



Connections

So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to the others. Romans 12:5

A message from Pastor Rick;

During this Lenten season we have been looking at the lessons we can learn from the life of Job. It's my prayer that this journey has been a blessing for you. We know that Job suffered greatly, and yet, in spite of those around him who encouraged him to curse God, blame himself or seek answers in other places, Job experienced a revelation of God. We too, celebrate a God who is present with us no matter what we are going through. We have a God who loves us with an immeasurable love. A love that prompted Him to send His one and only Son, Jesus, so that through His life, death and resurrection, He provided all that was necessary to restore you and give you new life!

You and I don't have to look too far to see the brokenness of this world and how desperately we need a Savior! God has given us this greatest of good news to give us the strength we need to be a people of hope. I extend a personal invitation for you to journey with your brothers and sisters in the faith through the remainder of this Lenten season and during our Holy Week worship opportunities. We have so much to celebrate and be thankful for! I also invite you to begin praying about who God might be leading you to invite this Easter season to come and hear the good news of our Lord's love and mercy! God promises to give us the boldness we need to reach this world with the message of Jesus!

2 Timothy 1:7—"For the Spirit that God has given us does not make us timid but fills us with power, love and self-control."

May Jesus continue to fill your life with His peace and Easter joy as we live and serve as a people of God!

Serving together in Christ,

Pastor Rick

Romans 1:16—"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes!"

The Lutheran Church of Arcata



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Holy Week



Palm Sunday Service
March 25th, 9:30 a.m.



Maundy Thursday Seder
March 29th, 6 p.m.



Good Friday Service
March 30th, 7 p.m.



Easter Sunday
April 1st

Sunrise Service 7 a.m.
Breakfast 7:30 - 9:15 a.m.
Festival Service 9:30 a.m.

March Worship Schedule

March 4 Third Sunday in Lent

Theme/Focus: "In Search of Power and Wisdom"

Scripture: I Corinthians 1:18-31

Lessons: Exodus 20:1-17
I Corinthians 1:18-31
John 2:13-22

March 7 Wednesday Soup Supper 6 pm & Worship 7 pm

Theme: "It Is Enough" —Job 14:1-14

March 11 Fourth Sunday in Lent

Theme/Focus: "Are You Ready for Some Good News?"

Scripture: John 3:14-21

Lessons: Numbers 21:4-9
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

March 14 Wednesday Soup Supper 6 pm & Worship 7 pm

Theme: "Understanding How It All Works Together" —Job 23:1-17

March 18 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Theme/Focus: True Greatness"

Scripture: Mark 10:32-45

Lessons: Jeremiah 31:31-34
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:(32-34) 35-45

March 21 Wednesday Soup Supper 6 pm & Worship 7 pm

Theme: "On Earth Is Not His Equal" —Job 41:20-34

March 25 Palm Sunday

Theme/Focus: "A Light to the World"

Scripture: John 12:27-36

Lessons: Zechariah 9:9-12
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:1-15 or Mark 15:1-47 or John 12:20-43



Easter Breakfast

The Legendary Lutheran Church of Arcata's Easter Breakfast is right around the corner. And you know what that means: *Of course you do* – the same thing it always means every year, decade after decade, Easter Sunday after Easter Sunday, generation after generation, ham after delectable ham! As society seems to come apart around us, technology races past us, and change seems to be moving at unprecedented speeds and turning everything upside down, isn't it wonderful to have such a pristine tradition that avoids all forms of evolution, trend, and progress? So comforting! Just like always – it's ham, eggs, hash browns, toast, juice, Church coffee, homemade pastries, fresh fruit – *and all of us!* Same time, same place: Easter Sunday between worship services, 7:30—9:15 a.m. in The Lutheran Church of Arcata breakfast nook (formerly "the gym").

But even "the breakfast that time forgot" has room for something new. And that is – *new people!* Please bring your friends and family, neighbors and colleagues, acquaintances, and anyone hungry! And don't forget to bring a little extra something for the donation jar too. After expenses, contributions will be dedicated to community outreach, helping those in need, and the various ministries of our beloved Church.

And once again, Easter Breakfast will need all the usual help: setter-uppers, servers, bakers and fruit-donors, and cleaner-uppers. Plenty of joyful service to go around!

WE NEED HOMEMADE GOODIES FOR EASTER BREAKFAST!

Rise to the challenge! Discover your inner pastry-chef, and create something delicious for the Easter Breakfast sideboard. Muffins, breakfast breads, sweet treats...whatever interesting recipe you'd like to try. And yes, this is an "H.O." event – **homemade only** please. Why homemade only? Because one doesn't serve a Costco muffin to commemorate the most important event in human history. No, our Easter Breakfast sideboard is a "Costco-Free Zone" and a "Winco-less" offering of excellence! If you must buy, the places are Brio, Co-op, or Ramone's. Thanks for making it great for the biggest day on the church calendar.

BAKING NOT YOUR BAILIWICK? EASTER BREAKFAST STILL NEEDS THE FRUITS OF YOUR LABOR!

What's a great breakfast without fresh fruit? In a word, *fruitless*. And we don't want to be found fruitless on Easter Sunday morning! So, if you can't home-bake a treat for the Easter Breakfast sideboard, bring in some delicious fresh fruit! If at all possible, please prepare your fruit platters and assortments at home. There are enough whole fruits in the kitchen on Easter Sunday morning as it is, and more than enough cutting-up in there as well.

Men's Breakfast

Join us Saturday, March 3 at 8 a.m. for breakfast, devotion and fellowship! We meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Senior Adult Potluck Lunch

Our Sr. Adult Potluck Lunch will be held **Wednesday, March 21 at 11:30 a.m.** We meet downstairs around the large table for food, fellowship and a short devotion. If you are able, please bring a light dish to share (salad, sandwiches, fruit, chips, or cookies).

Page Turners

Our next meeting will be on Friday, April 6, 7 p.m. at John and Claudia Brugaletta's home. The book we are reading is ***Little Fires Everywhere*** by Celeste Ng.



- 3/4 Tristan Czerwinski
- 3/5 Sarah Oliver
Amanda Niclai
- 3/8 Micah Duncan
- 3/9 Geoffrey Hoopes
Preston Illman
- 3/14 Pat Hassler
- 3/17 Ruth Harvey
- 3/20 Tim Claasen
Beth Schimke
- 3/23 Jeff Schimke
- 3/26 June Schimke
- 3/27 Holly Bjorman
- 3/28 Jason Meyer



- 3/3 Edward & Beth Christians

LWML News

For a few months now, you have been receiving rally and quilting requests for the LWML. I know there are many questions, so here is some information. The LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) is the official women's auxiliary of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS.) The mission of the LWML is to develop and maintain a greater mission consciousness among women of the congregation through education, inspiration and service. A major emphasis of The LWML is the support of mission throughout the world by means of "Mite Box" offerings. These Mite Box offerings have funded tens of millions of dollars in mission grants since The LWML was founded in 1942. The purpose of the LWML Societies is to (1) help each woman to draw closer to God, (2) encourage and enable each woman to use her God-given talents in sharing God's love and (3) provide opportunities for service within the congregation and for outreach to the community and world. This sounds daunting, but every woman in our congregation is already each of these three Society purposes.

So who is the LWML? The answer is simple----YOU are the LWML!!!!

EVERY woman of an LCMS congregation is eligible to be a member. Since our church is a LCMS congregation, every woman, whether LCMS or ELCA affiliated, is member eligible. Each church LWML is called a "Society." There are currently two established LWML Societies in our Zone (13) which is Humboldt and Del Norte counties. There is one more church within our Zone that is eligible to establish a Society. That church is the Lutheran Church of Arcata. Although we participate with the Zone Societies and their activities, we are not official, and we would like to rectify that by establishing our own Society. It's a simple process. Probably the most difficult part will be to decide on an official Society name.

Now that you know what the LWML is, let me tell you what is isn't. The LWML isn't "just another meeting to attend". The only meeting requirement is an occasional gathering, sometimes formal but mostly informal, to set some goals and decide on activities we want to do to accomplish those goals. Although we can, there is no obligation for us to establish official "officers." We are required, however, to have a contact person (and yes, we already have a contact.) Oh, by the way, there is no initiation fee and no monthly dues. It isn't work, it's where we have fun!

So, now that you know a little of what the LWML is, and what it isn't, won't you consider becoming a charter member and help us establish our very own Society? If you're interested, there is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. If you want more information, see Valerie.



LWML Quilting Day

It's that time again. The ladies, and one gentleman, from Crescent City have been busy making quilt tops, and the Ferndale ladies have been busy cutting quilt blocks. They would like to get in one more tying day before the Spring Rally and the district convention. We'll be meeting at LCA on Saturday, March 10th at 10:00 a.m. to tie the quilts. There will also be fabric to cut so more quilts can be made. I believe the goal for 2018 is to provide 100 quilts from our zone!!! You need not have any special quilting skills or experience. Everything you'll need to know can be learned in a few short minutes on the spot. All the experienced quilters are happy to teach you. If you happen to have a rotary cutter and cutting mat, please bring them. We (what I really mean is LCA) will be providing the lunch that day. Come and join us for a fun and productive day!



In Our Prayers

For Healing

Karen Baker
Joann Barklage
Laura Claasen
Rochelle Frankel
Penny Jacobsen
Frank McGuire
Lois Schatz
Ron Swihart

In the Military:

Josh Henry
Seth Jarvis
Jackson Klopp
David Seda

In Prison:

Deuce Adams
Jeff Dumont
Caius Joesting

LWML

(Lutheran Women in Mission)

Zone 13 Spring Rally
March 24, 2018

Rally Theme: "Blessed to be a Blessing"

*"For Christ died for sins once for all,
 the righteous for the unrighteous,
 to bring you to God."—1 Peter 3:18a*

Host Church: St. Marks
795 Berding St., Ferndale

Time: 9:45 a.m.—Registration
Donation \$10.00

*If you would like to attend, please sign up so we can provide
 an accurate count to the ladies in Ferndale.*



Servant Saturday

Our next service event is Saturday, March 24th. We need 3-4 volunteers to help the Arcata House prepare lunches for families with young children who are struggling, as well as hand out supplies that are needed for them to be able to shower at their facility. All supplies are provided and the event will be held from **9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** If you would like to volunteer to help in this servant opportunity, please email Pastor Rick. There is also a sign-up sheet in the church Narthex.

Let's join together in this community servant event as this is a great way for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus for those who are in need in our community!

HSU Care Packages Ministry



The first HSU Care package servant event was Sunday, February 25th. Over 40 volunteers packaged 100+ care packages, along with 50+ bags of individual hygiene items. Thank you to all the people who generously donated funds to purchase all the items for the care packages and to all the volunteers who packed them. Also, thank you to Valerie Simons for purchasing all the items!



Our partners with this ministry, HSU Food Bank, were thrilled to receive the packages ! Our next date to assemble care packages will be Palm Sunday, March 25th following our worship service.