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Pastor's message

Explore the values of Jesus during Lent

Dear Friends,

I have a confession. It's actually the same one I make every year. I'm not a lover of the season of Lent. I don't like the color purple. I'm not good at being somber. I know that Jesus has already risen so I like to shout alleluia. And sorry Lynn, but I don't LOVE music in minor keys. I believe that weekend worship is always about celebrating the good news of Christ's resurrection, even during the 6 weeks of Lent. And you know, I don't like the time of the year where Lent falls. Since I find winter depressing and basically an annoyance, maybe I'd be more excited about Lent if it came in July.

Therefore, for me to survive Lent, I have to set aside all the liturgical and ritualistic ideas about Lent and find a way to let the season draw me into a closer relationship with God. I can't get upset if we do something in the church during Lent that isn't suggested in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship book. I am far better off concentrating my energies during Lent on some study opportunities that will challenge my faith and spirituality, that will make me think harder, that will make me question and explore and not just take things I've been told for granted. I read. I attend a workshop or seminar.

Second in my Lenten survival kit is that I try to engage in something out of the ordinary that will help me understand how Jesus calls me to model him in mission and ministry. Jesus was about justice and walking with the disenfranchised. I find that Lent is better for me when I participate in a unique discipleship

opportunity.

This year, I would like to have you join me in exploring the values of Jesus during Lent. On Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m., we can gather in the sanctuary to consider what the world would look like if Christians truly modeled the work of Christ. Since I believe that God continues to speak and work through each of us, then I think that Christianity and my personal spirituality is always evolving and asking questions, exploring answers and sharing viewpoints allows that evolution to happen. God is not just speaking to me. God is speaking to you, too. Therefore, we need to hear each other.

I would also like to invite you to consider how you might model Christ as our congregation considers returning to assist the flood-ravaged people of Minot, N.D.

Could you find a way to share some time and travel there to volunteer? Would you be able to share some financial resources to send others there to hang drywall? What might each one of us be able to do without so that we could send work crews to help Jane and others in Minot?

However you understand Lent, I hope it is a time for you to consider how God is talking to you and to those around you. I hope it is a time for challenge and opportunity. I hope it is a time to question and explore. I hope it is a time for change. Christ is risen, alleluia! How will that good news move you through Lent in 2012?

Peace,
Pastor DEAN

Usher teams (Todd Schaack, 241-3565)

Early Service (* denotes team captain)

Team A

*Art Zogbaum, 241-5141
Pat Davis, 249-6847
Cody Davis, 249-6847

Team B

*Nate Campbell, 669-6823
Seth Campbell, 228-6825
Nicole Campbell, 515-6825
Michael Seymour, 609-6881

Team C

*Keith Kerl, 846-8639
David Seymour, 249-9388
Liz Seymour, 230-3154
Blanche Herritz, 249-6275
Lucy Mathiak, 244-0939

Team D

*Nate Campbell, 669-6823
5th and 6th grade students

Late Service

Team G

*Terry Warnke, 244-2047
Charles Sabeau, 244-5467
Betty Graack, 469-9574
Steele Schilling, 249-1891

Team H

*Chris DuPré, 249-0585
James Foye, 230-6881
Dale McKee, 235-9335
John Dyar, 833-2728

Team I

*Bob Mohrmann, 249-5241
Garry Puzach, 849-4731
Tracy Stamm, 850-3502
Nicholas Stamm 850-3502

Team K: Todd, Linda and Charlie Schaack, 241-3565 and Scott and Kim Harris, 846-4901

Counter teams

Team A

Colleen Kerl, 846-8639
Chuck/Gail Sabeau, 244-5467

Team B

Al Wessel/Ellen Bethel, 246-3917
Carol Rohde, 249-9122

Team C

Lisa/Phil Gilbertson,
846-3266
Art Zogbaum, 241-5141

Team D

Joyce McElmurry, 244-1643
Amy Butrymowicz, 279-9831

Team E

Darlene Younger, 244-9460
Barry Jensen, 244-6415
Steve Norton, 320-1294

Sign-up now to reserve a special day to sponsor altar flowers or bulletins.

See the charts in the narthex.

Available dates:

Bulletins – Feb. 26; March 4, 11, 18, 25; April 1, 8, 22, 29;
May 6, 13, 20, 27; June 3, 17, 24; July 8, 15; Aug. 26;
Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Oct. 7, 14, 21; Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 24, 25, 30

Altar flowers – Feb. 26; March 11; May 6; June 17; July 15, 29;
Aug. 26; Sept. 16, 23, 30; Oct. 21, 28; Nov. 4, 18, 25; Dec. 30

REMEMBERING THE CROW ON "SOUPER" BOWL WEEKEND

At every worship service on Super Bowl weekend, February 4 and 5, we will receive a special offering. Every year, we receive an offering on this weekend and give it to a food sharing organization.

This year, our financial gift will go to the emergency food resource at Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church in Lodge Grass, Mont. We stayed at this church last summer on our mission trip to the reservation.

As you know, there is extreme poverty on this reservation and Father Jim shares resources with people who are in need. Our gifts will assist families who have the need for food. This is also a great way to thank the Crow community of Lodge Grass for their hospitality last summer. If you write a check, write it to "Lakeview." If you give a gift of cash and would like it recorded on your giving statement, please indicate your name and envelope number with your cash. Thank you for assisting with this ministry.

FOOD PANTRY REQUESTS

Pancake syrup and pancake mix.

HELP PORCHLIGHT FIRE VICTIMS

The collection box is out in the narthex to help the victims of the recent Porchlight Apartment fire. Please consider helping to collect the following items before Sunday, February 6: new or gently used women's plus-sized winter clothing – *socks, underwear, pajamas, tops, sweaters, pants, jeans, winter coats* – and any kind of food that is in cardboard – *cereal, pasta, granola bars, ramen, hamburger helper, rice, instant potatoes, etc.* Bring your donations to church and we will be taking them to Porchlight as they arrive. The need is great.



SECOND SUNDAY YOUTH

High school youth will gather at church at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 12. Bring sleds, snow tubes and toboggans to spend time sledding on the Human Service hill. When we are finished outside, we will come in for hot chocolate, pizza, soda and a brief devotion. Nate Campbell and Joanne Austin will be leading this event, as Pastor Dean will be on the adult retreat in Green Lake. All high school youth and their guests are invited to come and have some winter fun.

ALL ABOARD FOR MINOT

We have received a call from Lutheran Disaster Response in Minot. They need us to come back. They need dedicated volunteers who are willing to come and do flood recovery, particularly to hang drywall and install floors. We worked hard when we were there in October and it's a guarantee that we'll work hard upon our return. AND we will return. We are considering several trips in the months of March, April and May. Maybe some of these trips will only be a carload of volunteers. Every volunteer who goes will be put to work. So, right now, please stop at the table in the narthex or talk to Chris Anders about how serious you are about going to Minot. Let her know the months that you may be available. Let her know when you can't go. We have already been contacted by a member of the congregation who would be willing to assist with some finances.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN DEVOTIONS

In some traditions, people give up things for Lent. In our tradition, you are encouraged to take on something additional in Lent, which will engage you in a deeper relationship with God. Therefore, we will offer a weekly Wednesday evening devotion during the weeks of Lent. That devotion will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Pastor Dean will be proclaiming the gospel as he explores the book written by Philip Gulley entitled, *"If the Church Were Christian; Rediscovering the Values of Jesus."* Gulley dares to ask the question, *what if Christians actually began to take Christ seriously?* Let's explore together how doing this could change the world. Themes will include:

- Jesus as a model for living and not just an object for worship.
- Reconciliation is of greater value than judgment.
- Gracious behavior is more important than right belief.
- Meeting needs is more important than maintaining institutions.
- Peace is valued over power.

Light refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Room before and after evening devotions. Enjoy some food, beverages and fellowship with others who worship.



SUNDAY SCHOOL SINGS

Remember that on Sunday, Feb 19 the Sunday school children will sing during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. This is the weekend we celebrate the Transfiguration of our Lord.

ASH WEDNESDAY – FEB 22

Our annual Ash Wednesday worship with communion and the imposition of ashes will be on February 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. This is the night that we remember that we are dust and to dust we shall return. On this night, we begin the more somber, contemplative season of Lent as we approach the resurrection celebration of Easter. The choir will assist to lead the Ash Wednesday service. You are invited to attend.

SENIORS PARTY AND EUCHRE TOURNAMENT SET FOR FEB. 15

After two popular events, the Seniors Potluck Presidents' Day Party will be Wednesday, Feb. 15. Punch and hors d'oeuvres will be served at 11 a.m. at the fireplace. Lunch is at 11:45 a.m. in East Hall, and the euchre tournament starts at 12:30 p.m. with prizes awarded to the top 3 players. Other games will be played, too. Contact Chris Anders (244-6181) to sign up.

BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS

The first three picks by Lakeview Book Club – which meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month – are:

- **February:** "Cleopatra: A Life," by Stacy Schiff
- **March:** "Caleb's Crossing," by Geraldine Brooks
- **April:** "Those Who Save Us," by Jenna Blum

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

Confirmation families are reminded that there will NOT be confirmation classes on February 5 or February 12. Confirmation students will still be expected to acolyte as the schedule indicates (*check this newsletter*). There will be Sunday school on these Sundays.

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Youth fundraisers aplenty

Fruit sale order deadline set for Sunday, Feb. 19

The high school youth who are going to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in July in New Orleans have begun their annual fruit fundraiser.

They are excited to sell you some very good quality and healthy fruit in exchange for some of your cash to help pay the expenses of their trip.

Remember that any check you write to pay for fruit should be written to Lakeview and given to the youth from whom you bought your fruit. The fruit



sale ends at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, February 19.

The fruit will be delivered to the church early in the morning on March 3 and the youth will then be delivering the fruit to you. Thank you for supporting the kids and this important trip.

High school youth selling fruit include Kelly Austin, Krista Brown, Seth Campbell, Payton Castillo, Kayla Conners, Aidan Dalton, Carter Dommershausen, Darrian Driskel, Cassie Foye, Dillon Haasl, Olivia Knudtson, Morgan McElmurry, Morgan McGill, Jamie Meyers, Donna O'Kane, Maddie Olsen, Jon Olson, Kari Seeliger, Nicholas Stamm and Trevor Wells. If you haven't been asked to buy fruit and you would like to, don't hesitate to contact any of these youth.

New Orleans-style red beans and rice dinner on menu for February 21 event

It has become tradition that our high school youth sponsor a Fat Tuesday fundraising event at church. In the past, we have



served a pancake supper. On Tuesday, Feb. 21, we are mixing things up and we'll be serving a traditional New Orleans style red beans and rice dinner. (*This Monday night meal is as sacred in New Orleans as a Friday fish fry is in Madison*).

There will be a meat and a vegetarian option. Besides the red beans, the meal will include salad, French bread, fresh fried beignets with powdered sugar, chicory coffee au lait, milk and water. Pastor Dean will be making the red beans and rice. The youth will be helping and they will be serving you. Dixie Horizons will again provide live jazz music during the meal. Beads will be provided but you can also wear your own. This is the big celebration before we begin the season of Lent. In New Orleans, it is the night of Mardi Gras. Dinner will be served from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in East Hall. Advanced tickets are required this year so that your food will be fresh and of the best quality. Tickets can be purchased at the church office or in the narthex. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children under 10. Spread the word and don't miss this fun evening of unique food, great music and wonderful fellowship. Your participation will assist the youth going to the national youth gathering in New Orleans.

Worship Assistants Schedule

Any changes? Call (244-6181) or e-mail (office@lakeviewlutheranmail.org) the church office. Thank you.

Date	Time	Acolytes	Altar Guild	Communion Assistants	Counters	Lay Readers	Ushers
		Pastor Dean 244-6181	Kathy Krause 249-9453	Verallyn Cline 222-2623	By Team	Verallyn Cline 222-2623	By Team
Feb. 5	8:15 a.m.	Kristen Dyson		Verallyn Cline, Jane Rose, Sandy Rupnow, Jerry Smith, Art Zogbaum		John Frey	B
Feb. 5	10:30 a.m.	Colton Rohde	Arlene Phillips	Lynn Case, John Dyar, James Foye, Marlene Hardick, Lyn Jerde	D	Gary Case	K
Feb. 12	8:15 a.m.	Ben Buchda		Verallyn Cline, Keith Kerl, Kathy Knudtson, Kathy Krause, Liz Seymour		Verallyn Cline	C
Feb. 12	10:30 a.m.	Garrett Kerl	Jan Pond	Arlene Phillips, Kris Kirst, Jan Pond, Tamela Steele	E	Arlene Phillips	K
Feb. 19	8:15 a.m.	Connor Dalton		Nate Campbell, Sunday school students		Nate Campbell	C
Feb. 19	10:30 a.m.	Jacob Stamm	Arlene Moody	Al Wessel, Nancy Stillwell, Kathie Benson, Dayna Dalton, Doris Hicks	E	Al Wessel	G
Feb. 22	7 p.m.	Kristen Dyson		Rene Puzach, Kathy Knudtson, Kris Kirst, Leah Voigt Potter, Verallyn Cline			
Feb. 26	8:15 a.m.	Ann Braithwaite		Seth Campbell, Jerry Smith, Art Zogbaum, Jane Rose, Sandy Rupnow		Seth Campbell	D
Feb. 26	10:30 a.m.	Colton Rohde	Karen Knudsvig	James Foye, Nancy Keichinger, Joyce McElmurry, Bob Mohrmann, Arlene Moody	A	James Foye	G
Mar. 4	8:15 a.m.	Ben Buchda		Keith Kerl, Garrett Kerl, John Frey, Kathy Krause, Liz Seymour		Keith Kerl	D
Mar. 4	10:30 a.m.	Garrett Kerl		John Dyar, Leah Potter, Garry and Rene Puzach, Marlene Hardick	A	John Dyar	H
Mar. 11	8:15 a.m.	Connor Dalton		Kathy Knudtson, Nate & Seth Campbell, Verallyn Cline, Lynn Case		Kathy Knudtson	A
Mar. 11	10:30 a.m.	Jacob Stamm		Kris Kirst, James Foye, Lyn Jerde, Arlene Phillips	B	Kris Kirst	H
Mar. 18	8:15 a.m.	Kristen Dyson		Nate Campbell, Sunday school students		Kathy Krause	A
Mar. 18	10:30 a.m.	Ann Braithwaite		Tamela Steele, Al Wessel, Jan Pond, Kathie Benson, Arlene Moody	B	Tamela Steele	I
Mar. 25	8:15 a.m.	Colton Rohde		Lucy Mathiak, Jerry Smith, Art Zogbaum, Keith Kerl, Garrett Kerl		Amy Luebke	B
Mar. 25	10:30 a.m.	Ben Buchda		Nancy Stillwell, Dayna Dalton, Doris Hicks, Nancy K., Joyce M.	C	Nancy Stillwell	I