



Dear Friends in Christ, and fellow redeemed:

It doesn't take long for the red of Valentine's Day to be replaced with the green of St. Patrick's Day. For one day, everyone seems to have a bit of the Irish in them, celebrating a day dedicated to a man who is a folk hero, surrounded by both history and legend. While much of the celebration no longer has anything to do with St. Patrick, this man does deserve to be remembered.

From his writings, we know that Patrick was born in England. In his *Confession*, Patrick tells of being taken as a captive at sixteen years of age by Celtic raiders. He was not particularly religious at this time, but the hardships of slavery led him to turn to God.

He was in bondage for six years, when a vision led him to a certain harbor where he boarded a boat that took him back to England. But Patrick felt called to go to Ireland as a minister of God and to lead the Druid pagans to Christ.

He studied for the priesthood and asked to be sent to Ireland, but his requests were denied. He became a bishop, but still wasn't allowed to go to Ireland. Another bishop, Palladius, was the first to take the Gospel to Ireland. When that mission failed, Patrick was finally given permission to undertake the mission to Ireland.

It took courage to face the warrior chieftains, the Druid magicians and an unbelieving land. But Patrick had a great faith in a great God, and a love for the people who had once treated him as a slave. He travelled across Ireland, sharing the Light of Life—Jesus Christ—with people who were lost in the dark.

It can be hard to separate legend from reality, but Patrick's faith was real. He trusted in the Triune God, and was eager to share his hope with others. We know that his preaching had a dramatic impact on Ireland—and from there to other areas of the world.

Maybe things aren't as rough or as crude as in the days of Patrick, but his message of hope and life in Christ is still badly needed in our world. There are so many still lost in the dark, troubled by loneliness, slaves to the sinful pastimes of this world. God does have an answer for the hurts, the worries, the fears of human hearts. Patrick learned that the reason for hope is found in God's gracious gift of His Son. Through faith in Jesus Christ, Patrick, who was once a slave, found what it meant to truly be free. God can give us all that same freedom in Christ. That is something to celebrate!

LENTEN ADVICE

Fast from emphasis on differences; feast on the unity of all life.

Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger; feast on patience.

Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.

Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.

Fast from self concern; feast on compassion for others.

Fast from unrelenting pressures; feast on unceasing prayer.

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Family Time in Christ

The season of Lent began with Ash Wednesday on March 1st. During these 40 days Christians take time to prepare for the celebration of Jesus' resurrection by focusing on our need to repent of our sins and our need for a Saviour from sin. There are a number of Lenten traditions that can be incorporated into your regular family time together.

1. LENTEN CENTERPIECE: This idea is very similar to the advent wreath. Make a cross-shaped centerpiece with eight candleholders, with a candle for each week in Lent. You might tie a purple ribbon at the centre of the cross. This centerpiece will visually remind your family of its progress through Lent, keeping the family focused on its preparation for Christ's resurrection at Easter. Finish by tying a purple ribbon where the two pieces of wood cross. Another nice touch is to place a purple tablecloth on the table to correspond with the liturgical colors in the Church. Beginning on March 1st, light all 8 candles at your family devotion time. On March 8th light only 7 candles, and light one less candle each Wednesday until on April 12th you have only two candles left. On April 13th light only one candle, and on April 14th – Good Friday, as you remember the day that Jesus took the full measure of God's punishment for sin and died in our place, light no candles. On Easter Sunday, light all the candles again, and celebrate Jesus' Resurrection!

2. READ SCRIPTURE TOGETHER: This season is a good time to read the Gospel accounts of Christ's Passion (Matthew 26:1-27:66; Mark 14:1-15:47; Luke 22:1-23:56; John 18:1-19:42). Choose one account and read it through Lent, discussing any questions your children have. For younger children, use a Children's Bible.

3. VISIT THE SICK: If you don't have an elderly family member nearby, find out if there is someone in the church who is homebound or in a nursing home and adopt an elderly person as a grandparent. Make a family commitment to keep up your visits and encourage this person throughout the year. During visits you can share photos, play cards or board games, or just talk. Pray for this person regularly.

4. FAMILY FASTING: Fasting doesn't need to mean giving up food. It could mean giving up a computer game or a weekly television show. Use that time for Scripture reading, family prayer, or a family service project.

5. SING TOGETHER: Bring a hymnal home and make a point of singing a Lenten song together. Singing before, during or after any family prayer is a good reminder that Lent is passing and the time for rejoicing is nearer than the day before.

6. PALM SUNDAY: If you receive palms at the worship service, bring them home and place them behind a cross or a picture of Jesus. Let them dry and then use them next year to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.

If you haven't received Lenten devotional resources for your family through our Sunday School, please talk to Deaconess Miriam!

Family Servant Events

Take it Home!

Sunday, April 23, 2017 12:00 pm

God uses each of us to point to Him when we love and serve our neighbor. What happens when parents and children serve others together? Come and learn how the shared experience of a simple service project can strengthen your family's bonds to each other and to Christ.

Please bring your whole family so you can participate together.

RSVP to: Deaconess Miriam
miriam@foothillslutheran.com

Designed for parents with children born in 2011.



Children & Family Ministry

SUNDAY SCHOOL

*"My soul longs for your salvation; I hope in your word".
Psalm 119:81*

We give thanks to God for the privilege of teaching Scripture to our young members. May they grow in faith as they learn of the great love that God shows to them through Christ Jesus! We are continuing our walk through Salvation history as we focus on God's rescue of His people from slavery and His work through Moses to bring His people into the Promised Land. As we learn this history – our history – we remember how He gave us Jesus to rescue us from slavery to the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, and works to bring us into heaven – our Promised Land. ***Parents! You are encouraged to attend Adult Bible Study while your children are in Sunday School. If you have children not yet Sunday School age, you are welcome to bring your little ones along to Adult study, upstairs in the Fellowship Hall, where the book of Revelation is being studied.***

All (adults and children) begin at **9:00 am** with an opening together in the sanctuary. We will sing, pray, and have an introduction to our day's lesson. March/April lessons are:

Mar. 5	God Provides Manna, Water, and Quail	Exodus 16-17
Mar. 12	The Ten Commandments	Exodus 19-20
Mar. 19	Worship in the Tabernacle	Exodus 40
Mar. 26	The Bronze Serpent	Numbers 21:4-9
April 2	The 12 Spies in Canaan	Numbers 13-14
April 9	Entering the Promised Land	Joshua 3:1-5:12
April 16	<i>Easter Sunday - no lesson: Please join us for worship and our Easter Breakfast.</i>	
April 23	The Fall of Jericho	Joshua 6
April 30	Deborah	Judges 4-5

Sunday School is part of our children's ministry supported by the congregation. However, we do receive an offering at each Sunday School opening to remind us that all we have is a gift from God. Each year, Sunday School offerings are designated to a mission serving children. Offering envelopes are available from Deaconess Miriam.

MOMS & TOTS

Bring your young child (age newborn to 4 years old) to spend some time together with other moms in study (our current study is entitled "The Beauty of Contentment"), prayer and fellowship. We typically meet the first and third Thursdays of the month at 10:00 am in Room 8, just off the Fireside Room. It's a great way to make connections. Mark these dates on your calendar: March 2nd and 14th and April 6th and 20th. See you there!



LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, you are invited to join us for Bible study and snacks at 7:30 pm the first and third Thursdays of the month. Our current study focuses on the Fruit of the Spirit. We meet March 2nd and 14th and April 6th and 20th at Deaconess Miriam's home, 10122 Hidden Valley Drive NW. Please bring a small snack to share AND YOUR BIBLES!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

We continue our rehearsals, preparing to sing at Foothills Lutheran Manor in the next few months, as well as during a worship service after Easter. God's Word sticks when it's sung! New voices are always welcome - speak with Deaconess Miriam for more information or to register.

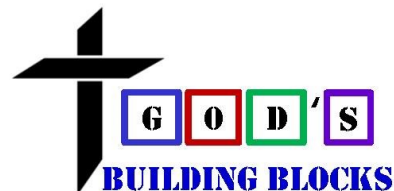


SATURDAY KIDS BIBLE CLUB!

KIDS BIBLE CLUB meets the second Saturdays of the month from 9:30 – 11:30 am. Our theme this year is ***"Water of Life"***, and our next lessons will focus on Jesus, Living Water, and His sacrifice for us. Children age 4 – 11 are invited to participate in a Bible lesson, crafts, games, and music. They'll learn key lessons of the Christian faith, make friends, and have some fun. We will meet March 11th and April 8th. If you are interested in having your children participate, please contact Deaconess Miriam to register your child. Consider bringing a friend, or offer to volunteer!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017!



All children aged 4 (by July 17th) to 11 (leaving grade 5) are invited to join us this summer for a week of God's Building Blocks. Children will learn the building blocks which point them to faith in Jesus Christ, their Saviour, as they learn from the Bible, sing, make crafts, and play games together.

GOD'S BUILDING BLOCKS is offered July 17-21 and July 24-28. Online registration will be available soon. Bring your children, and/or consider volunteering!

LYF in Christ (Youth)

Lutheran Youth at Foothills (LYF in Christ) grows by GIVING of ourselves, developing RELATIONSHIPS with others, reaching OUT to all, WORSHIPPING with joy, and STUDYING God's Word.

Youth dates for March and April:

March 10th - Youth Lock-in

This is an overnight event! Drop-off will be at the church at 7pm and pick up will be at 11am the next morning. This will be a night of snacks, games, study, and hopefully sleep! Be looking for an email with more info shortly but plan on a great night. If you can only make the Friday night please let one of the youth leaders know ahead of time.



March 24th

This night is still being fleshed out, but expect a youth night unlike any other you have experienced so far led by Deaconess Miriam!



April 7th

What's your golf game like? How about your mini-golf game? That's right April's first event is some gold old fashioned mini-golf (or putt-putt if you prefer).

April 21st

This will be our spring servant event. What it will be depends on the weather so be checking your forecasts and email regularly for information.

Always feel free to bring your friends to any and every event. We do send out weekly reminders of the upcoming events so be checking your emails and Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/groups/foothillslutheranyouth

Pastor Eric Moffett

LWML-C

St. Patrick's Day Tea at the Manor – March 17

We will once again be hosting a St. Patrick's Day tea at Foothills Manor. It will be held on Friday, March 17th from 1:30 – 3:30 pm. Please join us for tea and goodies as we fellowship with the residents and sing Irish songs and hymns.

The next society meeting is **Monday, March 27, 2017** (4th Monday of the month) at 12:00 noon. Bring your lunch. Fellowship from 12:00 – 12:30 followed by a Business Meeting from 12:30 – 1:15.

1:15 Topic Study on Martin Luther.

April Meeting - Monday, April 24 at 12:00 noon. Business items include the Mother/Daughter Dinner on May 15, reviewing/renewing Tapestry subscriptions and a Nominations Committee for elections in May.

1:15 Topic Study on Martin Luther



The LCC Alberta-British Columbia District Baseball Tournament will be the weekend of August 12 & 13 in beautiful Golden, BC. If you're interested in playing on the Foothills team or cheering us on mark it on your calendar now! For more information talk to Pastor Eric.



A Peek Into Our Preschool

During the month of January, we read many books on dinosaurs. One book, The Mine-O-Saur by Bardhan-Quallen was a favorite. The dinosaur was called a Mine-O-Saur because he did not like to share with his school friends. He would repeat, "MINE! MINE! MINE!" However, by the end of the story, he had mended his selfish ways. Children in this age group, are better able to see a solution to a problem if it is enacted with another child (even a dinosaur child) in the story than if they are in a similar situation in real life. Jesus told parables for similar reasons.

After reading the book, the children used their developing scissor skills to cut out legs and body for a protoceratops. They glued the pieces to a head and tail that were already cut for them. The children were then asked to tell the story of their mine-o-saur to one of the 3 adults in the room so their story could be written down to go with their picture.

Here are some of their stories:

My dinosaur likes white ice cream. He likes to share and read books to friends. He likes football.

My mine-o-saur does not like to share anything. He is lonely.

My mine-o-saur now likes to share blocks with his friends.

My mine-o-saur says, "Mine! Mine! Mine!" His brother is sad.

My dinosaur is a kind one. He likes ice cream. White is his favorite color.

My mine-o-saur says, "No Sharing! All the toys are mine! All the food is mine!"

My mine-o-saur now wants to share with her friends. She likes to share dolls.

My mine-o-saur does not want to share his toys. He says, "Mine! Mine! Mine!" His friends don't want to play with him.

My mine-o-saur now likes to share hugs with his mommy. He puts toys in the sandbox and shares trucks with an elephant.

My mine-o-saur says, "I don't share!"

My dinosaur is a firefighter. He likes to help people.

My dinosaur likes green. She likes strawberries and playing games with her friends.

My mine-o-saur now likes to share cars with his son.

Respectfully submitted by Betty Ann Chandler

Registrations for the fall are currently being accepted. Registration packages are available on our website (www.preschool.foothillslutheran.com) and on the table outside our classroom. If you would like more information about our program, Betty Ann would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Forgiveness in the Family

Take it Home!

Sunday, March 19, 2017 - 12:00 pm



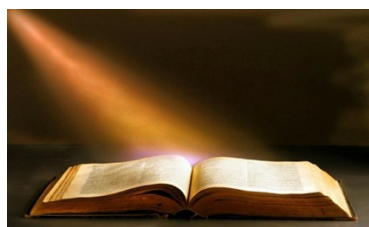
What would happen in your family if you regularly confessed how you have hurt each other and practiced speaking clear words of forgiveness to each other? What would that mean for your children's understanding of God's forgiveness, and for their future relationships?

Come learn and practice simple ways you can lay foundations for relationships based in God's grace. Please bring your child so you can practice together. Lunch will be provided and younger children are welcome in the session so that mom and dad can come together.

RSVP to Deaconess Miriam at miriam@foothillslutheran.com

Designed for children born in 2008 and their parents.

Board of Christian Education & Young Peoples' Ministry



Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns
and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Colossians 3:16 ESV

Check out the Creation Ministries resources in the brochure rack above the guest book! The Board stocks information on dinosaurs, the age of the earth, carbon dating, and starlight, evolution vs natural selection, the ice age, continental drift, and Noah's ark. We've just added information on mammoths, dating methods, and how the different "races" arose. Let us know if you're looking for any info that's not there!

We'll be hosting the second annual Lent Bible study for the leaders of Foothills on Mondays from March 6 to April 3, at 7 pm. The topic is "How We Got the Bible". Church leaders (Sunday school staff, and PPC members and the members of their boards) should have received an email with the details.

Save the date! On May 5, at 6:30, we'll be hosting a speaker from Creation Ministries. The topics will be "I Can See Clearly Now: Making Sense of the Creation/Evolution Question" and "What about Dinosaurs?". We'll need a few volunteers to help with ushering and the merchandise – please contact a board member if you're interested in helping.

Our preschool ministry is in need of (a) classroom volunteer(s). If you're able to assist with this important work, please speak to Betty Ann!

The Preschool's 15th anniversary is coming up in 2017, and we'd like to celebrate with an event in June. We're looking for an event coordinator to take charge of the details; if you're interested, please talk to Betty Ann or Michelle.



Have you joined the (private) Facebook group for Foothills members who want to connect to Christian Ed via social media?

www.facebook.com/groups/flechristianed/

We post announcements and event reminders to the group; if you use Facebook more than you read the bulletin, this group might be for you!



For other Christian Education news, see youth on page 4, Sunday school and family ministry news on page 3, and Preschool news on page 5.

There is some sort of Christian education opportunity at Foothills nearly every day of the week; if you're looking to learn, we are here to facilitate. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly!

The Board of Christian Education is:

Co-Chairs: Trevor and Michelle Heumann

Staff Members: Pastor David Bode, Pastor Eric Moffett, Deaconess Miriam Winstanley, Preschool Director Betty Ann Chandler

Board Members: Bonnie Heumann, Pat Rosenau, Harrison Sparrow, Sydney Stene, Tobi Stene, Ron Voss

- Submitted by Michelle Heumann

Board of Fellowship

Past Events

Perogy Bee, February 4, 2017

Hundreds of perogies were made in the church kitchen on Saturday, February 4th. Thanks to Darlene Gaber, Kelly Dueck & Christine Heumann for making it such a success.



Love Pot Blessing, February 12, 2017

The love pot blessing held just before Valentine's Day reminds us that Jesus commands us to love one another just as he loves us. A fabulous assortment of meatballs seemed to be pretty popular. Thanks to all who showed their love by bringing something to share with their church family. Let's make it an annual event.

Continuing Events

Coffee Teams

We are blessed to have 10 coffee teams who continue to provide coffee, tea and a welcome on Sunday mornings. Thank you to all of you who have donated baking. If you are interested in creating a new team or want to join an existing team, contact Belinda Perrin or Heather Sommers.



March 5 - Tracy & Tim Roth, Joyce & Murray Kee

March 12 - Pat & Lorne, Kellen & Kristy Rosenau;
Lucy Oberhammer

March 19 - Ingrid Kubke; Robert Kubke

March 26 - Belinda & Dave Perrin, Brenda Bode

April 2 - No morning coffee due to Anniversary service

April 9 - Shirley & Carl Berdahl, Ellen Wagner,
Cheryl Lemke

April 16 - Easter Sunday

Breakfast & coffee provided by Elders

April 23 - Anni & Brad Adams, Elfrieda Stewart,
Jan Geggie, Marilyn Harrison

April 30 - Voters' Meeting

Brenda Bode; Heather Sommers

May 7 - Heather Sommers; Warren Kee; Matt Pfaff;
Kareen Borgeson

May 14 - Mark Kihn; Darlene Gaber; Alice Churney;
Diane Voss

Upcoming Events

Lenten Soup Suppers

Join us for Lenten soup suppers starting on March 8 at 5:30 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to feed your body and then feed your soul with a Lenten worship service in preparation for Easter Sunday, which is April 16 this year. There is a sign-up sheet on the Fellowship bulletin board. For information, please contact Anni Adams.



FLC 50th Anniversary, April 1 & 2, 2017

It's almost here, our congregation's 50th anniversary on the weekend of April 1st and 2nd. It will be so wonderful to catch up with former members, friends of FLC and ministry staff.

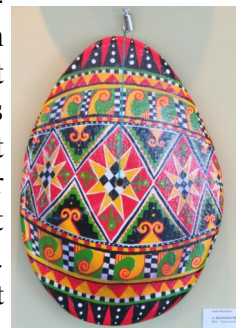
Tickets for the anniversary dinner will be on sale until March 12. Adults are \$25 and children 10 and under are \$10.



The anniversary service will be on Sunday, April 2 at 3:30 pm with Pastor Laverne Hautz preaching. Join us after the service for cake and coffee.

Ukrainian Egg Decorating, April 8, 2017

Learn Pysanky, the Ukrainian tradition of decorating eggs, from Jean Richardson of Saturday, April 8, at 1:30 pm. All wax, dyes, and eggs will be supplied. There is no cost for this workshop, just bring your enthusiasm. There is a sign-up sheet on the Fellowship bulletin board. For information, please contact Heather Sommers.





We have now completed nine weeks of outreach/volunteer projects in thanks and praise to God. *How are YOU doing with the challenge to participate in as many events as possible?* We will continue to provide ideas on how you can actively participate in, support, or pray for these events through bulletin write ups that will keep you reminded and informed. If you haven't participated in any of the events, don't worry, we still have 43 weeks of celebrating, by sharing God's love to those in our church, the community and the world!

1 Chronicles 29:13-14

Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.

Here are the outreach/volunteer projects for March, April and a peek into May. Keep watching your weekly bulletin for more details on each event!

March 4-11 A day of fasting.

We want to spend 24 hours thinking of those who are hungry every day, all day, around the world. You can choose any day of the week, although it should be a day when your activity level is low. After fasting, please give to Canadian Lutheran World Relief what you saved by not buying groceries for your household for that 24 hour period. If you are not able to fast for medical or personal reasons, please consider sharing your resources for those in need through CLWR.



Canadian Lutheran
World Relief

March 17

The wonderful women in our LWML are reaching out to seniors in the Foothills Manor through their annual **St. Patrick's Day Tea**. They not only visit and serve tea and goodies, but they have a wonderful sing song with the residents. They invite all ladies to join them March 17 from 1:30 -3:30 pm.

March 18 - Meals for Members

Volunteers are needed to purchase ingredients or to donate money for ingredients, and many hands are needed to turn these ingredients into meals. These meals will be used to help congregants when they are either ill or are caring for loved ones who are ill, or have a death in the family. It is a lot of fun to cook as a team, especially under the very organized Christine Heumann. You can volunteer for a couple of hours or the whole day of cooking on March 18th. If providing money or ingredients, please have those in to the church by **March 11th**. Please refer to details on the 50 for fifty bulletin board.

March 26 - Dress for Success

This is the deadline for donating gently used women's clothing to support women who are new to the workforce or are trying to enter the workforce and do not have the funds to purchase appropriate clothing. Search your closets ladies! It's amazing what you can find, and don't forget about jewelry and handbags. A drop off bin is located by the Human Care Ministries bulletin board for the items you donate.



50th Anniversary



The Foothills Lutheran Church Team who walked "The Coldest Night of the Year" poses with Mayor Naheed Nenshi. Our team raised \$3600, with funds going towards organizations (like The Mustard Seed) that help the homeless and needy in Alberta. Way to go, Team Foothills!

April 4 - National Caregiver Day

We are still formulating ideas for this outreach. If you have ideas that you can contribute we really welcome them. Previous suggestions have made for some wonderful projects.

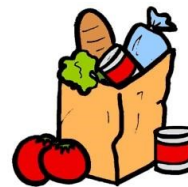
April 14-15 - Prayer Vigil

A **Prayer Vigil** will be held from when we leave Good Friday services until we celebrate the Resurrection on Easter morning.

April 21 - Youth Servant Event

April 24 - Shift at the Food Bank

Another shift has been booked for helping at the **Food Bank**.



May 7 - Community Clean Up

Let's serve those living close to our church property by cleaning up around the community. This is the time of year the City of Calgary hosts the Bow River clean up and the highways get cleaned up by volunteers, also. Let's band together, wear our FLC t-shirts (if you have one) and serve our neighborhood by cleaning up the surrounding area.

May 14 - Flower Sale

We will be pre-selling flowers a couple of weeks before **Mother's Day** and a few flowers on the actual day. You can purchase one or more flowers for your mother or any other woman who has been inspirational, loving or a motherly figure to you. The flowers will be at the church on Mother's Day when you come for services. Proceeds from the flower sale will go to the **Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter**. This is also the day we will hand out baby bottles to fill with spare change. The baby bottles are brought back to church on Father's Day. Proceeds go to the **Pregnancy Care Center**.



Noteworthy

Missions of the Month

March: Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Our Mission of the Month funds for March will go to Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR). Through community relief efforts, emergency relief, and the “We Care” programme, CLWR seeks to meet the needs of those in crisis around the world. They provide food and physical support, as well as training in life-skills for developing countries.

April: Our LCC Seminaries

Jesus bids us to “pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest” (Matthew 9:38, ESV). We help support that work by our support of the seminaries. Your gift to this Mission of the Month helps in the training and preparation of those who will be labourers in His harvest field.

NEEDED: PPC SECRETARY. We are looking for someone who is willing to take meeting minutes to fill this position effective May 1. Please speak to Ralf Hinterleitner if interested.

UPCOMING VOTER’S MEETING: April 30 following a light lunch after service. Mark it on your calendars and plan to attend.

NOMINATION FORMS are available on the Welcome Desk. We are looking for candidates for the following open positions: Elders, Vice-President, Treasurer, Board of Evangelism, Board of Christian Education, Board of Stewardship. Completed forms can be dropped in the box on the Welcome Desk. All of our members have the privilege of nominating people. Please give prayerful, careful consideration to this and nominate people who can serve the Lord and His church.

PLEASE NOTE THAT PASTOR BODE will be away April 26-May 2.



FAMILY EASTER EGG-DECORATING

Parents - bring your children to the church on **Holy Saturday, April 15th, from 10:00 am to 11:15 am** to decorate Easter eggs together. We'll have some fun decorating, followed by special egg hunt and a short devotion. Bring boiled eggs that you would like to decorate, and we'll have some eggs to decorate for the church's Easter breakfast. Decorating materials will be provided.



Please let us know by April 10th if you are planning to come!

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THE SACRED SEASON OF LENT IS ONCE AGAIN UPON US. The word Lent comes from a word that means "spring" and in a real sense, this time of preparation for Easter truly is a springtime for the soul. This is a wonderful time to look at our lives under God's grace, and to see it as time of spiritual renewal.

A Time for Meditation

At our special midweek Lenten services we pause to review all that our Saviour has done for us through His death and resurrection. We invite you to join us in spirit at the foot of the cross, and spend time each Wednesday endeavouring to understand more fully the blessings that are ours in Christ and their meaning for our lives today.

A Time of Repentance

We all know *sin* caused the crucifixion - our sin too. It is easy to talk about sin in general. It's hard to face up to our own sin, repent of it, and come to God for help to change. Lent is a time for us to "search our hearts and see if there be any wicked way in us." Let us take stock of our spiritual lives and make this Lenten season one of renewal for us.

A Time for Good Works

While Christians should always "abound in every good work," it is the message of Lent - of all that Christ was willing to do for us to save us from our sins - that should prompt us to want to show our appreciation to Him in some way. This Lent, decide on at least one special way in which you can glorify Christ. We suggest that one of the best "works" we can do for Jesus is to bring someone else to know Him better. You can do this by personally witnessing or by asking him/her to come with you to the Lenten services where they will hear the Gospel in all its fullness.

A Time for Renewal

It takes time to search our souls - to meditate in earnest on what our Lord did for us - and to share our faith with others in some way by deeds of love. But if we do this, then this Lenten season will prove to be a time of religious "renewal" in the best sense of the word. We will be blessed tremendously. Will this happen to you this Lent?

Our Theme this Lenten season is: *Reconciled and Reconciling.* Each sermon draws on a text of Scripture that focuses on a person or a parable of our Lord's that illustrates an aspect of God's gracious work of reconciliation in Christ. St. Paul reminds us: "*Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation*" (2 Corinthians 5:18, ESV) We, who have been reconciled do indeed serve our Lord in the ministry of reconciliation.

OUR LENTEN SCHEDULE

Services: Wednesdays at 6:30pm, Soup Supper at 5:30 pm
We will have guest pastors from Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Prince of Peace, and Grace, Drumheller.

Ash Wednesday, March 1st - Pastor Bode
"*Reconciliation and God*" - Luke 15:11-32
(The Prodigal Son)

March 8th - Pastor Keith Haberstok
Reconciliation and Humility - Matthew 18:21-35
(Parable of the Unforgiving Servant)

March 15th - Pastor Bode
Reconciliation and Forgiveness - Genesis 50:15-21
(Joseph and His Brothers)

March 22nd - Pastor David Dressler
Reconciliation and Repentance
2 Samuel 11:26-12:15a (David)

March 29th - Pastor Eric Moffett
Reconciliation, Restoration, Resolution - Philemon (Paul, Onesimus and Philemon)

April 5th - Pastor Scott Gamble
Reconciliation and God's Glory - John 15:1-17 (The Parable of the Vine and its Branches)

Maundy Thursday - April 13th - 6:30 pm
We remember the Last Supper

Good Friday - April 14th - 10:15 am
We journey to the cross.

Easter Sunday - April 16th
We celebrate the Resurrection of Christ
Sonrise Service - 7:30 am
Easter Celebration Service - 10:15 am

