

The Guided Light

Memorial Lutheran & First Presbyterian Churches

March 2020

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**Mission: "Growing the faith, connecting with the lost,
and helping those in need as we share God's Word
through education, sacraments, worship,
praise, and fellowship"**



Happenings...

Every Sunday

Sunday School for All 9:15

Worship Service 10:15

Every Tuesday

Busy Bunch: 9-12:00

Staff Meeting: 10:00

Every Wednesday

Choir Practice 7:00

Every Thursday

Men/Women Bible Study 10:00

Thursday Evening Bible Study 6:30

March 1

Care Team – Visits to Homebound

March 3

Busy Bunch BD Luncheon

March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1

Lenten Soup & Services 6:00

March 7

Team Trivia Challenge 3:00-6:00

March 8

Daylight Saving Time begins

March 9

Worship Committee Mtg 6:00

March 10

Coastal Bay Pastors Conf., 9:00

March 14

Youth Empowerment Saturday
9:00-3:00

March 15

Spring Potluck Lunch 11:15

March 16

MLC Council Meeting 6:00

March 19

MLCW Board Meeting 6:00

March 21

Coastal Cluster Mtg, 9:00

March 22

FPC Session Mtg 11:30
Galveston Co. Lutheran Reps.
1-5:00 pm

March 23

Bunko 6:30



We are just kicking off the season of Lent. The three traditional disciplines of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Many people will decide to “give up something” for the next 40 days, but too often their choice isn’t really much of a stretch of their spiritual muscles. Here’s a list of questions to help you discern what kind of abstinence will be challenging enough for you to be fruitful. It comes from Aaron Damiani’s book The Good of Giving Up: Discovering the Freedom of Lent:

- What cravings have a hold on me?
- What would be truly liberating to leave behind?
- Short of an addiction, have I become dependent on a particular food, drink, substance, or activity?
- What would be truly challenging for me to give up during Lent?
- What is Jesus asking of me?

In addition to abstinence from whatever particular thing you choose, I’d like to invite you to consider designating each Friday in Lent as a day of whole fast. This means that you would skip breakfast and lunch on Friday and donate the amount of money you would have spent on those meals to a worthy cause. Additionally, you would donate the amount of time you would have spent in preparing, consuming, and cleaning up from those two Friday meals to serving the poor and needy in some capacity. During the fast, you can continue to drink water or some other non-substantial liquid, like chicken broth. Use your good judgment!

Traditional days for Christians to fast are Wednesdays (to commemorate Jesus’ betrayal) and Fridays (to commemorate Jesus’ crucifixion). Other traditional days to practice a whole fast are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Some people will fast all the way from Maundy Thursday thru Holy Saturday, breaking their 3-day fast on Easter morning.

It’s often easier when we do something as a group as there is built in support and accountability. If you would like to join me in keeping the Friday fast this Lent, let me know!

Pastor Steve



All are invited to gather at **6:00 & 6:30 on March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1** for Wednesday evening devotionals on the Lenten season (6:30) and hot soup in the Fellowship Hall (6:00). A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex for those who are willing to provide soup.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, March 6, 2020



POTLUCK DINNER *Spring Potluck*

On March 15 we will have a Spring Potluck after worship. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for food and fun. Check the Narthex for sign-up sheets. All are welcome.



Daylight Savings Begins!

Sunday, March 8

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead on Saturday, March 7th before you go to sleep!!!

 **In Our Prayers...**

- Hannah Niedermaier
- Joyce Palmer
- Dave Palmer
- Mike Allison
- Donna Allison
- Wanda Applegath
- Peggy Armstrong
- Joyce Beard
- Catherine Brown
- Bev Churchwell
- Imogene Christian
- Betty Coulthard
- Linda Duncan
- Kathryn Franks
- Mary Guajardo
- Evelyn Jolly
- Thomas Kaye
- Joe King
- Juanita Lux
- Shirley Martinez
- Kathryn McKaig
- Carol J. Rhodes
- David Robinson
- Theresa Smith
- Frances & Larry Weber
- Martha Welch
- Barbara Bradford
- Mary Bradford
- Shirley Cato
- Gerald Cleveland
- Patia Darras
- Carolina Diaz
- Terry Dellolio
- Beth Eslinger
- Ben Gayle
- Lindsay Grigsby
- Ira (Dubby) Hansley
- Barbara Heckendorn
- Maryem Holt
- John Laurence
- Shirley Long
- John Marshall
- Danny Meyer
- Alice Metcalf
- Karla Peschka
- Karly Sevinsky
- James Thompson
- Ralph Ray Snarr, Jr.
- Wm. Knichel

Military:

- Alexis Copeland
- Marshal Fundling
- Kaleb Jacobs
- Andrew Redmon
- Georgie Rodriguez, Jr.
- Peri Schoppe



March 1: Blake & Tyler Chollett
 March 10: Kim & Kyle Riggs
 March 22: Danny & Tracey Schoppe



March 1 Wink Chamberlain
 March 3 Floyd Bailey
 March 3 Jo Ann Hackbarth
 March 3 Joshua Hall
 March 3 Kaleb Jacobs
 March 4 Bill Wylie
 March 5 Terry Earl
 March 6 Ashlyn Lewton
 March 11 Melissa Holland
 March 11 Evelyn Jolly
 March 11 Danny Schoppe
 March 12 Mason Chollett
 March 14 Frances Weber
 March 16 Gloria Dent
 March 17 Sylvia Jewell
 March 18 Tucker Mauck
 March 22 Shirley Kirk
 March 25 Debbie Healy
 March 26 Joe Wileman
 March 27 Audrey Earl
 March 27 Barbara Silvertooth



UFA Monthly Collection Items: Since food stamps can't be used to buy non-food items, the United Faith Alliance is asking churches to collect non-food items on a rotating basis. **Laundry Soaps have been designated for the March collection.** Please place your donations in the grocery cart in the church narthex.



Service Reminders for March 2020

Lay Assistant:

- March 1: Lindsay Hood
- March 8: Larry Edrozo
- March 15: Arthur Lowe
- March 22: Chaos?
- March 29: Peggy Dietel

Communion Assistants:

- March 1: Don Pollock & Kim Kaiser
- March 8: Sue Edrozo & Debbie Guthier
- March 15: Peggy Dietel & Mike Allison
- March 22: Arthur Lowe
- March 29: Audrey Earl & Terry Earl

Ushers for the Month:

- James Froebel
- Billie Hansley
- Debbie Guthier
- Danny Schoppe

Sound System for the Month:

- John Hackbarth or
- Larry Edrozo

Computer Tech:

- March 1: Janine Luke
- March 8: Paula Smith
- March 15: Donna Allison
- March 22: Janine Luke
- March 29: Paula Smith

Altar Guild for the Month:

- Mary Snarr/Violet Lowe

Children's Talk:

- March 1: Kim Kaiser
- March 8: Arthur Lowe
- March 15: Mike Allison
- March 22: Billie Hansley
- March 29: Lindsay Hood

Tellers for the Month:

- Janine Luke, Kim Kaiser, Cheryl Rose
- Melissa Holland/Audrey Earl

Cookies & Cleanup:

- March 1: Kim Hall & Mary Kees
- March 8: Mary Snarr & Cindy Totty
- March 15: Amy Roberts & Melissa Holland
- March 22: Carol Wyly & Velma Bage
- March 29: Sophie Hander & Arthur Lowe

Helping Hands: Cindy Totty

Good Cheer Committee: Violet Lowe

Coffee Cup Outreach Ministry: Elaine Lewton

Spring Coastal Cluster Meeting & Luncheon

**Saturday, March 21, 2020, 9:00 a.m.
"Spiritual Wellness and Fitness"**

It's time to get in shape for Spring!

**Won't you please join us for a morning of
fun, fellowship and
healthy tips . . . and bring a friend!**

RSVP: Memorial Church 409-945-4052



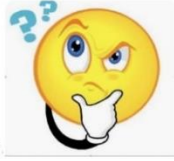
Bunko for February: There were 13 present. The winners were: Most Wins – Ronald Bodine with 18; Most Losses – Amy Roberts with 13; Most Bunko's – Gio Torres with 4; the Bunko Bunny winner was Joan Roberts. What a good time we had! The next bunko night is on March 23.



There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 12th after church service. All are invited. Bring your Easter baskets. We are asking for donations of individually wrapped candy, stickers & stick-on tattoos, mini toys & trinkets to fill the Easter eggs. There will be a collection box in the Narthex. Please contact Audrey Earl for any questions.

While the children are busy hunting eggs, the adults are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall for a light lunch!

Team Trivia Challenge 2020 Entry Form



When: Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Where: Memorial Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
2021 29th Street, Texas City

What: Teams of up to 5 members compete answering questions about history, geography, sports, entertainment, etc.

Why: Fun, Fellowship, and Fundraising!

Cost: \$5 per person to play; \$50 to be a Sponsor
Proceeds to benefit church (FPC / MLC) youth programs

Yes, Count me/us in!*

Team Name: _____

1. Name _____ email _____
2. Name _____ email _____
3. Name _____ email _____
4. Name _____ email _____
5. Name _____ email _____

*If you want to enter but do not have a team, enter as a single and we will pair you with someone.

Send entry to: First Presbyterian Church,
P. O. Box 2188, Texas City, TX 77592 -2188

Make checks payable to: First Presbyterian Church

For more information, contact Larry Edrozo, edrozo@sbcglobal.net



APRIL 24-25 – SPRING GARAGE SALE.

Have you been busy cleaning out your house, garage, storage areas? The church will be glad to take your “usable” items for our upcoming garage sale on April 24 & 25. Please wait until April 20th to bring in your garage sale items. Your help will be needed each morning at 9:00 am from April 20 - 23 setting up for the sale and on April 24 & 25 helping with the sale. If you have questions or need help with larger items, contact Don Pruns at 409-945-8846 or Tilli Herrera, 409-370-4631.



THRIVENT MEMBERS

If you have Choice Dollars that you can direct to Memorial Lutheran Church or a charity of your choice, you will need to do that before March 31. Choice Dollars that are not directed by this date will be directed by Thrivent.

EVERYONE NEEDS TIME FOR REST & PLAY

Help your children, grandchildren, and their friends wind up Spring Break on a high note by enrolling them in Y.E.S. (Youth Empowerment Saturday) on March 14, from 9:00 am - 3:00, on the 29th Street campus of Memorial Lutheran/1st Presbyterian Churches in Texas City. Lutherhill Ministries will be carving out space and time for youth in grades 4-8 to grow in faith through music, games, crafts, skits, and creative worship as they share all the joys of being with friends and family members and are valued and listened to by the young adult staff from Lutherhill Ministries. The hustle and bustle of school life will kick into high gear March 19th - we are offering the young people in your life sabbath - a time for rest and play. (Registration details below)



You're invited to Y.E.S.!! (Youth Empowerment Saturday)

March 14 9:00 am - 3:00 pm 4th - 8th Grade

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2021 29th Street North, Texas City

Sponsored by Lutherhill Ministries & Team Trivia Challenge

Songs! Games! Crafts! Skits! Worship! Lunch
T-shirt provided (if registered by 3/7!)

FREE, but all participants must register!
Presby1sttc@sbcglobal.net (409) 945-2931



NewsLetter
DEADLINE

Deadline for April news submissions is
Tuesday, March 24