

Once again, West Prairie Lutheran Church in Leland, Iowa had an active Lenten season. This year instead of celebrating Fat Tuesday at the church, the congregation was invited to attend a concert at Waldorf University in Forest City, Iowa. The Waldorf jazz ensemble presented the program and the Forest City High School jazz band was a featured guest performer. Refreshments followed the performance. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate with our planned church service for Ash Wednesday and the service needed to be cancelled. The remaining Wednesday evening services were attended by several church members. Proceeding the service, a meal was served by volunteers. Everyone enjoyed a hot, hearty meal and an hour of fellowship.

For our Lenten project the Church Council decided to again participate in the Lutheran World Relief program, but making school kits instead of personal care kits. We will be collecting materials and money until May 1st, with a drop off date of May 20th at the local collection point in Albert Lea, Minnesota. So far, there are about 50 kits ready to go thanks to our Sunday School children helping to assemble them. We appreciate the generosity of the congregation in supporting this endeavor.



We started Holy Week with a Palm Sunday Processional, celebrating Christ's ride into Jerusalem. Palms were passed out by our Sunday School children and Pastor Tony lead us into the sanctuary while singing "All Glory, Laud, and Honor." Maundy Thursday service observed Christ's servitude with a foot washing ceremony, performed by Pastor Tony, for those who wished to participate. The service ended with the chanting of Psalm 22 and the stripping of the altar. Good Friday, Pastor Tony presented the Stations of the Cross, illustrating the ultimate sacrifice Christ gave for our sins. The service was very moving, to-say-the-least.

Once again, we rejoiced on Easter with a sunrise service and Holy Communion. Despite the early hour, everyone sang praises to our Lord and God. Alleluia, He is Risen! He is Risen, indeed! Alleluia! May the blessing of our Lord and savior continue to bring you peace.

The Good News

Of West Prairie Lutheran Church

June 2023

Church Service, 8:30 am

- 4 Communion, Holy Trinity Sunday
- 11 No Communion
- 18 No Communion, Father's Day
- 25 Communion

Fellowship Following Service, 9:30 am

Adult Sunday School, 9:45 am every Sunday
Children's Sunday School suspended until Fall

June Events

Celebrate Mothers: Sun. June 4th, 2-4 pm at church.

Light lunch provided. Bring a guest. Speaker: Nancy Scalisi

Naomi Circle: Wed., June 7th, 7 pm. Cindy Sarver hosting at church. *The Mothers and Daughters of the Bible*, Bathsheba.

WOW Quilt Group: Wed., June 14th, 9 am at church. Lunch following: TBD.

Church Council Meeting: Wed., June 14th, 7 pm. All welcome.

Prayer List

Phyllis Disque	Nicholas Oppman	Roger Peterson
Irene Eide	Allen Peterson	Arlene Preston
Joyce Greer	Jean Peterson	Jacob Reupke
Brittany Hawke	LeAnn Peterson	
Ryan Mullins (in the military)		

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Message from Pastor Scalisi

Understanding the Trinity

Since the Trinity is a foundational doctrine of Christian faith it is crucial to understand what God is, and our relationship.

God consist of God the Father (Phil 1:2), God the Son (Titus 2:13) and God the Holy Spirit (Acts5:3-4) but are three distinct persons. For example, since the Father sent the Son into the world (John 3:16), He cannot be the same person as the Son. Likewise, after the Son returned to the Father (John 16:10), the Father and the Son sent the Holy Spirit into the world (John 14:26; Acts 2:33). Therefore, the Holy Spirit must be distinct from the Father and the Son.

The fact that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are distinct Persons means, that the Father is not the Son, the Son is not the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is not the Father. Jesus is God, but He is not the Father or the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is God, but He is not the Son or the Father. They are different Persons, not three different ways of looking at God.

The personhood of each member of the Trinity has a distinct consciousness. Thus, they relate to each other personally — the Father regards Himself as “I,” while He regards the Son and Holy Spirit as “You.” Likewise, the Son regards Himself as “I,” but the Father and the Holy Spirit as “You.”

Does this mean there are three gods? The Trinity does not divide God into three parts. The Bible is clear that all three Persons are each one hundred percent God. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are each fully God. For example, it says of Christ that “in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form” (Colossians 2:9).

We can think of the Trinity that each person is of one in essence, but three in Person. This formulation can show us why there are not three Gods. All three Persons are made of the same substance but have a separate consciousness.

If you still do not understand, that is okay. We do not have to fully know God to love and serve Him.

June Volunteers

Bible Study Club:

Usher: *Open to anyone.* Sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall.

Duties include unlocking entrance doors; turn lights on; plug in sound system in balcony; collect offering; usher communicants during communion service. After service unplug sound system and check that microphones are turned off; turn out lights and lock doors.

Lectionary: Bristol Swanson. Sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall.

Lessons for each Sunday will be sent via email.

Acolyte: *Open to anyone.*

Light the candles just prior to start of service and extinguish during singing of the last hymn.

Altar Flowers: *Open to anyone.* Sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall.

You may use the brass vases with insert or vases of your choosing. Preservation of cut flowers are enhanced by keeping them in the designated refrigerator during the week.

Communion Preparation: *Open to anyone.* Sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall.

Sunday Morning Fellowship Coffee: TBD. Sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall.



Happy Birthday

- 22 Crystal Nelson
- 22 Rita Schutter
- 24 Robert Nath
- 29 Jeff Holland



Wedding Anniversaries

- 12 Garrett and Kylie Fjeld
- 18 Caroll and Janell Carson
- 25 Bill and Rita Schutter



Baptismal Anniversaries

- 5 Leah Branstad6
- 6 Wesson Berryhill
- 6 Wilson Berryhill
- 10 Faith Finer

