### **RLC WEEKLY CONNECTION March 30, 2025**

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Sunday Worship @ 10:15 AM Office hours: M-F 9 AM-12 PM

# Lent: (March 5 – April 19)

Purple is used during the penitential season of Lent as a vivid reminder of the contempt and scorn Jesus endured, and the subsequent sacrifice he made for our eternal salvation. It reminds us of our daily need to humbly give attention to leading a life of repentance.

The length of the Lenten season is forty days, which includes six Sundays. The season begins on Ash Wednesday.

Music during Lent is reflective of the season's focus on repentance and mercy. There are no "Alleluia" or "Glory to God in the Highest" verses sung in the liturgy during Lent. Fasting is practiced by some of the faithful during the Lenten season.



Wednesday Soup Suppers (6:30pm) and Worship (7:00pm) from March 12 to April 9 Join us for soup suppers (there will be a sign-up to bring soup in the Fellowship Hall) at 6:30 followed at 7:00 by The Service of Evening Prayer with a message each week about discipleship.



March Eternal Candle: Birthdays: Mom, niece and nephew; sponsored by Nicole Baker



3/30 - Roni Lufkin 3/31 - Janet Hoehner 4/3 - Brian Budzien

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# April 3, 5:30-7:30 PM RLC Smash-burger food truck evening!

# **Easter Morning Altar Flowers**

In lieu of Easter lilies, we'll have two bouquets for the altar. If you would like to donate towards them, please mark it 'Easter flowers.' *Cost 2024 \$325; to date, collected \$88* 

Offering of \$32,000 per month needed to cover <u>"general expenses"</u> monthly missions, heat, air, electricity, staff payroll, insurance, office/worship supplies...



March general expenses giving: \$34,117

March special giving: \$1,966

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### Pastor Mark's Remarks for March 2025

## "Transformed by Spending Time with God"

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

Religion says we need to transform ourselves to be able to enter into God's presence. The Kingdom of God says we spend time in God's presence now, as we are, so we can be transformed by his presence.

The season of Lent is a time of preparation and spiritual discipline, but many of us have the wrong understanding of Christian discipline. It is not a bunch of exercises we do on our own to be worthy of being with God in the future. It is intentionally spending time with God now so he can make us more able to live the life he created us to live for others.

I will likely fast during Lent. In the past I saw fasting as something I did so God would look down on me with approval for my sacrifice. I now see it as a reminder that his presence with me is more important than anything else in life and I want nothing distracting me from him.

I will likely do deeds of service in Lent. In the past I saw good deeds as things I did so God would look down on me with approval for my work. I now see acts of service as opportunities to experience God in my neighbor and experience God's love and gifts working in and through me as I serve.

I will likely address some of my character defects during Lent. In the past I saw working on myself as something I did on my own while God looked down at me with approval. Now I invite God into my character defects and experience him healing me and making me freer and more alive as I spend time with him.

Discipline for a God watching from a distance is not Christian discipleship. Spending time with a God who is with me and lives in me so he can transform me as we travel life together is real Christian discipleship.

Jesus, I don't want to perform for you, I want to spend my life with you. I don't want to fix myself for you, I want to invite you to heal me from the inside out. I don't want to work on myself to make myself worthy of you, I want to spend every moment with you so you can make me ready to live the life you created me to live. For your glory and for the good of my neighbors. AMEN

<u>Ash Wednesday Worship 7pm on March 5</u> – We begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday worship. The service will include Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. We will be dedicating and using a communion pouring chalice purchased as a memorial for Norm and Carolyn Schulz.

Wedding Reception for Andrew and Beth Borseth at Pastor Mark's house (2110 Bentham Way) from 2-4pm on Saturday, March 22 – Please pray for Andrew and his fiancé Beth. They will be getting married in Denver on Saturday, March 15. As they head back to Seminary in St. Louis, they will visit Yukon where we will have a cake and punch reception at our house from 2-4pm on Saturday, March 22. All are welcome.

Men's Group – Either Saturday, March 22 or Saturday, March 29 at 8:30 at RLC – If Andrew is able to join us for breakfast on the 22<sup>nd</sup> we will meet then. If his (and our family's) schedule is too busy that weekend we will meet for breakfast on Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup>. Bring a breakfast item to share. Stay tuned for more information.



We are going through a lot of food for our blessing box and are in need of Breakfast items, pop top lid canned goods and easy to open protein items...



Please join us for a women's bible study
Tuesday evenings from
6:30-8 PM. Please call or text questions to Donna Gorrell
(405) 205-9385.



It is at 9:15am and is in the Fellowship Hall. This class is for anyone in 5<sup>th</sup> grade through adult. We learn about the Bible, the Small

Catechism and what it means to be a Lutheran. If you have any questions about the class, please see Pr Mark or Lori



Interested in planning the Spring Tea, 5/17... contact Penny or Nita.



Communion Bread is provided by the Hand and Foot Canasta Players who meet at RLC the first Thursday of each month. Experienced and

inexperienced players are always welcome to join the fun! Contact Jean Ross.

gathered together

Senior Night Out: Thurs, 4/10 @ 5:30 PM Luigi's Bistro. RSVP Brian Budzien 405.698.8445

Resurrection Kids is enrolling school year 2025/26 Mon-Fri 8:30 AM-4 PM for MDO/ Preschool 1-4 yrs.



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**Donna Anderson,** 20 years ago she lost a kidney to cancer. Doctors have found a growth/lesion on her healthy kidney.

**Desiree Arbett**, Pam Metscher relative, is suffering from major health complications and with severe aftereffects from a diabetic coma.

Wanda Bonavida. Health concerns.

**Melodee Daily**. She just found out that she has a very aggressive form of cancer.

Emma Wassilak's nephew, 3-year old Gus, battling cancer.

Bobbie Loud, she's fighting Parkinsons.

Winnie Lauden, Sheri Campbell's cousin, still having health problems.

Doug Glense, Marcie's uncle, has bladder cancer.

Bob Gomez, Lufkin's son-in-law, treatment for a form of blood cancer.

Logan Hambree, has a rare genetic disorder, Leukodystrophy.

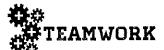
Lisa Nelson, Teresa Carter's sister, she has breast cancer.

Garth/Terry Thompson, friend Cindra, both struggling from serious illnesses.

Prayer Requests from Cindra Johannes

**Levi Hunt**, family friend of Charles and Corie Biehler. Young man with a little daughter, hospitalized with cancer and now has been diagnosed with pneumonia. Prognosis grim.Prayers of peace and comfort for Levi and his family

Family of Juli Barnes (Dr Biehler's daughter) who passed away this past week asking for



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