

The Vine

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LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

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Worship Services are Sunday mornings at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

This is the new look of the Vine Newsletter, which is an adaptation of articles and information on our website www.PoPRoseville.org. This will be available for those who do not have access to the internet.

Wednesdays in Lent: Listen to HER-story

Students of history know that those who tell the story have great influence on how the story gets heard. One of the most challenging aspects to our history as Christians is how influenced its telling has been by the embedded systems of culture and society. For far too long, patriarchy (systems that benefit men with status and power) has served as the dominant societal, political, legal, and religious structure throughout our Christian history. But such a male-centered orientation seems to suggest that we've not experienced the fullness of the world God has created throughout all of time. In responding to a recent flap over female voices from the pulpit, Christian journalist and writer Sarah Thebarg responded,



"The creation story in Genesis says that in order to reflect God's image in the world, God created men and women. So, just like Mao Zedong's insistence that "Women hold up half the sky," there should be a similar statement in the Christian tradition that says, "Women hold half the voice of God."

Similarly, Thebarg also describes what is lost when we only hear the biblical story from a patriarchal posture,

"Because breath is breath, air is air, but it sounds different flowing through a flute than it does a bassoon. A string is a string and wood is wood, but sound resonates differently in the heart of a violin than it does in the heart of a cello. Insisting, in spite of more accurate (and generous) interpretations of Scripture that men be the only voices heard from the pulpits of our churches, is like an orchestra that only has cellos and bassoons. It's heavy. It's masculine. It's only half the story. It's only half the notes."

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Wednesdays in Lent: Listen to HER-story

During this coming season of Lent, we're hoping to hear a story that's richer in tone and deeper in harmony. On Wednesday evenings we'll gather to worship around Marty Haugen's "Holden Evening Prayer," anchored in its liturgical beauty by Mary's "Magnificat." From the scriptures we'll hear rarely told stories of biblical heroines. And we're calling for those in our midst to share stories of more contemporary heroines that have shaped and influenced our lives.

Do you have a story about a contemporary heroine in your life? Perhaps a family member, teacher, colleague, or neighbor made an impact in your life, the results of which are still evident? Would you be willing to share your stories with us as a part of our weekly Wednesday worship at 7 p.m.?

Contact Pastor Peter, pick a date the works and then work together to prepare your "HER-story" to be told. With your help, we'll give voice to the other half of the story.



February Adult Forum Schedule

Adult Forum meets during our Education Hour on Sunday mornings, 9:40 a.m. to 10:40 a.m.

Please join Adult Forum for the continuation of the Feminist Vision Series and the beginning of the Lenten Journey of Faith – "What do the 'I AM' statements of Jesus call us to do in the world?"

February 4 – Part 2 of our **Feminist Vision Series:**

Scott Tunseth & Carol Swanson will explore how to read the Bible through the unique lenses of feminist studies. What new insights can we gain from reading the Bible this way? We will take a fresh look at selected women in the Bible.

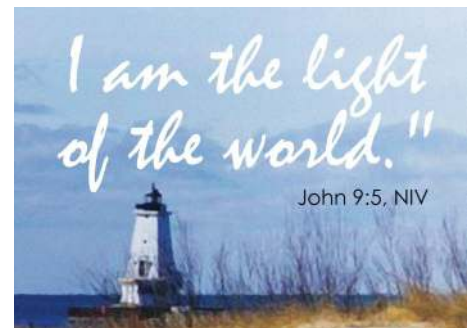
February 11 – Part 3 of our **Feminist Vision Series:** **Lynne Lorenzen**, retired professor of religion at Augsburg College for 20 years where she taught religion & politics, feminism and Christianity, and world religions. She is also very active in process theology and in politics. Lynne will further introduce us to important insights and contributions of feminist theology.

We begin our Lenten Journey of Faith– What do the I AM statements of Jesus in John's gospel call us to do in the world? What are the implications for community outreach, support of mission work, and social justice? Join in on the discussion.

February 18 – Jesus said, "I Am the Bread of Life."

February 25 – Jesus said, "I Am the Light of the World."

March 4 – Jesus said, "I Am the Door."



From Milt: Walking with Jesus in Lent



Upcoming Worship & Music Schedule:

- Sunday, Feb. 4: Traditional with communion, Prince of Peace Ensemble at both services, 8:30 Chancel Choir, 10:45 Joyful Noise
- Sunday, Feb. 11: Senior High Youth Led Services (Band Led)
- Wed., Feb. 14: Ash Wednesday Services at Noon and 7:00 p.m., Chancel Choir at 7:00 p.m. service
- Sunday, Feb. 18: Traditional with communion, Bells of Peace at both services
- Wed. Feb. 21: 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service (Holden Evening Prayer)
- Sunday, Feb. 25: Traditional, 8:30 Chancel Choir, 10:45 Joyful Noise
- Wed., Feb. 28: 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service (Holden Evening Prayer) Lightshine leading
- Sunday, Mar. 4: Traditional with communion, Chancel Choir at both services



We're already a month into 2018 and Lent is now just around the corner. This is always an interesting transitional period for me. Epiphany is one of my favorite times of the year, with the light imagery and service/discipleship texts and then comes Lent and eventually the suffering of Jesus. Sometimes it takes me awhile to get from the joy of Epiphany to the different moods I find myself in during Lent.

This year Ash Wednesday is on Valentine's Day, and for me that seems so fitting; after all, love is what Jesus is all about. Jesus suffers and dies to save us from our sin. Can love be greater than that? This Lent I hope to focus on how I can take the joy of Epiphany and the love of Christ throughout my Lenten journey. As we journey towards the cross this Lenten season, how can you use the love of Christ in your life?

Pastor Lynn just preached about the ordinary being extraordinary. How can we, ordinary people, make a difference in the world? How can we, ordinary people show the love of Jesus to the world? How can we be living examples of the love Jesus showed all of us on the cross? I use the footprints poem often, but I feel it is very appropriate today: Jesus walking beside us when life is good; the love of friendship, and Jesus carrying us when life is hard; the love of our savior. Jesus calls us, the ordinary, to be a disciple. What an honor that is.

I love the hymn "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me." This hymn talks about Jesus walking along with us in all our pilgrim journeys, through all our trials and troubles. I've always wanted a verse about walking with us through all our joys, too. I have had many more joys in my life than sorrows, for which I am grateful. My prayer for each of us this Lenten season is that we all know the love of Jesus and that we all know that we can be a difference in the world by sharing that same love.

Milty



From Peter: “Building a Staff for Mission”

Over the past six months, we’ve been blessed by the efforts of the Mission Staffing Exploration Team* (MSET), the group that was charged by the congregation to propose a staffing configuration that would best support the mission of Prince of Peace. A group that represented the diversity of our community was convened last summer and began by looking deeply at how we go about the variety of ministry tasks and how we’re called to be in service to God’s world.

We quickly realized the need to expand upon our existing mission, moving beyond understanding ‘who we are’ and towards ‘what we are to be about.’ This led to the following expanded sense of our mission and vision:

We are claimed, gathered and sent to build the Church and love the World. We will realize this mission as we 1) deepen our sense of how God’s story and activity shape life and 2) co-create with God to practice transforming love in the world.



Allowing our work to be shaped by this description, the MSET was able to objectively consider alternatives for aligning our staff roles to better serve this mission and vision. As a result, we were able to create the space necessary to imagine how God could work through a re-designed staffing configuration to help us become a more effective community of faith, located here in the heart of Roseville. After a lengthy, investigatory and listening period, a new staffing configuration was presented to the full congregation at its semi-annual meeting on January 28.

The gathered assembly voted strongly in favor to accept the report and recommendations of the MSET and now the work begins to fill the positions identified in the first phase of implementing the configuration.

The immediate good news is that two of the key positions are already filled. Erika Coe will continue to serve as a part-time Youth Director, integrating ministry with our Junior and High School youth within the broader faith formation efforts of the church. And I will continue to serve as your called Lead Pastor with some re-aligning and re-imagining of how my role will be shaped in relation to the rest of the ministry leadership teams.

I now look forward to the addition of some key pastoral leaders. First, the position that will prove to be my primary collaborator in ministry will be the Associate Pastor for Faith Formation. Recognizing this congregation’s underlying desire to build up and strengthen its life in faith, a re-imagined focus on spiritual development across the generations will be the primary task of our pastoral leaders. We also expect to see this faith formation work carried out in a manner that’s fully integrated into our worship, education, community-care and service lives.

Supporting our efforts and acknowledging the shifting demographics of our congregation, we’ll also be adding a position for a part-time Visitation and Congregational Care Pastor. This leader will be tending to the increasing opportunity we have to offer care, love and support to folks as life takes new twists and turns. As the past 16 months of working with Interim Congregational Care Pastors Marilyn and Lynn has shown, the elders of our congregation are finding an increased need for connectivity to our community in this way. Supported by the Associate Pastor and myself, what a gift it will be to have someone dedicated to our ministry in this way.

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The call and contracting processes for both of these pastoral positions is slightly different and we're now actively recruiting members to serve on our call and interview committees. The congregation will be asked to formally elect the members of the call committee for the Associate Pastor position. An interview committee supported by the Personnel Committee will conduct the search for the Visitation & Congregational Care Pastor, which the council will formally covenant for ministry. Deacon Krista Lind of the St. Paul Area Synod will be supporting Prince of Peace through the selection process for both positions.

Please join me in praying that God continue to guide and shape our efforts and all the deliberations to come. And in giving thanks for all the prior work that has led us to this point. I couldn't be more excited about our future and am anxious to discover who will be joining us in the next chapter of our story.

*Please join me in thanking the members of MSET: Barb Burkhardt (Chair), Christer Cederberg, Erika Coe, Maria Larson, Michelle Moore, Amy Skare-Kleckler, and Michael Stetzler.

The Social Concerns Committee is supporting The Caring Hearts Supply Drive for Homeless People from February 4 to March 4. We're asking you to participate in collecting these much needed supplies.



All collected items will be distributed to the homeless through West Side Community Health's Health Care for the Homeless and Continuum Care Center. There are a number of people living without basic supplies in shelters, transitional housing and on streets or places not intended for human habitation. These people have a great need for hygiene supplies and over-the-counter medications. The shopping list is below.

Please remember these are homeless people and need to carry everything with them. Monetary donations are especially welcome. Please make checks payable to the "HealthEast Foundation Homeless Project." Write "Homeless" on the envelope and put in collection plate Sunday morning, or mail it to the office. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

Hygiene (travel size preferred)

- Deodorant, disposable razors and shaving cream
- Hand and body lotions such as Eucerin, Vanicream, and Aquaphor
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste (kids too!)
- Shampoo, conditioner, soap
- Sanitary pads and tampons (regular/super)

Medication (not expired)

- Ibuprofen, Advil or Aleve
- Adult cough syrup, cold/flu tablets
- Cough drops (sugar free too!)
- Chapstick, Vaseline
- Antacids (Maalox, Tums, Rolaids)
- Pedialyte, Enfamil or Similac (with iron)

- Multivitamins, prenatal vitamins, children's vitamins
- Antifungal Cream
- Vicks Vaporub (child and adult)
- Orajel (child and adult), Polygrip
- Eye Drops

Other

- Diapers (especially size 4 and 5) and Adult Pull-ups
- Baby wipes, bottles, pacifiers, and thermometers
- Women's and men's insulated winter gloves, and hats
- White cotton socks – crew length
- Pocket Tissues
- Hand Sanitizer
- Single use/reusable hot and cold packs

Serve on Pastor Call or Interview Committees

The Council asks for those interested in serving on the Associate Pastor Call Committee or the Interview Committee to hire a Pastoral Care/Visitation Pastor, to apply for a position on the committees. Please provide the following information in an email or letter: your name, email and phone number, as well as a brief statement of why you wish to join the committee.

Please call Deborah Cordes at 651-208-1578 or email at esfakhan@hotmail.com or contact Tara (651-484-4144 or tara.emerson@princeofpeaceroseville.org) by February 12, 2018.

PLEASE remember we are attempting to find people who meet our demographics including age, gender, longevity at church, and program/committee representation. Not all who volunteer may be chosen and we hope you understand the need to meet these requirements.

Blessings, Deborah

At the Prince of Peace Semi-Annual meeting on January 28, 2018, the congregation voted to accept the report and recommendations of the Mission Staffing Exploration Team. The proposed staffing configuration calls for the immediate addition of these two pastoral positions with the following responsibilities:

Associate Pastor/Deacon for Faith Formation – Full Time

- Collaborative Worship Development & Leadership
- Preaching 1-2/month
- Cross-Generational Faith Formation Leadership
- Child/Youth/Family [CYF] Ministry Leadership
- Faith Step Instruction (First Communion, Confirmation, etc.)
- Pastoral Care & Visitation Support
- Community/Partnership Ministry Support

Visitation/Congregational Care Pastor/Deacon – 15 hrs/wk

- Visitation & Pastoral Care Leadership
- Senior Ministries Support
- Preaching/Worship Support 2-4/year



OLD GUYS

**9:30 a.m. every Tuesday
at Perkins Lexington & 694
3855 No. Lexington Ave.**

Join the guys for a cup of coffee and a look at this week's lectionary or sermon texts.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

**Thursday, March 1st
7:30-8:30 p.m.,
at Ol' Mexico,
1754 Lexington Ave. N.**

The format is one beverage, one question, one hour. We'll meet to dig deeper into questions that affect our faith in the world.



Pastor Lynn: "A Story Worth Telling"



Dear Friends,

I'm not sure when I started reading obituaries, but most days I do. Sometimes the pages are full of notices about people who lived long full lives. They often include a photograph of a much younger version of the deceased – sometimes in a military uniform or with a head full of pin curls. Other days, the deaths of children or women my own age tug at my heart.

Some death notices highlight a person's significant contributions to a career or military service, loving relationships, hard-won sobriety, passion for a hobby, a valiant struggle with illness or a deep faith. Some notices say very little at all. Words like "peacefully" and "cancer" and "Alzheimer's" and "beloved" and "unexpectedly" stick out for me. I wonder about those carefully chosen words and the stories behind them.

One of my greatest privileges as a pastor is to hear and share the stories of those who have died. Sitting with family and friends, together we scratch the surface of the many joys, struggles, relationships, and passions that make up a life. There are always surprises in the story-telling when someone will exclaim – "I never knew!"

Everyone has a story worth telling, remembering and sharing – this is how we make sense of our lives and often it is in the remembering that we recognize the thread of God's presence with us. It is through humankind and our stories that God has always been at work in the world. You have a story to share – right now! You don't need to write a memoir to begin sharing your story with others or to learn more about the people you love. You can begin with simple conversation starters:

1. Tell me about your early years.
2. What were your parents like?
3. Talk about your education.
4. Did you or anyone in your family serve in the military?
5. What's one value you have that you want the people you love to share?
6. How do you celebrate the holidays?
7. Who taught you how to drive?
8. What do you love to do?
9. Tell me about your faith life. Who taught you about Jesus?
10. Pull out old pictures and talk about the people in them.



I am grateful to serve this faith community, Prince of Peace, where kindness and compassion abound in both life and death – in well-timed visits and phone calls, in your prayer ministry, in the flurry of sympathies shared, of wordless hugs, of lunches prepared and served, where stories are shared and honored.

The apostle Paul writes:

"God comes alongside us when we go through hard times, and before you know it, God brings us alongside someone else who is going through hard times so that we can be there for that person just as God was there for us."

—2 Corinthians 1:4-5 (The Message).

Peace and love to all of you in the midst of your grief, your living, and your storytelling!

Pastor Lynn

Children's Ministry "Together" at Camp Wapo by Erika Wold



It can be hard to plan for summer when the winter temps are in the negative digits yet when I look out my frosty windows, why is it that summer is all I can think about? I'll admit I am not winter's biggest fan. I mean, there are a couple of positives like Christmas and hot cocoa; but summer, SUMMER is my favorite season. Blue skies, the heat from the radiating sun, longer days, the beach, and SUMMER CAMP.

I find it a little ironic that I have such nostalgia for summer camp considering that I never attended any summer camps as a child. More humorous yet is that, with zero childhood camp experience, I spend my weekdays working with overnight and day camps. But even with little first-hand knowledge the value of camp is not lost on me. I know what the opportunity to go to camp means to so many children, including my own. Camp is a place where children are able to grow in confidence, develop new skills, experience the beauty of nature and the world around them and build relationships and friendships that last a lifetime. And at Camp WAPO, they gain an opportunity to grow in a faith and community with their peers within our own church community and beyond – "TOGETHER", WAPO's 2018 summer theme.

"Worship services were really good. We sang really fun songs, and had a really good time. We would also have lessons -like Sunday School- and we would sit and talk about life and read from the Bible."
~ Kaelyn Wold

Children and Family Ministry has been re-vitalizing our long-term relationship with Camp WAPO over the past few years and together growing our ties and connections. We have been blessed to utilize WAPO's facilities for our family camp adventures and last summer sent a group of PoP kids to camp. Our relationship has only continued to grow as we prepare to send another group this summer.

"When you go to Camp WAPO you can meet other people who are like you and many of them are nice. The songs, food and games are excellent, too."
~ Charlie Burkhart

"I liked Camp WAPO because the counselors were really engaging and fun to be around and the church lessons and teachings were good. I also liked hanging out with friends there. It was a good environment." ~ Ashwini Sandanayake

It is the Children Ministry's goal to make sure any and all youth from Prince of Peace are afforded the opportunities and memories that summer camp provides and we are on a mission to support all our youth through prayer, financial contributions to make camp affordable, providing scholarships to those needed, and to re-start a long-beloved summer tradition. If your child is interested in camp, let's connect (Erika's email is erikagustum@hotmail.com.) And for those of you who have those wonderful memories of camp or understand just how much Children's Ministry values our mission to send all of POPs kids to camp, consider working with us through prayer, hands-on activities, or financial contributions to keep this one of our traditions for years to come. Let's do this "Together."

"This summer I am going to Camp Youth WAPO for the first time and I hope that my friends from church are going to go with me. I have been to camps before but none of them have been overnight and I am excited to experience being away from home."
~ Enna Wold

"You play new games. You make new friends. You have s'mores 1 time a night. You sing lots of songs and they have this fair and that's why I like Camp WAPO"
~ Esmie Sandanayake

"MOMS on a MISSION" night --Feb. 24th, 7 p.m. @ the Wold home.

Moms gather for a kid-free evening of socialization with a purpose! We will be preparing projects for our upcoming Community Night and taking up a collection for the Social Concerns drive.

Bring 2 yd. cuts of fleece, travel sized toiletries, OTC medications, toothbrushes and other personal items and food shelf donations to fill the empty shopping cart in the narthex.

Contact Erika for more information erikagustum@hotmail.com.



Join the Chancel Choir for Masterworks

ATTENTION SINGERS:

If you are high school age or older please **join the Chancel Choir** as we prepare this year's spring **Masterworks** performance for Sunday, April 29!

The choir will be presenting the poignant and beautiful *Requiem* by John Rutter and would love to make room for you in the choir loft!

Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, February 21 at 7:30 pm and our final rehearsal will be April 25 (ten rehearsals).

(Don't worry if you must miss a few!) We encourage and look forward to your participation!

Each Spring the Chancel Choir, led by director Kathy Tunseth, performs its annual choral **Masterworks**. This year, they perform *Requiem* by John Rutter, a musical setting of parts of the Latin Requiem with added psalms and biblical verses in English, completed in 1985. It is scored for soprano, mixed choir and orchestra or chamber ensemble.

This is the largest production of the year for the Chancel Choir. The choir will be accompanied by an ensemble of violins, horns and other instruments. In 2017, the Chancel Choir performed *The Nidaros Jazz Mass* by Bob Chilcott.

John Rutter is an English composer, conductor, editor, arranger and record producer, mainly of choral music. Rutter's music is eclectic, showing the influences of the French and English choral traditions of the early 20th century as well as of light music and American classic songwriting.

Please join us on Sunday, April 29, at the 8:30 or 10:45 am worship services when the Chancel Choir presents its annual choral Masterworks! You will hear inspiring choruses, solos and instrumental accompaniment and a heartfelt message.





New Year Greetings from the missionaries we support in Kenya

The following email was received from Julia and Vincent Leiyoole:

Greetings to you at Prince of Peace, We are back in the saddle and gearing up for some awesome work in Samburu. Seems we have a lot to get done, but it all comes in God's time. Thank you for all your prayers . . . don't stop!

Thank you all for the immense outpouring of love, prayers, hospitality and financial support. I always say 'where God guides He provides'; this means He will be guiding us into and through many wondrous works. We cannot make this journey alone and so we thank you for walking with us.

Love from Julia and Vincent



Women's Ministry – February Bible Study Circle

The scripture text for February is Luke 3:13 – 17 and the study question is "Does the Bible often mean something different to different groups?"

For women not participating in a circle bible study, you are encouraged to come to one of the circles. Call a hostess for more information or directions.

Rebecca Circle Monday, Feb. 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Hostess: Lois Johnson, 651-778-1978

Lydia Circle Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 9:30 a.m.

Hostess: Aggie Zawada, 651-483-1984

Women of the Well Circle Tuesday, Feb. 13, 9:30 a.m.

Hostess: Betchen Oberdorfer, 651-631-0770

Ruth Circle Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 1:30 p.m.

Hostess: Gail Meier, 651-484-6245

February Birthdays

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays in February! If you would prefer not to have your birthday included, please let us know prior to the month of your birthday (for example if your birthday is in March, we need to know by February 20th.).

Feb. 1	Eugene Odegard	Feb. 14	Josie Kinstler	Feb. 21	Drew Klecker
Feb. 2	Vera Ista	Feb. 16	Bill Johnson		Tara Emerson
	Jason Johnson	Feb. 17	Bill Wisher	Feb. 22	Jean Olson
Feb. 4	Liz Lauterbach	Feb. 18	Bjorn Christ		Ardella Norenberg
Feb. 5	Julie Casby		Gary Virgin	Feb. 23	T.J. Rawitzer
Feb. 6	Dick Lundquist		Deanna Rowe		
Feb. 7	Ron Neujahr	Feb. 19	Miles Murphy	Feb. 24	Zoey Ackman
Feb. 11	Agnes Zawada		Sarah Johnson	Feb. 25	Lea Thornton
Feb. 13	Lyla Burke				Peter Christ

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Thursday, February 1st

7:30pm Theology on Tap

Friday, February 2nd

2:30pm Cookie Baking

Saturday, February 3rd

5:00pm Christikon Gathering

Sunday, February 4th

8:30am Worship Service

9:40am Adult Forum

9:40am Sunday Faith Formation

10:45am Worship Service

Monday, February 5th

9:30am Monday Morning Crew

5:00pm Worship Committee

7:00pm Milt's Basketball

Tuesday, February 6th

8:30am ECFE Drop in

9:30am Old Guys-Perkins

2:30pm YogaDevotion

6:30pm MSET Meeting

Wednesday, February 7th

8:30am ECFE Drop in

11:00am Staff Meeting

6:00pm Bell Choir

6:30pm Youth Group

7:30pm Lightshine Choir

7:30pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 8th

10:00am Senior Ministry

11:30am OK's Luncheon
and Program

Friday, February 9th

12:00pm Visitation for
Jane Aubuchon

1:00pm Funeral-

Jane Aubuchon

2:30pm Cookie Baking

Saturday, February 10th

no events

Sunday, February 11th

8:30am Worship Service

9:40am Adult Forum

9:40am Sunday Faith Formation

10:45am Worship Service

Monday, February 12th

9:30am Monday Morning Crew

6:00pm Girl Scouts

No Basketball tonight

7:00pm Rebecca Circle Bible Study

Tuesday, February 13th

8:30am ECFE Drop in

9:30am Old Guys-Perkins

9:30am Lydia Circle Bible Study

9:30am Women of the Well Circle
Bible Study

2:30pm YogaDevotion

7:00pm Congregation Council
Meeting

Wednesday, February 14th

Ash Wednesday

8:30am ECFE Drop in

12:00pm Ash Wednesday

Worship Service

1:30pm Ruth Circle Bible Study

5:30pm Lent—Soup Supper

6:00pm Bell Choir

6:30pm Youth Group

7:00pm Ash Wednesday

Worship Service

7:30pm Lightshine Choir

7:40pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 15th

no events

Friday, February 16th

2:30pm Cookie Baking

5:00pm Family Alternatives party

Saturday, February 17th

10:00am Cordes Baby Shower

10:00am Ericksen Music

12:00pm Meditative Drumming

Sunday, February 18th

8:30am Worship Service

9:40am Adult Forum

9:40am Sunday Faith Formation

10:45am Worship Service

Monday, February 19th

9:30am Monday Morning Crew

7:00pm Milt's Basketball

Tuesday, February 20th

8:30am ECFE Drop in

9:30am Old Guys-Perkins

2:30pm YogaDevotion

6:00pm Cub Scouts

Blue & Gold dinner

Wednesday, February 21st

8:30am ECFE Drop in

11:00am Staff Meeting

5:30pm Social Concerns Committee

5:30pm Lent—Soup Supper

6:00pm Bell Choir

6:30pm Youth Group

7:00pm Mid-Week Lenten Worship

7:30pm Lightshine Choir

7:40pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 22nd

no events

Friday, February 23rd

2:30pm Cookie Baking

6:00pm Eternal Life Church
International

Saturday, February 24th

6:00pm Eternal Life Church

International

7:00pm MOMS on a Mission

Sunday, February 25th

8:30am Worship Service

9:40am Adult Forum

9:40am Sunday Faith Formation

10:45am Worship Service

2:00pm Eternal Life Church

International

Monday, February 26th

9:30am Monday Morning Crew

7:00pm Milt's Basketball

Tuesday, February 27th

8:30am ECFE Drop in

9:30am Old Guys –at Perkins

6:30pm Cub Scout Committee

Wednesday, February 28th

8:30am ECFE Drop in

5:30pm Lent- Soup Supper

6:00pm Bell Choir

6:30pm Youth Group

7:00pm Mid-Week Lenten Worship

7:30pm Lightshine Choir

7:40pm Chancel Choir

The Shape I AM: A Lenten Worship Series

Following up on our Epiphany series, “Body Images,” we’re stepping away from the lectionary on Sundays during Lent to help tell a slightly more nuanced story. The goal of this Lenten journey is to more deeply explore the Jesus who has come to live among us but who has also come to die for our sake. Digging into the “I AM” statements in the Gospel of John give us an opportunity to do just this. The good news that John shares helps to reveal the truth of the human/divine essence of Jesus while at the same time underscoring our own human need to be in relationship with the divine. Our series is formed around a study of John written by Karoline Lewis, Luther Seminary preaching professor and John scholar.



She writes,

*“The ‘I AM’ statements are more than just a novelty of the Fourth Gospel — they reveal, in all fullness (John 1:16), the identity of Jesus. ‘Obviously,’ you might be thinking. But Lent is the season to remember one very important thing about what it means to be a Christian: that **when Jesus goes to the cross, there goes God.**”*

Series Schedule:

- “I AM the True Vine” John 15:1-5 – Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14
- “I AM the Bread of Life” John 6:35-40 – Sunday, Feb. 18
- “I AM the Light of the World” : John 8:12-20 – Sunday, Feb. 25
- “I AM the Door” John 10:1-10 – Sunday, Mar. 4
- “I AM the Good Shepherd” John 10:11-18 – Sunday, Mar. 11
- “I AM the Resurrection and the Life” John 11:17-27 – Sunday, Mar. 18

At the Adult Forum between services each Sunday, participants will wrestle with these questions:

- *What do the I AM statements of Jesus in John’s gospel call us to do in the world?*
- *What are the implications for community outreach, support of mission work, and social justice?*



Lenten Suppers @ 5:30 p.m.,
Wednesdays
beginning Feb. 14th,
Ash Wednesday

Cookers and Eaters Wanted
Cookers: sign-up sheet to bring soup
on the bulletin board
Eaters: come and feast on soup and fellowship

Lenten Worship Services @7:00 p.m.