



The Messenger

Ordinary people, Extraordinary God.....



2020

"How do we grow our church?"

From Pastor Bruce Greutz

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3/1 40 DAYS OF GIVING
- 3/1 TEAM MEETINGS
- 3/4 WEDNESDAY LENTON SUPPERS 5:30P THRU 4/1
- 3/4 WEDNESDAY LENTON SVS 7:00P THRU 4/1
- 3/7 MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST
- 2/09 2ND SUNDAY OFFERING VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
- 2/12 CHARITY QUILTING 9-4
- 2/12 CHURCH COUNCIL 7:00P
- 2/16 NEWS LETTER ARTICLES DUE
- 2/21 WOMEN'S MOVIE NIGHT IN OSL FELLOWSHIP HALL

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Now, that Spring is almost here, it's time to talk about growth, particularly church growth. As our Council president, Elton Sutherland, has asked us to fast one meal a week to seek God's face and ask him where he wants us to go as a church, inevitably we will all wonder about and ask how do we grow our church?

There is a whole industry around Church Growth. Some have even called it a movement. But the question is, what methods do we use to reach others with the Gospel? Many within the Church Growth Movement take many of their cues from the world of advertising and marketing. Many of the Mega-churches (attendance over 2000) use all kinds of business like, if I may say "worldly," methods to get people through their doors. But as Christian theologian, writer, scholar, Os Guinness has said, "If you are going to dine with the devil, use a long spoon."

One such church that has decided to "re-brand" itself is Cottage Grove United Methodist Church in Cottage Grove, Minnesota. Noted Lutheran writer and professor, Gene Veith, discusses this church's approach to growth in his blog, Cranach. Veith states that Cottage

Grove UMC, has decided that a "vital, growing church has lots of young families." But wait, in order to increase their young family count, the leadership or someone in authority has decided to kick out its long-time members who are over 60. Say what? For me and many of you 60 is the new 40.

But here's the kicker. The United Methodist denomination has given this church a \$250,000 grant to hire a "church growth consultant" who is overseeing closing the old church and then re-opening it with new membership. Apparently, the older members must stay away 15-18 months. After that time, they may apply to come back. They will be allowed to come back provided they accept the "youthful new identity." Even though they are being asked to stay away from worship, older members are still being asked to support the church financially and to continue to help with the maintenance.

Wowza! What are the United Methodists smoking in Cottage Grove? Get rid of people over 60 so the church will grow. From my perspective, that is a crazy approach to church growth, totally devoid of a biblical perspective. These are man's techniques from the business world not

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God's from His word.

In 1 Corinthians 3:5-6, Paul addresses the issue of church growth. Because there were factions in the Corinthian Church, Paul had to minimize the importance of those they were following and correct their understanding of church growth.

Paul says to these immature believers, "What then is Apollos? What then is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted Apollos watered but God gave the increase."

Church growth occurs because God causes the growth through Word and Sacrament. It isn't because of rock star pastors, marketing research, re-branding, grand re-openings or getting rid of older members. It is because the gospel is preached, and the sacraments administered rightly.

Pastor Klemet Preus in his seminal work, *The Fire and the Staff*, states that "these movements, like the Church Growth movement, have attempted to find a way to save the lost, which is simply not God's way. God's way is very easy to say and extremely difficult to do. There are no programs, no styles, no techniques, no methods. The only way is through confession. The most important manner of confession is to bring your friends to church so they can hear the consistent confession of the church, receive instruction, and be blessed also with the saving sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper."

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Bruce



FROM THE DESK OF THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

On Sunday, February 16, at the annual meeting of the congregation we heard of the history of our Capital Campaign. In December 2019 the congregation passed a budget of \$191,837 for 2020. To fund this budget the church needs to receive \$16,000 a month in giving. In January the church received \$13,996 which is \$1,990 or 14% short in giving to fully fund the budget. In order to secure a loan for the new building we need to prove though 3 years of records that we can sustain giving in the amount equal to whatever payment would be required plus the amount to fund our budget.

I proposed to enhance our current fellowship hall and class rooms by installing air conditioning and a new floor in the common area, entry way and class room hall. The council voted February 13 to move \$7,273 from the Thrivent choice to the enhancement fund which now totals \$13,826. This gives us enough money to fund the projects and upgrade the building so we can use it year around.

I have challenged everyone to fast for one meal a week. Fasting doesn't necessarily mean food but give up something for a chance to ask the Lord about the scriptures I've ask you to read and the questions we are seeking answers to. Be prepared to attend one of the four cottage meetings we are setting up in May to share what you have learned from God. We want to hear from God about the direction He wants us to go in the future. Glory be to God!!!

Your Brother In Christ, Elton Sutherland

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ~ *Vickie Duncan*

FELLOWSHIP/Connect ~ *Renae Schmid - Kathleen Tisdale Council Rep.*

Thank YOU! Thank YOU! To all of YOU who came to the annual meeting and potluck, February 16th! YOUR delightful food items, that each of YOU brought, definitely made it a success in the food department and YOUR attendance and participation demonstrates the value YOU place on our relationships as a church body! It makes my heart happy, that everyone pitches in to set up, serve, and clean up and that we enjoy being with each other! That's what families do! Watch for more opportunities to share time together over the year, with Wine and Cheese, possibly an outdoor service at Camp Utaba with the Family Camp Out weekend, Steak Fry/Music in the Grass, Oktoberfest and more! Please feel free to jump in and help with anything that appeals to you! This quote had been running through my head - so I'll share it "What we say about others says more about who we are than who they are"! Our next meeting will be March 1st, immediately following the 2nd service! We would love it if you joined us!

Blessings,

> Kathy, Kellie, Sue, Lisa, Annie, Suzanne, Minuette, and Renae, 801-391-2537<

GROW-BIBLE HOUR ~ *Kathy Sutherland - Peggy Tackett Council Rep.*

Have you joined the kids in learning their memory verses every week? They earn stickers every week when they recite it from memory! We will be examining Lent this year and encouraging children to "give up" something. We looked at miracles performed by Jesus and will teach about His ministry in preparation of Easter. Please keep the children, their parents, and our teachers in your prayers.

MEN'S MINISTRY ~ *Elton Sutherland - Alan Huss Council Rep.*

PRAYER TIME:

The Men's Ministry sponsors a time, once a month, when the church is open for anyone to come and seek God's guidance through prayer or meditation. We have a lesson from "The Battle Plan for Prayer" by Stephen and Alex Kendrick. We pray alone or together, your choice. We pray through the prayer requests that have been sent to the church and any brought to our attention. Please e-mail your prayer request to the office at oslcrotyutah@qwestoffice.net. The church will be open **Thursday, March 26th from 7 to 8 PM**. Come and go as you please. Pray always, pray often!

CHURCH SECURITY TEAM:

The security team are people of the congregation who have taken an interest in the safety and well being of our congregation. They meet on the fourth **Thursday, March 26th, at 6 pm** for planning and training. If you have any specialized training in defense or first aid, we would like to hear from you. Any questions or if you would like to join this team please contact Alan Huss.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

We always have needs for the building and grounds. We are planning a spring clean up, **April 4th**. We need people for inside and outside cleaning. Please contact John Crossfield if you have questions.

BIBLE STUDY AT DENNY'S:

We are in a study on Revelations by John Stott. We meet Thursdays in Layton **at 5:30 AM** and would love for you to join us. All are welcome.

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EASTER BREAKFAST

Please join us between services for Easter Breakfast. We will have ham or sausage, eggs, pancakes, coffee and juice. All proceeds go to the enhancement fund.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST—Dan Kartak

Come join us Saturday March 7 in the Fellowship Hall at 8am for breakfast and more. Mark Nourse and Harold Breton will host.

MISSION & SERVICE ~ *Kathy Sutherland - Josh Ashcraft Council Rep.*

Our second Sunday offering for March is our own Vacation Bible School. In the past few years, we have been able to fully fund our two day program for families with donations from YOU! Please donate again this year and get ready for June 5 & 6, 2020! Mark your calendar, prayerfully consider how you might serve, and invite friends!

We will be co-hosting the light Lenten supper at 5:30pm March 25, before the 7:00 Lenten Service. If you would like to contribute, please call Kathy 801-540-1720.

MUSIC AND WORSHIP ~ *Wendy Nelson ~ Trent Schmid Council Rep*

The Season of Lent Theme - "Hyphenated Sins"

OSL will be hosting Lenten services each Wednesday night beginning March 4 and ending on April 1. Your Hosts for each week are as follows:

- March 4th - Fellowship
- March 11th - Men's Ministry
- March 18th - Music and Worship / Council
- March 25th - Reach, Welcome / Mission and Service
- April 1st - Women's Ministry

WELCOME/REACH MINISTRY ~ *Mary Kartak - Terry Schmid Council Rep*

Welcome to Jim and Gail Campbell who have decided to resume serving as members of the Reach and Welcome ministry. Our group has decided to move our meeting time to the first Sunday of every month, right after second service. The hope is that this time will prove more convenient to others who might want to join in or at least drop by.

Thank you to anyone who took the bold step and delivered an invitation to a friend for Love Your Neighbor Sunday (Feb. 9). We did not have new guests that Sunday, but the cookies were well received! Let's begin to think that every Sunday is the best Sunday to suggest someone join us at Our Savior's. There are newly refined brochures at the welcome desk which might prove helpful if you are attempting to share what is special about this church.

Is it just me, or are you also feeling a re-energizing at Our Savior's? Seems the Holy Spirit is using the emerging spring season to strengthen our connectedness and enliven our ministries. Little Lutherans and a staffed nursery have resumed, and Lenten suppers are a delight just on the horizon. Our annual meeting was well attended and involved a wonderful potluck plus hearing an update regarding needed improvements for our current facilities as well as the prospects for a new building. Our calendar coordination/planning breakfast revealed much to anticipate? God is so good.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church will have a listing in the 2020 edition of "My Base Guide", a publication that is distributed to all who are coming onto Hill Airforce Base. A large influx is anticipated this summer. This resource booklet will aid newcomers to connect with us

Please share your ideas regarding ways that we can be extremely welcoming to those who are new to the community.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY ~ ASLEY KAISER - Nancy Gerry Council Rep

The year is off to a great start. In February we had our monthly GAB breakfast on the 8th. It is always a nice morning to get together for breakfast and catch up with one another. Our next breakfast will be March 14th, 9 am at IHOP in Layton. All women/girls are welcome.

We hosted a Blessing Bag event on February 22nd, with a few other local churches. We put together bags of snacks, socks, and other necessities for people on the streets who are struggling and in need.

We have a few events planned for March.....40 Days of Giving begins March 1st and goes through Lent (Maundy Thursday). We are asking the congregation to join us in giving non-perishable food items to the Roy Jr. High food pantry. There are many kids in the neighborhood who go home on Friday's wondering what they will eat over the weekend. Tables will be set up in the Fellowship hall.

We will also be hosting a Women's Movie Night, Saturday March 21st at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be watching the Christian based movie, "Breakthrough". Bring a chair and blanket if you choose, along with a snack to share.

Remember, if you have an idea of an event you would like to plan, let us know. We are open to your ideas.



ANNUAL CHURCH WIDE YARD SALE

The Boy Scouts will once again be running the yard sale to be held **May 15th & 16th**. We are restricted in our storage capacity and will not be able to pick up much prior to the week of the yard sale. Please call Elton at **385-244-5499** to discuss any issues that you have questions on. The proceeds go to fund summer camp for the scouts.



Via de Cristo NEWS: Janet Jow- OSL Liason

The March Ultreya is scheduled for Sunday, March 8, 3 - 5 p.m. It will be held at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 4615 S. 3200 W. in West Valley City. Gather together with your friends to enjoy good food, fellowship and to be spiritually blessed through song and the Word.

The 2020 SPRING Via de Cristo weekend HAS BEEN POSTPONED DUE TO ILLNESS. Watch for Information to follow on the next weekend.



FINANCIAL GENERAL FUND INCOME TO BUDGET RATIO

Monthly Income needed to meet budget	\$16,304.44
Income +/-	January \$15,986.42 (1,900.30)
Expended +/-	\$16,304.44 (318.02)
Giving compared to 2019	\$2,465.80

Worship Assistants



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8:00	March 1	Mary Kartak	Peggy Tyler	Mary Kartak	Bill Lange	Bobbi Spring			N/A
10:30	March 1	Mary Leschke			Doris Pancich	The Heisanens	Antonio Ramirez	Mary L & Diane N	TBA
8:00	March 8	Bill Lange	Peggy Tyler	Doris Pancich	Bobbi Spring	Don McFarland			N/A
10:30	March 8	Marty Simonson			The Simonson's	The Wolfe's		Pat S & Kathleen T	TBA
8:00	March 15	Russ Smith	Peggy Tyler		Jean Sojourner	The Kartaks			N/A
10:30	March 15	Sheila Courtney			Teri McCloy	The Isaacsons	Antonio Ramirez	Kim F & Lucie S	TBA
8:00	March 22		Peggy Tyler	Joyce Bellucci	The Sutherland's	The Sutherlands			N/A
10:30	March 22	Sheila Courtney			Kim Sparkman	Kathleen T & Bobbi S	Gerri Wessmer	Training	TBA
8:00	March 29	Bobbi Spring	Peggy Tyler	Bobbi Spring	Jean Sojourner	Pat Brown			N/A
10:30	March 29	Sheila Courtney			Peggie Tackett	The Simonsons		John M & Annie C	TBA



3/1 Katelyn Kapinos
3/1 Christine Van Leeuwen
3/2 Betty Scholtec
3/4 Ruth Oram
3/7 Andy Crosby
3/10 Allan Heiskanen
3/10 Corinna Reuckert
3/13 Sue Heiskanen

3/15 Bonnie Novak
3/15 Roberta Spring
3/16 Suzanne McFadden

3/19 Elizabeth Cooper
3/21 Renae Schmid
3/22 Rod Halsten
3/28 Alan Huss
3/29 Elaine Risen
3/29 Kathleen Tisdale
3/30 Annie Clanton



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01 Vision 8:00a Traditional Svs. 9:15a Sunday School/Confir 10:30a Contemporary Svs. 12:00p Fellowship Meeting 12:00p Welcome/Reach 40 Days—Give it up for Lent starts (Wm's Min)	02 Office Closed 11:00a Mary Kay Meeting 6:00p Boy Scouts	03	04 12:00p Brown Bag Lunch 6:00p NO The Good, Bad & Hungry @ The Village Inn 5:30p Lent Supper (Fellowship Host) 7:00pm Lenten Service	05 5:30a Men's Bible Study @ Denny's in Layton	06 Office Closed 7:30a 1st Baptist of Roy Food Bank	07 8:00a Men's FS Bkfst 8:00a Band Practice
08 Relationship 8:00a Traditional Svs. 9:15a Sunday School/Confir 10:30a Contemporary Svs 2nd Sunday Offering DSL Vacation Bbl School	09 Office Closed 11:00a Mary Kay Meeting 6:00p Boy Scouts	10	11 12:00p Brown Bag Lunch 6:00p NO The Good, Bad & Hungry @ The Village Inn 5:30p Lent Supper (Men's Ministry Host) 7:00pm Lenten Service	12 5:30a Men's Bible Study @ Denny's in Layton 9-4p Charity Quilting 6p Committee Meetings 7p Church Council	13 Office Closed 7:30a 1st Baptist of Roy Food Bank Last Chili Lunch @ Lantern House/St Anne's Kitchen until Fall	14 8:30a Open Hand Food Pantry Help 8:00a Band Practice 9:00a GAB Layton IHOP
15 1 Do Well 8:00a Traditional Svs. 9:15a Sunday School/Confir 10:30a Contemporary Svs.	16 Office Closed 11:00a Mary Kay Meeting 6:00p Boy Scouts	17 	18 12:00p Brown Bag Lunch 6:00p NO The Good, Bad & Hungry @ The Village Inn 5:30p Lent Supper (WorshipMusic/Cncil Host) 7:00pm Lenten Service	19 5:30a Men's Bible Study @ Denny's in Layton	20 Office Closed 7:30a 1st Baptist of Roy Food Bank	21 8:00a Band Practice Boy Scout Food Drive 6:00p Women's Movie Ngt in the Fellowship Hall
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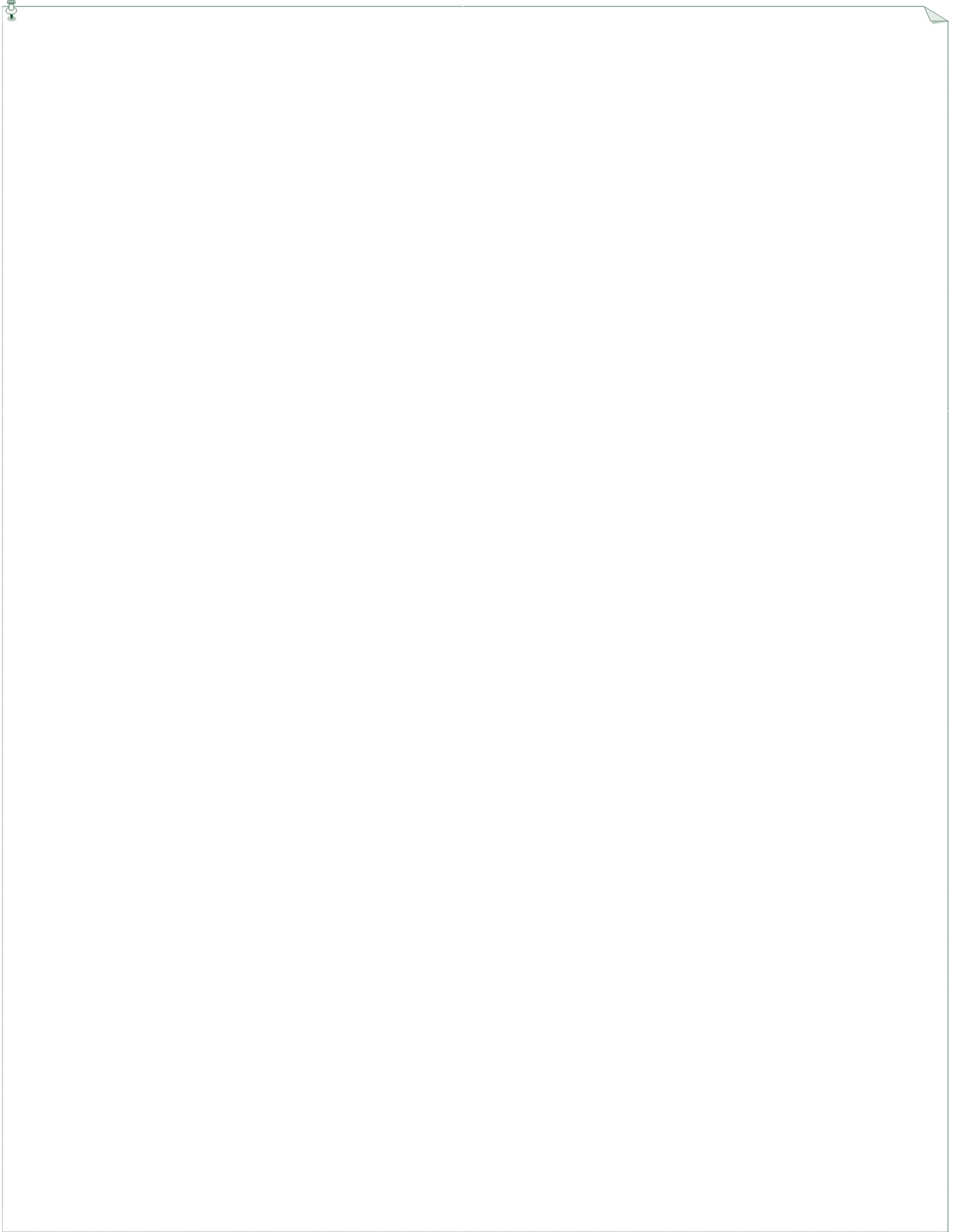


***Next Months Newsletter Articles
Due Monday, March 16, 2019***

March Lectionary

Date	1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
March 1	Genesis 3:1-21	Psalm 32:1-7	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11
March 8	Genesis 12:1-9	Psalm 121	Romans 4:1-17	John 3:1-17
March 15	Exodus 17:1-7	Psalm 95:1-9	Romans 5:1-8	John 4:5-30,39-42
March 22	Isaiah 42:14-21	Psalm 42:14-21	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41
March 29	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Psalm 130	Romans 8:1-11	John 11:1-53

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Thank You

