

# THE REDEEMER READER

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## OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Divine Service every Sunday**  
9:00 A.M.

**Sunday School**  
(Sept.-May) 10:30 A.M.

**Sunday Bible Study**  
(Year-Round) 10:30 A.M.

**Thursday Bible Study**  
(Year-Round) 10:00 A.M.

  
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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*"Believing, we rejoice to see the curse remove; we bless the Lamb with cheerful voice and sing His bleeding love."*

- "Not All the Blood of Beasts" *LSB* #431, st. 5

Even though Christmas has just passed, it's already to start turning our eyes toward the season of Lent. The Lenten Season means we will offer Midweek services with a sermon series. This year, our theme will be *The Words of Our Lord*. We will focus our attention on the Sacrament of the Altar, Holy Communion, focusing on specific words of our Lord Jesus. Our schedule of services is found below:

Ash Wednesday	"Is"	Feb. 26 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00 P.M.
Midweek of Lent 1	"Given"	Mar. 4 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00 P.M.
Midweek of Lent 2	"Do"	Mar. 11 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00 P.M.
Midweek of Lent 3	"Often"	Mar. 18 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00 P.M.
Midweek of Lent 4	"Cup"	Mar. 25 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00 P.M.
Midweek of Lent 5	"Remembrance"	Apr. 1 <sup>st</sup> , 7:00 P.M.

All throughout the Old Testament, there's a theme of sacrifice. It was at the heart of how Old Testament people worshiped. The first animal to be sacrificed was the one that was killed to make clothes for Adam and Eve. Cain killed Abel over jealousy of the sacrifices that he offered to the Lord. Noah offered a sacrifice to God after the flood. Abraham was commanded to sacrifice his son, Isaac, before the Lord intervened and offered a ram. Moses received the word of the Lord that instituted the worship of the tabernacle where sacrifices were offered by the priests on behalf of the people.

Did you know that our worship is still ordered around sacrifice? Even though it's likely that not one of you has ever offered an animal in sacrifice to the true God (or any god for that matter). This is still how worship of God takes place. He is pleased because of the one sacrifice made by Jesus Christ for each and every one of us on the cross. We don't shed the blood of animals because Jesus shed His own blood on our behalf. Now He invites us to share in that sacrifice by eating His body and drinking His blood. We'll reflect and share on that sacrifice in our Lenten series this year. Be sure to join us!

In Christ our Lord,

*Pastor Ruesch*

Board of Missions

Hello,

Helping Hands is a committee of members under the auspices of the Board of Missions. Its mission is to serve members of our congregation and the community through providing assistance for minor home repairs, yard work, wheelchair ramps, and other small projects. Helping Hands also funds the annual Thanksgiving Baskets.

Currently, we have a fund balance for Helping Hands of \$2258. In the past, we have raised money for Helping Hands through our annual Rummage Sale, which provided us with another \$2500 or more for the coming year. Because we no longer have enough volunteers for the rummage sale, we will be unable to hold that event this year. So, we are asking that you consider any amount of donation during the coming year. You may make out a check to Our Redeemer Helping Hands or donate cash and give this to our Church Secretary at your convenience. We hope you will prayerfully consider this donation.

THE NEXT MEETING WIL BE February 1, at 9:00 A.M.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Carol T., Board of Missions Chair

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Join us for our first ever

SWEDISH MEATBALL DINNER

All-you-can eat meatballs, mashed potatoes,  
salad, cranberry sauce, and pie

Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 10:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

Ages 12 & Up - \$8.00 ... Kids - \$5.00 ... 5 & Under – FREE

Proceeds will benefit Our Redeemer 'Helping Hands.'

A “meatball-making workshop” will be held on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M. so we can begin prepping and freezing meatballs for the meal. Join us as Heather R. shows us how to make authentic Swedish meatballs!

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Our Redeemer Health and Wellness Ministry will be offering a CPR/AED class in February. This CPR/AED class will be Monday February 10<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm. In the past JJ Johnson has taught this class, but I have not been able to contact him. This year the instructor will be Chad Hedmark from the Iron Mountain Fire Department. There will be a \$10.00 fee for the course, if I remember correctly. I will have a sign up sheet put on the Welcome desk in the entryway of the church.

**OFFICIAL ACTS OF THE CHURCH**

**Transfer Out**

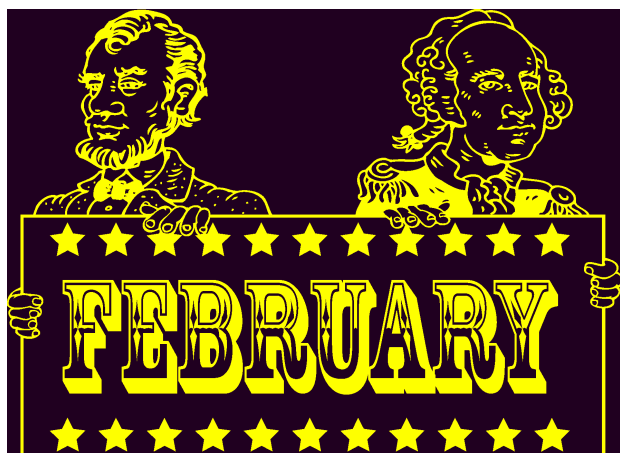
Elizabeth (Betsy) W. January 6, 2020

**Adult Confirmation**

Laura T. December 25, 2019

**ECONO/SUPER ONE RECEIPTS**

Have you been saving grocery slips? Have you been turning them into Our Redeemer? There is a large white bucket under the LWML card table labeled for Econo/Super One slips. We receive 1% of each \$1.00 you spend on groceries through their rebate programs. Sherry C. has graciously been tallying them up. The money goes into the Youth Program checking account. We use the money to sponsor our Compassion Child which is \$480 a year. There is also a container for stamps & ink cartridges however, they only accept Inkjets (they DO NOT accept Laser/Toner cartridges). Your support is greatly appreciated.



**LWML-LADIES' GUILD**

***"Serve the Lord with Gladness"***

We pray your holidays were enjoyed with family and friends & many beautiful Church Services & pray for Happy Healthy New Year!

"Prayer for New Year" opened our Jan 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting. It was a busy one with planning for lots of upcoming activities. A brief Bible Study "Why the Joy of the Lord is Our Strength" by Pres. Caren (in absence of Barb C.) Sec. and Treas. Reports given, Mites devotion, thank you read for Love offering to Dick. Co. Cancer Unit Loan Closet (\$150 for offering @ Christmas luncheon). Also, from several college students for their CARE projects sent in Nov. Thanks to all for their continuing service to "Serve the Lord with Gladness" in all capacities—sunshine, officers, Pastor, members, Christmas luncheon, Renee, quilts, etc., etc. Praise God for willing workers!

Carol T. presented information on upcoming fund raisers for Helping Hands—Giving Bean Coffee sale (kick-off Jan. 26 at the Cong. Mtg). Spring Scandinavian dinner March 15<sup>th</sup>, workshop to make Swedish Meatballs Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, and Rummage/Craft Sale on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Details to follow by Helping Hands.

We are encouraging more to get involved with serving coffee, greeters, and other activities. We will be sending CARE boxes to Military in March. Also, discussion held regarding the Spring Ladies Banquet. Welcome to all ideas!!!

We welcome all Ladies to join us. Our next meeting is Feb. 10, 2020

**LWML DATES to KEEP in MIND.**

Feb. 10, 2020—Monthly Meeting 1 p.m.

April 17-18—Camp Luther Retreat

Zone 2 Rally—Munising

June 14-16—NWD Convention—Green Bay, WI

2021 Nat. LWML Convention—Lexington, KY

2022 NWD Convention—Marquette, MI

2023 Nat. LWML Convention

Mites always welcome and greatly appreciated!

Cards are available on the LWML table in the Fellowship hall.

Serving the Lord with gladness  
Sisters to Christ  
LWML Ladies and Caren E., President

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Our Redeemer Children, Youth and Family Ministries

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- Sunday School Every Sunday @ 10:30 a.m. Sept. through May. All children are welcome!
  - Youth Confirmation Class Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. Sept. through May
  - Bible Study Opportunities Sundays, 10:30 following fellowship. Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.
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**VISIT [WWW.CAMPLUTHER.COM](http://WWW.CAMPLUTHER.COM) FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER FOR ANY OF THESE WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES.**

**CAMP LUTHER SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!** Registration for summer camps opened January 1! Check out the website to learn everything you need to know about registration. We hope to see you in the summer!

**KINDERCAMP AT CAMP LUTHER** Are you looking for a special place to bond with your youngster? KinderCamp is a program designed to allow parents (or aunts, uncles, godparents, or other significant adults) to experience an incredible weekend at camp together with your child (Pre-K to Kindergarten). Our trained staff will lead a variety of fun, engaging activities, allowing you to relax and enjoy creating those unforgettable memories.

**4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FAMILY CAMP AT CAMP LUTHER** Bring the whole family to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Northwoods style! Enjoy an incredible weekend at camp, with awesome activities like kayaking, swimming, cooking out over a fire, and campfire devotions. In addition, enjoy a fun-filled 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in the nearby town of Three Lakes and a truly spectacular display of fireworks on Saturday night.

**SUMMER EMPLOYMENT** Get ready for the hardest job you'll ever love! A summer on staff at camp means diving into something that immerses you in what it means to love Jesus and love like Jesus. Each summer, Camp Luther hires around 45 college-aged staff, including summer counselors, leadership staff, and specialty staff (kitchen and maintenance). If you're a college student, consider applying for summer staff 2020!

**CAMP LUTHER COTTAGES** Slow down your pace of life for a while. Is there a better way to enjoy winter than staying in a lake-front cottage with hundreds of acres for snow fun at your doorstep? Didn't think so. Book a cottage at Camp Luther and enjoy time in nature, reconnecting with God and the ones you love. Check out the website for rates and information on their 2- and 3-bedroom cottages!

**CUSTOM GROUP RETREATS** Get away to the Northwoods for a retreat designed specifically for your group. Enjoy all winter has to offer with your youth, men's, women's, or small group. Or your whole congregation! February 14-16 (President's Day weekend aka 3-day weekend) is open for booking! To book, contact Beemer at [beemer@campluther.com](mailto:beemer@campluther.com) or 715-546-3647.

**KEWEENAW BASE CAMP—"BRING A FRIEND"** Bring a friend to KBC this summer and if either of you has never been to KBC before you'll each receive \$75.00 off of your registration! That's right - \$75.00 off of your registration and your friends' registration!

**EVERY KID TO CAMP—MATCH CHALLENGE** If Camp is blessed with \$20,000 in donations for Every Kid to Camp by April 30, 2020, our friends at MCL, Inc. of Pulaski, WI will provide an additional \$20,000 towards helping kids go to Camp Luther and Keweenaw Base Camp! Give now at [campluther.com/give](http://campluther.com/give)

**CAMP LUTHER GIFT CERTIFICATES** Looking for the perfect gift for your children or grandchildren? A Camp Luther Gift Certificate can be purchased in any amount and may be used for Camp Luther summer camps, cottage bookings, and in the canteen! To order, call camp at 715-546-3647

**FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT CAMPAIGN** Camp Luther is in the midst of their \$5 million, five-year, comprehensive campaign supporting the Outdoor Ministry Fund, Every Kid to Camp, and capital improvement projects. Your involvement in this campaign as an investor, volunteer, or champion in your congregation, is a wonderful blessing to Camp! To find information, resources, and updates on the campaign, visit the campaign website, <http://filledwiththespirit.org>

*Camp Luther is a subsidiary ministry of the North Wisconsin District-LCMS. Our mission is to build up believers in Christ for service to the church and witness to the world.*



**Serving in God's House This Month**

*Sunday Divine Service 9:00 am †*

**February 2**

**Elders:** Dana B., David M.

**Ushers:** Michael K., Scott W.

**Organist:** Don H.

**Coffee Host/Hostess:** Volunteers

**Nursery:** Sharon T.

**Greeters:** Needed

**Acolyte:** Mackenzie G.

**February 9**

**Elder:** Ed T., Brent W.

**Ushers:** Bill B., David N.

**Organist:** Don H.

**Coffee Host/Hostess:** Volunteers

**Nursery:** Sharon T.

**Greeters:** Needed

**Acolyte:** Wyatt H.

**February 16**

**Elders:** Mark M., Gary P.

**Ushers:** Scott W., Rick H.

**Organist:** Marian V.

**Coffee Host/Hostess:** Volunteers

**Nursery:** Sharon T.

**Greeters:** Needed

**Acolyte:** Chloe P.

**February 23**

**Elders:** Ed T., Brent W.

**Ushers:** John M., Jim W.

**Organist:** Don H.

**Coffee Host/Hostess:** Volunteers

**Nursery:** Sharon T.

**Greeters:** Needed

**Acolyte:** Maddex S.

**Lenten Service 7:00 PM**

**February 26, Ash Wednesday**

**Elder:** Damian T.

**Usher:** Scott S.

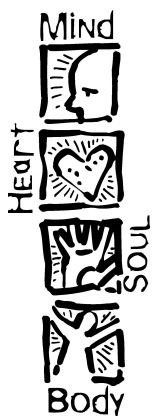
**Acolyte:** Jaden T.

**ATTENDANCE TOTALS**

Sunday, December 22 (9:00 AM)	153
Tuesday, December 24 (7:00 PM)	143
Tuesday, December 24 (11:00 PM)	9
Wednesday, December 25 (9:00 AM)	45
Sunday, December 29 (9:00 AM)	37
Tuesday, December 31 (7:00 PM)	15
Sunday, January 5 (9:00 AM)	113
Monday, January 6 (7:00 PM)	22
Sunday, January 12 (9:00 AM)	112

Health and Wellness Ministry

February



### **Keep Your Heart Healthy** The Basics: Overview

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women in the United States. Take steps today to lower your risk of heart disease.

To help prevent heart disease, you can:

Eat healthy.

Get active.

Stay at a healthy weight.

Quit smoking and stay away from secondhand smoke.

Control your cholesterol ("koh-LEHS-tuh-rah") and blood pressure.

Drink alcohol only in moderation.

Manage stress.

#### **Am I at risk for heart disease?**

Everyone is at risk for heart disease. But you are at higher risk for heart disease if you:

Have high cholesterol or high blood pressure

Smoke

Are overweight or obese

Don't get enough physical activity

Don't eat a healthy diet

Your age and family history also affect your risk for heart disease. Your risk is higher if:

You are a man over age 45

Your father or brother had heart disease before age 55

Your mother or sister had heart disease before age 65

But the good news is there's a lot you can do to prevent heart disease.

#### **The Basics: Signs of Heart Attack** What is a heart attack?

A heart attack happens when blood flow to the heart is suddenly blocked. Part of the heart may die if the person doesn't get help quickly.

Some common signs of a heart attack include:

Pain or discomfort in the center or left side of the chest – or a feeling of pressure, squeezing, or fullness

Pain or discomfort in the upper body – like the arms, back, shoulders, neck, jaw, or upper stomach (above the belly button)

Shortness of breath or trouble breathing (while resting or being active)

Feeling sick to your stomach or throwing up

Stomach ache or feeling like you have heartburn

Feeling dizzy, light-headed, or unusually tired

Breaking out in a cold sweat

Not everyone who has a heart attack will have all the signs. Learn more about the signs of a heart attack.

Don't ignore changes in how you feel.

Signs of a heart attack often come on suddenly. But sometimes, they develop slowly – hours, days, or even weeks before a heart attack happens.

Talk to your doctor if you feel unusually tired for several days, or if you develop any new health problems (like pain or trouble breathing). It's also important to talk to your doctor if existing health issues (like pain) are bothering you more than usual.

If you've had a heart attack in the past, it's important to know that symptoms of a new heart attack might be different from your last one – so talk with your doctor if you have any concerns about how you feel.



**ATTENTION:** Blood pressure checks will be taken after worship at 10:00 a.m. on the first Sunday of each month by our Parish Nurses in the conference room in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!





## LCMS- Stewardship-Ministry-Newsletter Article—February 2020

Of the three things a person is not to talk about in polite company – religion, politics, and money – the church is called, in one way or another, to talk about all three. Perhaps this is the reason why teaching about stewardship often seems to be an afterthought. It's something that happens only out of necessity when financial constraints are already nipping at the heels.

There is a more excellent way. Stewardship shouldn't be the kind of teaching that comes up only when there is a financial crunch. It should be part and parcel of the ongoing instruction of Christians as they live out their faith in their vocations – members of their family, their society, and their church. This teaching touches upon every facet of our lives; it stakes a claim upon our time, our presence, our prayers, and our possessions.

Stewardship begins with the acknowledgment that we are stewards. A steward is a manager of someone else's possessions. In Christian stewardship, we recognize, according to the Apostles' Creed, that God is the owner of all things as the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. And in His fatherly divine goodness and mercy, He gives us what is His to manage here below.

The principal virtue for stewards is faithfulness. As St. Paul wrote to the Christians in Corinth:

"Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful." (1 Cor. 4:2)

Stewards must manage that which belongs to the owner according to the owner's wishes. That is what it means to be faithful in stewardship.

That raises a question: How are Christian stewards to be faithful in their managing of what God has entrusted to them to manage? In other words, what are the specific duties of a Christian steward?

This depends upon what God has revealed in His Word for each of our vocations in life as those in a family (fathers, mothers, husbands, wives, children), society (governors or citizens), and the church (pastors or laity). The Table of Duties from *Luther's Small Catechism* lays this out in helpful and orderly way.

Let's look just at what the laity (hearers as it is labeled in the catechism) owe their pastors: "In the same way, the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel." (1 Cor. 9:14)

"Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows." (Gal. 6:6–7)

"Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, 'You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain,' and, 'The laborer deserves his wages.' " (1 Tim. 5:17–18)

"We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves." (1 Thess. 5:12–13)

"Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you." (Heb. 13:17)

We can see that the Lord commands hearers to support the work of the ministry with the gifts God endowed them – their time, their presence, their prayers, and their possessions. This is the means by which God blesses His people with His gifts: the ministry with the support of those whom they serve, and the hearers with the work of the ministry.

St. Paul expounds upon this further in his letters to the church at Corinth. He instructs them to give regularly (1 Cor. 16:1–2), proportionally (1 Cor. 16:1–2; 2 Cor. 8:12), and generously (2 Cor. 8:20) of our first-fruits (1 Cor. 16:2) with a spirit of eagerness (2 Cor. 9:2), earnestness (2 Cor. 8:7), cheerfulness (2 Cor. 9:7), and love (2 Cor. 8:23).

All of this teaching is set forth squarely within the context of stations to which God calls us. This is always appropriate for the church to speak because it instructs God's people in how they are to live out their faith as His stewards under those who are created, redeemed, and sanctified by Him.



## February Birthdays

- 1 Wyatt H.  
Lori K.  
Vic W.
- 5 Gary L.  
Jennifer W.
- 6 Gina H.
- 7 Ed W.
- 8 Lachlan F.  
William P., II
- 9 Tami O.
- 11 Austin M.
- 12 Sullivan M.
- 13 Courtney W.
- 14 Jeff S.
- 16 Toni W.
- 17 Carol S.
- 18 Rita N.  
Bob P.  
Kyle T.  
Cindy W.
- 19 Tom W.
- 20 Charles L.
- 21 Bev H.  
Michael O.
- 23 Eliza O.
- 24 Kelsey B.
- 25 Sharon T.

**“Rejoice with those who Rejoice”  
-Romans 12:15**

### Anniversary Prayer

*O Lord, Your mercies are new every morning. We thank you for another year of life together for those we mention before you. We ask you to keep them open to receive always more of your love that their love for each other may never grow weary but deepen and grow through every joy and sorrow shared; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

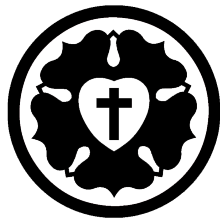


## February Anniversaries

- 1 Raymond & Vic W.
- 14 Curtis & Tracy V.
- 17 Robert & Sharon T.
- 25 Robert & Carol G.

**If any dates have been published incorrectly or  
have been omitted, please contact the Church  
Office.**





# OUR REDEEMER

LUTHERAN CHURCH

## February 2020

**Church Office Hours:**  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday  
8:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.

**Pastor Ruesch's Office Hours:**  
Monday-Wednesday 9:00 A.M.- 12:00 P.M.  
or by Appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Worship Services in bold print.</p> <p>Holy Communion is offered at every Divine Service. (Marked with an asterisk*)</p>						<b>1</b> 9:00 A.M. Board of Missions
<b>2</b> <i>The Transfiguration of Our Lord</i> <b>9:00 A.M. Divine Service*</b> 10:15 A.M. Fellowship 10:30 A.M. Bible Study & Sunday School	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	<b>8</b>
	<i>Pastor at SMP Orientation in St. Louis</i>					
<b>9</b> <i>Septuagesima</i> <b>9:00 A.M. Divine Service*</b> 10:15 A.M. Fellowship 10:30 A.M. Bible Study & Sunday School	<b>10</b> <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 1:00 P.M. Ladies' Guild 6:30 P.M. Board of Elders	<b>11</b> 8:30 A.M. Circuit Pastors Meeting @ Victory-Gwinn	<b>12</b> 5:30 P.M. Confirmation 5:30 P.M. Music Practice	<b>13</b> 10:00 A.M. Bible Study	<b>14</b> <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	<b>15</b> 9:00 Swedish Meatball Dinner Prep
<b>16</b> <i>Sexagesima</i> <b>9:00 A.M. Divine Service*</b> 10:15 A.M. Fellowship 10:30 A.M. Bible Study & Sunday School	<b>17</b> 6:30 P.M. Church Council	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 10:00 A.M. Altar Guild 5:30 P.M. Confirmation 5:30 P.M. Music Practice	<b>20</b> 10:00 A.M. Bible Study	<b>21</b> <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <i>Quinquagesima</i> <b>9:00 A.M. Divine Service*</b> 10:15 A.M. Fellowship 10:30 A.M. Bible Study & Sunday School	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 5:30 P.M. Confirmation 6:00 P.M. Lenten Supper <b>7:00 P.M. Divine Service</b>	<b>27</b> 10:00 A.M. Bible Study	<b>28</b> <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	<b>29</b> 2:30 P.M. Bellmore-Woller Wedding

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*Here to Serve!*