

Currents

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Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday – March 25

Worship Services at 9:00am & 11:00am

Maundy Thursday – March 29

Communion Service at 7:00pm

Easter Sunday – April 1

Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30am at the

Eagle River Town Square Gazebo

Easter Communion Worship Services at 9:00am & 11:00am

Don't forget to Spring Forward!

Thank A Deacon!!!

The Deacons have purchased new chairs for the church to replace the older banquet chairs.

Thank you!!

Daylight Saving Time Begins

On March 11 remember to set your clocks +1 hour

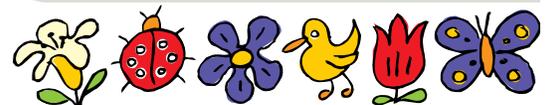


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FROM THE PASTOR:

Lenten Notes!

Dear Friends,

We are now deep into Lent, the season of preparation for Easter. For centuries during the seven weeks of Lent Christians have been giving themselves to repentance and acts of charity and faith. Some people give up, or renounce something – like chocolate or alcohol or watching television. Others take on a new or different spiritual practice such as intentional prayer time, Scripture study, or a new way of serving others. In worship we've been focusing on the concept of *covenant* – God's eternal commitment to humanity, seen ultimately through the life, death and resurrection of God's Son Jesus Christ. Each week we are looking at a different covenant and examining our relationship with God through that lens. Our Holy Week services – Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter – will also look at God's covenantal relationship with us as we walk together through the holiest week of the Christian year.

Our Lenten Bible study this year is called *Embracing the Uncertain* – a Lenten study for uncertain times. We are looking at six gospel stories that happen as Jesus travels towards Jerusalem. The stories are helping us understand that in uncertain times when we don't know the future we still know the one who holds the future. When we make a decision to follow Christ we decide to follow him through days of repentance and faith, uncertainty and struggle, in Lent and during the rest of the year too.

One of the weekly Bible studies closed with this prayer by Thomas Merton. It's from his book called *Thoughts in Solitude*. Merton was a Trappist monk whose writings have influenced generations of believers, Catholic and non-Catholic alike. He has a connection to Alaska because he spent some time at St. John's in Birchwood before his untimely death in 1968.

I think it's a wonderful prayer for our Lenten journey:

A Prayer That Anyone Can Pray

"My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always, though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone."

Amen!

It's a blessing to be on this journey with you, dear friends~

Piper

Rev. Piper Cartland



Rick Kelly – Mar 8

Larry Frick, Jr. – Mar 9

Connor Frick – Mar 17

Matthew Toth – Mar 19

Linda Kelly – Mar 22

Ralph Kiehl – Mar 23

Sharon Frick – Mar 23

Olivia Petroccia – Mar 27



**Jim and Judy Anderson
March 10**

**Rick and Linda Kelly
March 15**

**Chuck and Linda Homan
March 23**



**CHURCH
WORKDAY**

Spring Cleanup Event

**Saturday, March 31,
9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

Spring Clean Up will be Saturday March 31. Come lend a hand as we prepare the inside of our building and (weather permitting) the outside grounds and parking lot for Easter Sunday.

Trustee Update

To make our building more energy-efficient and in line with fire safety requirements, in February we replaced around 200 light bulbs, 12 light fixtures, 16 emergency exit signs and some ceiling tiles. We are also installing electrical usage monitoring equipment to help us understand tenant and space usage. Thank you to all who helped with the many hours it has taken to get the work done!



Come and ring with us! Easter Handbell rehearsals will begin Sunday, March 18 after the 11 am worship service. We are ringing one anthem on Easter and we'll practice on the 18th, 25th, and Saturday the 31st. Everyone is welcome – we can teach you to count and read your notes 😊. Questions? Talk to Piper.

Annual Auction

And Chili Cook-Off

The Auction will be held on March 24. Please bring in your donations during office hours or on Sundays, as the room will remain locked for security. The Chili Cook-off and Silent auction will start the night off at 5:00pm. The live auction will begin at 6:30pm. Proceeds to be divided between Young Life and a local elementary school.

**Saturday,
March 24
5:30 p.m.**



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A SEASON *of*
SHARING

A photograph of a tree branch against a clear blue sky. The branch has several buds and a cluster of small yellow flowers. The buds are green and red, while the flowers are bright yellow.

LET ALL THE EARTH
REJOICE!