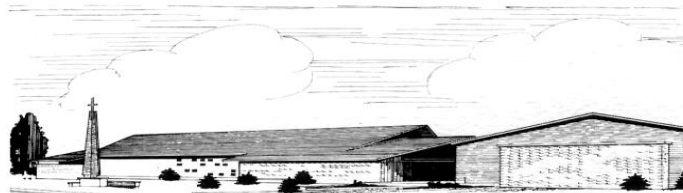


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Pastor's Message

Leaping into Lent

Did you read the title of this Newsletter article, "Leaping into Lent?" Who wants to leap into Lent? Who even wants Lent to be happening? If we are honest, Lent is not the easiest time for believers. Usually, we think of Lent as giving up something like chocolate, TV, social media, or something that is important to us. The problem is we think that's all we need to do to feel closer to God or more mature spiritually. But Lent isn't simply a time where we check the "holiness" box on our spiritual maturity checklist.

Anglican Pastor Adam Diamani has authored an excellent book entitled, **The Good of Giving Up**. The subtitle is "Discovering the Freedom of Lent." Freedom of Lent? Say what? Diamani contends that Lent is a time when we can experience freedom from our attachments that we think indicate we are free but really don't set us free.

Augustine said it well and Luther quoted him when Augustine said, "incurvatus in se," which means "curved in on oneself." Social media has helped us to become even more curved in on ourselves. It has made our natural inclination to glorify ourselves even worse. We can virtue signal online by telling others how wonderful we are. We can post how we helped an elderly lady across the street or went to the local homeless shelter to give out a meal. But be careful. We forget Jesus said that the Pharisees had received their reward when others applauded them. We forget that Jesus was more about doing things to glorify his Father in heaven. That's what He did and we are to be like Him. So, Lent helps us focus on God's glory not our own.

Pastor Diamani wants us to understand that Lent is a season where we no longer put ourselves at the center of the universe. He says, "Yes, we need encouragement, love and empathy our whole lives. But we don't need to be the epicenter of reality, worshipping ourselves and demanding others join in." (p. 50) Isn't this what Satan promised Adam and Eve in the garden – that they would become gods themselves just like God their creator, Elohim? Yes, it was and this is what sanctification is all about – shaving off those rough edges of our personalities that don't resemble Jesus at all.

Worship Services

8:00 AM – TRADITIONAL
9:00 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 AM – CONTEMPORARY

Pastor Diamani asserts that Lent can help us refocus away from ourselves and onto Christ and others. He contends, "Lent is a season for us to receive the humility of Christ in such a way that frees us to pour ourselves out in love toward others." (p.51)

According to Diamani, receiving the humility of Christ only happens because of three facets of Lent. Those are: the ashes of Lent, the limits of Lent, the Lord of Lent.

The ashes of Lent are placed on each worshipper's forehead in the sign of the cross. Usually, the pastor quotes Genesis 3:19 as he/she imposes the ashes, "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return." (p.53) These words pull us up short. They tell us we are not independent, self-sufficient, God-like individuals. Diamani asserts that "Beginning on Ash Wednesday, Lent opens us up to the divine blessing that we can only receive only when our hands are empty and we are no longer at the center." p. 54

The limits of Lent are those practices that remind us our personal power is limited. Diamani emphasizes that prayer is one of those practices. Prayer is a time where we admit we aren't at the center of the universe, that we need the Lord, that we can't make it on our own. By spending more time in prayer during Lent, we are letting go of control that we often try to exert in difficult situations. Pastor Diamani contends, "The arm of our will (by practices like prayer, fasting and almsgiving) is shortened in Lent and that is good." p. 54

Lastly, as we focus on the Lord Jesus Christ in Lent instead of ourselves, we see that the Lord of Glory didn't come to be served but to serve. He left his glory and humbled himself, becoming a man, being obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Pastor Diamani says that this is one of the chief reasons to observe Lent. "It's a humbling experience. Jesus is waiting for you to sink down with him."

May we humble ourselves this Lent through prayer, fasting and almsgiving and "with the world behind us and the cross before us, we go repenting and rejoicing one faltering step at a time." P. 28

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Bruce

OSLC COUNCIL PRESIDENT: John Deitsch

After the February Congregational Council meeting, I am very much encouraged for our church, or I should say God's church, and the direction in which I believe we are heading. The make-up of our current Council I believe does very well to represent our congregation; and at our most recent meeting, every member of Council was engaged, contributed to the discussions, and by my assessment was genuinely concerned with making decisions in accordance with our Lutheran Faith and in the best interest of our entire congregation. It is still a work in progress, but in addition to taking care of business, I believe we are beginning to focus on the right things – supporting our ministries and providing them the tools they need to succeed. A couple of things in process are reviewing & updating the Continuing Resolutions that define our ministries to better align them with our current circumstances; and looking at ways to best utilize existing funds to support the mission and needs of our entire church. I kindly request your continued prayers and support for the Council as we strive to provide the leadership that the members of this congregation deserve.

MINISTRY & TEAM REPORTS

FELLOWSHIP Ministry: Nancy Gerry (Chairman) - Annie Coyle (Council Liaison)

GROW Ministry: Justine Ashcraft (Chairman) - Josh Ashcraft (Council Liaison)

There will be no Sunday School on Easter which is April 17th. Stay tuned for details about an Easter Egg Hunt!

MEN'S MINISTRY: Elton Sutherland (Chairman)- Dave Engen (Council Liaison)

Men's Prayer Breakfast – will be on March 5th, to be held in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00 AM. Leo Seeber will be hosting this month. The Prayer Breakfast is open to all men, young and old, members and friends of OSLC. Come one, come all! Great food, a Devotional, and good Christian discussion (and usually some fun bantering back and forth) can be expected by all who attend. The next breakfast will be held on April 2nd, and we are still looking for one or two volunteers to host that breakfast.

Bible Study – We meet at Black Bear Diner in Layton at 6AM. We are finishing our ACTS study and are starting a study of “The Augsburg Confession and It’s Apology” soon. We will be studying our Lutheran roots as presented to Emperor Charles V on June 25, 1530 in Augsburg Germany. We meet for breakfast and Christian fellowship along with the Bible study. All are welcome.

Christian Men’s Network – For over 40 years the Christian Men’s Network has been a highly effective global movement of pastors and leaders dedicated to training men toward their roles as servant-leaders in their families, church, and culture. The goal of CMN is to Build Men, Build Churches, and Transform Culture. And by the power of the Holy Spirit, God does it...one man at a time. Now that Monday Night Football is done, what can take its place? Every week the CMN premiere LIVE on YouTube and Facebook at 9 pm Eastern. A powerful, short 28-minute inspirational teaching will fill your heart with faith, resilience, and courage. You can find the “ChristianMensNetwork” channel on YouTube or on the web at cmn.men. Bill Lange of OSLC has recommended CMN for men who are struggling in this time of need. Please reach out to Bill if you need encouragement or have questions. (801) 510-3994

Living on the Edge – Living on the Edge exists to help Christians live like Christians. It's Time to Go All In! Daily Discipleship: True Spirituality is a new 17-day journey exploring Romans 12 that will help you develop the habit of being in God's Word every day. Not only will this help you learn how to study the Bible, but Chip will also show you how to put true spirituality into practice in every relationship of your life. Learn more by visiting LivingontheEdge.org. If you have any questions please contact Elton Sutherland, (385) 244-5499.

Prayer Time – We encourage everyone to tune in to the pastor’s Facebook page Live at 7PM on Wednesday nights to take part in prayers for whoever needs them as led by

our pastor. This is an awesome time, and he will pray any request sent to him. Thank you, Pastor, for leading our church in a way that honors God.

Security Team – We are people of the congregation who have taken an interest in the safety and wellbeing of the church. We have no interest in any outward show of force or authority whatsoever, but the congregation can worship peacefully knowing we stand watch (2 Kings 9:17). If you would like to participate or have any specialized training you would like to share, please contact Alan Huss. (801) 725-1373

Easter Breakfast – The men will be serving breakfast between services on Easter, April 17th. Watch for more information to be forward coming.

MISSION & SERVICE Ministry: Kathy Sutherland (Chairman) - Elton Sutherland (Council Liaison)

Second Sunday Offering – For our second Sunday offering this month, we are donating to the Lutheran Churches in Mission for Christ, national office. Unlike the days of belonging to a synod, LCMC does not charge dues or require a mandatory donation. When you donate to this month's offering, you are contributing to the pastoral and business leadership, Board of Trustees, Ministry Board, the correspondence, the training, and the services of our national affiliation. Thank you for your support!

SOUPer Bowl – Thanks to everyone who supported The SOUPer Bowl of caring. OSLC donated 263 lbs. of much needed food.

New Chairmen Needed – Because the Sutherlands are moving this summer, OSLC needs someone to step into Kathy's spot as Leader of Mission and Service Ministry. It is a blessing to coordinate this creation of blessings for other people.

MUSIC AND WORSHIP Ministry: Mark Nourse (Chairman) Trent Schmid (Counsel Liaison)

Please join us for the **Ash Wednesday Service** at 6:30pm on March 2nd for a full Worship Service including Holy Communion, the Imposition of Ashes and the locking up of the Alleluias and Hallelujahs by the "Children Who Love God". Due to the temporary incarceration of the previously mentioned Alleluias and Hallelujahs, "This Is the Feast" and "Thank the Lord and Sing His Praise" are both on hiatus until April 17th along with any other songs and hymns containing Alleluia or Hallelujah. The OSLC Security Team will be diligently monitoring the Alleluias and Hallelujahs to make certain that they do not escape custody until they are released Easter morning.

After Ash Wednesday, please join us every Wednesday evening at 6:30pm for the Midweek Lenten Services. The Midweek Lenten Services are a little bit shorter in length than a Sunday Worship Service. Holy Communion will take place at every Midweek Lenten Service. The Ash Wednesday and the Midweek Lenten Services

will be live streamed to the OSLC YouTube channel, OSLRoy, and later shared to the main OSLC Facebook page.

Throughout Lent we look forward to seeing you all at our 8am Traditional Sunday Services and our 10am Contemporary Sunday Services. Both Sunday Services are live streamed to the OSLRoy channel on YouTube. You can also check out the Band Cam live stream on the Pastor's Page on Facebook. The Youth Cam live stream replay is shared to the Little Lutherans Facebook page.

Our continued thanks to Antonio Ramirez for managing the www.OSLCRoy.com website. Thank you Lexi Grentz for managing the OSLC fan page, www.LittleLutherans.com. You can find helpful information on both sites. Thank you to Barb McFarland for continuing to manage the Narthex Cam and for live streaming the Traditional Worship Services. Thank you to Dave Engen for live streaming the Contemporary Worship Services.

Prayers of the People Live will move to Tuesday evenings at 7pm for the duration of the Lenten season. "POPL" can be found on Facebook on the Pastor's Page. A link to the Pastor's Page can be found on the OSLC website www.OSLCRoy.com. Blessings, praise, and thanks be to God our Lord, Master and Friend.

REACH & Welcome MINISTRY: Mary Kartak (Chairman) Leo Seeber (Council Liaison)

God loves you and so does Reach and Welcome.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY: Andrea Graves (Chairman) Teri McCloy (Council Liaison)

Thank you for bearing with me while I deal with the never-healing broken foot and all that entails. Please join us for breakfast at 9:00am on Saturday, March 5th at No Frills Diner on 25th street in Ogden. Please contact me @ 801-529-3462 to RSVP or email redrockanni1@gmail.com. Since I failed at getting an Axe Throwing date set up in February, we will go throwing on Friday March 25th. If you have any suggestions for more outings or are talented and can lead us in a craft, please let me know

Happy Birthday

1 Mar	Robbie Hadley	15 Mar	Bonnie Novak
1 Mar	Christine Van Leeuwen	16 Mar	Suzanne McFadden
1 Mar	Katelyn Kapinos	19 Mar	Elizabeth Cooper
2 Mar	Betty Scholtec	21 Mar	Renae Schmid
3 Mar	Erzsebet Czibolya-Schaffert	23 Mar	Jinny Starker
7 Mar	Andy Crosby	24 Mar	Tara Avery
10 Mar	Allan Heiskanen	27 Mar	Daxton Zelfer
10 Mar	Corinna Rueckert	28 Mar	Alan Huss
12 Mar	Rick Dettlinger	29 Mar	Kathy Tisdale
13 Mar	Rachael Albertson	29 Mar	Elaine Risen
13 Mar	Sue Heiskanen	30 Mar	Wayne Osborne
15 Mar	Bobbi Spring	31 Mar	Vickie Duncan

UPCOMING EVENTS

2 MAR—6:30 PM ASH WEDNESDAY
 5 MAR—8:00 AM MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
 5 MAR – 9:00 AM WOMEN'S BREAKFAST
 9 MAR—6:30 PM MIDWEEK SERVICE
 16 MAR—6:30 PM MIDWEEK SERVICE
 16 MAR—NEWS LETTER ARTICLES DUE BY
 MIDNIGHT NO ARTICLES WILL BE PUBLISHED
 AFTER 03/18
 23 MAR—6:30 PM MIDWEEK SERVICE
 25 MAR – WOMEN'S AXE THROWING
 30 MAR—6:30 PM MIDWEEK SERVICE

MARCH HOSPITALITY TEAM

Lee & Sue Allen
 Marilyn Gour
 Antonio & Vickie Ramirez
 Mary Leschke
 Colleen McComb
 Pat Turner
 Bob Tyler
 Peggy Tyler
 Joe Heman

Worship Assistants

Date	Time	Acolytes Sheila Courtney 385 626-8291	Greeters Kathy Sutherland 801 540-1720	Ushers Pat Simonson 801 721-7678	Projectionist Antonio Ramirez 801 573-2559	Camera Barb McFarland 801 668-9709	Alter Guild Sandee Isaacson 801 388-6694
6-Mar	8:00 AM	Lexi Grentz	Russ Smith	Russ Smith			
6-Mar	10:00 AM	Lexi Grentz		Sheila Courtney	Dave Engen		
13-Mar	8:00 AM	Brady Kaiser	Ashley Kaiser	Bill Lange			
13-Mar	10:00 AM	Courtney Barrett		Sheila Courtney	Dave Engen		
20-Mar	8:00 AM	Brady Kaiser	Joan Underwood	Russ Smith			
20-Mar	10:00 AM				Dave Engen		
27-Mar	8:00 AM	Lexi Grentz					
27-Mar	10:00 AM	Luke Ashcraft					

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MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:00a Traditional Service 9:00a Sunday School 10:00a Contemporary Service	28 5:00 Girl Scouts Troup #773 7:00p Boy Scouts Troup 17	01 6:00p Girl Scouts #578	02 4:30p Bible Study (Black Bear, Layton) 5:45p Girl Scouts #970 6:30p Ash Wednesday Svs	03 12:00p Bible Study BYOL 6:00p Girl Scouts #807	04 6:00a Bible Study (Black Bear, Layton)	05 8:00a Men's Fellowship Breakfast 9:00a Open Hand Food Pantry Help
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March Lectionary

<u>Date</u>	<u>1st Reading</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>2nd Reading</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
2 Mar	Joel 2:12-19	Psalm 51:1-13 (14-19)	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6. 16-21
6 Mar	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Psalm 91:1-13	Romans 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13
13 Mar	Jeremiah 26:8-15	Psalm 4	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:31-35
20 Mar	Ezekiel 33:7-20	Psalm 85	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9
27 Mar	Isaiah 12:1-6	Psalm 32	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32