

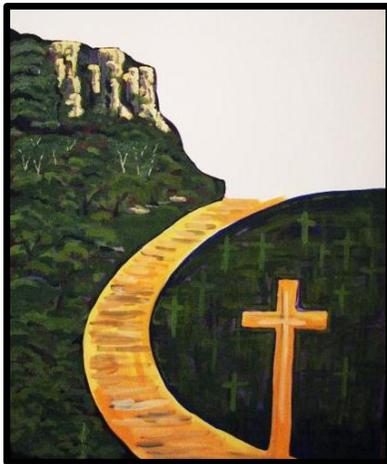


The Journ-E March 16, 2012

the weekly e-newsletter of *Journey Lutheran Church* for more information and our calendar be sure to check our web page at www.journeyluth.org 608-317-5433 (church cell) or 783-1892 (church office).

Devotional thought: Have you been using [in the meantime](#) for your devotions? If you haven't checked it out, there is always something interesting there. My favorite from the last week was this one on [images](#)

Join us each week as Pastor Steve adds to the painting and we explore



together the ways in which we give shape to the mission Jesus has called us to. The first week we focused on Service and the shape of mission was that of the cross, the second week we focused on Worship and the shape was that of the bluffs and valleys. Last week we focused on Faith Formation as the path we walk with it's many milestones that mark our progress and this coming week the theme will be Fellowship. Come and see what shape that takes.

Time Change for Adult Bible Study

The **meeting time for the Sunday morning Adult Bible study** has been changed from 9:30am to after the 10:15am service. The group meets in the meeting room across from the restrooms.

The Service Team is ministry within and outside the walls of the church and will meet Thursday, March 22nd at 6:30pm at the church. The main agenda item is to select coordinators for following categories: Caring Blankets, LWR, Holmen's Hope, Mobile Wheels, Visitation, Habitat for Humanity, and Warming shelters. Once this is done, the individual groups can then determine their own agenda. Everyone is invited to attend. New ideas are always welcome.

The Men's Bible Study will be held **this Saturday morning, March 17th, at 7:30am** at Holmen Lutheran Church. We start with breakfast together and then feast on the scripture...finished by 8:30am...we always meet the 3rd Saturday of the month.



Don't forget to order your Easter Flowers. You can order Lilies or Mums (white, yellow or lavender) for \$12 each. Orders must be placed by Monday, March 19th. You may designate the plants in memory or in honor of a loved one. Call Pat at 783-1892 with any questions.

Feed My Starving Children is a great opportunity to make a difference by helping to assemble food packets. Sign up to be a part of the team on the bulletin board in the coat room. The event is **Saturday, March 24th**. We'll meet at Journey to carpool to Winona at 12:15 for the 1-3:00pm shift.



Holy Week/Easter Schedule

April 1 Palm Sunday....kids will be doing special music during worship
...No Wednesday worship...

April 5 Maundy Thursday Worship 6:30pm

April 6 Good Friday Worship

Noon... "CrossWalk" (see note below)

Worship Around the Cross 6:30pm

Prayer Vigil (7:30pm until noon the next Day)

April 7 Easter Egg Hunt 1:00pm

April 8 Easter Sunday

Outdoor (weather permitting) 7:00am

Traditional 8:15am

Pancake Breakfast 9:15am

Contemporary 10:15am

CrossWalk

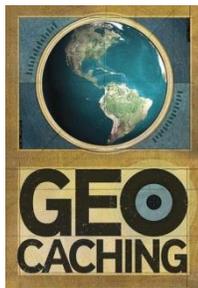


Join us Good Friday for "CrossWalk" A more "family friendly" way to observe Good Friday. We will start at noon at the Bandshell in Halfway Creek Park in Holmen and walk through the community, pausing at stations for song, prayer and scripture. ...ending up at Holmen Lutheran with an indoor worship focused on the seven last words of Christ.



Attention all kids! Saturday, April 7th at 1:00pm we will have an **Easter Egg hunt**. Donations of candy that will fit inside of the plastic eggs are needed. Please bring your candy, or if you prefer you can make a donation of money to help purchase candy, to the office. If you have any questions please contact Pat at 783-1892.

We now have a **Nursery Supervisor, Jessica Pehl**, who will be overseeing our nursery. The nursery will be open Sunday mornings during worship and Sunday School time. Volunteers are needed to help on Sunday mornings. Please stop in and visit with Jessica for more information or to volunteer to help. Some items needed for the nursery are: a battery powered baby swing, baby wipes, diapers, a playpen and sheets. At this time we do not need any additional toys.



Adventure Group – Mark your Calendars!

Saturday April 28th we will once again go Geo-Caching. This time it will be in Hixon Forest and we will have a picnic afterward. More info to follow. If you have any questions please contact Randy at 4randyburgett@charter.net. There are several other events planned like rock climbing and repelling, a reptile eco-tour, kayak/canoe the La Crosse River, canoe the Wisconsin River which will be an overnight trip, and spelunking at Popp's cave.

Calling all ministry teams! On Tuesday, April 10 we will be meeting all together with the Vision Board

5:30 potluck dinner

6:15 all the teams will meet together with the Vision Board for devotions and to share what each team is doing and coordinate projects.

7:15 teams and Vision Board all meet individually to take care of any business



Join us on Wednesday evenings during Lent.

Soup Supper starts serving at 5:30pm so we can have a simple meal together before worship. Volunteers are needed to make and bring soup to share. There are sign-up sheets outside of the kitchen serving window, so that we can take turns providing food, so no one has to bring food every week; this also insures we have enough food for everyone. Immediately following supper we will move in the sanctuary for a **45 minute worship service** featuring Holden Evening Prayer and a preaching series "Lutheranism for Dummies".



Remember if we are 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](#).

Fellowship follows 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.



Time to start thinking about Bible Camp this summer at **Sugar Creek Bible Camp**. There are programs for all ages and Journey will help with half the registration cost if needed (check with Pastor Steve about how to be involved with the fundraisers). Summer brochures are available at Journey or [online](#).

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



check out the **Journey Lutheran Facebook group**



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 your money it will be given to someone else to designate. Money is given out quarterly. Questions? Talk to Pat Hermanns in the church office.



Women's Bible Study will begin **April 17th** at 6:30pm. The group will meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. If you would like to be part of a Women's Bible Study please contact the church office, at journeylutheran@gmail.com or 783-1892.

Recycle your aluminum cans at Journey! There is a "can cage" beside the garage. Bring your cans 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.



Receipts from Festival Foods for Jan-Mar are due no later than April 10th. We collect Festival Food receipts and 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 and on the table in the back of the church.

We have 11 youth who will have a "once in a lifetime" experience in New Orleans at the **National Youth Gathering** this summer. We also have 4 adults who have volunteered to chaperon during the trip. **It will take a lot of fundraising to get to New Orleans.**



2012 ELCA Youth Gathering
citizens with the saints
Ephesians 2:14-20

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 and 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 stock-holders 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.](#)



The youth have a variety of things they are doing to raise funds: Selling **Kwik Trip cards, Car Wash cards, Rent-a-kid.** *Some upcoming events will include selling candy bars, the Annual Easter Pancake Breakfast on April 8th at 9:30 am, and on May 5th and June 30th they will be selling brats at the Brat Barn at Festival Foods in Holmen.*

Coulee Regional Gospel Choir will perform "Jesus Shall Reign" The choir, instruments and soloists will present the Easter story beginning at Good Shepherd Lutheran, La Crosse on March 24th at 6:00pm. Olivet Lutheran on March 25th at 6:00pm. Holmen Lutheran on April 1st at 4:00 pm. April 14th at 6:00 pm at Sand Lake Wesleyan Church will host 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.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Sunday, March 11th, Luther & Lindsey Olson presented their daughter, Amelia Grace Olson, to receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Amelia was born March 3, 2011. Luther & Lindsey named Jared & Rachel Bushek as Amelia's Sponsors. It is our privilege to welcome Amelia Grace Olson into God's family and into our congregational family at Journey Lutheran Church.



First Communion. Sunday, March 11th, we celebrated with Hannah Carolynn Adams and Molly Margaret Adams as they had their 1st Communion. Hannah and Molly are the daughters of Brad & Amy Adams.



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

Sunday (3/18)

8:15 am Worship Service
9:15 am Fellowship
9:15 am Sunday School
9:30 am Choir Practice
10:15 am Worship Service
11:15 am Fellowship
11:15 am Adult Bible Class

Monday (3/19)

6:30 FISH Young Adults Meet

Wednesday (3/21)

5:30 pm Lenten Soup Supper
6:30 pm Worship
7:15 pm Confirmation/Small Groups

Thursday (3/22)

6:30 pm Service Team Meeting
7:00 pm Worship Band

Saturday (3/24)

12:15 pm Feed My Starving Children (meet at church to caravan/carpool)

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Jerry Hoch - 3/18

Amy Denson - 3/20

Jeff Ilstrup - 3/22

Kalen Islam - 3/22

Bill Ratekin - 3/23

Carlos Aguilar - 3/23

Brandon Flury - 3/24

On the lighter side:

This is the World's Hardest Tongue Twister, according the Guinness Book of World Records: **The sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick.**