

From the

Pastors Desk....

PARTNERS

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I Was Just Thinking

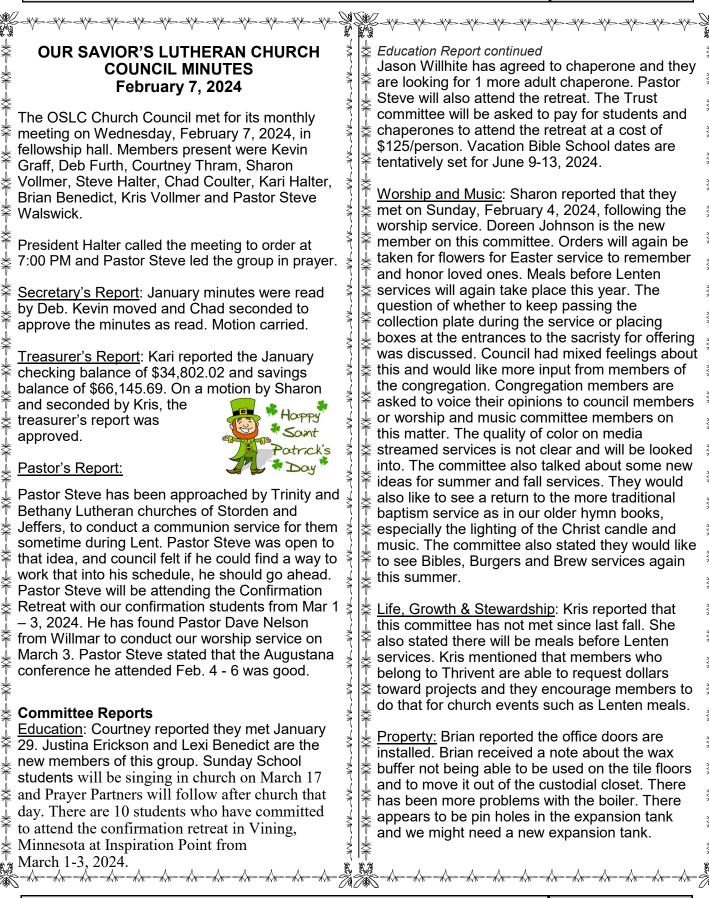
Every so often I encounter a verse that I don't recall reading before in my life. A verse that is uniquely captivating. Recently I encountered Hebrews 11:35. It was interesting to me because of the verbiage that was used. It speaks of not casting aside your boldness so that you are able to receive a great reward. I was particularly interested in the words "boldness" and "reward". What is the boldness that the author of the book of Hebrews speaks of and what is the reward that is referred to? Subsequent questions arise: are we bold at one stage of life? Is it possible to be more shy, or less bold in other seasons of life? And then is it possible to grow in boldness as we grow in Christ?

J.B. Phillips in his commentary on the book of Hebrews says, "one of Satan's favorite tactics is to wear out the Saints of the Most High." Endurance, I believe, is becoming one of the most important attributes of the Christian life. This faith, once delivered to the Saints, which is now our possession, is the faith that I've had for the vast majority of my life. The struggle seems to be that as I continue to age, the same expectations are present. The same call to serve, to love, and to give never goes away. That high call of service remains throughout all of life. For me, the necessity is to endure. To be able to hold onto this faith and this willingness to serve even in difficult situations. John Bunyan's book, *The Pilgrim's Progress*, is a famous Christian fiction work. I was awestruck to find out that Bunyan wrote it while he was in prison. The rule of the day was that you were not allowed to preach if you were not ordained by a sanctioned church body. Bunyan, who was a lay person, did not heed that rule; therefore, he was thrown into prison. He chose to endure by his willingness to write one of the greatest works of literature the modern world has ever read.

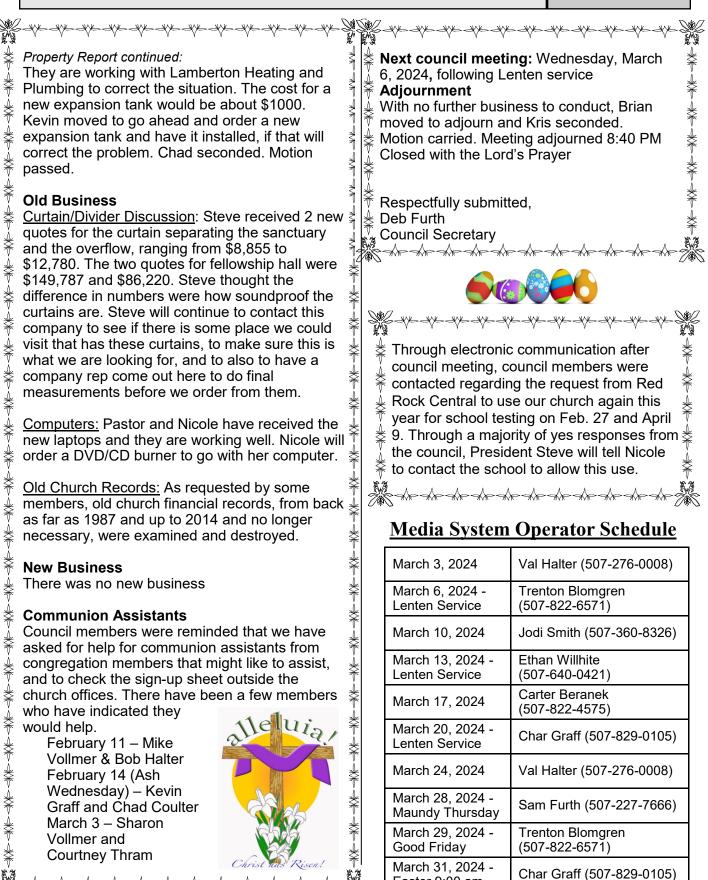
My prayer for us as a congregation is that we will remain bold, steadfast, and confident in our confession. Not just because we ought to, but because we realize that the great reward spoken of in Hebrews 10:35 is Christ himself. In Genesis 15:1, Jesus says to Abraham that "He is my great reward." This is astonishing to me. The great reward of Hebrews, as well as Genesis, and many other citations of Scripture is that the reward is Christ himself! The greatest gift that God can give us is the gift of His Son, and His presence, which is exactly what we have in faith. That to me is what helps us to remain confident and bold. And yes, in Christ!

4Him, Pastor Steve

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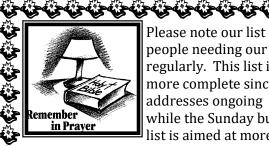


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Please note our list of people needing our prayers regularly. This list is much more complete since it addresses ongoing issues while the Sunday bulletin list is aimed at more

immediate concerns. We ask that you would keep all these people in your prayers each day. Ŵ

Paula (Mattison) Meidl & Galen Mattison (starting bone marrow transplant process) Nancy Rue (shoulder replacement surgery) Randy Hammerschmidt (health issues) õ Joyce Hoffrogge (multiple myeloma) Kim Churchill Oelfke (stroke & cancer) Vicki Churchill Schenk (cancer treatments) Maria Bedner (stage 4 ovarian cancer) Briana Halter Peterson (health concerns)

Pray for people affected by other disasters



~ Hospitalized ~ Because of privacy laws, a phone call from a family member or friend is the best way to make sure the pastor is notified if you or a loved one are hospitalized or in a nursing home or would like a pastoral visit.

PRAYER CHAIN



If you have a prayer concern you would like passed along to the Prayer Chain, please contact Judy Kuehl, 507-822-1716, or the church office. Please specify if you want the concern on (1) the Prayer chain and/or included in Sunday morning pravers which will be included for two (2) Sundays unless request is renewed. Thank you.

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MARCH ALTAR GUILD



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March 3, 2024 Paige Wondercheck-R & Aron Van Meveren Video: Zoey Keck

> Wednesday, March 6, 2024 **Bravlon Bedner-R** Video: Lincoln Hesse

March 10, 2024 Jadyn Beranek-R & Max Erickson Video: Braedon Mariner

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 Sophie Paplow-R Video: Dawson Mariner

> March 17, 2024 Kysha Wani-R Video: Colton Jeckell

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 **Trenton Knutson-R** Video: Aron Van Meveren

March 24, 2024 Marshal Willhite-R Video: Quintin Willhite



Maundy Thursday, March 28, 2024 @ 7pm Paige Wondercheck-R & Zoey Keck Video: Austin Werner

Good Friday, March 29, 2024 @ 7pm Bravlon Bedner-R Video: Lincoln Hesse

Sunday, March 31, 2024 Kysha Wani-R & Aron Van Meveren Video: Max Erickson

Please remember it is your responsibility to find a replacement for your designated worship service. Thank you!!

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March

🕈 4th - 🛛 James & Bonnie Holman 10th - Brian & Vicki Kletscher 18th - Elliot & Emily Evans 23rd - Steve & Val Halter

MARCH MISSION WAFER

Food Shelf

Wabasso Area Food Emergency Relief (W.A.F.E.R.) is a food emergency relief program that serves residents of the southwest two-thirds of Redwood County.

Hours: Thursday 9:30am to 11:30am. Emergency food is provided once a month. They are ocated on Main Street Wabasso inside the Goblirsch Motors building at 742 Main St, Wabasso, MN, 56293

WAFER is supported by local organizations such as OSLC. Donations help provide food & meals for more people.

You can use the blue envelope in the pews or your own envelope and write "missions" on it to designate for mission giving. You may also give your donation online via our website or use the link below and select 'mission'. https://oslclamberton.churchcenter.com/giving

Your contributions are greatly appreciated!! Thanks for your support!

Thank you for supporting our monthly missions! Here's how much we helped the mission last month.

January — Trinity Missions — \$750 (formerly Mission to Mississippi)

Thank you for your support!

March Birthdays Elaine Frank, Kellie Valentin, Melissa Bedner 2nd - Josie Horning 3rd - Kim Grunewald **4th** - Clinton Lingle, Vernon Pauling 5th - Roger Sackett

6th - Lee Ann Kronback, Brian Kletscher, Kirk Engen

1st -

- 7th Nancy Kissner, Lincoln Hesse
- 8th - Sharon Furth, Dominik Smith, Shanice Churchill, Carter Churchill 9th - Mark Coulter, Isaac Wondercheck

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- **10th -** Marlon Pfarr, Jared Lang 11th - Shayla Frericks
 - 12th Taylor Price, Brandon Vogel
- **13th** Blaine VanMeveren, Tim Johnson, Mackenzie Knutson Alexis Benedict **14th -** Liam Kenney, **Cameron Bergemann**
- 15th Sharon (Dave) Vollmer,
- Emma Jeckell, Everly McCullough

- **3 20th -** Sam Halter, Bonnie Holman
- Emma Jeckell, Everly McCullough 16th Dan Wendland, Triston Kronbach 17th Harper Erickson, Jackson Leach 18th Finley Thram 19th Bill Bedner, Ronda Dolezal, Griffin Willhite 20th Sam Halter, Bonnie Holman 21st Linda Horning, Wade Kissner, Shane Keck 23rd Jill Irlbeck, Emily Tammen, Colton Jeckell 24th Pam Vogel 25th Karen Juhnke, Ryon Zimmermann 28th Susan Jeckell, Jan Benedict

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- **30th** Helen Hansen, Shadae Knutson

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31st - Kaelynn Kronbach, Ashley Keck

BOE News continued:

Upcoming Dates - (Subject to Change)

•March 1-3 Confirmation Retreat. 7-9 grade will not have Sunday School.

•March 17 N-5 sing in church, Prayer Partners, Sing at Nursing Home

•March 24th Students will carry in palms on Palm Sunday

•March 31st No Sunday School, Easter Sunday

•April 3rd Confirmation interviews for 9th graders, parents, and mentors

•April 7th - First Communion Instruction for students and parents of 5th graders during Sunday School

•April 14th First communion for 5th graders

•May 1st - Confirmation pictures and rehearsal at 4pm - only the 9th grade students need to attend

•May 5th - Confirmation Service 10am No Sunday School

•May 12th - 6th Grade Acolyte Training. Last day of Sunday School classes

•May 19th - 10am Senior Recognition Fellowship following Worship Service

•June 9-13th. Tentative Bible School dates - looking for volunteers



Board of Education NEWS:

Youth Singing in Church

Our youth in grades nursery - 5th grade will be singing during the 9 am church service on March 17th.

Confirmation Retreat

Please pray for our 10 youth who will be learning and growing in their faith journey on March 1-3

Zoey Katie Aron Quintin

Marshal Jadyn Max Lincoln Colton Austin

A huge thank you to Jason Willhite, their willing chaperone and Kristi Werner, a volunteer driver! Thank you to Trust for providing this opportunity!

7-9 grade will not have Sunday School on Sunday, March 3.

Memory Work

All youth in our Sunday School program have been working on their memory work. Parents - take a minute to ask them what they are working on. They should have each received a booklet in September with their assigned memory work.

Service Notes

Friendly reminder to all confirmation students to keep working on services notes each week. Those that missed the annual meeting still need to complete the report and turn it in.

Prayer Partners

Our last gathering time of the school year is Sunday, March 17th followed by singing at the nursing home.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS!



THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS

Thrivent provides members with up to two "Action Team" cards **worth \$250 each** every year! Action Team Grants can be used for lots of projects and events. You can even invite your family, friends, or church group to volunteer with you.

Apply for an Action Team Grant today at the Thrivent website. It's easy, less than 5-10 minutes!

THRIVENT MEMBERS: GET A \$250 ACTION TEAM GRANT

Which Thrivent clients are eligible to lead Thrivent Action Teams?

All Thrivent clients with membership are eligible to lead a Thrivent Action Team. However, the number of teams each client can lead per year depends on membership type. Clients with benefit membership are eligible to lead two Thrivent Action Teams per calendar year, and <u>clients with associate membership</u> are eligible to lead one per calendar year.

Eligibility for Thrivent Action Teams is based on mutuality between Thrivent and its clients. By owning insurance products, clients with benefit membership contribute to the tax-exempt funds that are needed to operate Thrivent's client activities. Thrivent recognizes that contribution by allowing clients with benefit membership the opportunity to lead additional Thrivent Action Teams.

Can my fundraiser, service activity or educational project support any organization?

We love seeing our clients support an organization or a cause they are passionate about! Remember, we want you

and your team to take action within the community rather than directly giving or granting the Community Impact Card

to the organization you are supporting. To see if a project can be associated with a specific organization, you can

search organizations in the Thrivent Choice® catalog. Organizations eligible for Thrivent Choice may be eligible for Thrivent Action Teams.

How do I know if my project is a good fit for the program?

If you can answer "yes" to all of the following questions, a Thrivent Action Team would likely work well for your project.

Does the project benefit the community where you live, work or worship?

Thrivent Action Teams are not intended to be self-benefiting for you or your immediate family.

Will you, the client applying, actively contribute to the success of the project?

Thrivent Action Teams should not be "donated" to others for implementation. We want our client leaders to be actively participating in the generosity of this program.

Are you and your volunteers contributing time and talent to make a difference in your community?

If there is no volunteer activity involved, and you're instead looking for a gifting/granting program, you can make an online personal donation to enrolled organizations through the Thrivent Choice program. Thrivent covers the processing fees, which means 100% of your donation goes to help. And, if eligible, you can direct Thrivent Choice Dollars®.

Are you the only client kickstarting this specific project through a Thrivent Action Team?

We want to ensure generosity is spread in our clients' communities. Thrivent Action Teams are meant to kickstart a generosity project and shouldn't be combined with other clients' projects to fund the entirety of a single large project.

For more information on Thrivent Action Teams visit:

https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-action-teams

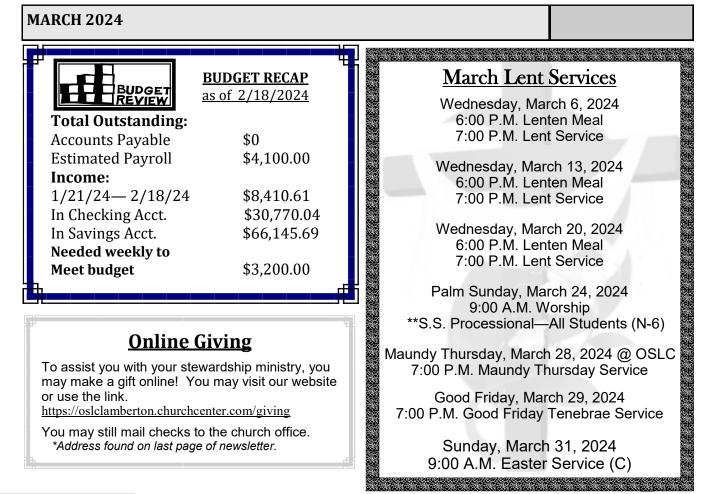
MARCH USHER SCHEDULE **Our Savior's Women Group** Minutes **Brian Werner** . **Gary Polkow** Our Savior's Women met Feb 13, 2024. **Teagen Werner** We started a new Bible study; the 7 Marks **Chad Coulter** of the Church. There is a video followed by SHER 10 discussion. The secretary's & treasurer's Mike Vollmer—Sub reports were given. TAXI Please call an usher It was motioned to send \$200 to the Union by Fridays for a ride! Gospel Mission & to the planted church in Sioux Falls. Following the Lord's Prayer, Mary Jo <u>><{}}><{}}><{}}></u> served coffee. Our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of George Bedner Luther League Scholarship May the strength The Luther League will again be offering a scholarship! If you are a member of the OSLC and hope of God's congregation and senior in high school that will be love be theirs. furthering your education, you may apply! What your mail for the application or contact the church office if you didn't receive one. > < <0>> < <0>> < <0>> < <0

Luther League News

February LL Mtg:

We had 12 students and 3 adults in attendance at our February meeting. We had quite a list of items to go over, we took inventory for the Soup and Pie supper and made sure we had all our prep stuff ready and talked about the upcoming Soup and Pie supper. We also decided to do concession at the dance recital in June this year so more on that to come. Summer Bible camp options were brought up and there was quite a bit of interest. One of the summer camps were looking into is Lost Timber Bible Camp, were doing some research on costs and what to expect and will bring it up in upcoming meetings. We also talked about wanting to go to the Banquet sometime this summer. We'd volunteer in the morning again and serve over lunch and then we decided in going to Sky Zone or Thunder Road. We had a split tie between the two so we've tabled the idea and will talk about it again at the March meeting. The kids want to do a lock in again in March between sports, we decided to extend an invitation to the Methodist and Catholic churches and will lock down some more ideas here in the beginning of March.

Thanks to everyone for sharing your students with us and all their wonderful ideas. We'll see you at the Soup and Pie supper and at our next meeting; March 13th @ 6.





When we celebrate Easter, we rejoice in the resurrection of Christ Our Lord and the promise that we, too, if we believe will be raised. It's also a time to remember loved ones who have died in Christ, believing and trusting in God's promise of salvation.

We will have lilies or an assortment of flowering plants for Easter in memory of those we love. We'll print in the bulletin all those who gave plants in memory or honor of loved ones. If you want a plant please fill out the form below.

DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, MARCH 24th

If you mail your form, please call or email the church office to make sure we receive your order in time! oslclamberton@centrytel.net

PLANTS MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE. Please make checks payable to OSLC.

Let's fill the church with flowers and let their beauty enhance our Lord's resurrection!

I WANT _____ Flowering Plant at \$20 each (Assorted such as Mum/Begonia/Calandiva, no reserved)

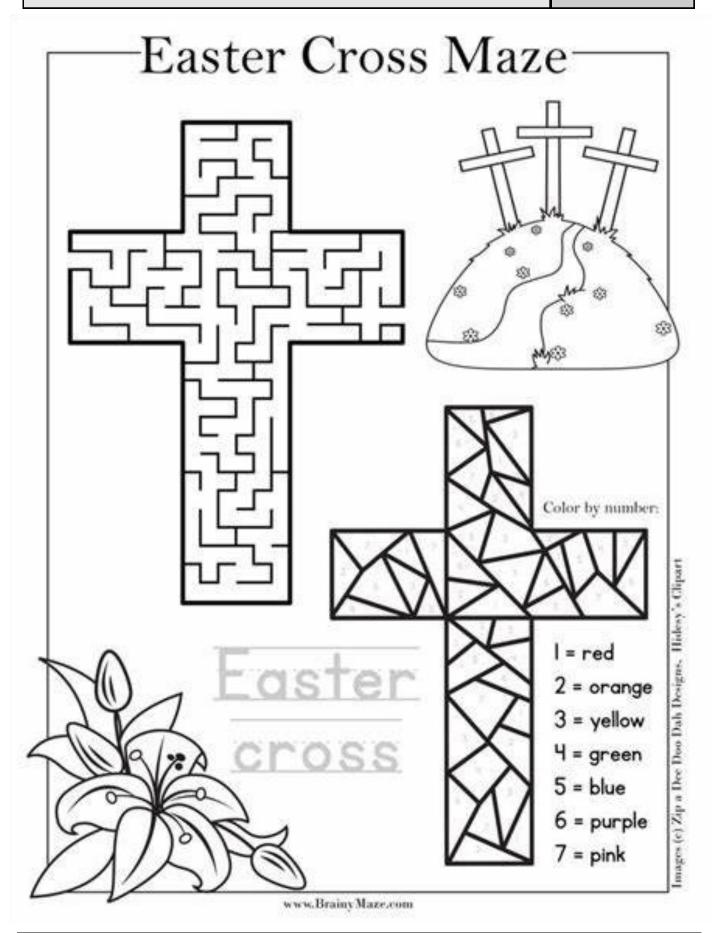
I WANT _____ Lily (Lilies) at \$20 each

TO BE GIVEN

IN MEMORY OF ______ OR IN HONOR OF

BY

Enclosed is \$ _____





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Keeping a Holy Lent

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| Please have your bulletin announcements into the Church Office by 10 A.M. on Tuesdays! THANKS! | ents into the / s! THANKS! | | | | 1 Offices Closed Confirmation Retreat | 2 |
| <i>3</i> 9:00 Worship/Communion 10:00 Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship Confirmation Retreat | 4 Offices Closed | 5 | 6 1:35 9th Grade Confirmation 2:25 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 6:00 Lenten Meal 7:30 Church Council | 2 | 8 Offices Closed | 6 |
| 10 9:00 Worship/Communion 10:00 Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship * Daylight Saving Time Begins * | 11 Offices Closed | 12 1:30 OSW Exec. Bd 2:00 OSW Meeting | <i>13</i> 3:20 9th Grade Confirmation 4:25 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 6:00 Luther League 6:00 Lenten Meal 7:00 Lenten Service | 14 | <i>I5 Offices Closed</i> 9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study | 16 |
| 17 9:00 Contemporary Worship N-5 Kids sing during worship! 10:00 Prayer Partners 10:30 Kids sing at Nursing Home | 18 Offices Closed Is Offices Closed Newsletter Articles Due! | 19 | 20 1:35 9th Grade Confirmation 2:25 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 6:00 Lenten Meal 7:00 Lent Service | 21 | 22 Offices Closed 9:00 A.M. Community Bible Study | 23 |
| 24 Palm Sunday 9:00 Worship **S.S. Processional—All Students (N-6) 10:00 Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship | 25 Offices Closed | 26 | 27 No Confirmation | 28 7:00 P.M. Maundy Thursday Service @ OSLC | 29 Offices Closed GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 P.M. Good Friday Tenebrae Service | 30 |
| 31 Easter 9:00 A.M. Easter Service No Sunday School | | | THE Control to the co | | A | |

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designated on the monthly calendar.



let them deny themselves and

take up their cross and follow me."

Mark 8.34

Cable Broadcast of Services: Lamberton –Wednesday: 4:00 P.M. Springfield –Wednesday: 6:00 P.M.