



*Northeast Kansas  
Lutheran Church Partnership  
\*LCMS\**

**MARCH, 2022**

You are dust and to dust you shall return.

With these words, Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday. In these words, we hear echoed what was spoken to our first mother and father in the Garden of Eden (Gen 3:19). At these words, we are reminded that our life will someday end. And upon these words, ashes are placed upon our forehead. These ashes mark us as frail, dependent on God, and doomed to die because of sin. They anticipate what will be said at our funeral while at the same time reminding us of the hope of eternal life. These ashes are a sign of repentance, of public admission of guilt, and of a public promise to repent and reform our life. But they are also a sign of the hope that we as sinners have in Jesus.

Throughout the Bible, ashes on our heads are a sign of public repentance. But now, because of Christ, the ashes your pastors place on your head are not chaotically thrown on but instead they are mixed with myrrh and carefully marked in the shape of a Cross. Now, your repentance is given form and purpose in the cross of Christ.

Yes, there will be penitential ashes placed upon your head in a sign of repentance as has been done throughout the Scriptures (Joshua 7:6; 2 Samuel 13:19; Esther 4:1, 3; Job 2:8, 12, 42:6; Daniel 9:3; Isaiah 61:3; Jeremiah 6:26; Jonah 3:6). But instead of throwing ashes upon ourselves in chaotic disarray, these ashes – made from burnt Palm Sunday branches and mixed with myrrh – are now constructed into a cross. Under this cross of ashes, we mourn for our sins and repent of our transgressions. But these ashes are in a carefully constructed cross because we do not mourn as those who have no hope (1 Thessalonians 4:13).

Rather we mourn as those who have been redeemed in Christ. We repent as those who have been marked by the Sign of the Cross. Let us use this lent to repent of our sins, turn from our vices, and seek to conform our lives to this Sign that we bear. As you repent, remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return. But as you are forgiven, remember that you are Christ's and to Christ you shall return.



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## **LENTEN SCHEDULE – 2022**

Fat Tuesday Party – March 1<sup>st</sup> @ First 5:00-7:00pm

Ash Wednesday – March 2<sup>nd</sup>: Services @ St. Paul at 7:00pm

March 9<sup>th</sup>: Services @ Zion at 7:00pm

March 16<sup>th</sup>: Services @ First at 7:00pm

March 23<sup>rd</sup>: Services @ Immanuel at 7:00pm

March 30<sup>th</sup>: Services @ St. Paul at 7:00pm

April 6<sup>th</sup>: Services @ Immanuel at 7:00pm

April 14<sup>th</sup>: Maundy Thursday Services @ First at 7:00pm

April 15<sup>th</sup>: Good Friday Services @ Zion at 7:00pm

**PALM SUNDAY-April 10<sup>th</sup> Services at All Churches**

LYF Fundraiser – Showing of Passion of the Christ @First 6:00-8:00pm

**EASTER SUNDAY: April 17<sup>th</sup>: Services at ALL Churches**

LYF Meals before each Lenten service- March 9<sup>th</sup>-April 6<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm

Confirmation Classes will meet on Saturdays during the Lenten season.



### **LENTEN MEALS**

The LYF will be serving a light meal before each of the Lenten services, starting the week after Ash Wednesday on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

This will follow the Lenten schedule locations.

The meal will start at 6:00pm, followed by the Lenten service at 7:00pm.

A short Adult Bible Study will be held after the Lenten service

**Each church** is asked to help provide desserts for the Lenten meals.

Please contact Sadie Meyer if you have any questions. Thank you !

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Military:** (F) Liam Blum, Kelsey Blum, Aaron Foist; Allan Feek, Kevin Remmers; (I) Tristan Knott, Chad O'Brien, Daniel Wheeler, Paul Reynolds Jr.; (SP) Kyle Vanness, Mary Burkett, Spencer Ernst, Bert Ernst.

**Care Facilities & Shut-Ins:** (F) Stan Kohlmeier, LaVonne Thieme, Gerrienne Heim, Rosemary Scher, Eldon Schwant; (I) Gene Rice; (StP) Carol Bauer, Betty Allen; (Z) Judy Clay, Darlene Covert, Connie Kneisel, Jaynell & Donald Robidoux, Tom Hansen.

**Also in our prayers:** (F) Karen Aeschliman, Teagen Lueger, Julie Bauman, Darrell Schuette, Mardell Duvel, Carla Bishop, Roger Riekenberg, Lisa Riekenberg, Curtis Cook, Crystal Kinkler, Gabriel Cook, Melonie Creek, Darrel & Sharon Cohoon, Megan McConnauey; (IMM) Traci Rahe, Fred Meeks, Roger Pusch, Abigail McFall, Janice Backer; (St.P) Wes Duesing, Chris Torrey, Doug Barrett; (Z) Paul Edwards, Charles Fritz, Debbie & Andy Trent, Sherry Hartley.

**We Remember** the blessed saints who now rest in the Lord, (Cora Lee Rahe, Emma Middendorf, Lawrence Thonen) and we pray for their families that they remember all who die in the Lord live with the Lord. (Romans 6:5)



***HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!***

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

*Mar 2-Derrick VanDusen, Mar 3-Joyce Brockhoff, Mar 3-Layton Dunaway, Mar 3-Carter Jante, Mar 5-Linda Duesing, Mar 6-Bob Smith, Mar 7-Bill Rand, Mar 8-Maurice Atland, Mar 8-Zon Middendorf, Mar 8-Rick Strahm, Mar 10-Galen Bauman, Mar 11-Jeremy Arnesen, Mar 11-Eldon Schwant, Mar 13-Johanna Brockhoff, Mar 14-Malerie Manche, Mar 15-Jared Spellmeier, Mar 16-Jill Smith, Mar 17-Karen Kohlmeier, Mar 17-Kamden Kleopfer, Mar 17-Bob Jones, Mar 18-Dean Spellmeier, Mar 19-Jackie Bianchi, Mar 19-Corbin Feek, Mar 21-Larry Kneisel, Mar 23-Amanda Hinton, Mar 23-Tabor Bachelor, Mar 24-Ryan Davis, Mar 25-Virginia Freese, Mar 25-Sara Clements, Mar 25-Mariah Strahm, Mar 27-Sue Meyer, Mar 27-Wes Duesing, Mar 27-Darrell Schuette, Mar 27-Angie Bass, Mar 29-Brian Strahm, Mar 30-Barb Lay, Mar 30-Levi Huneke, Mar 31-Jillian Hefner*

**MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

*Mar 5-Curt & Teresa Deckinger, Mar 6-Tom & Hannah Gavin, Mar 13-Andrew & Jessica Kleopfer, Mar 30-Bob & Kathy Steiner*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**



**We invite all kids** to come and join us for Sunday School!  
Sunday School meets each Sunday morning at **9:15am** at **First and Zion**.  
Sunday School at **St. Paul** starts after the service at **9:30am**.  
**The Zion Adult Bible Class** and the **First Adult Bible Class** meet  
on Sunday mornings at 9:15am. Please come join us!!

## MEETINGS

JOINT ELDERS – March 14th @ 7:00pm

JOINT COUNCIL – March 21st @ 7:00pm

### PARTNERSHIP ADULT BIBLE STUDY

*Wednesday nights following the  
Partnership Lenten Service*



### Partnership Ladies Bible Study

*Tuesday nights at 6:30pm  
at Zion Lutheran.  
Please join us!*

# MARCH

## *VISIT THE PARTNERSHIP WEBSITE*

Our website, ([www.neklutherans.org](http://www.neklutherans.org)), contains the history of the partnership and partnership churches, a calendar of events, recent happenings and a hint of what will be happening in the future.

There is an activity page to look at and new pictures are added frequently.

It has past copies of the newsletters and the calendar for you to reference.

Special announcements are also placed on the website.

Go to [www.neklutherans.org](http://www.neklutherans.org).



### ATTENTION ALL YOUTH:

LYF will meet on the first Sunday of the month  
unless otherwise posted.

### PLEASE HELP TO KEEP US UP TO DATE:

*If you have a new phone number, address, or email address,  
please make sure you send it to the Partnership office.*



*You can e-mail the office at  
[office@NEKpartnership.org](mailto:office@NEKpartnership.org) or call 785-740-0268.  
The office would also like the names and addresses  
of any members who are at college. Thank You!*

## SERVERS FOR MARCH

### FIRST LUTHERAN

*(Please trade if you have a date conflict)*

**Mar 6th:** Elders–Patrick Cochran & Kurt Detweiler, Acolytes–Tyson Detweiler & Naomi Pearson, Ushers–Dwight Edelman & Shane Schuette, Greeters–Rick Strahm Family, Counters–Glenna Strahm & Vicki Edelman

**Mar 13th:** Elders–Scott Schremmer & Allan Spellmeier, Acolytes–Chloe Detweiler & Millie Stoller, Ushers–Patrick Sheik & Bud Bauman, Greeters–Darrell & Sue Schuette, Counters–Ken & Joyce Meyer

**Mar 20th:** Elders–Shane Schuette & Dwight Edelman, Acolytes–Tinner Bachelor & Hadden Bachelor, Ushers–Jason Steiner & Bob Steiner, Greeters–Jim & Lori Risinger, Counters–Heather Lehwald & Steve Aeschliman

**Mar 27th:** Elders–Kurt Detweiler & Patrick Cochran, Acolytes–Paycen Schremmer & Lily Pearson, Ushers–Shaun Pearson & Ed Hatheway, Greeters–Ken & Joyce Meyer, Counters–Darrell Schuette & Jason Steiner

Altar Guild for March: Sue Schuette, Tammy Cochran, Heather Lehwald

Trustees for March: Stan Remmers & Matt Bosworth

### ZION LUTHERAN

*(Please trade if you have a date conflict)*

**Mar 6th:** Elder–Scott Gigstad, Acolyte–Corey Dunaway, Ushers–Bob Freese & Larry Walter, Greeters–Richard & Barb Shefferd, Lector–Jessica Gigstad, Sound System–Leon Wissmann

**Mar 13th:** Elder–Kurt Killman, Acolyte–Remington Killman, Ushers–Leon Wissmann & Richard Clay, Greeters–Richard & Barb Shefferd, Lector–David Middendorf, Sound System–Dwight Meyer

**Mar 20th:** Elder–Leon Wissmann, Acolyte–Brady Killman, Ushers–David Middendorf & Derrick VanDusen, Greeters–Richard & Cindy Schilling, Lector–Kurt Killman, Sound System–Bob & Virginia Freese

**Mar 27th:** Elder–Dale Strobel, Acolyte–Corey Dunaway, Ushers–Bob Freese & Larry Walter, Greeters–Richard & Cindy Schilling, Lector–Richard Clay, Sound System–Derrick VanDusen

Altar Guild for March: Barb Shefferd, Cindy Schilling, Jessica Gigstad

### ST. PAUL LUTHERAN

*(Please trade if you have a date conflict)*

**Mar 6th:** Greeters– Dennis & Kim Kleopfer

**Mar 13th:** Greeters– Andrew & Jessica Kleopfer

**Mar 20th:** Greeters– Galen & Sharon Meyer

**Mar 27th:** Greeters– Eldon & Rosalie Mellenbruch

Altar Committee for March: Kim Kleopfer, Becky Meyer, Jeff Brockhoff

# **Fat Tuesday**

(A.K.A.)

# **Pfannkuchen Täg**

(A.K.A.)

# **Mardi Gras**

(A.K.A.)

# **Pancake Day**

(A.K.A.)

# **Shrove Tuesday**



**Whatever you call it, let's eat!**

**From ancient times, Christians have used the day before Ash Wednesday to purge their homes of whatever they were giving up for Lent. The youth will be making pancakes but whatever you plan on fasting from or giving up for Lent, bring it for a potluck and let's feast!**

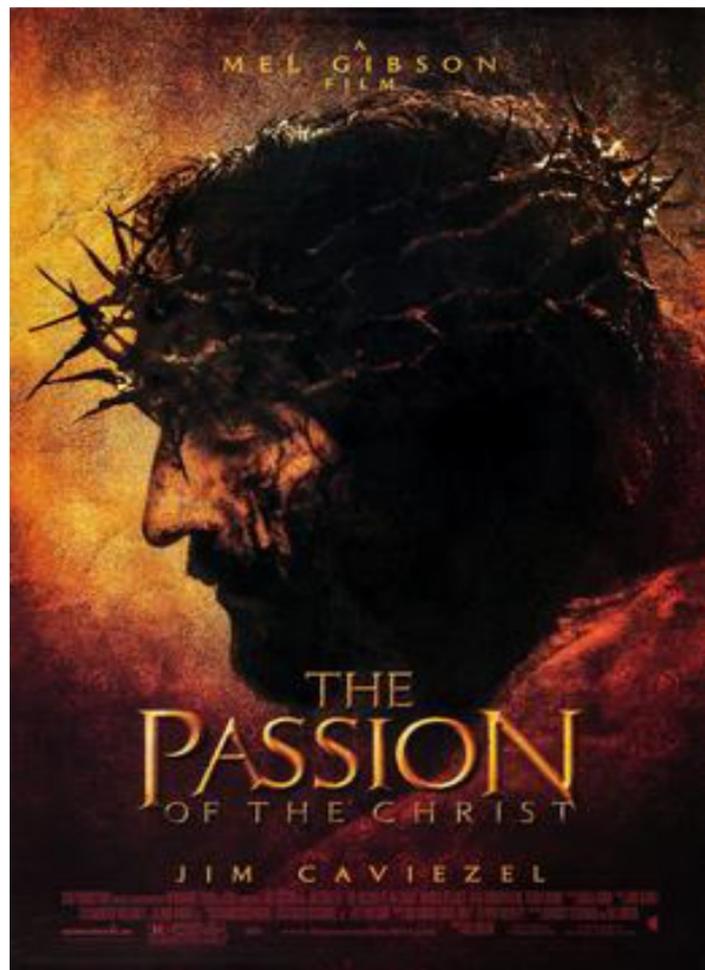
- 5 pm – Short Evening Prayer**
- 5:15 – Potluck**
- 6-7 – Private Confession Available**



**SHROVE TUESDAY**

**Fat Tuesday Potluck at First, Sabetha  
Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 5-7pm**

**Passion of the Christ**  
**Showing and Discussion**  
**Palm Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**6-8pm @ First, Sabetha**



**Movie snacks, babysitting, and beverages provided!**

Free Will Offering—to benefit the LYF

**First Lutheran LWML** will meet on Wednesday, March 2, 2022 @1:30pm in the church basement. The lesson will be His Faithfulness to All Generations by Shari Miller from the Winter 2021 Quarterly.

### **ZION LWML**

The regular meeting of Zion Lutheran LWML was called to order by Lela Middendorf, President, on Sunday, February 13, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. with 6 members and 1 guest, Kyndle Koerperich, present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, and the treasurer's report was provided by Diane Davis.

We received thank you notes from Pastor Dunaway for his Christmas gift and from the Don Voss Family for the lunch after his funeral.

The Good Friday service will be held at Zion, and we will need some ladies to assist in the service. Zion will host the partnership Lenten service on March 9, and we will provide desserts for the meal held by the LYF prior to the worship service.

A reminder was given of the Kansas District Convention to be held in Overland Park on April 22-24. Anne and Lela will be working on our Zone banner for that event. Sharon moved that Lela serve as the delegate to the Convention and Anne seconded. Motion carried.

Our LWML Spring Rally will be held in Fairview on April 9. Registration begins at 8:30. Members were encouraged to attend since it is so close.

Next meeting of LWML will be March 13, 2022 at Zion at 10:00 a.m.

Anne Arnesen, Secretary

### **ST. PAUL DORCAS**

The St. Paul Dorcas Society held their February meeting after church on Sunday, February 6, 2022 in the church basement. We did the LWML Prayer Service, "Lord, Teach us to Pray," based on Luke 11:1 written by Rev. Robert W. Grimm.

President Nancy Manche called the business meeting to order. She thanked our guest and new member, Sharon Meyer to the meeting. She also thanked those who helped with Vauncille Barrett's funeral dinner.

We received thank you letters from various charities. We also received money from our Best Choice labels. We discussed using Thrivent funds for funeral dinners, Chrismons, and other projects. There was no unfinished business.

In new business, we will have church cleaning in March. We will have a food gathering of Love. Nancy will have a box in the back of the church for nonperishable food items. April 9, 2022 will be the NE LWML Spring Rally which Fairview will be the host. We will be discussing details for the Rally in the next month. We will be celebrating 80 years of LWML.

The Kansas Sonshine and convention issue is out. Kathy Heiniger is the Kansas District Caring Service chair. She is in charge of the ingathering for the convention. Sadie Meyer is our Young Women Representative for our Zone. Sarah Kleopfer is running for Special Focus Ministries for the Kansas District.

Nancy announced next month's meeting and church cleaning. We collected an offering for the day of Prayer service. The offering goes to Fairmont Ministries at Wichita State University campus.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Manche, Secretary

### **PARAMENTS**

Purple paraments, like black, are a penitential color, in contrast to a festive one. It is most appropriately used during Lent. The forty days of Lent, including the six Sundays that fall during this season, use this deep, rich color which has come to represent somberness and solemnity, penitence and prayer. Therefore, purple is used during this penitential season of Lent as a vivid reminder of the contempt and scorn that Christ endured and the subsequent sacrifice He made for our eternal salvation. Ecclesiastical purple should remind all Christians of their daily need to humbly give attention to leading a life of repentance.

## St. Paul Preschool

We have been enjoying learning all about the winter Olympics. We learned about different countries and where China was. We made a lot of fun projects as well as playing games that would be played at the Olympics. We began our month with our opening ceremonies presentation of the flags and the last two weeks of February we are going to be studying China and their culture and foods and the United States as well.

The students love all our new opportunities with the supplies from the grant and are looking forward to the new playground.

The pastors came and told us many stories about miracles that Jesus preformed. We have learned new songs as well as the names of the twelve disciples.

Thank you everyone for your continued support of our wonderful program. We look forward to sharing our new classroom and playground with you.



## First Preschool

February has been a fun month for the Preschoolers! We decorated our room with heart projects and learned songs and poems about love and friendship. The highlight of the month was our Valentine's Party. Each class was excited to pass our Valentine cards, play fun games, and eat yummy snacks! We appreciate our parents that plan and provide for our holiday parties.

We have learned more about Jesus' love in our Bible stories about Zacchaeus, Jairus' Daughter, and Jesus Heals a Blind Man.

**We are currently accepting student enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year.** Enrollment forms can be picked up at Preschool or downloaded on Facebook: [First Lutheran Christian Preschool](#).



**Please let your families, co-workers, and neighbors with little ones know about this opportunity for Preschool.**

Preschool is the place to be!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 5:00 FAT Tuesday 6:30 Ladies Bible Study	<b>2</b> Ash Wednesday 10:30 Ministerial Alliance 1:30 First LWML 7:00 Ash Wednesday service	<b>3</b> Week 1 visits	<b>4</b> Pr. Dunaway Day Off	<b>5</b> Pr. Kinney Day Off 9:30 Confirmation Class
<b>6</b> 9:15 Bible Study @Zion & First 9:30 St. Paul Dorcas 9:30 St. Paul Bible Study Elder's mtg. @First 5:30 LYF mtg.	<b>7</b> 9:00 Staff meeting	<b>8</b> 9:00 Circuit @First 6:30 Ladies Bible Study	<b>9</b> 6:00 LYF Meal 7:00 Lenten Service 7:45 Bible Study	<b>10</b> Week 2 visits 6:15 AHG Mtg.	<b>11</b> Pr. Dunaway Day Off	<b>12</b> Pr. Kinney Day Off 9:30 Confirmation Class
<b>13</b> Daylight Saving Begins 9:15 Bible Study Zion & First 9:30 St. Paul Bible Study 10:00 Zion LWML	<b>14</b> 9:00 Staff meeting 7:00 Joint Elders	<b>15</b> 6:30 Ladies Bible Study	<b>16</b> 6:00 LYF Meal 7:00 Lenten Service 7:45 Bible Study	<b>17</b> Saint Patrick's Day Week 3 visits 	<b>18</b> Pr. Dunaway Day Off	<b>19</b> Pr. Kinney Day Off
<b>20</b> Start of Spring 9:15 Bible Study @Zion & First 9:30 St. Paul Bible Study Zion Elder's mtg. 7:00 First Men's Group	<b>21</b> Articles Due for Newsletter 9:00 Staff meeting 7:00 Joint Council	<b>22</b> 6:30 Ladies Bible Study	<b>23</b> 6:00 LYF Meal 7:00 Lenten Service 7:45 Bible Study	<b>24</b> Week 4 visits 6:15 AHG Mtg.	<b>25</b> Pr. Dunaway Day Off	<b>26</b> Pr. Kinney Day Off 8:00 Zion Men's Group 9:30 Confirmation Class
<b>27</b> 9:15 Bible Study @Zion & First Breakfast @First 9:30 St. Paul Bible Study & Fellowship	<b>28</b> 9:00 Staff meeting	<b>29</b> 6:30 Ladies Bible Study	<b>30</b> 6:00 LYF Meal 7:00 Lenten Service 7:45 Bible Study	<b>31</b>		