
Weekly Happenings – Week of March 09, 2025

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Sunday, March 09, 2025

First Sunday in Lent



ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH



SERVICE INFORMATION

Attendance

Week of March 02

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- **Greeter** -March 09-Donna Taylor
 - **Usher** -March 09-Paul Blixrud
 - **Altar Guild**-March 09-Sara Meyers
 - **Readers**-March 09-Vacant
 - **Communion Assistant**-March 09-Vacant
 - **Acolyte**-March 09-Vacant
 - **Tech**-March 09-Gary Antes
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Welcome

You are absolutely invited into this sacred space. We welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace. All Saints recognizes that we are all unique and beloved children of God. We celebrate and give thanks for the many diverse gifts that God has given us. We affirm the sacredness of people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. We affirm the sacredness of all those who have experienced exclusion because

of race, ability, age, or culture. We are committed to working towards anti-racism in ourselves and our community. We affirm the sacredness of all those who wrestle with addiction, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us. We believe that through our openness we all grow in our faith through Christ's teaching to love one another as God loves us. We need each other and our sincere hope is by being in community together, we will experience God's presence in new and real ways.



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Monty Health Concerns (May 15)
- Paul Health Concerns (May 31)
- Carla (Pr. George's wife) Health Concerns (June 26)
- James & Family Health Concerns (September 11)
- Betty F (Sara's friend) Health Concerns (September 23)
- William and Family Health Concerns (September 25)
- Brian (Sara's friend) Health Concerns (September 30)
- Becky H Health Concerns (October 28)
- Meagan Health Concerns (November 12)
- Donna Health Concerns (November 18)
- Matt Health Concerns (November 18)
- Becky W Health Concerns (November 18)
- Larry Health Concerns (December 16)

- Helen Health Issues (January 14)
 - Stephen Health Concerns (February 27)
 - Jennifer Health Concerns (February 27)
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- Please pray for the people of Haiti, Ukraine, Israel and Palestine.
 - Please pray for the people of the Sudan.
 - Please pray for the Homeless.
 - Please pray for the families of the victims that were affected by the tragedy of plane crashes.
 - Please pray for legal & illegal immigrants & those seeking asylum or citizenship.
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VIRTUAL SERVICES

If you haven't made it to our physical services on Sundays you can still check out our services online. You can find us on [Facebook Live](#) every Sunday beginning at 9:15am.

BLUE SPRINGS COMMUNITY SERVICE LEAGUE NEWS

The BLUE SPRINGS COMMUNITY SERVICE LEAGUE is very appreciative of your continued support of your neighbor.



IMPORTANT DATES and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- March 05-April 17-Lent
- March 05 Ash Wednesday-Bells will perform-When I Survey the Wondrous Cross -Supper & Service
- March 08 Men's Breakfast-8:00 am Perkin's Bolger Road next to Walmart
- **March 09 God's Global Barnyard**
- **March 09 Daylight Savings Time-Spring Forward**
- March 11 Creative Friends 1:00 pm
- March 11 Bells Practice 6:30
- March 16 Church Council after Church Worship
- March 18 Creative friends 1:30 pm
- March 18 Bells Practice 6:30
- March 23 Coffee with Council
- March 25 Creative Friends 1:00 pm
- March 25 Bells Practice
- **March 26 ASLC Hosts Lent Services* Sandwiches and Pot Luck**
- March 30 Fifth Sunday of Conversation
- April 01 Bells Practice 6:30

- April 08 Bells Practice 6:30
- April 13 Spring Workday
- April 15 Bells Practice 6:30
- April 18 Good Friday-Office Closed
- April 20 Easter Service & Breakfast-Bells Jubilant Fanfare
- April 22 Bells Practice 6:30
- April 23 Church Council 6:30 pm
- April 27 Hot Times in the Heartland after Worship
- April 30 Bells Practice 6:30
- May 04 Congregational Meeting
- May 12-15 Pastor at Festival of Homiletics, Atlanta
- May 18 Coffee with Council
- May 19 Grain Valley High School Graduation
- May 21 Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- June 05-07 Synod Assembly
- June 18 Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- June 07 Kansas City Pride Parade 11:00 am
- June 08 Pentecost
- June 19 Juneteenth-Office Closed
- June 22 Coffee with Council
- July 04 Independence Day-Office Closed
- July 13 Ice Cream Social after Worship

“The New Colossus” by Emma Lazarus (1849-1887)

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
 With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
 Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
 A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
 Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
 Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
 Glows world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
 The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.
 “Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!” cries she
 With silent lips. “Give me your tired, your poor,
 Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
 The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
 Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
 I lift my lamp beside the golden door!”

([poets.org](https://www.poets.org))

This poem was written by **Lazarus in 1883** as part of the fund-raising efforts for a base for the Statue of Liberty. It is cast on a plaque that is mounted on the inside of the base of the statue. Lazarus was an activist and advocate for Jewish refugees fleeing from Russian pogroms in the 1800s, and wrote the poem as a way to express empathy for Russian Jewish refugees to the US.

The statue was intended to be a symbol of republican (anti-imperialist) values; however, Lazarus' poem gave it a new purpose, turning it into a symbol of welcome for immigrants and refugees at the front door of the country. (Wikipedia article on "The New Colossus")

Join us for our midweek **Community Lenten Series!** Our theme this year is **"In This Together."** As we have in previous years, we will meet for a **light supper at 5:30, followed by worship at 6:40.** Here is the schedule for worship this year:

- **March 12**

- Host: First Christian Church 701 NW 15 St, Blue Springs, MO 64015
- Preacher: Rev. Sarah Pierce

- **March 19**

- Host: Good Shepherd Christian Church 111 SW Woods Chapel Rd, Blue Springs, MO 64015
- Preacher: Rev. Jonathan Galles

- **March 26**

- Host: All Saints Lutheran Church 421 SW 19th St, Blue Springs, MO 64015
- Preacher: Rev. Dr. Andrew Florio

- **April 2**

- Host: Episcopal Church of the Resurrection
1433 NW R D Mize Rd, Blue Springs, MO 64015
- Preacher: Rev. Louie Lowe

- **April 9**

- Host: Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church 3108 U.S. Hwy 40, Blue Springs, MO 64015
- Preacher: Rev. Steve Crandall

We often think about baptism as a one-time event: I was baptized. We don't think about it as an ongoing event: I am baptized! And so we often don't celebrate our baptismal birthdays in the way we celebrate the anniversaries of our birth, with yearly celebrations. But we have every reason to remember and celebrate the day of our baptisms, the day in which we became members of the body of Christ!

We are beginning a project of collecting baptismal birthdays. Please complete one of the baptismal birthday sheets and place in the offering plate.

If you feel called to do something to help, Lutheran World Relief is providing aid to civilians caught in the crisis in Israel and Palestine. You can donate directly at lwr.org/israel-gaza.

All members are welcome to attend regularly scheduled council meetings. Additionally, the Council would like to remind you that the most recent Council reports and minutes are available on the bulletin board in the narthex.

- If you need anything in the weekly happenings it should be submitted no later than Monday.

YOUTH NEWS

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SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

Facebook is the place to find updated information that didn't make it to the newsletter or for new information.

You can find us on [Facebook Live](#) every Sunday beginning at 9:15am.



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We have moved our live Videos to YouTube. Here is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/@AllSaintsLutheranChurch-bs/streams>*

SIMPLY GIVING

To provide the best possible equitable income for ASLC, we encourage you to participate in "Simply Giving", a program offering electronic donations to be provided directly from your bank account. Sign up is easy. Fill out the form located in the narthex, or you can find the form on our website by clicking [here](#) and giving to the church secretary.

For more information, you are welcome to discuss with any council member.



Birthdays

- March 09-Michael Benz



Pastor Sarah's Link to her Sermon & Questions for Discussions

1. The Feast of the Transfiguration has moved around the liturgical calendar. It was celebrated at least as early as the 9th century, although it didn't have a formal set "date" until the 15th century, when it was set for August 6 to commemorate the lifting of the Siege of Belgrade. It is still celebrated on August 6th by most Orthodox churches, as well as by the Anglican church. (To confuse things, for Orthodox churches that still use the Julian calendar, it's celebrated on August 19, which is the same day.) The Armenian Church celebrates it on the 14th Sunday after Easter. Catholics read this Gospel on the 2nd Sunday of Lent, and the Church of Sweden and the Church of Finland read it on the 8th Sunday after Pentecost. And we have it here, following in the footsteps of the Revised Common Lectionary, which also celebrates the Transfiguration today. Why do think there's so much variation? Tradition, or theology, or something else?
2. From a theological perspective, at least from our Western theological perspective, there are some commonalities between the transfiguration and Jesus' baptism, including the obvious one of the voice from heaven claiming Jesus. The baptism is the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, while the transfiguration is the beginning of

his road to Jerusalem and the cross. This certainly has some bearing on why we read it when we read it.

3. We know this story well, and the idea of “mountaintop experiences” has become somewhat of a cliché. Peter, James, and John have somewhat of a confused, garbled experience. They know something holy and powerful is happening, and they know they are witnessing something transformative, but they have a hard time understanding and interpreting what they’re seeing.
4. In verses 43b-45, we have Jesus’ second time telling them that he will be put to death and resurrected. (We skip the first time in our lectionary cycle this year.) I think we often feel slightly superior to the disciples for not understanding what Jesus was telling them, because we have the benefit of knowing how the story ends. When I was reading an alternate translation as part of my sermon prep, I came across this translation of verse 45, and it really changed the way I read this verse. Pay special attention to the part that I bold: “But they still did not understand. The meaning was hidden from them. **Their hearts would not let them believe what they heard with their ears.** His words filled them with sorrow and dread, and they were afraid to ask him what it all meant.” (First Nations Version) Have you ever had an experience like that, where your ears tell you something, but you just can’t believe it’s true? What do you do with that information? How do you assimilate it? Can you?

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKdwdmSPJdndwhKYV9jwsEQ/>
featured

ReconcilingWorks strives to ensure RIC communities have what they need to continue their journey of welcome and I encourage you to bookmark this site or download and keep these resources handy.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0BxSVXGUZxCCqQ1pudWpyRTE3SmM?resourcekey=0-5LxvtIMTdT_--7mcKNGHig&usp=sharing



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