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What's Coming Up

March 4 – Midweek Lenten Services

4 & 6:30 pm WSP, 7 pm EGN

March 6-7

Upper Grade Musical - Cinderella- 6:30 pm

March 7

St. Croix Spelling Bee/Math Quiz Bowl

Upper Grade Musical - Cinderella- 1 pm

March 8

Daylight Savings Time Starts

March 11– Midweek Lenten Services

4 & 6:30 pm WSP, 7 pm EGN

March 13

Matins/Muffins and Panera

March 14

Blood Drive Eagan – 9am-2pm

March 16-22

Spring Break - NO SCHOOL

March 15

Jesus Cares - WSP - 12:30 pm

March 17

St. Patrick's Day

March 18– Midweek Lenten Services

4 & 6:30 pm WSP, 7 pm EGN

March 25– Midweek Lenten Services

4 & 6:30 pm WSP, 7 pm EGN



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Are You Ready to “Do Lent?”

BY PASTOR MARK KOM

By the time you read this article.Ash Wednesday will have already kicked off our 40 day journey into the season of Lent. Pastors have been planning, the Worship Coordinator has been working out the music, the theme and bulletin covers have been chosen. Choirs have been scheduled and groups have been chosen to put on the meals in between services. Parents have adjusted schedules and rides have been worked out.

Resetting our Focus

Sometimes, though, we are tempted to simply go into “Lenten mode” and reduce the season to “cramming everything in” and “filling in all the blanks” of what needs to be done and when so that the end of those 40 days brings a feeling of relief more than anything else. The satisfaction comes from knowing that the planning and schedule adjusting and coordinating are finally over for another year.

But that’s not what Lent is.

Of course, the world we live in doesn’t really do Lent so well, either. Have you ever googled the word “lent” before? Most of the results focus on a little bit of the history of the season, but stress even more that Lent calls for you to give something up – your sacrifice for those 40 days. They will even give you suggestions of what you might want to give up. (Some of those items included social media, coffee, chocolate, throwing away 40 things in 40 days, soda pop, complaining, eating out.)

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It's Egg Hunt Season

Eagan Hunt Day - April 4

WSP Hunt Day - April 11



Are You Ready to "Do Lent?"... continued

Please don't misunderstand. I'm sure that there are many, many Christians who make sacrifices during these 40 days with a heart of faith and Christian freedom (my dad still gives up meat on Good Friday for sure), but I'm convinced that there are so many more people who hear that it's now the Lenten season and immediately think about what they might give up this year as they "do Lent." If that's where our preparation and celebration of Lent begins....something's wrong.

It's an easy trap to fall in to, isn't it? We are people who "do Lent" with more practices, more sermons, more worship, more scheduling, more running around, more....more...more. We have so much more to do as we look forward to Lent and celebrate Lent, right?

Or do we?

Remember What You Did....and What He Did

I can remember a Pastor saying once, *What do we do for Lent? The proper place to start is to ask, 'What did we do for Lent?'* I knew exactly what he meant. Let me explain by telling you a story. My first congregation in Midland, MI had a parochial school. I made rounds to the classrooms during the week to say hi to the kids and build a rapport with them. One day I stopped by and the lower grade classroom was just about to start an art project. The kids begged me to stay and do the project with them.

To be sure, art is not my thing. I appreciate art and admire it – but I struggle with doing/making art for myself. Let's face it....I struggle even with the simple projects that feature popsicle sticks. But it's for the kids, right? I had some time, so I said yes and agreed to join in the fun.

The project? Making an elaborate cross....made out of popsicle sticks. Ugh. But as I sat there and arranged pieces and glued things together, it dawned on me....this is not the first cross I've ever made. As I stared at popsicle sticks that really didn't look right in the design I had made, and as I saw glue oozing

out of all the wrong places, I knew that I'd certainly been a part of making a cross already. It wasn't a cross that I had seen, but rather one that I had caused. None of my sins were glued to it. Rather, they were nailed to it. You've guessed it by now. It was the original cross of my Savior, Jesus Christ, who dutifully and lovingly put one pain-filled foot in front of the other and carried that cross all the way to the top of a hill. And there he allowed himself to be crucified for my sin and guilt, until it was paid for in full. *He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.* (1 Peter 2:24)

So, what's the best way to go through Lent? Actually, we already did it...because we caused it. And really that's where a proper Lenten journey begins. Why go through a season Lent, filled with somber hymns and black banners and paraments? It's a way to commemorate how God's own Son came in grace and mercy to pay a price that we could never hope to pay. Lent is about what we did and continue to do as sinners. And it's about what Jesus did for us (we who never had a chance of salvation on our own).

So as we continue our journey through Lent, come to worship and marvel that there is actually nothing left for us to do, nothing that we have to pay for our forgiveness. Come with a repentant and contrite heart to receive God's gift of forgiveness. Be amazed at how deep and vast and wide our Savior's love really was for us.

One Pastor put it this way: *Receive. Reflect. Be comforted. Soak in the Passion History as it's read. Come ready to hear the old, old story that gives us so much peace. Sing about it. Marvel at it. Come early to meditate a bit. Enjoy some food and time with fellow Christian pilgrims. Rejoice that God loved you enough to do it all to win your salvation.*

With the Lord filling your heart and mind with the right perspective for this Lenten season, perhaps you can make a sacrifice to help you concentrate on the cross. After all, perhaps you really could stand to go without your coffee and soda pop for a while. And that social media.

REPORTS

BAPTISM

Charlotte Beth Saxon, daughter of Derek and Kaitlyn on
8/21/19 (Affirmation on 2/16/20 with Pastor Burgess)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jane Koenig and daughters Abbey and Leah
Beth Weir and children Henry and Adela

March Birthdays

1 Joel A. Gerke	7 Nancy Klocow	13 Grey Davis	20 Vincent Rider	26 Matthew Fetzer
Rachel Montgomery	7 Chad Little	Mike Frederick	21 Megan Diaz	Maija Mullins
Kathy Patton	8 Colin Fischbach	Bethany Otterstatter	Jill Kock	Marley Mullins
Nicholas Spott	Robert Garcia	Pastor Dustin Sievert	21 Daniel Lemmer	Nicole Paul
Timothy Stettner	Olivia Nichols	14 Paula Gaedtker	22 Jordan Fox	27 David Danner
Charles Wagenknecht	David Noack	Kristina Gurgel	Darlene Lucas	28 Suki Burgess
2 Amber Neubauer	9 Benjamin Bejblik	Matthew Kayser	Emma Ohm	Jordan Johnson
Callie Waldhauser	Rylee Casalenda	Christopher McCall	23 Joshua Gorske	Michael Marzinske
Pat Weber	Rebekah Johnson	Kathryn Waldhauser	Tyler Swiderski	29 Marion Franzmeier
3 Joyce Boche	Wyatt Koker	17 Gregory Bethke	23 Callum Tess	Debra Hunter
Brad Fuoss	Geoffrey Seiger	Rachelle Danner	Evan Wilson	Mike Koker
Michelle Wirth	10 Jeremy Burkhart	David Lemmer	24 Nicholas Kapanke	Alexander Yoder
4 James Boyer	11 Lydia Enter	Ryan Schroeder	Todd Olson	30 Jonathan Huebner
Meagan L. Gustafson	Meghan Paul	Kaleb Wiplinger	Trent Wieden	Kdee Lemmer
5 Meredith Carlson	12 Dave Rupprecht	18 Jon Otterstatter	25 Maddox Kruse	Allyse Schletty
Donna Harley	Andrew Voigt	19 Seth Beebe	Madilyn Kruse	Jan Tako
Hunter Johnston	Katherine Voigt	Olivia Footh	Sylvia Witz	
Keith Neubauer	Jonathan Wandersee	Darrell Isebrand	26 Steven Boche	
Dyan Wenker	13 Lorelai Beebe	20 Rachelle Johnston	Lydia Burgess	

March Calendar

Sunday, March 1

8:00 am Worship WSP
9:00am Worship EGN
9:15am Education Hour-WSP
10:20am Education Hour-EGN
10:30am Worship WSP
10:30am Usher Group 4
11:45am Teacher Call Meeting-WSP
3:00pm New Member Class

Monday, March 2

6:30pm Worship WSP
7:00pm Mary/Martha - WSP

Tuesday, March 3

9:00am Men's Coffee Group WSP

Wednesday, March 4

4:00pm Worship WSP
5:00pm Confirmation Class - WSP
Light Supper - WSP
6:30pm Worship WSP
7:00pm Worship EGN
7:30pm Sr. Choir Practice - WSP
8:00pm Praise Band Reh

Thursday, March 5

2:30pm Southview Service
6:30pm PTN Meeting

Friday, March 6

Good Samaritan
No PreK Classes
6:30pm Upper Grade Musical

Saturday, March 7

St. Croix Spelling Bee/Math Bowl
1:00pm Upper Grade Musical
5:00pm Worship EGN

Sunday, March 8

Daylight Saving Time starts
8:00am Worship WSP
9:00am Worship EGN
9:15am Education Hour-WSP
10:20am Education Hour-EGN
10:30am Worship WSP
10:30am PreK - K Sing WSP
3:00pm New Member Class

Monday, March 9

6:30pm Worship WSP

Tuesday, March 10

9:00am Men's Coffee Group WSP
6:30pm Properties
Education
7:00pm Evangelism-WSP
Fellowship Committee
Stewardship
Worship Committee
Youth & Adult Education

Wednesday, March 11

4:00pm Worship WSP
Choristers Sing WSP
5:00pm Confirmation Class - WSP
5:00pm Light Supper - WSP
6:30pm Worship WSP
7:00pm Worship EGN
7:30pm Sr. Choir Practice - WSP

Thursday, March 12

2:30pm Southview Service
6:30pm Adult Craft Club
7:00pm Elders - WSP

Friday, March 13

7:45am Matins/Muffins and Panera

Saturday, March 14

Red Cross Blood Drive-EGN
5:00pm Worship EGN

Sunday, March 15

8:00am Worship WSP
9:00am Worship EGN
9:15am Education Hour-WSP
10:20am Education Hour-EGN
10:30am Worship WSP
12:30pm Jesus Cares-WSP
3:00pm New Member Class

Monday, March 16

Spring Break - NO SCHOOL
6:30pm Worship WSP

Tuesday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day
9:00am Men's Coffee Group WSP
7:00pm Council-EGN
8:00pm Personnel Committee

Wednesday, March 18

4:00pm Worship WSP
5:00pm Confirmation Class - WSP
5:00pm Light Supper - WSP
6:30pm Worship WSP
7:00pm Worship EGN
7:30pm Sr. Choir Practice - WSP

Thursday, March 19

2:30pm Southview Service
7:00pm Riverview Cemetery

Friday, March 20

Spring Break - NO SCHOOL

Saturday, March 21

5:00pm Worship EGN

Sunday, March 22

8:00am Worship WSP
9:00am Worship EGN
9:15am Education Hour-WSP
10:20am Education Hour-EGN
10:30am Worship WSP
3:00pm New Member Class

Monday, March 23

2:30pm Lilydale Sr. Living Service
6:30pm Worship WSP

Tuesday, March 24

9:00am Men's Coffee Group WSP

Wednesday, March 25

4:00pm Worship WSP
5:00pm Confirmation Class - WSP
5:00pm Light Supper - WSP
6:30pm Worship WSP
7:00pm Worship EGN
7:30pm Sr. Choir Practice - WSP

Thursday, March 26

2:30pm Southview Service

Saturday, March 28

5:00pm Worship EGN

Sunday, March 29

8:00am Worship WSP
9:00am Worship EGN
9:15am Education Hour-WSP
10:20am Education Hour-EGN
10:30am Worship WSP
3:00pm New Member Class

Monday, March 30

No Bus Service
6:30pm Worship WSP

Tuesday, March 31

9:00am Men's Coffee Group WSP

SCHOOL

A Snapshot of Third Grade:

Thanking God each day as we pray and sing praises

Hearing and studying the Old Testament Bible Lessons

Interesting studies about our Nation's History

Reading many books for Accelerated Reader

Dividing and Multiplying during Math Class

Groupwork for activities, reading, and games

Research projects done on Chromebooks

Amazing studies of the countries of Australia, Greece, and China

Dancing and exercising for PE

Enjoying each other as we learn and grow!



COL Grade 5-8 Musical

March 6 – 6:30 pm & March 7–1 pm

Ice Cream Social following both performances

Tickets

Adults \$5 / Students PreK-8 \$2 / Ages 3 and under Free

Admission will be charged for both performances.





"You never lose until you quit trying."

- Mike Ditka

Basketball Wrap-up

Thank you to all our coaches, faculty, clean up crews, scorebook keepers, parents and athletes for making this year awesome!

COL Cheer Team



Girls B Team - Record 24-1

Total Points Scored: 976
Average PPG: 39
Highest Game Total: 60
Opp. Pt. Total: 344



Girls A Team - Record 11-7

Total Points Scored: 549
Average PPG: 30
Highest Game Total: 44
Opp. Pt. Total: 444



Boys B Team - Record 12-3

Total Points Scored: 436
Average PPG: 29
Highest Game Total: 46
Opp. Pt. Total: 279



Boys A Team - Record 3-13

Total Points Scored: 390
Average PPG: 24
Highest Game Total: 41

TEEN MINISTRY JUST for TEENS

ANOTHER GREAT TEEN OUTING!

Nearly 60 Crown of Life and Dorm students attended.
No major injuries!

God, Grub & Games Gathering

9-10 grades **March 29** – 5:30-8:00PM @ TBD
11-12 grades **March 29** – 5:30-8:00PM @ Enter

Trampoline ParkCONQUERED!



MARCH Food Drive

During the month of March, our congregation is joining people of goodwill from across the state to help alleviate hunger.

What can you do to help?

Select your canned good(s) and drop off in donation box in either Eagan or WSP entries. Drop \$\$ donation off with church secretary.

March Goal
1K lbs/\$ of food



Second Harvest Heartland

What a great opportunity
to provide meals for those in need.

Thank you to everyone!