



# THE SPIRIT

March 2018

Greetings!

“God’s Grace in the Wilderness” is our theme for Lent this year. Our Sunday readings and Mid-Week service readings highlight the role of wilderness in the biblical story. But always within that wilderness we can find God’s grace.

Wilderness is, well, wild. Wilderness is out of our control, it’s the place where we aren’t mostly at ease. Wilderness plays by different rules than we experience in our daily lives. Wilderness pushes us, it exposes us, it tests our resolve. Wilderness conjures images of isolation, shortage of resources, uncertain days.

But wilderness can be more than that. Wilderness can help us remember what matters most. Wilderness can help us discover that we are more capable than we think. Wilderness can be quiet enough that God can get through all the normal noise of daily life. God is in the wilderness, and well, that really changes everything.

Now, because of Jesus we can see those “wilderness times” of life not only through the lens of fear and uncertainty, but with faith. Faith to see that the wildness of life is also where we find Jesus. And to trust that is true even though we may be struggling to trust.

Easter is coming. It’s gonna be wild! God is going to break the rules of life and death. Let’s go see, let’s go tell.

Pastor Dave Sorenson

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# From the Pastors

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Dear Friends,

March is fast approaching (or already here depending on when you read this) and we are deep within Lent. Each of the Sundays we will hear the covenant stories and on Wednesday nights we will hear about Jonah and his many adventures. During the month we also have the feast for Joseph (March 19) and the Annunciation of Our Lord (March 25). On Wednesday nights we will hear the song from Mary's Annunciation and her song, from Luke 1: 46-55

*And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."*

The one that we don't celebrate in worship very often is Joseph's feast day. From introduction of the day from Sundays and Seasons:

*Father figures abound in the appointed texts for the commemoration of Joseph, the guardian of Jesus. Almighty God promises to be a father to David's offspring. The letter to the Romans celebrates Abraham as "the father of all of us." The angel invites Joseph, son of David, to be like a father to Mary's child Jesus. As we remember Joseph's doing as the angel of the Lord commanded him, we pray for a similar measure of faith and devotion.*

On the Feast of St Joseph and on the Annunciation of our Lord, we pray for a similar measure of faith and devotion. It kind of sounds like Lent. During this season, we are looking at the covenants we, as humans, have made with God throughout the centuries and how we have lived up to them and how we haven't lived up to them. We pray for an openness to live a life of faith like Mary and Joseph and the ability to hear and respond to God's call on our lives.

May these final weeks of Lent be one where we strive against evil and resist all that leads us away from God and neighbor. As on Ash Wednesday, we invite you to the discipline of Lent self-examination and repentance, prayers and fasting, sacrificial giving, and works of love all while being strengthened by the sacraments for this journey.

Let us continue our journey through Lent to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Blessings as we journey together,

Pastor Brenda

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR 90+ MEMBERS!

2/1/1927  
Francis Peterson  
710 Ridge Rd.  
Decorah, IA 52101

2/27/1926  
Gloria Whitney  
Wellington Place  
2479 River Road  
Decorah, IA 52101

## PARISH STATISTICS

### Deaths

Brent Smith 2/3/18  
Roger Halse 2/12/18

### Baptisms

Kai Allen & Mia Grace Nielsen  
2/11/18

# Education News

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## FEBRUARY MEMORY AWARDS – 2018

Isaiah Bonnet – The Lord's Prayer

McCoy Bonnet - John 4:7A

Margaret Hahn - The Apostles' Creed

Jayden Lundtvedt – The Apostles' Creed

Ruby Sullivan – Psalm 23

Riley Wilson – Psalm 23

## THANK YOU

Sunday School students assembled 70 personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. Thank you to everyone who donated items for these kits.

## SUPPLIES NEEDED

Needed: clean uncrushed vegetable or soup cans and yarn for Bible School activities. Items can be put in the food pantry carts in the Narthex and Foyer.

## PALM SUNDAY PARADES

Sunday, March 25

### Preschool and Kindergarten

9:45 in the Social Hall

### 1st-6th Grade

8:30 and 10:45 worship



## ADULT EDUCATION

### Sunday Morning Bible Study:

All are welcome. Sunday's in the Bonhoeffer room during Sunday School.

### Thursday Morning

### Women's Bible Study:

Thursday's in the Bonhoeffer Room from 9:00-11:00am. All are welcome.

### Adult Forums:

3/4/18 - Katherine Gisleson, "Worship Assistants - The Tutorial on Signup.com"

3/25/18 - Andy Nimrod, "Decorah Parks & Recreation"

## Text Notifications from Decorah Lutheran Church!



Stay in touch with DLC! Text the following keywords to "81010" to get signed up for text notifications about the following DLC topics:

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Keyword</u>
DLC News	@dlcnews
Sunday School	@dlcss
Youth Group	@dlcyouth
Confirmation	@dlcconf
Acolytes	@dlcac

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# Youth News



## Northeastern Iowa Synod Confirmation Festival!

180 youth and adults attended the Upper Iowa Conference Confest at Decorah Lutheran. Confirmation youth from about 9 different congregations in the area shared a meal and fellowship, experienced four different prayer stations, a small group time with our Bishop and a worship service lead by Pastor Anne Edison-Albright from Luther with music provided by our very own JAM (student praise group).



## Lent Soup Suppers!

On the left... Eliot, Thomas, Larsson and Sam handle the clean up while managing to have some fun in the process! Thanks to Peggy Rovang and her helpers who made our first yummy soup, vegetable beef. Pastor Dave joined in to help cut up potatoes!



## Decorah Lutheran Lent Soup Suppers!

Come enjoy a hot, delicious bowl of homemade soup, or two with fresh bread, dessert, milk and coffee.

**When:** Each Wednesday during Lent at 6:00 pm

**Where:** DLC Social Hall

**Cost:** \$5 (children under 5 are free)

Proceeds to help DLC youth summer trip expenses to the Houston Youth Gathering.

Thanks for your support!

## YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday, March 11 @ 9:45

## KWIK STAR CARDS

\$25, \$50, and \$100 cards are available.  
Thanks for your support of our DLC youth!



## Next Houston Prep Meeting

Sunday, March 4 @ 7pm (First Lutheran Church)

The March meeting is for adult leaders and youth who will be attending the gathering. We are working on building community and relationships within our Houston group. Parents will be notified when they are invited to attend a meeting that will involve travel times, trip details, and medical forms.

## EWALU Dirty Feet Retreat!

**For all Middle School Youth! Grades 5-8**

**When:** April 6-8

Registration information and retreat details will be available on our church website or on the table in front of Todd's office on March 6th! Don't miss this exciting faith building opportunity!

# Announcements

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## DO-DAY

Ladies - we need your help on March Do-Days (Monday, March 5 and Monday, March 19 from 9:00am-12:00pm) and we hope to have good weather! Tops and middles (60"x80") and backs (64"x84") and layette items are always welcome!

- Sarah Anderson, Jean Iverson and Carol Stoddard - DLCW Stewardship Committee

## 50+ POTLUCK

On March 25th, we will be meeting at First Lutheran with their 50+ Group. Liz Lorentz and Ed Epperly will talk and show pictures of Winneshiek County. Program will be called "Tales of Winneshiek County". Hopefully we will have a great turn out for this potluck as we had at DLC last fall. We will be meeting at 5:00 pm.



## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Everyone who signed up on the Time & Talent sheet to help out with worship should have gotten the schedules via mail. If you did not receive one, but should have, please let the office know. Anyone with an email address will also have received their schedule via email. Reminder emails will continue to be sent the Friday before your assigned date. One clarification on Greeter times: the schedule said 8:15, but it is best to arrive by 8:00 am. If you have any questions on the emails you receive or how to use Signup.com, email or call the church office.

## THIS IS THE NIGHT: A COMMUNITY VIGIL OF EASTER

Join with Decorah area churches for a Community Easter Vigil to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 31 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Dessert reception with champagne and great non-alcoholic beverages following worship.

This ancient service of watching and waiting carries us from the darkness of Good Friday to the radiant light of Easter. The Vigil is a time when we celebrate God's acts of salvation throughout history, leading to the celebration of God's ultimate saving act: the death and resurrection of Jesus. In this service, we will give thanks for light, listen to ancient stories of God's faithfulness, celebrate Christ's transformation from death to life, remember our baptisms, and celebrate the Eucharist together.

## EASTER FLOWERS

Order your flowers for the Easter Garden by calling a local floral shop for delivery to Decorah Lutheran on Good Friday, March 30. Due to an allergy that Pastor Brenda has to the traditional Easter Lily, we ask you to order one of the following in pastel colors - **Crocus, Hyacinth or Calla Lilies**. If you would like a name listed in memory/honor of in the bulletin, please contact the office by Friday, March 23.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men's breakfast is Thursday, March 8th at 7:00am Servers are needed. Call the church if you are willing to serve breakfast.

# Ministry

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## DLCW MINISTRY

Coffee Hour Schedule:	March 4 & 11	Deborah Circle
	March 18 & 25	Priscilla Circle
	April 1 & 8	Ruth Circle
	April 15 & 22	Deborah Circle



April 28 – Upper Iowa Cluster Spring Gathering at Big Canoe Lutheran Church

May 4 – LWR Truck Loading – Decorah – Olson Explosives

June 16 – 31<sup>st</sup> Annual NE IA Synod Women's ELCA Gathering at Wartburg College, Waverly

November 3 - LWR Truck Loading

2018 DLCW BOOKLETS are ready. Please pick up a copy at the Church Office.

LSI is asking for support in a special project that they have identified as crucial to the families of Iowa. The projects are client assistance, spiritual life, and God's Work Our Hands. May respond to LSI, PO Box 848, Waverly, Ia. 50677 with WELCA challenge in the memo line.

Anyone celebrating a special day who would like to furnish treats for coffee hour, please call the Church Office, 382-3601.

Looking for a project? Personal Care Kits through Lutheran World Relief – These kits are shared with people who have lost everything from a natural disaster or life-threatening violence. See supply list on bulletin board near the church office or on DLCW bulletin board in social hall.

Save your cancelled postage stamps for Bethel. Cut at least a ¼" border of envelope around stamp. Find containers in Library for stamps and Box Tops. Box Top labels assist the Navajo Christian Academy financially and is much appreciated for this support.

Campbell soup labels are no longer being accepted.

Milk tops should be given to your local schools.

Please check the kitchen for pans or dishes you may have left.

Questions, concerns, or suggestions, please call the church office.

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people. Galatians 6:9-10

Sandy Kittelson & Nancy Spilde, Co-Chairpersons of DLCW

## CHURCH LIBRARY MINISTRY

Two books by Debbie Macomber have been given to DLC Library. ***A Turn in the Road*** features three women, Bethanne Hamlin who is in the middle of her life, her daughter, Annie, and her former mother-in-law, Ruth who are driving across the United States to Florida for Ruth's fiftieth high-school reunion. They mapped their trip before leaving, but other places seem to call out for them to explore, bringing other people into their lives. The second book, ***Susannah's Garden***, features Susannah Nelson who at age fifty returns home to Colville, Washington when her mother, Vivian, a recent widow, is having difficulty coping and living alone. What she discovers is that things are not as they once seemed, but some gardens remain beautiful.

***Child of Mine*** by David and Beverly Lewis tells about the kidnapping of baby Emily and her determined mother, Kelly Maines, who has spent eight years pursuing every lead her private investigator finds. One last clue ignites a tiny flame of hope.

***Martin Marten*** by Brian Doyle is an interesting story about a pine marten, a small furry animal named Martin in this book, and his connection with Dave, a fourteen-year-old boy living with his family in a cabin on Oregon's Mount Hood, preferably called Wy'east by the Multnomah tribal peoples. The author has a knack of describing animals and their ways, the diverse people who live on the mountain, and his love for all of nature, including insects.

DLC Library Committee Members: Sue Boehm, Marian Brynsaas, Marcia Fox, Dianne Fye, Bonnie Gilbert, Ruth Jauert, Elaine Sims, Cheryl Thompson, Jan Tyler-Blanchard, Jeri Wilson, Laurel Womeldorf, and Lilly Womeldorf.

## HEALTH MINISTRY

On the Horizon: Seasonal Allergies  
A Health Ministry Check Up  
By Krista Vanden Brink, RN



Spring is coming! The calendar even says so. People are getting the itch to rid themselves of cabin fever and enjoy some warmer sunshiny days. It also means the start of allergy season. Allergies are unusual, irritating, and potentially dangerous reactions of the immune system to a normally harmless substance. Symptoms usually include: sneezing; wheezing; nasal congestion; coughing; itchy, watery eyes; runny nose; itchy throat; stomach ache; itchy skin; hives; fatigue; and irritability. These reactions occur in about one out of every three people. They will attack the respiratory tract, digestive tract, or entire body, but the type and severity of the reaction will depend on the individual's level of sensitivity to the offending substance.

Virtually anything can cause an allergic reaction and since allergies can't be cured, it is important to determine and avoid the triggers for allergic reactions. Triggers can be environmental (ex. wind, pollen, poison ivy, pollution), chemical (ex. perfume, smoke, cleaning materials, latex rubber, medications), or foods (ex. shellfish, peanuts, wheat, milk, soy, strawberries, eggs). In addition, do not overlook items from the surroundings like animals, mold, bee stings, or dust.

People allergic to substances in the environment will experience more problems at specific times of the year. These are called seasonal allergies. Their symptoms will be worse during times of high winds when offending pollens are spread about. Late mornings or early afternoons have higher pollen counts which will cause more discomfort. The heavy air from high temperature and humidity will trigger an asthmatic's allergies. Different types of pollen (tree, grass, ragweed, flowers, etc.) are prevalent at different times of the year. For these reasons it is important to know what specific allergens trigger your symptoms and take an appropriate over-the-counter allergy relieving medication such as Claritin, Benadryl, or Zyrtec. One medication is not better than another and the generic brands work just as well as name brands. Find the one that works best for you with the other medications you take...and grab the tissues.

"The wind blows south, and then turns north. Around and around it goes, blowing in circles." Ecclesiastes 1:6 NLT

# Worship Committee 02/18

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We welcomed Matt Burkey and Wendy Jermier to the Worship Committee.

There will be an ushers meeting to review guidelines.

A notice will be drafted for the Spirit and the Bulletin requesting crocus, hyacinth, or calla lilies this year for Easter Sunday rather than Easter lilies since Pastor Brenda is allergic to Easter lilies. Local florists will be contacted. Tentative Date for Outdoor services will be held Sunday June 24 and Sunday August 26. More details to come.

Worship committee volunteered to serve coffee on April 29.

We began conversation regarding the pew worship attendance books as they are in need of repair.

Submitted by Renee Lillibridge

Attendees: Matt Burkey, Renee Lillibridge, Diane Gossman, Wendy Jermier, Lori Ostlie

# Property & Management Committee 02/18

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Welcomed Ron Stoskopf and Randy Iverson to the property and management committee.

Discussion with pastors about preparations for Lent and Easter services.

The committee decided to wait to vote a for a chairperson until all members of the committee could be in attendance.

We are ordering a few samples of new hearing aids and then select the one we think would be best for our church.

We are also looking at replacing the chairs in the fellowship room. Approximately 45 chairs at this time. The cost is \$90 per chair.

Discussed audio visual equipment upgrades in the social hall and the fellowship room.

We discussed the transfer of payroll approval from Ted Wilson to a member of the P & M committee. No action taken at this point.

Treasurer's report from Mary Fitch.

## ACTION ITEMS

1. **Selection of a color for the cloth for the new chairs in the fellowship room.**

Submitted by Randy Iverson

Attendees: Randy Iverson, Dave Sacquitne, Jake Hildebrand, Tim Wilson

# Evangelism Committee 02/18

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We welcomed new committee members Sherry Alcock and Angie Sadler. We talked about DLC Church Directory for 2018. Dates for pictures are Sept. 11 to 15 and 18 to 22th. Our committee and Nancy Spilde and Arlene Lage will be working on this and we can use anyone else who would like to help. The church has been asked to help with the Decorah Community Meal held March 15th at First Lutheran Church. Sign up sheets will be in the church soon and as in the past we have great turn out for this project. Workers, salad and dessert makers are needed. Workers are needed from 4:15 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M. Of course anyone is welcome to attend the meal from 5 P.M TO 6 P.M. for fellowship. We have ordered more "Bread for Life" devotional books Please let Tom Little at 563-419-6059 know about anyone wanting to join DLC.

Submitted by Tom Little

Attendees: Sherry Alcock, Tom Little, Angie Sadler, Karla Meine, Betty Storla

# Education Committee 02/18

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Attendance; Jan First 94 – Second 96 – Third 93 - Fourth 74.

Adult Forum need assistant with Kathy Elsbernd. (Shanna Putnam Dibble agreed to help)

Palm Sunday Parades: 1st-6th at both worship services; preschool & K at 9:45 in social hall. Tina and Jennifer will hand out Palms.

1st-6th sing at both worship services this week – they will sit with parents after they sing.

Activity bags for worship – need to be updated (ideas small etch-sketch, small toy figures)

Move to vote by Tina 2nd by Connie to give gift to high school graduates, Prayer pebble with mug.

Move to vote by Teresa 2nd by Tina to give gift to Acolytes Prayer pebble key chain.

Memory awards at 1st service this Sunday (Amanda Hahn will read names)

Need one more person to serve on Church Council/ Education Committee)

Leadership booklet/ Education Committee/Teachers – work in progress

Submitted by Dennis Wohlfeil

Members Present: Pat Gjere, Dennis Wohlfeil, Teresa Dehning, Tina Onsager, Amanda Hahn, Shanna Putnam Dibble, Peggy Rovang, Jeremy Thompson, Connie Kuennen

# Youth Committee 02/18

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Welcomed new committee members: Kirstie, Danielle and Cortney.

Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza: Todd attended in addition to youth ministry workshops he had the opportunity to learn about the Houston area, where the youth gathering will be held and location of the hotel our group will be staying.

- Confirmation meals: Thank you to Kirstie for supplying and preparing some meals. Well received.
- EWALU: brochures dispensed to youth at Sunday school classes. Early registration by Feb. 28th receive \$40 off.
- Confest: was Wednesday 2/8/18. Hosted by DLC, 180 people attended. Kids met with Bishop and listened to Pastor Annie from Luther. Gave kids opportunity to see how many kids also go through what they are experiencing through their youth groups and confirmation classes.
- Lent: Youth schedules up for working each soup supper. All lenten soups accounted for by volunteers prepping and supplying the soups. During the lenten season lower youth room to be closed to encourage youth to attend services and be out by the time of the supper.
- Snow tubing: Feb. 25th at Bruce Mounds in Wisconsin Open to youth, families and their friends. Cost \$15 per child or \$40 per family. Charter bus, concessions available there for food.
- EWALU Dirty Feet retreat: April 6-8th plan to consider expanding the event to our 5th-6th graders as another event for them as other groups have had this age range there and it's been well received

Submitted by Andrea Wilson

Attendees: Danielle Askelson, Andrea Wilson, Cortney Holm, Kirstie Bower, Dawn Deines-Christensen, Todd Hove

# Stewardship Committee

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No report submitted.

# Council Minutes

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**January 9, 2018**

**Members Present:** Pastor Brenda Crossfield, Ted Wilson, Jake Hildebrand, Scott Nordschow, Nancy Spilde, Dave Sacquitne, Julie Askelson, Richard Cole, Cheryl Frye, Ward Budweg, Renee Lillibridge, Diane Gossman, Jean Anfinson, Tom Little, Dennis Wohlfeil, Tim Wilson, Andrea Wilson, Mary Fitch

**Members Excused:** Randy Iverson, Rick Twedt, Susanne Twedt, Steve Johnson, Pastor Dave Sorenson

**Members Absent:** Andrew Sorenson, Kent Kleckner, Mark Kvammen

**Call to Order:** Ted Wilson

**Devotions:** Ted Wilson

**Review of Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda by Richard Cole, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Sacquitne; Carried

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes by Jake Hildebrand, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Wilson; Carried

**Treasurer's Report:** Mary Fitch reported that by the end of the year DLC was 'in the black'. Motion to approve the financial report by Ward Budweg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Wilson; Carried

**Presentation of the 2018 proposed budget:** Motion to approve the \$489, 576.00 2018 budget by Ward Budweg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Andrea Wilson; Carried unanimously

**Visitor Recognition & Communications:** None

**Committee reports:**

**Education - Attendance:** Dec 1st 101 - 2<sup>nd</sup> 111 - 3<sup>rd</sup> 98; DLC Food Pantry and School snack money receive about \$150.00 each and \$250.00 for curriculum. Education Committee: Discussed names for the nominating committee to fill vacancies on the education committee. One needed for council and two for non-council. Potentials are Peggy Rovang, Dennis Young, Amy Schwartz, and Amber Post for non-council seats. Jeromy Thompson, Adam Riley, Jessica Riley for council seats. Teacher appreciation event decided to have breakfast treats in Sunday school office on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Leadership book: Continuing work on teaching section. Annual Report completed and submitted by Becca Brynsaas. (Thanks Becca for a job well done). Voted on having Palms available for Palm Sunday. 1<sup>st</sup> By Teresa Dehning 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tina Onsager motion carried.

**Youth – Middle school/family tubing trip:** Bruce Mound in Neilsville, WI. Awaiting final bus cost from Hawkeye. Will be Sunday, Feb. 18 or 25. Discussed meal possibility and cost.

**Houston 2018:** Next prep meeting is Wednesday, Jan. 10

**Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza in Houston end of January:** Todd will attend, continuing ed. and prep for youth gathering. New membership for network approved.

**New Committee members discussed:** Todd will follow up. Thank you to Kent Kleckner and Marissa Nordschow for their years of service and support of our youth!

**Stewardship-** Shared a brief overview of annual report; working on a visual of our membership, rural and town to see if you are a neighbor and didn't know it; would like to make estate planning or long term financial planning a goal for next year.

**Worship** - Review of Worship Committee Assignments; Renee spoke with Katherine and she will complete assigning the Greeters; Sue Boehm is assigning the Communion Assistants and will be done this week; Ushers have been assigned. There was discussion regarding holding an Usher meeting but nothing was finalized; Lori will consider having refresher training for inexperienced acolytes in the near future. Youth Choir Update; Kathryn has agreed to try expanding the youth choir to K-6; Kathryn's pay increase has been finalized; Kathryn has reached out to possible choir members via email but has not heard back; Also the expansion of the choir was announced in the Spirit and bulletin. Leadership Handbook Update; Renee presented Pastor's changes for the Worship Committee section of the Leadership Handbook based on our review in December. Worship Committee has approved of the changes; It was decided to address items identified while reviewing the Worship Committee's roles and responsibilities at a later time; Breakfast has been finalized to be held in the fall rather than the spring due to early lent season which will include many soup suppers; Energize DLC Worship Services • Worship Committee shared with Pastor Brenda various ideas our committee has regarding our worship services; Pastor Brenda will review with Pastor Dave our ideas and report back to the Worship Committee. • Other Items; Pastor Brenda brought up the need for a designated group to oversee the busy bags and kids bulletins. Pastor Brenda is going to suggest Education Committee oversee this task with the assistance of volunteers that Pat could direct; Kathryn will report at our February meeting. • Thank you to Ward and Bonnie for their service to the church.

**Evangelism**- Continued discussion of Leadership Handbook, Church Directory; Thanks Jean Anfinson and Barb Johnson for your service; Talked about a new devotional book, *Jesus is Calling* by Sarah Young.

**Property & Mgmt**- There were 3 rentals approved; custodial concerns were discussed, contact has been made with Jim Sims to check into updating some technical equipment in Fellowship Rm and Social Hall; approved increase for the K-6 music position; finished the budget for presentation.

**Pastors' Report**- Pastor Dave absent, attending EWALU Retreat; Pastor Brenda shared that Christmas services went well; Feb 7<sup>th</sup> will be Con-Fest(Confirmation Gathering of over 100 people at DLC; plans continue for the Houston Youth Gathering.

**Old Business**: Diane Gossman provided an update from nominating committee; new names and Pastor Dave held the official ballot; follow up to reducing the size of Council, little discussion, no decision, important to follow the proper protocol from start to finish. Pastor Brenda gave update on emailing, *The Spirit* in "chunks" on a weekly basis

**New Business**: Identification of Ministry Review Team Members (3 from Council, 3 from Pastors); names to be submitted and approved by Council; Motion by Renee Lillibridge to establish a Ministry Review Team, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Little; Carried

**Other Discussion**: None

**New Members**: None

**Transfers In**: Joel and Deb Timmerman; Motion to accept transfer by Tom Little, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Renee Lillibridge; Carried

**Remove from Membership**: None

**Transfers Out**: Kirk, Kerry, Annalise, Ashley and Alexandra Johnson; Motion to accept transfer out by Ward Budweg, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jake Hildebrand; Carried.

**Next Executive Mtg**: Tuesday Feb 6, 2018

**Next Council Mtg**: Tuesday Feb 13, 2018

committees@6:30/7:00; Council@7:45

**Motion to adjourn**: Motion by Dave Sacquitne, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Wilson; Carried

**Closed with Lord's Prayer**

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Askelson

Council Secretary

# Worship Assistants

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## Ushers

### **March 4**

**8:30** – Kevin Weselmann, Tim Wilson, Daniel Schwartzhoff, Michelle & Mike Schwartzhoff, Garrett Sorenson  
**10:45** – Jim Burns, Kent Kleckner, Mark Franzen

### **March 7 – Wednesday Lent**

**5:15** – ushers from the past Sunday

### **March 11**

**8:30** – Jim Sims, Dennis Myhre, Don Wurtzel, Duane Larson, Dave Gilbert  
**10:45** – Mark Steffens, Jake Hildebrand, Jason White, Gerry & Becky Weiand

### **March 14 – Wednesday Lent**

**5:15** – ushers from the past Sunday

### **March 18**

**8:30** – Mike Thompson, Randy Peterson, John Boehm, Mark Nelson, Terry Ramlo, Claire Askelson  
**10:45** – Jon Piphoo, Keith Johnson, Andrew Kephart

### **March 21– Wednesday Lent**

**5:15** – ushers from the past Sunday

### **March 25 – Palm Sunday**

**8:30 am** – Ron Stoskopf, Scott Kirkeberg, Rick Twedt, Ted Wilson  
**10:45 am** – Wayne Petersburg, Thomas Ostlie, Lori Ostlie

### **March 29 – Maundy Thursday**

**7:00** - ushers from the past Sunday

### **March 30 – Good Friday**

**7:00** – ushers from the past Sunday

## Nursery

### **March 4**

**8:30** - Tina Onsager, Melinda Steinlage  
**10:45** – Amy & Brad Schwartz, Jessica & Adam Riley Family

### **March 11**

**8:30** – Jenn & Brian Sullivan, Cristy Nimrod

**10:45** – Tiffany Lundtvedt, Rachel Schuman

### **March 18**

**8:30** – Ann Grimstad, Melinda Steinlage  
**10:45** – Elaine Ward, Rachel Schuman

### **March 25 – Palm Sunday**

**8:30** – Angie & Michael Leiran, Kim Maret

**10:45** – Tiffany Lundtvedt, Jenna Lundtvedt

## Greeters

### **March 4**

**8:30** – Mavis Frey, Shannon Nielsen, Angie & Michael Leiran, Ray & Judy Koshatka

**10:45** – Paul & Barb Posivio, Larry & Judy Moen, Paul Oftedahl

### **March 7 – Wednesday Lent**

**5:15** – Janice Numedahl

### **March 11**

**8:30** – Tanie & Ron Onsager, Sarah & Craig Chyle, Martha Casterton

**10:45** – Dennis & Deborah Myhre, Gerry & Becky Weiand, Cheryl Frye

### **March 14 – Wednesday Lent**

**5:15** – Bruce & Tracey Frieden Family

### **March 18**

**8:30** – John & Linda Christopherson, Julie Wurtzel, Lyle & Marybeth Cary, Jenn & Brian Sullivan

**10:45** – Jon & Becky Curtis Family, Amy & Brad Schwartz, Joann Voltmer

### **March 21 – Wednesday Lent**

**5:15** – Vic & Dianne Fye, Marissa & Scott Nordschow

### **March 25 – Palm Sunday**

**8:30** – Cristy & Andy Nimrod, Shirley Vine

**10:45** – Gene & Julie Ude, Jonathan & Sarah Carlson

### **March 29 – Maundy Thursday**

**7:00** – Claire & Julie Askelson, Gary & Norma Hall

### **March 30 – Good Friday**

**7:00** – William & Karen Brown, Marian Anderson

## Readers

### **March 4**

**8:30** – Ron Onsager  
**10:45** – Keith Christensen

### **March 11**

**8:30** – Danielle Askelson  
**10:45** – Lee Stock

### **March 18**

**8:30** – Paul Oftedahl  
**10:45** – Tiffany Lundtvedt

### **March 25 – Palm Sunday**

**8:30 am** – Ruth Fjelstad  
**10:45** – Steve Hildebrand

## Altar Guild for March

Bev Heffern & Nancy Spilde

## Communion Setup

### **March 4**

**8:30** – John Nielsen

### **March 11**

**10:45** – Jean Ryan

### **March 18**

**8:30** – Dave Sacquitne

### **March 25 -Palm Sunday**

**10:45** – Renee Smock

### **March 29 – Maundy Thursday**

**7:00** – Connie Kuennen

## Communion Assistants

### **March 4**

**8:30** – Tamie & Ron Onsager, Angie Sadler

### **March 11**

**10:45** – Robert & Diane Ward

### **March 18**

**8:30** – Kari & Randy Iverson, Danielle Askelson

### **March 25 -Palm Sunday**

**10:45** – Tracy & Wayne Dostal

### **March 29 – Maundy Thursday**

**7:00** – Janice & Allen Vik

## Acolytes

### **March 4**

**8:30** – Ben Sparrow, Honore Sparrow  
**10:45** – Lydia Rude, Skyler Malone

### **March 7 – Wednesday Lent**

**5:15** – Ella Kittelson, Emma Johnson

### **March 11**

**8:30** – Jade Frye, Peter Wilson  
**10:45** – Skyler Malone, Mason Hill

### **March 14 – Wednesday Lent**

**5:15** – Ella Kittelson, Emma Johnson

### **March 18**

**8:30** – Gavin Sims, Sam Wilson  
**10:45** – Skyler Malone, Mason Hill

### **March 21 – Wednesday Lent**

**5:15** – Sam Jermier, Ashley Schneberger

### **March 25 – Palm Sunday**

**8:30** – Ben Sparrow, Honore Sparrow  
**10:45** – Briggs Duwe, Trysten Finholt

### **March 29-Maundy Thursday**

**7:00** - Sam Jermier & Trystan Finholt

### **March 30 - ALL ACOLYTES**

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## SPECIAL EVENTS/DEADLINES

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- Please pick up your 2018 Offering Envelopes in the hallway across from the Church Office.
- Spring Forward! Daylight Savings is March 11 - Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on the evening of March 10.
- Lenten Services began February 14. Join us Wednesdays at 5:15 pm for service followed by a delicious soup supper. Proceeds benefit our Decorah Youth.
- Palm Sunday Parades - Sunday, March 25. Preschool and Kindergarten at 9:45 in the Social Hall. 1st-6th grade at 8:30 and 10:45 worship