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In Scripture, this number often indicates a time of trial or testing, or simply marks significance. It rained 40 days and nights during the Flood. Israel wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. Jesus fasted for 40 days and was with the disciples for 40 days between his resurrection and ascension. The Christian church has long observed 40 days of Lent (not counting Sundays).

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Chapel News

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CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Soup & Prayers

Our mid-week Lenten program begins this month. Soup & Prayers is one of those unique experiences that combines fellowship, Lenten reflection, and super duper soups!

Lent — the season of waiting, a season of self reflection, a season of learning, a season where perhaps “less” extravagant food is really “more”. Our Soup & Prayers program wraps all these things up in a nice, neat little package. If you’ve not joined us before, then this is the year you should, and if you have come before, come back again!

Please note it’s in the Church Family Room

on the following Thursdays from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm:

**March 10 • March 17 • March 24
March 31 • April 7**

Come and prepare your heart and soul for Easter.

Pam Sakala



Please pray for these loved ones...

Kathleen Bhargava, Chris Brooks, Maggie Brower, The Chapman Family, Lois Cockrell, Ken Cutler, Ron DePue, Rich Dugan, the Faison Family, the Fernandez Family, Al Frielink, Krista Fuchs, Robyn Garfield, Mark Hallwell, Mary Carolyn Harrison, Diane and Fred Hess, Terry Klotz, Nadine Kohn, Dennis and Jennifer Kruk, Anna and Walter Kruk, Bill Kyritz, Rich Lindeberg, Renee Lomelino, Marie Lupinski, Irene Maury, Dorothy Mulroe, Emma Murphy, Lionel Ortega, The Reid Family, Karen Richardson, Mary Richter, Doris Robinson, Cathy and Roger Schramm, Evelyn Schramm, Yorg Schultheis, Sam Selvam, Carolyn Sidor, Michael Siekmann, Nancy Sweet, Dorothy Syme, Marge Tomaselli, Jaime Battaglia van Dam, Jennifer van Dam, Lenny van Dam, Jennifer Viehmeyer, June Ward, Irma Weishaupt, Louis Wernick, Robert Wiederschall, Paul Witte, Virginia Yearic and Claire Zimmerman

And those serving in the military...

Bryant Rodriguez Cyriax, Greg Flintall, Aidan Seals, Devin Vega and Rachel Zarnke

And those who can't always be with us...

Al and Barbara Frielink, Grete Potts and Irma Weishaupt

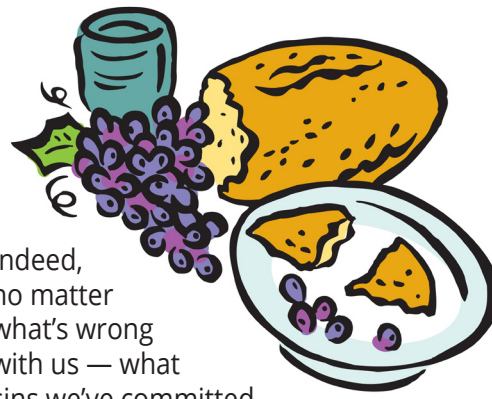
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Love That Welcomes All

A famous actor once said, "There's no substitute for a great love who says, 'No matter what's wrong with you, you're welcome at this table.'" Although I don't know that quote's context, those words could well describe Jesus and Holy Communion, as well as God's unconditional love.

For when Jesus first invited his followers, "Take and eat; this is my body. Take and drink; this is my blood," he didn't exclude Judas, who would betray him, or Peter, who would deny him, or any of the others, who would abandon him as he was arrested and executed.



Indeed, no matter what's wrong with us — what sins we've committed, what flaws we try to hide — Jesus welcomes us to the communion table. And he'll welcome us to the great heavenly banquet at the end of time. For the great love of God declares, "You're all welcome at my table."

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Complete Serenity

Many of us have heard the first part of what's called "The Serenity Prayer," attributed to theologian Reinhold Niebuhr. But we would do well to learn the rest of it as well:

"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference, living one day

at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; taking this world as it is and not as I would have it; trusting that you will make all things right if I surrender to your will; so that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen."

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Bible Quiz

All four Gospels tell of a woman anointing Jesus. Details vary; clearly, she isn't the same person in all accounts. In John, who is she?

- A. Jesus' mother, Mary
- B. Mary Magdalene
- C. Mary of Bethany (sister of Martha and Lazarus)
- D. None of the above



Answer: C (See Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; Luke 7:36-39; John 12:1-8.)

March

Lay Assistant | Usher Altar Guild Schedule

MARCH 2 Ash Wednesday

8:00pm

Lay Assistant Pat Berinato
Usher Linda Polise
Altar Guild Gina Lally

MARCH 6

10:30am

Lay Assistant Pat Berinato
Usher Ralph Braun
Altar Guild Lore Braun

MARCH 13

10:30am

Lay Assistant Carrie Ralston
Usher Anne Carman
Altar Guild Marge Tomaselli

MARCH 20

10:30am

Lay Assistant Bob Denicola
Usher Linda Comery
Altar Guild Linda Polise

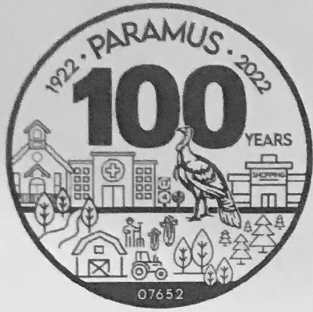
MARCH 27

10:30am

Lay Assistant Chris Nilsen
Usher Linda Polise
Altar Guild Gina Lally

COUNTERS SCHEDULE

March Chuck
April Anne
May Chris
June Pam
July Marge
August Carrie
September Linda
October Bill
November Anne
December All



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CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<p>(CH) Church (FH) Fellowship Hall (FR) Family Room (OB) Office Building (PA) Parsonage</p>		<p>1 Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner (FH) 6:00pm</p> 	<p>2 Ash Wednesday Worship Service of Ashes and Holy Communion (CH) 8:00pm</p> 	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am</p>	
	<p>6 Confirmation Class (OB) 9:30am Worship Service (CH) 10:30am</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10  Soup and Prayers (FR) 6:30pm</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
	<p>13 Daylight Saving Time Begins Worship Service (CH) 10:30am Council Meeting (OB) 11:45am</p> 	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17  Soup and Prayers (FR) 6:30pm St. Patrick's Day </p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am</p>
	<p>20 Spring Begins Confirmation Class (OB) 9:30am Worship Service (CH) 10:30am</p> 	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24  Soup and Prayers (FR) 6:30pm</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
	<p>27 Worship Service (CH) 10:30am</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31  Soup and Prayers (FR) 6:30pm</p>		