



# ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Newsletter

March, 2018

***Only Jesus Christ, who bids us follow him, knows the journey's end. But we know that it will be a road of boundless mercy.*** Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Just 2 weeks ago on Ash Wednesday, we were marked with a cross from ash, we heard the words, "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return." We are reminded that sitting in ashes was a sign of both mourning and repentance in biblical times. So then, Lent is a time of recognizing our mortality and of cultivating a penitent heart. These are somber tasks.

One of my New Year resolutions was to re-read some of the books that I read during seminary (in particular the books that had particular impact for me). I came across a highlighted quote from Dietrich Bonhoeffer from *The Cost of Discipleship*, "***Discipleship means joy.***" Joy in the midst of our sorrowful penitence? How can Living into Lent be joyful?

As we continue on this Lenten journey, it is this juxtaposition of joy and sorrow that catches my attention. This time in Lent is an in between place. We are betwixt and between. Neither here nor there. We have left behind what was - and what will be is not yet clear. We come face to face with the reality of our lives; things done and left undone, our fears, our hopes and dreams, our sorrows and losses, as well as the unknown.

While Jesus is being baptized, we heard God declare, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." In our baptism, we hear God claiming us also. Then we read about Jesus calling his disciples friends. I can't help but think that there is that same declaration, that same closeness to which we are called in following Jesus - a companionship with Immanuel, God with us, that is so very humbling and appealing, to which our hearts say, "YES! I will follow." As easily as it is to say "yes"; do I really understand the cost of following Jesus?

In his book, Bonhoeffer lays out what he understands the cost of discipleship to be. In his life, it meant returning to Germany during WWII to work with the resistance to the Third Reich. Ultimately, it cost him his life.

Still, there is evidence of joy in Bonhoeffer's life right up to his last day in a concentration camp. In this Lenten journey, we enter reminded that we are ashes and dust. We enter a place where we are called both to remember our sin and mortality, and at the same time to hear Jesus, God with us, saying follow me, my friend. We embody Living Ash, as we are reminded that following Jesus leads us to the cross and yet we are told to expect joy in this journey.

Remember that you are dust and may you have joy in the journey!

Servants together,

Pr. Paul <><

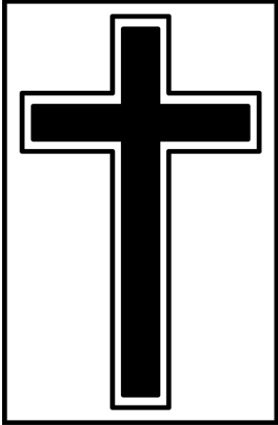
***p.s. – Did you know??*** We will have many ways to enter into ecumenical worship with our sisters and brothers in Christ throughout the community. Wednesday night Soup Suppers, Good Friday and the Saturday Easter Vigil. Please check the calendar and make plans to join us. What a wonderful time it is to be Living Ash.

## Worship opportunities for March:

### **Soup Supper, 5:15, Worship, 6:00**

Held jointly with Eckert Presbyterian Church and Cedaredge United Methodist Church

\* **Wednesday, February 28** at Eckert Presbyterian Church



\* **Wednesday, March 7** at Cedaredge United Methodist Church

\* **Wednesday, March 14** at All Saints

\* **Wednesday, March 21** at Eckert Presbyterian Church

### Holy Week Worship

\* **Sunday, March 25**, Palm Sunday Breakfast at All Saints, 8:45 a.m.

\* **Thursday, March 29**, Maundy Thursday at All Saints, 7:00 p.m..  
Foot washing available

\* **Friday, March 30**, Good Friday at All Saints, 7:00 p.m.

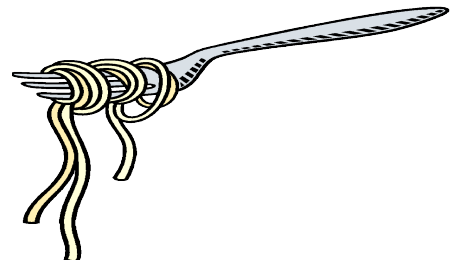
\* **Saturday, March 31**, Easter Vigil at St. Luke's Episcopal 5:30 p.m.

\* **Sunday, April 1**, Easter at All Saints Worship at 10:00 a.m. "**Alleluia! He is Risen!**"

## Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

The 2018 Spaghetti Dinner, put on by the Outreach Committee, will be April 13, 2018 from 4:30 to 7:00. This year's beneficiary will be Families Plus, Delta. As in years past, the Outreach Committee asks for help in putting together this large event and welcome all and any volunteers (men included) to help with the preparations. A signup sheet will be available starting March 11 Should you have any questions - please see Marilyn Liebetrau or Carolyn Goller for more information. We thank you in advance for helping us out for this great cause.

Outreach Committee: Carolyn Goller, Claudia Kellogg, Marilyn Liebetrau, Del Miessler, Linda Ranta, Wilma Reeve



## Looking For a Way to Deepen Your Worship Experience?

For many people, looking at the Bible readings before Sunday helps put the message in the context of their lives. As you read the lessons, ask yourself: Is there anything in the readings that relate to your life right now? Is there anything that surprises you in the readings? Disturbs you? Try doing this and see if following this on a weekly basis strengthens your personal faith life, and deepens your worship experience.

### The Lessons for Worship in March

These are the Bible readings that we will hear during our worship services this month. They are provided that you might use them for personal devotion and meditation.

#### March 5 – Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20: 1-17

Psalms 19

1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

John 2: 13-22

#### March 11 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21: 4-9

Psalms 107: 1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2: 1-10

John 3: 14-21

#### March 18 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Psalms 51:1-12

Hebrews 5: 5-10

John 12: 20-33

#### March 25 – Palm Sunday

Mark 11: 1-11, John 12: 12-16

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Psalms 31: 9-31

Philippians 2: 5-11

Mark 14: 1-15: 47

#### March 29 – Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12: 1-14

Psalms 116: 1-2, 12-19

1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

#### March 30 – Good Friday

Isaiah 52: - 53:12

Psalms 22

Hebrews 10: 16-25

John 18: 1 – 19: 42

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### SONS OF NORWAY

Vestafjell Lodge invites those interested in Scandinavian heritage and culture to join lodge members at the lodge meeting at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 10 at the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 3133 Patterson/F Road, Grand Junction. After a potluck lunch of ready-to-serve hot dishes, salads, and desserts, Colorado Director Bev Moe will install officers. Bev will introduce us to her dog Gunner, a Norwegian Buhund. Guests are always welcome. For more details, call 245-5649 or 858-6702, or visit our website, [www.vestafjelllodge.org](http://www.vestafjelllodge.org).

# Council Meeting Highlights

February, 2018

Pastor led devotions using Hebrews 12 as his guide. All Council members were present.

Highlights of individual committee reports:

- ◆ Phyllis Hoffman will be coming in July to discuss long-term health care.
- ◆ Dorothy Pew will be here June 9, 10:00 a.m. to engage individuals in end-of-life decisions.
- ◆ All Saints will host a refreshment stop during the Serenity Run. All proceeds will be donated to the church.
- ◆ Modified, corrected and passed a motion to approve January's minutes.

Pastor's Report:

- ◆ Discussed the possibility of Wyatt becoming a Youth Synod Council Member pending family approval.
- ◆ Also discussed a possible mission trip to Juarez, Mexico. Pastor, Jesse and Wyatt have expressed an interest at this point in time.
- ◆ The albs (robes) for the liturgy assistants need to be cleaned twice a year.
- ◆ Discussed birthday Sunday money to stay local; will hold further discussions.

Other:

- ◆ Don will coordinate a Mother's Day Brunch and he is looking for volunteers.
- ◆ Discussed the computer in Pastor's office and Elevate phone service.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.



Palm Sunday Breakfast  
March 25, 8:45 a.m.

In keeping with tradition at All Saints, we will have a Palm Sunday Breakfast at 8:45. Our congregation will be asked to bring breakfast items. We will enjoy a hearty beginning to our meaningful worship honoring Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. A signup sheet will be available March 4. We will need volunteers for setup and cleanup.

## **MIRAM CIRCLE**

Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month  
10:00am—Bible study 11:00am—Business meeting  
Come! Join Us on March 7 at 10:00 a.m.

### **Secret Prayer Sisters/Drawn Prayer Sisters**

For many years it has been a tradition to have prayer sisters at All Saints. Prayer sisters were drawing from the names of those interested. Prayers for each other, some requested, some not, coffees, lunches, phone calls, cards have been a part of this prayer experience. In 2017 we neglected to set up a new drawing. National Sister Day is the first part of August, which could fit in with this, but is a little distant for this year.

Miriam Circle will discuss this at the next meeting. Another option is for women who are interested in having a prayer sister, to approach someone they know fairly well, to trust them with personal facts in which they would like special prayer support. They could be each others prayer sister until a chosen date, perhaps a year later.

Until the March meeting we can keep last year's sister. Please pray about this opportunity. It truly is blessed. If you have suggestions, please tell Olinda.

### **Bible Study at Miriam Circle**

Every month some of the ladies and friends of All Saints gather for a Bible study and then the regular monthly business meeting of Miriam Circle. All are invited; this is not a closed group. Most of the studies come from *Gather Magazine* and are led by Carolyn. Last month at Bible study we studied Mark 7:1-8. This scripture provides multiply meanings; Jesus, his disciples and the Pharisees are the characters. The various possible meanings (certainly not all) were discussed in a meaningful manner. "What does this story mean" was the question asked.

In March, we will look at Luke 3:3-17 – Prepare the Way of the Lord: The preaching of John the Baptist. What does this story mean? What are the possible multiple meanings? Prepare for a good discussion by reading the scripture lesson and joining the group on Wednesday, March 7 at 10:00 a.m.

# SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

	March 4	March 11	March 18	March 25
	Communion		Communion	Palm Sunday
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul	Pastor Paul
<b>Liturgy Assistant</b>	TBD	Donelle	Joel	Donelle
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Wilma		Don R.	Olinda
<b>Communion Bread</b>	Marj		Marj	Marj
<b>Organist</b>	Don	Don	Don	Don
<b>Pianist</b>	Olinda	Olinda	Olinda	Olinda
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Alice		Claudia	Alice
<b>Readers</b>	Joel	Janell	Wilma	Carol
<b>Ushers</b>	Jesse	Lloyd	Don	Niles
<b>Greeters</b>	Carolyn	Marilyn	Linda	Janell
<b>Stewards</b>	Janell/Erich	Claudia/ Lloyd	Don R./Jack	Don Mc/Rick
<b>Fellowship</b>	Wilma	Marilyn	Wendy	Palm Sunday Breakfast

To provide refreshments for Fellowship, please sign up on the white board by the kitchen window or call Janell to say you can help!

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## All Saints Special Occasions for March

**Birthdays:** 3/8 Amber Morrow      3/19 Carolyn Goller      3/25 Pastor Paul  
3/28 Steve Grewe

**Baptismal Birthdays:** 3/24 Marjorie Seely      3/26 Lee Martinson  
3/28 Barb Cairns      3/31 Lloyd Liebetrau

**Anniversaries:**



## ALL SAINTS QUICK INFORMATION

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**Please notify Pastor Paul if you or someone  
in your family is entering the hospital or needs pastoral care**

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## **OUR MISSION. . . .**

***We are Called, Loved and Sent by God***

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