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The Newsletter Deadline is the 20th of the month.

Please email to:
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or share with her on Sunday morning

MARCH DEVOTION

Holy Week is fast approaching! March 25-April 1!

The Events of Holy Week

The days just before and just after the Crucifixion of Jesus are commonly called Passion or Holy Week. Holy Week is the last week of Lent, when we follow Jesus from Palm Sunday, the Sunday of the Passion, to his death on Good Friday in preparation for His rising from the dead on Easter Sunday. Much of the focus of the entire Bible is on what Jesus either would do, or did during this week.

The way we currently look at a “day” is different than how people looked at a “day” in Bible times. Now we start our day at midnight but in Bible times every day started at sundown. Friday at sunset was the start of the 7th day of the week and sunset on Saturday was the beginning of the 1st day of the week.

Palm Sunday: Accompanied by his disciples, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a colt, while crowds of people covered the streets ahead of him with their cloaks and with palm branches. *(Living Word Worship at 10 AM)*

Monday: Jesus chased the money-changers out of the Temple.

Tuesday and Wednesday: Jesus preached and taught in Jerusalem.

Thursday: After washing the feet of the disciples, Jesus celebrated Passover, instituting the Sacrament of Holy Communion. He went to Gethsemane to pray, where he was arrested by the Temple guard and taken to an illegal night session of the Jewish court, the Sanhedrin. *(Living Word Worship with communion at 7 PM)*

Good Friday: Jesus was taken into Roman courts, before Pontius Pilate and Herod Antipas, who sent him back to the Jewish court. Roman soldiers took him to Golgotha, the place of the skull, where he was crucified. *(Living Word Tenebrae Worship at 7 PM)*

Saturday: Jesus rested in the tomb while his disciples observed the Sabbath.

Easter Sunday: An angel met Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (perhaps Mary, the mother of James and John) at the tomb to tell them that Jesus was risen from the dead. *(8 AM Easter Breakfast followed by Worship at 10 AM)*



Holy Week

Prayer List

Please remember the following persons in your prayers:

If you know of someone who should be included in the monthly ongoing prayer list, or you yourself would like to be included, please contact Pastor Michael (509-710-3283). For new prayer requests, **Contact Donna Pederson via email: donnaandjim@hotmail.com or phone 753-5762** with prayer requests. She will get the word out!

Combined Mission and Youth Report



Youth Service Project: The youth made 60 valentine bookmarks and gathered books from the congregation, Annie's and other sources to present to the Desert Highlands Care Center, a senior care nursing facility in Kingman. Donna, the Activities Director, was happy to receive the donations as Valentine gifts for the residents saying they "have lots of readers and always need new books and bookmarks." The youth were blessed to be able to help meet those needs.

Youth Supported Valentine Party: The youth were active in the planning, preparation and working the day of the Valentine Party. Dressed in their matching pink t-shirts with a valentine heart on front that said "Jesus is my valentine because He died for me" and the verse from John 1:14 on the back, they sang "I've Got Peace Like a River, Love Like an Ocean, Joy Like a Fountain in My Soul", served water and dinner to the guests and were busy helping with all details of the party. They also accompanied Pastor's wife Eneida as they danced in pretty outfits to the song "A Thousand Years". It was delightful!

Vision/Mission of Living Word Lutheran Church

Vision Statement

Our vision is to be a welcoming, scripturally based community intentionally serving Christ through missions.

Mission Statement

Living and growing in faith together as a spirit filled church with the Word of God as our foundation and reaching out through missions showing the Love of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to Create a hunger in others to embrace the Word of God, salvation through Jesus Christ and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

SIGN UP TO BE A WORSHIP HELPER!

SIGN UP SHEETS ARE POSTED IN
THE FELLOWSHIP AREA. SPECIAL
NEED FOR GREETERS!



MARCH EVENTS AT LWLC—JOIN IN WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

3/4 Council Meeting after worship

3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28 Men's Bible Study and Fellowship 8 AM

3/7, 3/14, 3/21 Mid-week Lenten Devotions Noon and 6 PM

3/17 WOW St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner and Bingo

3/18 Pastor on vacation, message by Bob Allison

3/25 HOLY WEEK BEGINS, PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP

3/29 MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION 7 PM

3/30 GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE WORSHIP 7 PM

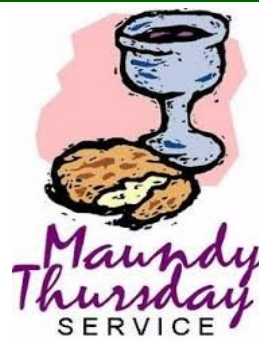
4/1 EASTER SUNDAY 8 AM EASTER BREAKFAST, WORSHIP 10 AM



March 25, 2018

10 AM

Worship with
Palm Branches



March 29, 2018

7 PM

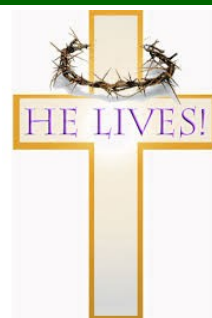
Worship with
Communion



March 30, 2018

7 PM

Tenebrae Worship



April 1, 2018

EASTER SUNDAY

8 AM Easter Breakfast
followed by
Worship at 10 AM



BIRTHDAYS

Kate Masterson	Mar. 3
Arlene Allison	Mar. 11
MaryAnn Mallory	Mar. 30

Anniversaries

3/1 Hal and Pam Nomann



W.O.W Women of the Word:

W.O.W. members met for a crafts workshop presented by Karen Shaffer on Saturday, February 18th. Karen demonstrated how to make lovely crosses and a handy scissor holder using ribbon and plastic canvas. W.O.W. is holding workshops intermittently to encourage members to create handmade items to have an arts & crafts section at the church yard sale in the fall. Presently the W.O.W. group is busy preparing for a St. Patty's Day Dinner & Bingo event on March 17th to benefit the church general account. All church members are encouraged to purchase their tickets for family & friends to attend the dinner and stay for bingo fun. Also, members of W.O.W. plan to attend a Bunco for Babies fund raiser for the Advice & Aid Pregnancy Center on March 23. Members are asked to RSVP for the Bunco event with Karen Shaffer by Sunday, March 4th. The next meeting for W.O.W. will be a business meeting after the worship service on Sunday, March 18th.

Update on Brooke Moser (Pastor Stan and Julie Simonik's daughter)

2/7/18 We hope you are well and are keeping the flu bug far away from you. Brooke was supposed to start chemo treatment # 9 today, but they had to postpone until next week. Her platelet count dropped from 98% to 65%. The doctor will probably adjust the chemo for the next treatment. She has been doing so well with the previous treatments, so this is a bit of a setback. But - God is good and prayers in Jesus' name are powerful. Thank you so much for keeping our Brooke in your prayers. God bless you!

Julie and Stan

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH (SUMMARY FEBRUARY 8, 2018)

President Bob Allison, Pastor Michael Birnbaum, Pastor Assistant Eileen Pressler, Treasurer Arlene Allison, Secretary Sharon Peterson. Vice-President Ken Boulrier was excused.

Bob opened with prayer. January minutes approved with following correction *“Pastor will compose letters for Council’s approval asking other churches for support”*

Pastor’s Report: Pastor Michael Birnbaum Pastor Michael extended an invitation from Deacon Ken Bernard from Good Shepherd to Church Council members to meet for a no-agenda lunch at Grandpa’s Restaurant after church on February 18.

President’s Report: Bob Allison Happy, proud and blessed to be our new president.

Treasurer: Arlene Allison Financial report reviewed. Motion to move Thrivent Choice funds from Designated Income to general funds approved. Motion to move Savings Account funds from Designated Income to Savings Account approved. Other line items in Designated Income to be discussed at next council meeting.

Missions/Youth/Sunday School: Eileen reviewed the report submitted by Donna Pederson. Souper Bowl Sunday was a success, over 400 items received. Wow will be doing a craft event Saturday 2/17 with Karen leading. This is to get ready for the Fall Yard Sale. Youth are looking forward to the Valentines Party Sunday 2/11.

Pastoral Assistant Eileen Pressler Request for keys to the church to be given to Karen Shaffer and Eneida Birnbaum approved by Council. Discussion about various music and powerpoint licences currently in use for worship preparation. Council approved not renewing licenses for Sermon Central and One License when they expire.

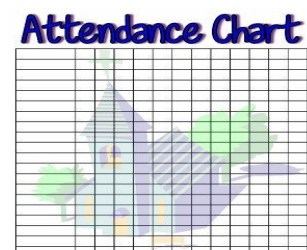
New Business: Council recommended asking Rosie Freeman to complete Mission Coordinator’s term. Recommend that Rosie complete the Mission Coordinator’s term. Motion to move council meetings to after Church – Bob will talk to Ken to see if this would work for him. Bob/Pastor will talk to Rosie.

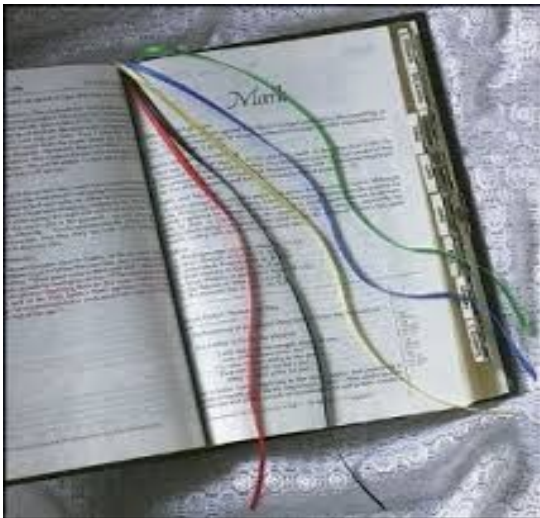
Discussion on calculating Pastor’s Sundays off, either call contract dates or calendar year? Council decision was time off would be calculated on the calendar year. Pastor requests will be submitted to Council President and Pastoral Assistant. They will communicate requests to Council.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Peterson



FULL FINANCIAL AND
ATTENDANCE REPORTS FOR
EACH MONTH AVAILABLE FOR
REVIEW IN OFFICE. STOP AND
TAKE A LOOK!





3/4 Readings

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19

John 2:13-22

3/11 Readings

Eph. 2:1-10

Psalm 107:1-9

John 3:14-21

3/18 Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 119: 9-16

John 12:20-33

3/25 Readings

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Mark 14:1-15

About fasting: How's it goin'? In just being involved in conversations around the church I am pleased so many of our members are actually taking up this challenge to what may be a new spiritual discipline for you. Remember your propensity for fasting is directly related to your health. You don't need to fast completely (no food at all) if your health does not permit. The purpose is simply to create a hunger in you which you in turn use to remind you to pray and ask God to create an even greater hunger in you for Him. Once He has your attention :), ask Him to guide our church as we grow in the year to come AND anything else that is on your mind, personally. A blessed Lent to you!



Question submitted: From Karen Shaffer **Q:** I have a question that has crossed my mind periodically since I was a child, about Joseph in the well. How is it that he could not get himself out? I understand that it could have been deep. But how wide? Were the sides that slick? Was it dirt? If so, why couldn't he dig out hand-holds and foot-holds? Or was it just a crack in the ground from an earthquake or something natural like that?

A: Wells in the Middle East during Bible times were a big deal. They were hand hewn, often into solid rock. Normally they were bottle shaped, narrow at the top and wider at the bottom so as to double as both a well (source) and cistern (storage) of water.

When dry, wells/cisterns were used as dungeons, because, like "huge bottles", they left no avenue open for escape (Genesis 37:24; Jeremiah 38:6; 1 Maccabees 7:19). They also offered convenient places for hiding a person from his pursuers (1 Kings 13:6; 2 Kings 17:18).

Don't forget that Rueben was planning on getting Joseph out later—actually not a bad storage site for a kid brotherJ.....Read Genesis 37 for “the rest of the story”.

Have a question? Send it to me by email Michael@ISLonline.org

Pastor Michael

Tidbits!

**W.O.W. –
St. Patty's Day
Dinner & Bingo
Saturday,
March 17th**

Dinner: 4:00 – 5:30 pm

**‘Cornbeef, Cabbage,
Carrots & Potatoes Plate \$5
Children’s Mac & Cheese
w/Hot Dog \$3**

Bingo 6:00-8:00 pm

**Sheet of 4 cards \$1
or 6 sheets for \$5**

**Fun White Elephant
Prizes**

**THE VALENTINE PARTY!**

It was a pleasure to see over 40 guests from the congregation, Annie’s Art Attic and Advice and Aid Pregnancy Center at the first ever congregational Valentine Party. Guests were tagged to be part of five different games ranging from blindfolded women feeding their guys prune flavored baby food (YUK!) or couples preparing peanut butter & jelly sandwiches using one hand each (teamwork, teamwork) and other fun, challenging games.

In addition to the lovely Eneida, Zabdi, Cara & Kate dancing to Christina Perri’s love song "A Thousand Years", we discovered other hidden talents in our church family. Miss Minnie Flowers (Eileen) gave a hot rendition of "Hey Good Lookin’", a musical skit of "The Prodigal Son in the Key of F" by Karen and Carol N., a caped magician (Donna), an ongoing comedian (Bob A,) who kept popping up and Pastor Michael demonstrating his guitar and singing abilities.

A lucky ticket won the sweet valentine basket prepared by Rosie and the meal was yummy (cupcakes by Rosie, lasagna by Carol W.)! The event was fun, all volunteers were excellent, and a wonderful time was had by all! Also, \$360 was raised for the general fund.



Kate, Cara and Zabdi practice their song for the Valentine Party!

Karen Shaffer practices on our new keyboard . Karen is adding “live” music to our worship services! Thanks Karen!



“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.”

— **Mother Teresa**