



*Ash Wednesday February 26, 2020
And the start of Lent*

by Fr. Tom Geblsen



LENTEN JOURNEY



I must admit that Lent is my least favorite church season of the year! The season always asks us to fast, pray and give alms. These are really fine practices, but Lent actually asks of us to enter a journey, a personal journey in our "own" desert!

I find a personal journey to the desert a very harrowing experience if in fact we can become brutally honest with ourselves! It calls us to contemplate our dark side, confront it, and finally enter into a personal conversion process where we make amends with God, each other and most importantly ourselves, which may be the most difficult. You see, it's all about developing, growing and refining new and current relationships.

So, this Lent we have the opportunity to examine our personal part and responsibility in restorative justice, forgiveness and accountability. These elements ask us to get down and honest about what we bring to a family, community and society.

During this Lent every prayer, meditation, and contemplation can be enhance by what we personally choose to do as we make our journey!

God Bless and have a safe and fruitful journey!

EDUCATION UPDATE

by Heather Whitesell
Children & Youth Coordinator



Youth News

The kids are busy preparing for Lent and our Lenten project. This year they're planning to sell baked goods and prayer squares. Please watch for a chance to buy before and after services during Lent. Proceeds will benefit our partners at the Rosebud Episcopal Mission in South Dakota.

Summer Mission Trip

You may know that for the past several years the youth and their leaders have been travelling to Rosebud South Dakota to do mission work on the Indian reservation there. This year I am excited to announce that there will be an adult option included! Though the timing is the same as the youth group, this is for adults only who are interested in participating in mission work. It does involve communal living, manual labor and lots of fellowship!! Dates are June 14-20. Cost is between \$300-\$450. There is a flyer coming with more details. Please contact Heather Whitesell if interested. Space is limited!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



2	Bill Stromberg	22	Reid Gysland
3	Molly Jacobson	27	Cherie Bodene
5	Anjela Swartwood		Emma Rousselow
9	Sarah Schulte		
10	Loretta Herbers		
13	Gage Monroe		
14	Mark Kraabel		
15	Cami Gysland		



Time to
Spring Ahead

DAYLIGHT - SAVINGS TIME BEGINS MARCH 8TH.

Remember to set your clocks an hour ahead before you go to Bed on Saturday night, March 7th.

A REMINDER FROM OUR
PARISH ADMINISTRATOR,
BARB WILSON



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Thank you for the warm welcome and being patient with me.
I know that this is a great place to be!

If you have any items for the Newsletter please email them to me at: office@stgerogesonline.org.



The Wednesday evening Lenten soup suppers and series start on March 4, 2020. 6pm to 7:30. Come and enjoy a warm bowl of soup and a great series

LENTEN SERIES LENT – 2020

Come join us for a simple soup supper and program on the Wednesdays of Lent. The evening begins with soup at 6 PM followed by the program at 6:30 – 7:30

The series is entitled **CIRCLE UP** with focus on **Justice, Accountability, and Forgiveness.**

DATES & SESSION TOPICS:

March 4 – Video, Circle Up
March 11 – Justice
March 18 – Accountability
March 25 – Forgiveness
April 1 – What Does Healing Look Like?
Individuals, Families, Communities
Assessment – Has this topic affected your values?
What moved you?
Thanks to our tenant **Street Vision Foods** for providing the Breads and /or rolls for all five of the soup suppers and thanks to our volunteer soup makers: **Deacon Diane McGowan, Suzy Garland, Mary Kuhfeld, Jane Sandsmark, and Kathie Brown**

FOOD COLLECTION FOR ST. LOUIS PARK EMERGENCY PROGRAM (STEP)



Food donations for **STEP** are always welcome and may be placed in or next to the red wagon in the Narthex. Toilet paper and diapers of all sizes are also needed and welcome.

MARCH 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			March/ April Lenten Soup Supper 6pm – 7:30pm Every Wednesday			
1 8 am – Rite I 9 am – Choir Rehearsal 9:15 am –Adult Forum (PH) 10:30am – HE, Rite II	2	3	4 10:30am – Scripture Study (CEB) 6pm – Talze Service	5 6:30pm AA (LL)	6	7
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Key: HE – Holy Eucharist CEB – Christian Education Building LL – Library Lounge PH – Parish Hall DAYD – Dinner at Your Door	SECOND SUNDAY/ SECOND OFFERING –MARCH 8TH
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**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARISTIC ASSEMBLY
2020**

	March 1 First Sunday in Lent	March 8 Second Sunday in Lent	March 15 Third Sunday in Lent	March 22 Fourth Sunday in Lent	March 29 Fifth Sunday in Lent
Readings	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11	Genesis 12: 1-4A Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17	Exodus 17: 1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 Johns 4:5-42	Samuel 16: 1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5: 8-14 John 9: 1-41	Ezekiel 37: 1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 John 11: 1-45
Lectors 8 am 10:30 am	Mary Kuhfeld Marion D. Miller Kathie Brown	Carole Leonard Jean Wayne Mary Poulsen Leslie O'Donnell	Marilyn Clark Darlynn Benjamin Mike Oiler	Carole Leonard Jean Wayne Sarah Schulte Mark Schulte	Tom Harmon Mary Weekes Caryl Eschweiler
Chalice 8 am 10:30 am	Mary Kuhfeld Kathie Brown Devin Snyders	None John Rash Leslie O'Donnell	Marilyn Clark Mike Oiler Jessica Olson	Jean Wayne Amanda Turgeant Cyprian Troyer	Laura Harmon Kris Kelley John Rash
Ushers: 8 am 10:30 am	Bruce Becker Tom Harmon Bill Stromberg Sarah Schulte	Tom Harmon Gregg Jacobson TBD	Mike & Jane Sandsmark Tom Zaun Lou Michelich	Bruce Becker Ron Holbach Bob Jones Mark Schulte	Ron Holbach Gregg Jacobson Deb Rash Tom Zaun
Acolytes: 10:30 am	Ian Rash Nolyn Snyders	Lilly Schulte Sarah Rash	Lilly Schulte Sarah Rash	Calista Snyder Nolyn Snyders	Ian Rash, Sarah Rash
Altar Guild	Kitty Reese/Bill Stromberg/Kris Geri Alberg	TBD	Kathleen Boe./ Katy Campbell/ Rachel Santos	Nancy Becker/ Bruce Becker/ Kathie Brown	Jane Jacobson Kris Kelley
Coffee Hour: 8 am 10:30 am	Ron Holbach Alan & Mary Poulsen	Mary Kuhfeld Sandsmarks NA	Betty Bauer Bob & Bonnie Jones	Carole Leonard Geri Alberg Don & Patricia Janke	Ron Hollbach John and Jane Carlson

ANNUAL MEETING

New Vestry members and Convension Delegates Elected at Annual Meeting

At the Annual Meeting of St. George's Church, held on Sunday February 23, the following members were elected to serve a two – year term on the Vestry: Bruce Becker, Jill Burns, Gregg Jacobson, and Rachel Santos.

We recognized the following Vestry members who completed their terms: Cathy Asgain, Marilyn Clark, Lou Michelich and Jessica Olson.

Members still serving on the vestry are: Lindsay Benjamin, Kathleen Boe, Jane Sandsmark, Sarah Schulte and Cyprian Troyer.

The following members were elected as delegates to the convention: Tom Boe, Suzy Garland and Cyprian Troyer.

Recognition of the Convention Delegates still serving is: Cyprian Troyer.

We remembered the following parishioners who passed away in 219: Ron Erickson, Rosalie Michelich, Gayle Vann and Glennis Williams.

Thank you to the Connie Kotula Treasure for presenting the 2020 Budget report. The budget was voted on and passed.

A PRAYER ADAPTED FROM THE WORDS OF OSCAR ROMERO:

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God, we do not mortify ourselves during lent
out of a sick desire to suffer.
You did not make us for suffering.
If we fast or do penances or pray,
It is for a very positive goal:
by overcoming self
we achieve the Easter resurrection.
We do not just celebrate a risen Christ,
distinct from us,
but during Lent we prepare ourselves
to rise with Christ to a new life
and to become the new persons
that are what the country needs right now.
Let us not just shout slogans
about new structures;
new structures will be worthless
without new persons
to administer the new structures the country
needs and live them out in their lives. Amen

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Artists-in-Residence:

Cristina Czaia, Soprano

Christina Christensen, Mezzo Soprano

Benjamin Jeitz, Tenor

William Vaughn, Bass

Vestry:

Kathleen Boe, Rector's Warden; TBD, Parish Warden; Laura Harmon, Clerk of the Vestry, At large; Lindsay Benjamin, Jane Sandsmark, Sarah Shulte, Cyprian Troyer, Kathleen Boe.

Clerk of the Vestry: Laura Harmon

Parish Treasurer: Connie Kotula

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