In these incredibly divisive times, where quite frequently, conversations end up being political bantering and even arguing, I am challenged by and committed to the idea of working together for justice and peace in all the earth. Social justice is not a Republican or Democrat, conservative or liberal agenda. It is, by virtue of our baptism, our calling as Christians. 8th grade confirmands have stood before us year after year on the day of their Affirmation of Baptism and promised to “work for justice and peace in all the earth.” This year Janet Anderson and I are working hard to help our kids understand that they have a responsibility to Jesus to care for the poor, marginalized, and oppressed. I pray that in their lifetime, they do not take this promise lightly. I pray you are committed to it as well.

In the sixth chapter of Micah we read: “With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? 7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten-thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” 8 He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” Micah spoke out against the oppression of the people by both spiritual and secular leaders.

Also, if you study the book of Esther, like our Java and Jesus women did a couple of years ago, you will see that there came a time when Queen Esther was afraid to respond to her cousin Mordecai’s request to go to the King and plead on behalf of her people. Esther pushed back saying she could not do what he’d asked, but Mordecai reminded her that with access came responsibility: “Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this.”

Evergreen Lutheran Church is absolutely off the charts when it comes to serving the poor and caring for those in financial distress. We give so much money away it is both surprising and blessed. But we are also called to act on behalf of those who are less powerful and fortunate than we are. We are called to do what Micah did, speak out for the voiceless and work for justice and peace. Because of our benevolent and generous nature, it may seem like ELC is already doing much more than her share of service. But advocacy challenges us to take our efforts one step further. We are called to help change systems and laws that perpetrate oppression on those less fortunate than we. I beg you not to see this as a political issue, but instead as an issue of love and mercy.

This season of Lent, you are invited to walk a journey of advocacy with your brothers and sisters in Christ. Our Wednesday evening Lenten worships will focus on five areas that challenge us to move from service to advocacy. Our Wednesday evening Lenten worships will focus on five areas that challenge us to move from service to advocacy. We will address the issues of affordable housing/homelessness, healthcare, caring for creation and the environment, gender justice, and protecting children and families. After each worship service, Pastoral Intern Rachel Swenson will offer a presentation and time for discussion about these critical issues. Please make Wednesday evenings a priority and walk this path to a deeper understanding of our responsibility as Christian men, women, and children.

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Lent is always a time for self-reflection and introspection. We often think we should sacrifice something as part of our Lenten journey. Perhaps this year, especially in this tumultuous, political atmosphere, we should. Perhaps we should sacrifice all political convictions and instead be convicted by the church’s need to help the orphan, widow, poor, and oppressed. Once again, I look forward to walking this path with you, my dear family in Christ.

Young(er) Women Finding the Holy in the Ordinary: Through Barbara Brown Taylor’s An Altar in the World

On February 13, we started a Young(er) Women’s Book Club to gather in community around books that challenge and grow our faith. In that spirit, we’re reading Barbara Brown Taylor’s An Altar in the World. While we’ve only just begun the book, Taylor lays her intent out plainly and clearly from the get go —God is to be found in the chaos of real life, if only we have the capacity to pay attention. Through our senses and through our experiences as embodied people, we have the capacity to notice and feel God in even the most chaotic or mundane parts of our everyday life. Each chapter outlines a different spiritual practice, but they’re not meant to add more stuff to our already busy lives. Like I said in our first meeting, no one is going to ask us to start meditating for four hours a day (although, if we could, that would be amazing). Instead, each practice is the act of noticing God’s activity in seemingly mundane moments of life. For example, what would it be like to be so grounded in God’s love and presence that we have a spiritual experience at the grocery store? Taylor writes in her intro, “What is saving my life now is the conviction that there is no spiritual treasure to be found apart from the bodily experiences of human life on earth. My life depends on engaging the most ordinary physical activities with the most exquisite attention

I can give them. My life depends on ignoring all touted distinctions between the secular and the sacred, the physical and the spiritual, the body and the soul. What is saving my life now is becoming more fully human, trusting that there is no way to God apart from real life in the real world.” The idea that we can only experience God because we have bodies to sense the world around us, is not exactly intuitive to all of us. For many, we’ve been taught that spiritual experiences of God are somehow separate from the bodies in which we reside, that there is a distinction between body and soul. But Taylor upends that idea, challenging us to look at our spiritual lives through the experiences of embodied people. Because, she argues, the movements of our bodies have much to teach us about the movements of God.

My hope is that you are able to feel God at work in your life in physical, real ways. If you aren’t, ask yourself some of these questions: What is saving your life right now? In what ways do you feel God calling you to pay attention in your life? Could your body, even where it is frail or frustrating or in pain, be teaching you something about God’s activity in your life? May your walk with Christ, both spiritually and physically, bless you and restore your soul each and every day.

If you are a young(er) woman, please come and join us! We meet Wednesdays, 6pm, while kiddos participate in confirmation, †ED, and Kingdom Kids. Location may change depending on our numbers. Poke around church Wednesday evenings to find us—we’ll be hard to miss!

Rachel Swenson, Pastoral Intern

Seminarian Support Fund

We are asking you to pledge just $1 per week to support a seminary student in need. One semester of tuition costs $2,000. Having met Rachel, our new pastoral intern, you can fully understand the importance and power of supporting students/ seminarians who are studying to fulfill their calling to Word and Sacrament ministry.

You can donate via check (write “Seminary Fund” on memo) or on our website: www.evergreenlutheran.org/donate.

Please, in this time of declining numbers of pastors, let us pledge ELC’s support of a needy student who has been called by God to spread God's Word.

For your information, we almost reached our 2018 goal of $5,200 by collecting $4,803.
**Preparing for Lent**

During this Lenten season we will be studying Henri Nouwen’s book “The Return of the Prodigal Son” on Sunday mornings at the Adult Faith Formation class in the Fellowship Hall. I thought these questions would be a good primer to our study and a good reflection before we begin Lent. The question come from his book.

Now I wonder whether I have sufficiently realized that during all this time God has been trying to find me, to know me, and to love me. The question is not “How am I to find God?” but “How am I to let myself be found by him?” The question is not “How am I to know God?” but “How am I to let myself be known by God?” And, finally, the question is not “How am I to love God?” but “How am I to let myself be loved by God?” God is looking into the distance for me, trying to find me, and longing to bring me home. Blessings on your Lenten journey.

*With you in Ministry,*
*Kim Williams,*
*Director of Adult Ministry*

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**Mid-Week Offerings**

- **Tuesday Afternoon:** Sacred Scripture 101 led by Pastor Vera meets at 3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- **Wednesday Night:** Mountain Men Bible Study meets in Conference Room #2 downstairs at 6:15 p.m. Led by Connell O’Brien.
- **Thursday Night:** Faith and Culture, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall
- **Thursday Mornings:** Java and Jesus, Women’s Bible Study 9:30-11:00 a.m. We are studying “Finding I Am; How Jesus Fully Satisfies the Cry of Our Heart.” We will be looking at the Gospel of John and the “I Am” sayings of Jesus. Come and join us. If you need a ride or you need child care for Thursday morning please let Kim know by calling the church office.
- **Lunch Bunch** will gather **Thursday, March 21 at JJ Madwell’s, 26412 Main Street in Conifer, at noon.** This is a no host lunch. Please call the church office if you plan to attend so we can let the restaurant know we are coming.
- **Stephen Ministry** will meet **Wednesday, March 20 at noon** in Fellowship Hall.

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**Sunday Morning Offerings, 9:15am**

- **Fellowship Hall: March 3**
  Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s “Life Together.” Beginning March 10, “The Return of the Prodigal Son.” This study is based in Henri Nouwen’s book of the same name. Together we will reflect on this powerful Gospel story and the movements of the younger son’s return, the father’s restoration with his son and the elder son’s vengefulness, and his father’s compassion toward him. Led by Kim Williams
- **Damascus Room:** “Holiness” or “Righteousness”: A biblical look at these two traditions in the history and life of the people of God. We ask the two important questions of ourselves, “Who are we as the people of God? And How shall we live?” Historically, there have been some very different answers to these questions revolving around whether our communities have focused on holiness, or righteousness. How have the prophets addressed these questions? How did Jesus talk about these issues? How did Paul? Join us through Lent and Easter seasons as we look at these traditions, and how they are reflected in our own expressions of faith and life. Led by Tom McEwen.
- **Memorial Hall:** Parenting by Faith led by Terry and Jim Ritter.

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**Time & Talent Survey**

The Time & Talent survey identifies the needs and gifts of our members and gives everyone a place to grow, connect, and serve at Evergreen Lutheran Church.

Your Stewardship for All Season Team asks everyone to complete the survey to establish our database for Each One In One.

[https://tinyurl.com/y8snmltu](https://tinyurl.com/y8snmltu)

Printed surveys are on the table in the narthex.
“Listen with the intent to understand, not the intent to reply.”

We live in a world where voices come at us from all directions and persuasions, and we include our own in that cacophony of heartfelt sound and opinion. It constantly stirs me to wonder how we can be Christian and humans together living in hope with a common purpose in such a divisive time.

There is a gentleman who participates in our Faith and Culture class who often provides a different perspective than mine. I have asked myself why it is that I can fully listen to him and be open to a new way of thinking. I think he is an expert at having difficult conversations that are productive no matter what our filters are. I want to be able to do that.

Radio host Celeste Headlee, who has interviewed many people, offers her experience with having difficult conversations. She says that she has learned that sometimes the most persuasive tool is to reserve judgement and just listen. We are less likely to compromise when we don’t listen to each other. She offers 10 tips for having these conversations.

1. Don’t multitask—be present. Don’t be thinking about anything else.
2. Don’t pontificate—assume that you have something to learn in every conversation. Set aside your personal opinion and be open to what you are hearing.
3. Always ask open ended questions. Let the other person describe their point of view—and just listen.
4. Go with the flow. Thoughts will come into your mind—let them go and keep listening.
5. If you don’t know, say that you don’t know.
6. Don’t equate your experience with theirs. It is never the same. All experiences are different and unique.
7. Try not to repeat yourself.
8. Stay out of the weeds. People don’t care about the level of details, they care about you, your life.
9. Listen! The most important skill you can develop. If your mouth is open, you are not listening. When I’m talking, I’m in control. Steven Covey, an American Educator said, “Listen with the intent to understand, not the intent to reply.”
10. Be brief—be interested in other people. Be prepared to be amazed by people.

Do we accept that our knowledge or opinion may be incomplete? It has been said that what we know about any one thing is probably 10%. What we think we know is probably about 20%. What we don’t know we don’t know is 70%. What an incredible margin for error in our way of thinking. It’s a humbling thought.

I can’t count the times in my life that I have asked God to speak to me, to help me live according to God’s will—but there are probably equal numbers of time that I don’t listen. The choir sings a song called “Speak, O Lord”. How can I ask that when I’m not prepared to listen?

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness.

That the light of Christ may be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

I pray, especially during this time of Lenten reflection, that I may learn to fully listen so that I might form deeper connections with God and the people in my life.

Blessings on your Lenten journey,
Peggy Fetchenhier,
Minister of Worship and Music

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THE MOUNTAIN ECHO
How to Find Materials in the ELC Library

The big black box on the counter in ELC's library is the card catalog. Inside the black box are located four drawers which contain the keys to finding books and other materials in our library. It is with this in mind that I present you with an introduction to the workings of the card catalog.

For quick retrieval of information, you need to know how materials are organized in the library and how they are retrieved. Books and other materials—audio-visual items, for example—are arranged through the use of the Dewey Decimal Classification System and are retrieved through the card catalog, the big black box on the counter. You might refer to the black framed Dewey Decimal classification listings on the west wall in the library.

The card catalog is the key to the library collection. It is an alphabetical file of 3x5 cards that list all the books and materials in the library arranged by author, title, and subject. When the library receives a book, a "shelf" card is made that contains information about the book—author's name, the book's title, the publisher and publication date, the number of pages in the book or the length of the AV material, and the Dewey Decimal Classification number—in the upper left-hand corner of the card. This "shelf" card is kept as a part of the master library list and is stored separately from the catalog.

The library then produces three types of cards to provide access for retrieval from the card catalog—the author card, the title card, and the subject card. Each card contains most of the same information as the "shelf" card. Note that on all cards in our library the title is always underlined in red.

When you want to know which work by an author can be found in the library, you should consult the author card. If a book has no author, the editor, compiler, or translator will be identified. The top item on the author card is the author's name.

The title card can lead you to a work when you know the title but not the author. If a title begins with any of the articles such as "a," "an," or "the," look under the second word of the title. The top item on the title card is the title.

Subject cards are important tools for locating books relevant to your topic. They indicate all the works in the library dealing with a subject. Subject cards are filed according to the words or phrases at the top of the card. Subject headings always appear in capital letters. Subject cards can lead you to other related topics, which are listed at the bottom of the card.

The call or classification number is the "code" used to arrange books on shelves. It is comprised of the Dewey Decimal Classification number—three digits to match the Dewey subject category (a list of the Dewey numbers and categories that belong with each number is in the black picture frame on the counter in the library)—occasionally followed by a decimal point and additional digits to further identify the more specific classification. In our library, the numbers are followed by the first three letters of the author's last name. This helps to identify a book with the same call or classification number but by a different author. The call number is always located in the upper left-hand corner of the card. Works of fiction are identified with the call letters FIC followed by the author's last name.

Each book has a label on the spine which matches the call number on the card and is located on the shelf by that number.

The system may sound complicated, but it's really not if you just think it through. Without a classification system, books would be difficult to find if put on a shelf because of its size or color, for example. The Dewey System has been used by thousands of libraries around the world for over a hundred and fifty years and seems to be the most effective way of finding what you need in the library. If you need help, ask one of the Library Committee members whose names are posted on top of the card catalog. The more you know about the library, the more you'll be able to make use of it. There's a lot of good reading and viewing in our collection. "God be thanked for books."

Lloyd Peltzer
Librarian

“God be thanked for books. They are the voices of the distant and the dead and make us heirs to the spiritual life of past ages.”

~ William Ellery Channing, Grandpa Lee's Gems for the Fireside
At the Mountain Backpack Program, we have been counting our blessings all fall, as members of our community generously supported the program and helped to keep kids full and focused. As we head into 2019, we continue to provide food for 170 children each week and are grateful for your incredible support and look forward to continuing to work with all of you. Over the next few newsletters, we will be highlighting some of the things we’ve been up to for the last few months, as well as lifting up volunteers and organizations in gratitude!

For six years, Evergreen Lutheran Church has supported and housed the MBP. From staff time to dedicating space for food storage and packing, the MBP is incredibly grateful for all Evergreen Lutheran Church does to keep kids full and focused. Thank you to Pastor Vera, Dan, Tara, and Ed for all you do to support the program!

For six years, Evergreen Rotary has supported the MBP as a service project of the club. We are particularly grateful for the financial and volunteer support of Paul Collings who each week drives to Food Bank of the Rockies in Denver and other food stores to make sure our stock of food is adequate for the week ahead. Thank you so much to Rotary, Paul, and Paul’s sturdy truck who keep kids full and focused every week!

Brian Anderson of the Kittredge General Store generously donates three weekly cases of fresh apples for the backpacks, a value of $60 each week! Thank you so much, Brian and all the staff of KGS, who have been such good friends to the MBP! Stop by the KGS, try one of their fantastic, homemade breakfast burritos and thank Brian for all he does!

The Sweeney Family Foundation generously raised funds for five lucky organizations this fall at its annual Boo Bash; the MBP incredibly received more than $6,000 from the Foundation! That buys a lot of food! Thank you so much to the Sweeney Family Foundation!

Evergreen High School’s National Charity League partnered with the MBP again this year to provide teen volunteers to pack, shop, and host food drives for us. In one shopping trip alone, the girls bought over 200 pounds of food for the Winter Break food boxes. Thanks ladies!!

Evergreen High School’s Interact Club partnered with the MBP this year to host several food drives throughout the fall. Thank you so much, kids, for encouraging community members to donate food, adding hundreds of pounds of food to our stock room this fall!

Home Depot of Evergreen donated 450 brand-new packing boxes to the MBP this fall to help us fill and deliver Thanksgiving and Winter Break food boxes. We delivered these boxes to 125 families for Thanksgiving and 146 families during Winter Break. Thank you so much to Antone Borkowski and the staff of Home Depot in Evergreen!

Several book and Bible study groups in the Evergreen area conducted their own drives for the program by collecting cash and food donations that went directly into the Thanksgiving and Winter Break food boxes. Thank you to Lauren Sherwood, Holly O’Neill, and all the ladies in these wonderful groups!

If you are interested in volunteering with the Mountain Backpack Program, we would love for you to join us – there are many opportunities, most of which take very little time. Thank you for the consideration of your time in keeping kids full and focused!

Janet Anderson
Stewardship

Thank you for another successful Stewardship for All Seasons (SAS) season. We have three new ministries we are going to tackle thanks to your generosity. They are:

1. **Let There Be Light** - the Fellowship Hall lighting project;
2. **Each One—In One** - small group ministry for everyone

Our commitments will make all these Ministry Initiatives possible. Our commitments represented 72% of the desired SAS request with 135 commitment cards returned. Those values are a little less than in 2018 but still very good. Thank you so much for your personal commitment and support for ALL the ministries we do at ELC.

We also received some kudos and comments. As we grow into the SAS process, the SAS Team has been trying to tailor it to our congregation. There are certain aspects of the process that the SAS Team has been tweaking for ELC, and I expect that evolution to continue next year as well. Thank you for your input. We hear you!!

**Larry Patella**  
**SAS Team Leader**

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Women’s Retreat

We live in tumultuous times. Every day we are bombarded with news of a deepening chasm between “the left and the right.” Every day we encounter anxiety: in our personal lives, our homes, and in our country. Most of us are holding on for dear life which is all the more reason for us to gather as women of faith to share the love of God, the joy of Jesus, and the power of the Holy Spirit. We need to come together to find hope in God’s Word, solace in the company of wise, women friends, and peace as we study, pray, sing, worship, relax, retreat, and yes, shop.

Using Ann Lamott’s latest book, *Almost Everything: Notes on Hope*, we will explore what it means to “be joyful though you have considered all the fact,” as Wendell Berry suggests.

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Men’s Retreat

Men of ELC, come to camp March 29-31 for a weekend of fun, fellowship, great food and a cool work project; rebuilding the interior of the woodcarving building. Over the last several years, we have redone the interiors of three camper cabins and last year, a complete rebuild of Lupine and reclaiming it as a camper cabin. You do not have to have any special skills or physical abilities, there are jobs for everyone.

We carpool to camp Friday afternoon and return after lunch Sunday, though it is fine to come down later or return earlier. Please contact Dave Kirberg with your questions or to commitments at drkirberg6010@gmail.com or 720-245-0551. We are also looking for 1-2 Thrivent Action Team cards to offset materials costs and travel and food costs.

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Retreats

书 is profound and funny and in it you will discover nuggets of hope and wisdom. And not only in her book, but you will discover nuggets of hope and wisdom in your female friends and family from ELC.

Transportation to the retreat site will be by passenger vans so no one has to drive the trek alone. The retreat will begin Friday evening with dinner at Woodspur Lodge and end just before lunch on Sunday. Lunch on Saturday and Sunday is on your own. Because Woodspur Lodge is approximately a mile up the hill from downtown Winter Park where there is ample shopping and coffee shops for your Saturday afternoon break, the vans will transport you from the Lodge to Winter Park.

Join us **April 26-28, Woodspur Lodge in Winter Park** for this year’s Women’s Retreat. Cost is $175 for multiple occupancy room (single occupancy rooms have sold out). Price includes lodging and four meals (breakfasts and dinners). Click here for the brochure/registration form. Return registration and $75 deposit by **Sunday, March 3**.
March Calendar

3/1-3 Urban Plunge for Middle & High School

3/6 10:30am Meal Prep for Christ’s Body—Confirmation and Full Circle Friends
12:30pm Serving at Christ’s Body—Confirmation and Full Circle Friends

3/6 Ash Wednesday
6:00pm Mission Team Gather
6:30pm Imposition of Ashes
7:00pm Worship

3/9 11a-3p Mountain Backpack Food Drive at Evergreen King Soopers

3/13 6:00pm Soup Supper Kingdom Kids Confirmation †ED
7:00pm Worship

3/20 6:00pm Soup Supper Kingdom Kids Confirmation †ED
7:00pm Worship

3/27 6:00pm Soup Supper Kingdom Kids Confirmation †ED
7:00pm Worship

What can you Learn from our Young People?

We, the adults of Evergreen Lutheran, have SO much to teach our young people. We teach them how to be disciples through Sunday School and Confirmation. We teach them how to love each other through camps and †ED. We teach them how to respond to Christ’s gift of Grace by sending them out in the world on Mission Trips and the Urban Plunge. We do SO much teaching. But, as the title of this article suggests, I want you to reflect and really, truly think about what you can learn from our young people.

When it comes to young leadership, I often think back to 1 Timothy 4:12: “Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.” So often, adults are blinded by young people’s ruddy appearance. We think back on our wealth of experience, our years of journeying as a person of God, and feel comforted by the fact that we “get it.” But our journeys also make us calloused and blind in a LOT of ways. That’s why we need to listen to our youth. They see the world from a vastly different perspective. They are experiencing many things for the first time. They have traveled on their OWN journeys and have wisdom to share too.

Also, take a moment on a Sunday or a Wednesday, seek out our youth and try to learn something from them. Listen to their opinions and take in their wisdom. Wyatt Bly, Lauren Hansen, Audrey Van Westrienen, Anah Fuelling, Drake Klenz, and EVERY ONE OF OUR KIDS has a lesson to share, a new perspective that could shape your faith and your world view. I’m lucky, because I get to see those perspectives all of the time. Anytime someone approaches me to talk about what the future will look like, I tell them that I’m assured because of the wisdom and courage of these fine young people. So, pay attention to them—I promise you will learn something.

Dan Bock
Children, Youth, and Family Minister

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Get hooked up with our ELC Youth News. You’ll get info for all ELC Youth events! Email danbock@evergreenlutheran.org if you want to get connected.

DON’T LET ANYONE LOOK DOWN ON YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE YOUNG, BUT SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THE BELIEVERS IN SPEECH, IN CONDUCT, IN LOVE, IN FAITH AND IN PURITY.

1 Timothy 4:12
March Birthdays
1. Beth Erlund, Katie Prolow, Penny Lambert
2. Joanne Miller
3. Ann Kruger, Wayne Lowe, Patrick Foley
4. Christie Ritter, Andy Patella
5. Michael Pucherelli, Shirley Russell
6. Rob Bender
11. Philip Nestingen, Millie Sage
12. Ron Schutt, Robert Queen
13. Margrethe Knudsen
16. Sue Cooper
18. Lynda Cox
21. Steve Kerschbaum
23. Elliott Fischer, Kaysie Banton
24. Savannah Evans
25. Craig Meier, Erika Malpass
26. Kathy Bryant
27. Karl Andersen, Rick Stucker
28. Alyssa DiFlumeri, Karen Phillipe, Layne Steadman-Lieb
29. Anne Willhardt, Joseph Gerlach, Josh Biller
31. Dianne Campbell

Happy Birthday

March Anniversaries
3. Charles & Irmgard Graham
9. Jim & Lynne Theiss
11. Holly & Jeff Brekke
14. Nancy & Hal Geiss, DJ & Andy Riedel
18. Mark & Jackie Swenson
26. Pamela & Stephen Moe
27. Jackie & Dan Lanning
29. Jeannie & Bob Hawsey
30. Val & Katie Prolow
31. Craig & Barbara Meier

Congregational Meeting, One Service April 7
On Sunday, April 7, there will be one worship service only at 9:00 a.m., followed by our Congregational Meeting at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Please plan to join the meeting.

Stone Soup
We will make 5 gallons of soup for EChO clients Sunday, March 3, 7:30 a.m., Memorial Hall. Email Dale Knochenmus if you can help with this ministry, mdaleknochenmus@gmail.com.

Women’s Prison Ministry
New Beginnings, the women’s prison ministry led by Pastor Terry Schjang, invites groups of six people to their Bible study and church service on Friday evenings, every other month. Next worship is Friday, March 8 at 6:00 p.m. Sign-up is on the bulletin board. Jackie will call you to set up a date for your participation. The Outreach Board needs your driver’s license number and date of birth for prison clearance. Jackie Lanning, 720-570-6591.

Hamburger Soup
From “Welcome to Our Table, Recipes from Evergreen Lutheran Church”, available in the ELC Library
- 1 1/2 lb ground beef, browned and drained
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1-28 oz can diced tomatoes, undrained
- 4-10 3/4 oz cans tomato sauce
- 3 stalks of celery, diced
- 3 carrots, diced
- 1/4 c fresh parsley, minced OR 1 tbsp dried parsley
- 1 1/2 tsp fresh thyme, minced OR 1/2 tsp dried thyme
- 1 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- Tabasco sauce, several drops to taste
- 2 bay leaves
- 1/4 lb spaghetti

Combine all ingredients except spaghetti. Simmer for 2 hours.

Remove bay leaves. Before serving, add spaghetti that has been broken into fourths and fully cooked. If soup is too thick, add a little water.
Can be frozen, Serves LOTS!

Christ’s Body Ministry
This ministry blesses all involved, the recipients of the meals as well as the many volunteers who have purchased food, made the hot meals, and served on a Saturday.

Join us to make and/or serve a meal for people who are homeless in Denver with Christ's Body Ministries. We head to Denver at 12:30 p.m., Saturday, April 6 to serve the food and return to church at 4:00 p.m. For KP, a Kitchen Party to clean up. Sign-up will be in the Tuesday Newsday when it’s ready.
March Worship Participants

MARCH LAY MINISTER: Jan Petrocchi

MARCH 3—(8:00 a.m.)
Assisting Minister: Okie Arnot
Reader: Jennifer Hood
Communion Servers: Carolyn & Scott Bergner, Sheryl Fick, Ed Furlong
Ushers: Mark Bly, Dennis Johnson, Jan & Dave Blumenstein
(10:30 a.m.)
Assisting Minister: Connell O’Brien
Reader: Marilyn Pearson
Communion Servers: Scott & Kristi Moriarty, Rob & Barb Bender
Ushers: George & Phyllis Wittenberg, Lloyd Peltzer & Bob Mosca

MARCH 6—Ash Wednesday (6:30pm—Imposition of Ashes; 7:00pm Worship)
Assisting Minister: Rachel Swenson
Reader: Mark Guebert-Steward
Communion Servers: Dave Kirberg, Sheryl Fick, Jim Tellman, Paul Berteau
Ushers: Sue & Gordon Queen, Dave & Sue Plothow

MARCH 10 (8:00 a.m.)
Assisting Minister: Ed Furlong
Reader: Barb Barclay
Communion Servers: Fran Pallesen, Patti Vine, Art & Jacque Whyte
Ushers: Lyn Lewis, Jackie Lanning, Matt Harker, Jonathan Harker
(10:30 a.m.)
Assisting Minister: DJ Riedel
Reader: Joe Bree
Communion Servers: Gordon & Sue Queen, Joanne Miller, Connell O’Brien
Ushers: Dennis Johnson, Peder Kruger, Paul Berteau, Karla Briggs

MARCH 17 (8:00 a.m.)
Assisting Minister: Shirley Russell
Reader: Mark Bly
Communion Servers: Bette Warn, Nolan Bly, Isaac vanWestrienen, Bob Hawsey
Ushers: Val Prolow, Deb Pucherelli, Fred & Barb Guist
(10:30 a.m.)
Assisting Minister: Nick Walker
Reader: Beth Kapner
Communion Servers: Sue & Larry Petroskey, Jennifer Swanagon, Mark Guebert-Steward
Ushers: Gary Sohrweid, Connell O’Brien, Jo & Jon Powers

MARCH 24 (8:00 a.m.)
Assisting Minister: Tom Tracy
Reader: Chris Enebo
Communion Servers: Joe & Alicia Harker, Lynne Theiss, Pat Brewer
Ushers: Janet Anderson, Mary Noonan, Isaac vanWestrienen, Matt Harker
(10:30 a.m.)
Assisting Minister: George Wittenberg
Reader: Joanne Miller
Communion Servers: Michelle Foley, Gary Sohrweid, Carol Riscoe, Nancy Eldridge
Ushers: Harriet Sear, Dennis Johnson, Gordon & Sue Queen

MARCH 31 (8:00 a.m.)
Assisting Minister: Elaine Sohrweid
Reader: Melissa Krane
Communion Servers: Mark Bly, Pat Brewer, Jan & Dave Blumenstein
Ushers: Shirley Russell, Eric Halingstad, Jim Tellman, Herm Walke
(10:30 a.m.)
Assisting Minister: Kelly Carswell
Reader: Barb Bender
Communion Servers: Dave & Sue Plothow, Joanne Miller, Kristi Kohnk
Ushers: Scott Moriarty, Mark Guebert-Steward, Lloyd Peltzer & Bob Mosca

All who serve in worship, please arrive 15 minutes early and check in with the lay minister when you arrive on Sunday to let them know you are present.

Pastoral Acts
Memorials
2/15—Sig Brekke

Weddings
2/14—Christie Ritter and Kevin Iglesias

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