



St. Luke Lutheran Church

Faith. Hope. Love.

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

*Living our faith with hope, we share
God's unconditional love with all.*

March, 2017 Newsletter

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR:

“Remember you are dust, and to dust you will return.”

Every year on Ash Wednesday, we repeat this ritual of rubbing ashes on our foreheads as a reminder of our mortality. It's a time to remember our place in the universe with humility. We are nothing more than dust—dust in the wind.

It goes against our grain to think we are nothing. Our culture encourages us to boast about all our accomplishments. But our Christian faith reminds us that we are but a member of the Body of Christ, and maybe not the most valued member of the body. BUT.....nevertheless necessary for the success of God's mission in our place and time.

Our model is one where we depend on each other in order to function. No one but Christ Jesus stands at the top of the executive flow chart. It is to him we look for all that we do and say.

Lent is a time to be reminded of our humility and our interdependence on each other. We give alms, we do good works, we pray and our Father sees us doing these things in secret not for our own glory, but for the glory of God.

Please think hard about how you can give glory to God without calling attention to you. This is one of the tasks of Lent. I pray you will keep a good Lenten discipline and be true to our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Serving our Lord with you,

Pastor Joan

COUNCIL'S CORNER:

Council meets the second Tuesday of each month. Minutes are available upon request. If anyone would like to bring something to the attention of Council, please speak with one of the Council members and if desired, ask to be put on the agenda and attend a meeting with your concern or idea.

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

President	Laura Helton
Vice President	Todd Whitford
Secretary	Jan Dill
Treasurer	Hank Nienaber
Financial Secretary	Irvina Sandmann
Members	Micki Watson
	Mitch Talbott
	Dana Bradley
	Pastor Joan Armstrong

BIRTHDAYS:

Misty Clark	3/28
Don Scott	3/31

OFFERINGS/RECEIPTS:

1/22/17	\$1497.11
1/29/17	\$1500.00
2/5/17	\$1766.00
2/12/17	\$1716.00
2/19/17	\$2059.00

PRAYER EMPHASIS:

Let us pray for the new administration of our government. Please let them be governed by your Spirit of love and truth and not by desires of power and glory. Pray for our new President, our Senators and Representatives that they will be guided by your vision of justice.

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE FOR LENT: *For Lent, let forgiveness be your guiding principle. Neighbors, friends, family, spouse, children, extended family—let them all know that you love them whatever has been done in the past. Breathe in the forgiveness of others for you and celebrate the goodness that Christ has brought into your life.*

NEWS & EVENTS:

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Children's Church is being led in either of the two classrooms at the end of the hall. Please bring children from age 4-7 to this active 30 minute service for our young one. Parents are encouraged to stay and enjoy the fellowship with coffee and donuts with other friendly folks! Children then may join their parents for Worship at 10:30.

FAMILY PROMISE: March 5-11 is the week St. Luke is responsible for helping with the families in this program. At the writing of this Newsletter, it looks to be in good shape....all bases are loaded! Thank you for your participation and prayers!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at church. Bring a friend (or enemy)!

YOUNG AT HEART: March meeting has been cancelled.....see you next month.....first Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.

PARABLE PLAYERS: The third Monday of each month at 11:00 at the Cold Spring Transitional Care for a fun and rewarding time with the residents.

LADIES MEETING: 3/28/17 at church 6:30pm (please note new time) please bring a snack to share and bring a friend (or enemy).

BULLETIN

Kim Wood prepares the worship service bulletin. If you need to have information placed in the bulletin, or would like to add someone to the prayer list, please make sure she has your information by 2:00 PM each Wednesday. Her email address is **wood.ks@icloud.com**.

NEWSLETTER

Jan Dill prepares the monthly newsletter. If you have information or insertions to be placed in the newsletter, please provide this information to Jan by the 20th of every month. Her email address is **reimanjd@gmail.com**.