

## BIRTHDAYS

Randy Goodwin	March 3	Jeannine Steinke	March 17
Joe Forman	March 4	Alana Turner	March 18
Joe McGivney	March 4	Amy Beyer	March 19
Anessa Ohms	March 6	Jim Cox	March 19
Ron Schultz	March 6	Nyla Hickman	March 19
Corrine Stoewer	March 6	Lyla Saam	March 19
Carlan Koehn	March 7	Donna Goodwin	March 22
Jeremy Williams	March 8	Lisa Schoenhard	March 23
Mallory Hesselbacher	March 14	Isaac Morhardt	March 25
Nolan Williams	March 14	Annalee Anderson	March 26
Greg Jones	March 16		
Allen Stienke (80)	March 16		
Pat Ohms	March 17		

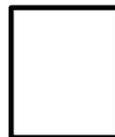
## ANNIVERSARIES

Art & Donna Goodwin	3/14
Rick & Jessica Roberts	3/15
Steve & Pam Ohms	3/25

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**Thank you!**

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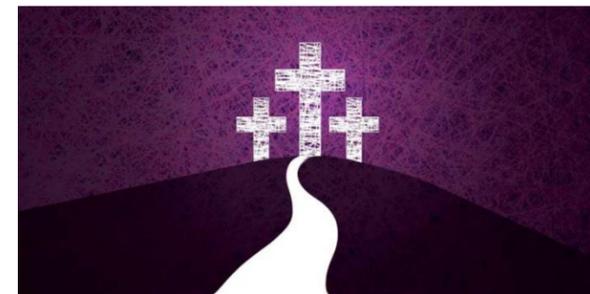
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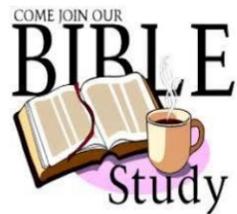
March, 2019

Greetings to all;

This year, many of us are longing for winter to be over and the beginning of spring to come. We are tired of the snow and ice, shoveling and digging out and the cold frigid temps. Lent helps us realize we are sinners and that Jesus died so our sins and the sins of all people will be forgiven. Just as we wait for Easter and a clean slate from sin, we also wait for winter to be over, spring, and the rebirth of the earth to begin again. Sunday, March 24, 2019 we will bless the seeds for our church garden, and pray for an abundant harvest for all.

This year, lent will be a bit later. Ash Wednesday falls on March 6<sup>th</sup> with the imposition of ashes at the 7:00 pm service. The weekly Wednesdays Lenten Services will begin on March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, we will be using the liturgy called "*Holden Evening Prayer*" as we did last year. The Worship Committee is hard at work putting together skits to get us thinking about our Lenten journey. For Christians these 40 days of Lent traditionally are a time of prayer, meditation, and spiritual renewal. The weekly Lenten services can help with spiritual renewal and help us accept that Christ forgives us our sins through his death and resurrections. Hope you can make it to all of the Lenten services.





**MEN'S COFFEE & BIBLE STUDY**

The Men's Coffee & Bible Study will be meeting the month of March at Shepherd of the Hills at 8:00 am on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. All men are welcome to attend.

**FAIR TRADE FOOD PRODUCTS FOR SALE:**

The Social Ministries Committee still has a few Fair Trade Food products available in the narthex. Equal Exchange works with small-scale famers around the world to improve the quality, yield and value of their crops so that they can earn more income to support their families and communities. Proceeds go towards sponsoring our missionaries the Swanson's in Tanzania.

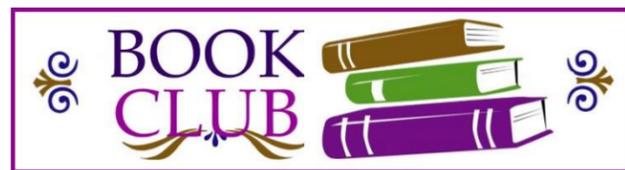
5 - Extra virgin olive oil, 500 ml bottle	\$12.50
2 - Breakfast Blend coffee, 12 oz. ground drip	\$ 6.00
2 - Decaf coffee, 12 oz. ground drip	\$ 7.50
5 - Green tea, 20 tea bags per box	\$ 3.00
1 - Dark hot cocoa mix, 12 oz. container	\$ 5.25
8 - Semi-sweet chocolate chips, 10 oz. bag	\$ 4.00
16 -Dark or 14 - milk chocolate bars, 3.5 oz.	\$ 2.50
Dark or milk chocolate mini pieces	3/\$1.00



**BOOK CLUB**

The book club extends an invitation to everyone (not just our church members) to join or just sit in the book club discussions. If you would like to be added to our group book club email, please contact Pam Ohms at [pamelaohms@gmail.com](mailto:pamelaohms@gmail.com) or 815.275.2345. All you need do is get a copy of the book from a local library, Amazon, or Abe's Used Books online. Below is our schedule.

- Feb. 26-Small Great Things - Picoult
- March 26-Becoming Michelle Obama-Obama
- April 23 - Birth of Venus - Dunant
- May 28 - The Summer Before the War - Simonson



**LENTEN SCHEDULE**

- Ash Wednesday -- March 6, 2019 @ 7 pm
- Weekly Lenten Service -- March 13, 2019 @ 7 pm
- Weekly Lenten Service -- March 20, 2019 @ 7 pm
- Weekly Lenten Service -- March 27, 2019 @ 7 pm
- Weekly Lenten Service -- April 3, 2019 @ 7 pm
- Weekly Lenten Service -- April 10, 2019 @ 7 pm
- Palm Sunday – April 14, 2019 @ 8 am & 10 am
- Maundy Thursday -- April 18, 2019 @ 7 pm
- Good Friday – April 19, 2019 @ 7 pm



**HEALING SERVICE**

*"When two of you get together on anything at all on earth and make a prayer of it, my Father in heaven goes into action." Matthew 18:20 MSG*

March 31st will be a healing service where anyone may come forward for a healing prayer & sign of the cross on your forehead. A prayer will be privately offered for you, or you may request a prayer for another person or a specific situation. Whether the need is for physical healing, emotional healing, or healing of relationships...come forward & turn it over to God. If you're anxious over a decision, please ask for a prayer for guidance & peace. People going through a time of transition with many unknowns may receive a prayer.

Your requests will be kept in strictest confidence. You may also be as general as you want in your prayer request & know that God will be aware of the specifics of your situation. We all need healing from time-to-time on life's journey. God commands us to be a community of believers, to pray for one another, & to share one another's burdens.

The 2 prayer stations will be in the Gathering Center. As you wait your turn, please stay back a distance to allow privacy. Let's work together to put "God in action!" Thank you!



**MISSION GIVING**

There is a great deal of different mission categories to donate too. Many of us have a passion to give to World Hunger, LWR (Lutheran World Relief) or maybe to one of our local food pantries. This is great but there are many more. Here is a list of a few: General Mission (Synod), LDR (Lutheran Disaster Relief, Missionary, Mop Shop,

Wartburg Seminary, LOMC (Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Center), LSSI (Lutheran Social Services of Illinois), etc. and the ELCA Good Gifts. Pick up one of the ELCA Good Gifts catalogs on the table in the entry - under the window. This catalog is full of gifts that you can donate to through the ELCA. These gifts grow the church, fight hunger and transform lives in a way that we can't imagine. Thank you for all you give.

