

St. Martin Lutheran Church

MARCH 2024

Grafting Generations Together - Bearing Abundantly



Worship Schedule

<u>SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD:</u>	<u>8:00AM & 10:30AM</u>
<u>SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH:</u>	<u>8:00AM & 10:30AM</u>
<u>SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH:</u>	<u>8:00AM & 10:30AM</u>
<u>SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH:</u>	<u>8:00AM & 10:30AM</u>
<u>THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH:</u>	<u>7:00PM MAUNDY THURSDAY</u>
<u>FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH:</u>	<u>7:00PM GOOD FRIDAY</u>
<u>SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH:</u>	<u>7:00PM EASTER VIGIL</u>
<u>SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST:</u>	<u>8:00AM & 10:30AM</u>
	<u>EASTER SUNDAY</u>

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Pastor Mark's Pen



Anyone who has known me for some time, will also know that my favorite film of all time is Joe Vs the Volcano. Those also familiar with me know that I enjoy reading Danish theologian, Soren Kierkegaard. I saw Joe V. Volcano a couple of years before being introduced to the dower Dane, but when I read an excerpt of Kierkegaard's Fear and Trembling, for a philosophy class, I was hooked. Both the premise of the book and implied in the film, is the concept of the "Leap of Faith". The protagonist from each story; Abraham from Fear and Trembling, Joe Banks from Joe V. Volcano. Both are characters that have lost their way in life and over the course of events that ultimately lead each to make a dreadful decision. Abraham is asked to offer his son; Issac as a sacrifice. Joe is hired to be a human sacrifice to a deity in a volcano on an island of simple and lost nomads living on an island somewhere in the Pacific. Both stories hang upon the dreadful moment when each must make a movement that in Kierkegaard's term requires a leap of faith. This act defies reason and, in each case, brings the protagonists to their respective faith.

Joe and his wife, played by Meg Ryan, are shot out of the volcano in the most unlikely scenarios and as the film closes you hear Joe exclaim; "Away from the things of man. Away from the things of man." I loved this story as it mirrored the course of my life of faith. Faith

requires actions that seemingly defy reason and logic. It is Luther's "sin boldly". There are countless accounts throughout the holy scriptures of plans gone awry and working out for good in the end. The season of Lent is a time for reflection upon all that is decided upon us, where we live, earning a living, raising our children, tending our land or other tasks that require our action. Lent is a season of action, where these acts influence those under our care and often our neighbors, friends, coworkers, and sometimes total strangers. How does one use the season of Lent to accomplish these reflections and all the other stuff we must accomplish? Great question. I suggest beginning with prayer. Ask God or your Higher Power if you so choose to speak to you through others. God will. You might also consider attending a worship service in your neighborhood or nearby expression of a denomination you may or may not be familiar with. Picking up a classic book you have always wanted to read. Read it. God will speak to you. I have always desired to read Herman Melville's Moby Dick, maybe this is the year! May your season of reflection lead you to greater understanding and a view of your life that is exciting, interesting, and courageous. Until then, Bless you.



From Heart of Wanda Knetter

MEDITATION: Wanda Knetter

I greet you in the name of our Crucified Lord!

Suppose next week in the Basehor Sentinel you were to read an article about this gathering. It would tell how women from the Baptist, Catholic, Methodist and Lutheran churches gathered at St. Martin for a prayer service. You might say, "Well, isn't that nice? The women have been able to unite themselves into one body once a year, anyway."

Right? WRONG!

We women, nor no one else, for that matter, can unite ourselves. It is nothing that we have done--or can do-- that unites us as Christians. It makes no difference where we gather, who leads the worship, which translation of the Bible we use, ^{or} whose hymn books we use. It is only when we gather with all sinners at the foot of the cross of Christ, and in all humility, look up to our Savior; die with him in our baptism, so that we may rise with him in glory--only in this way are we united-- not by our doing, but rather by God's doing. He did it all in Christ Jesus.

We are all condemned to Eternal Death, except for God's redeeming act of love.

Let me ask you something:

Wouldn't you be forever grateful to someone who saved your life? Of course you would. You would thank him over & over, give him gifts, tell all your friends about it, be sure that he got he got credit in a news story on television, radio, and newspaper, and as long as you had breath, you would never stop telling him how grateful you were. God loved us enough to want to save us from eternal death. How much more, then, should we be thanking him, giving him gifts, telling others about him, and as long as we have breath, we should be glorifying him in everything we say and do.

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MEDITATION: Wanda Knetter (p 2)

Now, during this holy week of our Lord's Passion, as we look on our Suffering Savior, the Holy Spirit of Almighty God must surely move us to say with the Psalmist, "PRAISE YE THE LORD."

Now, will you join me in a moment of silent meditation and prayer?
(kneel)


Let's close as we lift our voices in praise, and sing probably the most familiar of all hymns of praise. You may not need the words, but it's hymn number 644 in the hymn book.

Lent, Holy Week, & Easter 2024

Lent continues with Lenten Midweek events. They will be on Wednesday March 6th, 13th, and 20th.

A light supper will be provided at 6:00pm, followed by faithful conversation.

If you are interested in *providing the light supper* (soup, sandwiches, casserole, etc.), mark your name(s) on the *sign-up sheet in the narthex*.

After the forty days of Lent, **Holy Week** begins with  *Palm Sunday*, and continues with services for *Maundy Thursday*, *Good Friday*, and *Easter Vigil*, and culminates in joyous *Easter Sunday* services.

Prayerfully consider attending as many worship services as you are able.



Palm Sunday
March 24th
8am & 10:30am



Maundy Thursday
March 28th
7pm

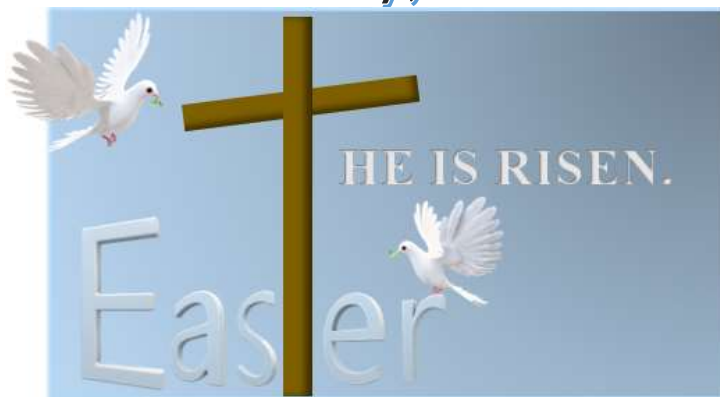


Good Friday
March 29th
7pm



Easter Vigil
March 30th
7pm

Easter Sunday, March 31st



Easter Sunday Breakfast

Breakfast will be served between services.

Look at the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Please have your items to the church by Saturday evening.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS IN 2024:

APRIL 28

OCTOBER 27

*There will be an all-in-one service at 9:30 am both Sundays *Council discussed whether to have a potluck or go to Twisters in Bonner and let them do the cooking. Please let someone on the council know your preference.



2024 SYNOD ASSEMBLY

June 6-8 at the Embassy Suites in Olathe

**St. Martin needs two representatives (male and female) volunteers to attend

(This will be discussed at the April 28 meeting)

March Celebrations

Birthdays

03.01	Tim Fischer	03.15	Adam Walker
03.02	Joe Batesel	03.16	Amy Crumpacker
	Noah Billen		John Knetter
03.04	Vivian Jacobson	03.17	Abel O'Connor
03.08	Arlene Meyer	03.18	Susie McCracken
03.09	KaCee Fischer		Ed Lindblad
03.11	Billie Easterberg	03.19	Beth Knetter
	Emma McCracken	03.21	Mary Jo Eberth
03.12	Zach Gifford	03.24	Clair Fischer
03.13	Elaine Appel		Alexandria Kalous
	Jensen Crumpacker	03.25	Denise Archibald

Baptisms

03.02	Ed Lindblad	03.20	Lynnea Peterson
03.13	Lindsay Briggs	03.25	Adria Hunter
03.16	Ken Knetter	03.28	Nick Fodness

Wedding Anniversaries

03.04	Darrel & Susan Schrader
03.06	John & Rhonda Knetter
03.09	Shawn & Gretchen Moe
03.24	Kenny & Adrienne Lynch



March Worship Duties

	3 rd	10 th	17 th	Palm Sunday 24 th	Easter Sunday 31 st
Worship Assts. 10:30	Debby Eagleburger	Debby Eagleburger	Debby Eagleburger	Debby Eagleburger	Debby Eagleburger
Communion Assts. 8:00	Randy Schroeder	Barbara Lehman	Billie Easterberg	Karen Harris	Joyce McMillen
Communion Assts. 10:30	Karen Yunghans	Karen Logan	Denise Archibald	Karen Logan	Karen Poggemeyer
Music: 8:00	Randy Schroeder	Barbara Lehman	Billie Easterberg	Karen Harris	Joyce McMillen
Music: 10:30	Alex Macpherson	Connie Hansen	Denise Archibald	Karen Poggemeyer	Connie Hansen
Lector 8:00am	Randy Schroeder	Barbara Lehman	Billie Easterberg	Karen Harris	Randy Schroeder
Lector 10:30am	Amy Macpherson	Kathy Edmonds	Bob Yunghans	Susie McCracken	Karen Poggemeyer
Acolyte 10:30	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Greeter/Usher 10:30	Bob Yunghans	Chris Hansen	Ben Appel	Bill Strobel	David Knetter
Treats 8:00am	Martha Shuler	Barbara Lehman	Billie Easterberg	Karen Harris	Easter Breakfast
Treats 10:30am	Karen Yunghans	Connie Hansen	Elaine Appel	Kathy Edmonds	Easter Breakfast
Altar Care	Alex & Amy Macpherson	Connie Hansen	Bob Aufdemberge	Karen Logan	Joyce McMillen Karen Poggemeyer

Communion Bread Baker: Martha Shuler