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the *Voices* of english lutheran

The SEASON of LENT and EASTER

ASH WEDNESDAY & MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

The 40 days of Lent begin on March 2 with Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday worship includes communion and imposition of ashes
12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

The evening service will also be live streamed. For those not able to attend service in-person, information about how to reserve a take home ash kit will be coming soon.

Wednesday Lenten worship
March 9 - April 6
12:00 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.

Over five weeks, we will map the journey of Jesus through Holy Week. We will reflect upon how the days of Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday, connect to our lives today. Music, prayer and special artwork created by our youth and other members, will help guide our worship together.



“O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever . . .”

If you were to look at the bible that sits on my desk, you will see the phrase ‘steadfast love’ highlighted all over the place. Every time I see these words, I mark it. And, believe me, steadfast love shows up again and again and again in God’s word! When we read ‘steadfast love’, as at the end of Psalm 138, we are reading a translation of the Hebrew word, hesed. And this word can mean so many things in relating to God; love, kindness, mercy, justice, loving-kindness, steadfast love are all meanings of this word that beautifully relates to God, who is about all these things!



Dear Siblings in Christ of English Lutheran, I thank God for the beginning of our walk together, following Jesus, proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ, being about all that God in Christ calls us to be and to do. I look forward to being able to look for God’s steadfast love, God’s mercy, God’s hesed together!

So, where and how have you experienced hesed in your life? How have you seen, felt, known God’s mercy and kindness and justice and steadfast love in your daily walk with Jesus? I would dearly welcome the opportunity to meet you and hear your story. If you would like to get together for a conversation, please be in touch. Maybe we could go for a walk, meet safely, have a phone conversation, get together on Zoom, whatever works!

Soli Deo Gloria! (To God alone the glory!)
Pastor Mark Kvale

IN CHRIST

We welcome, worship & work

IN THE WORLD



Worship Times

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.

New Piano FUNDRAISER

We are underway for the final stages of raising funds for our new Yamaha grand piano! There is a poster in the Narthex tracking the progress, each time 172.00 is donated a key on the poster gets colored in..



V.I.P. (Voices In Praise) and Handbell Choir Schedule

V.I.P. Rehearsal Schedule February-May in the sanctuary

February 16, 23, March 25:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. rehearsal
 March 9 - April 65:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. rehearsal
During Lent, the rehearsal time will be moved to 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. to accommodate the 6:15 p.m. worship service.
 April 13 - May 115:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. rehearsal

V.I.P. Singing Schedule February-May

March 2, Ash Wednesday 7:00 p.m. service, warm up at 6:30 p.m.
 March 278:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. services
 April 15, Good Friday, 7:00 p.m. service, warm up at 6:30 p.m.
 April 17, Easter 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
 (if singers are in town and available)
 May 158:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. services

Bell Choir Rehearsal Schedule February-May in choir room

Multi-generational Choir

February-March 25:00 p.m. -5:45 p.m. rehearsal
 March 9-April 65:00 p.m. -5:30 p.m. rehearsal

English Ringers

February 166:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. rehearsal
 March 25:45 p.m. - 6:45 pm. rehearsal
 March 9-April 6 7:00 p.m. - 8:00p.m. rehearsal
During Lent, the rehearsal time will be moved to 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. to accommodate attendance at the 6:15 worship service.
 April 27-May 46:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. rehearsal

Bell Choir Ringing Schedule

March 13both services
 April 10both services
 May 8both services

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Dear Friends and Members of English Lutheran Church,

In the introduction to the wonderful resource, *Stewards of God's Love: A year-round guide to stewardship in your congregation 1*, we read, "**What is Stewardship?** What is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the word "stewardship"? Budgets and spreadsheets? Money? Pledge cards? A grateful response to God? What about love? For many congregations of the ELCA, stewardship means "the church asking for money" or it means nothing at all. . . Stewardship encompasses so much more than money. It is a way of life."

We are fast approaching the annual meeting of our congregation. In preparation for this, my first annual meeting as Senior Pastor, I have been spending some time in reading the annual report, hearing stories, and thanking God for the powerful witness to the love of Jesus you are through your faithfulness, your love of Jesus and all of God's people, and your generosity in sharing your gifts, your time, and your financial resources.

My first reaction to your generosity and response to God's love is one of thanksgiving. Thank you for all you do and give and share! So many times we begin to think of stewardship as nothing more than paying our dues, like we would to a club or subscription; but stewardship and giving is not that. It is living into the call to be stewards, care-givers of all that God has first given us. Thank you for being good stewards!

Pastor Mark Kvale



P.A.C.K.

4th, 5th and 6th GRADES

Friday, March 2 - Movie Night

Friday, April 29 - Campfire and S'mores

P.A.C.K. nights are an excellent way for our 4th-6th graders to come to church, play games, hang out with friends and learn about God's love!

Summer Event

The ELCA Youth Gathering has been cancelled for this summer.

I am disappointed but also trust God's Boundless love and grace that the right decision was made. There will be something great happening this summer such as a smaller scale youth gathering or mission trip or maybe both! Plans and invitations will be sent out to families at the beginning of March.

Youth Nights

These are high energy, impactful nights that re-focus on lives towards God and help us to build relationships and have fun together! Come check it out!

7th and 8th Grade

Youth Nights - Games, snacks, devos, and laughter!

Sundays, March 20 and April 10

High School

Lock-In – Friday, April 1

Youth Nights

Sundays, March 6 and April 3

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In February we premiered our new talk show, The Echo!

It airs live on all of our channels, and episodes are there to view at other times.

Join us on Tuesday nights!

Like our Facebook page.

Follow us on YouTube.



Save the date...

First Communion

Sunday, April 3

Confirmation Family Night

April 30 at 6:00 p.m.

Rite of Confirmation

May 1 at 10:45 a.m.

Milestone Sunday

Children's Worship Service

May 22 at 10:45 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45-10:30 a.m.

March 6, 13, 20, 27,

April 3, 10, and 24

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

April 17

New Members

02/13 Margo Erickson,
Nancy Jacobs,
Rev. Mark and Ann Kvale

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

March/April

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OUR VISION

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SHALL BE A HEALTHY,
MISSION-FOCUSED
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full of life

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GIFTS, MEMORIALS AND PASTORAL ACTS

UNDESIGNATED

In Memory of: Marge Milliren
by Nancy Carlsen, Bill and Karen
Newburg, Ruth Olson, Sharon Odahl, and
Randolph and Judith Eddy

In Memory of: Tracy Kagel by Joan and
Peter Allen and John and Sarah Herath

In Memory of: Rev. Donald Johnson by
Chuck and Carmen Gustafson and Chris
and Beth Weiss

PIANO

In Memory of: by Steve and Connie
Overholt, Chris and Beth Weiss, Mike and
Kathy Giese, Bill and Karen Newburg,
John and Ardu Cleveland, Jean Davis,
Tom and Ann Monson, Loren and
Connie Amundson, Edward Kamin, Kristi

Cadwell, Deborah Head, Wm and Edith
Temte, Richard and Joan Marchiando,
Firman and Cheryl Schiebout, Daniel
and Lori Johnson, Paul and Elise Mullen,
Larry and Rhonda Adams, Susan
Ellingson, Charlene Gundersen, and
family and friends

In Memory of: Elizabeth "Betty" Bailey
by Candace Brieske, Chuck and Carmen
Gustafson, Marla Engbloom, Karen
Guptill, Kent and Mary Sween, Lou
Wuensch, Bill and Karen Newburg,
Sharon Odahl, Wm and Donna Beranek,
Ronald and Lynn Sunne

In Memory of: Tracy Kagel by Mary
Circle, Lou Wuensch, and Karen Guptill

YOUTH

In Memory of: Alice Sather by Ann Nel-
son, Evelyn Holthaus, and Louise Sedevie-
Lawrynk

BAPTISMS

12/30/21 ... Anselm Christoph Shaw-
Pardi, son of Christopher Shaw and
Guadalupe Pardi
12/30/2 Elias Lucan Shaw-Pardi, son
of Christopher Shaw and Guadalupe
Pardi
02/20/22 ... Brinley Pierce, daughter of
Rick and Kayla Anderson

DEATHS

01/02 Margaret "Marge" Milliren,
funeral, 01/08
01/05 Tracy Kagel, funeral 01/20

