

# Our Savior's Lutheran Church

## The Messenger

Mar 2023

### Worship Services Schedule

9:30 AM – WORSHIP SERVICE  
10:30 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL  
11:30 AM – CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

**LENT SCHEDULE**  
**WEDNESDAY EVENING MAR 1-29**  
5:30-6:30 PM SUPPER  
7:00 PM SERVICE

## Leaping into Lent

**By: Pastor Bruce Greutz**

Our Ash Wednesday service is behind us and now we head full bore into Lent. The purpose of Lent is both repentance and recovery. Psalm 51 shows us how both of these themes were expressed by King David.

Psalm 51 is David's response to being confronted by the prophet Nathan about his adultery and murderous behavior toward her husband, Uriah. David had been in total denial acting more like someone without a conscience than a man after God's own heart. But his response to Nathan's confrontation assures us that he was the man mentioned in Acts 13:22. There Paul said, **"I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do."**

David fell off the narrow road for sure. It's easy for us to judge him and say, "How could he?" But maybe if we were king for a day and had the same amount of power and good will that he had we might have done the same. Hopefully, none of us fall off the narrow road like David did but may we not think we are impervious to falling into the ditch alongside it. Jesus' brother, James, tells us in his epistle in chapter 3 verse 2, **"We all stumble in many ways."** Lent is a time for examining ourselves not others.

Psalms 51 shows us how David repented of his sin and how he sought recovery from his sins. He appeals to God for forgiveness and appeals to his mercy in verses 1-3. In verses 3-4, he says, **"For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.<sup>4</sup> Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.**

Notice he calls what he did sin. He doesn't call it a problem, a weakness, a foible, a shortcoming. He calls it what God calls it – sin. He violated both the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> commandments.

That's what God asks of us in 1 John 1:9 where John says, **"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins."** The word "confess" is the Greek word *homologeō*. *Homo* means same and *logeō* means to speak or say. God asks us to call whatever we've done the same that God does. He calls it sin. The word sin is *harmartia* which means to miss the mark. Like an archer who misses the bull's eye, when we sin we miss the bull's eye of God's holiness, his will, his law. We miss the mark of giving Him glory. Instead, we give ourselves the glory. That constitutes sin.

David admits he's been a sinner even while in his mother's womb and asks God to forgive him. Clearly, David repented, *metanoō* – changed his mind, about his evil actions. All the way through verse 9, he admits his sin and asks God for forgiveness. In verses 10 through 19, we see David asking God to help him recover from his sin. In verse 10, he asks God to **"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and *renew* a steadfast spirit within me."** And in verse 12, he continues, **"Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me."** Notice he doesn't say **the joy of my salvation. Instead, he says, "The joy of your salvation."** He knows he does not deserve to be saved and that he can't save himself. Salvation is from the Lord and he knows now he needs his initial joy in the Lord's salvation restored to him.

Once his joy is restored, he promises God that he **will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you.**

David's faith has been restored and renewed. He now knows that God values a broken and contrite spirit. Before all this with Bathsheba, he was a proud, arrogant individual. David has come to the end of his pride and knows that God never despises a broken person.

This Lent may we examine ourselves through God's Word and repent, change our minds about our sin. Let's simply call it sin and ask God to forgive us and help us stay broken of our pride not only in Lent but all year long.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Bruce

## **OSLC COUNCIL PRESIDENT: John Deitsch**

During my time as Council President, many of our members have expressed what they feel are serious concerns, some of which have existed for a long time. I have tried to listen to these concerns and ensure that they were properly addressed, but the number of members with concerns, and the history around some of these concerns, has made this very difficult. For this reason, I asked the Congregational Council to approve reaching out to LCMC to take advantage of trained counselors. Utilizing the LCMC has given every member with a concern the opportunity to express it to an unbiased party; and now the counselors will sort through what they've heard and then make recommendations to the Council on how to address the concerns that were expressed as well as any underlying causes. I believe that every member of this congregation deserves to be heard and to know that their concerns will be taken into consideration. I might add, in my mind members caring enough to speak up is a very good thing, so long as it is done in the proper way and does not unnecessarily sow discord.

Also, I noted back in November the emergence of certain factions within our congregation, but that was more as a caution to each of us than it was an indication that we are a divided church. It is natural to gravitate toward those with similar viewpoints, opinions, and backgrounds, but we must be careful when we do this that we don't shut out other views, or do not respect the opinions of others. Despite what social media and the news would lead you to believe, very seldom is anyone 100% right, or 100% wrong, and we can almost always learn from each other. We need to remain open minded and not easily take offense when a differing view is expressed. We need to keep the big picture in mind and not make it all about us, but rather about what is best for the entire congregation. Diversity can be a strength, but only if we don't lose focus on our point of commonality. Despite whatever differences we have, do we not all share the desire, as expressed in our Mission Statement, to be a scripture based, welcoming fellowship of believers who proclaim the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and who, through our support of and connecting with each other, the local community, and the children of God everywhere, strive to love Christ and all others?

The evidence clearly shows that our shared faith in our Triune God, and our commitment to our church, is thus far clearly winning out over any divisiveness that may exist. Attendance at Sunday Worship Services remains fairly strong, if not on the rise. Financial giving is consistent with previous years and giving for January 2023 exceeded giving for January 2022. As we continue to host more opportunities for fellowship and growth, volunteerism for and participation in these events is strong. And we continue to

reach out to each other and our community with heartily supported service project activities. All this gives me great encouragement that we are not so much divided, as we are challenged; and that rather than retreating from the challenges we face, as a congregation we are rising to the occasion to move forward in faith. I thank everyone for your commitment to our church, or more precisely God's church; and I respectfully request that you continue to pray, have faith, stay strong, and trust in the Lord's plan, wherever that may lead us.

## **MINISTRY & TEAM REPORTS**

### **Worship & Music Ministry:**

Mark Nourse (Co-Chairman)  
Minuette Grentz (Co-Chairman)

Alan Huss (Counsel Liaison)

Nothing to report.

### **Grow Ministry:**

Justine Ashcraft (Chairman)

Adam Nourse (Council Liaison)

Happy March! I'm ready for some warmer days ahead so hopefully that happens soon!

I would like to remind all of you that Dave Engen teaches our Adult Bible study class at 10:30 every week in the first classroom on the left of the fellowship hall. Please join them as you are able!

Grow will be holding a meeting on March 12th as soon as Sunday school/confirmation are over, so about 11:20 in the fellowship hall. We will be brainstorming/discussing Vacation Bible School. If you have helped run a VBS in the past, PLEASE come to share your wisdom with me! If you want to help out in any way with this year's VBS, PLEASE come! If you have children/grandchildren who will attend this year, PLEASE come as well! I look forward to hearing all your thoughts so hopefully we can make this a successful occasion for the kids!

Thank you!  
Justine

### **Connect Ministry:**

**VACANT** (Chairman)

Annie Baugh (Council Liaison)

Happy March to EVERYONE! March is a special month; It was the month my Momma was born. So I would like to celebrate all month long! The wonderful Connect Ministry is still looking for a leader. Please let me know if you have any questions. This part-time

leadership role could fulfill many needs of the church and perhaps yourself. Working with the others and putting together so many fun gatherings and such for all! If you are interested, please reach out to me by phone or text at 801-808-1999.

Quite a few events coming up with Lent, we will be having the Ash Wednesday services on February 22, 2023. Then we will start up the Lent Soup Suppers almost every Wednesday in March. With Holy Week, the 27-31<sup>st</sup> there will be no Wednesday Service. Those will be on Thursday and Friday. If you feel the need to help with this, Signup sheets will be located in the back of the Narthex.

I am also looking forward to BUNKO on March 5, don't forget to sign up for that also. I am looking forward to that myself. Only played once...BUT will keep my fingers crossed that I will still have Luck on my side...

We will have a connect meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March and would love to see any new comers or interested parties! We meet in one of the fellowship Sunday school rooms. This will be between services right after the 9:30 service. Hope to see many new faces!

Love and Blessing to all,  
Annie Coyle Baugh  
801-808-1999

### **Service & Outreach Ministry:**

Ashley Kaiser (Chairman)

Leo Seeber (Council Liaison)

I love the generosity of our church. The "Souper Bowl" Food Drive was a success. We collected 106 items, which will be going to Open Hands Food Pantry. The Chiefs came out on top with 97 cans, while the Eagles had 9 cans. Thankfully the actual Super Bowl was much closer, and a great game. Thank you for participating and supporting this cause.

I would also like to thank Joan Underwood for providing a meal for Family Promise in Ogden. Thank you for your support of this ministry. If anyone would like to get involved with Family Promise, we will be helping them again in May, August and November. Please let me know if you are interested.

Last but not least, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Offering for March will go to Lantern House on March 12. If there is anyone that would like to be a part of this ministry please reach out. I would love to have some people to share ideas with.

Ashley 801-643-5451

# Worship Assistants

Date	Time	Acolytes Sheila Courtney 385 626-8291	Greeters Gail Gildemeister 801 564-2357	Ushers Pat Simonson 801 721-7678	Projectionist Antonio Ramirez 801 425-3356	Camera Barb McFarland 801 668-9709	Altar Guild Sandee Isaacson 801 388-6694
Lent 1 Mar	7:00 p		Annie Baugh	Gail Gildemeister			
5 Mar	9:30	Courtney Barrett	Renae Schmid	Terry Schmid	Jack Baldor		
5 Mar	11:3 0		Stacy Ames	Stacy Ames			
Lent 8 Mar	7:00 p		Pat Simonson	Sheila Courtney			
12 Mar	9:30	Boston Barrett	Ashley Kaiser	Russ Smith	Dave Engen		
12 Mar	11:3 0		Katherine Redwine	Stacy Ames			
Lent 15 Mar	7:00 p		Kim Fasig	The Campbell's			
19 Mar	9:30	Brady Kaiser	Barb McFarland	Don McFarland	Antonio Ramirez	Anden Ramirez	
19 Mar	11:3 0		Mary Leschke	Mary Leschke			
Lent 22 Mar	7:00 p		Mary Kartak	Dan Kartak			
26 Mar	9:30			Sheila Courtney			
26 Mar	11:3 0						
Lent 29 Mar	7:00 p						

*be still*  
AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD.  
PSALM 46:10

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1 Mar Katelyn Kapinos  
3 Mar Erzsebet Czibolya-Schaffert  
9 Mar Roger Nielsen  
10 Mar Corinna Rueckert  
10 Mar Al Heiskanen  
13 Mar Sue Heiskanen  
15 Mar Bobbi Spring  
16 Mar Suzanne McFadden  
19 Mar Beth Cooper  
21 Mar Renae Schmid  
28 Mar Alan Huss  
29 Mar Kathy Tisdale  
29 Mar Elaine Risen  
31 Mar Vickie Duncan

## MAR HOSPITALITY TEAM

Mary & Warren Harris – Coordinator  
Lee & Sue Allen  
Marilyn Gour  
Mary Leschke  
Richard & Erzebet Schaffert  
Joe Heman  
Colleen McComb  
Pat Turner  
Renae & Terry Schmid

## Church wide information

**Volunteers:** We still need volunteers in the following areas.

**Part Time Secretary** – Pastor Bruce, John Deitsch, Gail Gildemeister or Barb McFarland

**Communion Team Visits** – Janet Tow 801-309-6969

**Ushers** – Gail Gildemeister 801-564-2357

**Greeters** – Pat Simonson 801-721-7678

**Projectionist** – Antonio Ramirez 801-425-3356

**Streaming** – Barb McFarland 801-668-9709

**Acolytes** – Shelia Courtney 801-385-626-8291

**Altar Guild** – Sandee Isaacson 801-388-6694

**Sunday School** – Justine Ashcraft 801-528-8826

**Connect Leader** – Annie Baugh 801-808-1999

**Counters** – We are in need of counters for weekly & special service offerings. Each week we have a different 2-person team counting – so you're only tasked once per month, plus an occasional 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Please call or text Gerri Wessner at 801-920-4681 if you're interested or would like more information.

**Via de Cristo Community** – You may have noted that Via de Cristo (VdC) has been primarily inactive since the impact of the pandemic. As a member of the Secretariat back in 2019, I am now a part of the group attempting to bring VdC back to life. Please see the following information.

Thank you in advance. If you have any questions, don't hesitate.

Mary Kartak

# **Utah Via de Cristo**

## **Silver Celebration 25 years of serving God Utah Via de Cristo**

**Saturday, April 22, 2023 3-6 pm  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
8575 South 700 East, Sandy, Utah**

**Music      Speakers      Holy Communion**

**A brief business meeting addressing secretariat vacancies**

Would you consider being a part of this leadership team?

Who might you nominate?

Please e-mail [BThompson7684@MSN.com](mailto:BThompson7684@MSN.com) for further details

## **THEN WE WILL CELEBRATE!!!!**

**Light refreshment      Abrazos      Fellowship      Palanca**

Please share this information

Please include Utah Via de Cristo in your prayers as together we  
address the question,

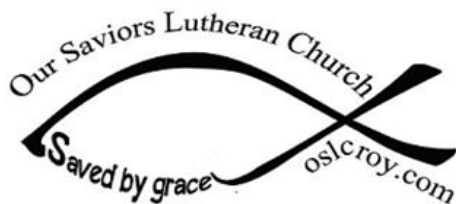
**"Where do we go from here?"**



2023 Church Council Members 7 Feb 2023			
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Gail Gildemeister	Vice President	<a href="mailto:gailmac66@msn.com">gailmac66@msn.com</a>	801-564-2357
Adam Nourse	Grow	<a href="mailto:adamnourse@gmail.com">adamnourse@gmail.com</a>	801-309-4565
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Worship & Music		Alan Huss	Mark Nourse
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	Altar Guild		
	Pulpit Supply		
	Audio Visual		
	Acolytes		
	Communion Assistants & Lectors		
	Ushers & Greeters		
Grow		Adam Nourse	Justine Ashcraft
	Children's Education		
	Adult Education		
	Bible Study Groups		
	Vacation Bible School		
Connect		Annie Baugh	VACANT
	Fellowship		
	Men's Activities		
	Women's Activities		
	Hospitality Team		
	Home Visits		
	Visitor Bags		
Service & Outreach		Leo Seeber	Ashley Kaiser
	Communion Teams		
	Card Ministries		
	Angel Team		
	Prayer Warriors		

## **2023 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Offerings**

January	Journey Clinic
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	LCMC District Support
February	Open Hands
March	Lantern House
April	Ogden Rescue Mission
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	LCMC District Support
May	OSLC Quilters
June	Family Promise
July	Utah Food Bank
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	LCMC District Support
August	Open Hands
September	InterVarsity at Weber State
October	Lantern House
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	LCMC District Support
November	Ogden Rescue Mission
December	Family Promise
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	LCMC District Support



## March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 12:00p Bible Study Fellowship Hall  5:30p Girl Scouts Troop #970  5:30p Soup Supper  6:00p Band Practice  7:00p Lent Service	<b>2</b> 6:00p Girl Scouts Troop #807  6:00p Praise Band Practice	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 8:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast
<b>5</b> 8:15a Band Practice  9:30a Worship Service  10:30a Sunday School  11:30a Contemporary Worship  3:00p OSLC Ladies Bunko	<b>6</b> 5:30p Girl Scouts Troop #773	<b>7</b> 7:00p Prayers of the People - Facebook	<b>8</b> 12:00p Bible Study Fellowship Hall  5:30p Girl Scouts Troop #970  5:30p Soup Supper  6:00p Band Practice  7:00p Lent Service	<b>9</b> 9:00 Quilters  5:00p Girls Advisory Board (GSA)  6:00p Girl Scouts Troop #578  6:00p Praise Band Practice  6:30P Church Council Meeting	<b>10</b> 5:30p Girl Scouts Troop #1710	<b>11</b> 9:00a Open Hands Food Pantry
<b>12</b> 8:15a Band Practice  9:30a Worship Service  10:30a Sunday School  11:30a Contemporary Worship	<b>13</b> 5:30p Suncrest Service Unit (GSA)	<b>14</b> 6:00p Girl Scouts Troop #111  7:00p Prayers of the People - Facebook	<b>15</b> 12:00p Bible Study Fellowship Hall  5:30p Girl Scouts Troop #970  5:30p Soup Supper  6:00p Band Practice  7:00p Lent Service	<b>16</b> 6:00p Praise Band Practice	<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b>
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**Mar Lectionary**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1st Reading</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>2nd Reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
5 Mar	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent	Genesis 12:1-9	Psalm 121	Romans 4:1-8,13-17	John 3:1-17
12 Mar	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent	Exodus 17:1-7	Psalm 95:1-9	Romans 5:1-8	John 4:5-26 (27-30, 39-42)
19 Mar	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent	Isaiah 42:14-21	Psalm 142	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41
26 Mar	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Psalm 130	Romans 8:1-11	John 11:1-45 (46-53)