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A word from Pastor Larson



Dear Friends in Christ,

This year, for Lent, I have designed a study series entitled, "God's Gifts for the Journey." Each week during Lent I will lift up a different gift from the Gospel Lesson for the day. See the schedule of themes for the season on the following page.

Our task in our journey of life is to help God bring in his kingdom today. We will see that God does not just set us loose and leave us out in the world on our own. God shows us a path. God shows us glimpses of his presence along the way. God gives us gifts, tools, helps, that make our journey more meaningful, more significant. They do not make our journey easier, but they assure us that we are not alone in our journey, and that God is watching out for us, and God cares what happens to us, and where we end up.

So, as we make our way through the Sundays of Lent, we will be discussing... What does it mean to have these gifts in your possession in your journey of life? How do they help you in your walk of faith? The seven gifts that we will be talking about are not all of the gifts, just the ones that come out in these texts we read during Lent. Maybe you see other gifts coming out in addition to the ones listed.

On Sunday mornings I invite you to gather in small groups around the tables in the Connection after worship. Instead of running home right away, I hope you will stay around a little longer to participate in conversations about the sermon for the day. There will be discussion questions and table leaders. Take this time to get to know your neighbor better, and to talk about the theme for the day.

I will be using these themes for more in-depth study during the Tuesday Morning Bible Studies at Croixdale. The confirmands will be discussing these themes with their mentors during Lent. Sunday School kids will be doing crafts and activities on these themes as well. Join your partners in the journey of God's Kingdom this year for Lent.

God bless your journey,

Pastor Rich

God's Gifts for the Journey Worship Series

	<u>Church Day</u>	<u>Bible Theme</u>	<u>Gift for the Journey</u>	<u>Text</u>
Mar 3 Transfiguration of our Lord	Transfiguration	Heavenly Light	Assurance, Inspiration, Awe	Luke 9:28-36
Mar 10 First Sunday in Lent	Lent I	The Temptation	The Word	Luke 4:1-13
Mar 17 Second Sunday in Lent	Lent II	Hen and Her Chicks	Gathering	Luke 13:31-35
Mar 24 Third Sunday in Lent	Lent III	The Fig Tree	Patience	Luke 13:6-9
Mar 31 Fourth Sunday in Lent	Lent IV	Prodigal Son	Unconditional Love	Luke 15:1-3
Apr 7 Fifth Sunday in Lent	Lent V	Anointing at Bethany	Presence	John 12:1-8
Apr 14 Sixth Sunday in Lent	Lent VI	Palm Sunday	Promises	Luke 19:28-40, 11b-32

Prepare For Worship

	<u>First Reading</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>Second Reading</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Mar 3 Transfiguration of our Lord	Exodus 34:29-35	Psalm 99	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2	Luke 9:28-36
Mar 10 First Sunday in Lent	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16	Romans 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13
Mar 17 Second Sunday in Lent	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	Psalm 27	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:31-35
Mar 24 Third Sunday in Lent	Isaiah 55:1-9	Psalm 63:1-8	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Luke 13:3-9
Mar 31 Fourth Sunday in Lent	Joshua 5:9-12	Psalm 32	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Mid-Week Worship Opportunities

ASH WEDNESDAY - March 6



Worship at Noon with light lunch to follow
Evening Worship at 7pm

MID-WEEK LENT WORSHIP

Wednesday evenings at 7pm

- March 13
- March 20
- March 27
- April 3
- April 10

Service Opportunities

VALLEY OUTREACH MN - FOODSHARE MONTH

Get involved in our local **Feed a Family** 2019 effort! The campaign runs **March 1 -29**. Feed-A-Family is the biggest community-driven food and fund drive of the year, which helps hungry families all across the state. Bring donations of non-perishable food items or cash! Menu of Top Needs:

CASH, a \$25 donation goes a long way

HYGIENE– paper towels, toilet paper, soap, shampoo & conditioner

CANNED MEATS– tuna, chicken, salmon, sardines

GRAINS– pasta, rice, quinoa.

SPICES– salt & pepper, garlic, cumin, cinnamon

CEREAL– whole grain, hot or cold

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Church News

THANK GOD AND HIS FOLLOWERS

I truly want to thank the members of BLC for all the prayers, cards & calls that I have received since my skiing accident. It is a slow process but I'm getting better every day thanks to God's love & your prayers. A special thanks to Pastor Rich for his hospital visits & prayers before and after my surgery, it helped a lot. May God bless all of you as he has blessed me!

Yours In Christ,
Neil Stafford

POSTAGE DONATIONS WELCOME

We continue to welcome donations to offset the costs of mailing Monthly Newsletters and weekly mailings to our home bound members.

EASTER MEMORIAL GARDEN ORDERS

Watch for more information, soon!

First Communion Instruction

Beginning Wednesday April 3, 6pm.

Is your child or grandchild starting to ask questions about what happens at communion? Does he or she wonder when he or she will start getting the bread and the wine? Maybe it is time to come to communion class in order to prepare for **First Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 18, 7pm**. The three part class series will be held on three consecutive Wednesdays, April 3, April 10 and April 17. See Pastor Rich for more information.

Croixdale Bible Study

TUESDAYS, 10am

We gather with coffee, treats, prayers, and Bible Studies each Tuesday morning in the Club Room of the Croixdale Residence in Bayport, Hwy 95 N. Contact [Pastor Rich](#) if you would like more information or have questions.

Second Sunday Supper

SECOND SUNDAY SUPPER March 10, 2019

Meal served at 5pm. *All are welcome!*

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for Chow Mein Hot Dish, Relish, Rolls and Dessert.

Altar Guild Leader

Andree Aronson

Bethlehem Village

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	<u>Treats</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Worship Asst.</u>	<u>AV</u>	<u>ACOLYTE</u>
March 3	Margie Seim	TBD	Norm Grams	Hope Pederson	Mike Knox	Violet Dahl
March 6 Ash Wednesday Noon	TBD	Margie Seim		N/A	TBD	TBD
March 6 Ash Wednesday 7pm	TBD	TBD	Kristi Mahnke	N/A	TBD	TBD
March 10	Sara Leis	TBD	Beth Burns	Ann Gilman	Mark Schoolman	TBD
March 17	Hope Pederson Joy Montgomery	Brad Pederson Jim Montgomery	Brad Anderson	Kristi Mahnke	Dennis McCarthy	Jenna Ellis
March 24	Dolgners Joy Montgomery	Dolgners	Dwight Cummins	Dwight Cummins	TBD	TBD
March 31 Youth Sunday	Hope Pederson	BLC Youth	BLC Youth	CYF Leader Jenny Schoolman	TBD	BLC Youth

Children, Youth and Family Ministry

Due to personal and health reasons, Katie Engelking is stepping aside as the Children, Youth and Family Director. We wish her all the best and pray for rest and healing. She would like to continue to volunteer as she is able. In the interim, as we search for another Director, David Lim will take over some of the responsibilities of the Children Youth and Family Director along side of Jenny Schoolman. If anyone knows of someone who would be interested in the position, please speak with Pastor Larson.

UPCOMING CYF EVENTS

MARCH 6

Confirmation Weekly Mentoring begins

MARCH 17

Confirmation 2.0 Bowling, 2pm

MARCH 10-16

Spring Break-no programming

MARCH 20

Confirmation 2.0 , 7pm

MARCH 22-24

Confirmation Retreat
Gustavus College

MARCH 31

YOUTH SUNDAY

Interim CYF Director, David Lim
Interim Assistant CYF Director, Jenny Schoolman
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BLCW Ministry

Our BLCW March meeting will be on **Thursday, March 14, 1:00 p.m.** with Mary Olson as hostess.

BABY CARE KIT DONATIONS WELCOME. We are collecting new or gently used 6-24 month baby items such as, t-shirts (no onesies), receiving blankets, cloth diapers, diaper pins or large safety pins, bath size bars of gentle soap-in original wrapping, dark colored hand-size towels, jackets, sweaters, hooded sweatshirts, baby caps, sleepers (no feet), and baby gowns. Sizes Contact Nancy Larson for more details.

Quilters

Quilters will not meet during March but will resume **April 25**, due to Maundy Thursday. We will then continue into Spring with our **THIRD** Thursday of the month schedule.

Questions? Mary Trenda trendam@comcast.net
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March Calendar

- 3** **WORSHIP with Communion, 9am**
 Sunday School, 10:20am
 Connection Conversations, 10:20am
- 5** Croixdale Bible Study, 10am
- 6** **ASH WEDNESDAY**
Worship at Noon, light lunch to follow
 After School Kids. 3:15pm
 Weekly Mentor
 Bell Choir, 6pm
Worship, 7pm
 Chapel Choir, 7:30pm
 Bridge of Harmony, 8:30pm
- 10 - 15** **Ski Trip to Whitefish**
- 10** **WORSHIP, 9am** Guest Preacher, Joe Lees
 No Sunday School, Spring Break
 Connection Conversations, 10:20am
 Croixdale Worship, 1:45pm
 Second Sunday Supper, 5pm
- 11** MARCH MID-MONTH DEADLINE
- 12** Croixdale Bible Study, 10am
- 13** After School Kids. 3:15pm
 Weekly Mentor
 Bell Choir, 6pm
Worship, 7pm
 Chapel Choir, 7:30pm
 Bridge of Harmony, 8:30pm
- 14** BLCW, 1pm
 E-Comm, 6pm
- 15** MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- 17** **WORSHIP with Communion, 9am**
 Sunday School, 10:20am
 Connection Conversations, 10:20am
 Confirmation 2.0 Bowling, 2pm
- 19** Croixdale Bible Study, 10am
- 20** After School Kids. 3:15pm
 Confirmation Check in, 5:30pm/Weekly Mentor
 Bell Choir, 6pm
Worship, 7pm
 Confirmation 2.0, 7pm
 Chapel Choir, 7:30pm
 Bridge of Harmony, 8:30pm
- 22-24** Confirmation Retreat, Gustavus
- 24** **WORSHIP, 9am**
 Sunday School, 10:15am
 Connection Conversations, 10:20am
- 26** Croixdale Bible Study, 10am
- 27** After School Kids. 3:15pm
 Weekly Mentor
 Bell Choir, 6pm
Worship, 7pm
 Chapel Choir, 7:30pm
 Bridge of Harmony, 8:30pm
- 31** **WORSHIP with Communion, 9am**
 YOUTH SUNDAY
 Sunday School, 10:20am
 Connection Conversations, 10:20am

Birthdays

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|------|--|------|--|------|-----------------------------------|
| 3/1 | Tasia-Violet Aubin
Mandi Thompson | 3/13 | Matthew Anderson
Andrew Larson | 3/19 | Jim Boettcher
George Siegfried |
| 3/2 | Cynthia Huhnke
Dianne Radke | 3/14 | Carol E. Anderson
Geri Boutelle | 3/20 | Rod Marschke
John McCarthy |
| 3/8 | Marie Bennett
Lillian Knothe
Sandy Ness | 3/15 | Kathy Cinnamon
Pat Johnson | 3/23 | Renee Beberg
Daryl Lindstom |
| 3/10 | Christopher Staloch
Claudia Stow | 3/16 | Samuel Gallichant | 3/25 | Linda Forcier |
| 3/11 | John Forcier
Camden Melville
Corrinne Mevissen
Lauren Oseland | 3/17 | Matthew Croft
Erin Crowder
Marv Friedrich
Bob Olson | 3/26 | Dick Beberg |
| | | 3/18 | Zane Genz | 3/27 | Izabella Riascos |
| | | | | 3/28 | Sarah Leis |
| | | | | 3/29 | Matt Dahlen
Isabella Edling |
| | | | | 3/30 | Joleen Sandstrom
Kenneth Smith |
| | | | | 3/31 | Marilyn Akey
Jenny Schoolman |

In Partnership with God, with
each Other, with the World!



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