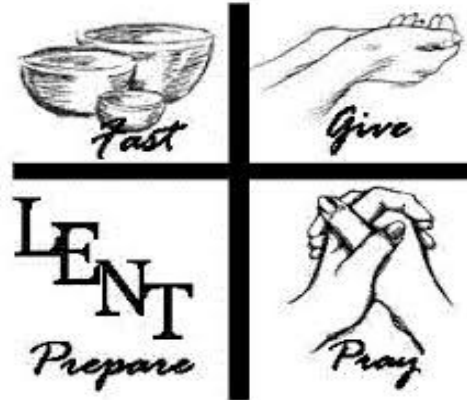


The Voice - March 2021

The Newsletter for Effie Fredheim Lutheran and Grace Community

Lutheran Churches



A Message from Deaconess Dianna

As we journey to the cross with Jesus this Lenten Season, let's us take time to reflect on the cost Jesus is willing to pay for our sin. Lent is a time of repentance. To repent means to turn around, to turn away from sin. A story about repenting. Two children were playing together when Marcy hurt Jane and Jane left crying. When Marcy wanted to play with Jane again, she found Jane and said, "I'm sorry". Jane asked, "What kind of sorry? The kind so that you won't do it again." What kind of repentance will this Lent mean to each of us?

On March 28, Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday. During Holy Week we experience the heart of our Christian faith. Crowds greet Jesus with shouts of "Hosanna in the highest heaven" and end the week with "crucify Him". And then comes Easter and the Resurrection!

My sister, Linda is very close to claiming her Resurrection promise of eternal life. Thank you for praying for her and my family. I had a very good last visit with her at her daughter's home in Michigan.

Let us pray: Loving Lord Jesus, Thank You for the hope and peace we receive from Your promise of eternal life with You.

I have had both of my COVID 19 shots and will visit with to members who are interested in a visit.

Serving you in Christ, Deaconess Dianna

Announcements

Confirmation - Every Saturday in March at 11:00 am.

Grace Zoom - March 8th at 7:00 pm

Effie WELCA - March 20th at 4:00 pm

Effie Council - March 21st at 7:30 am.

We share our love with Carol VanNyhuis. Cards can be sent to her at 21452 Co Rd 80. Nevis MN 56467.

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| 1. Randy Collins | 10. Jeff Powell |
| 3. Evan Rajala | 13. Joanne Jacobson |
| 4. Jacob Ostendorf | 13. Stacy Bertram |
| 5. LeeAnn Baker | 15. Jason Gilbert |
| 5. Sydnie Gilbert | 15. Kayla Pula |
| 5. Alicia Johnson | 15. Marlan (Red) Gottschalk |
| 6. ±Dave Thoennes | 16. Barb Beyer |
| 6. Julie Aakhus | 20. Suanne Dullard |
| 7. ±Ardean Aakhus | 24. ±Jim Oestreich |
| 8. Sandra Hubbard | 25. Marsha Root |
| 9. Bill Warren | 25. Sandy Allen |
| 9. Justin Koppelman | 26. ±Jerry Sethney |
| 10. Jaren Gustafson | 26. Helen Oestreich |



3. Greg & Gerri Bertram
 12. Bill & Carol Warren
 13. Bob & Sue Swanson
 19. John & Mary Rahier



Biblical Texts for Sundays in March

Date	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
3/7	Exodus 20:1-17	Psalm 19	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	John 2:13-22
3/14	Numbers 21:4-9	Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22	Ephesians 2:1-10	John 3:14-21
3/21	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Psalm 51:1-12	Hebrews 5:5-10	John 12:20-33
3/28	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Mark 14:1--15:47

Grace Community Church
Council Meeting Zoom Meeting
Feb. 8, 2021

Members present: Craig Welshinger, Terry Welshinger, Zona Kinn, Carol Warren, Al Gustaveson, LeeAnn Baker, Dianna Schumacher.

Treasurers Report:

A budget for the year 2021 has not been finalized and a comparison to 2020 YTD was presented by Zona as a way to present this years over all standing. As expected receipts are down, but we continue to be a sound and viable fiscal condition. Motion to accept by Carol Warren and seconded by Al Gustaveson.

A review of the Child and Youth Abuse Prevention Program was presented by Zona to the board for approval. Our Insurance Co requires us to have a policy in place and we approved one. A copy of the program can be made available to interested congregation members through the church office.

Our sister church in Effie has requested that we make available to then a set annual budget amount for maintenance of the parsonage. Council recommended a \$2500 annual amount. Motion to accept by Al Gustaveson and seconded by Terry Welshinger.

New membership for David Watchtler was heartily approved by motion of the council. Motion to accept by Al Gustaveson and seconded by Carol Warren.

Deaconess Dianna will be visiting with her sister in Michigan Feb. 13th to 15th and will return on the 16th.

Motion to adjourn by Al Gustaveson and seconded by Carol Warren.

**Effie Fredheim Lutheran
Church Council Meeting
February 21**

No submission



If you have submissions for The Voice, the deadline is the 22nd of the month. If you have a change of address, phone, email or other please call or email - bigluth2@bigfork.net or call 743-3368.