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LUTHERAN CHURCH  
*Connecting Faith to Everyday Life.*

## ***Spiritual Care Newsletter***

### **Devotion from Pastor Tim**

***“Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things!”***  
***Psalm 98 vs. 1a***

“Sing to the Lord a new song,” has been reverberating within my heart lately as I reflect upon the blessing of the ministry I share with you. As I continue to serve as your Pastor of Spiritual Care, it never stops to amaze me how blessed we are to have this special area of ministry within the life of our church. Through the work of our dedicated volunteers and staff, the spiritual, emotional, and physical concerns of our congregational members continue to be met on a variety of levels, for this we give thanks!

We give thanks for our visitation ministers, Maribeth Anderson, and Pastor Bob Hanson, who visit and provide communion monthly to over 130 of our members in their homes and in care facilities.

We give thanks for our Caring Friends volunteers who connect with our members in care facilities each month, reminding them that they are not forgotten, and are a valuable part of our congregational life.

We give thanks for our Stephen Ministers who provide distinctively Christian Caregiving to our friends who are going through a difficult time, reminding them of God's presence and love 'with them,' always.

We give thanks for our Faith Community Nurse Karla Cazer who helps to facilitate our Faith Community Nurse taskforce as we envision new ways of providing this specialized ministry to the members of our church. Karla also assists with our Bereavement Ministry Program, our hospital visitation program, our exercise programs and many more things. She is a valuable part of our Spiritual Care staff!

We give thanks for Sandy Fischer, our Bereavement Ministry Coordinator, and Lori Strobl, our Senior Administrative Assistant, who help the pastoral staff and Spiritual Care Team minister to those who have recently lost a loved one, making sure we stay connected and provide support to them throughout the following year.

We give thanks for our Spiritual Care groups and the ministry that provide

support to so many, groups like, “Peace by Piece Quilting Ministries,” the “Woodshop Team,” the “Knitting Group,” our “Prayer Shawl Ministry Team,” the “Healing Garden Team,” our “Good Grief Group,” the “Recent Loss Series,” and the list continues to grow!

We give thanks to outside groups that partner with us in ministering to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of our members and people within our community. We are grateful for the “Sigh Footcare Clinic,” that meets here the first Wednesday of every month, for “Sad Isn’t Bad,” that meets at OSL on a regular basis to provide a grief counselling course specifically to Children who have experienced the death of a loved one, offering support to them and their families. We are grateful for the “SAIL, Stay Active and Independent for Life,” strength, balance, and fitness class offered through Sanford Health for those 65 and older who meet here on a regular basis, for the “Matter of Balance Class” that also provided through the Sanford Faith Community Nurse Program that meets here. All of these partner ministries are a blessing to us indeed!

These and so many more exciting and new ministries continue to bless our congregation through our Spiritual Care Ministries. God’s Spirit is at work in and through us, and for that we are all grateful indeed!

As we look to the future, we look forward to filling the position of Spiritual Care Coordinator soon so that our staff continues to be a vital resource to our congregation. God will provide, of that we are assured, for one only has to look around us to know that we have something good going strong here are Our Savior’s!

**“Sing to the Lord a new song,”** people of God, and give thanks for God’s blessings ever day!

In Christ,

Pr. Tim

## March Calendar

# March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Visit [OSL's March Calendar](#) to see the schedule of activities each day! Here are some highlights from the Spiritual Care Area:

**Wednesday, March 6 at 12:00pm & 6:40pm**

Lenten Services

**Wednesday, March 13 at 12:00pm & 6:40pm**

Lenten Services

**Wednesday, March 20 at 12:00pm & 6:40pm**

Lenten Services

**Sunday, March 31**

Easter Sunday!

## A Walk in the Woods

by Ben Weins

*In the heart of the 2024 Lenten season, I am enjoying the warm weather. This Sabbath weekend, with forecasted temps in the 60's, I am looking forward to a leisurely afternoon walk in the woods. Maybe you will consider a walk in the woods as well?*

*This poem by Wendell Berry has inspired me to take this walk and reflect upon how there are times when all of us "must await the wayward-coming grace that joins the living and the dead." In Lent, we wait...*

A gracious Sabbath stood here while they stood  
by Wendell Berry

A gracious Sabbath stood here while they stood  
Who gave our rest a haven.  
Now fallen, they are given  
To labor and distress.  
These times we know much evil, little good  
To steady us in faith  
And comfort when our losses press  
Hard on us, and we choose,  
In panic or despair or both,  
To keep what we will lose.

For we are fallen like the trees, our peace  
Broken, and so we must  
Love where we cannot trust,  
Trust where we cannot know,  
And must await the wayward-coming grace  
That joins the living and the dead,  
Taking us where we would not go--  
Into the boundless dark.  
When what was made has been unmade  
The Maker comes to His work.

## March Birthdays!

Send someone you know a *Happy Birthday!*

<b>First</b>	<b>Last</b>	<b>Birthday</b>	<b>First</b>	<b>Last</b>	<b>Birthday</b>
Ken	Augspurger	03-01	Janet	Sample	03-07
Martha	Buckneberg	03-01	Pamela	Schmidt	03-07
Tracey	Butler	03-01	Mary	Vockrodt	03-07
Craig	Caselli	03-01	Leona	Haack	03-08
Bernadine	Lindberg	03-01	Gayle	Hooper	03-08
Lois	Matson	03-01	Joan	Thimjon	03-08
James	McAdaragh	03-01	Curtis	Sandvall	03-09
Marchi	Lingert	03-02	Donna	Knutson	03-10
Kirk	Anderson	03-03	Wendy	Pederson	03-10
Judith	DeVos	03-03	Ronald	Goergen	03-12
Donald	Levsen	03-04	Melinda	Koppien	03-12
Glennys	Madsen	03-04	David	Twedell	03-13
Delories	Rosenbaum	03-04	Dianne	Drew	03-14
Richard	Kornmann	03-05	Charlotte	Jaeschke	03-14
Michael	Krause	03-05	Verlyn	Schmidt	03-14
Kent	Oorlog	03-05	Lloyd	Knutson	03-15
Kathleen	Soldwisch	03-05	Dave	Neiman	03-15
Jack	Hamilton	03-07	Lois	Helgerson	03-16
Ray	Johnson	03-07	Connie	Pribyl	03-16
Sherill	Kinsley	03-07	Sharon	Weber	03-16

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Joan	Witt	03-16	Leah	Moncur	03-24
David	Zimbeck	03-16	David	Christensen	03-25
Karen	Detmers	03-17	Connie	Grimm	03-25
Rod	Littlefield	03-18	Steve	Olson	03-25
Delores	Walters	03-18	Diana	Twedell	03-25
Lynn	Anderson	03-19	Laura	Westby	03-25
DeAnn	Clark	03-19	Diane	Hahn	03-26
Glenda	Walth	03-19	Margaret	Wegner	03-27
Joyce	Goldammer	03-20	Sarah	Abbas	03-28
Jackie	Wickett	03-20	Myrna	Lettow	03-28
Maribeth	Anderson	03-21	Diane	Wilson	03-28
Arlys	Johnson	03-21	Ritchie	Wilson	03-28
Marya	Leach	03-22	Dean	Buckneberg	03-29
Greg	Schmieding	03-22	Carol	Haraldson	03-29
Richard	Sundem	03-22	Frances	Noteboom	03-29
Judith	Dedrickson	03-23	James	Green	03-30
Brian	Kaatz	03-23	Lee	Leuning	03-30
Barbara	Peterson	03-23	Jo Ann	Wilhelm	03-30
Cindy	Sieber	03-23	Michelle	Griffith	03-31

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