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<u>Mission Statement</u> Gathered. Renewed. Sent

We are: Gathered by the Spirt. Renewed by the Word. Sent to Serve

March 2023, Newsletter for Wílson Lutheran Church



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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

March 2023 – Seasons of Lent

"Lent is a time of renewal. We focus on the death and resurrection of Jesus – and in turn focus on our own death and resurrection found in baptism. We who have been baptized into Christ have died to sin and are righteous saints of God. At the same time, we know that we struggle daily with sin as we seek to follow Jesus. This is the wonderful Lutheran understanding of sinner and saint." (Sundays and Season, Year A 2023, Augsburg Fortress)

Sunday, March 5 – Lent 2

- Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- Color: Purple
- Holy Communion Continuous Serving
- Readings: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
- Holy Gospel: John 3:1-17: A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.

Sunday, March 12 – Lent 3

- Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- Color: Purple
- No Communion
- Readings: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11
- Holy Gospel: John 4:5-42: Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.

Sunday, March 19 – Lent 4

- Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- Color: Purple
- Holy Communion Continuous Serving
- Readings: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14
- Holy Gospel: John 9; 1-41: Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.

Sunday, March 26 – Lent 5

- Liturgy: Evangelical Lutheran Worship
- Color: Purple
- No Communion
- Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:5-11
- Holy Gospel: John 11:1-45: Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.

MISSION STATEMENT

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Pastor's Office Hours: Pastor Bob may be reached at the church office, 715-772-3150, Wednesday through Friday, and Saturday morning. In the event of an emergency or hospitalization, he can be reached at 715-235-4900 (home), 612-270-3838 (cell), or by email at <u>PastorBob@wwt.net</u>.

WELCA Meetings: The next regular WELCA meeting will be held Thursday, March 9. Pastor Bob will lead a Bible study from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. (men and women are welcome to attend), followed by a business meeting. Monthly meetings will be held the second Thursday of each month. All women of the church are invited to attend.

W/ELCA February Meeting Minutes

President Tracy Davis called the meeting to order at 1052.

6 members present; Sharon Bowell, Tracy Davis, Sue Dahm, Ginny Overland, Mary Brandt, Karen Esanbock Secretary's report read. Motion by Mary to approve, second by Sharon. Motion approved. Treasurer's report read with correction from last report. Current balance \$1439.02. Motion by Karen to approve, second by Ginny. Motion approved.

Old Business:

1. Pancake Supper: Tentative Date Thursday April 27 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Committees needed: Set up, Serving and Clean up

Menu: Buttermilk Pancakes and Maple syrup

- Sausage Cheese
- Applesauce
- Coffee and milk
- Mary will design flyer

Sharon will facilitate advertising and check on sausage

Tracy will research pancake makings

Karen will create sign-up sheets

Sue will check with other area events for conflicts

2. After discussion regarding how our W/ELCA should look, it was decided to continue as before, encouraging participation from the whole congregation.

New Business:

- 1. Lenten soup suppers- Tracy will report to the council there is interest.
- 2. February 23, 10:00 am, because dishes have not been used for a couple years, those that can help will wash dishes in preparation for Soup suppers and pancake supper.

No round table concerns.

Sharon motioned to adjourn, Ginny second. Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Karen Esanbock, Secretary **Wilson Council:** The next regular meeting is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9. All members of the church are welcome to attend.

February 9 Council Meeting Highlights: (Complete minutes are available in the church office.)

- Tracy made a motion to have Pastor Doug fill the vacancy on the Endowment Committee, second by Sharon. Motion carried.
- A thank you note from Mary Brandt was read.
- Pastor Bob reported on the Winter Theological Event.
- WELCA is planning a Pancake Supper/ Bake Sale on April 27, 4:30-7:00 PM.
- Barb Knopps made a motion for youth interested in Summer Camp the parents would pay \$65 with Congregation and WELCA splitting the difference of remaining balance, second by Jerry. Motion carried.
- Sharon made a motion to have live Easter Lilies for Easter, second by Tracy. Motion carried.
- Tracy made a motion to order 3 new Acolyte Robes, 1 size 12 and 2 size 10 at \$39.99 each, second by Jerry. Motion carried.
- Pastor Bob reported the Lent, Holy Week and Easter Worship will be Creative Communications "Amazing Grace" series.
- A sign-up sheet will be set out for soups, breads and dessert for the Wednesday Evening Lenten Soup Suppers.
- Barb Lamb made a motion for the Wednesday Lent Offering to be Dedicated to the Spring Valley Cancer Fund, second by Barb Knopps. Motion carried.
- Mike made a recommendation that we no longer go up to the Alter Rail for Communion, second by Barb Lamb. Motion carried.
- Mike reported a window that is cracked will be repaired at White City Glass.

Tuesday Community Supper: First Reformed Church will be serving the Tuesday Community Supper from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 7th, <u>in the Fellowship Hall</u> at Gethsemane. The menu is: barbeques, cole slaw, chips and ice cream. Come and enjoy the company of your friends and neighbors.

The Tuesday Community Supper is served the first Tuesday of the month at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 1350 Florence Street, Baldwin, Wisconsin. This is a free meal open to anyone in the community. Area churches, businesses and organizations take turns preparing and serving good nutritious food.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you to our Wilson Lutheran Church family for all of your thoughts and prayers, kind words, cards and memorials at this difficult time. It means a lot to us and has been very much appreciated. Dave & Linda Powers

Thank you so much for the donation to our food pantry and for all the food from your congregation! ZYou are a very generous church. Thanks again. Love, Zion (Lutheran Church – Woodville)

Dear Congregation: Thank you for your generous donation from your Virtual Poinsettia drive. So nice of you to think of us at Christmas. Wishing you all the very best in 2023. Elmwood Food Pantry

Wilson Lutheran Church: The Spring Valley Community Food Pantry appreciates your continued support and generous monetary gift from you Virtual Poinsettia drive. God Bless you all! Nancy Cleveland, Treasurer

PARISH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES – MARCH 2023

Birthdays				Anniversaries		
March 1	Rian Lamb	March 9	Kurt Larson	March 19	Charles & Sharon Bowell	
March 1	Tayler Anderson	March 10	Aran Peterson	March 23	Dennis & Barbara Blegen	
March 4	DJ Faber	March 13	Karen Johnson	March 26	DJ & Michelle Faber	
March 9	Kevin Finder	March 27	Robert Dahm			

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Month	Altar Care	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Sundays
March	Rex and Janet Brandt	Peggy Timm	Mike and Sherry Ellefson	4 Sundays
April	HELP NEEDED	Rex Brandt	Scott and Kathy Borton	5 Sundays Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday

ACOLYTE and READER SCHEDULE

Month	Date	Acolyte	Reader			
March						
	6	Lucie	Rex Brandt			
	12	Owen	Barb Knopps			
	19	Ryan	Ginny Overland			
	26	Brady	Kathy Borton			
April						
Palm / Passion Sunday	2	Lucie and Owen	Ginny Overland			
Maundy Thursday	6	Ryan	Doug Faber			
Good Friday	7	Brady	Sherry Ellefson			
Easter Sunday	9	Lucie and Owen	Janet Brandt			
	16	Ryan	Tracy Davis			
	23	Brady	Dean Rambo			
	30	Lucie	Darren Peterson			

2023 LENT – HOLY WEEK – EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

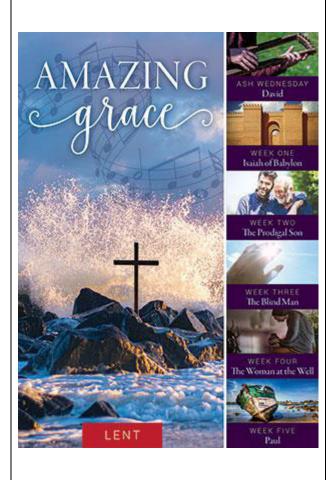
Date	Service	Time	
March 1	Wednesday Lent Service	7:00 p.m.	
March 8	Wednesday Lent Service	7:00 p.m.	
March 15	Wednesday Lent Service	7:00 p.m.	
March 22	Wednesday Lent Service	7:00 p.m.	
March 29	Wednesday Lent Service	7:00 p.m.	
April 2	Palm / Passion Sunday	9:00 a.m.	
April 6	Maundy Thursday	7:00 a.m.	
April 7	Good Friday	7:00 p.m.	
April 9	Easter Sunday	9:00 a.m.	

EMPTY BOWLS – STEPPING STONES OF DUNN COUNTY

The annual Stepping Stones fund raiser will be held Saturday, March 25 from11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Menomonie High School, featuring a \$10.00 all-you-can-eat soup lunch with bread and desert. Enjoy the live music, and participate in the Bucket and Quilt Raffles. An Online Auction will all so be held at <u>www.steppingstonesdc.org</u>. Tickets available online beginning March 1, or purchase the day of the event. Stepping Stones provides food, personal care items, and resources for healthy living to low-income residents of Dunn County; emergency shelter, housing assistance, and referral services, and free community support services to the low-income elderly and disabled community members.

LENT AND EASTER THEME - "250 YEARS OF AMAZING GRACE"

Join each Wednesday evening in March for a Bible Study and Lent Worship Service based on the hymn "Amazing Grace". Bible Study begins at 5:00, Soup Supper at 6:00, and Worship at 7:00 p.m.



March 1: Isaiah of Babylon - We will see God's amazing grace at work in the life of the prophet Isaiah, who proclaimed to God's people the salvation that was to come through the Suffering Servant. Our call in Lent is to speak that same message of salvation found in the suffering and death of Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve.

March 8: The Prodigal Son – We will hear Jesus tell of the great love of a father who lavished amazing grace upon the Prodigal Son, a picture of our Heavenly Father's lavish compassion toward us through his Son Jesus. We were lost but now are found.

March 15: The Blind Man - We witness Jesus bringing sight to a man born blind, giving the man the added spiritual vision to see the amazing grace of God found in Jesus, who heals us all. We were blind but now we see.

March 22: The Woman at the Well - We listen to Jesus teach a woman at the well of his amazing grace poured out for us abundantly, which satisfies our thirsting souls for all eternity. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

March 29: Paul - We marvel at the story of amazing grace in the life of Paul, who turned from persecutor of Christ to proclaimer of our Lord through the mighty power of the Holy Spirit. In the same way, cross of Christ changes us all from enemy to friend.

Music Note from Mary

Did you hear the powerful singing at worship last week? Every week? Wilson Lutheran Church is a singing congregation! Every worship service, our congregation connects with God through music. "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing." (Psalm 100:1-2 NRSV) This is my all-time favorite Bible verse. It says "joyful noise" is a connection with God!

It doesn't say "If you think you're good enough".

It doesn't tell which instrument(s) to use.

Singing is just one example. Please consider making "a joyful noise" with an instrument of your choosing - solo or with partners - at a worship service. I'm here to help in any way – select music, practice with you, tune an instrument, or accompany you. Just contact me @715-772-4440, or brandtm@wwt.net.

Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings – Year A March 2023

Date	Day	Psalm	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel
1	Wednesday	Psalm 32	Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28		Matthew 18:10-14
2	Thursday	Psalm 121	Isaiah 51:1-3	2 Timothy 1:3-7	
3	Friday	Psalm 121	Micah 7:18-20	Romans 3:21-31	
4	Saturday	Psalm 121	Isaiah 51:4-8		Luke 7:1-10
5	Sunday	Psalm 121	Genesis 12:1-4a	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	John 3:1-17
6	Monday	Psalm 128	Numbers 21:4-9	Hebrews 3:1-6	
7	Tuesday	Psalm 128	Isaiah 65:17-25	Romans 4:6-13	
8	Wednesday	Psalm 128	Ezekiel 36:22-32		John 7:53-8:11
9	Thursday	Psalm 95	Exodus 16:1-8	Colossians 1:15-23	
10	Friday	Psalm 95	Exodus 16:9-21	Ephesians 2:11-22	
11	Saturday	Psalm 95	Exodus 16:27-35		John 4:1-6
12	Sunday	Psalm 95	Exodus 17:1-7	Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42
13	Monday	Psalm 81	Genesis 24:1-27	2 John 1-13	
14	Tuesday	Psalm 81	Genesis 29:1-14	1 Corinthians 10:1-4	
15	Wednesday	Psalm 81	Jeremiah 2:4-13		John 7:14-31, 37-39
16	Thursday	Psalm 23	1 Samuel 15:10-21	Ephesians 4:25-32	
17	Friday	Psalm 23	1 Samuel 15:22-31	Ephesians 5:1-9	
18	Saturday	Psalm 23	1 Samuel 15:32-34		John 1:1-9
19	Sunday	Psalm 23	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41
20	Monday	Psalm 146	Isaiah 59:9-19	Acts 9:1-20	
21	Tuesday	Psalm 146	Isaiah 42:14-21	Colossians 1:9-14	
22	Wednesday	Psalm 146	Isaiah 60:17-22		Matthew 9:27-34
23	Thursday	Psalm 130	Ezekiel 1:1-3; 2:8-3:3	Revelation 10:1-11	
24	Friday	Psalm 130	Ezekiel 33:10-16	Revelation 11:15-19	
25	Saturday	Psalm 130	Ezekiel 36:8-15		Luke 24:44-53
26	Sunday	Psalm 130	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Romans 8:6-11	Jon 11:1-45
27	Monday	Psalm 143	1 Kings 17:17-24	Acts 20:7-12	
28	Tuesday	Psalm 143	2 Kings 4:18-37	Ephesians 2:1-10	
29	Wednesday	Psalm 143	Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41		Matthew 22:23-33
30	Thursday	Psalm 31:9-16	1 Samuel 16:11-13	Philippians 1:1-11	
31	Friday	Psalm 31:9-16	Job 13:13-19	Philippians 1:21-30	

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Prayer Ventures March 2023

1 *Woman's History Month:* Remember, celebrate and give thanks for the contributions, achievements, leadership, wisdom and gifts of women and girls throughout history in the church, our communities and the world.

2 In January there were 52 mass shootings in our nation. Pray that God will hear our yearning for the peace, safety and transformation of our society for the sake of protecting life. Ask the Spirit to awaken us from the fear, numbness and feelings of powerlessness that can discourage us from taking risks and making sacrifices that will lead to consequential change in our nation.

3 Pray for people and communities impacted by flooding and storms in California and by tornadoes, flooding and severe weather across the southern United States. Remember those who grieve the loss of loved ones and homes, those suffering trauma and those in the long process of recovery, especially those without shelter and most vulnerable.

4 Pray that the invasion of Ukraine will end and that Russia will halt the violence that stands in the way of peace, reconciliation, recovery and healing. Pray especially for those who suffer most from the unrelenting misery, violence and destruction.

5 Ask God for the curiosity, boldness and humility of Nicodemus, a Pharisee who sought to understand Jesus, the ways of God and the work of the Spirit.

6 Remember in prayer people and communities recovering from the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. Ask God to sustain their hope, ease their grief and give them the resources they need for relief and rebuilding, especially in remote areas.

7 Give thanks for siblings in Christ, throughout history and in the present, who proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ and incite our faith in God's promise of love and forgiveness.

8 International Women's Day: On this day we join our neighbors and siblings in Christ around the world in praying for the total inclusion, equity and advancement — social, economic and political — of women and girls

everywhere. Give thanks for the work we do together through the ELCA International Women Leaders program, the Justice for Women program and ELCA World Hunger.

9 Pray that when we see or use the symbol of the cross, we will remember the sacrifice made by the Son of God — Jesus Christ — for the sake of the world, to free us from the constraints of human weakness, fear and death.

10 "I lift up my eyes to the hills — from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:1-2). Give thanks that God is mindful of our struggles and uncertainties and provides care, support and counsel through the people around us, including strangers. In turn, ask God to work through us so that we will be alert, empathetic and responsive to the needs of our neighbors.

11 Pray for college and university students during spring break, that they will be renewed, build friendships and serve their neighbors in need through service-learning experiences.

12 "I heard the voice of Jesus say, 'Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live'" (*ELW* 611). Give thanks that God attends to our spiritual thirst through the life-giving gift of Jesus Christ, who restores and sustains us to face life's challenges, share the gospel and do God's work in the world.

13 Pray for ELCA missionaries serving with our global companions in Asia and the Pacific: the Rev. Jeffrey Truscott and the Rev. Charles Peterson (Indonesia), the Rev. Jessica Derise (Thailand) and Julie Gerrish (Malaysia).

14 Pray that our prayer and song will express our joy, thanksgiving and praise to God — our creator, our defender and our source of salvation.

15 Give thanks for mid-week Lenten meals that draw us together, that we might reflect on our humanness, find hope and comfort in God's love and mercy, and strengthen our unity as children of God and siblings in Christ.

16 Pray that, when we experience quarreling, division and hardship as a community of faith, we will trust one another as siblings in Christ and turn to God for

reassurance, knowing that the Spirit leads us to reconciliation and unity.

17 Thank God for the ELCA's special relationship with the Moravian Church in America, a full communion partner since 1999. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, that together we will find strength and resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.

18 Give thanks to God for those who harvest the abundance of lakes, rivers and oceans to feed themselves and others. Pray that they will be safe, that their fishing will be successful and that they will wisely and generously steward our food resources and environment for the sake of all generations.

19 Pray that, as our neighbors suffer misfortune, poverty, hunger, homelessness or physical or mental illness, we will not judge them, blame them or decide where they do and don't belong but will instead respond as Jesus did, with boundless mercy, respect, care and hospitality.

20 Remember in prayer leaders meeting in Minneapolis for the Assistants and Associates to Bishops Gathering. Pray that their faith, lives and ministries will be enriched and supported by their time together.

21 Give thanks that God has brought us out of darkness and into the light of Christ, which reveals what is good, just and pleasing to God.

22 *World Water Day:* Praise God for the gift of water in all its forms. Pray that we will not take water for granted or squander it. Ask the Spirit to guide and sustain our efforts to guarantee all people and communities access to clean, safe and abundant water, a life-nourishing resource and gift from God.

23 Pray for the leaders across our church who serve on the ELCA Church Council. Ask the Spirit to guide and inspire their deliberations and work, which support, shape and further the growth and mission of our church in the world.

24 Oscar Arnulfo Romero, Bishop of El Salvador (1917-1980): Give thanks for the life of Bishop Romero and those who demonstrate courage and persistence in their faith, public witness, compassion and advocacy. Pray for those who still suffer poverty, violence, oppression and injustice in Central America. **25** With joy and thanksgiving, praise God for drawing us close and restoring our relationships, and celebrate that nothing can separate us from God's love, demonstrated to us through the life, sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

26 Amid solemn Lenten reflections, take heart and give thanks for the promise and proclamation Jesus made to Martha, the sister of Lazarus: "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live" (John 11:25).

27 Lift up prayerful sighs of relief and gratitude that God is our help and refuge, trustworthy and ever present. "My Jesus is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm" (*ELW* 333).

28 How is the Spirit at work in you? Pray that we will be mindful of how the Spirit dwells within us and of the diverse and surprising results of its work.

29 Pray for ELCA missionaries serving with our global companions in Slovakia: Megan Freudenberg, Naomi and Nicholas Sveholm, the Rev. Kyle and Anna Svennungsen, the Rev. Bradn Buerkle, Elizabeth Kuster, Michelle Laudermilk, Mitchell McDonald, John Rogers and Christina Sunstone.

30 Give thanks for the Lilly Endowment grant that will enable the ELCA and ELCA Youth Ministry Network to collaborate on new models for youth ministry, equip 3,000 leaders for ministry with younger generations and provide ELCA congregations with accessible and affordable resources to engage youth in faith formation.

31 Pray that our congregations will prove resilient to the severe weather that often comes with spring, serving as centers for relief, shelter and hope when disasters occur in their communities.

WILSON LUTHERAN CHURCH EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

Easter Lilies this year will be <u>live plan</u>ts. To order, complete the form below and return it to the church office by March 17.

Given By:					
In Memory of:					
In Honor of:					
Nu	mber of Lilies Give:		X \$12.00 =		
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JOIN US FOR Walking Together **Rebound: From Nostalgia to New**



MARCH 11, 2023

Bethany Lutheran - Rice Lake

8:00 - 4:00

S25 Per Person

We hope you'll join us for Walking Together as we reflect on our theme Rebound: From Nostalgia to New. Come for inspiration, new ideas, helpful resources, and great conversation. You'll have several workshops to choose from and we'll enjoy a time of worship together.

SCHEDULE: 8:00 - 9:00 Registration 9:00 - 9:45 Worship Workshop 1 10:00 - 10:45 Workshop 2 11:00 - 11:45 Lunch 12:00 - 12:50 1:00 - 1:45 Workshop 3 Workshop 4 2:00 - 2:45 3:00 - 3:45 Workshop 5

Bethany Lutheran Church 35 W Messenger Street Rice Lake, WI 54868

For details and registration visit: https://nwswi.org/walkingtogether-epic/walking-together-2023

MARCH 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 5:00 p.m. Lent Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Lent Soup Supper 7:00 p.m. Lent Worship	2 9:30 St. Croix Conference Pastor's Meeting	3	4
5 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Sunday School	6 Pastor's Sabbath	7 Pastor's Day Off	8 5:00 p.m. Lent Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Lent Soup Supper 7:00 p.m. Lent Worship	9 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 WELCA Mtg. 12:30 Council Mtg.	10	11
12 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School Daylight Savings Time Begins 🔅	13 Pastor's Sabbath	14 Pastor's Day Off	15 5:00 p.m. Lent Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Lent Soup Supper 7:00 p.m. Lent Worship	16	17	18
19 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Sunday School Newsletter Deadline	20 Pastor's Sabbath	21 Pastor's Day Off	22 5:00 p.m. Lent Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Lent Soup Supper 7:00 p.m. Lent Worship	23	24	25
26 9:00 Worship 10:00 Sunday School	27 Pastor's Sabbath	28 Pastor's Day Off	29 5:00 p.m. Lent Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Lent Soup Supper 7:00 p.m. Lent Worship	30	31	April 1