

Christ Church Chronicle

February 2018

LENT 2018

The Hard Sayings of Jesus

This Lent, we - the people and clergy of Ascension Lutheran Church and Christ Episcopal Church – are doing something different. We are joining with Redeemer Lutheran in Alden, St. Paul Lutheran in Conger, Concordia Lutheran of Pickerel Lake, and Concordia Bear Lake Lutheran in a Lenten round robin. The preachers, rather than the entire congregations rotate.

The Hard Sayings of Jesus is our focus. Each preacher prepares one sermon and delivers it four times at four different sites. Ascension Lutheran and Christ Church will alternate sites. Listed below are the dates and location:

February 21	Ascension Lutheran Church
February 28	Christ Episcopal Church
March 7	Ascension Lutheran Church
March 14	Christ Episcopal Church
April 21	Ascension Lutheran Church

The evening service begins at 7. If you are unable to attend the Wednesday evening services, you may attend the 11 o'clock service every Wednesday morning at Ascension Lutheran Church. You are welcome to stay for the soup lunch after the service.

After four of the five evening services, fellowship hour takes place. On February 28th, we will host the fellowship hour, for which we will need to provide bars/cookies and coffee. On March 14th, we will host a soup supper before the service.

At each service, the offering is designated for the Albert Lea Ecumenical Food Pantry and the Salvation Army. We also welcome the donation of non-perishable items for the food pantries.

February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Restorative Yoga 9:00 a.m.
4 Confirmation 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. Annual Meeting	5 Yoga 10:00 AM	6 Writer's Group 7:00 p.m.	7 Yoga 6:00 PM	8	9	10 Restorative Yoga 9:00 a.m.
11 9:00 a.m. Vestry Mtg. Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.	12 Yoga 10:00 AM	13	14 Ash Wednesday Service 5:30 p.m. Yoga 6:00 PM	15	16	17 Restorative Yoga 9:00 a.m.
18 Confirmation 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.	19 Yoga 10:00 AM	20 Writer's Group 7:00 p.m.	21 Yoga 6:00 PM	22	23	24 Restorative Yoga 9:00 a.m.
25 Morning Prayer 10:30 a.m.	26 Yoga 10:00 AM	27	28 Yoga 6:00 PM			

February Birthdays

February 19 – Craig Havener
February 21 – Peggy Havener

SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, February 4th
Confirmation Class
9:30 a.m. @ Christ Church
Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. @ Christ Church
The Annual Meeting
11:30 a.m. @ Christ Church

Sunday, February 11th
Vestry Meeting
9:00 a.m. @ Christ Church
Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. @ Christ Church

Wednesday, February 14th
Ash Wednesday Liturgy
Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist
5:30 p.m. @ Christ Church

Sunday, February 18th
Confirmation Class
9:30 a.m. @ Christ Church
The Great Litany & Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. @ Christ Church

Wednesday, February 21st
Lenten Service
11 a.m. & 7 p.m. @ Ascension Lutheran
7 p.m. @ Ascension Lutheran

Sunday, February 25th
Morning Prayer
10:30 a.m. @ Christ Church

Wednesday, February 28th
Lenten Service
11 a.m. @ Ascension Lutheran
7 p.m. @ Christ Church

Sunday, March 4th
Confirmation Class
9:30 a.m. @ Christ Church
Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. @ Christ Church

Wednesday, March 7th
Lenten Service
11 a.m. & 7 p.m. @ Ascension Lutheran

Sunday, March 11th
Morning Prayer
10:30 a.m. @ Christ Church

Wednesday, March 14th
Lenten Service
11 a.m. @ Ascension Lutheran
Soup Supper
6 p.m. @ Christ Church
Lenten Service
7 p.m. @ Christ Church

Sunday, March 18th
Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. @ Christ Church

Wednesday, March 21st
Lenten Service
11 a.m. & 7 p.m. @ Ascension Lutheran

Sunday, March 25th
Confirmation Class
9:30 a.m. @ Christ Church
Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist

Thursday, March 29 th	10:30 a.m. @ Christ Church Maundy Thursday Liturgy
Friday, March 30 th	5:30 p.m. @ Christ Church Good Friday Liturgy
Sunday, April 1 st	5:30 p.m. @ Christ Church Easter Day Liturgy 10:30 a.m. @ Christ Church

**The Annual Meeting of the Parish
Sunday, February 4, 2018**

At 10:30, we will have the celebration of the Holy Eucharist,
followed by the annual meeting.
Before the meeting starts, we will partake of a light meal.
Let us be intentional in giving our time, hearts, and minds to God
and our companions in the faith
Before the Super Bowl, we will have ended the meeting.
Thank you.

SUNDAYS AT CHRIST CHURCH

February 4	Holy Eucharist (Annual Meeting)
February 11	Holy Eucharist
February 18 (Lent I)	The Great Litany & Holy Eucharist
February 25 (Lent II)	Morning Prayer
March 4 (Lent III)	Holy Eucharist
March 11 (Lent IV)	Morning Prayer
March 18 (Lent V)	Holy Eucharist
March 25	Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist
April 1 (Easter Day)	Festive Eucharist
April 8 (Easter II)	Holy Eucharist
April 15 (Easter III)	Morning Prayer
April 22 (Easter IV)	Holy Eucharist
April 29 (Easter V)	Morning Prayer
May 6 (Easter VI)	Holy Eucharist
May 13 (Easter VII)	Morning Prayer
May 20 (The Day of Pentecost)	Holy Eucharist
May 27 (Trinity Sunday)	Holy Eucharist

WEEKDAY EUCHARISTS AT 5:30 P.M. AT CHRIST CHURCH

February 14 (Ash Wednesday) Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist
March 29 (Maundy Thursday) Maundy Thursday Liturgy
March 30 (Good Friday) Good Friday Liturgy

New Revised Common Lectionary – February, 2018:

Sun. Feb. 4 – HE – 1st Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-12, 21c; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23;
Gospel: Mark 1:29-39.

Sun. Feb. 11 – HE – 1st Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6;
Gospel: Mark 9:2-9.

Ash Wed. Feb. 14 – 1st Reading: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 103 or 103:8-14; 2nd Reading: 2
Corinthians 5:20b--6:10; Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21.

Sun. Feb. 18 – HE – 1st Reading: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-9; 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22;
Gospel: Mark 1:9-15.

Sun. Feb. 25 – MP – 1st Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; psalm 22:22-30; 2nd Reading: Romans 4:13-25;
Gospel: Mark 8:31-38.

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ALICIA ROSS ERICKSON

After a brief illness, Alicia Erickson died on Saturday evening, December 30, 2017, in California, where she had resided since April 2016, next door to her son, Patrick, and daughter-in-law, Karen, in Crescent City. Her sons honored their mother's request, and therefore, her body was not cremated.

After the celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Sunday, January 7, 2018, parishioners, friends, and neighbors of Alicia gathered in the church for a brief service, to thank God for Alicia's life and presence; her faithfulness and prayers; her compassion and love. After the service, we gathered in the parish hall for a substantial coffee hour and for sharing stories about Alicia at the microphone and around the tables. Gail Thurnau had put together a picture board for us to view then and later (The picture board hangs on the bulletin board.

On Saturday afternoon, January 20, 2018, Alicia's funeral took place at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in Crescent City. On Wednesday, January 24, 2018, the committal service for Alicia took place at Fairview Cemetery in Willmar, Minnesota, where her husband, Larry, has rested since July 2002. Alicia's sons, Joel and Patrick, and Patrick's wife, Karen, travelled from California for the interment. Larry's brothers and other relatives drove from the Cities, Wisconsin, and Iowa, for the committal service. I, Father Henry, drove to Willmar, and officiated at the service.

Heartfelt Thanks to our Senior Warden, Savile Lord Johnson, for driving to Willmar! Savile was able to have her time with Alicia at Fairview; afterward Savile met and talked with the family as lunch ended.

Father of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer: Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Please keep me in the loop - Far too often, you might hesitate to inform me of your desire/need for pastoral care, because you do not want to bother me. On the contrary, you are not bothering me when you inform me of a major illness, yours or a loved one's illness. Because of privacy issues and regulations, staff at hospitals, nursing homes, and other health care facilities will not contact me. You, a family member, or a close friend must contact me, if you have a pastoral need. **507-334-3742 (home) - 507-491-2695 (personal cell) (no reception in the office at school; leave a message) 507-333-1651 (office at SSM School) Messages go to my e-mail account.)** Henry.Doyle@s-sm.org

Thank you. Be blessed and strengthened...Father Henry

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Father Henry

Please try to inform Cindi when there are prayer needs so she can include them in the weekly bulletins. Contact the church office on T-TH, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. 507-373-3188, or you can send an email to: christch@g.com

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Our Vision

Where All Are Welcomed and Fed at the Table

CELEBRANT: The Rev. Henry Doyle

DEACON EMERITUS: The Rev. Jerald Loper

SENIOR WARDEN: Savile Lord

JUNIOR WARDEN:

TREASURER: Joy Shaft

VESTRY CLERK:

VESTRY: *Peggy Havener*