



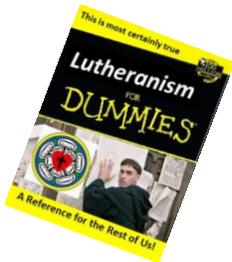
The Journ-E Feb. 25, 2012

the weekly e-newsletter of **Journey Lutheran Church**

for more information and calendar be sure to check our web page www.journeyluth.org
608-317-5433 (church cell) or 783-1892 (church office)

Devotional thought: OK here is the devotional site that I mentioned on Sunday. It is called [In the Meantime](#)
Hope you find it helpful.

If you were with us for worship on Wednesday you got a taste for what Lent will look like this year as we use the Holden Evening Prayer for our liturgy. Ash Wednesday was appropriately solemn as we remembered our mortality and focused on the confession of our sin. But the next 5 weeks the tone will be a little different. We will still use the Holden Evening Prayer, but during the message time we will be using a video series to help us explore what it means to be Lutheran...we are calling the series **“Lutheranism for Dummies”**.

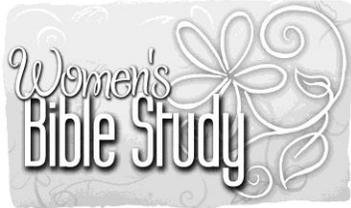


I need to warn you that the video series uses a lot of humor, so if smiling and laughing in church during Lent bothers you, this may not be the series for you. After the five weeks when Holy Week comes we will return to the more traditional Lenten feel as we focus on the passion of our Lord. But for the next few weeks the focus will be on growing and deepening our faith.

Our first week we will focus on “why do we have Lutherans anyway?” and hear the story of Luther. The story is told in cartoon format and uses a style that Martin Luther himself used, that is it is direct, humorous, a little irreverent at time and easy to understand. I think you will enjoy it.



Soup Suppers continue each Wednesday during Lent we will gather at 5:30 to have a simple meal together before worship. We do need volunteers to make and bring soup to share. There is a sign up sheet right outside the kitchen...that what we can take turns providing food, so no one has to bring food every week. Immediately following the meal we will move in the sanctuary for a **45 minute worship service**.



Women....interested in being part of a Women's Bible Study? Several people have expressed an interest so we would like to get a group started. If you would like to be part of one please reply to this email or call the church office so we have an organizing meeting.



Anyone interested in being part of the **Outreach Team**. The team will meet this Sun., Feb. 26th at 9:30 am in the back of the fellowship hall. The Outreach Team consists of several teams including: Marketing/PR, Visitor Follow-up and Evangelism. If you are interested in any of these areas please join us. If you want to be a part of the team but are unable to make the meeting contact Kristie Tweed at 317-1331 or ktweed@centurytel.net.



Youth ages 13 to college age are invited to participate in the **Easter Drama/Musical/Mime!** Mercy Moua will be coordinating it. Please contact Mercy if you are interested. [Yeta rox all@yahoo.com](mailto:Yeta_rox_all@yahoo.com)



If you missed the **ski day** last week...never fear we are planning another one.

When: March 10th

Time: 4pm to 10pm

Cost: \$39 for a Lift Ticket and Ski Rental....\$23 for just a Lift Ticket.....\$5 for a helmet rental

Please contact Michelle Logan, (608) 769-1030 mgilogan@gmail.com if you are interested, we need to have a minimum of 15 skier to get this rate.

We now have a **Nursery Supervisor, Jessica Pehl**, who will be overseeing our nursery that is offered on Sunday mornings. Stop in and visit with Jessica, you can use the nursery during worship and/or the Sunday School time. We still will needing volunteers to help out.



[Feed My Starving Children](#) is a great opportunity to make a difference by helping to assemble food packets. Sign up to be part of the team on the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary. The event is Saturday, March 24 and this month's Care Bear is raising funds to help with it.



2nd Annual Cabin Fever Cupcake Contest

Join us Sunday, Feb, 26 at 2:00 at the Onalaska American Legion for a wonderful afternoon of treats and door prizes. Teams of bakers from the area will be competing and you get to sample and be the judges. Event is free but Donations will be collected at the door as a benefit for Ben Fiers Family Medical Expenses.



Don't forget to order you Easter Flowers

You can order Lilies or Mums (white, yellow or lavender) \$12 each. Orders must be place by March 19th and you can designate the plants in memory or in honor of a loved one. Call Pat 783-1892 with any questions.

Special Music opportunities in the area

Coulee Regional Gospel Choir will perform "Jesus Shall Reign" The choir, instruments and soloists will present the Easter story beginning March 11th at North Presbyterian Church, La Crosse at 10:00 am. Zion Evangelical, Brownsville, MN - March 18th at 10:00 am. Good Shepherd Lutheran, La Crosse - March 24th at 6:00 Olivet Lutheran - March 25th at 6:00 pm. Holmen Lutheran - April 1st at 4:00 pm. April 14th - 6:00 pm at Sand Lake Wesleyan Church hosts a special performance with the Gale Ettrick "Vocal Point" as a benefit for the ensembles trip to Ohio in August representing the state of Wisconsin High School Choirs.

The St. Olaf Handbell Choir will perform at Faith Lutheran Church, La Crosse on Sunday, March 4th at 4:00 pm. There is no cost for admission but a free will offering will be taken.

Thank you to all for the wonderful **Journeys Got Talent** Event....we definitely do. Thanks to all who helped with the food and the wonderful production all to help send our youth on the youth gathering this summer....Rumor has it that this will be an annual event...if you missed it this year...you will get another chance next year.



All Church Rummage Sale Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 21** here is a great chance to get rid of that extra stuff just taking up space and help support our youth ministry at the same time. We don't have room to store all the stuff right now... but you can be thinking about it and starts sorting. We will let you know when to start bringing it in.



check out the Journey Lutheran Facebook group



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Are you a Thrivent Member? Be sure to direct your **Thrivent Choice dollars** to Journey. It is free money waiting for you to designate where to give it. If you don't claim yours it will be given to someone else to designate. Money is given out quarterly...and you still have time to designate last quarter's. Questions? Talk to Pat Hermanns in the church office.



Recycle your aluminum cans at Journey There is a "can cage" beside the garage. Bring your cans with you when you come to worship and toss them in the cage and we will recycle them for you and use the proceeds for our ministry here.



We also collect Festival Food receipts and can turn them in for cash...but they need to be turned in quarterly so don't wait to bring them in....there is a jar in the fireside room.

There will be an **adult Bible study** on Sunday mornings between worship services 9:30-10:00 in the meeting room across from the bathrooms

Remember if we to grow in faith it won't happen if all we invest is one hour on Sunday, be sure to check out [Taking Faith Home](#)

Support our youth

We have 11 youth and 4 adults going to the **National Youth Gathering** this summer. It is a once in a lifetime experience but it takes a lot of

fundraising to get there. So there are a variety of things the youth are doing: Selling **Kwik Trip cards, Car Wash cards, Rent-a-kid**, , soon will be selling **candy bars**.

As a congregation we want to support our youth and here is a special way to do that.... We invite you to **Buy Stock in our Youth**. As a stockholder you would be investing in the faith development of our youth. You don't have to buy anything and there is no overhead ...every penny goes to help them. In return for your support the youth will pray for you and communicate with you from the youth gathering and invite you to a special stockholders dinner after the trip to see and hear about the experience. Stocks are \$100 and you can buy a full share or partial share, support a particular youth or wherever the need is the greatest. For more information check out the [Prospectus](#)

Fellowship will follow both the 8:15 and 10:15 worship service. *Volunteers are needed to help serve, clean-up and provide treats.* There are signup sheets in the kitchen on the bulletin board for you to indicate your desire to help with fellowship.

The coming week at a glance....remember to the [calendar on our web page](#)

Sunday (2/26)

8:15 am Worship Service
9:15 am Fellowship
9:15 am Sunday School
9:30 am Adult Bible Class
9:30 am Outreach Team Meeting
9:30 am Choir Practice
10:15 am Worship Service
11:15 am Fellowship
5:30 pm Talent Show Debrief
6:00 pm Youth Gathering Meeting

Monday (2/27)

6:30 FISH Young Adults Meet

Wednesday (2/29)

5:30 pm Lenten Soup Supper
6:30 pm Worship

Thursday (3/1)

7:00 pm Worship Band

Saturday (3/3)

Sunday (3/4)

8:15 am Worship Service
9:15 am Fellowship
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9:30 am Adult Bible Class
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On the lighter side: Remember the girl band called the Bangles? If you wonder what their music might be like if they were there worship band for a Lutheran congregation, wonder no more....[Martin Luther](#)

Pastor Steve