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Worship Schedule for March

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 4 Lent 2 HC "The Way of the Cross" Mark 8:34
Psalm 22:23-31; Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Romans 5:1-11; Mark 8:27-38

March 11 Lent 3 "John's Club Sandwich" John 2:13-22
Psalm 19; Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 2:13-22 (23-25)

March 18 Lent 4 HC "The Defining Moment of God's Love" John 3:16-17
Psalm 107:109; Numbers 21:4-9; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

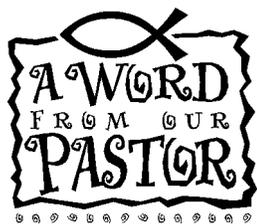
March 25 Lent 5 Lutheran Heritage Sunday - Rev. Al Luehmann, preaching
"Chosen To Proclaim" 1 Peter 2:9-10
Psalm 119:9-16; Jeremiah 31:31-34; 1 Peter 2:2-10; Mark 10: (32-34) 34-45



Lutheran Heritage Sunday at Gloria Dei!

On March 25th Rev. Al Luehmann of the Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) will be our guest speaker. LHF was organized on Nov. 10, 1992 by Rev. Dr. Robert Rahn and is directed by a 15-member Board made up of pastors, teachers and lay people of the LCMS. LHF engages more than 300 individuals around the world who serve as translators, reviewers, editors, general

linguists and theological specialists in order to provide the most accurate translations possible. LHF has published over 2 million Lutheran books, which are distributed freely to missionaries, churches and individuals. Be sure to join us to hear Pastor Luehmann speak about the mission of the Lutheran Heritage Foundation.



What shall we do then?

By the time you read this article you may be aware of the fact that Ash Wednesday is past and the Lenten journey has already begun. The 40 days of Lent are slowly ticking by. The remorse over sin brought on by stark message of repentance may even be taking a back seat in your life as you journey ever closer to the warmth and business of Spring cleaning and the thoughts of Spring break and summer vacations or gardening. You may have also relinquished the Lenten commitment to change (give up or add) something to your life during Lent that you so wanted to do this year. But this is nothing new to most of us, that happened in January already with our New Year's resolutions going up in smoke. If I have aroused your conscience to at least consider the question of "where is your desire and commitment to have a living and filled relationship with Jesus?" and you find yourself wanting, then maybe you have reached the same point as the multitudes did after they listened to John the Baptist. They faced their failure and asked, "What shall we do then?"

The setting is what we find in the Gospel of Luke where he records in the 3rd chapter that in the 15th year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar John the Baptist came from the wilderness and preached the gospel of repentance in the regions of the Jordan and baptized the multitude. He warned them who came in great number that mere symbolic washing would not wash away their sins, unless they bear the fruits of repentance. People in turn asked him: "What shall we do then?" (Luke 3:10)

This confrontation with their failure to follow God's intent for their lives was contagious. Two more groups of people repeated the same question to the Baptist. "Then the Tax collectors also came to the Baptist and said to him, Teacher what shall we do?" (Luke 3:12). And then "Likewise the soldiers asked him saying, . "And what shall we do?" (Luke 3:14) During the period of apostles, two more groups asked the same question to St Peter and St. Paul. "Now when they heard this, they were cut to the hearts, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, . "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" (Acts. 2:37) later "And he called for a light, ran in and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. And he brought them out and said, Sirs what must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16: 29, 30)

All these are the outcry of the disturbed minds, fearing souls, broken and contrite hearts with sense of guilt and sin that was heard two thousand years ago. But now this kind of cry is seldom heard. Devotions and sermons are in abundance, exhortations are close to the ears, conventions are competitive, and pulpits are live with theology; yet the cry of the broken heart is not to be heard today. The concept of sin consciousness is overtaken by superfluous spirituality and confession has become a ritual formality.

When Jesus said, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first?" (John 8:7), one by one all dispersed. But if the command is repeated today, all will take the stone to throw. Not because all are sinless and not associated with that woman and her sin, but, all want to show their wives, their children, their parents and their community that they are sinless, hiding their sins.

When Nathan pointed to David, "You are the man?", David repented and said, "I have sinned against the Lord?" (II Sam.12:7,13) and created the heart tearing Psalm 51 of repentance for all the generation to come; but the generation that recites it today is doing only a lips exercise, void of actual repentance. Oh, how I pray that the call "What then shall we do?" could be heard across our country and even hear in our pews.

When Cain stood before the Lord after killing his brother Abel, he said, "My punishment is greater than I can bear" (Gen.3: 12) and thus became the first repentant of the Bible characters. God set the mark of salvation on him and set him free of any vengeance. But today, having received the seal of salvation by Holy Baptism, many live in sin, without repentance and consciousness of sin. This grieves the Holy Spirit of the Lord even though we have been told "Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption?" (Eph. 4:30)

For that process of making His bride fit in character, takes place throughout the entire time from the time of the regeneration work of the Holy Spirit to the time of the great wedding feast, it is one constant working of purification, one constant work of making us fit in character. It is a constant coming to the knowledge of the blessed image of Christ. Therefore, beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, let us submit ourselves to God for the Holy Spirit to strengthen us to ask in spirit, "What shall we do then?"

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

WCCO 830 AM Radio

Heard each Sunday morning at 6:05 a.m.

Hosted by Rev. Greg Seltz (unless noted)

March 4 "Faith Sees Through Suffering"

Jesus suffered on the cross for us. In His strength, we are willing to suffer and bear the cross for others. Mark 8:27-35

March 11 "Called By God To Boast In Him"

Learn how to boast, not about ourselves, but of our God Who loves us and the world in which we live. 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

March 18 John 3:1-16

"Good News for Religious People Too?"

The Bible speaks about grace for sinners, but even the so-called "good people" need God's grace and mercy, too.

March 25 "He Knew" Mark 10:32-34

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour:

Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Time of Grace

Sundays

KMSP Fox 9 6:30 am

Channel 23, Cable 8 9 am

www.timeofgrace.org

Straight talk about God's Word and real hope for this life. A strong gospel message delivered in an informal Bible study style.

Pastor Mark Jeske

St. Marcus Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, WI

Official Acts

Funerals

Irvin Schneider January 6, 2012

Sue Gresens Johnson January 26, 2012

Amos Restore the Roar!

This year's Lenten theme is called *"Amos: Restore the Roar!"* The sermons and some of the elements of our worship services will be adapted from material prepared by Dr. Reed Lessing of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and author of a recent commentary on the book of the prophet Amos (published by Concordia Publishing House). On Sundays, the Adult Bible Class will study the Book of Amos in conjunction with our Wed. night worship.

Why "Restore the Roar?" Amos 3:8 says, *"The lion has roared; who will not fear? The Lord GOD has spoken; who can but prophesy?"* The temptation is to put our hands over our ears to drown out Lion Yahweh's roar. The world, the devil, and our old Adam continue to urge us to clip the claws on the Lion and clean up His bloody Passion we are called to follow. This Lenten sermon series dares to let the Lion out of His cage to roam, roar, redeem, and restore. This Lenten theme will enable us to dig deeply into this minor prophet who has a major message for the church. So plan to come and learn again that the Lion of the Tribe of Judah has triumphed!

March 7 Midweek 2 (5:18-20)

"This is the Night the Lord has Made!"

March 14 Midweek 3 (6:1-7)

"Grieving for Joseph"

March 21 Midweek 4 (7:1-6)

"Locusts Here, Locusts There

Locusts Are Everywhere!"

March 28 Midweek 5 *"Lion Alert!"* (7:10-17)

April 5 Maundy Thurs

"The Taste Test" (8:11-14)

April 6 Good Friday *"Buried!"* (9:1-6)

April 8 Easter *"Come to the Feast!"* (9:11-15)

GLORIA DEI NEWS

Our **MEALS ON WHEELS** date for March is **Thursday, the 8th**. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please call Shelly Lausche at 651-631-9040 for all the information!

KOA/50+ Thursday, March 15th at 12 noon!
Theme: "A Trip to Ireland"

Pastor Gade has put together pictures from his sister's trip to Ireland. We will also have Corned Beef lunch at a cost of \$5. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Please sign up by March 11th. Lorraine Niemela will provide dessert. Anyone 50 and over is invited!

EPIC continues to collect cans for missions. However, our Gillard missionary family is no longer in Uganda. Below is an email message from them:

After 3+ years in Uganda we are now back in the USA. Our lives are richer for having met some very fine people in East Africa and we carry those memories with us. We thank God for the kindness he has shown us by blessing us with prayer and financial partners like you. It was no longer possible nor desirable for us to secure our work permits through the LCMU. We are on a six-month furlough in the states but will continue to serve South Sudan during the next six months as well as scheduling some speaking engagements. Thank you to so many of you who have communicated your love and concern as we grieve the loss of this part of our life. We've been through a lot but we are going to miss so many dear Ugandans, and so many aspects of Ugandan society.

*May the Triune God bless you always,
Jake, Michelle, Amelia, and Evangeline*

Our Fellowship Sunday this month is March 11th. The Board of Elders with help from Renata will be hosting.

Attention Thrivent members!!

Thrivent Choice "Choice Dollars" is a program to give Thrivent funds to organizations, including Gloria Dei. There is money set aside for each Thrivent insurance customer. It is strictly Thrivent dollars and has no effect on the insurance holders finances or their tax itemized deductions. The money is given when a Thrivent member (including non-members of Gloria Dei), calls 1-800-847-4836 asks for "Thrivent Choice" dials 0 to get a customer service person, asks to give their "Choice Dollars" to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church at 3014 NE McKinley. The money is direct-deposited from Thrivent to Gloria Dei's bank account. The money is available each quarter and not available after the quarter ends. **If you are a Thrivent Member and you have not talked with them about this program please give them a call. Or call Karmon Christopherson at 612-789-0003.**

MARCH IS MINNESOTA FOOD SHARE MONTH---

PLEASE REMEMBER FOOD FOR THE SALVATION ARMY

We have been delivering foods from our grocery cart monthly, but due to the economy there is big need to continue this effort. Things that are needed are canned fruits, soups and vegetables, canned beans, spaghetti sauce and noodles, macaroni and cheese, crackers, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, etc. Please remember those less fortunate. If you would rather, you could send a monetary donation to them. Thank you!

SPRING CLEANING

Our kitchen and our tables and chairs need their yearly cleaning. Tuesday, March 20th at 9:00 a.m. is the day for both men and women to put on your scrubbing clothes and help with the project. The more hands, the faster the project will go. Please bring your own rubber gloves, rags and buckets; we'll purchase the cleaning supplies. We'll keep a coffee pot on. Let's make it a party!!

WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!!

CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS

As of January 31, 2012

January Total Income	\$11,542.16
January Total Expenses	<u>-\$13,779.04</u>
Net Income	-\$2,236.88

A detailed report is available if you call the office

The Master Greeter

Actions That Build a Friendlier Church

Tell people you appreciate them. Compliment often. People like compliments. It makes them feel good about themselves. It makes them feel good about you. Tell them one sincere thing you like about them. Avoid compliments that are superficial or just external. Try to say something about their character. For example: "You are always so friendly," "I appreciate your faithfulness," "I like talking to you," "You are such a good listener." People remember compliments. It helps them to see themselves as others see them. It reassures them of their value. It makes them want to be in your company again. When people compliment me, I compliment them back by saying, "You're wonderful!" The compliment benefits both of us. It makes both of us feel good.

Lutheran Marriage Encounter

Don't forget about the upcoming Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekend, March 19-21 in Brooklyn Center. For more info visit www.godlovesmarriage.org.

29th Annual Junior High Youth Gathering

(6th to 8th grade)

April 20-21 at CSP

"iDentity"

Cost: \$46 per participant

Questions? Contact Dr. Jeffrey Burkart

jburkart@csp.edu or 651-641-8426

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Gloria Dei's 2012 SPRING FLING will be held Saturday April 28 at 7:00 PM. Mary Hall will be back to entertain us again this year. Mary is an accomplished guitarist with an extraordinary voice range. Mary skillfully combines hymns, traditional and contemporary Christian music and blends it with speaking a Christ-centered message from the heart. Her program this year is titled "A Sentimental Journey". It is filled with memorable songs and notable facts of the past. The program and dessert is \$6.50 for adults; \$3.00 children 10 and under; advance sales only.

We Care So We Share

Dear Church Family,

March 2012

Why do all your sermon fingers seem to point at me? Often times I have wanted to ask our pastor that question. Recently, I have even changed where I sit on Sunday mornings, believing I would be out of the line of fire. It has not worked so the question has had to be changed to “why not me?” You may remember a week or two ago we were reminded how we are likely to pray for our own safety and our own well-being, as well as that of those near and dear to us, but how much time did we give to remembering in prayer the concerns of those who probably were not on our very personal “hit parades”? That one was a “why not me?”

Noting Verlayne, with assorted bumps and bruises, and learning that she too, had become one of the Gloria Dei tumblers, along with Don; Dorothy; Pat; Lois; two bad backed elders and probably others, Verlayne was told that I didn't know and had not prayed for her. Should it not be the daily concern for each of us to remember our church family, by name if we can, God will know what their needs are. Why not me?

Bill & Dorothy could not be snowbirds this winter, but traveled many miles to be with loved ones in their time of need. They report their daughter has promising health reports. We remember Harvey, as he mourns the earthly loss of daughter Susan. Each Sunday we have altar prayers for our people. We are to continue those in our home prayers. Why not me?

Do we judge people for whatever reason, overlooking in that position and how blessed we are that He is a loving, forgiving God? How often do I need to remember “why not me?”

How often we have wondered what keeps people away from Bible classes. Are they remembering the days of yore when you memorized, faced a congregation for questioning the Sunday before Confirmation? Are we prioritizing so that restaurants, ball games, and other commitments take priority? Or with many of us, where are we on Wednesdays, your reporter included, who finds herself and her husband in a weight and strength training program during that hour. Should that not work and we find ourselves with fractures, will we pray to God for healing, or will we say “bring on those four pounders? Why not me?”

Do we make a point of seeking out visitors and welcoming them on Sunday mornings, or do we just think the ushers and greeters will do that? Why not me?

How many times are there things we could do to lighten the loads of those already doing much? Just do often, whatever you can, whenever you can. Years ago Pearl's daughter heard Pearl mentioning that the pew pencils needed sharpening. Granice told her mom “if you see it, why don't you do it?” On Monday morning, Pearl was busily sharpening pencils. Why not me?

A little gal at our campus says she doesn't give up things for Lent, but rather takes her “nice” pill for those six weeks to enable her to be nicer and do for others. Why not me?

To God be the glory!

Miss Informed!

March - Daily Bible Reading Plan

Read through the New Testament in 100 daily readings

This is a daily Bible reading plan that invites you to share in all the benefits of a regular, steady diet of God's Word. The arrangement of this full-text New Testament into 100 daily readings makes it easy for you to delve into these sacred words consistently. So if you are hungry for God, come, be fed!

20 minutes per day – Sundays used to catch up!

Starting February 1 ending May 26 (Pentecost Eve)

March Daily Reading

01	Luke 13-15
02	Luke 16-18
03	Luke 19-20
04	Sunday – no assigned readings – use to catch up or re-read selected sections
05	Luke 21-22
06	Luke 23-24
07	John 1-2
08	John 3-4
09	John 5-6
10	John 7-8
11	Sunday – no assigned readings – use to catch up or re-read selected sections
12	John 9-10
13	John 11-12
14	John 13-15
15	John 16-17
16	John 18-19
17	John 20-21
18	Sunday – no assigned readings – use to catch up or re-read selected sections
19	Acts 1-3
20	Acts 4-5
21	Acts 6-7
22	Acts 8-9
23	Acts 10-11
24	Acts 12-13
25	Sunday – no assigned readings – use to catch up or re-read selected sections
26	Acts 14-15
27	Acts 16-17
28	Acts 18-19
29	Acts 20-21
30	Acts 22-23
31	Acts 24-26

Special Occasions for Special People

Happy Birthday

- 2nd Victor Martinez, Madeline Heining
- 4th Brandon Martinez
- 8th Madison Fragozo
- 17th Mary Schneider
- 18th Shirley Holzinger
- 19th Malia Gade
- 21st Dale Raschke, Johanna Kenyon
- 28th Millie House
- 31st Eleanor Grunnes, Joshua Gade



Happy Anniversary

- 8th Michael & Lisa Gade
- 26th Rick & Vicki Tousignant

MARCH SERVANTS

- Elders: (4th) Ed Idarraga
- (7th) Karmon Christopherson
- (11th) Karmon Christopherson
- (14th) Ed Idarraga
- (18th) Karmon Christopherson
- (21st) Karmon Christopherson
- (25th) Ed Idarraga
- (28th) Ed Idarraga

FLOWERS

- (4th) OPEN
- (11th) OPEN
- (18th) OPEN
- (25th) OPEN

- Counters: (4th) Jean Brede/Tom Harris
- (11th) Al, Pam, Aaron & Kim Morelli
- (18th) Dale Raschke/Wade Billmeyer
- (25th) Don & Chris Hadrath

CANDLES

- (4th) OPEN
- (11th) OPEN
- (18th) Arlene Derksen, in honor of daughter, Shirley's birthday
- (25th) OPEN

Altar Care: OPEN

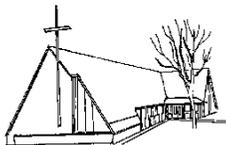
Ushers: To be determined

If you sign up for flowers or candles after the newsletter is published, be sure and let Jeannie know. We want to make sure that flowers are ordered and you are properly acknowledged in the bulletin notes.

Daylight Saving Time starts Sunday morning
 March 11th. Set your clocks forward one hour
 Saturday evening.

March 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
EPIC – Youth Group AIAnon – Families of alcoholics AA – Alcoholics Anonymous NA – Narcotics Anonymous TLWCC – Trinity Living Word of Christ TLMC – The Lord’s Church of Minnesota			 March 11	1	2 5 pm TLWCC Music Practice 8 pm AA <i>Pastor’s Day Off</i>	3 10 am TLWCC Worship 2 pm TLMC Music Practice 6 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
4 <i>Lent 2</i> 8:45 am Education Hour 10 am Worship w/ HC 11:15 am Adult BC 1 pm TLMC Worship 6 pm NA	5 8 pm AA/AIAnon	6	7 10 am Bible Class 6:30 pm Midweek Service 6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Class	8 <i>Meals on Wheels</i>	9 5 pm TLWCC Music Practice 8 pm AA <i>Pastor’s Day Off</i>	10 10 am TLWCC Worship 1:30 pm Stewardship 2 pm TLMC Music Practice 6 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
11 <i>Lent 3</i> 8:45 am Education Hour 10 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship 1 pm TLMC Worship 6 pm NA <i>Daylight Saving Time begins</i> <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	12 8 pm AA/AIAnon	13 7 pm All Boards	14 10 am Bible Class 6:30 pm Midweek Service 6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Class	15 12 noon KOA/50+ “A Trip to Ireland”	16 5 pm TLWCC Music Practice 8 pm AA <i>Pastor’s Day Off</i>	17 10 am TLWCC Worship 2 pm TLMC Music Practice 6 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
18 <i>Lent 4</i> 8:45 am Education Hour 10 am Worship w/ HC 11:15 am Adult BC 1 pm TLMC Worship 6 pm NA	19 8 pm AA/AIAnon	20 9 am Kitchen Cleaning 7 pm Church Council	21 10 am Bible Class 6:30 pm Midweek Service 6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Class	22	23 5 pm TLWCC Music Practice 8 pm AA <i>Pastor’s Day Off</i>	24 10 am TLWCC Worship 2 pm TLMC Music Practice 6 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
25 <i>Lent 5</i> 8:45 am Education Hour 10 am Worship 11:15 am Adult BC 1 pm TLMC Worship 6 pm NA <i>Lutheran Heritage Sunday</i>	26 8 pm AA/AIAnon	27 8:30 am – 1 pm Pastor’s Conf.	28 10 am Bible Class 6:30 pm Midweek Service 6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Class	29	30 5 pm TLWCC Music Practice 8 pm AA <i>Pastor’s Day Off</i>	31 10 am TLWCC Worship 2 pm TLMC Music Practice 6 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship



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Education Hour 8:45 AM
Adult Bible Class 11:15 AM



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“AMOS – RESTORE THE ROAR”
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Midweek Services 6:30 pm
You are invited – Bring a friend