



FROM THE PASTOR

Transfiguration -

I think sometimes we see the story of the transfiguration as a rather strange, a worldly event that may have nothing to do with us at the present time. It was something that happened a long time ago between Jesus, God and Peter, James and John.

However, when you think about it, when we substitute the word transformation, I think it can make more sense. There are a number of powerful life experiences and when we go through them, we feel different, like we cannot go back to the way we were. We have changed somehow.

Take a moment to remember when you met the love of your life. Now, maybe you knew right away that you wanted to spend the rest of your life with that person, or perhaps it took several weeks, months, or even years to figure it out.

Peace and Blessings,
Pr. Cindy



Lenten Study Schedule

Sundays at 9:00 AM

Wednesdays at 6:00 PM

Week 3 – March 3 & 6 – Honesty- Engaging the Inner Struggle. Matthew:5 43-48, 7:1-6

Week 4 – March 10 & 13 – Repentance – Getting a New Mind. Luke 23-35

Week 5 – March 17 & 20 – Forgiving – Embracing Freedom. Matthew 18:23-35

Week 6 – March 24 & 28 – Beginning Again – Forgiveness and Reconciliation. Luke 7:36-47

Lenten Services Schedule

March 6 – Wednesday night service – 7:00 pm

March 13 – Wednesday night service – 7:00 pm

March 20 – Wednesday night service – 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 24 – 10:00 am service **Palm Sunday** & “Pies for Palms” fundraiser for youth to raise money for Vacation Bible School this summer.

Pastor Dan Kuckuck, Assistant to the Bishop will also be preaching that day.

Holy Week

Thursday, March 28 – 7:00 pm service - **Maundy Thursday**

Friday, March 29 – 7:00 pm service - **Good Friday**

Sunday, March 31 – 10:00 am **Easter Service**

Easter Breakfast will be served by our youth from **8:00 – 9:30 am**

Spaghetti Dinner



Sunday, **March 10th** Fellowship committee and the OSLC Youth will be hosting a spaghetti meal as a joint effort to raise funds for our youth to attend the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans! Come down to the Fellowship Hall right after worship to enjoy spaghetti, salad, and breadsticks. There will be yummy dessert as well! If you plan to attend, please sign up on the bulletin board so we can make plenty!

Fellowship Time After Service

Please sign up for Fellowship Hour after service on Sunday. Pat Ask has graciously offered to make coffee, so we just need treats. This is an awesome time enjoyed by many to catch up with your Christian Family, Sign-up sheet is on our fabulous bulletin board across from Therese’s office.

Phil and Andy’s Pantry – March & April

Our local missions are in need of personal Hygiene products! Help us fill our cart with some of the items needed....

Bath Soap	Towels	Razors
Shampoo	Shaving Cream	Lotions
Deodorant	Tooth Paste	Tooth Brushes
Feminine Hygiene Products		

Or any other items you feel would be needed.

We will collect these items for the months of March and April.



Palm Sunday – Pies for Palms

Pies for Palms will be held on Sunday, March 24th in God's Foyer following Pastor Dan's visit! Pies will be available whole and by the slice. Free will offering will be collected and will go towards the 2024 Youth Gathering in New Orleans! In order to pull this off, we need pie donations! If you are able to donate a pie, please sign up on the signup sheet on the youth bulletin board. Pies can be homemade or store bought! See Hannah with questions.



Easter Breakfast

Easter Sunday means Easter BREAKFAST! The famous OSLC Easter Breakfast will be held from 8-9:30 am on Sunday, March 31st before Easter worship at 10:00. Please sign up on the youth bulletin board if you are able to donate what we need to cook a delicious breakfast! Free will offering. See Hannah with questions!



Flower Chart – HELP!

The 2024 flower chart is posted on the elevator door. Please sign up to donate. There are still quite a few spots available.

OSLC Book Club

Book club meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 11:00 after Bible Study in the IMC. Books are chosen from the Cedar Rapids, Marion or Hiawatha Library "Book Club Kit". Please feel free to join us for casual conversation – everyone is welcome. Please contact Lori Hayes if you have questions.



Priscilla Circle

Priscilla Circle will not meet in March. They will meet again on the second Thursday, April 11th at church at 1:00 pm

Have you checked out our new website?

Please take time to log-in to this website often as the more "clicks" it receives the more popular it becomes for others searching church websites. Tell your friends to check it out, too!! You should be able to log-in to the website from Facebook or use this search address - crsavivors.org

We hope you enjoy the new website. If you have information that should be added to this site or you see things you wish were changed, let us know -we would appreciate your input.

Visit from Pastor Dan – Sunday March 24th

Pastor Dan Kuckuck will be visiting Our Saviors on Sunday, March 24 and preaching at our 10:00 service. Immediately following service Pastor Dan will be available to talk about and **answer any questions you may have about the “call -process”** and where we go from here. Our Ministry Site Profile has been approved by Synod and is posted for potential candidates to review. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend service – it will be very informative! Please see below for more information about Pastor Dan.



Pastor Dan Kuckuck,
Assistant to the Bishop for Leadership and Congregational Transitions.

Pastor Dan Kuckuck is a pastor in The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and has served as assistant to Bishop Amy Current in the Southeastern Iowa Synod since 2021. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia (B.A.) and the University of Chicago (M.Div.), with a graduate certificate in Spiritual Direction from St. John’s University, Collegeville, MN.

Pastor Kuckuck manages the areas of mobility and call process, rostered minister leadership, wellness, and support, provide leadership and support for synod youth ministries, and clergy coaching. As Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Kuckuck will also be visiting and accompanying congregations of the Southeastern Iowa synod.

Prior to serving in the Office of the Bishop, Kuckuck served as pastor of St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Urbandale, Iowa since 2013 and as a pastor in residency at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport, IA. He has also served on many synod committees and as a synod dean. He is a trained ELCA Coach and has also served as a consultant with LEAD, a coaching and consulting ministry. Dan has also served congregations in Fairbanks, Alaska, and Chicago, Illinois.

Pastor Kuckuck is married to Minda Kuckuck, a communications professional in Des Moines. They have two children, Olivia and Zoe, and a 90-lb Labrador named Luna.

Pastor Kuckuck enjoys cooking for others, baking bread, running absurdly long distances, watching sci-fi television shows and movies, traveling, and hanging out with his family in the backyard on sunny days.



Our Savior's
LUTHERAN CHURCH
— ELCA —

Readers

March 3 – Dale Hovden
March 10 – Nancy Greer
March 17 – Suzanne Schmitt
March 24 – Dorothy Medlang
March 31 – Natalie Fiester

****Readers can pick up their reading in the “Reader” mailbox located between the offices in the back hallway**

Assisting Ministers

March 3 – Jeremiah Miller
March 10 – Hannah Plummer
March 17 – Nancy Greer
March 24 – Jeremiah Miller
Mar. 28 – Maundy Thursday – Hannah Plummer
March 31 – Nancy Greer

Acolytes

March 3 – Evy Fiester
March 10 – Lexi Flockhart
March 17 – Parker Zeien
March 24 – Hailey Clapp
March 31 – Korver Sindelar

Prayer for Pastor

March 3 – Ann Larson
March 10 – Natalie Fiester
March 17 – Nancy Greer
March 24 – Laurene Case
March 31 – Nancy Trout
April 7 - Dave Case

Ushers/Greeters

March 3 – Sue Clapp, Al Johnson
Mar. 10 – Dave Sampson, Marv Houg, Tom Zuber
March 17 – Strottman’s
March 24 – Fiester’s
March 31 – Mark & Suzanne Schmitt, Ann Larson

Serving Our Congregation

Cindy McKenzie – Interim Pastor
Sue Clapp– Congregation President
David Sampson – Treasurer
Therese Plummer – Parish/Financial Secretary
Forrest Green – Music Director
Terri Hodge – Bell Choir Director
Hannah Plummer – Children & Youth Ministries Director

Youth of the Month

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Jeremiah


If I had a superpower, it would be...
Infinite Wisdom

I have
2 dogs

My favorite color is...
Black

When I grow up, I want to be a...
Marine

My favorite food is...
Meat



A graphic celebrating the Youth of the Month, Jeremiah. The background is a blue and white camouflage pattern. At the top center, a blue box contains the text "Youth of the Month". Below this, the name "Jeremiah" is written in large, bold, black letters. To the left of the name, a white rounded rectangle contains the text "If I had a superpower, it would be..." followed by "Infinite Wisdom" in bold. To the right, another white rounded rectangle says "I have" followed by "2 dogs" in bold. Below the name, a central photograph shows Jeremiah, a young man with dark hair wearing sunglasses and a black leather jacket, standing in a grassy field with a dog in the background. To the left of the photo, a white rounded rectangle says "My favorite color is..." followed by "Black" in bold. To the right, another white rounded rectangle says "When I grow up, I want to be a..." followed by "Marine" in bold. Below the photo, a white rounded rectangle says "My favorite food is..." followed by "Meat" in bold, with a small image of a cooked steak next to it. In the bottom right corner, the official United States Marine Corps logo is displayed, featuring an eagle, globe, and anchor within a circular border with the text "UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS".



Chili Cook off WINNERS!!!

THANK YOU to everyone who came and supported our youth during our chili cook off! We had a great turn out and raised over \$300 for our youth to attend the ELCA National Youth Gathering this summer in New Orleans!

Al Runau was our Chili Champion this year! Coming in second was The Fiester's and Honorable Mention went to Beth Anderson!



Congratulations, Natalie!

Natalie Fiester has been selected among 28 other area high school students for an apprenticeship with UnityPoint Health - St. Luke's Hospital. Natalie will earn her Certified Nursing Assistant certification while working as a Patient Care Technician on the Pulmonary Specialty Unit at St. Luke's. This is a 2,000 hour apprenticeship for Natalie to complete during her senior year at Kennedy High School. This will accelerate Natalie into her future nursing career! Way to go Natalie!!



Congratulations Hannah!!

Hannah Plummer recently became credentialed as a Certified Emergency Nurse! "Nurses with a CEN are lifelong learners who demonstrate expertise in clinical practice and are better prepared for professional development and overall career success."

Hannah traveled to Colorado to take a class and studied many hours before passing the exam. This gets her one step closer to becoming a flight nurse! Congratulations, Hannah Plummer, RN, CEN!

