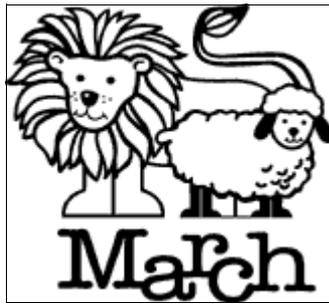
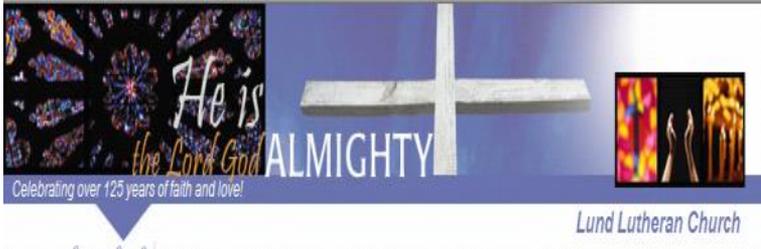


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Pastor Jim's Newsletter article March 2014

MARCH MADNESS

This is the evil in everything that happens under the sun: The same destiny overtakes all. The hearts of people, moreover, are full of evil and there is madness in their hearts while they live, and afterward they join the dead.
⁴ Anyone who is among the living has hope—even a live dog is better off than a dead lion! Ecclesiastes 9:3

Have you heard of March Madness? You might think the weather causes it. But the name comes from basketball tournament season. There is such a build up to playoffs, with sports arenas full of fans roaring for their favorite teams, that a sports announcer dubbed it March Madness. The name stuck. Maybe it's a way for us to let off steam. Certainly we celebrate favorite sons (and daughters) who put their utmost efforts in getting that bouncing rubber ball in the hanging hoop the most times. Hey, it's wonderful entertainment. Some plays seem super human—well certainly way beyond my ability. Is anything wrong with getting wrapped up in the moment, yelling and doing “high-fives” in revelry of victory?

The Apostle Paul was accused of going mad. When he was taken from his jail cell and brought before King Agrippa to defend himself against charges of causing a riot, he was so enthusiastic about Jesus and wanting the king and court to receive God's grace, his “prosecutor” yelled as much.

²⁴ At this point Festus interrupted Paul's defense. “You are out of your mind, Paul!” he shouted. “Your great learning is driving you insane.” Acts 26:24

Paul was overjoyed knowing Jesus, even when imprisoned, because he had experienced what it meant to be set free from sin and set right with God for all eternity. The victory of the cross became his cheer. His devotion to Jesus came from a cleansed heart, and his passion was for everyone he met to receive the same love and redemption he experienced from Christ. The King put off what Paul believed. Certainly it seemed foolish to Paul's captives that he'd thrown away his prominence among the Jewish elite to follow a dead rabbi carpenter. But that did not dissuade Paul from his “madness.” Friend or enemy, Paul

persisted in sharing the gospel: to his cell mates, his jailers, the soldiers who guarded him, the sailors who took him to Rome, and even the household of Ceasar. Through letters he sent to people in Rome, Corinth, Ephesus, Galatia, Colossae, letters we are privileged to read in the Bible, we learn more about why he was “all in” crazy for Jesus.

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 1 Corinthians 1:18

How about us? How do we feel about our relationship with Jesus? How crazy are we when it comes to sharing Jesus? Has anyone accuse you of spreading spiritual madness? Has someone made a mockery of your “foolishness?” If you have been stiff-armed by someone who thinks you’re too eager to talk about Jesus, have you settled down and quietly pulled back, gotten “sane”, and kept your “religion” to yourself? Or are we insane enough to try and infect friend and foe with this madness of receiving God’s love? If we can get crazy about a ball game, a music artist, a business deal, or a romantic infatuation; what are these compared to knowing Jesus? Reality is this: everyone who isn’t “touched” with the insanity of surrender to Christ is perishing.

Today, Christians in other countries are viciously persecuted for their faith. The “sane” thing to do, you might think, is to keep their devotion to Jesus a secret and avoid abuse. But instead, they practice an insanity of openly sharing the gospel with their enemies so that they, too, might come to know Jesus. You see, the true madness in this world is to be caught up with anything or anybody that keeps us separated from God’s call to follow Jesus. The people and things that we “lionize” of this world mean nothing beyond the grave; the only thing that matters is our relationship with Jesus. The sane thing is, I’d rather be a living “mutt” in the eyes of this world, if I can proclaim what I have received: the love of Jesus and His purpose for us as Lord.

World Day of Prayer
Friday, March 7, 2014 12 Noon
Trinity Lutheran Detroit Lakes

The World Day of prayer Egypt committee invites us to search out streams in the desert, finding living water in our world.

Everyone is Welcome!
A light lunch will be served after the program.

Lund Lutheran Church Council minutes of Meeting held on February 8, 2014.

Present: Cindy Sauer, Myra Eastman, Lynda Hultin, Pastor Jim Osvoold, Russell and Carol Okeson, Sharon Westerholm, and Les and Donna Heimark.

Absent: Tom Alexander, Robin and Jennifer Turnwall.

Meeting called to order by Vice President, Russell Okeson.

Agenda was approved with several additions.

Devotions were given by Myra Eastman.

March meeting Devotions will be by Lynda Hultin and a sign up sheet for the next months of Devotions will be sent around.

Motion/Second, Sharon W./Myra E. to accept the minutes from the January 12, 2014 Church Council Meeting. Passed.

Motion/Second, Myra E./Donna H. to accept Treasurers report for January 31, 2014 as printed. Passed.

Pastors report was given and accepted.

Election of Officers for 2014 were done. Pres. Robin Turnwall, Vice Pres., Russell Okeson, Sec. Leslie Heimark, Treas., Sharon Westerholm, Financial Sec. Myra Eastman.

Motion/Sec., Carol O./Donna H. to accept above named persons to the respective offices. Passed.

Other Committee members were assigned to the following positions. Deacons, Carol O. and Lynda H., Trustees, Donna H. and Tom A., Education, Cindy S. and Jennifer T., Missions, Robin T.

Motion/Second, Sharon W/Myra E to accept the other Committee members as stated above. Passed.

The Invitation Committee will remain the same as 2013. Vince and Donna Root, Roger and Cleo Johnson, and Les and Donna Heimark.

Motion/Second Myra E/Donna H. to send \$425.00 to the LCMC at this time. Passed. Further compensation in September, 2014 when Mark Vandersteige will be here for the special program and a special mission program donation will be made at that time. Amount to be donated to the Becker County Food Pantry will be discussed at the March, 2014 meeting.

Motion/Second Sharon W/Myra E. to disperse of the old piano downstairs. Passed.

Myra Eastman has requested as the Financial Sec. that a slot for her monthly report be added to the monthly agenda as she will be providing a report each month.

Next Meeting will be March 13, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer,

Leslie Heimark, Council Secretary.



FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

By Myra Eastman for FEBRUARY

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Feb. 2nd \$1041.00

Feb. 9th \$ 775.00

Feb. 16th \$560.00

Feb. 23rd \$756.00

TOTAL: \$3132.00

SIMPLY GIVING OFFERINGS

TOTAL: \$920.00

TOTAL FOR BOTH OFFERINGS: \$4052.00

FELLOWSHIP DONATIONS AFTER CHURCH IS \$194.24 FOR THE MONTH

SOLD TWO COOKBOOKS: \$30.00

MONEY TO MEMORIAL FUND: \$20.00

MONEY FOR ENVELOPE FUND: \$20.00

GRAND TOTAL OF ALL IS \$4316.24 FOR THE MONTH



Hello there, Mousey here.

Do you thank God every day for all the blessings he gives us? Even when it is cold and miserable outside, God fills your heart with warmth, just knowing Him.

I am back to checking on the kids and big people for Sunday School. It's a real stretch because the big people meet in the Sanctuary and the kids are downstairs. The kids are having fun learning. Cindy is a great teacher and they learn all about Jesus. Sometime in March Cindy will have to start working every other Sunday. We need a person to fill in on those Sundays, or you can pick some Sundays. Cindy will have everything ready for the class, so it will be easy.

The big people are watching the video "Not a Fan". By Kyle Idleman. Are you a Fan or a Follower of Jesus? A Fan admires Jesus, but to Follow Jesus makes you look into yourself for what it means to call yourself a Christian. More people can come to this session, the church holds a lot of people, you will be glad that you did.

Did you notice that the addition room was painted? Jan Anderson, Karen Halver and Sharon Westerholm were busy filling holes and painting, and it looks really good. Did you know that Lorna Schons is in church early every Sunday morning setting up for coffee? Let her know how much she is appreciated. They are so many people that do things at Lund that nobody notices – light bulbs need to be changed, snow shoveled off the walk and many more things. We are so blessed to have our caring and sharing members.

God Bless each and every one of our members.

Mousey

Day light Savings time starts Sunday, March 9th SPRING AHEAD!!

Kids EVENTS

Attention Parents

Sunday School

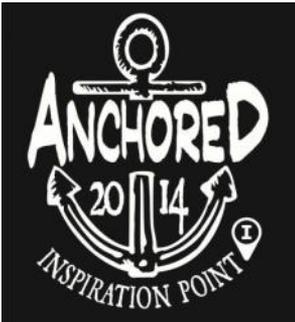
Sunday mornings 8:30am—9:30 am

Ages 3 years and up.

Learn about Jesus, have fun, play games.



The Sunday School class is learning the order of the books of the Bible and Bible stories.



Check out the bulletin board for information on Inspiration Point camping experiences this summer. Any questions talk to Pastor Jim 701-238-8172

YOUTH NEWS



Youth Nights (7-12th grades)

No Wednesday Youth Night during Lent. It will resume again on April 23rd.

You are encouraged to attend Lenten Services.



Thank you from Dennis & Nancy Bromley for all of your prayers for their sister in law Pat Bromley.

Thank you for the invitation to share the good news and recent happening of Compassion House at your worship Service. Your gifts and donations have been very much appreciated. We look for more opportunities to work together on our ministry.

In His Service

Lynnette Price, Director Compassion House

We thank you for continuing to fund the MAC-NAPS program. Currently the commodities program distribute over 200 boxes monthly to our senior population in need.

Mahube Otwa,

Lois Greening , Program Coordinator



Part-time Sunday School Teacher

We are in need of someone to teach Sunday School every other Sunday. Cindy's hours have changed and she works ever other Sunday, please let Cindy know if you can help out with this.

Did you know Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, March 5th?

We are in need of volunteers to make Lenten meals for Wednesday night Les & Donna Heimark have signed up for Ash Wednesday. Please let Cindy Sauer know at 844-5416 if you are willing to serve a meal.

Coordinator Needed

A coordinator and volunteers are needed to organize the Easter Breakfast on Sunday, April 20th. You can let Pam know at 847-9662 if you are willing to do this.



Lund Women's Bible Study
Tuesday, March 11th
2:00 pm at Lund
Karen Lundberg is hostess
All women are welcome to attend!

Thank you to Karen Halver, Sharon Westerholm, and Jan Anderson for painting the over flow room. It looks very nice and refreshing.



Lakes Area Uganda Mission Benefit Concert

You can make a difference
Sunday March 2, 2014
2:00 pm @ Zion Lutheran Church
1100 Lake Avenue
Detroit Lakes

FREE Will Offering

Artists performing include:
Lee Brenna, Deb Bruns, Linda Grefsrud, Randy Nubson,
Madison Korf, Randy Skow-Anderson, Adam Albright
and Bob Kohler plus more

March Lectionary

Date	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
March 2	Exodus 24:8-18	Psalm: 2:6-12	1 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17_1-9
March 9	Genesis 3: 1-21	Psalm 32:1-7	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
March 16	Genesis 12:1-9	Psalm: 121	Romans 4:1-8,13-17	John 3:1-17
March 23	Exodus 17:1-7	Psalm 95:1-9	Romans 5:1-8	John 4:5-26
March 30	Isaiah 42:14-21	Psalm 142	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41



Lenten Services

Ash Wednesday, March 5th supper 6pm worship 7pm
 Wednesday nights during Lent suppers will
 be served at 6:00 pm
 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm No meal
 Good Friday service 7:00 pm Mo Meal
 Easter Sunday Worship 9:45 am

An Irish Prayer

May God give you...
 For every storm, a rainbow,
 For every tear, a smile,
 For every care, a promise,
 And a blessing in each trial.
 For every problem life sends
 A faithful friend to share,
 For every sigh, a sweet song,
 And an answer for each prayer.



Birthdays:

- March**
- 5. Karen Halver
 - 10. Jade Hedlund
 - 11. Kris Nelson
 - 17. Don Okeson
 - 19. Drake Halver
 - 21. Mike Warweg
 - 22. Lynda Hultin
 - 25. Judy Gildersleeve
 - 26. Nancy Bromley
Jay Richards
 - 27. Karen Lundberg
Andrew Leu



Anniversary's

- March 10.** Mark & Barb Beug



May God Bless you on your special day!



If you know of someone who is not on our birthday and Anniversary list and should be, please let Myra Eastman know (847-6706) or call Pam in the church office 847-9662.



Spring Ahead
Daylight Savings time begins
Sunday, March 9th
Turn your clocks ahead one hour
before you go to bed on
Saturday night.

March Worship Volunteers

Reader: Marcy Erickson

Ushers:

Greeters :

Communion Server: Myra Eastman

Sunday Coffee servers:

March 2: Tom & Karen Alexander

March 9: Roger & Karen Lundberg

March 16: Les & Donna Heimark

March 23: Jeramie & Kathy Jacobson

March 30: Joe & Sharon Westerholm



Lund and Area Happenings:

Sunday, March 2nd Lakes Area Uganda Mission Benefit Concert 2:00 pm
Zion Lutheran DL

Wed., March 4th Ash Wednesday, supper 6:00 pm worship service 7:00 pm

Friday, March 7th World Day of Prayer Noon Trinity Lutheran DL

Sunday, March 9th Daylight savings time begins, turn your clocks ahead

Tuesday, March 11th Women's Bible study 2:00 pm

Wednesday, March 12th Lenten supper 6:00 pm Worship Service 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 13th Council Meeting 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 19th Lenten Supper 6:00 pm Worship Service 7:00 pm

Friday, March 21st Newsletter articles due

Wednesday, March 26th Lenten Supper 6:00 pm Worship Service 7:00 pm