

March 2025



OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH - WHITEHALL, WI

The Messenger



MARCH



Hello All,

The Season of Lent this year begins March 5 with Ash Wednesday Services. We will worship at 5:45 pm at Our Saviour's Lutheran and 7:00 pm at Grace Lutheran. Imposition of ashes will be offered at both services to anyone who is so moved to come forward that night.

I thought it may be helpful to have a bit of history so here is an explanation of Lent from BibleStudyTools.com. "Lent is observed during the 40 day period between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. It is a time to set aside our wants and needs to come humbly and meekly before God, recognizing our need for a Savior above all. Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, reminds us that we are from dust and return to dust. (Genesis 3:17-19). Ash Wednesday serves as a reminder that we will die and face the consequences of sin. The meaning and purpose of Lent are to reflect on our sinful nature and praise God for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Jesus came to serve, live, and die for our sins. Lent ends on the glorious day of Easter when we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection. We are no longer cursed to the grave, but our sins are forgiven." Often Christians pick something in their lives to do without during the 40 days. This "fasting" helps us to "live" in the true meaning of Lent.

Again this year we will participate in the Wednesday night, Lenten Round Robin with five other Parishes/Churches in the Dairyland Conference. This is the schedule for Our Saviour's at 5:45 pm and Grace Lutheran at 7:00 pm (as of the printing of the Messenger), it may be subject to change.

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March 2nd is Transfiguration of Our Lord Sunday. Jesus had just told the apostles of his upcoming death and resurrection. Luke 9:28-36 reads, ²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" – not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Jesus now sets his "face" toward Jerusalem and continues to preach, teach, heal, and cast out demons. May we all prepare ourselves for this very Holy time in our Church year.

God Bless you all.

Scott W. Brown, SAM



Our Saviour's Members in Nursing Homes



Pigeon Falls Nursing Care Center-P.O. Box 310-Pigeon Falls, WI 54760
 Deloris Coburn, Jeanette Gilbertson, Marian Miller, Arline Stuve
 Richard Eide and Ann Toraason

Assisted Living- Pigeon Falls - P.O. Box 310-Pigeon Falls, WI 54760

Sunrise Manor - 36024 Park Street - Whitehall - 54773
 Clinton Larson, Shirley Wozney

Trempealeau County Health Care Center-W20410 WI-#121Whitehall- 54773
 James Windjue

Grandview Nursing Home - 620 Grandview Avenue - Blair - 54616
 Marilyn Speerstra, Mavis Mitskogen, Donna Oates,
 Olin and Jan Feimreit, Norman Norby

Meadowbrook Care Center-1311 Tyler Street-Black River Falls - 54615

Dove Healthcare-51019 Ridge View Road-Osseo-54758
 Ralph Johnson, MaryJane Hernes

Oak Gardens Place-342 Twin Oak Dr-Altoona-54720
 Clarice Henrickson

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Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Arline Stuve, Mavis Olson, Dawn Coburn, Mary Lou Beck, Lisa James, Mavis Mitskogen, Norman Nordby, Jane Holen, Paula Hentges, Dennis Dubiel, Francis Hilgart, Eric Jordahl, and Roger Oelrich

In Christian Sympathy

We pray for the family and friends of:

Stella Michels, Curt Beck, Faye Hilgart

If you would like **special prayers** said for yourself or loved one,
 please contact the church office at osluthwh@gmail.com



March Birthdays



- 1 - Alyssa Glanzman, Gary Semb
- 2 - Ralph Johnson, Michael Mathson
- 3 - Timothy Lyga, Dawn Mathson, Mitchell Peters
- 4 - Amanda Berg, Jada Moats, Jordyn Moats, Daniel Oates,
- 5 - Maggie Lindberg
- 8 - Amy Klomsten
- 9 - Valerie Pronschinske
- 10 - Megan Kjos
- 11 - Steve Lamberson, Robert Nelson, Kinzleigh Sylla
- 12 - Tess Johnson, Trajan Schaub
- 13 - Aaron Berg, Carl Peterson
- 14 - Vernon Vold
- 16 - Diane Waldera
- 17 - Shiela Feltes
- 18 - Jaclyn Hauser, Mavis Mitskogen
- 21 - Brianna Harvie
- 22 - Sandra Everson, Gordon Fimreite, Dale Herbenson
- 23 - Georgia Hughes
- 26 - Kennedy Harms, Charles Herman, Abigail Staff
- 27 - Melissa Frank, Ardell Jacobson, Caitlin Thomson
- 30 - James Larson
- 31 - Braydon Fonstad



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The Whitehall Food Pantry is seeing a rise in families in need and is short on the following food items:

- Pancake Mix
- Baked beans
- cereal

Donations can be left in the narthex of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church or dropped off at the church office Tuesday mornings or Wednesday afternoon. Any and all donations are very appreciated by all those in need in our community. Thank you for your generosity and God Bless!

WELCA NEWS

WELCA MEETING

W-ELCA will meet on **THURSDAY, March 6 at Our Saviour's.**

We will host Grace W-ELCA at 1:30 pm in our fellowship hall.

There is always Interesting conversations & inspiring Bible study. Please join us.

YOU'RE INVITED TO IMMANUAL LUTHERAN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Where: Strum

Date: March 12th, 2025 (2nd Wednesday)

Time: 9:30am

Guest Speaker: Tina & Lena

Topic: The T & L Cleaners

RSVP by March 5th

Church 715-695-3511

Karen Franson 715-695-3553 or email fransonkaren17@gmail.com

Join Tina (Diane Anderson) and Lena (Karen Foust) for an unforgettable moment in time as they share their time and talent with us this year. Diane and Karen are sisters-in-law from Black River Falls, WI. Their great-grandparents came from Norway, and their families grew up with many Norwegian customs. After retiring they accidentally started doing Tina & Lena skits after seeing a Looney Lutherans/Church Basement Ladies performance. They write their own skits adlibbing along the way, they perform for church groups, birthday parties and friends. Diane and Karen enjoy hearing the laughter as they perform.

6 DISCOVER THE ADRC'S MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET!

The ADRC of Trempealeau County is proud to offer a **Medical Loan Closet**, providing a wide range of medical equipment and supplies at **no cost** to individuals in need. Whether you're recovering from surgery, dealing with a temporary injury, or managing long-term mobility challenges, our closet is here to support you during these times.

We offer a variety of items, including wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, commode chairs, shower chairs, incontinence supplies, and more—**subject to availability**. These items can greatly improve comfort and mobility while avoiding the cost of rentals.

There is **no cost** to borrow these items, and there are **no term limits** on how long you can use them. Whether you need them for a few weeks or a longer period, we are here to assist you.

In addition to borrowing, we also accept **monetary contributions** to help support ADRC programs and services. These donations allow us to continue providing these important resources to the community. We also welcome **gently used items** in like-new condition to keep our inventory stocked and available for others.

If you or someone you know could benefit from the Medical Loan Closet, or if you'd like to donate, please contact us today for more information. Your support and generosity make it possible for us to continue offering this valuable service to the community!





More Church News



The Noisy Offering for March will be going to the RIF (Reading is Fundamental) Program at Whitehall Memorial School. One of our own, Mary Jane Herness, enrolled our school in this program over 30 years ago when she was the Reading Specialist for the Whitehall School District. This federal program matches local funding so all students in grades K-12 can receive two books a year free of charge. Hundreds of our local students over the years have been gifted books and still remember the awesome feeling knowing they were theirs to keep! With your support, we can do our part to see this program continue.

Our Noisy Offering for February was dedicated to help with the devastation caused by the wildfires in the Los Angeles area. Your donation of \$ 363.91 will be funneled through Lutheran Disaster Response. Your donation will help many in need. Thank you for your generosity.

NOISY OFFERING



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Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Council Minutes February 4, 2025

Board Members Present: Dave Anderson, Scott Brown, Marnie Anderson, Kris Dubiel, Barb Mathson, Ellen Hauser, Karen Witte, Jasen Anderson, and Lori Paulson.

Dave Anderson, council president, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Preparation:

1. **Opening Devotions:** Devotions by Scott Brown
2. **Prayer Requests/Homebound:** Family of Stella Michels, family of Kurt Reimer, Aiden Brown
3. **Communication from Congregation:** none

Communication/Action:

1. **Secretary's Report:** Jasen Anderson made a motion to approve minutes of January 7, 2025, with a second by Kris Dubiel. Motion carried with Karen Witte abstaining.

2. **Treasurer's Report:** The following fund balances were presented per January 2025 financial reports: General Fund: \$101,246.38 On Going: \$10,971.76 Improvement Fund: \$71,294.89.

Lori Paulson made a motion to approve the treasurer's report with a second by Karen Witte. Motion carried.

3. Ministry Teams Updates:

a) Music & Worship:

1. Noisy Offering of \$340.66 for January went to the Whitehall Food Pantry; February will go to help the victims of the Los Angeles wildfires.

b) WELCA:

1. The next meeting will be March 6th at Our Saviour's.
2. Karen Witte will be serving as treasurer for WELCA.

c) Men's Brotherhood:

1. The "No Pancake Breakfast" fundraiser is coming up.
2. Membership dues are due soon.

d) Life & Growth:

1. Will be working with the quilters in the upcoming quilt retreat.

e) Finance & Property:

1. Jasen Anderson made a motion to approve property insurance payments to be made by ACH with a second by Lori Paulson. Motion carried.

Sharing from Scott Brown (SAM):

1. Ash Wednesday is March 5th. Services will be: Our Saviour's at 5:45 p.m. at Grace at 7:00 p.m.
2. Scott will be participating in the Round Robin Lenten services this year.
3. Scott is now a part of the Wisconsin Council of Churches
4. Relay for Life is scheduled for June 27th at the Whitehall school.

Celebration/Affirmation:

1. The next council meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

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Business Items:

1. New Items:

- a) Dave Anderson will be reviewing the church constitution and Scott Brown will be consulting with the Synod regarding consolidating the council/board committees and amending the church constitution. Dave will keep the congregation informed as to how things are proceeding.
- b) Barb Mathson reported Jacobson Electric replaced the broken light in the kitchen along with a couple of others that needed replacement in that part of the kitchen. Jacobson suggested possibly replacing more of the lights in the basement however council did not feel it was necessary and no action was taken.

Adjournment and Lord's Prayer:

Barb Mathson made a motion to adjourn with a second by Marnie Anderson. Motion carried.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Lori Paulson, Council Secretary

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Maundy Thursday, April 17th at 7pm at Grace Lutheran Church.

Good Friday, April 18th at 5:45pm at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Easter, April 20th at 9:30am at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.





The Easter season coincides with the beginning of spring, a time of renewal and rebirth. Spring-blooming flowers sing of hope and carry special religious meaning as we celebrate rebirth through Christ's resurrection.

Flowers for the church at Easter

Members of Our Saviour's are invited to bring spring plants to the basement before the Easter morning service. Each plant should have a tag indicating the donor and the person it honors or memorializes.

Easter plants are also available for purchase at \$10.00 each. Orders must be placed by April 13th for delivery and can be submitted to the church office or collected in the Narthex.

Easter Flower Order Form

_____ I am bringing in a plant, please include the dedication below.

_____ I am placing an order.

From: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Easter Lily, tulip, other _____

Will you be taking your plant home? _____ yes _____ no

Order Total: _____

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<u>2</u> Sunday Worship- 9:30 am Sunday School- 10:30 am	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> Office Hours: 8am-12pm Quilters—8:30 to Noon OSL Council at 6:30 pm	<u>5</u> Bible Study-9:30 am Office Hours: 1-5pm No Confirmation Ash Wednesday OSL-at 5:45 pm Grace at 7:00 pm	<u>6</u> WELCA Meeting at OSL at 1:30pm.	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
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***“Sharing God’s Love With
All”***

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Check us out on Facebook at: [Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church of Whitehall, WI](#) and
[United in Faith Parish](#) and [OS Sunday-School](#) and [OSLC Youth](#).



*“You’ve got to
do your own
growing, no matter
how tall your
grandfather was.”*

—IRISH PROVERB

