



**ST. NICHOLAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**RICHFIELD, MINNESOTA**



# The Crier

## March 2009

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Lenten Series  
 Sundays,  
 March 1, 8, 15 & 22  
 4:00-5:30

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### Sunday Service

8:00 am Eucharist  
9:15 am Adult Education  
9:45 am Child/Youth Education  
10:30 am Eucharist



Ministers **All Parish Members**  
Priest **The Rev. Thomas Eklo**  
Deacon **The Rev. Judy Conn**  
Senior Warden **Karen Bessler**  
Junior Warden **Dick Kohout**  
Director of Music **Charlotte Grantier**  
Crier Editor **Kathy Cummings**



### Vestry Members

**Pam Banks**      **Carol Barthelemy**  
**Gretchen Eickhorn**      **Ed Kariuki**  
**Dick Kohout**      **Tom McConnell**  
**Bill Mills**      **Andrea Oliverius**

Treasurer **Rich Makela**  
Vestry Clerk **Bill Mills**

# Reflections from Tom

Lent is a time of reflection. I would like to share the thoughts of Edward Hays in his book "The Lenten Labyrinth." His writing can be somewhat provocative but always worthy of reflective thought. He catches the essence of the Lenten journey in one of his writings.

"It was the third quarter in the life of Jesus when he got up off his bench in Nazareth. He was thirty years old, and since the life expectancy at his time was thirty-five, he was no young man. All about him, he saw a conflict raging that darkness was winning. Jesus jumped off his village craftsman's bench and plunged into the conflict so that light might become victorious in the world.

You and I spend a lot of our time sitting on the bench, busy at our occupations [and our lives]. Life has not changed much in two thousand years. Darkness, greed and evil ever seem to be winning. Everyone is waiting for orders, waiting for the Pope, the Bishop, the president, the boss, somebody – even God – to tell us what to do. Since each one of us knows what to do, why then don't we do it?

One reason we fail to join actively in the battle against darkness is that we have enough problems within our own workplaces and families. You, like everyone else, have more than enough problems simply making ends meet, keeping bread on the table and the wolf away from the door, to engage in cosmic battles with evil. If, however, you could strip Jesus of his stained glass image, pious and other-worldly, you would see a person who also had family problems, who also had difficulties in making ends meet in his life. As a carpenter or stone mason, like all craftsmen of his day, he was burdened with government taxes – which scholars say consumed almost half the income of the poor. He was further saddled with temple taxes and obligations. As you are tempted to fall back on the various excuses for why you shouldn't get off your bench, realize that Jesus and his early disciples had most of the same excuses and even more.

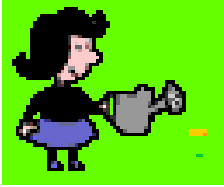
Yet Jesus did not call his disciples to go forth on crusades to battle distant evils. Rather he called them to face evil right in their midst. The first place to encounter darkness and evil – and the most dangerous place – is in the heart. Few are willing to explore that dark, mysterious dwelling since to do so could mean not only discovering evil but might also require making radical life changes. It is so much easier to point a finger somewhere else, to look for evil outside yourself. After all, nothing is demanded of you personally when you point the finger of accusation outward.

Lent holds the great challenge to reform self, not society. Lent is the season to renew your heart and not the hearts of others. Lent is a time of personal revolution based on the principle that truly evolutionary and revolutionary come into the world, one by one, heart by heart."

A Blessed Lent to each of you as you journey into the realms of your own being in relation to God and others.

Tom





## Spring Flower and Plant Sale

This is the month to begin thinking about our summer patio and garden plantings. What will be your color scheme? What events or parties do you have coming up? How do you dream your garden will look? Do you wish to attract butterflies this year? Do you want to try planting something new this year?

Check out our order sheet on pages 5 & 6 in this Crier edition. We have annuals, lush hanging baskets and patio pots to order. New additions this year are a deep red Ivy Geranium hanging basket of semi-double flowers and mounded habit, a mixed color pot of Reiger Begonias with a spike and blue torenia, Dahlinova mini dahlias in red or yellow and herbs, cilantro, parsley, rosemary and sweet basil.

Orders can either be dropped off at church (place in the flowered box in the church office) or mailed. Payment needs to accompany all orders. Drop or mail them to reach St. Nicholas before March 30, 2009. Pick up date this year is the Saturday before Mother's Day, May 9, 2009 after 12:00 PM, in the church parking lot.

## St. Nicholas Adult Education

### *First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom*

Featuring John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg

Imagine trying to understand the motives and impact of Mahatma Gandhi or Martin Luther King without knowing anything about the cultural environments in which they operated. Might the same be true of Jesus?

What was going on in the social, political, economic and spiritual lives of the people Jesus encountered that made them react to him in the ways they did? What conditions and events led the Biblical authors to write what they wrote in the ways that they wrote it?

Why were the titles of Caesar Augustus — Divine, Son of God, God from God, Lord, Redeemer, Liberator, and Savior of the World — taken from a Roman emperor and given to a Jewish peasant? Was it low lampoon or high treason? Either way, the Romans were not laughing.

What were the priorities of Jesus' proclamation of the Kingdom? How was the status quo of Roman imperial theology subverted by this obscure Galilean whose message continues to indict empire today?

First Light is a 12-session DVD study of the historical Jesus and the Kingdom of God with two of the world's leading Jesus scholars, recorded on location throughout the Galilee and Jerusalem. Borg and Crossan are provocative and insightful, and have a knack for bringing Jesus the man to life in ways powerful and inspiring.

The St. Nicholas Adult Education class will begin our journey with Crossan and Borg on **Sunday, March 1, at 9:15** in the Fireplace Room, and continue through the spring. Please join us for a rich learning experience.



## Lenten Series

Our Lenten Series this year will take place on the first four Sundays in March from 4:00-5:30 in the afternoon. The series will focus on two words which get a lot of press in the season of Lent—Sin and Forgiveness. Are they concepts of the past that no longer make sense in our contemporary understanding or have they simply been given a “bad rap”? Each session will involve lively discussion and end with Evening Prayer from the New Zealand Prayer Book. Come join us with your perspective as we learn from each other.

In your prayers, you are asked to remember....

Tom Frick

Jill Aicher

Pat Peterson

Mavis Spernick

Betty Cope

Sue Bennitt

George Olsen

Enid Kariuki

Dorothy Reese

Daisy Druhl

Gayle Ticen's sister, Shirley Hagenbuch

John Nelson's mother June Kestner

Yvonne Chu's mother Miriam Algernon

Mary Phyllis Meyer's sister Virginia Gaebe

and the Men and Women of our Armed Forces



## Christian Dream Work

Our dream group will continue to meet on the third Saturday of each month from 10 am to noon in the Gathering Space. The next three meeting dates are March 21, April 18 and May 16. If you are interested in learning how to listen to God speaking to you in your dreams, please join us. If you don't remember your dreams, you are still welcome to join us. Participating in a dream group is helpful in developing an ability to remember dreams. You are also welcome to join us even if you don't want to share or talk about your personal dreams. If you have questions you can call me at 612-655-2631 or email at eamiller50@comcast.net. Betty Miller



## Sharing Our Gifts — Outside

In 45 years of nursing, Carol Hocking taught many courses in how it's done. When she retired nearly 20 years ago she began looking for ways to stay connected with the community. Soon a perfect fit emerged — South Hennepin Adult Programs in Education (SHAPE) ran an ad in the Bloomington Sun Current seeking someone to provide workplace training to nursing assistants from Southeast Asia. Thus began Carol's long association with the programs formerly known as English as a Second Language, now evolving as English Language Learner programs. Over time she has worked with young Hispanic mothers in the MIRA ("Look!") program and with many individuals and couples studying to become U.S. citizens.

Carol talked of her experiences during the Adult Ed hour on Sunday, February 15. She says these experiences have allowed her to meet many wonderful people and to learn much about other cultures in a personal way. She emphasized that it is not necessary for the volunteer to know a foreign language in order to teach it — SHAPE provides comprehensive teaching materials and each volunteer uses his or her ingenuity in working with each person at their own level of comprehension. There is training available for those who chose to become more deeply involved.

for additional information Contact Carol or Mary Jo Bayless, SHAPE Volunteer Coordinator at 952-681-6117, [www.shapeschool.info](http://www.shapeschool.info).

NOTE: This article and the talk which generated it are part of a new series of informational events to recognize ministries our members are sharing with the wider community. Our hope is that more folks will be inspired to join in these ministries as we strive toward our vision of enriching the lives of those in the communities around us. If you know of ministries we can feature, please suggest them to Sue Bennett, 952-831-6208.



## Recycle Sale

Another spring! Another Recycle Sale! This is one thing that we can do to bring \$ into our Church — and clutter out of your home. New this year will include a bake sale. We want to emphasize the need for clean, usable items. This means washed kitchenware, clothing, etc. It is your job to price your items with masking tape. Drop off days will be Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup>. Any drop offs after the 20<sup>th</sup> put undo stress on the Finance Committee.

Recycle Sale Committee  
612-861-2541

## March is Minnesota Food Share Month



The March Campaign raises over half of the food distributed at food shelves all year long. The best way our congregation can help is to donate money. VEAP has the ability to purchase food at better prices than we can, so your dollar will go much further. Please make checks out to St. Nicholas Church with VEAP on the memo line and we will send a large (hopefully) check to VEAP at the end of March. Last year our check was for \$698.00.

If an item donation is the way you would like to contribute:

**Current Food Shelf Needs: Pasta, Rice, Boxed dinners, Tuna, Baking Mixes, Diapers (all sizes), Canned baby food, Baby wipes, Toilet paper, Laundry soap, Shampoo.**

# St. Nicholas Episcopal Church Spring Plant Sale Order Form 2009

## 11 " Hanging Baskets

**Ivy Geranium** **\$21.00**

- |                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hot Pink | <input type="checkbox"/> Violet/Purple     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red      | <input type="checkbox"/> Red/White Bicolor |
|                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Burgundy          |

**Fuchsia** **\$21.00**

- Purple/red bicolor

**Petunia, trailing** **\$21.00**

- |                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blue   | <input type="checkbox"/> Red             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pink   | <input type="checkbox"/> Raspberry Blast |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Purple |  |

**Bacopa** **\$21.00**

- White

**Calibrachoa-Mini Petunia** **\$21.00**

- Mix of blue, red, pink, yellow

## 12" Hanging Baskets

**New Guinea Impatiens** **\$22.50**

- |                                   |                                 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hot Pink | <input type="checkbox"/> Red    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Purple   | <input type="checkbox"/> Salmon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Orange   |                                 |

**Impatiens, plants at sides also** **\$22.50**

- |                                   |                                 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hot Pink | <input type="checkbox"/> Salmon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mix      | <input type="checkbox"/> Violet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red      |                                 |

**Tuberous Reiger Begonia** **\$23.00**

- |                                 |                                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Orange | <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pink   | <input type="checkbox"/> Mix    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red    |                                 |

**Petunia hanging basket** **\$22.50**

- Flag mix of Red, White, Blue

**NEW Ivy Geranium, Fiber mache basket** **\$26.00**

- Dark red mounded form, semi-double

**14" English Garden Combo Hanging** **\$42.00**

- Bacopa, Geraniums, Calibrachoa, Petunia, Verbena

**14" English Garden Patio Pot** **\$42.00**

- Bacopa, Verbena, Petunias, Geranium, vines etc.

**14" Reiger Begonia Patio Pot** **\$42.00**

**NEW**  Mixed colors with spike and blue torenia

**Wave Petunia, basket pack** **\$8.00**

6-3 1/2" plants in handy 7"x11" carry-pack

- |                                      |                                       |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blue wave   | <input type="checkbox"/> Red Ramblin' |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pink wave   | <input type="checkbox"/> White wave   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Purple wave |                                       |

**Geraniums, Cutting Type 4 3/4"** **\$4.00**

- |                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pink  | <input type="checkbox"/> Violet/Purple |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red   | <input type="checkbox"/> White         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coral |  |

**Geranium Patio Tubs 11"** **\$22.25**

- |                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pink  | <input type="checkbox"/> Salmon        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red   | <input type="checkbox"/> Violet/Purple |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coral | <input type="checkbox"/> White         |

**Greens, Annual Fillers 4 1/2" pot** **\$3.50**

- Asparagus Fern  
 Candlestick Ivy  
 Licorice Plant  
 Spikes, 3 1/2" pot  
 Vinca Vine

**Blooming Annual Fillers 4 3/4 " pot** **\$4.00**

- Bacopa, white  
 Daisy, yellow  
 Dahlinova, mini dahlia dark red  
 Dahlinova, mini dahlia yellow  
 Lobelia, blue  
 Calibrachoa (mini petunia), blue  
 Calibrachoa (mini petunia), pink  
 Calibrachoa (mini petunia), red  
 Calibrachoa (mini petunia), yellow  
 Sweet Potato Vine, Chartreuse  
 Sweet Potato Vine, Dark leaf  
 Verbena, blue

**NEW Herbs, 4" pot** **\$4.00**

- Cilantro  
 Parsley  
 Rosemary  
 Sweet Basil

**New Guinea Impatiens 4 3/4" pot** **\$4.00**

- |                                   |                                 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hot Pink | <input type="checkbox"/> Red    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Orange   | <input type="checkbox"/> Salmon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Purple   | <input type="checkbox"/> White  |

**Tuberous Begonia 4 3/4" pot** **\$4.00**

- |                                 |                                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Orange | <input type="checkbox"/> White  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red    | <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rose   |                                 |

**Grass, 4 3/4" pot** **\$4.50**

- Purple fountain  
 Dwarf fiber optic

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Seller's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

All orders due with payment **March 30, 2009** Pick up Sat. **May 9, 2009 after 12:00 PM in the church parking lot.**

**Mail to: St. Nicholas Episcopal Church OR place in box in church office.**

**7227 Penn Ave. S.  
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Questions, please call Jan Kohout 952-941-7561 OR go to [www.gertensfundraisers.com](http://www.gertensfundraisers.com) for plant pictures and descriptions

**Bedding Plants** Sold in full flat **\$19.00** or half flat **\$9.50**

10 packs per flat, 6 plants per pack = 60 plants per flat

Please note: \* items have 10 packs per flat and 4 plants per pack = 40 plants per flat

**When ordering indicate 1 full flat or 1/2 flat**

**Ageratum**

\_\_\_\_\_ Blue

**Alyssum**

\_\_\_\_\_ Purple shades

\_\_\_\_\_ White

**Begonia-Fibrous**

\_\_\_\_\_ Mix

\_\_\_\_\_ Red

\_\_\_\_\_ Rose

**Coleus (Shade)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Mix

**Dianthus**

\_\_\_\_\_ Mix

**Dusty Miller**

\_\_\_\_\_ Silver/White

**Impatiens (Shade)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Hot Pink

\_\_\_\_\_ Mix

\_\_\_\_\_ Pink

\_\_\_\_\_ Orange

\_\_\_\_\_ Red

\_\_\_\_\_ Salmon

\_\_\_\_\_ Violet

\_\_\_\_\_ White

**Lobelia**

\_\_\_\_\_ Blue

**Marigold**

\_\_\_\_\_ Mix dwarf

\_\_\_\_\_ Orange dwarf

\_\_\_\_\_ Yellow dwarf

**Gift Cards**

**\$25.00**

\_\_\_\_\_ Can be used anytime

**Pansy**

\_\_\_\_\_ Blue

\_\_\_\_\_ Yellow

\_\_\_\_\_ Mix

**Petunia**

\_\_\_\_\_ Blue

\_\_\_\_\_ Mix

\_\_\_\_\_ Pink

\_\_\_\_\_ Plum

\_\_\_\_\_ Red

\_\_\_\_\_ White

\_\_\_\_\_ Yellow

**Rudbeckia\***

\_\_\_\_\_ Indian Summer\*

**Salvia**

\_\_\_\_\_ Red 14"-16"

\_\_\_\_\_ Blue 16"-18"

\_\_\_\_\_ Red tall 24"-36"

**Snapdragons**

\_\_\_\_\_ Dwarf Mix 8"-10"

\_\_\_\_\_ Tall Mix 16"-20"

**Vinca, periwinkle**

\_\_\_\_\_ Orchid

\_\_\_\_\_ Pink/Rose

\_\_\_\_\_ White w/red eye

**Viola**

\_\_\_\_\_ Mix

**Zinnia\***

\_\_\_\_\_ Profusion double cherry\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Profusion double mixed\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Profusion double orange\*

\_\_\_\_\_ State fair mix 16"-24"

**Perennials #1 or 7" container \$8.00**

\_\_\_\_\_ Astilbe Rheinland

\_\_\_\_\_ Astilbe, Fanal

**NEW**

\_\_\_\_\_ Chelone Hot Lips

**NEW**

\_\_\_\_\_ Coreopsis Zagreb

\_\_\_\_\_ Daylily, Baja red

\_\_\_\_\_ Daylily, Stella D'Oro

\_\_\_\_\_ Daylily Little Grapette

\_\_\_\_\_ Dianthus Neon Star

\_\_\_\_\_ Echinacea, Magnus

\_\_\_\_\_ Heuchera Purple Palace

**NEW**

\_\_\_\_\_ Hosta Frances Williams

**NEW**

\_\_\_\_\_ Hosta Fragrant Bouquet

**NEW**

\_\_\_\_\_ Hosta Great Expectations

**NEW**

\_\_\_\_\_ Iris Ceasar's Brother

\_\_\_\_\_ Phlox, Creeping pink

\_\_\_\_\_ Rudbeckia, Goldstrum

\_\_\_\_\_ Salvia, May night

\_\_\_\_\_ Veronica, Giles Van Hees

\_\_\_\_\_ Grass, Karl Foerster

\_\_\_\_\_ Grass, Sapphire Blue Oat

\_\_\_\_\_ Grass, Miscanthus Flame

**Shrub Roses #2 container \$15.50**

\_\_\_\_\_ Carefree Delight, soft pink

\_\_\_\_\_ Carefree Sunshine, yellow

\_\_\_\_\_ Champlain, Deep red

\_\_\_\_\_ Winnipeg Parks, cherry red

Please note: \* items have 10 packs per flat and 4 plants per pack = 40 plants per flat

Total # 11" Hanging baskets	_____	Dollar amount	_____
Total # 12" Hanging baskets	_____	Dollar amount	_____
Total # 14" Hanging Basket or Pot at \$ 42.00	_____	Dollar amount	_____
Total Wave Petunia basket packs at \$8.00	_____	Dollar amount	_____
Total # 4 1/2" Geraniums at \$4.00	_____	Dollar amount	_____
Total # Geranium patio tubs at \$22.25	_____	Dollar amount	_____
Total # Greens, Annual fillers at \$3.50	_____	Dollar amount	_____
Total # Blooming fillers, Impatiens, Begonia at \$4.00	_____	Dollar amount	_____
Total # Grasses at \$4.50	_____	Dollar amount	_____
Total # Whole flats at \$19.00	_____	Dollar amount	_____
Total # Half flats at \$9.50	_____	Dollar amount	_____
Total # Perennials at \$8.00	_____	Dollar amount	_____
Total # Shrub Roses at \$15.50	_____	Dollar amount	_____
Total # Gift Cards at \$25.00	_____	Dollar amount	_____

Total all dollar amounts \_\_\_\_\_



# Vestry Minutes

## St. Nicholas Annual Parish Meeting - January 25, 2009

Todd Oliverius opened the meeting at 10:35 a.m. with the first order of business being the appointing of someone to take the minutes for the meeting. Jill Aicher was appointed as the minute taker. Father Tom led the congregation in prayer.

### Financial Report

Rich Makela provided us with a financial report summary, indicating that the year 2008 ended in a \$16,059 deficit. The good news is that we were able to use \$16,000 from our operating reserves of \$47,000—which now is \$31,000, so we are still solvent. Our end-of-year pledge income was \$963 higher than budgeted, however, income from other sources was \$4,225 less than budgeted due in part to the economy and only one recycle sale during 2008. Building operations were \$3,300 over budget due to the parking lot repair in 2008.

### In Appreciation

Tom thanked Dick Kohout, Dan Greimel, and Rich Makela for all their work with the Finance Committee noting that it is a huge task. After the recognition of these individuals, the congregation showed their appreciation with a loud ovation.

### Election of Convention Delegates

Todd stated that it is especially important that we elect 2 convention delegates since a new Bishop will be elected this year. The following names were put in nomination for our convention delegates: Bill Mills and Dick Kohout with Todd Oliverius as an alternate. A motion was made seconded and passed to unanimously elect Bill Mills and Dick Kohout as our convention delegates with Todd Oliverius as our alternate delegate.

### New Vestry Members

The following names were put in nomination for our new Vestry members – Gretchen Eichhorn, and Carol Barthelemy.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to unanimously elect Gretchen Eichhorn and Carol Barthelemy as new Vestry members.

The following names were put in nomination for our Vestry Wardens – Karen Bessler and Dick Kohout. A motion was also made, seconded, and passed that Karen Bessler be elected to the office of Senior Warden. A motion was made, seconded, and passed that Dick Kohout be elected to the office of Junior Warden.

The new members and our new Junior and Senior Wardens were applauded into office.

Bill Mills has graciously accepted the position of Vestry Clerk for the 2009 year.

### Outgoing Vestry Members

Rev. Tom Eklo took over the meeting as he recognized and thanked our retiring Vestry members, our Senior Warden, and our Vestry clerk – Martha Chambers, Debie Tsuchiya, Todd Oliverius, and Jill Aicher for their tireless support of this parish and their dedicated service and contributions to St. Nicholas for the past three years. Tom presented each of these individuals a small gift in appreciation for their service.

### Rector's Concluding Remarks

Tom once again thanked us all for the great blessing our parish is to each other and to the community and said what a great joy it is for him to be with us. He indicated that he finds himself continually blessed by this congregation, and it is a "joy" for him to come to work.

He reminded members to be sure to make their pledge if they have not done so at this time, as we are currently looking at a deficit of \$4,877 for 2009.

As Tom commented on in the annual report, growing this parish must be a commitment on the part of everyone, and he indicated that after Easter, we will be having a "growth summit." He also indicated that we will be offering "Tai Chi for Health" later this year and he will be certified as a Tai Chi instructor!

Tom addressed a question from Mike Mudgett concerning the status of our St Nicholas sign. Tom gave a little of the sign "history" for the benefit of our new members, and then indicated that the permit for our electronic sign has been approved by the City of Richfield, and hopefully we will have it up and working in early spring.

A big thank you was given to all those involved in the ministries in this parish, especially Judy Conn, Christopher Haack, Dick Kohout, Kathy Cummings, and all the volunteers who help out in the office. The congregation once again showed their appreciation with a loud round of applause.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jill Aicher, Vestry Clerk

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Mar 1</b></p> <p>8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM Christian Ed - Adult 9:45 AM Christian Ed - Children &amp; Youth 10:30 AM Eucharist 4:00 PM Lenten Series</p>	<p><b>Mar 2</b></p>	<p><b>Mar 3</b></p>	<p><b>Mar 4</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Gospel-based Discipleship 7:00 PM Gospel-based Discipleship 7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p><b>Mar 5</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Daughters of the King - Springs of Shalom</p>	<p><b>Mar 6</b></p> <p>10:00 AM Adventures in Spirituality</p>	<p><b>Mar 7</b></p>
<p><b>Mar 8</b></p> <p>8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM Christian Ed - Adult 9:45 AM Christian Ed - Children &amp; Youth 10:30 AM Eucharist 4:00 PM Lenten Series Daylight Savings Time Begins</p>	<p><b>Mar 9</b></p>	<p><b>Mar 10</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Finance Committee</p>	<p><b>Mar 11</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Gospel-based Discipleship 7:00 PM Gospel-based Discipleship 7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p><b>Mar 12</b></p>	<p><b>Mar 13</b></p> <p>10:00 AM Adventures in Spirituality</p>	<p><b>Mar 14</b></p>
<p><b>Mar 15</b></p> <p>8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM Christian Ed - Adult 9:45 AM Christian Ed - Children &amp; Youth 10:30 AM Eucharist 4:00 PM Lenten Series Crier deadline</p>	<p><b>Mar 16</b></p>	<p><b>Mar 17</b></p> <p>St. Patrick's Day</p>	<p><b>Mar 18</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Gospel-based Discipleship 7:00 PM Gospel-based Discipleship 7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p><b>Mar 19</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Daughters of the King - Springs of Shalom 7:00 PM Vestry</p>	<p><b>Mar 20</b></p> <p>10:00 AM Adventures in Spirituality Spring begins</p>	<p><b>Mar 21</b></p> <p>10:00 AM Christian Dream Work</p>
<p><b>Mar 22</b></p> <p>8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM Christian Ed - Adult 9:45 AM Christian Ed - Children &amp; Youth 10:30 AM Eucharist 4:00 PM Lenten Series</p>	<p><b>Mar 23</b></p>	<p><b>Mar 24</b></p>	<p><b>Mar 25</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Gospel-based Discipleship 7:00 PM Gospel-based Discipleship 7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p><b>Mar 26</b></p>	<p><b>Mar 27</b></p> <p>10:00 AM Adventures in Spirituality</p>	<p><b>Mar 28</b></p> <p>12:00 PM Free Lunch</p>
<p><b>Mar 29</b></p> <p>8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM Christian Ed - Adult 9:45 AM Christian Ed - Children &amp; Youth 10:30 AM Eucharist</p>	<p><b>Mar 30</b></p> <p>Flower Sale Orders Due</p>	<p><b>Mar 31</b></p>	<p><b>Apr 1</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Gospel-based Discipleship 7:00 PM Gospel-based Discipleship 7:30 PM Choir April Fool's Day</p>	<p><b>Apr 2</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Daughters of the King - Springs of Shalom</p>	<p><b>Apr 3</b></p> <p>10:00 AM Adventures in Spirituality</p>	<p><b>Apr 4</b></p>
<p><b>Apr 5</b></p> <p>8:00 AM Eucharist 9:15 AM Christian Ed - Adult 9:45 AM Christian Ed - Children &amp; Youth 10:30 AM Eucharist Palm Sunday</p>	<p><b>Apr 6</b></p>	<p><b>Apr 7</b></p>	<p><b>Apr 8</b></p> <p>9:30 AM Gospel-based Discipleship 7:00 PM Gospel-based Discipleship 7:30 PM Choir</p>	<p><b>Apr 9</b></p>	<p><b>Apr 10</b></p> <p>10:00 AM Adventures in Spirituality Good Friday</p>	<p><b>Apr 11</b></p>

## birthdays

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|----------------------|-------------------|
| 4 Kay Popko          | 19 Ken Cummings   |
| 5 Nicholas Hoyle     | Karen Bessler     |
| 9 Mary Phyllis Meyer | 21 Mary Bolen     |
| 13 Payton Knoblauch  | 22 Mavis Sperrick |
| 14 Bill Mills        | 23 Ethel Lyon     |
| 15 Peter Thompson    | 30 Gary Rosen     |
| 17 Karle Wherland    | 31 Dorothy Reese  |
| 18 Jasen Lasserud    | Maxine Parsons    |



## anniversaries

- 8 Shannon & Jim Hedren

