



# Reflection & Healing

## *Through the 40 Days of Lent*

### A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SCOTT

Anacortes Lutheran Church  
March 2022 Newsletter

Dear Members and Friends of Anacortes Lutheran Church,

As the calendar turns to the month of March and we start looking forward to the changes that Spring will show us, we also see a change in the seasons of the Church. As we turn this page of celebrating the glory shown on the mountain and seeing the transfiguration of Christ, we now turn to the season of Lent. A season that begins with that deeply moving day of Ash Wednesday. The day we are once again reminded of our mortality, reminded that we are here but for a short time, and begin our walk toward the Cross of Christ.

Lent is perhaps my favorite season of the Church Year. Some may be more connected to the seasons of Christmas or Easter, but for me the 40 days that we spend on this journey is a time where change can happen in our lives (if we let it). 40 days is enough time to start a new discipline. 40 days is enough to change a habit that may not serve as a benefit to our lives. 40 days is enough time to begin to explore our lives, both individually and as community, as we learn who we are in Christ. Sometimes Lent feels long and tiring, and sometimes it may hurry by as we learn something new.

For those of you who have a tradition of 'giving something up' for Lent, I would invite you this year to do something different. I would invite you to take on something new. Reading a chapter a day from one of the Gospels or the epistles of Paul, or maybe reading through the book of Proverbs over the course of the season.

Maybe you will be able to gather with us at the Thursday (noon) or Sunday (11:15 am) Bible studies. I would like to use these times (each week we will be doing the same things on Thursday and Sunday, so you can pick the one you are able to get to) to reflect on the realities at ALC over the last years and to perhaps work on some healing of the trauma that has been so evident in our lives. We will let scripture guide us into opening ourselves to God and the strength and comfort that God gives.

Maybe you will read more, or cook more, or play an instrument for a few more minutes each day. Use the season of Lent to start something new, so when we get to that joyous Easter morning, when all things become new, we may indeed be a bit new as well.

You are also invited to gather on Wednesdays for a time of worship. We will begin on March 2nd with our Ash Wednesday worship at 12-noon and 6:30 pm, and then continue on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm with Holden Evening Prayer.

May you have a blessed Lent!  
Pastor Scott



# THE SEASON OF **LENT**

## **ASH WEDNESDAY - March 2**

*Worship Service with Imposition of Ashes*

**12-Noon in-person &  
6:30 pm in-person & live-streamed**

## **LENTEN EVENING WORSHIP**

*with Holden Evening Prayers*

**Wednesdays at 6:30 pm  
In person only**

## **REFLECTION & HEALING - with Pastor Scott**

### **BIBLE STUDY - STARTING MARCH 3**

**THURSDAY - 12-noon & SUNDAY - 11:15 am**

*(same study on both days)*

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## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY CIRCLES**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 8**

**Ruth Circle at 10:00 am**

**In conference room #1**

**Hannah Circle at 10:00 am**

**In conference room #2**

**Led by: Rexanne Graham**

Will continue with the study of the book of Roman's using Max Lucado's video & study guide.

**Anna Circle at 6:30 pm**

**In conference room #1**

**Led by: Nancy Loftis**

## **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

**EVERY THURSDAY at 7:00 am**

**In conference room #1**

**Led by Boyd Veer**

## **ALC CHOIR NEEDS YOU!!**

The choir is back and enjoying Wednesday rehearsals again! We are a bit smaller than we used to be and would like to encourage people to come join us! We welcome **teens and adults** – currently we have three MS/HS students and would love to have more! **REHEARSALS:**

**Wednesday evenings 6:30 pm to about 7:45 pm &  
Sunday morning at 9:15 am for the 10 am service.**

We are a ministry of the church that provides choral music for the worship service and also provides a wonderful support group for each other.

**Come and sing to the Lord and remember –  
THOSE WHO SING, PRAY TWICE!!!**

Reach out to me if you have any questions!  
Laurie Julius-Carver

## **SOCIAL MEDIA - Becky Eggleston**

**Did you know we have a Facebook page? We do!**

**<https://www.facebook.com/AnacortesLutheran>**

You can find inspirational meme's, church updates, some of the latest information right there on our Facebook page.

We are working to make this page grow!

Do you want something posted that is ALC related? Do you have photos of ALC worship, events, groups, or outings? Forward your request to the church office at **[info@anacorteslutheran.org](mailto:info@anacorteslutheran.org)** and if approved, we can get the word out.

We are looking at possibly adding Instagram if there is interest. We also broadcast our live-stream worship service to Facebook, in addition to our website.



Click the like button, and share with your friends and family.

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## OUTREACH

Reach Out - Caring and Sharing

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### **Sharing the Gospel - Monday, March 14 1:00 to 2:00 pm**

Seminar II shows us how to use "Faith Stories" to bring others to the Gospel. Everyone is welcome to join us. We will be meeting in the fellowship hall.

### **Caring for God's Children**

Care Team is asking the congregation to come together in support of our Homebound and Isolated members. Would you be able to call or write a card to one of them? Would you like someone to call or send a card to you? Please call the office for information on how to participate.

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## PRAYERS

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### **GIVE the Gift of Prayer**

Every Sunday hold onto the list of Prayer Requests in your bulletin. The list is also on our website under "Prayer Page." We can all give the gift of prayer by including these requests as you say your prayers in the coming week.

### **RECEIVE the Gift of Prayer**

You can request a prayer by calling the church office during office hours at 360-293-9586. You may call Peggy at 360-299-1184 for your prayer needs at any time, including Prayer Chain, confidential prayer, and updates to your prayer request. As always, Pastor Scott Peterson is available to pray with you or for you.

### **SHARE the Privilege of Prayer**

Pray together with the Prayer Group any Tuesday at 1:00pm. We meet in the Prayer Chapel at church and on the telephone conference line - 1-518-351-9735. We join in prayer for the requests listed in the Sunday bulletin, confidential prayer requests, and our personal prayer concerns.

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## WELCOME VISITORS

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**\*\*\*Youth\*\*\*Families\*\*\*Men\*\*\*Women\*\*\***

You are being called to help visitors to our church by signing up to be at the Welcome Desk for the 15 minutes prior to the worship service starting and for 15 minutes after the service has concluded.

We now have a blue "Welcome" folder with basic information about what programs and services we offer. To add information about your project or program to the folder, contact Peggy at 360-299-1184.

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**SEWING NEWS** - All are Welcome!

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**SEWING DAYS**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 15, 22 & 29**

In the Fellowship Hall

We start at 9:00 am  
& continue till 2:00 pm

We take a break for lunch at 12 noon.

So, bring your lunch & stay for the fellowship.

**Everyone is welcome!**

Save in Christ,  
Julia Rogers 360-293-4232

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**YOUR DONATIONS ARE NEEDED**

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**SOAP & SOX**



In March & April WELCA is  
collecting **regular size bath soap** for  
Health Kits & Baby Kits for Lutheran World Relief.

These soaps are acceptable:

**Ivory, Dove, Irish Spring, Dial and Palmolive**

They are also collecting **adult white socks** for  
Compass Housing Alliance in Seattle and men's  
homeless shelters in our area.

Please bring them to church anytime and place  
them on the designated table in the Narthex.

Thank you for continuing to support the endeavors  
of the Women of the ELCA.

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**LWR KNITTING NEWS**

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**We are meeting in person again!**

**Meeting Date: Monday, March 21st**

**1:00 - 3:00 pm**

**Conference Room #1**

Yarn will be available that day from 2:00-2:30 pm  
in the church parking lot. Please continue to call  
me with your finished sweater / hat counts.

Our current Spring 2022 total is:

Sweater/hat sets – 72

Sweaters – 0

Hats – 0

Our church ships about 100-150 baby layette sets  
every 6 months to Lutheran World Relief.

One sweater/hat set goes into each layette set.

We use a fun one piece sweater pattern. Beginners  
are welcome and teaching is available.

~Linda Anderson 360 588-1730

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**SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY**  
**ALC PRIME TIMERS™**

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**GET-TOGETHER - MASSES OF MUFFINS**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 11, at 10:00 am**

**in the Fellowship Hall.**

The theme is:

*"Happy Blustery Day"*

Please call, text, or email to sign up  
before Wednesday, March 9.

Don't forget to bring your drink.

Have a great month, stay safe,  
and be happy. We look forward  
to seeing you soon.

*Paul & Julie Dusenbury*



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## **FAMILY SUNDAY - 1st Sunday of the month**

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### **STARTS MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup>**

(There will NOT be Sunday School)

Starting in March, the **first Sunday of the month will be Family Sunday** where families are invited to worship together and participate in the service.

A service involving the children and teens in the congregation, who will participate by volunteering to read lessons, usher, acolyte, play an instrument and sing.

They can sign up at the welcome desk clipboards in the Narthex or contact Rachel in the office and let her know what you would like to do.

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## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - Save the date!!!**

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### **SPORTS VBS 2022**

**June 27-30 at 6:00 pm**

Please consider becoming a part of the FUN by volunteering and /or planning.

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## **VBS - 1ST PLANNING MEETING**

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### **1st VBS Planning Meeting**

**Wednesday, March 30 at 7 pm at ALC**

If you haven't heard ALC has an Amazing Vacation Bible School. If you don't believe me just ask one of the 100 plus kids and adults who participated or helped out with it last year.

We can all use a little fun in our lives! Be a part of this years Vacation Bible School by helping us plan the fun. Join us at the planning meeting.

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## **CONFIRMATION - Grades 6th - 8th**

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**Sundays at 9:00 am in conference room #2**

Led by Don Devine & Paul Dusenbury

Don't forget to bring your bible with you.

After class join the congregation for worship at 10 am.

**Confirmation Class** 

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## **SUNDAY SCHOOL - K-5th grades**

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**Meet at 10:00 am in sanctuary**

Join us in Worship for the first 15 minutes in church and then be dismissed to Sunday school after the children's sermon.

1st Sunday of month - Family Sunday  
(No Sunday school)



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## **ALC POOL PARTY - March 13**

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### **ALC March Pool Party!**

for family & friends of ALL ages!

**Sunday, March 13  
at Fidalgo Pool**

**Check-in : 3:15 pm**

**Swim : 3:30 - 4:30**

**Pizza : 4:30 - 5:30**





## Henry Walter Baden Edge - Earns Eagle Scout Award



Henry Walter Baden Edge of Anacortes achieved the rank of Eagle Scout December 18, 2021 at his Court of Honor ceremony held at Fire Mountain Scout Camp. Henry is the son Carla Edge and the late Roy Edge, and brother to Harrison Edge.

Henry is a member of Scouts BSA Troop 4084, sponsored by Anacortes Lutheran Church. He is also actively involved with the Order of the Arrow, and has served on Camp Staff at Fire Mountain Scout Camp.

To earn the rank of Eagle, a Scout must earn at least 21 merit badges and demonstrate leadership and community service by organizing and carrying out an Eagle project.

For his project, Henry planned and provided leadership in the construction of outdoor play equipment to enhance the outdoor learning environment for Messiah Lutheran Little Lamb Preschool located in Marysville.

Henry is completing his senior year in the homeschool program Classical Learning Resource Center. He is a member of A. H. S. Swim & Dive team and Thunderbird Aquatics Club. Henry loves the outdoors and spends his free time hiking and camping. After graduation he plans to attend Skagit Valley College.

When asked what it means to earn the Rank of Eagle Scout Henry responded Eagle is not an end, but a beginning. He plans to continue to give back to scouting and his community. Henry currently serves as an Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 4084.



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### BSA SCOUT TROOPS 4084

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- **BOY TROOP** - ages 11-17  
**Mondays at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall**  
Leader: Robert Eggleston  
509-230-9648 /manu\_tara@hotmail.com
- **GIRL TROOP** - ages 11-17  
**Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall**  
Leader: Rebecca Eggleston  
360-588-8328 /scoutmaster4084g@gmail.com
- **CUB PACK** - ages 5-10 or K-5th grade  
**1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 6:00 pm**  
**Thursdays during Lent**  
**In the Sunday School rooms**  
Leader: Kyle Ellertson  
907-888-1638 /kellertson84@yahoo.com

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### GIRL SCOUT TROOPS

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- **TROOP 41804** - Brownies - 2nd grade  
**1st & 3rd Tuesdays on 6:30 pm**  
**Meet in Youth room**  
Leader: Cherie Goyer
- **TROOP 44451** - 9th –12th grades  
**1st & 3rd Mondays at 5:30 pm**  
**Meet in Conference room #1**  
Leader: Ginny Connelly

# Worship with us near and afar

**Join us for Worship on Sundays at 10:00 am  
In-person or Live-stream**

Watch the livestream service from your home by going to our website at  
<https://www.anacorteslutheran.org> & click tab "Online Ministry"

**This is what you can expect when coming to Worship in person.**

- Enter through either the main church doors or by way of the handicap ramp.
- Signing in with phone numbers are no longer required except for first time visitors.
- Masks are required of everyone while inside of the church.
- Communion is given with a prefilled all-in-one juice & wafer communion cup.
- Gluten free prefilled communion cups are now available

**After Worship please join us for coffee hour in the Fellowship hall.**

During coffee hour please remember to wear your mask when not eating and drinking, Thank you!

**FAMILY SUNDAY - IS THE 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH** *(there will NOT be Sunday School)*

Where families are invited to worship together and participate in the service.

A service involving the children and teens in the congregation, who will participate by volunteering to read lessons, usher, acolyte, play an instrument and sing.

Sign up on the clipboards at the welcome desk in the Narthex or contact Rachel in the office.

## MARCH - Worship Readings, Readers & Acolytes

<b>March 6</b> <b>1st Sunday in Lent</b> <b>FAMILY SUNDAY</b>	<i>Readings:</i>  <i>Psalm:</i> <i>Gospel:</i>	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Romans 10:8b-13 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Luke 4:1-13	<i>Reader:</i> Elijah Kennedy	<i>Acolytes:</i> Eva & Nathan Dent  <i>Ushers:</i> John & Kathryn Parker
<b>March 13</b> <b>2nd Sunday in Lent</b>	<i>Readings:</i>  <i>Psalm:</i> <i>Gospel:</i>	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Philippians 3:17--4:1 Psalm 27 Luke 13:31-35	<i>Reader:</i>	<i>Acolytes:</i>  <i>Ushers:</i> Bill & Diane Gusa
<b>March 20</b> <b>3rd Sunday in Lent</b>	<i>Readings:</i>  <i>Psalm:</i> <i>Gospel:</i>	Isaiah 55:1-9 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Psalm 63:1-8 Luke 13:1-9	<i>Reader:</i> Judy Holmes	<i>Acolytes:</i>  <i>Ushers:</i> Maurice & Helene Fink
<b>March 27</b> <b>4th Sunday in Lent</b>	<i>Readings:</i>  <i>Psalm:</i> <i>Gospel:</i>	Joshua 5:9-12 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Psalm 32 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	<i>Readers:</i> Anne Barry	<i>Acolytes:</i>  <i>Ushers:</i> Chuck & Beverly Landgraf

## MARCH - Birthday Blessings to You!

1	Marv Wold	17	Tegan Kerr
2	David Brosten	17	Mia Kennedy
2	Kirsha Khile	17	Bonnie Kerschbaum
3	Robert Atterberry	18	Janey Dent
3	Larry Nelson	18	Amelia Thomas
3	John Lowrie	19	Malcolm McCutcheon
4	Marcia Berg	21	Rob Harstad
4	Elaine Olsen	22	Rebecca Claus
4	Amber Writer	22	Asher Hrovat
4	Brooke Writer	26	Owen Ufkes
5	Anita McCoy	26	Kyle Kerr
6	Katie Collins	27	Matthew Kennedy
6	Dan Khile	27	Cami Mavar
7	Logan Hanrahan	27	Boyd Veer
10	Mia McCutcheon	28	Grace Sullivan
10	Joseph Pestar Jr.	29	Kim Etlitcher
12	Judy Holmes	29	Anne Hofferth
12	Ross Atterberry	29	Delaney Phalen
15	De Wedell	30	Jan Vigre
		31	Samuel McFarlin



## MARCH - Wedding Anniversaries!

8	Robert & Sharon Ohm
14	Malcolm & Susan McCutcheon
19	Joseph & Stacey Pestar

## FEBRUARY - Worship Services

Date	Events	In Person	Live Stream
6	Annual Meeting	90	33
13	Scout Sunday	110	35
20		85	16
27	Installation of ALC Council		



## SYMPATHIES

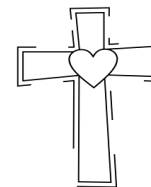
*Our heartfelt prayers for comfort and healing  
in this time of grief to the family and friends of:*

**Barbara Schmidtman**

November 23, 1931— January 29, 2022

**Lorraine Kelly**

August 21, 1927— February 14, 2022



## EASTER FLOWERS - In memory or honor of loved ones

The Altar Guild will be purchasing flowering plants to adorn the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 17.

**\* Starting March 20th - Forms & Envelopes will be available at the Welcome Desk & office \***

If you wish to purchase a plant in memory or in honor of someone, place your completed form in the offering plate on Sunday or bring it to the office no later than **Sunday, April 10 / Each plant costs \$15.**



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## ALC COUNCIL MINUTES - FEBRUARY 10, 2022

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Attendees: Dave Bjornsen, Jeaneen Brogan, Jeanette Christensen, Heather Harrington, Anita Holzemer, Kendra Kennedy, Bill LeDuc, John Parker, Lane Phelan, Peggy White, Pastor Scott.

The meeting was held via Zoom due to Covid concerns. It was called to order at 6:35 PM by John Parker followed by an opening prayer. MSP January minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Fiscal year began January 1. We had record giving for January. Lane will put together a list of who do you contact to spend available funds. The list would be available to council and staff.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor will begin a Lenten Bible study to be held Thursdays at noon, and to be repeated after Sunday services for those who can't make it on Thursday. Theme will be on "Reflection and Healing". There will be a benefit concert this Saturday at the Brown Lantern for Lois Cassidy's grandson. Pastor Scott is readying a new member class, first communion class, and a Lutheran 101 class. Youth Dynamics approached us. They are looking for groups to help monetarily sponsor a gala event at the end of April.

**President's Report:** Welcome John as our new President! Many thanks to Bill for his past work.

### Old Business:

- Masking/Singing/Fellowship policy update: Worship committee met and unanimously recommended that masked singing resumes this Sunday, Feb 13<sup>th</sup>. Coffee hour is also recommended to resume with volunteer treats. Choir rehearsals will resume Feb 16<sup>th</sup>. Ash Wed services will be at noon and at 6:30 pm. Decision to hold soup suppers will be a last minute decision due to current and ever changing COVID restrictions and updates. MSP
- Social Media Posting protocol: the secretary heads up the church website. Becky heads up Facebook posts. Further specifics will be discussed at our upcoming retreat.
- Creating a new Member Roster/Photo Board: Kathy Khile is interested in working on this project. This project has the potential to work with our Church Windows software.

### New Business:

- MSP to approve Anne Barry (Preschool), Heather Harrington (Youth Ministry) and Lois Cassidy as an additional Synod Assembly Rep. ACTION ITEM: Bill will follow up with a potential Stewardship chair.
- A discussion was held to debrief the Congregational Meeting. Everyone shared feedback on what went well and what could have gone better. It was a healthy discourse with several ideas for future implementation. This will be another item for our upcoming council retreat.
- Preparations for Council Retreat: It should be held sooner rather than later. We will meet from 9 am to 3 pm on an upcoming weekend. ACTION ITEM: Anita will research a venue and menu.
- Installation of 2022 Council will be during the Sunday service on Feb 27<sup>th</sup>.
- A copy of our church Constitution and a committee chair job description should be provided to new council members. ACTION ITEMS: Bill volunteered to provide a copy of the church constitution and job description to all new council members. Anita will update the email list and get it sent out to all council members.

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## Committee Reports:

**Worship:** Nothing new to add beyond what was discussed under new business.

**Properties:** Report submitted. Big Fellowship refrigerator needs repair. The dishwasher bill included unexpected charges. Bill will follow up. Preschool toilet needs to be fixed. All filters have been replaced.

**WELCA:** February gathering was cancelled. It will be combined with the April mtg. Sewing is continuing. Quilt shipments will only be held in the fall for now due to increased shipping charges.

**Personnel:** Pat Carrie Smith is the new Live Stream manager as of Feb 1. The Kennedy's will help provide support if needed. Livestream job duties are being restructured. It has been requested that members don't ask Rachel or Becky for church things on a Sunday. They do not work on Sundays. Please hold your questions for office hours. Heather Harrington has been hired as the new nursery attendant. Nursery COVID protocols were discussed. Heather will research what other churches are doing. Volunteers are needed as helpers. Mirth will work with Heather to pass down information and procedures used in the past. Earliest opening will be March 1. ACTION ITEM: Heather will type up nursery requirements for posting.

**Outreach:** Nothing new to report.

**Education:** A better email list is needed for communication. Acolyte training was a success. Family Sunday will be held the first Sunday of every month, beginning in March. Kids and families will worship together. A March swim party has been scheduled. A Thrivent grant will help with cost. VBS will be held at the end of June, evenings, all outside. Game based at the local parks.

**Stewardship:** No report

**Preschool:** No report

Our next meeting will be held March 10 at 6:30 PM. It will be hybrid format, (in person and via Zoom for those that can't make it to the church.)

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,  
Anita Holzemer, Council Secretary

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*Congregational Mission Statement: To Proclaim The Gospel Through Word and Deed*

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### Pray for our 2022 Church Council & Committees

<i>President:</i>	John Parker	<i>Treasurer:</i>	Lane Phelan
<i>Secretary:</i>	Anita Holzemer	<i>Education:</i>	Kendra Kennedy
<i>Outreach:</i>	Peggy White	<i>Personnel:</i>	Jeaneen Brogan
<i>Preschool:</i>	Anne Barry	<i>Properties:</i>	Bill LeDuc
<i>Stewardship:</i>	Donald Devine	<i>Worship:</i>	David Bjornson
<i>WELCA :</i>	Jeanette Christensen	<i>NW Synod Reps:</i>	Linda Millo & Lois Cassidy
<i>Josephine Delegate:</i>	Jerry Bongard		