

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

Our Redeemer's Voice March 2024



02/14/2024 Ash Wednesday 7pm- Traditional Worship Service

Wednesdays 02/21/2024-03/20/2024 at 6:30 pm- Lenten Series

LCOR's Lenten Series this year will focus on the Gospel of Mark. This Gospel is a simple and to-the-point account of Jesus' ministry, and our study will use the passage read on the Sunday prior as our base for discussion



03/24/2024

8:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

10:30 am Traditional Worship Service



03/28/2024 Maundy Thursday 7pm- Traditional Service

03/29/2024 Good Friday

4:00 pm Contemporary Worship Service

7:00 pm Tenebrae (Traditional) Worship Service

03/31/2024 Easter Sunday

8:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

10:30 am Traditional Worship Service

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Sunday, March 10th.



Remember in Your Prayers

Remember in your Prayers: Ana, Ann, Binista, Claudia, Craig, Jamie, Mark, McKenzie, Pat, Scott, Scott, Wendy, Taylor, Richard A., Pat B., Judy C., Mary F., Evy H., Ted J., Karl-Heinz W., R. Wuschke, The Barry Family, The Family of Lilly D., The Gates Family, The Glover Family those homebound, in nursing homes, recovering and/or taking treatments, those serving our country both home and abroad, those who face difficult situations or problems, and those who are hurting or struggling or have lost loved ones.



Prayer requests can be made by emailing Alice W. at alwuschke@gmail.com. Names will remain on the list for three months, unless otherwise indicated. Requests must be resubmitted to continue an additional three months.

March Anniversaries

Robert & Sallie B. 03/16

Paul & Liudmila B. 03/24

March Birthdays

03/03 Gary M.	03/10 Jennifer M.	03/25 Wendy J.
03/06 Richard A.	03/14 Matt H.	03/27 Nicholas I.
03/06 Catherine G.	03/17 Kris R.	03/28 Eleanor K.
03/06 Patty S.	03/17 Melissa W.	03/28 Julie M.
03/07 Sandra A.	03/18 Irene C.	03/28 Alice W.
03/09 Tim C.	03/19 Joe B.	03/29 Emma S.
03/09 Gabrielle R.	03/23 Madeline K.	03/30 Michael V.
	03/24 Lauren R.	

From the Pastor's Desk

Where is your heart today?

(Adapted from the sermon for Ash Wednesday)

This year, Ash Wednesday happened to fall on February 14—Valentine's Day. That might seem strange, and it could cause us to read the texts for today a little differently. We might notice just how many times the heart is mentioned.



¹²Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³rend your hearts and not your clothing.

Joel 2:2-13

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Psalms 51:10

²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:21

On Ash Wednesday, we are reminded of God's love, but we also hear that call to reflect on what we are putting our hearts into. That whole passage from the Gospel of Matthew invites us to dig deep and understand ourselves. It's a challenge to reflect on what we value and emphasize the most in our lives—where our hearts are—and how our actions show that.

The message is there over and over again: "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them..." Jesus warns the people to not be like the hypocrites who are giving alms so that they may be praised by others, praying so that they may be seen by others, or fasting and making faces about it to show others they are fasting.

Jesus cautions against doing good deeds for the sake of notoriety and praise from others. We need to do good deeds, yes, but we need to do good deeds because they are good to do. We need to do good for the sake of the difference it makes in us and our world.

Where is your heart today? Where are all of our hearts today?

The reading from Joel also invites us to consider this question. God calls the people to return. The reading calls for fasting, weeping, and mourning—these things are good to do. It is good to take care of our faith, to pray, to repent, to give, to even do that together. We just need to remember why we do all of these things.

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From the Pastor's Desk (continued)

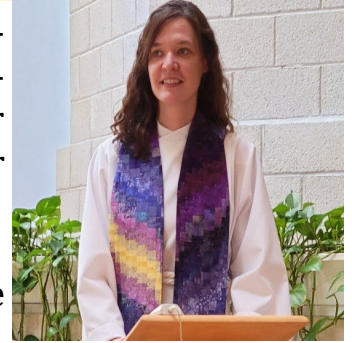
The Season of Lent calls us to take an honest look at ourselves, remembering what's really important and naming our tendencies towards temptation. We are humbled as we pause to reflect on our mortality and salvation and to repent of the ways we can wander from where we want our hearts to be.

Through this day, through these readings, through the season, we are reminded of this truth.

We repent. We reflect. We remember. We are dust, and to dust we shall return.

¹The Ash Wednesday Readings in the Revised Common Lectionary are Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; and Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21.

²Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21.



Worship and Music

LENTEN SERIES – SOUP & SCRIPTURE

Wednesdays February 21st - March 20th

LCOR's Lenten Series in March will focus on readings from the Gospel of John following the church calendar. This Gospel was written to show us that Jesus is the Son of God, that he loves us, and he came to save us. Our discussion will use the passage read on the Sunday prior as our base for discussion. Please join us on Wednesday evenings, March 6th, March 13th, and March 20th. We'll cover a passage in John and discuss how the lesson applies to us in 2024. Steve and Stacy M. are our facilitators for this study.

Soup is served at 6:30 pm – feel free to bring your own salad or sandwich. Our study will begin at 7:00 pm.

Easter Sunday

On Sunday, March 31st during Fellowship hour; we invite you to join us for an Easter breakfast, egg hunt and pictures with the Easter Bunny.



Worship and Music (continued)



LENTEN CALENDAR

Sunday Worship Services

Contemporary Worship 8:30 am

Traditional Worship 10:30 am

Wednesdays February 21st through March 20th - Lenten Series

6:30 pm Fellowship Meal

7:00 pm Scripture Study

Midweek Soup & Scripture during Lent- As has sometimes been done in the past, our Lenten Series Study will be preceded by a light meal/fellowship. If you would like to bring a soup or dessert to share with the group, please sign up in the church hallway bulletin board with your choice (check mark soup or dessert). One crockpot of soup will be enough for the gathering. The same person/family does not need to bring both soup and dessert. The soup and dessert can be easy, non-fancy, or even store bought! The point is to share fellowship. Feel free to bring your own meal as you wish.

HELP WANTED: Palm Sunday Services

Our veteran coordinator for the traditional reading of the Passion Story for both services on Palm Sunday, March 24th, is not able to handle those duties this year. Besides recruitment of the reading volunteers, who handle the main roles of the Gospel, minimal stage direction may be involved. If interested in captaining this unique Gospel rendering for the service you normally attend or for both services, please connect with Sallie B. by March 1st for further details.

Casting Call

The Congregation will again be reading the **Passion Story** according to the **Gospel of Mark** during Worship Services on **Palm Sunday, March 24th**. As in the past, it will not be costumed or acted out; and there will be **no** extra **rehearsal** for this endeavor.

There will be a brief **review** of individual roles with coordinator TBD for the Contemporary Service and coordinator Don J. for the Traditional Service on Sunday, **March 17th** following each service in the Narthex. Booklets will be distributed at this time. This rehearsal is not mandatory for participating, but advisable, if you've never participated in the **Passion Story** experience before, or if you have questions about the role and movements.

So please consider, as part of your Lenten discipline, joining the small ensemble who will read individual characters' words of the Gospel that Sunday morning. The sign-up sheet for the different character roles, **Narrator, Jesus, Peter, Judas, High Priest, Servant Girl, Pilate, and Bystander/Witness/Centurion**, will be posted on the main hallway bulletin board in early March. Please take the time to identify a particular role you'd like to read for your worship time. Remember having varied voices for the congregational reading will add depth and clarity to the proclaiming of the Gospel that Sunday morning.

Easter Flowers

Again this year, we'll be adorning the sanctuary with potted plants on Easter morning. If you would like to purchase a pot of flowering plants (pansies again this year), please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. You would loan them to us for our Easter celebrations, then take them home to brighten your home, plant in your yard, or give as a gift. They are from Lyon's Greenhouse in Foxboro and are always healthy and generously sized. Details are on the sign up sheet—make checks payable to LCOR with "Easter plants" on the memo line, or put cash in an envelope, and then place in the offering. Cost is \$12.50 per pot.



Building and Grounds

LCOR has had Lawn Mowing Crew members that have worked hard since the Church was built to care for our lawn. We have a service for fertilizing/protecting the lawn, but do heavily depend upon this crew so to avoid the high costs in contracting this out. We have also been very fortunate to have a group of dedicated people over long periods of time to care for the mowing of our lawn. If not for these crew members, the lawn appearance and quality would soon start to be affected, and where we do not want to lose this. And unfortunately, for a variety of reasons we have had a shrinking number of crew members (including just recently) leading to an overloading of others.



Therefore, I am reaching out with this communication seeking anyone willing to assist us by joining the 2024 LCOR Mowing Crew headed up by Paul Burns.

We are not asking for 16 weeks coverage, but rather 2-4 weeks during the season, and where these weeks would be based upon a sign-up schedule.

- We are not looking for significant blocks of weeks in a row unless this represented a “fit” as to your availability.
- Generally, we are mowing the lawn every Thursday/Friday (May – September), but this could also be every other week depending upon the season and the rain.
- Paul B. would be the overall coordinator that would be working with the team so to match the schedule to volunteer availabilities.

The LCOR grounds depend heavily upon dedicated people like our Mowing CREW, but the more the volunteers, the easier the load to carry.

- **Please think about your ability to join this crew, and thanks for listening to my request for assistance.**
- **You can respond with a message or a call the church office.**



All of the congregation sees every week from spring, summer and thru fall how great the outside lawn, trimmings et all look. Truly a beautiful landscape. Many may know or maybe not this is accomplished by volunteers. For many years now about four individuals whom never seek recognition perform this work. One of our team will be moving on from this activity. Dan G.. Dan has been mowing the church lawn for many years. As with the others never seeking recognition but just giving of

his time and effort not to mention the beautiful landscaping he creates. We will see him at church and other functions but will miss him dearly on the team.

A very heartfelt thanks to Dan for all the years of his service!

St. Pauly Textile Shed

Textile Donation Shed: Service/Volunteer Opportunity **The problem:** An EPA study says that 85% of clothing in the U.S. is ultimately thrown away instead of donated to be re-used or recycled. Also, did you know that textiles of any kind (clothing, linens, etc) can no longer be discarded in a landfill.

A potential solution: LCOR has partnered with a group called St. Pauly Textile, Inc. This is an organization that partners with organizations (like LCOR!) to collect clothing and other textiles in a uniquely clean and community friendly way. They set up a beautifully constructed, wood frame, clothing/textile drop-off shed in a community. The organization hosting the shed receives funding for all of the clothing donated to the shed. (These are not the metal bins that you've seen overflowing in various places)

The congregation council discussed this and after checking their references with other organizations who have one of their sheds on their property has decided to proceed. Frankly, it's a win-win! St Pauly provides the shed, maintains it (even if it's hit by a snow plow!), distributes the donations (wearable textiles to appropriate places, non-wearable textiles to recycling facilities). LCOR receives money based on the textile donations received. LCOR's responsibility is pretty minimal... Allow placement of the shed on our property (we've already been in contact with our insurers about this and they're also positive), and have someone(s) from our congregation be willing to check the shed 2-3 times/week. Specifically, to move things from inside the shed away from the "chute" to be sure that things can freely flow into the she and that there will never be a backup to the outside. The council views this as a good opportunity for not only revenue but for an environmentally friendly activity and service for those locally and globally without adequate clothing. We've done our due diligence on the organization and they seem quite reliable.

What can you do? We are in need of 3 "shed monitors". A shed monitor would commit to checking on the shed every other week on their own schedule.... To move things away from the inside of the chute. If there is a back up outside outside, call St. Pauley Textiles and they'll come to empty the shed. Being a shed monitor involves very little time(10-15" or likely less) every other week) but is crucial to the success of this endeavor. What a shed monitor does **not** do:

*Maintain the shed in terms of painting, etc

*Empty the shed or sort/transport the donations *Advertise the project.

Who can help? All of us!! Any one of any age can be a shed monitor. This is an excellent opportunity for someone to volunteer to help out on their own schedule... You decide when you'll check on the shed (along with your fellow shed monitors). No meetings....

St. Pauly Textile Shed (continued)

No other responsibilities. A teen looking to help out and fulfill community service hours for church or school... An adult looking for an opportunity to contribute to community and church on their own time that doesn't interfere with work or family time.... And again, all of us..... to donate our clothing and textiles.

Appropriate donations are: *Clothing of any kind including shoes, belts, purses. Wearable certainly.... But it's ok and encouraged to donate clothing that you aren't sure is wearable or re-usable. For example, clothing that is "out of style", a T shirt with a small hole, or pants with a frayed hem are all examples of wearable/usable clothing. *Sheets, towels, curtains.... even stuffed animals are donate-able!

***We are NOT looking for donations of rags or fabric scraps.**

If your are interested in learning more about being a shed monitor, please contact the church office.



Community Life

The Community Life Ministry is creates, plans and offers opportunities for Fun and Fellowship outside of Church Services. For more information on upcoming activities, review our calendar, bulletins and church bulletin board.

February 2024 Superbowl Party



Community Life

Upcoming Events!

- ♦ **March 3rd- First Sunday of the month Lunch at Mick Morgans.** to enjoy food at a local restaurant while also enjoying each others' company. There is a sign up sheet in the church hall bulletin board to sign up.
- ♦ **March 17th - St. Patrick's Day** we are hosting Fellowship hour. Join us as we wish everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day!
- ♦ **March 31st—Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt.** More details to follow.



Book Club



Did you know about **LCOR's Monthly Book Club**?? Join a group of members and friends to discuss the book of the month. If you'd like more information email us at office@lcor.org. March's book choice is *Sanctuary: The True Story of an Irish Village, a man who lost his way, and the rescue donkeys that led him home* by Patrick Barrett.

Social Ministry

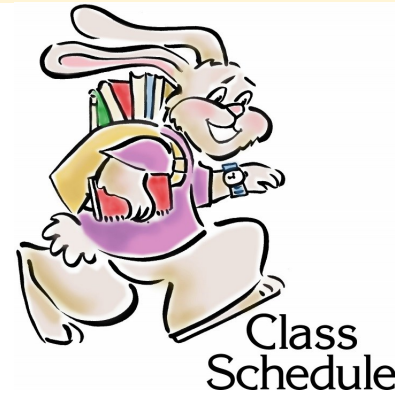
A few weeks ago, Social Ministry delivered over 90 lbs. Of groceries to the **Franklin Food Pantry**. Thank you LCOR!

Our **Lenten Collection** is for veterans in need in Foxboro. Nearly 20 rely on assistance and we can fill a need with ibuprofen/acetaminophen, first-aid kits, bandages, and Stop'n'Shop \$25 gift cards to allow them to purchase items not covered by benefits.

Food'n'Friends is back on March 16th! If you can help in the kitchen or bake brownies, sign-ups are on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Sunday School Schedule

- ♦ 03/03/2024– The Ten Commandments. Exodus 20:1-17
- ♦ 03/10/2024– The Light of the World. John 3:14-21
- ♦ 03/17/2024– PD Day/ 3 day weekend in Foxborough
Serve and Follow. John 12:20-33
- ♦ 03/24/2024– Holy Week. Mark 11:1-11;14:1—15:47
- ♦ 03/31/2024– Easter Sunday. The Empty Tomb. Mark 16:1-8



Adult Sunday School

We often ask questions of God, but He also questions us in the Gospels. Jesus asked us questions to help us understand ourselves, our worldview, and our ideas about Him. These are questions Jesus asked that require us to honestly think before responding. Join us at 9:30 for Adult Sunday school if you are interested in the big questions and want to talk with others about them.

Stewardship News

Stewardship News for March 2024

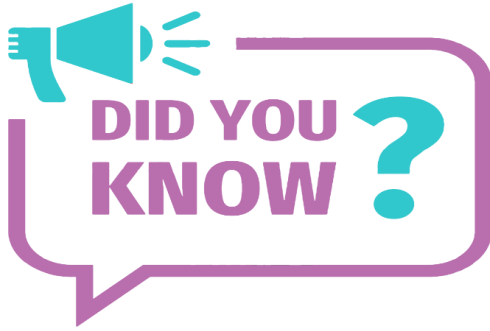
Our Stewardship team is busy revamping the LCOR Website Stewardship page. We would like this to be inviting to anyone looking to see what we are about. It is important that we make the E-Giving button be prominent on our page making it convenient for anyone interested in giving.

We are open to any and all suggestions on how to make our social media current and welcoming. Please submit your suggestions to our email: office@lcor.org please put Stewardship in the Subject line.

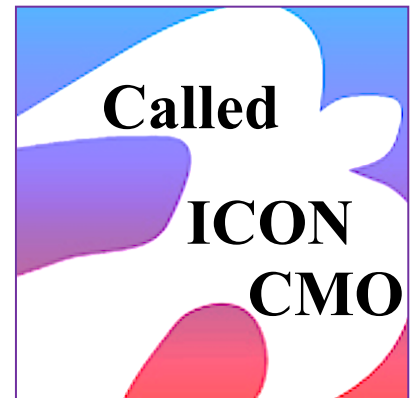
Thanks to our team member Don J. for making a great presentation!

Thanks
Joanne H.

LCOR Connections



LCOR has an Online Member Directory
To sign up or update your info Contact
office@lcor.org



E-Giving

The Finance Committee would like to invite you to explore the option of contributing to church electronically through Vanco Services. This allows the process to be set up to your convenience and also provides you the option of transitioning from envelopes to online giving. For more details, please contact the church office.

[Sign-Up for E-Giving through Vanco Services](#)



March 2024

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
3 8:30 am Cont. Service 9:30 am Fellowship; Christian Ed. 10:30 am Trad. Service 12:00pm Com. Life Lunch	4 7:15 am - 8:15 am Ladies Bible Study Via Zoom	5 ORCCC Board Meeting 6:00 pm	6 Soup and Scripture 6:30pm	7 7:15 am - 8:15 am Ladies Bible Study Via Zoom	8	9
10 8:30 am Cont. Service 9:30 am Fellowship; Christian Ed. 10:30 am Trad. Service 2:00 pm First Communion Class	11 7:15 am - 8:15 am Ladies Bible Study Via Zoom Worship and Music Meeting 6:30 pm	12 Finance Meeting 6:30 pm	13 Soup and Scripture 6:30pm	14 7:15 am - 8:15 am Ladies Bible Study Via Zoom	15	16 Food-n-Friends 8:45 am 
17 8:30 am Cont. Service 9:30 am Fellowship; Christian Ed. 10:30 am Trad. Service	18 7:15 am - 8:15 am Ladies Bible Study Via Zoom	19 Social Ministry Meeting 6:30 pm	20 Soup and Scripture 6:30pm	21 7:15 am - 8:15 am Ladies Bible Study Via Zoom Church Council Meeting 7:00 pm	22	23
24 Palm Sunday 8:30 am Cont. Service 9:30 am Fellowship; Christian Ed. 10:30 am Trad. Service	25 7:15 am - 8:15 am Ladies Bible Study Via Zoom	26	27	28 7:15 am - 8:15 am Ladies Bible Study Via Zoom Maundy Thursday Traditional Service 7:00 pm	29 Good Friday Cont. Service 4:00 pm Tenebrae Service 7:00 pm	30
31 Easter 8:30 am Cont. Service 9:30 am Christian Ed. Easter Breakfast, Egg Hunt and Pictures with the Eater Bunny 10:30 am Trad. Service						

For more details, visit our website, www.lcor.org; and check out our weekly bulletins and mid-week announcements.

March 2024 Server Schedule

							
Altar Guild	Eucharistic Minister	Ushers	Lay Reader	Acolytes	Greeters	Projectionist	Tellers

March 3, 2024

8:30 AM	Judy Schweitzer	Rich Belmer	Chris Visco	Jen Dumas	Kara Visco	Paul Burns	Daniel Estabrook	Jen Dumas
10:30 AM	Sallie Barton	Sallie Barton	Gary Dishberger	Sallie Barton	X	NEED	X	

March 10, 2024

8:30 AM	Karen DiCanzio	Linda McCoy Lynne Harrison	Peter Geromini	NEED	Greg Rudsit	Karen Geromini	Alex Rudsit	Bob Boette
10:30 AM	Loni Ivanovskis	Loni Ivanovskis Caroline Vines	Bob Boette	Loni Ivanovskis	X	Carol Boette	X	

March 17, 2024

8:30 AM	Cindy Masciarelli	Martha Pierce	Paul Burns	Martha Pierce	Jenny Mansen	Joanne & Lenny Hensas	Colin Fairchild	Don Jenkins
10:30 AM	Alice Wuschke	Alice Wuschke	Pete D'Amico	Alice Wuschke	X	Don Jenkins	X	

March 24, 2024 - Palm Sunday

8:30 AM	Patty Shea	Marla Adams	Rich Behlmer	Marla Adams	Greg Rudsit	Lynne Harrison	Colin Fairchild	Patty Shea
10:30 AM	Ute Taylor	Caroline Vines	Gary Dishberger	Caroline Vines	X	NEED	X	

March 28, 2024 - Maundy Thursday

7:00 PM	Judy Schweitzer	Alice Wuschke	Paul Burns	Don Jenkins	X	X	X	X
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March 29, 2024 - Good Friday

4:00 PM	X	X	Paul Burns	NEED	X	X	Stacy McGhehey	X
7:00 PM	X	X	Joanne & Lenny Hensas	Loni Ivanovskis	X	X	X	X

March 31, 2024 - Easter

8:30 AM	Karen DiCanzio	Linda McCoy Lynne Harrison	Joanne and Lenny Hensas Paul Burns	Martha Pierce	Jenny Masciarelli	Linda McCoy	Elsa Shulhaus	Bob Boette
10:30 AM	Sallie Barton	Sallie Barton	Bob Boette	Sallie Barton	X	NEED	X	

Server Volunteers Needed—All roles come with appropriate training and we don't expect people to be scheduled more often than once a month. If you can help in any of these roles or if you are just looking for more information, contact Karen DiCanzio at dicanzio@comcast.net. Tellers do not need to be just from the second service, tellers can come from the first service as well.

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Altar Flowers

If you'd like to put flowers on the altar, simply sign up on the large flower chart on the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the education wing.

They may be given in honor of someone, in memory of someone, an event (anniversary birthday etc.), or simply to the glory of God! If the flowers are being given in honor or memory of someone, please write that on the flower chart. If no reason is stated on the chart then flowers will be given to the "Glory of God."

You must sign up a minimum of 7 days in advance. Flower arrangements are **\$35 each**. Please place your payment in the offering plate and be sure you designate the payment as "altar flowers." These flowers belong to you, after the flowers adorn the altar area for both services, please take your flowers home.

Fall, Winter, and Spring Worship Schedule Starts 9-10-2023

8:30 am – Contemporary Worship

9:30 am – Fellowship Time;
Christian Education

10:30 am – Traditional Worship

Summer Worship Schedule

8:30 am – Contemporary Worship

9:30 am Fellowship Time

10:00 am – Traditional Worship

