



The Christ Candle

March 2023

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**All meetings are open to members
of the congregation.
Scheduled meetings are sometimes
adjusted based upon the ministry
team members schedules.

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~ An E.L.C.A. Congregation ~

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Mark Your Calendar Dates to Remember!



- Mar 01 - Lenten Midweek Services Begin
- Mar 29 - Lenten Midweek Services End
- Apr 02 - Palm Sunday
- Apr 06 - Maundy Thursday (7pm)
- Apr 07 - Good Friday Tenebrae (7pm)
- Apr 08 - Easter Vigil (7pm)
- Apr 09 - Easter Breakfast (8:00-10am)
Easter Sunday Worship (10:30am)
Easter Egg Hunt following Worship
- May 14 - Mother's Day
- May 29 - Memorial Day

YOUTH GROUP

For 6th - 12th Graders

Mar 12th—5-7pm

Mar 26—5-7pm Movie Night

Please Bring Your Friends!!

*If you need a ride please call, we
will get you there!*

*Please see
Robin Bellamy
for more
information.*

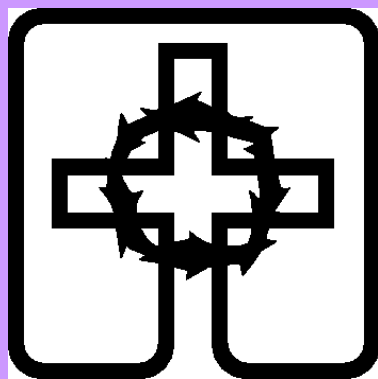


Estuary Group - April 5th

Estuary Group with Pastor Dale
meets the 1st Wednesday of every
month at 7pm in Byquist Hall.

Sign up at:

<https://www.meetup.com/nw-indiana-estuary-meetup-group/>



+ The Season of Lent +

For Lutherans the 40-day season of Lent is an important one. Though the Scriptures do not mention Lent, it has a longstanding tradition in the Church. It began very simply as a time of preparation for Easter. The earliest reference to a 40 day fast leading up to Easter is the Second Festal letter of Athanasius in 330 A.D. Today Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday (Sundays are excluded to preserve the number 40).

For Christians living in the Fourth Century, Lent had two major emphases: (1) It was seen as a time of repentance and denial of self. All Christians were to examine their lives according to the Ten Commandments and other

Christian ethical precepts and repent where necessary. They were to remember what it cost their Savior to save them; (2) it was a time of instruction and preparation for the catechumens who wanted to become members of the Christian Church.

At the time of the Reformation, some Christians wanted to eliminate Lent since Scripture didn't command it. Luther urged that it be kept, for he saw Lent as an opportunity for the strengthening of faith. Luther tells us that Lent should be preserved, in part, because it reminded Christians of the Passion (Suffering and Death) of Jesus and encouraged them to meditate upon it. However, no one should be forced to participate. It should be voluntary.

So we also retain Lent to this day, because we see it as a salutary outward discipline that gives Christians a wonderful opportunity for spiritual renewal. Our observance of Lent combines many of the above features. Through our midweek and Sunday services, our Bible studies, and Lenten devotional materials, we come face to face with whatever sin may be hindering our walk with Christ. But most profoundly, we come face to face with the Gospel of Jesus which forgives and removes that sin and gives us the power to live anew.

AMAZING *grace*

Midweek Worship begins March 1st

@ Gloria Dei

10:30am "Amazing Grace" Series

7:00pm "Holden Evening Prayer"

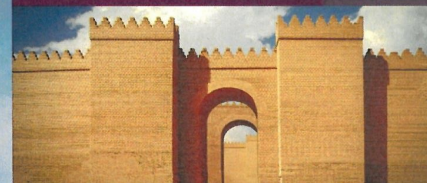
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10:30am service and at 6pm

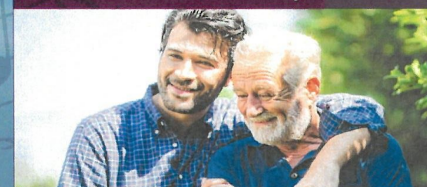
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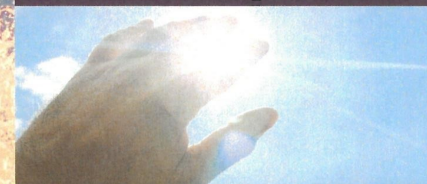
ASH WEDNESDAY
David



WEEK ONE
Isaiah of Babylon



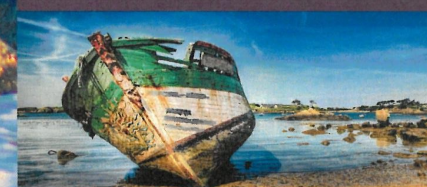
WEEK TWO
The Prodigal Son



WEEK THREE
The Blind Man



WEEK FOUR
The Woman at the Well

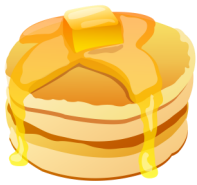


WEEK FIVE
Paul

LENT

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Our traditional Shrove Tuesday supper was held on Tuesday, February 21st. This was a great family event, and required lots of hands. A huge thank you to the Men's Group (and Mary Anne!!) for all of your hard work!!!



March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 Lent 1 9:00am SCS & Adult Ed 10:30am Worship	27	28	1 10:30 & 7:00pm Lenten Midweek @ Gloria Dei 7:00pm Estuary Group	2 6:15pm Genesis 7pm JuBellation 8pm Adult Choir	3	4
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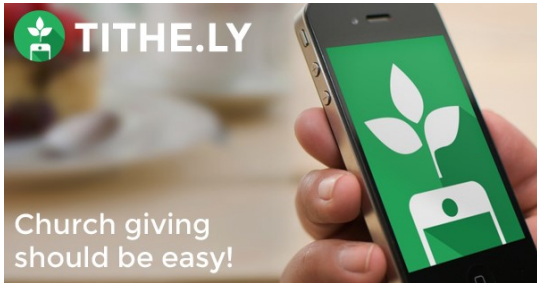
We are looking for volunteers to help with the MiniUp program. Meetings are on most Tuesdays, from 3:30-4:30pm. If you would be interested in volunteering, please see Pastor Dale.



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