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THE JOY OF SERVING

Serving In Small Ways

There are several forms of serving. As God manifested Himself as a servant in Jesus Christ on Earth, so he equips us for service. Moreover, He *expects* us to serve. For the purpose of simplicity, three types of service will be discussed in this article. Most of us can say we serve through all three.

Serving as a Vocation

Martin Luther wrote that we are all called to serve God, no matter our vocation. However, many of us are privileged to be called into a service profession. It's our job, but we're serving others. We help other people be healthier, more educated, and safer; and then there are those who are called to help us become disciples of Christ. We get paid for our service in two ways: we receive money and we receive satisfaction for making someone's life better. As an educator, there were many times in my profession when I felt like what I did for a child, a teacher, or a parent was better than a paycheck. Often, the satisfaction was immediate such as watching a child's face light up after reading a passage in a story all by himself! Sometimes, I had no idea of the positive impact I had on the life of a student until years later. Recently, I received a letter from a woman who decided to thank me for giving her a love for music when she was in my elementary music class over 30 years ago. She was in my violin class when she was in second grade. I wasn't a great violin teacher, but I wanted to expose the students to a variety of musical expressions. She is now a music teacher herself, and all of her children play a musical instrument. That news was WAY better than several paychecks!

Serving by Using a God-given Gift

Through PLACE®, Karen-Eve helped many of us discern our spiritual gifts. The profile is a helpful tool to use when we seek to serve in some capacity at church. Saint Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians that "a spiritual gift is given to each of us as a means of helping the entire church." (1 Corinthians 12:7) He said, "to each of us." That means *every one* of us has been given a gift by the Holy Spirit. I believe when we use those gifts to serve, we actually receive more than we give. Sometimes I've been asked to describe an event or a person who inspired my faith. While there have been thousands of events and countless people who inspire my faith every day, I must admit that my faith journey has been more like a slow drip, like a stalagmite in a cave. It's grown over time through my service as a musician in church. When I play music, or sing, or conduct the choir for a church service or another church event, just by being there, I participate in the study of scripture or listen to the sermon, or sing the words of a song, hymn, or liturgy. I was asked to help out with the music for the Tuesday night prayer group, so what do I find myself doing more? Praying with my brothers and sisters! I was asked to play for the Taize service. Again, I sit in silence with others and listen for the voice of God. I may have been given a gift of music, but I *receive* so much more when I use it to serve.

Serving because Someone Needs to Be Served:

Saint Paul tells us in Philippians 2:3-4 to "be humble, thinking of others as better than yourself. Don't think only about your own affairs, but be interested in others, too." When I think about all the spiritual gifts Jesus had and he actually washed people's feet, I am amazed. To me, this is the most difficult kind of service. To serve someone when you'd rather be doing something else is a special kind of service. I've talked to many people who visit shut-ins, volunteer at Thrive or IAM, serve meals at various places around town, or take in complete strangers who had to



evacuate their homes. Those folks, and Grace Lutheran has hundreds, are inspirational. While I've done only a smattering of this kind of service, I get it. Seeing Jesus in the eyes of a shut-in receiving Communion, or imagining the face of Jesus in a person at the Rescue Mission thanking me for his meal makes me feel like I'm helping to bring the Kingdom of God to earth.

I feel good when one of the people with whom I work is successful because of what I've done. I feel great when my faith and the faith of others are nurtured because of my gifts. But I feel like I'm with God when I give up my time to help someone who needs help.

~Christine Smith

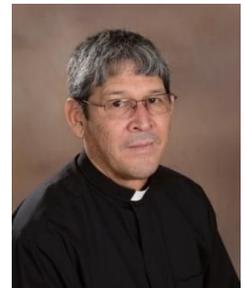
Reflections from Pastor Alfredo Oviedo

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Christ Crucified and the Paradox of Christian Faith

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8 NRSV

This is a reflection on Dr. Drew G.I. Hart's recent visit to Grace. Thanks to all of you for welcoming Dr. Hart. Thanks to Grace Foundation, Justice and Advocacy Ministry, and our Congregation Council for making Dr. Hart's visit possible.



I asked Dr. Hart to autograph my copy of his book, *Trouble I have Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism*. Dr. Hart wrote three lines: "blessings to you in your ministry," "Micah 6:8," and "Drew Hart." Though this wasn't exactly what I expected, I was thankful to be reminded of who and what should really matter for all of us. These three lines are a faithful reflection of Dr. Hart's heart and understanding of God, Christian Faith, and Church ministry.

From Saturday lectures, two central thoughts touched my heart, challenged my assumptions, and inspired my life: (1) the historical American society paradigm of Racism, which Dr. Hart preferred to call -White Supremacy,- and (2) how we Christians, as both individuals and the Church -Christ's beloved community- should wrestle with and respond to Racism, right now in our social location.

Dr. Hart illustrated American social construct of White Supremacy as a hierarchical system in which whiteness places itself at the apex of a pyramid, and at the bottom, are Anti-Black stereotypes and erasing Indigenous people's traits and values. Dr. Hart made clear that individual, often subtle, acts of hate, discrimination, and racism, though horrific, are just symptoms of a larger systemic social disease crafted into laws, economic inequality policies, politics, and yes, even in the Church's theology, life, and ministry. In the Q & A section of Saturday Lectures, Dr. Hart was asked what would be a proper Christian response to White Supremacy. He answered that in his opinion, there were not enough Christians ready to

embrace Jesus teachings and way of life; which should be the proper way to respond to White Supremacy ideology and practices.

In Sunday's sermon, **Christ Crucified and the Paradox of Black Faith**, Dr. Hart articulated and communicated his understanding of Christian Faith and how he has experienced the crucified Christ, from what he called - a particular social location- as Black American, it was genuine and powerful. According to Dr. Hart, the Apostle Paul's understanding of Christian Faith with the crucified Christ at its center, as a paradox or absurdity for the world, is "the pivotal" feature of Black faith...and for that matter, for all who believe in Christ regardless of race, gender, and class.

Most of us have heard the joke about how many Lutherans are needed to change a broken light bulb. Following the joke, the response is that once they meet to tackle the issue, the first question will be: **change?** The more I strive to live my Christian faith as a Lutheran among Lutherans, I have come to appreciate the richness and the strengths of our tradition. I am grateful to God for the architects of our Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, for their vision and commitment to be faithful servants in difficult times. Facts don't blind me to the hard and painful work we are called to embrace within and among us, both individually and as a Faith community. I am grateful because you are willing to start difficult conversations. We may not agree in why, who, when, and how a broken world like ours might be changed, though we know it is broken and it must change because God's grace is for all, above, and beyond our human sinfulness and limitations.

Though it is true that the Church is a micro cosmos of the world, we must resist to become a **branch office** of the world. According to Jesus (John 17), we are **in** the world, but we are not **of** the world...meaning, a social order in which domination, inequality, injustice, cruelty, and hate, rule unchecked. Jesus stated that his Kingdom is not **of** this world, like Caesars' kingdom, an empire that in the name of social order, by means of power, oppression, terror, and crucifixions, set the foundations for what has become today's Western White Supremacy. Jesus had to correct the Jewish messianic expectations of an upside down world in which they will be at the tip of the pyramid. White Supremacy, Black Supremacy, Brown Supremacy, or any concept of ethnic/race/nationalistic/gender/class based Supremacy is an idolatry that must be denounced and challenged for it distorts God, Christ, humanity, the Church, and Christian Faith and practice.

Thanks & Blessings
Pastor Alfredo

Music Ministry

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Requiem – Gabriel Fauré

A Lenten musical offering presented by the Choirs of Grace and accompanied by strings, harp and organ. Join us April 10 at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary.



Grace Preschool

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Lutheran's School's Week celebration is always very meaningful to Grace Preschool. Every year, for one week, our curriculum intentionally focuses on the most important themes of Christianity. Through Bible stories and secular literature, we teach the children how to be kind, respectful, caring, and peaceful people.

Throughout the week, the children have an opportunity to learn sharing and caring skills by participating in the Souper Bowl Can Drive and Fleece Friday. This year's Souper Bowl Can Drive was the most successful yet with 110 cans donated for the Storehouse. Fleece Friday is definitely a favorite for Preschool and Church families. Parents, Grandparents, and Care Providers create two fleece hats with their preschool-age child, one to keep and one to give away for a child in the Hendersonville community. This year 90 hats and 6 scarves will be distributed to IAM, Safelight, and Children and Family Resource Center and Project Linus received 12 fleece blankets.



One of the highlights of Lutheran School's Week happens during the 3's and Pre-K Music and Movement/Yoga class. Each year, at the end of the class, the lights are turned off, the children hold a glow stick, and they sing a very inspiring song called, "The World is a Rainbow." by Greg and Steve. It is a song of acceptance and respect for all people and their differences. "The World is a Rainbow with many kinds of people. You be you and I'll be me, that's the way we were meant to be. The world is a mixing cup, just look what happens when we stir it up. The World is a Rainbow with many kinds of people, and when we work together, it's such a sight to see. The world is beautiful when we live in harmony." This song is filled with such inspiring concepts to teach young children and for adults to reflect on.



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Grace Youth Ministry

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Early Graduation Milestone Celebrated



Photos from their first Grace Youth Ministry activity as 6th graders and proud to display their graduation quilts as High School graduates, left to right: Lara Wingard and Shadai Acosta-Oviedo

We give thanks to God for our graduates and the opportunity to celebrate this milestone in their lives. Each high school senior is given a personalized handmade quilt lovingly made by our quilting

ministry. During the milestone seniors bless their families and then seniors are blessed by the congregation. Ronnie Monroe was also recognized and blessed on his accomplishment of an early graduation from Appalachian State University in December. Shadai Acosta-Oviedo, North Henderson graduate shares: "I am a proud member of Grace Lutheran and I am grateful to be a part of the youth group at my church. I'm glad to finally be out of high school for the reason that I can continue my education doing something I love. My dream has become a reality because of the support that I have with my church family and with the faith I have believing in something greater than humans alone. A special thanks to my family for supporting me in all I do and pushing me to do my best." Lara Wingard, East Henderson graduate says: "I love my quilt and am excited to bring it with me to college." Thank you to our Grace Quilters who put their time, love and hard work into making beautiful quilts for our High School Graduates!

Listed below are the graduates who responded to the information request form. If you know a Grace graduate not listed below, please send their information to the church office, and we will include it at a later date.

Grace Graduation Milestone, TODAY, 11:15 a.m.

High School Graduate	School	Graduation Plans	Parents/Grandparents or Guardians
Shadai Giovanna Acosta-Oviedo	North Henderson	Currently enrolled at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco, California	Amparo Oviedo Acosta and Lot Juarez Acosta; Grandparents: Pastor Oviedo & Alesandra
Lara E. Wingard	East Henderson	Stay with a host family in Germany for 6 months and then attend a 4 year university in the States	Jill and Dan Wingard
College Graduate	School	Degree	Parents or Guardians
Ronald Monroe	Appalachian State University	Bachelors of Science in Biology	Bridget and Ronald Monroe

Grace Youth Ministry attends NC LYO Assembly



In February 30 Youth and Adult Guides attended the NC Lutheran Youth Organization Retreat in Greensboro, NC. 'LYO' is a fun weekend of fellowship, worship, games, dance, banquet, and small group time for our youth with other Lutheran teens in our state while staying in the Embassy Suite Hotel. The theme for this year's event was "This is Me! Broken and Loved, Rooted in Christ, Living in the Light."

grader

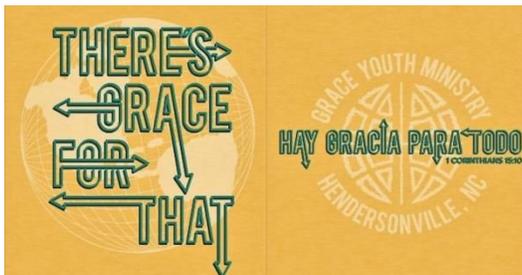
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Special this year, our very own 10th Nelson Wiggins was chosen through an application process to serve as an LYO representative from Grace for 2018-2019 year. Nelson shares: "This year our for LYO is 'This is Me' and I am so excited! I've had a great time becoming friends with the other board members and I hope I am able to connect with more LYO participants through my personal reflection on the 'Broken and Loved'." Thank you Grace for your continued support in making experiences like this happen for our youth! Thank you also to our LYO adult guides: Adrian Clark, Mike Ericksen, Mandy Gibson, Kember Gibson, Ayman Kaddouri, and Heather Wiggins.

'There's grace for that. Hay gracia para todo.' Youth Sunday



Grace Youth are busy developing and preparing for our annual Youth Sunday on Sunday, March 31. Youth organize, write worship parts, and create the sermon meditation. The sermon meditation will focus on our theme from 1 Corinthians 15:10 and the 'Think. Believe. Do' study on prayer which Mission Trip participants have been learning about during their monthly bible studies. The children's choir will also be singing.

10th grader Noah Trexler shares a special invitation:

"I like Youth Sunday because it gives me a chance to grow in my faith and push myself further as a person. I really enjoy serving since I feel it's something I can do the best as who I am as a child of God."

Don't miss this unique worship experience in the life of our congregation! Youth Sunday will be celebrated as one worship service at 10:00a.m and a congregational fellowship luncheon will follow the service at 11:30 a.m. Good news! The cost of the lunch is free, but all donations received go to support the Grace Youth Ministry Investment Fund.

Gifts Ministry

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Connecting volunteers to meaningful ministries.



unteer or have a need to advertise? Sign up in lobby to volunteer or see Karen-Eve help make meaningful connections. Submit volunteer needs by email before noon on _____ day for the next Sunday bulletin.

Thank you for your Service ...

The mission of Gifts Ministry is to connect members to meaningful volunteer opportunities through the identification of gifts, talents, and interests; to provide support, encouragement, and training to members, staff, and ministry chairs seeking to fill needs and to find volunteer opportunities; and to launch new ministries and projects to advance our goals through our human talent pool.

Goodbye from Karen Eve

Thank you all for the wonderful opportunities to create, refine, and manage Gifts Ministry alongside all of you for 10+ years! It has been very meaningful to learn of your gifts, talents, and fit to volunteer work in our church and community. It has been a privilege to facilitate over 15 workshops and to support 200+ of you in learning more about your lives, gifts, and stories. I look forward to the exciting changes as new hands take up the reins of serving God, the Council, staff, and membership. I have been richly blessed by this role in what I have learned and all the precious friendships in our church. Service through volunteering is the heart blood of our role in the community. It has been an honor to serve you.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Eve Pfozter, GM Director, Jan 2009-March 2019

Stories from Volunteer

Songs & Silence: *"I like being a greeter at Songs & Silence and supporting this new form of worship Taize service. This worship experience has been meaningful to me because during the songs, opening & closing prayers, reflective readings, and meditations, I have felt the presence of God during these."* ~Bob Dahm Jan 2019 (USE S&S Logo please.)

Wellness Ministry- In 2011 The Wellness Committee was added under Congregational Care. As a medical professional working at Pardee I felt this might be a good fit for me and a place to use my gifts and knowledge. We held CPR classes for the staff along with AED training. Seven First Aid Boxes were placed throughout the church building and these are kept updated as needed. A larger medical box in the usher's closet was updated. We held some seminars with speakers from Pardee and began an exercise group concentrating on cardio, walking, and strength training. The class is held in Stull Hall, 9:00-10:00 am on Tuesday and Thursday January thru November. We have a unique group of women, ages mid 50's to early 80's, both Grace members and non-members who share exercise, joys and concerns, and sometimes lunch together. We have had successes with weight loss and balance improvement. If you are looking for an interesting group of **women** and working together on fitness, please join us in Stull Hall. ~Carlene Belanger

Special Thanks

S&S launch team – Helen Just, Christine Smith , Brenda Williams, Vicki Marthaler, Judy Stoltenberg, Christina Welch, Bonnie Wells, Peter Gollup, Sue Buman, Bob Dahm, and all the readers and greeters.

New finance volunteers: Mary Seby, Steve Presley, and Helen Just.

Volunteers Needed

Hospitality & Fellowship Needs: "I just love working with this ministry of caring for and "feeding the flock". Call Pat Robinson, 828-891-6071 to assist with:

Sunday Coffee or Oasis meals- Set up coffee/tea or food, serve, clean up 1x in 7

Bake for Memorials or Sunday Coffee at home- Bake and bring in fresh or freeze here.

Building & Grounds Needs You! *"I like to work with my hands and love to see our grounds and building well-tended and inviting. It is great to work on B&G team and save GLC thousands of dollars in maintenance."* Dick Miley, 828-551-6988 or Rick Conrad, 516-815-5024. Help B&G as: Committee Member- Review maintenance needs and do planning.

- Grace Gardner- Adopt a planting bed to care for year round.
- Lawn Team Member- Mow our lawns once a month on a team.
- Mower Maintainer- Check, service, maintain lawn mowers once a month.
- Work Day Helper- Do repairs together 3rd Wednesday at 8:30 a.m.
- Clean up Helper- Help clean up Saturday in the spring, early fall and winter.
- Special Tasks- Routine checks of things like the emergency generator, the elevator, emergency lighting and exit signs, etc. once a month.

Thank You!

Darrell and I had a lovely surprise this Christmas. The Whitehead family, a beautiful family from Grace packaged a box full of gifts for us. All of the items in the box are things we are using. Included were 2 handmade Christmas pillowcases! We appreciate the time and talent that went into crafting these, and selecting all the other items. We are overwhelmed at the thoughtfulness that went into this small box filled with love! We are blessed to be part of Grace family and feel included through gestures like this.

In His love, Darrell and Marcia Kruse

Spotlight on Social Ministry Interfaith Assistance Ministry

IAM, a 501c3 nonprofit, was founded in 1984 to serve as a clearing house for local faith congregations to assist area residents in financial crisis with food, clothing, shoes, utility bill and rent assistance. IAM, which is the largest crisis service provider in Henderson County, has more than 300 active volunteers who do the work of 17 full-time employees and save IAM over \$1 million per year. Over the years, IAM's services have increased to include personal hygiene items, prescription assistance, linens, blankets, school supplies, transportation assistance, pet food, medical cost assistance, food for a week's worth of three meals a day, a Working Women's Clothing Closet, and more.

IAM provided 12,754 services to area residents who are in financial crisis and desperate need of a hand-up. That is a huge increase from the 9,536 children and adults we provided services for in 2017. Simply put, IAM – Henderson County's largest nonprofit provider of crisis services – helped local residents 3,218 more times than in 2017. Please make donations via IAM's website or mail to P.O. Box 2562, Hendersonville, NC 28792. ~Phil Rymer

Spotlight on Social Ministry Safelight

Diana and her children are strong survivors of domestic violence. After leaving their abusive situation, they came to Safelight for emergency shelter. Once here and settled, Diana began meeting with a counselor to help her work through the trauma, while her children, Sarah and Ben met with Safelight's child therapist. Diana's case manager helped her access other

community resources like the backpack program at school, where her children could have food to bring home on the weekends.

Diana, Sarah, and Ben stayed in the Safelight shelter for about a month and then with the help of her case manager, Diana was able to find a safe and affordable place for them to live. The family was thrilled to have their own home again.

One Friday at school, Sarah learned of a classmate who didn't have food at home. Sarah knew this little girl would need the food more than she and her family would so she gave her backpack food to her friend. That evening, after telling her mom about giving her food away, the family had an opportunity to talk about helping others. They realized they were in a better place now, and that they did not need the extra food any longer.

Reflecting on their stay at the shelter, case management, counseling and advocacy, job training internship, assistance in finding a safe and affordable place to live, and a stable job, Diana and her family realized they had come a long way and were very grateful to Safelight for helping them move forward and rebuild their lives.

And more about current happenings at Safelight: we just opened a new facility at 1612 Asheville Highway for outreach counseling for children and adults who have been affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, or child abuse. That brings us to seven locations: shelter, admin/outreach/job training, Safelight Resale Store, and Dandelion (all of which are on the same block between Church and Main in downtown Hendersonville); Henderson County Family Justice Center, Believe Child Advocacy Center, and the new outreach counseling center.

Believe Child Advocacy Center continues to be a very busy place, helping child victims of abuse. Just last week, we completed 14 forensic interviews with abused children. These interviews help a child tell their story once, to one person, in a comfortable and quiet place, while law enforcement, DSS, and the DA's office watch a live feed of the interview from another room, or they can review a recording of the interview later. This process helps the child comfortably disclose valuable information to the case and helps partners obtain the information they need to prosecute the abuser. After a forensic interview and child medical exam (if needed), the child and non-offending family members can begin seeing a Safelight therapist and their healing can begin. ~Susan Fitzgerald

Getting To Know Our Council

Ken Ettermann



Once again I am humbled to serve the Grace family as a member of the incoming church council. Previously I was elected to a three-year term during the 2012-2014 period serving as President in 2014.

There is no question that my participation in the current three-year term will again prove to benefit my personal walk with Jesus more than the membership of Grace; and, yet, I pray for the love and directions of Jesus in my efforts. I find the words of 1 Corinthians 13:7-8 "Love bears all things" to be supportive of the work of Grace and the gift of Jesus in my life as well as yours. ~Ken Ettermann, Grace Lutheran Church - Council for 2019-2021

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Women

Invite a new member to your circle!

A Message from Our President: Vicki Marthaler

The Power of the Handkerchief

My grandmother enjoyed sharing with me her memories of attending her church's Ladies Aid. The Ladies' Aid was a vital, active part of the church. The women were involved with Bible Study, Sunday School, the Altar Guild, choir, all the kitchen stuff, supporting missionaries, planning socials, caring for needy members and basically being a witness of the Love of Christ in the community. The women raised money to buy choir robes, hymnals for the church, Sunday School supplies, pay for camp registrations for the children, support missionaries, provide tuition for seminarians and supply whatever it took to have a fully-stocked church kitchen for serving! My grandmother was not a person of means. She was not well off. Yet, she participated as she could and one of the first things she taught me as a little girl was how to tie a dime in the corner of a handkerchief.



This dime would be received during the Ladies Aid monthly meeting. Many of the women were able to contribute dimes and just like Jesus who fed the 5,000 with a few fish and a couple loaves of bread, the need was met.

A dime. Ten pennies. Not much. But yet enough. I hadn't thought about Grandma and her handkerchief with a dime tied in the corner until just a few years ago. My mother-in-law had died and I was helping my father-in-law go through her things. In the bottom drawer of her vanity was a colorful tin. I opened it and was so surprised to see that the tin was stuffed with handkerchiefs! All different colors, styles and fabric! I couldn't help but smile. I thought of all the ways my Grandmother had tucked a hanky in her pocket, her purse, up her sleeve, in her waistband and even covertly and very discreetly near her bosom. As I sifted through my mother-in-law's stash of hankies, I came across one with a frayed corner. A frayed corner...and then I remembered the tying of the dime in the corner of the handkerchief. The dime was important and it couldn't be lost. It was an offering, a gift to the Lord for His use and His purposes.

This year as I begin serving specifically the Women of Grace Lutheran, I hope to encourage and join them in their mission to grow in faith and serve Christ. The needs of the church, this community and the world are staggering. Dimes are needed everywhere! And along with the dimes are the hands and hearts of Grace Lutheran women that become willingly and able to serve with what gifts and talents they have to meet the needs of our family, friends and neighbors. May we continue to gather together as ladies of the church – ready to hear, willing to serve and with dimes tied in the corner of our handkerchiefs.

~Vicki Marthaler

For additional information about this and other ministries of the Women of the ELCA, see the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or contact our president, Vicki Marthaler (218-849-5683).

Birthdays



Richard Belanger	3/1	William Pankhurst	3/10	Johanna Dokter	3/23
Cavan Stanaway	3/1	Stella Varnell	3/11	Amy Knight	3/23
Gerald Liedl	3/2	Lilly Cruz	3/12	Howard Clinton	3/24
Judy Smith	3/2	Allison Pfozter	3/13	Octavia Celtrick	3/25
Jason Blackwell	3/4	Ilse Antonelli	3/15	Alfredo	
Kenneth Jenson	3/4	Charles Fangmann	3/16	Oviedo-Medina	3/25
Karen Myers	3/4	Joseph Prasil	3/16	Robert Farrell	3/26
Nery Acosta	3/5	Jeanella Celtrick	3/17	Susan Fitzgerald	3/26
Steve Trumann	3/5	Kevin Filson	3/17	Diane Hansen	3/26
Harry Steiner	3/7	Kassandra Kaddouri	3/17	Aidan Simons	3/26
Sue Buman	3/8	Ivy Walker	3/17	Patrick Zachman	3/26
William Charlesworth	3/8	Tony Cruz	3/18	Damian Tody	3/27
Ellen Jepsen	3/8	David Litogot	3/18	Deborah Moore	3/28
Nicole Vargas	3/8	Alfredo Oviedo	3/18	Irene Robertson	3/29
Peggy Midstokke	3/9	Carol Haag	3/19	Alan Dietrich	3/30
Vivian Pemble	3/9	Dotty Uhle	3/19	Dante Acosta-Oviedo	3/31
Mathilde Poppendick	3/9	Glen Haag	3/22	Jeffrey Lilly	3/31
Rochelle Simons	3/9	Jeremy Klingensmith	3/22	Rebecca Schmidt	3/31
Robert Keener	3/10	William Slagle	3/22		
		Mike Williamson	3/22		



Anniversaries



Chuck & Susan Albers	3/12/1977
Bob & Skip Andersen	3/20/1954
Bob & Joan Frederiksen	3/25/1961
Bill & Donna Hamilton	3/31/1979
George & Joy Kiefer	3/4/1967
Don & Ruth Klug	3/25/1978
Jeff & Ann Lilly	3/17/1984
Mark & Vicki Marthaler	3/8/1974
Jim & Jane Nelson	3/15/1997
Perry & Vickie Nelson	3/8/1969
Chris & Megan Pigors	3/19/2011
Nick & Denise Pryor	3/25/1978
John & Faith Witzel	3/26/1983
Richard & Vera Wynne	3/27/1992





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Lenten Spiritual Practice: Praying the Psalms



Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, a day to reflect on our nature and need for a Savior.. We will have two worship services, 12:15 and 7 p.m. Both services will include Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes (an ancient sign of penitence or mourning).

We are pleased to provide an exceptional devotional resource to enhance your spiritual practice during the 40 days of Lent. Each day's devotion and reflection activity is based on Eugene Peterson's

translation of the Psalms (The Message). We will pray the Psalms as Christians have been doing for centuries. Using the Psalm assigned for each Sunday there will be weekly handouts on Sunday to take home and emailed weekly for your use. The daily reflection activity will also be available on our Facebook page. Activities are also provided for family use each day. These are ideal for individual, family, and small group use.