

March Worship Assistants

	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
Greeters & Ushers	Janice Lockwood	Tom and Carol Urbanic	Bruce & Connie Stevenson	John and Linda Thompson	Sue Kaufmann
Acolyte	Alyssa Young	Charlotte Stroup	Elijah Young	Thomas Bullwinkle	Alyssa Young
Altar Care (10:30)	Gary Boisseau		Gary Boisseau		Gary Boisseau
Communion Assistants	Emma Deibler		Janice Lockwood		Gary Boisseau
Counters	Bruce and Connie Stevenson	Burdie Gillern & Janice Lockwood	John and Linda Thompson	Michele Myers & Anne Stromstad	Bill and Katy Stimmel
Coffee Hour			Almost St. Patrick's Lunch		



Worship Readings for March

As we move into the second half of Matthew's gospel we start to see a community of faith beginning to form around Jesus. The disciples and the other followers have plenty of problems, but the stage is being set for the emergence of the church.

March 1 – Matthew 16:13-17:27

March 8 – Matthew 18-20

March 15 – Matthew 21-22

March 22 – Matthew 23-25

March 29 (Palm Sunday) – Matthew 26:1-16



Worship In-person and Zoom

10:30 is in-person worship in the sanctuary and also by Zoom. The Zoom link for 10:30 is emailed weekly. If you cannot connect to the 10:30 service with a computer you can still hear and participate in the service with any phone.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82790182949?pwd=kWc27H9b1VhTH4f1yIbb4ObrouDVtO.1>

Meeting ID: 827 9018 2949

Passcode: 131540

By phone:

1 929 436 2866 US (New York)



Give Up Lint for Lent

This bizarre collection is an annual tradition in our congregation's Lenten journey. Last year it was published nationwide as a feature article in *Living Lutheran*.

There is a collection box in the Gathering Area for you to put your **dryer lint, used dryer sheets, old crayons and stubs of candles**. This worthless stuff (and somewhat gross) will be melted together and burnt on the fire at the sunrise service on Easter. We're also going to add in all the prayer sheets from the 10:30 service and burn them too; as prayers rising up to God. This Lent, once again give up your most worthless stuff so that God can turn it into heat and light!

2026 Membership Directory

It's time to create an updated membership directory. Please review the contact information we have for you on the table in the Gathering Area. Write down any corrections and updates. We'll print the new directory and have it available around Easter.



- Thank you to the snow plow teams for clearing the sidewalks and parking lot in January. A special thanks to Tom Urbanic for using the tractor when the plow truck was away for repairs during the heavy snowfall.
- Thank you to the Sunday school children and teachers for leading the 10:30 service on February 8.
- Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Souper Bowl collection.
- Thank you to Nick Stewart for getting the lunch sandwiches for the annual congregational meeting.



- Alex Clark, friend of the Shulers. He is a 38 year old father who was recently diagnosed with stomach and intestinal cancer.
- Paul Huber as he receives additional treatments to help with bone strength.
- Marilyn Bair who is weak and needs regular care.
- Patty Anderson, niece of Bruce Stevenson, who has congestive heart failure, declining kidney function, and diabetes.
- Pat Eddy, neighbor of the Zueges, who is on hospice care.
- Sally Mansfield, as she is in a nursing home for rehabilitation.

Almost St. Patrick's Day Potluck

Are you ready for a wonderful dinner and some great fellowship? Well, here comes the third annual "Almost St. Patrick's Day March Potluck" dinner. It will be March 15th right after church, rain or shine. Check the bulletin board for the ever-present sign-up sheets. One will be for your name and number of people in your group. The other(s) will be to sign up for whatever kind of dish you can bring to pass. Everyone is welcome, with or without a dish... just remember to bring your appetite. **!!GAMES WILL FOLLOW!!**

"Snow Problem" At All – Except

Thank you to those whose generosity has helped to pay for the unexpected expense of replacing the snow plow. At this point we still need \$4256 to cover the rest of the cost. While we could pay that out of the general operating fund, that hampers our ability to do other property maintenance we anticipate this year. If you're able to help please label your check or electronic deposit "Snow Problem Appeal." Talk to Tom Urbanic for more information.

February Council Highlights

Church council held its regular monthly meeting on February 9th. Major items on the agenda were:

- Election of Officers:
 - President – Mark Wyman
 - Vice-president – Jen White
 - Secretary – Elizabeth Young
 - Treasurer – Wayne Young
 - Financial Secretary – Gary Boisseau
- Council Liaisons to committees:
 - Education – Elizabeth Young
 - Family Promise – Mary Zuege
 - Fellowship – Nick Stuart
 - Outreach – Linda Flood
 - Property – John CiPollina
 - Stewardship and Finance – Gary Boisseau
 - Worship and Music – Greta Crowell
 - Youth – Jen White

Community Outreach Committee

"Souper Bowl" Sunday donations were \$155. That money will be sent to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. Thanks so much for contributing!

The Blue Star Mothers wish to say thank you to all who donated hats and mittens on the mitten tree in December. They're being used to provide winter weather protection for families living in the far north of New York State. Thanks for helping provide people with warm hands and heads!



Life Line Screening is hosting a screening event at church on Tuesday, March 10th. Their screening can assess risk for heart conditions and stroke. Please see their website at www.llsa.social/habc for more information and pricing.



February Bible Trivia Answers

1. Jesus sends the twelve disciples on a missionary journey to people of which nation only? Answer: Israel (Matthew 10:6)
2. Where is John the Baptist when he asks of Jesus, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Answer: In prison (Matthew 11:2)
3. How much food does Jesus start with in the Feeding of the 5000 miracle? Answer: Fives loaves and two fish (Matthew 14:17)
4. What happens to Peter when he is walking on the water towards Jesus but then sees the strong wind? Answer: He starts to sink (Matthew 14:30)

March Bible Trivia Questions

Hint: All the answers may be found in the Bible readings chosen for worship in March.

1. Which three disciples witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus?
2. In the parable of the lost sheep how many sheep does the owner leave behind when he goes in search of the lost one?
3. What happens to the fig tree that Jesus curses?
4. The Sadducees raised a theoretical scenario about a woman who is required to marry her husband's brother after he dies. But that brother dies too and she has to marry the next. How many brothers does she end up being married to?



March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <u>2nd Sunday in Lent</u> 8:30 Breakfast Church 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion	2 3-7 Violin Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	3 1:00 Women's Bible Study 3-7 Violin Lessons 7:00 Community Chorus 7:00 Property Committee	4 8:30 Men's Breakfast 3-7 Violin Lessons 6:00 Lenten Supper and Worship 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	5 10:00 Bible study at Lyons Church 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool	6 2-7 Cello Lessons	7
8 <u>3rd Sunday in Lent</u> 8:30 Breakfast Church 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Service of the Word 12:30 Church Council Retreat	9 3-7 Violin Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	10 8:00am - 8pm Life Line Screening 1:00 Women's Bible Study 3-7 Violin Lessons 7:00 Community Chorus	11 8:30 Men's Breakfast 3-7 Violin Lessons 6:00 Lenten Supper and Worship 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	12 10:00 Lyons Church Council 11:00 Bible study at Lyons Church 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool	13 2-7 Cello Lessons	14
15 <u>4th Sunday in Lent</u> 8:30 Breakfast Church 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion 12:00 Almost St. Patrick's Day Lunch 3:00 GFL Spring Conf. Assembly (St. Paul's, Pittsford)	16 3-7 Violin Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	17 <u>Patrick of Ireland</u> 1:00 Women's Bible Study 3-7 Violin Lessons 7:00 Community Chorus	18 8:30 Men's Breakfast 3-7 Violin Lessons 6:00 Lenten Supper and Worship 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	19 10:00 Bible study at Lyons Church 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool	20 2-7 Cello Lessons	21
22 <u>5th Sunday in Lent</u> 8:30 Breakfast Church 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Service of the Word	23 3-7 Violin Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	24 1:00 Women's Bible Study 3-7 Violin Lessons 7:00 Community Chorus 7:00 Property Committee	25 <u>Annunciation of Our Lord</u> 8:30 Men's Breakfast 3-7 Violin Lessons 6:00 Lenten Supper and Worship 7:30 Alcoholics Anonymous	26 10:00 Bible study at Lyons Church 10:00-2:30 Monarch Homeschool	27 2-7 Cello Lessons	28
29 <u>Palm Sunday</u> 8:30 Breakfast Church 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Holy Communion	30 3-7 Violin Lessons 7:00 Boy Scouts	31 1:00 Women's Bible Study 3-7 Violin Lessons 7:00 Community Chorus				



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Wednesdays -Mid Week Lenten Worship

15 – Almost St. Patrick's Lunch