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Calendar for the Week of March 15, 2020

Sunday, March 15, 2020

The Visitor Articles Due

- 8:30a - Worship
- 9:00a - Fresh Bread Available
- 9:15a - Faith Formation for Children
- 9:30a - Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30a - Sunday Forum
- 10:30a - Worship
- 11:45a - Grades 3-6 Rehearsing Songs for Palm Sunday and Easter
- 11:45a - Lenten Bible Study
- 12:00p - Confirmation Mini Retreat
- 4:00p - Camp Amnicon Packs and Paddles at Central Lutheran
- 7:00p - SA Support Group

Monday, March 16, 2020

- 9:00a - Quilters
- 6:30p - Joy Project Meeting

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

- 11:30a - Staff Meeting
- 4:00p - Sanctuary Coalition Meeting
- 6:30p - Vision & Governance Board

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

- 9:00a - PEASE PONG (Professional Outreach and Networking)
- 12:00p - Lenten Worship

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

- 12:30p - Soup and Bread
- 3:00p - Laura P. Music Lessons
- 6:00p - Children's Ministry Team Meeting
- 7:00p - Lenten Worship
- 7:45p - Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00p - LCM: pause, at Grace

Thursday, March 19, 2020

- 9:00a - Trinity Quilters
- 6:00p - Basketball Pick-up Game
- 6:30p - Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, March 20, 2020

- 1:00p - Centering Prayer

Saturday, March 21, 2020

- 10:00a - Daughters of Norway

Sunday, March 22, 2020

- 8:30a - Worship
- 9:15a - Faith Formation for Children
- 9:30a - Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30a - Sunday Forum
- 10:30a - Worship
- 11:45a - Grades 3-6 Rehearsing Songs for Palm Sunday and Easter
- 11:45a - Lenten Bible Study
- 12:00p - Community Directory Photos
- 7:00p - SA Support Group

Announcements

Worship and Music

We warmly welcome all—and especially those who are new.

As you read these announcements, know you are welcome to join in all activities. Pastor Jen, Pastor Barbara and congregational leaders and staff would love to talk with you. Sermons are posted on our website.

Coming Up...

- ❖ **Wednesday, March 18:** Lenten Services at noon (with soup following) and 7pm.
- ❖ **Sunday, March 22:** 4th Sunday of Lent. LCM Sunday. ULCHers lead our music.
- ❖ **Wednesday, March 25:** Lenten Services at noon (with soup following) and 7pm.
- ❖ **Sunday, March 29:**

Calling all 3rd -6th graders! Join us in the Chapel after worship until 12:05 to learn music for Palm Sunday and Easter. Questions? Talk to Zach (zachb@ulch.org).

Centering Prayer Fridays at 1pm: A practice to ground you in the midst of busy times: Friday afternoon, 1pm, Chapel.

Worship Survey-please participate. Worship is an important part of our life together as Christians in the ELCA. The words we speak and images we use shape our faith, our imaginations, and our communities. Along with other local congregations and worshipping communities, we received a grant from the synod to explore expansive language for God. As we develop a new worship service, we invite your participation in this anonymous survey. Please help us by spending two minutes answering four questions!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XXYHZPT> Thank you!

-Pastor Jen, Zach, and colleagues

Lent 2020—"Dust and Beauty" Our theme this Lenten season is Dust and Beauty. We are embracing our brokenness and looking for how God restores us and our world in beauty. Please see the schedule above for details of our noon and 7pm Lenten services, and set aside this sacred time. A soup lunch follows the noon service.

Prayer Ministry

We include in our prayers...

- ❖ Our homebound members and those recovering from illness or surgery.
- ❖ Healing for all who seek physical and mental health, and those who struggle with chemical dependency and other addictions.
- ❖ Comfort and peace for all who grieve the loss of loved ones..
- ❖ Blessings to Ann and John Beane as they welcome a new grandchild Maeve, child of Tyler and Mairead Beane Kelly.
- ❖ Wisdom, health, and healing as COVID-19 evolves.
- ❖ Wisdom for the university community and Lutheran Campus Ministry, and PEASE Academy. Perseverance and hope for faculty and all adjusting to new ways of teaching and learning.
- ❖ Creation, and the bold and strategic work of caring for it.
- ❖ Hope for immigrant communities; for those in sanctuary, those detained in prison, migrants and asylum seekers; and for our leaders.
- ❖ Our ministry partners in Jos, Nigeria: St. Peter's Lutheran Church and Pastor Naphtali Randaviba, the Dogon Dutse Guest House and Pastor Amson Hamman, and the young women in Nigeria who still await release, including Lydia.
- ❖ For those who are serving globally in any capacity.

- ❖ For those in the military who train and serve in harm's way and for military families and the struggles and anxiety they face.

Faith Formation

Children's Faith Formation Sunday – Art Day. Children Grades PreK-4th will gather in Room 103 for Art Day. We'll explore the art that populates the walls in our church, and then create some of our own! Grades 5-6 will meet in Room 101 for Bible Study. Questions? Contact Nick Tangen at nickt@ulch.org.

Shared Summer Day Camp! Along with more than a dozen local congregations, again this year our children, youth, and adults have a chance to participate in day camp June 15-19, 9am to 4pm. The theme is Water Is Life. Registration forms are available at <http://www.ulch.org/summer-camp-at-ulch>. Talk with Pastor Jen to learn more.

Sunday Forums, 9:30am-10:20am in Heritage Hall:

March 15 – Planning our Funerals: One day each of us will die. Join Pastors Barbara and Jen in discussion and reflection about funeral planning and this final celebration of our baptismal journey. Consider the hopes, values and desires that you may share with your loved ones. Hear how our pastors talk with people in advance of death and how they work with families in preparation for a service.

March 22 – Lutheran Campus Ministry, Young Adulthood, and the Future of the Church: Studies reveal that fewer young people are attending church. Yet, they fail to account for the deep faithfulness of the students who are actively engaged with a faith community, the ways they are reaching out across boundaries, the counter-cultural nature of their practice, and the ways they are, and will continue, to shape the church and world into the future. Hope is a partner in the Lutheran Campus Ministry presence at the U of M. Representatives of the ministry will speak with us at the Forum. One of the students will preach during worship.

Lenten Bible Study: The Passions of Christ—During the Sundays in Lent, we will study the New Testament accounts of Jesus' last days. The "Passion" events of his arrest, trial, suffering, final words, and death are recorded in distinct detail by the four Gospels. Together they form the basis of our Christian faith. Join us after Sunday worship (11:45am) in the Library for thoughtful reading and reflection.

Relational Ministries

Hope Diamonds Senior Group scheduled for Wednesday, March 18th has been cancelled due to risk of viral infection.

Easter Breakfast Help Needed: With our ever changing demographics, we are rethinking how we prepare and serve Easter breakfast (April 12, this year). Could you help? Talk with Pastor Jen or Nick Tangen. Thanks.

Youth

Thanks to all who supported last Sunday's Fellowship Meal raising funds for kids going to Camp Amnicon and other youth programming. Though threat of virus, a gorgeous Sunday, and the time change all conspired, we still raised \$507. Thank you! Still want to give? It's not too late. Give to ULCH, memo: Amnicon/Youth Fundraiser.

Plan for it--July 26-31 Camp Amnicon trip for those 11 years old and up. Talk with Pastor Jen or Nick.

Lutheran Campus Ministry

Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM) is a student ministry of the ELCA in partnership with University Lutheran Church of Hope and Grace University Lutheran Church. Check out the website (www.umnlutheran.org) to learn more about student worship at 9pm on Wednesday, and 11:30-1:30 Tuesday

Soup (both at Grace and resuming after spring break on March 17). If you're interested in learning more, contact Pastor Kate at pastorkate@umnlutheran.org or schedule time during her office hours at Starbucks (on Wednesdays from 1-4pm, or propose another time). Here's Pr. Kate's calendar: (<https://calendly.com/pastorkate17>).

Hope in the World

March is Minnesota Food Share Month We can help! Bring food pantry items or hygiene supplies to drop off in our grocery cart and/or give a financial donation to help our local food shelf make purchases. Note that financial donations purchase much more food for food shelves than we can buy with the same money. *Items suggested: Cooking oils, sugar and flour, toilet paper, hygiene products (deodorant, toothbrushes and paste), canned chicken, tuna and chili. Nearly one in ten Minnesotans experience food insecurity (USDA), 13.8% of children in Minnesota are food insecure (Feeding America). Make checks to ULCH memo: food shelf.

Stories Unite Us April 30th 7-9pm Loring Bar and Restaurant: ULCH's Riverside Innovation Hub team is organizing a storytelling event in collaboration with the Greater Dinkytown Initiative. We are seeking storytellers, artists, and musicians who can speak to a story of healing related to mental health. Do you have a story to share? Are you interested in helping us coordinate this event? Contact Nick Tangen at nickt@ulch.org.

Leadership

Pastor on Call:

Pastor Jen Nagel (Cell) (612) 227-9673

Communication about COVID-19. On Wednesday evening we sent an email to the Hope community about COVID-19. If you haven't, please read this. Copies are available at the Welcome Center, on our website, and on Facebook. Be alert that if we need to change schedules, cancel church, or further adjust, we will communicate via email, Facebook, www.ulch.org, phone and voice mail.

Waiting to get your photo taken for the Community Photo Directory? It's time!

Photo opportunities. Kristin is available for photos after 10:30am worship on March 22 and 29 and into April in our "photo studio" in the Goat Room (near the Library)! https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1k5fscyG9f65cOBODpwX2edpl_9kU5HxhmSUAn5n9Sc/edit?usp=sharing Sign up or pop in, and get 'em taken!

Paperwork. Take time to confirm your information in the church records. Volunteers will have this paperwork.

Questions? Talk with Susan Carlson at (612) 202-7237 or booksandmovies.sc@gmail.com or Paige Whitney.

Staffing Transitions: Our beloved Business Manager, Gayle Bidne, is preparing for retirement in mid-April (mark your calendar for a meal honoring Gayle on May 3). We've redesigned this position. Over the coming weeks we'll welcome to our staff Financial Administrator Kari Olson (16 hours a week, began March 12) and Church Administrator Nathan Obrestad (30 hours a week, beginning March 23). In these days of transition your prayers are welcome.

From Cyndi Ganzkow-Wold: I write to thank you for your prayers. My ankle replacement went very well, I continue to rehab and hope to be dancing soon!