



# Voice of One In Faith Parish



**March 2021**

St. Paul..... 8:30 a.m.  
Hope..... 10:30 a.m.

St. Sebald ..... 8:30 a.m.  
St. John..... 10:30 a.m.

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Dear Beloved Community,  
Hear these words of promise,  
*"That famous promise God gave Abraham – that he and his children (meaning all of us!) would*

*inherit the earth – was not given because of something Abraham did or would do. It was based on God's decision to put everything together for him, which Abraham then entered when he believed. If those who get what God gives them only get it by doing everything they are told to do and filling out all the right forms properly signed, that eliminates personal trust completely and turns the promise into an ironclad contract! That's not a holy promise; that's a business deal. ...But if there is no contract in the first place, simply a promise – and God's promise at that- you can't break it. This is why the fulfillment of God's promise depends entirely on trusting God and God's way, and then simply embracing him and what God Does. God's promise arrives as pure gift."* from Romans 4 "The Message" paraphrase

"I promise to never let you down." Have you ever heard these words perhaps from a loving adult in your life growing up? Maybe you, yourself have said them to someone.

As time goes on however, and the years of our lives play themselves out we begin to see that these were fallible humans whose word was not always reliable. It's easy for us humans to make big promises that become hard to keep and easy to forget!

Many of us have heard similar unkept promises from friends, family members, leaders, and institutions that have left us wounded and longing for someone who makes good on their word. Or we've lived with the guilt of promises we've made that have remained unkept. The good news for us is that our God is one who shows up with blessing and makes good on promises,

especially for those who are perceived as Abraham and Sarah were, as being too old, too weak, or too imperfect to be worthy of the gift of grace which never ends no matter what. If this is you today, rest in the presence of the risen one who promises to never let you down—and keeps that promise.

### Prayer

Open unto me—light for my darkness.  
Open unto me—courage for my fear.  
Open unto me—hope for my despair.  
Open unto me—peace for my turmoil.  
Open unto me—joy for my sorrow.  
Open unto me—strength for my weakness.  
Open unto me—wisdom for my confusion.  
Open unto me—forgiveness for my sins.  
Open unto me—tenderness for my toughness.  
Open unto me—love for my hates.  
Open unto me—Thy Self for myself.

Lord, Lord, open unto me!

—from "Meditations of the Heart" by Howard Thurman  
Lord I believe and hope in You, help my unbelief and my darkened hope.

We hope to see you at our midweek Lenten worship services – in person or online!

Lenten Blessings,  
Pastor Margaret



### Holy Communion Classes

Do you want to know more about what the sacrament of Holy Communion is? Do you want to know the Bible back story to Holy Communion and have some fun while

doing Pastor Margaret is holding three 45 minute learning times in March:

Sundays: March 7 and March 14 from 1:00- 1:45pm

Wednesday: March 31<sup>st</sup> at 5pm - all at St Paul in Volga.

These classes are geared for children in 2-5<sup>th</sup> grade. If your child/children are baptized and haven't taken Communion yet or have started taking Communion but haven't had this class yet, it is for them!

Parents and grandparents are very welcome to join in too. Please email, text or call Pastor Margaret with questions and to register! ([563-329-1366](tel:563-329-1366)/[mryj2232@gmail.com](mailto:mryj2232@gmail.com))

## LENTEN WORSHIP = CONFIRMATION

Just a reminder about confirmation classes during Lent: Please attend all midweek Lenten services together with your students during Lent. This is a required part of your confirmation experience. AND it's a great time to catch up on those sermon notes you might be missing.

- March 3, 7 pm - St John (Arlington)
- March 10, 7 pm - Hope
- March 17 – 7 pm – St. John
- March 24 – 7 pm - St. Sebald
- April 1 - 7 pm Maundy Thursday - St Paul
- April 2 7 pm - Good Friday with Holy Communion - St Sebald
- April 4- Easter Sunday (all services with Holy Communion)
  - 6:30 at Hope
  - 8:30 at St. Sebald and St. Paul;
  - 10:30 - St John and Hope
- **See you in church!!**

## HOPE COUNCIL

The Hope Council met Feb. 21 following the 10:30 worship. Attending were: Pastor Margaret, Jamie Burgin, Joddy Roys, Gary Thurn, John Hunt, Lori Fannon, Ron Kuehl, Richard Thurn and Joyce Thurn.

President Richard called the meeting to order at 11:00 pm Pastor Margaret revisited the Old Testament reading for the day—the conclusion to the flood story, and led the group in prayer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was approved. Income for the month was \$6,530. Expenses were \$8,146, including the annual insurance premium payment.

Pastor Margaret presented her report. She hopes to begin in-person visits with folks in March. She is currently taking an online course, "Staying Grounded in the Storm." The pastors continue to do online devotions three times a week. They are well received.

### BUSINESS:

Richard and John reported on the Parish board meeting. Richard Thurn will be replacing John Hunt as one of Hope's representatives to the Parish Board. John was thanked for his service. The Parish PPP loan has been forgiven. Each congregation will be able to make one less payment to the Parish in March.

Hawkeye Telephone Co. will be the new phone/internet provider, taking advantage of the fiber optic system in Arlington. The e-mail address will change. Watch for it. The next meeting will be May 26 at St. Paul.

The men of the church were thanked for the Valentine event on Feb. 14. Those who provided pies for an

education fundraiser were also thanked. The Hunts were thanked for providing a sledding party at their farm.

The Lenten offerings along with the noisy offerings for March and April will be designated for Camp EWALU.

The statistical report for the Synod has been completed and submitted.

Pastor Margaret discussed possible different ways of serving Holy Communion.

John has been investigating the possibility of holding a group movie at the Elkader Theater.

Plans are to hold an outdoor auction in the summer, so people can start making plans for auction items.

The next meeting was set for March 14 following worship.

The meeting adjourned, followed by the Lord's Prayer  
Joyce Thurn, secretary

## St. John Council -January

The regular meeting of St. John Lutheran Church Council was held Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 6:30 pm. Present: Marcia Rueber, Dennis Nus, Bonnie Nus, Doug Nus, Jeri Watson, Joyce Knickerbocker, Pastor Margaret, and Deatra ODell. Absent: Penny Handke and Cassie Gruman.

President Marcia Rueber called the meeting to order, and Pastor Margaret led devotions based upon Psalm 139. A greeting was given to Jeri as he begins his new term on the council. The secretary's minutes were reviewed, updates were given. (These will be noted later in the minutes appropriate areas.), and approved with Joyce making the motion and Jeri seconding, motion carried. The treasurer's report was reviewed. Doug moved to approve, and Joyce seconded, motion carried. Monthly expenses for December were \$2,985.79 and monthly income was \$10,901.02. In December our expenses were less as we only needed to pay one half of our monthly Parish commitment. The QSS account has a balance of \$719.78.

Pastor Margaret gave highlights on her report. As the Covid crisis continues, the situation will be reviewed at the end of each month to determine the status of face-to-face worship while continuing to always offer online worship. Confirmation students are meeting in person at St. John's from 6:30-7:15ish until they have a recess for Lent.

**Parish Education:** Bonnie Nus sent out January and February Sunday School packets. As soon as EWALU campership information is out, Marcia will see that this information is placed in our bulletin. We will continue to require that interested families pay the first \$100 for each child, and the church will pay the remaining balance.

**Worship:** Bonnie Nus gave a report that she and Judy Meisner are going through the Church Directory updating the names of individuals/families that are members of St. John as well as correcting addresses so they are able to receive the church newsletter. Our thanks go to Bonnie and Judy for this task. Discussion was held concerning compiling a monthly duties list. We decided that at this time we would try to use the

same names as last year. Dennis will be in charge of monthly ushers, and Deatra will send postcards to readers, flower chairpersons, and altar guild persons. On Ash Wednesday, February 17, there will be two services offered at St. John's, 2:00 and 7:00 and Hope at 7:00 PM.

**Building and Grounds:** Randy and Joyce took the vacuum cleaner to be cleaned and repaired. Nathan Keppler has not gotten back to Doug to remove the tree near the mailboxes along Park Ave.. Doug is looking to find someone else.

As far as the corner lot along Park Ave., Matt Cook might be interested. Jeri is assisting in finding information on the previous owner.

The wall paper has been removed from the women's restroom nearest the kitchen. Doug and Dennis will have Craig Seedorff look at the walls to see about the plaster. The ceiling is okay, but the walls need attention. We are thinking that a textured primer and paint would work and some other cosmetic issues given attention.

Joyce presented the quotes from DB Acoustics concerning the video displaying of service readings/liturgy/hymns. Discussion led to Joyce asking DB Acoustics to return to look at our amplifying system and then we would revisit the options/quotes given. Once a best fit for our sanctuary is determined, there would be a congregational meeting.

**Social Concerns:** The Food Pantry continues to be well used. Canned meat and cereal are popular items. Starmont had a food drive which really helped us stock our shelves. We have also received donations from Larry and Brenda Fliehler and Ron and Rosemary Longmuir.

**Unfinished Business:** The Frozen Lasagna Fundraiser was a success with around \$900 raised after expenses. These funds may be used for EWALU camperships and for our Youth for their Duluth, MN trip this summer, once the need is determined.

**New Business:** Jeri nominated Marcia to remain our Council President and Doug as our Vice-President. Dennis seconded. The nomination passed by a unanimous vote. Committee assignments are: Parish Education- Jeri Watson; Worship- Dennis; Evangelism- Penny; Building and Grounds- Doug, Social Concerns- Joyce; Stewardship- Cassie; and Parish Board- Dennis. Our Annual Auction will be postponed to a later date.

Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 9 at 6:30 pm. Joyce moved to adjourn, Dennis seconded, motion carried. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deatra ODell, Church Council Secretary

### **St. John Council - February**

The regular meeting of St. John Lutheran Church Council was held Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at 6:30 pm. Present: Marcia Rueber, Doug Nus, Jeri Watson,

Joyce Knickerbocker, Cassie Gruman, Pastor Margaret, and Deatra ODell. Absent was Penny Handke.

President Marcia Rueber called the meeting to order and began with a reflection and sharing of our appreciation of the dedicated service Dennis Nus gave to our church and congregation. He will be greatly missed. Pastor Margaret led devotions with a prayer in memorial to Dennis. The secretary's minutes were reviewed. A correction needed to be made concerning the Ash Wednesday services and times at St. John's and Hope. With the correction Jeri Watson moved to approve, seconded by Joyce, motion carried. There was no treasurer's report given. The amount in the QSS account is \$1,719.78. Someone made a \$1,000.00 donation.

Pastor Margaret gave highlights of her report. We will be continuing the Covid-19 guidelines despite the Governor's proclamation. The midweek Lenten Service dates and times have been published in the newsletter. Pastor will be brainstorming fundraising with our youth for their summer servant trip to Duluth, MN.

**Parish Education:** The EWALU brochures are out.

**Worship:** Penny has volunteered to head this committee.

**Building and Grounds:** There has been less usage of the food pantry and our supplies at this time are sufficient. With the weather conditions, Doug has not pursued the removal of the tree by the mailboxes. As far as the lot at the corner of Liberty Street and Park Ave., we feel the quit claim deed would not hinder our desire to sell the property. Doug said that he would ask Mary Jo Brown, city clerk, if there would be a problem if we would remove the sidewalk around the property as it is in poor condition and ask Larry Fliehler about the possible price and details in selling such property. Jeri moved to divest the corner property at Liberty Street and Park Avenue and bring this action to a vote at a special congregational meeting. Cassie seconded, motion carried.

**Social Concerns:** Joyce notified DB Acoustics about returning to check out our sound system and revisit the options/quotes previously given. They will give her a call when they are in the area, and she in turn will notify council persons.

**Parish Board:** Marcia has volunteered to serve on the Parish Board.

**Unfinished Business:** Marcia has been working on the basement bathroom and feels it is nearly ready for painting.

**New Business:** We are working to refill the treasurer's position and have two possibilities. Jeri and Debbie Watson will take care of the Sunday offering right now and more people will need to be trained. Doug will collect the mailed contributions and Lenten Service Offering. Doug will continue the snow removal using the pickup blade, but we are in need of someone to do the shoveling close to the building that the pickup blade is unable to remove. Two names were mentioned and,

hopefully, one of the two will agree to provide this service for us.

All were in favor of a request from Julie Andreae on the use of the kitchen and dining room for a baby shower in March.

We discussed possibly changing our telephone and Internet service from Windstream to Hawkeye Telephone. The cost of telephone service and 25 MB Internet would be \$59.95 plus tax and a possible \$20 for long distance or \$.12 per minute usage long distance if we choose this means of long-distance usage. We felt with the use of cell phones, we might forgo the long-distance expense. Also, we could change our email address to a gmail account and could do this before we might switch over to avoid some confusion. At this time, we are paying Windstream \$164.00 per month. Doug moved that Marcia suggest to the One in Faith Parish Board to change from Windstream to Hawkeye Telephone for our telephone and Internet usage. Joyce seconded, motion carried

Our next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at 6:30 pm. Jeri moved to adjourn, Joyce seconded, motion carried. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

## St. Sebald I

St. Sebald Council met February 11, 2021. Present: Wayne Yelden, Kris Morarend, Nancy Yelden, Pastor Margaret, Jerry Harvey, Tracy Kregel, and Owen Kregel. The meeting was called to order at 7pm.

Pastor led devotions and mentioned the D365 app that can be downloaded on your phone for devotions. Kris moved to approve the January minutes, Jerry 2nd the motion, motion passed.

The treasurer reported a January ending balance of \$466.00. The January payment to One in Faith was slightly off and will be adjusted in the February payments. Kris reported the Kids packets will go out soon. The garland over the doorway will come down and the poinsettias will be stored for the season.

A big thank you to Wayne for all the snow removal this season so far. Jerry will look into and fix the ceiling tile hanging down by the kitchen. The phone tree has been updated and will be sent out by mail to members.

A few updates from the Parish Board meeting: the PPP loan was forgiven and the Parish will not be applying for the second round. The internet is being switched at the Parish Office which will be cheaper and allow for live streaming. The parish will have to have a new email – to be shared at a later date; lastly, the church only needs to pay half the commitment for March to One in Faith.

Jerry motioned to continue with Schumacher Elevator Company for the maintenance costs; 2nd by Kris, motion passed. Wayne moved to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Tracy, meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

## St. Sebald Annual Meeting

St. Sebald's Annual Meeting was held Sunday, February 7, 2021, following worship. Present: Tracy

Kregel, Nancy Yelden, Kris Morarend, Roger Knehans, Mary Knehans, Jerry Harvey, Wayne Yelden, Nancy Klingman, Gary Klingman, Pastor Clark, Shiloy Baldwin, Bill Hunt.

The meeting was called to order by Kris at 11:20am. Pastor Clark led devotions. The 2020 annual meeting minutes were reviewed and moved to be approved by Jerry Harvey, 2nd by Bill Hunt; motion passed.

**Pastor's Report:** A PowerPoint and written report were provided.

**Treasurer's Report:** After reviewing the church treasurer financials, a question was raised about the cost of a telephone. However, no cheaper alternative is available since a designated phone must be in place for the elevator. Bill Hunt moved to approve the treasurer's report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shiloy Baldwin; motion passed.

**Life Fund Report** was provided by committee. Nancy Yelden moved to approve the Life Fund report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shiloy Baldwin, motion passed. **WELCA**

**Treasurer Report:** The WELCA supported many projects for Christmas with donations. 2020 income: \$1132, expenses: \$1041.63, ending balance: \$229.06.

**Sunday School Treasurer Report:** The account supported projects for Kids Night throughout the year. The beginning balance was \$80.62, ending balance of \$36.98.

Jerry Harvey moved to approve the WELCA and Sunday School treasurer reports, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Yelden, motion passed.

**Auditing Committee Report:** Mace and Kristine Klingman reviewed the books and all funds were found accurate. (WELCA was not audited.)

The church phone tree will be reviewed and updates made. Kris is still sending out kids packets every month.

The ballot was presented by Kris Morarend on behalf of the nominating committee. Jerry Harvey motioned to cast a unanimous vote (as stated below), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Hunt; motion passed. The election results are as follows:

President: Nancy Yelden (2021)

Secretary: Tracy Kregel (2021)

Treasurer: Wayne Yelden (2021)

Deacon: Fuzz Brown (2021-2022) & Kris Morarend (2020)

Trustee: Jerry Harvey (2021-2022), Bill Hunt (2020-2021)

Cemetery Administrator: Appointed by St. Sebald Church Cemetery Association

One in Faith Parish Delegate: Nancy Yelden (2019-2021), council appoint other delegate for 1yr term

Nominating Committee: Vickie Moyle, Jennifer Otdoerfer, Jessica Haynes

Lutheran Home Delegates: David Morarend, Dorothy Lucas, Jule Brown, Barb Brown

Synod Assembly Delegates: none assigned

EWALU Delegates: Bill Hunt and Mary Knehans

Shepherd of the Hills Delegates: Nancy Klingman, Shiloy Baldwin

Life Fund Committee: Nancy Yelden (2021-25), other members include: Jennifer Otdoerfer (2017-2021),

Kristin Klingman (2018-2022), Mark Zwanziger (2019-2023), Jessica Haynes (2020-2024).

The council recommend to the members at the annual meeting to support local entities monthly as follows: Shepherd of the Hills \$25, Clayton County Food Shelf \$25, Lutheran Services in Iowa \$75, divide Lenten offering 50/50 between the Lutheran Home and EWALU, any remaining benevolence will go to ELCA, all designated gifts will be honored. Nancy Klingman moved to approve the council's recommendations to support local entities as stated above, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Knehans; motion passed.

Installation of officers will be February 14<sup>th</sup> during church service. WELCA is no longer scheduling people to provide flowers and will be doing seasonal artificial flowers instead.

Wayne Yelden motioned to adjourn the meeting, Bill Hunt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 12pm.

Tracy Kregel, Secretary

### **One in Faith Board Meeting**

The One In Faith Parish Board met February 10, 2021, at St. John. Present: Pastor Margaret Yackel-Juleen, Tracy Kregel, Nancy Yelden, Pastor Clark Baldwin, Lorna Christeleit, Patty Klingman, Judy Meisner, Richard Thurn, Kris Morarend, Marlene Gould, Marcia Rueber and John Hunt (2020 Hope Rep.) Meeting was called to order by Chairman Tracy. Meeting was opened with devotion on 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13 1-3 by Pastor Margaret.

**Minutes:** Motion by Nancy, seconded by Marlene to approve the November 2020 minutes, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Lorna to approve the last quarter 2020 treasurer's report, seconded by Patty, motion carried. Motion was made by Marcia to approve January 2021 treasurer's report, seconded by Marlene, motion carried. Motion was made by Nancy for each church to skip half a monthly commitment payment for the month of March, seconded by Richard, motion carried.

\*\*Discussion was held on a second PPP loan. It was found we do not qualify as we must be able to show a 25% decrease in giving in 2020 from 2019 comparing same quarters. We cannot show this decrease.

**Pastor's Report:** Highlights of report

\*\*Current COVID data was reviewed. Protocols currently in place will continue to be followed.

\*\*Hope will have Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 p.m. as previously planned, St. John will host Ash Wednesday services at 2:00 and a 7:00 p.m. service will be added to allow for plenty of opportunities for spreading out. No soup suppers will be planned this year during lent.

\*\*Pastors Clark and Margaret will continue three times a week online devotion as these are well received.

\*\*Women's Gather magazine studies as well as B.Y.O.B. studies inside will continue following COVID guidelines.

\*\*Pastor Margaret continues with Continuing Education opportunities offered online.

### **Business:**

\*\*Discussion was held on phone/internet provider options at the Parish Office at St. John with fiberoptics now being offered in Arlington with Hawkeye Telephone Co. Motion by Marcia to go with Hawkeye Telephone Co. with the \$69.95 plus tax pkg. per month for voice/100 megabytes, seconded by Nancy, motion carried. This will be quite a savings and long distance will be charged at 12 cents a minute. Anyone making long distance calls from St. John will be encouraged to use their cell phones when available.

\*\*With Windstream no longer being our internet provider, motion by Patty to change the parish email to a g-mail account, seconded by Nancy, motion carried.

\*\*Motion by Marcia for approval to have Kris call Jordan Burrack for any IT help she may need, seconded by Judy, motion carried.

\*\*Joint services and/or special events for each church will be tabled until the next meeting when the current COVID guidelines can be evaluated.

\*\*Motion by Richard to elect Nancy as President; Lorna as Vice-President; and Judy as Secretary for the 2021 year, seconded by Marcia motion carried.

**Next meeting will be May 26, 2021 at St. Paul at 7:00 p.m.**

Motion to adjourn by Marcia, seconded by Nancy, motion carried. Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Meisner, Parish Board Secretary

### **St. Sebald Indian Youth Ministry**

The members of St. Sebald have contributed to the Indian Youth Ministry at the Navajo Christian Preparatory Academy at Rock Point, Arizona, since 2002. Harlan Horseherder is our child this year. He is 5 years old and in kindergarten. Harlan likes cheese pizza, bike riding, and the color green. His favorite movie is Jurassic World and his favorite animals are dinosaurs.

Harlan wears an 8/10 shirt, 8 husky pants; 8/10 jacket, and #1 youth -shoes. His wish list includes Legos, dinosaur toys, dinosaur books, "Pete the Cat" books (level 1); and Hot Wheels.

### **St. John WELCA**

Hopefully, everyone is staying warm and healthy. It seems 2021 is starting out much like 2020 left us.

Due to the slow rollout of vaccines and in the best interest of Bremwood Auxiliary members, it was decided to cancel the April and May meetings. The 2020 Project goal of \$10,000 was accomplished, and they have started towards the 2021 project amount of \$10,000 for the Spiritual Life Program.

Three ladies continue to meet Mondays to quilt. Amazing what we can accomplish. Special thanks to Joyce Knickerbocker for donating a roll of batting and Debbie Watson for donating quilts and other projects for LWR.

Due to the pandemic our Valentine boxes were not filled. The plan is to do something in May.

If we are able to have a Spring Gathering, Zion Lutheran of West Union is the host.

Continue to think of our small WELCA group, who strives to keep things active despite this pandemic.

God Bless, Sharon Reed



We extend our sympathy to the families of Gregg Friedan, Dennis Nus, and Randy Morarend. May the love of God surround them and comfort each one.



Special thanks to Owen Sylvester and Gene West for keeping the snow removed from the church parking lot and sidewalks this winter. It has been a never ending job and is much appreciated.

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Thank you to the men of Hope for providing a special celebration meal on Feb. 14. The Valentine couple of the day were Roger and Mary Knehans who observed their 50th wedding anniversary last year. A number of their family were also there to surprise them. Thank you also to Pastor Mark who provided the perfect music for the day.

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Thank you to the upper elementary Christian Ed students who made pies for a fundraising pie auction. Their pies raised \$360 for the Christian Education program.

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Thank you to John and LuAnn Hunt for organizing a sledding party at their farm. A good time was had by the young and young at heart.

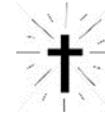
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To our dear friends at Hope,

You really surprised us! Even though our family knew all about it, we didn't have a clue until Richard started reading our history. Thank you for a very special fun

day---our best Valentine's day ever!! It even included two of Mary's favorites--pizza and John Denver. thank you, Thank You, THANK YOU!!

Roger and Mary



*I miss singing the hymns in worship and will be so glad when we can sing again freely. "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" is a hymn that we know. I don't take the time to always read the verses and take to mind and heart their meaning. This hymn is very rich and hope filled for both the woes of life and the good moments of light and love are both 'sanctified'. by the Cross of Christ. Kris*

***In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime. When the woes of life o'er take me, Hopes deceive, and fears annoy, Never shall the cross forsake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy. When the sun of bliss is beaming, Light and love upon my way, From the cross the radiance streaming, adds more luster to the day. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified; Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all time abide.***

Sir John Bowring (1792-1872) wrote "In the Cross of Christ I Glory". He was a distinguished scholar, ranked by some as one of the great minds of his day in the English-speaking world. Bowring was also a social progressive, advocating free trade, parliamentary reform, education for all and prison reforms, according to hymnologist Albert Bailey.

"In the cross of Christ I glory" (1825) was composed while the author was in his early thirties. Galatians 6:14 provides the basis for this hymn: "Far be it for me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (KJV).

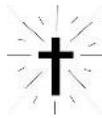
Isaac Watts used the same scriptural foundation for his famous "When I survey the wondrous cross," but the effect is much different. Watts' 18th-century hymn focuses on the crucified Christ and entreats the singer to view Christ on the cross.

British hymnologist J.R. Watson notes that the "image [of a cross] is a fine one . . . it allows the reader to glimpse the Cross standing over a ruined universe: into the Cross are drawn all the emotions, the woes of life, the good moments of light and love, so that both are 'sanctified'."

It is one of the paradoxes of Christianity that an instrument of torture becomes a symbol of faith for all time where "All the light of sacred story/Gathers round its head sublime."

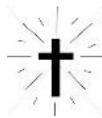
## Serving in March at Hope

Acolytes ..... Confirmation Students  
 Ushers:  
 March 7.....Brad & Darcy Bockenstedt,  
 .....Ellie Bockenstedt  
 March 10 ..... Lenten Service  
 March 14..... Ricky & Tracy Thurn  
 March 21.....Brad & Darcy Bockenstedt,  
 .....Ellie Bockenstedt  
 March 28..... Ricky & Tracy Thurn  
 Communion Assistant..... Ron Kuehl  
 Altar Comm.: ..... Helen Rowell, Joyce Thurn,  
 Lu Ann Hunt  
 Church Cleaning .....Marvin & Annette Dahling  
 Special Offering ..... EWALU



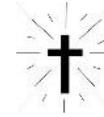
## Serving in March at St. Sebald

Acolyte..... Confirmation Student/Usher  
 Usher(s):  
 March 7..... Mace & Kristin Klingman  
 March 14..... Marjorie Lewis  
 March 21..... Jerry Harvey  
 March 28..... Shiloy Baldwin  
 Reader(s):  
 March 7..... Kristin Klingman  
 March 14..... Gary & Nancy Klingman  
 March 21..... Wayne & Nancy Yelden  
 March 28..... Marjorie Lewis  
 Church Cleaning Week of:  
 March 7..... Kristin Klingman  
 March 14..... Tracy Kregel  
 March 21..... Mark & Marilyn Zwanziger  
 March 28..... Mark & Marilyn Zwanziger



## Serving in March at St. Paul

Acolyte..... Caitlin Druecker  
 Ushers ..... Dennis & Lorna Christeleit



## Serving in March at St. John

Ushers ..... Mark & Trudi Schnell  
 Altar Guild..... Dorothy Eckheart  
 Flowers ..... Cindy Nus  
 Communion Assistant..... Deatra O'Dell  
 Readers:  
 March 7 ..... Kim Klocke  
 March 14 ..... Karen Glass  
 March 21 ..... Marcia Rueber  
 March 28 ..... Brenda Fliehler



*(Please contact the church office when family members and friends can be removed from the Prayer List.)*

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**Service people:** Josef Von Handorf; Justin Minger; Patrick Pryer; Justin Pryer; Jesse Gossett; Tabitha Lambert; and other service men and women.



### St. John Birthdays

- March 1 .....Dolores Boehm
- March 2 ..... Bob Breitsprecher, Kayleen Schott,  
Kathy Thode
- March 6 .....Shane Palas,
- March 7 ..... Kelli Knickerbocker
- March 8 ..... Paul Seedorff, Rose Hilsenbeck
- March 9 .....Jenny Hamlett
- March 10 .....Kristina Wieland
- March 13 ..... Ursula Schuchmann
- March 14 ..... Jason Call
- March 26 ..... Shirley Gifford
- March 28 ..... Emmale Schnell
- March 29 ..... Larry Glass
- March 30 ..... Bob Blue

### St. Sebald & St. Paul Birthdays

- March 2 ..... Barbara Garms, Owen Thompson,  
..... Aleksander Stas Klingman
- March 6 ..... Lana Trautman
- March 8 .....Jule Brown
- March 12 .....Doyce Huebsch
- March 16 .....Judy Schnurstein
- March 17 ..... Bryce Welcher
- March 19 ..... Mick Knehans, Emily Duff
- March 25 ..... McKenzie Robinson
- March 29 ..... Cassie Winter, Mike Knipper

### Hope Birthdays

- March 2 ..... Amanda Krapfl
- March 3 ..... Brad Herman
- March 4 ..... Jessie Kuehl, Jim Burgin
- March 7 ..... Jody Groth, Cheri Meisner,  
Ellie Bockenstedt
- March 9 ..... Kayla Kramer
- March 11 ..... Laurie Herman
- March 16 ..... Raymond Kuehl
- March 17 ..... Kimberly Albert, Lois Fleming
- March 18 ..... Amanda Voshell, Patty Amsden
- March 19 ..... Cindy Riniker
- March 20 ..... Barbara Totman, Joe Abitz

- March 21 .....Harold Davis
- March 22 ..... Loretta Waterman
- March 25 ..... Bradley Minger,  
Krista Falck
- March 26 ..... Trevor Fleming, Kelly Jo Fleming
- March 27 ..... Jason Clinton, Marissa Thurn
- March 29 ..... Ray Peterson, Cole Amsden
- March 30 ..... Elisha Payton
- March 31 ..... Michael Dahling



### St. John Anniversaries

- March 21 .....Brian & Penny Lane
- March 29 ..... Ryan & Kari McDowell
- March 29 ..... Jim & Sharon Burrack

### Hope Anniversaries

- March 10 ..... Terry & Marlene Gould
- March 18 ..... Gary & Laura Williams
- March 19 ..... Gary & Sandy Moser

### St. Paul Anniversaries

- March 15 .....John & Jan Moore

### **DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?**

- Fast from hurting words...*and say kind words.*
- Fast from sadness...*and be filled with gratitude.*
- Fast from anger...*and be filled with patience.*
- Fast from pessimism...*and be filled with hope.*
- Fast from worries...*and have trust in God.*
- Fast from complaints...*and contemplate simplicity.*
- Fast from pressures...*and be prayerful.*
- Fast from bitterness...*and fill you hearts with joy.*
- Fast from selfishness...*and be compassionate.*
- Fast from grudges...*and be reconciled.*
- Fast from words...*and be silent and listen.*

Pope Francis

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### LENTEN SERVICES

March 3	2:00 p.m. – St. John 7:00 p.m. – St. Paul
March 10	2:00 p.m. – St. John 7:00 p.m. – Hope
March 17	2:00 p.m. – St. John 7:00 p.m. – St. John
March 24	2:00 p.m. – St. John 7:00 p.m. – St. Sebald
April 1	Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m. – St. Paul
April 2	Good Friday 7 pm – St. Sebald
April 4	<b>Easter:</b> 6:30 a.m. – Hope with Communion w/ Breakfast following 8:30 a.m. – St. Sebald with Communion 8:30 a.m. – St. Paul with Communion 10:30 a.m. St. John with Communion