

Announcements & Activities

West Prairie prayer list:

Jonie Bang, Phyllis Disque, Irene Eide, Joyce Greer, Brittney Hawke, Dennis Kramer, Ryan Mullins (in the military), Allen Peterson, Jean Peterson, LeAnn Peterson, Roger Peterson, our sister church in the LCMC, St Paul Lutheran Church, Hull, IA, and, Emmanuel Lutheran, Fontanelle, IA.

Please let me or Pastor Tony know of any prayer requests you may have. We will gladly list them. Cindy at csarver52@gmail.com or 319-931-3570.

Lenten Project LWR School Kits

We are taking monetary donations (envelopes available) in order to purchase items in bulk. Please contact Janell with any questions.

Lent and Easter offerings will go toward a new ramp.

This Week's Activities

Wed., Mar. 22, 2023	6:00 pm	Lenten Meal, servers:
	7:00 pm	Lent Service, <i>The Suffering Word</i> Bible Study: John 4:6-26 and John 19:28-29
Sun., Mar. 26, 2023	8:30 am	Worship with communion, fellowship following.
	9:45 am	Sunday School

March/April Volunteers

Fellowship: Mar. 26 — Janell and Caroll Carson
Apr. 2—Palm Sunday- Julie and Jan Reimann
Apr. 9—Easter—Sunday School
Apr. 16— Lisa and Terry Durby

Lector: March: Nancy Scalisi

Ushers:

Altar Flowers:

Communion Prep & Clean-up:

Happy Birthday: Lisa Durby (3/19), Wesson Berryhill (3/22), Wilson Berryhill (3/22), Lane Reimann (3/25)

Baptismal Anniversary: Judy Norstrud (3/20), Alan Goronson (3/22), Emerson Schutter (3/25)

Note: Bulletin Information can be sent to Cindy by email: csarver52@gmail.com or phone-319-931-3570. Entry deadline, Wednesdays at 5:00 pm.

WEST PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

40041 150th Ave

Leland, Iowa



Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023

Mission: To proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to all through worship, education, outreach, and fellowship.

Communion given every Sunday in March

Please be advised, the service is livestreamed and posted on the internet.

West Prairie Lutheran Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

(*Stand as you are able)

Prelude/Silence for Meditation

Welcome and Announcements

- *Confession & Forgiveness p. 56
- *OPENING HYMN "God of Grace, God of Glory" # 415
- *Greeting p. 57
- *The Kyrie p. 57
- *Hymn of Praise "Glory to God in the Highest" p. 58

May the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Holy One, you give sight to the blind and life to those who trust in your Son. May the light of your Christ pierce through our blindness and open us to your way of life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING **2 Samuel 7:8-16**
PSALMS **Psalm 91**
SECOND READING **Romans 4:13-18**

- *Gospel Acclamation "Return to the Lord" p. 63
"Glory to you, O Lord" p. 63
- *HOLY GOSPEL **Matthew 2:13-15**
"Praise to you, O Christ" p. 63

Children's Message

Sermon

Pastor Tony Scalisi

HYMN OF THE DAY "On Eagles' Wings" **Insert**

*Confession of Faith Nicene Creed p. 64

*Prayers

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

*The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Sharing the Peace.

The Offering

*The Offertory "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" p. 66

*Offertory Prayer p. 67

*Great Thanksgiving p. 68

"Holy, Holy, Holy" p. 69

Eucharistic Prayer #33 p. 70

*The Lord's Prayer **Grey Book #440**

Communion

"Lamb of God" p. 72

Distribution

Post Communion Cantic:

"Lord, now let your servant go in peace" p. 73

Prayer after Communion p. 74

*The Blessing p. 74

*SENDING HYMN "On Our Way Rejoicing" #260

Go in peace, serve the Lord

Thanks be to God

Postlude

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PIANIST: Nancy Scalisi

LECTOR: Nancy Scalisi

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Gene & Jodi Fjeld

~Pastor Tony is available for visitations and prayer requests.

~ Please call or email with your request.

Feast Day of St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus

St. Joseph was a faithful man — none could be considered more so. We do not hear anything about him once Jesus is past childhood, but his faithfulness to God is something that encourages us in our faith journey. He had every right to leave Mary at the altar (or worse, according to the laws of the day), but he would not. When the angel came to him in a dream, he believed and devoted his life to Mary's son.



(Celebrated with some very tasty pastries!)



Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2023

The first lesson is from the 7th Chapter of 2 Samuel

⁸ "Now then, tell my servant David, 'This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. ⁹ I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. ¹⁰ And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning ¹¹ and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies.'" The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you: ¹² When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands. ¹⁵ But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. ¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



King David Sings Praises to God
2 Samuel 22:50

Let us pray Psalm 91 (responsively)

¹ Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

² **I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."**

³ Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence.

⁴ **He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.**

⁵ You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day,

⁶ **nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.**

⁷ A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

⁸ **You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.**

⁹ If you say, "The LORD is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling,

¹⁰ **no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent.**

¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;

¹² **they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.**

¹³ You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

¹⁴ **"Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.**

¹⁵ He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.

¹⁶ **With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."**

Amen

The second lesson is found in the 4th Chapter of Romans

¹³ It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. ¹⁴ For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, ¹⁵ because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶ Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷ As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not. ¹⁸ Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew the 2nd Chapter.

¹³ When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him." ¹⁴ So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, ¹⁵ where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Approved Church Council Minutes, Feb. 2023

The West Prairie Church Council met Wednesday, February 15, 2023. Attending the meeting were President Julie Reimann, Jan Reimann, Cindy Sarver, Jodi Fjeld, Terry Durby and Lisa Durby. Absent was Ceara Mullins. Also attending were Carrol Carson and Pastor Tony.

Julie called the meeting to order. A motion to approve the agenda with the additions of Worship Committee Mother's and Father's Day gifts, discipleship, and the preview of the possible monitor display in the sanctuary was made by Terry, second by Jan, approved.

Devotions were led by Pastor Tony, based on John Chapter 6. He shared his activities report for January which included the addition of a short article for the back of the calendar.

The Secretary's report was read with a motion to approve made by Cindy, second by Jodi. Motion approved.

Carrol presented the Treasurer's report for the month of January. Income for the month totaled \$12,222.98 and expenses were \$5,210.67. Carrol will add the WOW CD paperwork to the safety deposit box with the other church CDs. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Jan, seconded by Jodi and approved. Terry will take over the purchasing of the LP gas for the church. Carrol explained the details of the Insurance Audit which includes identifying if those who were paid for services have their own workman's compensation. The council is still looking for someone to take over the Treasure's position.

New Business

- Cindy was welcomed as a new council member.
- Lenten Schedule was set:
- Feb. 21 Fat Tuesday concert, 7:00 pm Boman Fine Arts Center
- Feb 22 7:00 pm, Ash Wednesday church service
- Weekly Lenten suppers start at 6:00 pm with church service to follow at 7:00 pm. Sign-up sheets for serving the meals have been made and are located on the kitchen serving counter.
- April 2 Palm Sunday church service at 8:30 am. Procession into the sanctuary will begin in the entryway.
- April 6 Maundy Thursday, 7:00 pm service with communion
- April 7 Good Friday, 7:00 pm service
- April 9 Easter Service, 7:00 am service with breakfast following.

- A motion to approve the schedule as presented was made by Terry and seconded by Cindy, motion approved. Julie will contact Nancy about availability to play at the church services.
- A motion was made by Cindy to have the weekly Lenten meal donations go toward the cost of the Easter breakfast, and the Easter service offering, and breakfast offering go to the ramp fund. Terry seconded the motion, and it was approved.
- Jodi made a motion to do the LWR school kits as the Lenten Service project, seconded by Terry and approved. An addendum was made to the motion to carry the project into the Fall if more time is needed to complete the drawstring bags.
- A motion was made by Terry to allow Joan West, WOW treasurer, to get a debit card for the WOW group. Seconded by Jan and approved.
- A discussion was held about the printing of the council minutes in the bulletin. It was decided that minutes will be printed as draft minutes, and any corrections will be made at the council meeting and approved.
- Sunday School room carpet was discussed. The rug that was placed in one of the classrooms is greatly appreciated. The cost to cover both classroom floors with carpet squares was \$2,000.00. Carrol will do more research and bring the information to the council.
- Children's church service bags have been replaced by Jodi and the Sunday School students. The Sunday School will pay for the materials.
- The Worship Committee submitted a proposal to purchase gifts for Mother's and Father's Day. The money is available in the service supply budget. Jodi made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Jan, approved.
- The council went to the sanctuary to view monitor set up possibilities. Terry will make a more permanent display for use during the church service on Sunday, 2/19/23.
- Pastor Tony discussed the need for more discipleship. As a start, the calendar will be mailed or emailed to nonactive members. The condition of the HWY 9 church sign was discussed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jan, seconded by Jodi and approved. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Durby, secretary