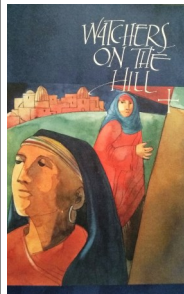


Lent & Holy Week Services



WATCHERS ON THE HILL

The hill called Golgotha was not empty that Friday. Besides the crosses and those dying upon them, there were witnesses—watchers on that ancient hill. This series of special services for Lent attempts to overhear the conversations between those first-century characters—some historical, some fictitious—as they witnessed the death of our Lord. With the cross as the focal point and the final words of Jesus as the common thread, each drama works to draw us into the reality and significance of our Savior’s death, celebrating, at last, the miracle of our salvation.

MIDWEEK LENT 2016!

Wednesday March 2 & 9

(On March 16th we have PASSOVER at Campus Lutheran!)

MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICES (6:15 p.m.) will be followed with a potluck soup, sandwich and dessert in the basement (starting about 7 p.m.)

MAUNDY THURSDAY , March 24th, 2016

Worship at 7 p.m.



We gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus’ death and resurrection. At the heart of the Maundy Thursday liturgy is Jesus’ commandment to love one another. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, we are called to follow his example as we humbly care for one another, especially the poor and the unloved.

At the Lord’s table we remember Jesus’ sacrifice of his life, even as we are called to offer ourselves in love for the life of the world.

GOOD FRIDAY , March 25th, 2016

Worship: 7 p.m.

Our Good Friday service will take judgment to crucifixion to death allows us to Jesus. .

We traditionally use a modified “ giving sacrifice on the cross. The service is and silence. It is a preparation to understanding the full impact of the Resurrection message of Easter.



us on *The Stations of the Cross*. Following the *pathway from* participate in the journey of ‘taking the cross and following’

tenebrae” (service of darkness) – focusing on Jesus’ life-solemn (not sad!), and people are asked to leave in meditation

EASTER VIGIL SERVICE

Saturday, April 4th 6 p.m.

The Saturday evening service before Easter is a reflection on baptism, incorporating the great lessons of the Old Testament that remind us of God’s leading his people to new life through the waters, and our conjoining with Christ in the baptismal mystery (Romans 6).



EASTER DAY

March 27th, 2016

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:15 a.m. Breakfast

(freewill donation; the confirmation class is donating all proceeds to the Family of Christ land and building fund)

10:30 a.m. Children’s Easter Egg Hunt

11 a.m. Worship

BUILDING UPDATE #5

(Repeat from January : Stewardship Campaign in Progress)

Where are we at in the building process on the land at 15th and M? In this month’s update,

The council is focusing on the regular processes of the congregational life. We are **developing the budget and nomination committees for our January 2016 congregational meeting.** You can be a part of that discussion – contact Pr. John or Mike DeBoer.

We are setting *Sunday, April 17th 2016* as our date to have a **capital campaign.**

OUR goal would potentially be raising *3 year giving commitments* totaling at least \$600,000. *If you would like to assist in this vital component, contact Mike DeBoer (308-230-3458)*

The church council approved working with *Stewardship Key Leaders*, associated as an ELCA resource for *capital campaigns*. They will work with us in February through April as we work on the campaign together. **Material for study came in from SKL for our 7 congregational leaders – who will start setting up the process in February.**

Our response in the capital campaign would give us wisdom (and confidence) to move on the next portions of the building. Our estimates are approaching \$2.5 million for finished building and land.

- The budget committee approached the council with concerns about our needs for 2016: we need to clarify our stewardship with the congregation on our financial needs — not just for building, but also for maintaining program. The council decided to discuss this with the congregation during the budget conversations (in January) AND to use our
- **Stewardship Campaign** as a time to increase all around stewardship growth in the congregation.

Your prayerful and generous support is appreciated. We will seek to give information *regularly* as to our progress, and hope we can address most questions: you can contact *Mike DeBoer* or *Pastor John*, or send an email to [familyofchrist-](mailto:familyofchrist@lutheran.org)

WORSHIP, BREAKFAST, AND ADVENTURE!

On March 5th-6th, Pastor Michael Meier, Capital Campaign Services consultant, will be with us as we develop our capital campaign. He will **preach** at all three services, and talk for several minutes about our adventure into the capital campaign – but we thought it would be great to have some longer time of conversation and fellowship ***between the services on March 6th (during the Sunday Discipleship time) at BREAKFAST.*** Let’s make it a potluck breakfast *casserole, fruit or rolls* – the church will handle the drinks and tableware! – and plan to meet at 9:45 in the basement!

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

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March 24, 2016



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Worship Iola Fougeron



- 3/1 Brett Bowers
- 3/5 Benton Luce
- 3/8 Sam Middleton
- 3/8 Brett Schaepler
- 3/8 Matt Wagner
- 3/10 Renita Fisher
- 3/10 Elycia Sperry
- 3/11 Allen Bartling
- 3/11 Trevor Klingelhofer
- 3/12 Michaela Fie
- 3/13 Mackenzie Krull
- 3/13 Ben Middleton
- 3/14 Gaynor Collison
- 3/15 Tanya Brill
- 3/16 Marcus Brill
- 3/17 Pam Pierce
- 3/17 Steve Reimers
- 3/18 Darrel Albers
- 3/19 Natalie Bendfelt
- 3/22 Betty Luce
- 3/22 Dora Martinez
- 3/23 Sydney Peterson
- 3/23 Alyvia Teel
- 3/30 Skyler Plambeck
- 3/31 Allison Grove
- 3/31 Elizabeth Laursen-Roesler
- 3/31 Hayden Moritz



- 3/1 Rick & Marilyn Kile
- 3/7 Clinton Brill & Sarah Hollander-Brill
- 3/13 Layne & Lyn Knoedler
- 3/22 Tony & Joyce Linner
- 3/25 Lawrence & Bernice Yates
- 3/26 Lynn & Sandy Tacha
- 3/27 Steve & Sharon Duennerman

MESSIAH CONCERT (59th presentation!)

A tradition since 1957, the Axtell Area Oratorio Society will present George Frideric Handel's Messiah on **March 20, 7:00 p.m. at the Merryman Performing Arts Center.**

This is the 54th year the Axtell Oratorio Society has performed the Messiah, and it will once again be directed by J. Rodney Wendell, who has conducted the chorus and orchestra since 1953.

The concert features a twenty piece chamber orchestra and a seventy member chorus.

A reception will follow the Sunday evening concert.

The Messiah is an English oratorio composed by George Frideric Handel and is one of the most popular works in western choral literature. Messiah presents an interpretation of the Christian view of the Messiah, or "the anointed one" as Jesus the Christ.

Advance tickets are Adults, \$10; K-12 \$5. Tickets will be available at the door for \$12. Tickets can be purchased in Kearney at Solid Rock, or contact Pr John or Judy Gosswein.

26th annual PASSOVER SUPPER

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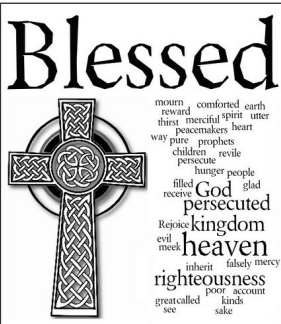
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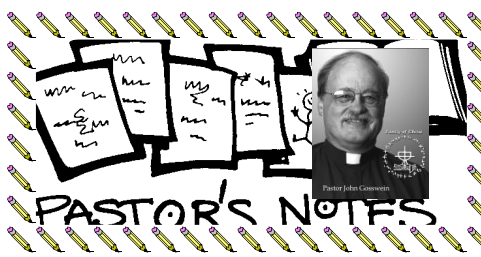
COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHES

Each Friday during Lent
At First Methodist Church 4500 Linden Drive
Lenten Luncheon



Lenten Lunches are held every Friday at noon during Lent. The lunches are sponsored by several congregations in Kearney and are open to everyone. The community is invited to the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church, 4500 Linden Drive. The cost for the lunch is \$5/person, with a portion of the proceeds being given to the Jubilee Center. This year's speakers are sharing how their faith journey has understood an aspect of Jesus' beatitudes with the cross.

Our Stewardship Adventure



Lent is a time of renewal, and I anticipate that our Family in Christ will be engaged in an exciting renewal during this March and April. We are blessed to be able to work with Capital Campaign services and Pastor Michael Meier as they help us discern our potential towards building. April 17th is when we are set a date for our collective response.

I want to thank our willing volunteers for the team: Bob Gra-benstein, Gary Straatmann, Jantha Jamison, Bryan Kuntz, Gary Buehner, Mike DeBoer and David Wiebe (along with Pr. John (and Barb Laursen as Ministries Coordinator) will be working with Pr. Meier to outline our conversations with the congregation (and friends). They will have prayerful and careful exploration of how we do our stewardship as a congregation. They will be sharing publications that nurture us in our stewardship, and will help us grow in our mission. They recognize that we **are not just talking about a building, but encouraging us in our mission and ministry as a congregation.**

As Family of Christ, you will be receiving information by mail, bulletin, worship, and fellowship that helps explain our discipleship in giving and stewardship. (And it is about *all* of us; while each of us may have different ways we can respond, *all* of us are participants in the Body of Christ). There will be deliberate times of prayer (vigils) as we consider our journey; there will be information shared in worship and classes.

And there will be a challenge. While the short term task will be to learn about raising capital towards a new facility, the true and long term goal is for us to have joy over what God has blessed us with for mission and ministry, and how we can be excited give towards that life in Christ.

It is an exciting time. And one that we can consider a joyous adventure in Christ.

Grace and peace!
Pastor John

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HOLE-IN-THE-ROOF GANG

It's a gaggle of guys gathering in the basement on 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 8 a.m. After the donuts and devotion, they would love to assist in some project at the home of somebody in need of a project completed... a single mom trying to get a room painted, widow with windows needing repair, a ramp for someone struggling to navigate stairs. Whatever it may be, if you know someone who could use some assistance (they don't need to be a member of the church!) – give a call to the church: 236-7704. We can assess if we can accomplish the task.



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Family of Christ Congregational Meeting.....January 31, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Mike DeBoer. 51 Voting Members present were: Tom Hedstrom, Cheryl Hedstrom, Randy Straatmann, Nancy Straatmann, Stephanie Straatmann, Gary Straatmann, Jantha Jamison, Matthew Jamison, Brandon Teel, Jenn Kotsschwar, Tim Kotschwar, Trudy Kotschwar, Rod Behrhorst, Jane Behrhorst, Lance Knoedler, Lorma Wiebe, David Wiebe, Lanny Johnson, Jane David, Kelly Hauff, Bryan Sall, Vicki Schaepler, Coleen Brill, Alison Nelson, Lynn Tacha, Sandy Tacha, Julia Gosswein, Phyllis Sawyer, Carol Dannels, Marchall Nelson, Peggy Nelson, Lois adamson, Linda Peterson, Joyce Albers, Iola Fougeron, Myron Fougeron, Dan Kossmann, Joni Weed, Joel Fie, Connie Fie, Judy Gosswein, Norma Rodihorst, Sue Sands Buss, Nancy DeBoer, Mike DeBoer, Deb Middleton, Betty Heggemeyer, Harold Laursen, Barb Laursen, Elizabeth Laurson Roeslar, Pastor John Gosswein. 6 Associate members present were: Bob Grabenstein, Cindy Grabenstein, Gary Buehner, Laura Buehner, Janet Boyd, Tom Boyd, and 4 guests.

The first order of business was to vote for the new members for the church council. There were three vacancies and three candidates. Connie Fie, John Marsh, and Lance Koedler were elected to the council. Lois Adamson and Gary Straatmann were elected delegates to the Synod Assembly. Three members of next year's nominating committee are David Wiebe, Tami Frye, and Elizabeth Laursen Roesler.

The next order of business was the 2016 church budget. Peggy Nelson explained that this budget was a more realistic look at what were the income and expenses of the congregation. There was discussion over the shortfall the budget showed and ways the congregation will be able to work with that. Pastor explained about the capital campaign and what the Stewardship Key Leaders will be doing to help us with that campaign and our congregational stewardship as a whole. The question was called and the budget was passed.

Barbara Laursen explained what all was in the meeting packet. The retiring council members were recognized. The President closed the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Hedstrom

Inclement Weather Policy

We all know how snow or ice can defeat the weatherman's predictions. If we must cancel worship services or activities because of a storm, we will post it on the weather postings (found for example on KGFV or NTV) as soon as possible. *We may not be able to change the church answering machine which lists the usual service times.*

Returned Service Requested

Worship Workers for March 2016

March							
March 5&6	Communion Prep	Communion Asst.	Worship Asst.	Lector	Acolyte	Counter	Greeters
Sat.6pm	Bryan Sall	Joyce Albers	Joyce Albers	Joyce Albers			
Sun.8:30am	Myron Fougeron	Jane David	Jane David	Vickie Schaepler			
Sun.11am	Lois Adamson	Lois Adamson	Layne Knoedler	Connie Fie		Lois Adamson	Lois Adamson
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March							
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March 26&27	Sign up sheet for all 3 services						

March 2016

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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9:00am Wed Weeders
5:00pm Confirmation
6:15 Lenten Worship
7:00pm Potluck/Youth
7:30pm Choir

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7:00pm Bible Study

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12:00pm Community
Lenten Services

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6:00pm Worship

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8:30am Worship
9:45am Sunday
Breakfast
11:00am Worship

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7:00pm Council Meeting

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Lenten Services

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8:00am Hole in Roof
9:00am Comforters
6:00pm Worship

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8:30am Worship
9:45am Sunday
Disciples
11:00am Worship

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7:00pm Women's Bible
Study

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9:00am Wed Weeders
6:30pm Passover
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7:00pm Bible Study

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Lenten Services

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Disciples
11:00am Worship

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9:00am Wed Weeders
12:00pm Book Bunch

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7:00pm Maundy
Thursday Worship

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12:00pm Community
Lenten Services
7:00pm Good Friday

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8:00am Hole in Roof
6:00pm Worship
Easter Vigil

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9:30am Breakfast
10:30am Easter Egg
Hunt
11:00am Worship

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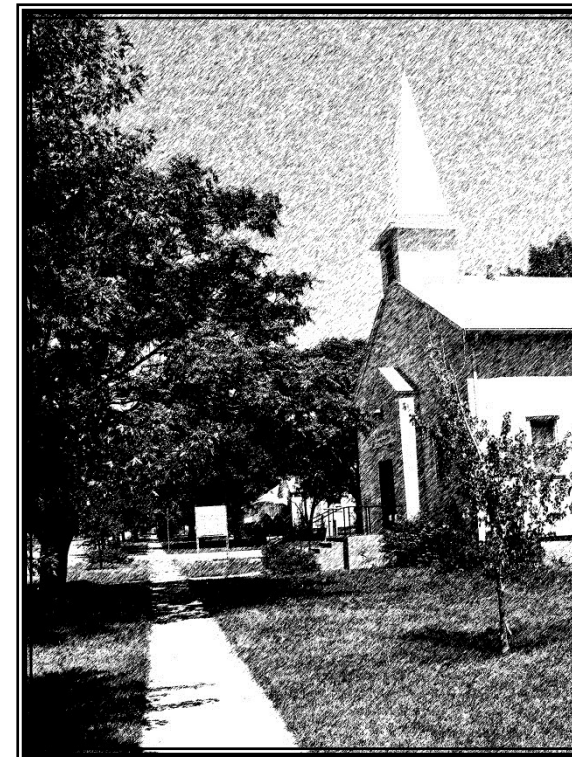
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7:00pm Bible Study



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Ministries Coordinator: Barb Laursen
(Mon,Wed,Fri 9:30am-12:30pm)

WORSHIP SERVICES:

Saturday: 6:00p.m. Evening Worship
(signed for the Hearing
Impaired)

Sunday: 8:30am Worship
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

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All in The Family

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