St.
John's at 6pm.

Contact Jessie at St. John's,
stjohnsoffice4773@gmail.com

Chapel of the

Air

Services are 9:00am
Sundays on KCUE 1250
AM Red Wing. Dona-
tions to help cover the
cost of airing services
can be sent to St
John's, Red Wing.

Youth who are interested in attending the Youth Rally Please talk to Pastor and Jessie Robbert or Rose and Dan Voight, or Pastor Weigand. Funds have been designated to help with the cost of of the rally for members of Grace, St. Peter's, and St. John's. Check it out on the WELS..net. A stop at the Noah's Ark is also planned for the trip.

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HERE & NOW

2022 WELS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH RALLY

June 28-July 1, 2022