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Daylight Savings Time

Don't forget to set your clocks **forward** one hour on **Saturday, March 7**. Daylight Savings Time begins on **Sunday, March 8**. Don't be late for church!

March Board Meetings

Board of Elders

The Board of Elders will meet on Monday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees will meet on Monday, March 9 at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Stewardship

The Board of Stewardship will meet on Monday, March 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Education

The Board of Education will meet on Monday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Evangelism

The Board of Evangelism will meet on Tuesday, March 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Voters' Assembly

Our Voters' Assembly will meet on Monday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to the Voters' Assembly. Come and get involved in the work of the Church.



Pastor Pool's Sunday Bible Study **The Gospel According to Job**

In March, our Sunday class continues our study of the

book of Job. The Christian life is a struggle. But the struggle is worthwhile. This book is full of surprising answers to some of our most difficult questions about suffering, evil, and redemption. We meet Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome. Bring your Bible.

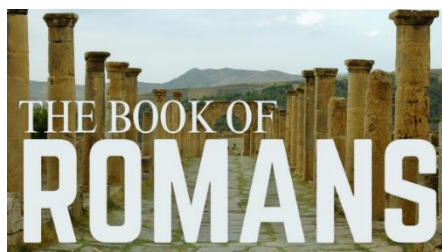
March 1: Job Replies to Bildad: Job 9

March 8: Job Continues to Reply to Bildad: Job 10

March 15: Zophar Answers: Job 11

March 22: Job Replies to Zophar: Job 12

March 29: Job Continues to Reply to Zophar: Job 13



Tuesday Bible Study with Pastor

The Book of Romans

Our Tuesday Bible Study is working through Paul's Epistle to the Romans. Now is a great time to join us!

There is no cost. Bring your Bible and your questions. We normally meet on the first and third Tuesdays. We have two class options at 9:30am or 7:00pm.

March 3: Accountable to God: Romans 3:9-20

March 17: Justified by Grace: Romans 3:21-31

CHRISTIAN AID

The church assists our members financially in times of need, and we could use your help. Please write "Christian Aid" on your offering envelope to give a gift to those in need. Thank you for your generous giving!





Seek the Lord

Lent is a time for self-discipline. We attend services, fast, and give. We let our hearts grow deep. We draw near to Christ.

I have encouraged us in this Lenten season to set aside our distractions—especially social media—and to make room for Christ. When we fast, we train our hearts and bodies to be alert to God’s purposes.

Salvation is the work of God alone. He is the one who heals our souls. But faith is a busy, active thing. We see repeated commands in Scripture for God’s people to seek the Lord. This is the purpose of fasting. Let me offer a few examples.

In Psalm 27:4, the Psalmist says, “One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.”

In Psalm 105:4, he says, “Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!”

In Isaiah 55:6, the Prophet Isaiah says, “Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near.”

Even Paul picks up this language in Colossians 3:1, “If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.”

Whatever discipline you have chosen for this Lenten season, let it serve as an opportunity to seek the Lord. And don’t merely seek His gifts—seek Him. Let this be a time of prayer and devotion. It is as James tells us in James 4:8, “Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.” What a glorious promise!

Blessed Lenten Season,
Pastor

An Easter Message From Kurt Flathers

“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.” - John 3:14-15

Recently, our family night group heard the story of Moses and the bronze serpent. The people were grumbling and complaining against God. He sent snakes into the camp as judgment. But He also provided deliverance. He had them lift up the serpent on a pole to save them from the serpents' poison. This deliverance foreshadowed Christ lifted up on the cross to save us from sin, death, and the devil. And those who believe in Christ, and what He did on the cross, will have eternal life given as a free gift.

In this Lenten season, we look to the final 8 days of Jesus' journey. These days are important to us and our salvation. The Church has set them aside as holy. Holy Week is from March 29th to April 5th. We emphasize the passion, sufferings, death, and resurrection of our Lord. We begin with Palm Sunday. March 29th is the celebration of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. His followers proclaim the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We then remember Jesus cleansing the Temple. We hear His words on Holy Monday and Tuesday as He teaches about the kingdom of God. He escapes the snares of the Pharisees, Scribes, and Sadducees. Maundy Thursday brings the institution of the Lord's Supper, the agony in Gethsemane, the betrayal, arrest, and trial. Good Friday takes us to the cross of our Savior as He suffers in our place. Here, God exalts Him for all to see and believe. We rest on Holy Saturday just as Christ lies in death's strong bands. Then we celebrate as we acknowledge the glorious words, “Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!” And we hope in the day of our resurrection! In this season, Jesus brings triumph and joy.

Please make it part of your Lenten discipline and Holy Week routine to attend the worship services on these Holy days! Fix your eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfector of our faith. He gives the gifts of grace, mercy, joy, and peace in His triumph, suffering, death, and resurrection. Celebrate with the saints on earth and the hosts of heaven as we see salvation come. Come

and hear, sing, receive, and ponder each of the services during Holy Week.

You cannot have Jesus' resurrection without the cross! Without Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and especially Good Friday, you cannot have Easter. It is all so important! Witness the sorrow of the cross and then prepare for joy that has no end!

Easter Breakfast

Heads up, everyone! Easter is approaching fast. And that means the annual Easter breakfast at St. John. We will be serving after the 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service till 9:45

a.m. You can enjoy food and fellowship either after the Sunrise Service or before the Late Service on Easter morning. We will be serving scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, fruit, pastries, coffee, juice, and milk. New this year, we have the famous Flathers' punch from our 175th Anniversary celebration. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall. We will receive an offering to support our youth Higher Things Conference this summer. See you on April 5th for the Easter Breakfast.



Easter Breakfast Set Up

We will be setting up the Easter Breakfast on April 4th at 9:30 a.m. We ask those attending Higher Things this summer, parents, and others to help in the Fellowship Hall. Many hands make light work! It usually takes about an hour. Thank you so much for your attention and participation.



Children's Easter Activities

On Easter morning, following the Easter Breakfast, the Board of Evangelism will be holding an Easter Egg hunt for children in Pre-K through 5th grade. All Easter Baskets and Easter Eggs will be provided. The children will also be able to take part in an Easter Craft activity. Please come and enjoy breakfast and fellowship with your friends and family, and then let your kids have a blast hunting eggs and doing crafts, as we celebrate our Lord. Thanks!

Catechesis During Lent

During Lent, Youth Catechesis will meet from 8:00 – 8:45 p.m.

following the Wednesday evening Lent Service. Confirmation students are encouraged to attend the 7:00

p.m. Lent service before class. Lent Services will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 11, 18 & 25. There is no Catechesis on March 18 because the public schools are on Spring break that week. There is also no class on April 1 during Holy Week.

Please mark these dates and times on your calendar. Thanks!

Catechism Class



Lenten Services and Fellowship

During Lent there will be service at 1:30 & 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday. Fellowship will follow both Services. Families of the congregation will be divided into groups according to the church directory for Lent Services. On your family's date to serve,

please choose to attend either the 1:30 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. service. Each family serving is asked to bring a plate of sandwiches, two dozen cookies, or a pan of bars. Otherwise, a donation is appreciated to help cover the cost of punch and coffee. Monetary donations may be left in the marked container on the table.

You will receive a reminder card before your week to serve.

The serving schedule is as follows:

-March 4	Tom Hardersen to Lewis Meyermann
-March 11	Craig Miller to Judy Ross
-March 18	Karen Rowan to Angie Stewart
-March 25	Elwood Stewart to Dan Akins

Easter Lilies



Camil will be taking orders for Easter Lilies on the following Sundays, **March 22 & 29**, after early and late services. There will also be a sign-up sheet and envelope in the fellowship hall throughout the week. Easter Lilies will be placed in the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday services.

Please stop by and order a lily in memory of a loved one or in thankfulness for God's Blessings. Cost is \$14 per plant. Thanks!



Holy Week

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday – March 29: We start off Holy Week with the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. We have the Divine Service at 7:45 and 10:15 a.m. Both services include a Palm recessional and Holy Communion. Bible studies and Sunday school classes are as usual, starting at 9 a.m.

Maundy Thursday – April 2: We have worship services at 1:30 and 7:00 p.m. Both services include the celebration of the Sacrament of the Altar and at the conclusion of the service, the stripping of the Altar.

Good Friday – April 3: We have worship services at 1:30 and 7:00 p.m. with gradual darkness overtaking us as it did the world on that first Good Friday.

Holy Saturday – April 4: Easter Breakfast set up is at 9:30 a.m. Come and prepare the fellowship hall and church for the celebration of the resurrection of Christ. Many hands make light work. And it does not need to just be kids...adults can come too.

Easter Sunday – April 5: Come celebrate the resurrection of our Lord from death. We have a Son-rise service with Holy Communion at 7:00 a.m. It will be followed by our Easter Breakfast, served by St. John youth beginning at 8:15 a.m. We will serve breakfast until 9:45 a.m. The breakfast is free, but a goodwill offering will be accepted to raise money for the youth and their Higher Things trip. Following Breakfast there will be Easter activities for children Pre-K to 5th grade. At 10:15 a.m., we will have the Divine Service for Easter with Holy Communion.

Easter Cards For Those At Home

Remember those at home as you send out your
Easter Cards this year.



Alverno: 849 – 13th Ave. N. Clinton, IA 52732

Mary Asmus, Tom Judd, Sharon Gillette, Marilyn
Stuedemann, Mary Boyer

Addington Place: 1701 – 13th Ave. N. Clinton, IA 52732

Sylvia Lorenzen, Janet Peters, Marlene Greve

At Home:

Gary & Vicki Harmsen

2425 Stockwell Ln.

Clinton, IA 52732

Lois Lamz

500 E. McNair Rd. #10

Winnebago, IL 61088

Lois Meyermann

1266 Hess Lane

Cedar Rapids, IA 52403

Darlene Omann

549 Meadowview

Clinton, IA 52732

Lois Specht

2603 Orchard Dr. #212

Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Darlene Schroeder

1141 – 13th Ave. N. #3B

Clinton, IA 52732

Nancy VonThun

1405 – 23rd Ave.

Camanche, IA 52732

Easter Choir

Those who are participating in the Easter Choir will have
practice each Wednesday during Lent from 6:15 – 6:45 a.m.
The choir will sing Hymn 466 “Christ Is Arisen, Alleluia” at
service on Easter morning, Sunday, April 5.





St. John Preschool

Throughout the month of February we have focused on the love God has for us and the gift of salvation he has given us through his son Jesus. Daily we read and review God's Word that teaches

us these truths. We sing songs of praise. We pray for the families of our class, those who need healing, and say thank you for the many blessings we enjoy. Indoor activities have included boxes and more boxes. The children love using boxes and sheets to create houses. They then fill their homes with pillows, books, play food, flashlights and stuffed animals. Many stories are acted out each week. The children learn to plan and sequence events, practice cooperation, negotiation, process emotions and self-regulation. We build fine motor skills playing with play dough, painting, squeezing glue bottles, and writing and drawing. We read a variety of books daily and sing so many songs. The warmer weather brings lovely time outside and the children run to our play area to engage in swinging, digging in our thawing sand pile, climbing hills, hiking trails through the woods and making recipes in the mud kitchen. Registration for the 2026-2027 school year opens March 1st and we are happy to have so many returning families. Even if you don't have small children, you are always welcome to come and check out our preschool. We are so grateful for your support and prayers. ~Cindy and Gina

The Preschool will be on Spring Break from
Monday, March 16th through Friday, March 21st.
Class will resume on Monday, March 23rd





RaiseRight Fundraiser

Raise Right is a fundraiser which allows us to raise money for our preschool by spending money on things we buy every day. The cost of the gift cards is their face value. There is no additional charge. Orders are due March 1. Please put your order form and payment in the blue box in the fellowship hall. Cards will be available by March 8. We will put your cards in your box in the narthex. Thanks!



Sunday School Mission Project

Beginning March 1, and continuing throughout Summer Sunday School, our Mission Project will go to help support the Federwitz missionaries in Papua New Guinea. Thank you for teaching your children about helping others by sending a Sunday School offering each week!

Mary Martha

Mary Martha will have their soup supper on Tuesday, March 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies are welcome to attend. Mark your calendar!

Those Serving Are:

Soup: Deanna Petersen, Lynn Wing

Sandwiches: Carol Hill, Marianne Wenzel

Dessert: Christine Frett, Karen Judd



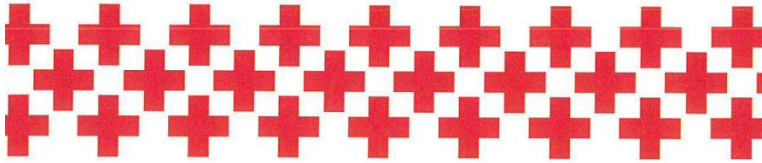
World Day of Prayer Service

St. John women are cordially invited to a World Day of Prayer Service on Friday, March 6 at Trinity Lutheran Church. There will be a social hour and continental breakfast beginning at 9:00 a.m. in Trinity's fellowship hall. The prayer service will begin at 10:00 a.m. (Note the time change from previous years). We hope you will join us.

~ Trinity Ladies Aid and Eventide

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



St. John Blood Drive
St. John Fellowship Hall
Friday, June 12, 2026
12:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Questions: Camil, 563-242-5588, cdell@stjohn-clinton-ia.org
Sign up at: redcrossblood.org

Please set up an appointment today for our next American Red Cross Blood Drive at St. John. It's still a couple months away but why not cross donating blood off your to-do list and set up an appointment today? Thank you for helping to save lives!



Vacation Bible School **Save the Date!**

The theme this year for VBS is *Tropical Trek: Jesus Comes to Seek and Save*. Dates will be Monday, June 15 – Friday, June 19. VBS will meet from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. each day. VBS is for children 4 years old or enrolled in St. John Sunday School or Preschool through those

entering grade 7. Older children and adults are welcome to volunteer as helpers. Mark your calendars and plan on joining your friends for another exciting adventure! Questions? Contact Sheryl Jindrich or Sarah Flathers.

March Birthdays & Anniversaries



CONGRATULATIONS!

Happy Birthday to:

Mary Boyer, who will be 87 on March 1.

Darlene Schroeder, who will be 97 on March 13.

Happy Anniversary to:

Dennis & Patty Richter, 45th Wedding Anniversary on March 2.

Craig & Lori Eberhart, 45th Wedding Anniversary on March 7.

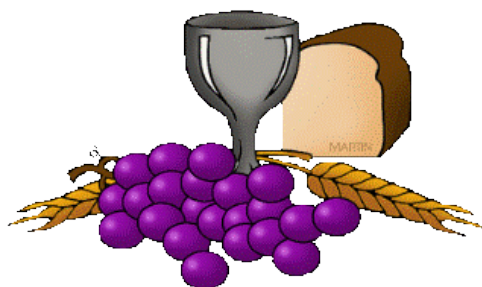
David & Tracy Reynolds, 30th Wedding Anniversary on March 15



We list birthdays 80 and above and anniversaries for year one and every five years thereafter unless we receive a request not to do so.

Holy Communion at Home

If you are at home and would like a visit from Pastor, Please call the office to set up an appointment. He is glad to come and bring you God's Word and the Sacrament. Pastor also does a monthly service at the Alverno on the second Sunday of each month at 1:30. Visitors are generally welcome.



THOSE WHO SERVE IN MARCH

Early

Elders: Bill Ross
Jim Schnitzmeyer

Ushers: Daniel Schemers
Darrin Schemers
Bill Schemers

Recording

1 – Darlene Paysen
8 – Darlene Paysen
15 – Darlene Paysen
22 – Darlene Paysen
29 – Darlene Paysen

Wednesday Elders

4	1:30	Jim S.
4	7:00	Troy B.
11	1:30	Rick E.
11	7:00	James M.
18	1:30	Jim S.
18	7:00	Kurt F.
25	1:30	Rick E.
25	7:00	David R.

Late

Elders: Troy Bialas
James McHugh

Ushers: Bryce Petersen
Randy Housenga
Ryan Dell
Kevin Dell

Acolyte Schedule

1-Early – Elder
1-Late – Elder
8-Early – Elder
8-Late – Aryanna Hagen
15-Early – Elder
15-Late – Ben Leslie
22-Early – Elder
22-Late – Elder
29-Early – Elder
29-Late – Lainey S.

NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE: MARCH 20

If you would like to put any information in the newsletter, contact Camil Dell, and get her the information by March 20.

