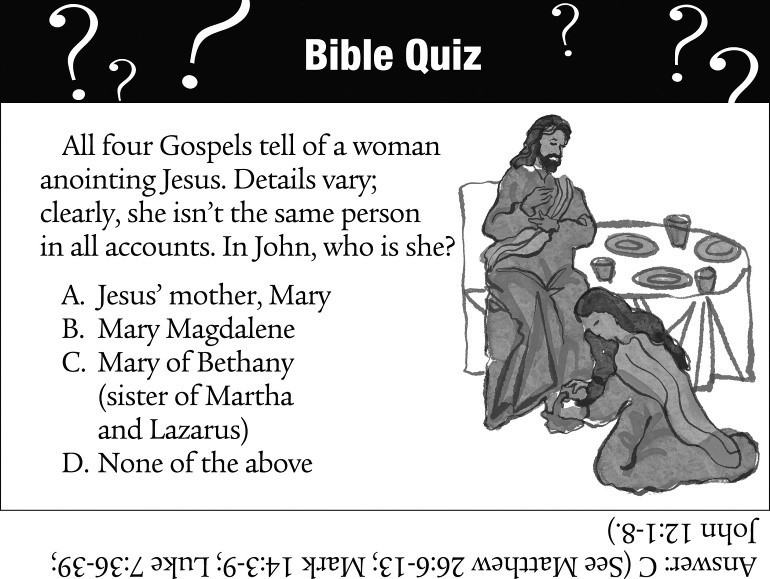
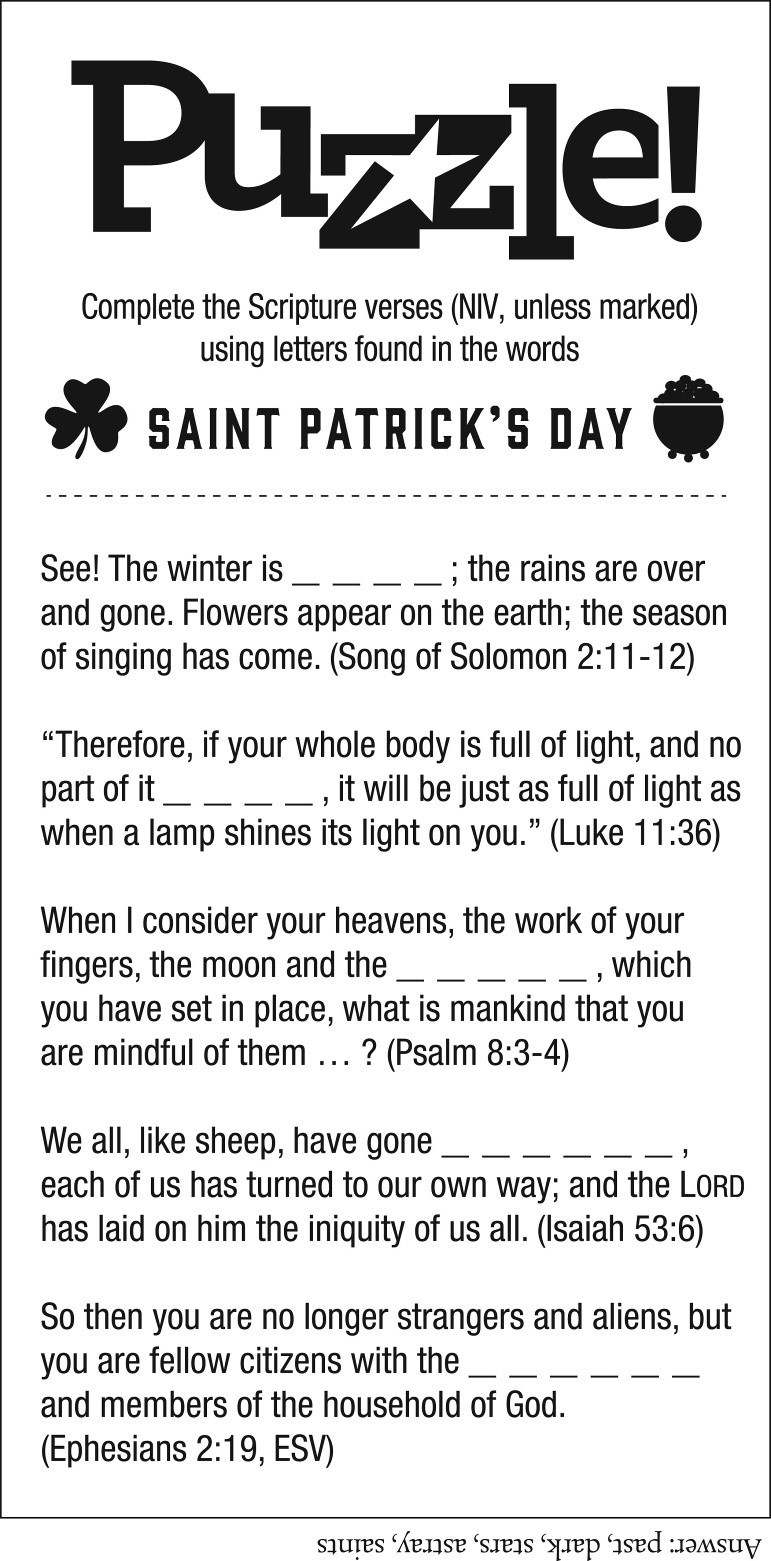
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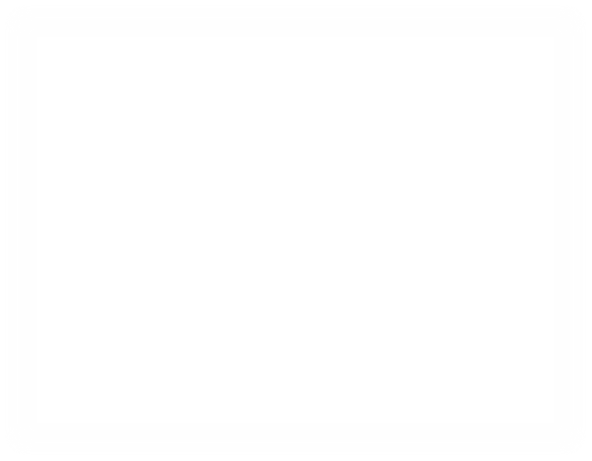
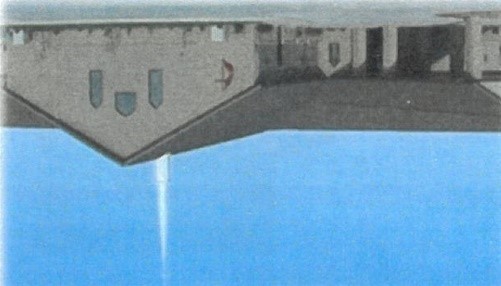
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*We welcome you to grow together with us in Christ through*

*prayer and the Word.*



*March*

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Worship 9:00AM

Sunday School 10:15AM

**Custodian**

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**Pastor Emmanuel T. Naweji**

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**Lake Park UMC**

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1471 135

Lake Park, IA 51347

Sunday School 9:15AM

Worship 10:30AM

**Custodian**

Mary Schmidt

(712) 331

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**Church Office Manager**

**Amanda Money**

M,W,Th,F

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Please help us keep our records up to date!

**Let us know if you have a new**

**address or any other information we may need.**

**Your feedback is important to us!**

**Thank you!**

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# Meet Amanda Money



**Our new Church Office Manager**

Amanda moved to Lake Park with her family in October 2013 and quickly fell in love with the area and community. Amanda and her husband Jake have three boys; Jacob- a junior, Michael- a freshman, and Rager who is in kindergarten. Amanda and her family became members of The United Methodist Church of

Lake Park soon after moving to the area. She has served in various church committees over the years as well as teaching Sunday School. Amanda is active

in our community as a current member of The Lake Park Fire Department, has

previously served as Den Leader, Popcorn Kernel, and Cub Master for The Lake Park Cub Scouts, as well as serving on the Board of Directors for Discovery House in Spirit Lake. In her spare time, Amanda enjoys time with her family, traveling, reading,

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**Tim & Roxie Lueders**



crocheting, and motorcycle riding.

Feel free to stop into the church office to meet Amanda and say ‘Hello”.

Office hours will be Monday,

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday’s from 8:30am to 1:30pm.

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| Find your opportunity to serve  The Lord |

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| |  | | --- | | **Harris Coffee Schedule for March**  6 - Cal Harms  13 - Mark Dillehay  20 - Shannon Serck  27 –Keith Klassen    **March Ushers/greeters for Harris:**  Harry Riesberg  Keith Klassen Noel Phillips | | |  | | --- | | **Serving as ushers/greeters in Lake Park**    **March 6 Jake & Amanda Money**  **March 13 Ushers/Greeters Needed March 20 Dave & Jerilyn Marra**  **March 27 Ushers/Greeters Needed**  Thank you for choosing to serve.    **Upcoming opportunities to serve:**  4/3; 4/10; 4/17; 4/24  Please take advantage of this opportunity by signing up on the sheet located on the table by the fellowship hall.  Thank you! | |
| |  | | --- | | **Lake Park Food Bank**  The Lake Park food Bank is held the first Thursday of every month in the parking lot of the 1st Presbyterian Church.    Food boxes come from the Feeding America program from Des Moines.  The Lake Park Food bank also take donations to supplement and monetary donations to pur-  chase bread and other staples locally to add to  the boxes we receive. Approximately 70 families  &/or households are receiving food every month. We are in need of a few volunteers that could help with unloading the truck at about 1:00 PM and distribution at about 4:30 PM.  Please talk to Jerilyn Marra (712-348-0475) or Jim Kessler (712-330-1738) for more information. | |
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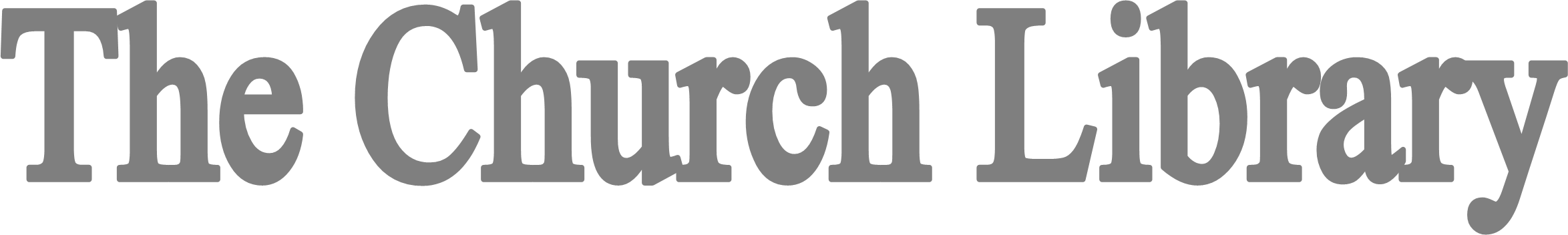
Hello, March 2022:

I recently read an article online titled “6 Benefits of Reading Fiction That Will Help Your Child Succeed.” I know what you are thinking. “I’m not a child. This doesn’t apply to me.” Let me remind you that you are a lifelong learner. Lifelong learners are readers. So, yes, this article applies to all of us. I have taken the liberty of paraphrasing the list. Look at it, and I think you will agree that reading a fiction book or two this month is a celebration in growing. 1) Reading fiction helps us to interpret and infer. 2) Reading fiction aids

creativity. 3) Reading fiction makes us more empathetic. 4) All reading builds vocabulary. 5) Reading fiction can help us contemplate and reflect. 6) Reading fiction helps us to remember to focus.

**Deb Morrow, Church**

**Librarian**



If you want to get caught up in rural Minnesota (ie Worthing- “**Acts of Faith** is master storyton, Round Lake) when teach- teller Erich Segal’s most moving ers boarded with the families of and ambitious work to date: a pupils, water was hauled and spellbinding story of three exheated for use in the house, traordinary people whose lives and socializing was second to are forever changed when sahard work then **Lambs Danc-** cred and secular worlds col**ing** is the book for you. Minne- lide.”\* (Located in Christian Ficsota author, Mary Johnson, re- tion.) minds us that stoic spirits, strength, determination and op- The library now has book numtimism were the common de- ber three of the Lancaster nominators of this distinct peri- County Secrets by Suzanne od and culture. (Located in Woods Fisher. “Beautifully writChristian Fiction.) ten, **The Search** is a skillfully woven story that takes you

Two women— “once lost to through unexpected twists and each other, are about to come turns on the long country road together in a time of both joy toward truth. Immerse yourself and sadness. Sisters by blood, in this heartwarming—and surstrangers by choice, each prising—tale of young love, forstands at a crossroads, afraid to giveness, and healing.”\* confront the betrayals and (Located in Christian Fiction.) heartbreaks of the past. They will be reunited at last, drawn \*Taken from book cover by tragedy into the darkest of times, and must figure out how to face their deepest fears together… or lose everything.”\* **Between Sisters** by Kristin Hannah is located in the Christian Fiction section of the church library.

**Lake Park UMC Attendance Offering Harris UMC Attendance Offering**



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I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a

stone across the waters to create many ripples.

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Mother Teresa

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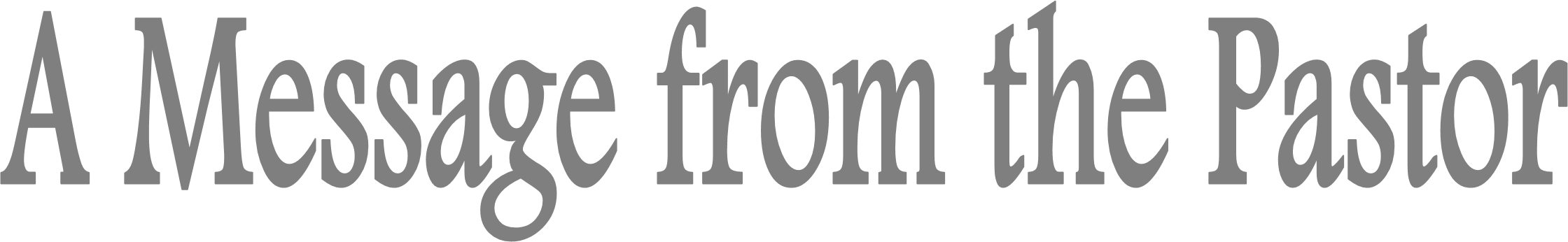
**Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly. And give according to what you have, not what you**

**don’t have. 2 Corinthians 8:12 (NLT)**

Elementary Bells

High School Bell Practice

Dear Church Family,



March always shows up on us quickly because the month of February is short. This time of the year also ushers us into a new church season, Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday. This year, the Lenten season starts on March 2nd.

As you may have seen it already, we will have a community Ash Wednesday service at the Presbyterian Church in Lake Park at 6 p.m.

Following that service, I will lead another Ash Wednesday service only for the Youth groups and their leaders at the Lake Park United Methodist Church at 7 p.m.

Why Lent and what significance does it have for us in the 21st century?

To better understand Lent, we have to start with what Ash Wednesday is all about. This service draws its origin with the practice of using ashes and dust as a way to remind us of our brokenness, sinfulness, and mortality (and humanity). It traces back first to Genesis 3:19 when God reminded both Adam and Eve, after they disobeyed God, saying: “For dust you are and to dust you shall return.”

Later on, the use of ashes and dust then became such a part of the Jewish tradition representing the state of being where one is seeking forgiveness and displaying an attitude of repentance. You come across stories in the Bible with people such as Job, David, and the others, sitting in dust and putting ashes on themselves to show they are grieving due to sin or mortality.

Many centuries later, and after the Church had already born and established as the Roman Catholic Church, Christians, in Rome, started using Ash Wednesday for penitents and grievous sinners as the first day of Lent in preparation to receive the sacrament of the Eucharist (communion).

Lent then would end during the six week, and which gives it a total number of days of 42, in length, before Easter. If you exclude Sundays, you are left with 36 days of penitence (primarily fasting) until the day of the Lord’s Resurrection. In the 7th century, the Church added 4 days before the first Sunday in Lent in order to have 40 fasting days, which are the number of days Jesus spent fasting in the desert (40 days).

The invitation, today, and through this note, which will make Lent more significant this year, is first to attend our Ash Wednesday service (March 2 at 6 p.m. - Presbyterian Church, Lake Park). Then, you will have to decide how you want to prepare for the celebration of the Lord’s Resurrection (Easter) this year.

There are many ways you could do it. Here are just a few I can think of suggesting to you right now:

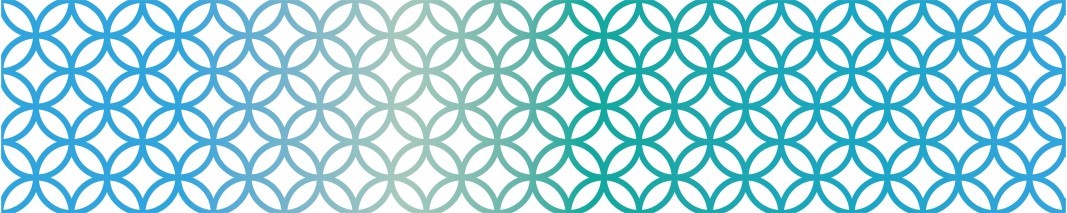
* Set time aside daily to pray for those whose names are on our prayer list.
* Pray for every person serving on our different Church teams and committees. If you want their names, call the office and Amanda will happily give you the names.
* Pray for our Church families. You can use the Church directories and take sometime every day to pray for one family at a time.
* Pray for Harris and Lake Park. For this, you can do a prayer drive. Every day drive by a home or two, and pray for these two homes while sitting in your car. • Pray for God to draw more people to the Church.
* Ask God to show us how else to pray during Lent this year.

Above are just a few ways you can make Lent more meaningful this year by praying for your neighbor. Our sermon series this Lent, “God has called you to more,” will also help us as a tool to recenter more on Christ and what God has already invested in each one of us through faith in Christ.

This year’s Lent is going to be very special for us all and I cannot wait to hear stories of how God will show up in your life throughout this season in preparation of the Lord’s death and resurrection.

See you in worship,

Pastor Emmanuel.



## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Donald Mumm and family, Daxton De Groot (great grandson of**

**Ginny Verdoorn), Rhonda Miller, Rick Wilson & his family, Jan**

**Atwell (sister of Steve Krummen & Arlene Jaycox), Ellen Wolfe,**

**Rod Graham, family of Bob Ahrenstorff, Allen & Loretta Rowe,**

**Amanda Bondhus, Richard Friedrich (brother-in–law of Jan**

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| **Adult Bell Choir Practice**  Wednesday March 9 at 6:30pm |  | **United Methodist Women**  Meet the first  Wednesday of March at 1:00 pm |
| It’s that time of year again for us to take our turn as Christians to serve our community. Our church has been scheduled for the month of March to deliver food from Wal-Mart to the Upper  Des Moines office in Spirit Lake. We are to pick up at 9am  Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday each week for the month of March. Please contact Judy Siemers at (712)330-6552 to schedule a time to assist with this great opportunity. | | |

**Mitchell), Craig Heuer (father of Kayla Updike),**

Service March 2 at 6pm

Presbyterian Church

Jr. & Sr. High

Youth Group

Service to follow at 7pm

United Methodist Church



**Claire Yaw (niece of Marie Mattiesen), Pastor Emmanuel and Rosa, Our Church Family,**

**District Superintendent Ron Carlson and Bishop Laurie.**

# A Prayer for Lent

This year, Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls on March 2. During worship services that day, pastors in many Christian churches dip a finger in ashes (often made by burning branches from the previous Palm Sunday) and make a cross on parishioners’ foreheads.

Why ashes? Traditionally, they’re a sign of mourning, humiliation and penitence. Ashes also represent the frailty and temporary nature of human life

(“Your are dust, and to dust you shall return,” Genesis 3:19). Christians are

pained because our sins led to Jesus’ death. For where your



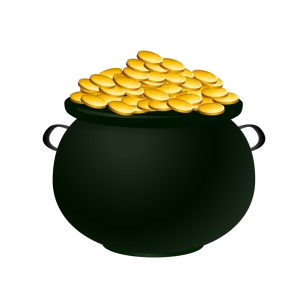
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Spirit Lake

With repentant hearts, resurrection on Easter Sunday.

For Ash Wednesday—and throughout the 40 days of Lent—ponder this prayer from an Italian sacramentary, or liturgical book: “O God, you know how fragile is our human nature, wounded as it is by sin. Help your people to enter upon the Lenten journey strengthened by the power of your word, so that we may be victorious over the seduction of the Evil One and reach the paschal feast in the joy of the Holy Spirit.”

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| 6            5:30pm Grandparents Bible Study | 7 |  | 8 |  | 9    6:30am Men’s Bible Study    6:30pm Adult Bell Choir Practice    7:00pm Lake Park AD Council | 10        7:00pm Harris AD Council | 11 | 12 |  |
| 13    5:30pm Grandparents Bible Study | 14 |  | 15 |  | 16    6:30am Men’s Bible Study      6:30pm Jr. /Sr. High  Youth Groups | 17 | 18 | 19 |  |
| 20  First Day of Spring            5:30pm Grandparents Bible Study | 21 |  | 22 |  | 23    6:30am Men’s Bible Study | 24 | 25 | 26 |  |
| 27          2:30pm Worship at  the Lake Park Care Center    5:30pm Grandparents Bible Study | 28 |  | 29 |  | 30    6:30am Men’s Bible Study    6:30pm  Education Committee Meeting | 31 |  |  |  |