

Christ Church Chronicle

March 2018

2018 LENTEN SERIES

The Hard Sayings of Jesus

During Lent, we at Ascension Lutheran and Christ Episcopal Churches continue to join with Redeemer Lutheran Church in Alden, Concordia Lutheran of Pickerel Lake, and Concordia Bear Lake Lutheran in the Lenten round robin. The preachers, not the congregations, rotate.

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

March 7	Ascension Lutheran Church
March 14	Christ Episcopal Church
March 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. You are welcome to stay for the soup lunch after the service.

On March 14th, we will host a soup supper before the service. If you can help with set-up or clean-up, please let Savile or Joy know. Also, we need two ushers at 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.

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Restorative Yoga 9:00 a.m.
4 Confirmation 9:30 a.m. Book Club 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.	5 Yoga 10:00 a.m.	6 Writer's Group 7:00 p.m.	7 Lenten Service @ Ascension 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.	8	9	10 Restorative Yoga 9:00 a.m.
11 Morning Prayer 10:30 a.m.	12 Yoga 10:00 a.m.	13	14 Soup Supper 6:00 p.m. Lenten Service 7:00 p.m. @ CEC	15	16	17 Restorative Yoga 9:00 a.m.
18 Book Club 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.	19 Yoga 10:00 a.m.	20 Writer's Group 7:00 p.m.	21 Lenten Service @ Ascension 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.	22	23	24 Restorative Yoga 9:00 a.m.
25 Palm Sunday Confirmation 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.	26 Yoga 10:00 a.m.	27	28 Yoga 6:00 p.m.	29 Maundy Thursday Service 5:30 p.m. @ CEC	30 Good Friday Service 5:30 p.m. @ CEC	31 Restorative Yoga 9:00 a.m.

March Birthdays

March 16 – Samantha jean Erickson

March 20 – Bev Blakeslee

March 20 – John Selvig

March 22 – Heather Anderson

March 23 – Russ Olson

March Anniversaries

March 20 - Phiz & Russ Olson

2018 Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign

Hunger is still a problem in Minnesota. One in ten Minnesota families experiences food insecurity. Let us join other faith communities, businesses, and organizations in the movement to end hunger. Please bring non-perishable food or monetary donations to worship services. The Salvation Army Food Pantry and the Ecumenical Food Pantry can stretch each donated dollar through access to low-cost products. All food and money raised stay locally.

Thank you for your caring and compassionate participation in the March Campaign.

Father Henry

SUNDAYS AT CHRIST CHURCH

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

March 29 (Maundy Thursday)	Maundy Thursday Liturgy
March 30 (Good Friday)	Good Friday Liturgy

HOLY WEEK 2018

Holy week at Christ Church starts at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 25th, the Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday. The name for this first day in Holy Week is taken from the palm branches with which the people welcomed Jesus as He entered Jerusalem. Later in the week, we will have the liturgies for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, each of which begins at 5:30 p.m. at Christ Church. On Maundy Thursday, we participate in the celebration of the institution of the Holy Eucharist, followed by the stripping of the altar; on Good Friday, we participate in the three-part liturgy, which consists of the quite simple liturgy of the Word, the veneration of the Cross, and Communion from the reserved sacrament.

SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, March 4 th	Confirmation Class 9:30 a.m. @ Christ Church Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. @ Christ Church
Wednesday, March 7 th	Lenten Service 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. @ Ascension Lutheran
Sunday, March 11 th	Morning Prayer 10:30 a.m. @ Christ Church
Wednesday, March 14 th	Lenten Service 11 a.m. @ Ascension Lutheran Soup Supper 6 p.m. @ Christ Church Lenten Service 7 p.m. @ Christ Church
Sunday, March 18 th	Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. @ Christ Church
Wednesday, March 21 st	Lenten Service 11 a.m. & 7 p.m. @ Ascension Lutheran
Sunday, March 25 th	Confirmation Class 9:30 a.m. @ Christ Church Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. @ Christ Church
Thursday, March 29 th	Maundy Thursday Liturgy 5:30 p.m. @ Christ Church
Friday, March 30 th	Good Friday Liturgy 5:30 p.m. @ Christ Church
Sunday, April 1 st	Easter Day Liturgy 10:30 a.m. @ Christ Church

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BOOK STUDY

We will read **Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End** by Atul Gawande, a surgeon, writer, and public health researcher. Please read chapters 1 and 2 for our first meeting at 9:30 on Sunday morning, March 4th.

Beverly Bera

March 26, 1924-January 30, 2018

On Tuesday, January 30th, Beverly Bera, a member of our parish, died in Austin. Beverly had lived the last few years in Austin, near her youngest son, Matthew, and family. Beverly had been active in the ECW and had served on the vestry. Father Henry officiated at her service at 2 on Sunday, February 4th, at Bonnerup Funeral Home. Interment will take place in the spring at Hillcrest Cemetery in Albert Lea.

***Rest eternal. O Lord, grant your beloved child, Beverly;
and let light perpetual shine upon her, through your grace and mercy.***

May God comfort and lift up the hearts of Beverly's loved ones.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING – FEBRUARY 4, 2018
Christ Episcopal Church, Albert Lea, Minnesota

In attendance: Rev. Chris Boyce, Kenneth Johnson, Savile Lord Johnson, Mark Jones, Jeff Shaft (by phone), Joy Shaft, Taylor Shaft, Gail Thurnau, Father Henry Doyle
Friends in attendance: Kim Barr

After the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, we gathered in the parish hall for a substantial meal. Joy prepared French dip and pulled turkey for sandwiches, with assorted chips. Savile provided a bacon, maple Brussels salad and coconut crème cake. Father Henry brought cranberry bread, which dear friends had made and given him at Christmas.

Shortly after 12 Noon, Savile called the meeting to order. Father Henry prayed for the Holy Spirit's guidance among us during the meeting. Savile appointed Father Henry as the clerk of the meeting. Those in attendance read the minutes of last year's annual meeting. Afterward, Joy motioned to approve the minutes; Gail seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Joy Shaft, Treasurer, gave the financial report. The 2017 Budget did not end in the \$4,000 deficit which had been forecast. Because of an enormous plumbing bill of \$8,000, we cashed in a certificate of deposit. By doing so, we had to pay a penalty. On the income side of the 2017 budget, \$106,010.00 had been the total projected amount; \$112,150.55 had been the actual amount. On the disbursement side of the 2017 budget, \$110,949.75 had been the total projected amount; \$107,873.57 had been the actual amount. At the end of the year, the budget had a surplus of \$4,276.98. Gail Thurnau made the motion to accept the financial report; Jeff Shaft seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Joy Shaft, Treasurer, presented the 2018 Proposed Budget: Income at \$109,820.00 and Disbursements at \$120,962.78. The Foundation's monthly contribution to the church will remain \$8,000. The staff will receive the 2% cost of living increase to its wages. During the presentation someone pointed out that the entry was incorrect for telephone expenses under the 2017 actual totals. The actual amount was \$1,041.00, not \$10,041.04. Jeff Shaft made the motion to approve the 2018 Proposed Budget, with the correction to the line item for telephone. Savile Lord Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mark Jones gave the report of the Christ Episcopal Church General Memorial Fund. On December 31, 2017, the Fund had a balance of \$8,182.00. During 2017, \$40.00 had been received in memory of Nancy VanderWaerd and Barbara Reynolds. On December 31, 2017, the Fund had a balance of \$8,225.23.

Mark Jones also gave the report of the Christ Episcopal Church Foundation. In December 2017, the Vestry re-appointed Phiz Olson and Deacon Jake Loper as trustees for terms ending on December 31, 2020. This year 2018, the Foundation will continue to contribute \$8,000 each month to Christ Church.

Since Betty and Jake Loper were in Arizona, attendees read the altar guild report which Betty had submitted.

Savile Lord Johnson gave her report as Senior Warden. Savile stated our church has continued to join other churches in the Southeast Mission Area in consistent, financial support of San Jose Obrero Mission. Out of its outreach budget, Christ Church will contribute \$350.00 to the Mission. Savile and her husband, Kenneth Johnson, have faithfully attended the services in Montgomery; they would like to see more from Christ Church at the services. During her oral presentation, she expressed her hope that our parish would continue to focus on the "Beloved Community" during the year. Savile stated the book study would start before Easter.

Since all could read his lengthy report printed in the annual meeting booklet, Father Henry gave a very short report.

Shortly before one o'clock, the meeting adjourned with Father Henry's prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Father Henry Doyle

New Revised Common Lectionary – March, 2018:

Sun. Mar. 4 – HE – 1st Reading: Exodus 20: 1-17; Psalm 19; 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25;

Gospel: John 2: 13-22.

Sun. Mar. 11 – MP – 1st Reading: Numbers 21: 4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; 2nd Readings: Ephesians 2: 1-10;

Gospel: John 3: 14-21.

Sun. Mar. 18 – HE – 1st Reading: Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Psalm 51:1-13 or 119:9-16; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:5-10;

Gospel: John 12:20-33.

Sun. Mar. 25 – HE – Palm Sunday: 1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 89:1-29 or 89:1-4, 26-29; 2nd Reading:

Philippians 2:5-11; Gospel: Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16 or Mark 14:1—15:47 or mark 15:1-39(40-47).

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@q.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*