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OUR MISSION IS TO LOVE,  
SERVE & STRENGTHEN ALL  
PEOPLE IN CHRIST JESUS!

## THE WEEKLY WORD

MARCH 2-3, 2019

### LENT MEALS

Last year we had other congregation members join the confirmation and Wednesday school youth and families for a meal before worship us and it was good to have a cross-generational group gathered together to eat and visit. We'd like to do this again this Lent but need some help preparing food. A sign-up sheet will be on the table outside the narthex with a menu for each week. For example, we'll have soup one week and ask for 4 people to make a batch of soup each, then have others to sign up to bring bread. If we don't get enough people to sign up then we'll eat when we get home after worship. Let's give it a try and see how it works.

### LENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP

This year we will once again have morning and evening worship on Wednesdays during Lent at 11 AM and 6:30 PM, beginning with Ash Wednesday on March 6. Both Ash Wednesday services will use the traditional liturgy for the day. On the following Wednesdays the morning service will be liturgy and prayers that Pr. Pat puts together. We will use Holden Evening Prayer for the evening service.

The theme for our mid-week services is "Open My Life Lord." In

preparation you may reflect on this blessing, as found in the Augsburg Fortress resource Sundays and Seasons: Go into the world with eyes open to the transforming light of Christ, hands open to serve those you meet, ears open to the call of the Spirit, hearts open to the bountiful love of God, and lives open to follow Christ to the cross. The God who opened for us the way of everlasting life + bless you now and forever. Amen.

### GOT SOME SPARE CHANGE?

Check your pockets and couch cushions! From now until the end of March, WELCA will be collecting change to give as an offering to the ARISE campaign. So drop your pennies, silver dollars, or anything in between into their collection. Thanks!

### CONFERENCE MEETING

The Wisconsin River Valley Conference meeting that was scheduled for Saturday, February 23 has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 30, 2019 due to the weather.

### CONNECTIONS

A large chunk of what the (relatively new) Promotions Committee's goals are is to create connections between church members and the community at large. One way we would like to do this is by connecting with new parents. How can you help? First, if you know of a congregation member (even an inactive member) who has a baby, please let the church office know. Second, we are looking for people to "adopt" the baby and their family. This person will send out a monthly newsletter (these will be provided to the sender) and any little note of encouragement or friendship they would like to add. If this is a ministry you are called to help us with, please contact the church office.

## WEEKLY STATS

### Last Week's

**Attendance** was 75 (no Sunday Worship).

### Last Week's Offering

**General: \$4,117.50**

**Benevolence: \$92.50**

**Designated: \$170.00**

### Last Weeks Scrip (through February 28, 2019)

**Sales: \$1,340.00**

**Profits: \$68.01**



## PRAYER CONCERNS

Travis, Earleen Fox, Ward Nelson, Joshua Bork, Jerry Wick, Adia Hull, Leslie Fischer, Makenzi Keeling, Jacob Pesola, Sean Templin, Janet Beyer, Christopher Navarro, Bob & Helen, Kurt, Carol Pester, Jessica, Barb, Kathy Gruett, Liam Bauman, Anne Germain, Tasha Jaeger

## BAPTISM

On Saturday, March 2, 2019, we rejoice in the baptism of Ryan James Coates, son of Josh & Jesseca (Laak) Coates. Sponsors for Ryan are Jenny & Kim Blum. May the Lord help them as they help Ryan grow in faith.

## FLOWERS

The flowers this week were given by Ruth Ellen Lindstrom

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday, March 2, 2019

9:00 AM—Worship (HC)

10:00 AM—Coffee Hour

10:15 AM—Sunday School

10:15 AM—Choir

10:45 AM—First Presbyterian  
Worship

### Monday, March 3, 2019

1:00 PM—Miriam Circle

6:00 PM—Property & Maintenance

6:30PM—AA Meeting

7:00 PM—Dartball

7:15 PM—Adult Bible Study

### Tuesday, March 4 2019

6:00 PM—Worship & Music

### Wednesday, March 5, 2019

#### ASH WEDNESDAY

11:00 AM—Worship (HC)

3:30 PM—FROGs

4:00 PM—Wednesday Night Ed

5:15 PM—Family Style Meal

6:30 PM—Worship (HC)

7:00 PM FOCUS

### Thursday, March 6, 2019

8:30 AM—Mission Sewing

### Friday, March 7, 2019

10 AM—Bible Study

### Saturday, March 8, 2019

9:00 AM—AA Meeting

3:15 PM—Choir

4:30 PM—Worship (HC)

## THRIVENT PRESENTATION

Kelly O'Day, our Thrivent representative, going to do a presentation on retirement and estate planning after worship on Saturday, March 17. You are welcome to invite any friends or family members who are interested in these topics. Kelly is also happy to answer any questions you have about Thrivent and the financial services they offer. You do not have to be a member of Thrivent to attend this presentation.

## THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Deadline for designating 2018 Thrivent Choice Dollars is March 31. Our Saviour's is grateful for the Choice Dollars we receive from Thrivent members. If you have any kind of insurance or annuity through Thrivent and don't know about Choice Dollars, talk to Pastor Pat.