



The Lamplighter



Our Savior Lutheran Church - ELCA, Quincy, CA

POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **MLK Jr. Day 1/15**
- **Annual Meeting 1/28**
- **Bible Studies**
- **Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Dinner 2/13**
- **Ash Wednesday 2/14**
- **Lent**



500 Years!

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PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Church Family,

From what I've been reading, church newsletters are becoming a thing of the past. I find this somewhat sad, but realize we do communicate more by email and social media these days.

Thus, with the start of a new year, this newsletter will be a shortened version from previous years. I will strive to stick to the really important things going on at church.

This month, on Sunday, **January 25th**, we will have our **Annual Congregational Meeting** after worship. Please plan to attend so we can plan our ministries for 2018 and pass a budget. PDF copies of the **Annual Report** will be emailed the week before the meeting and hard copies will be given out at the meeting. We will have copies for everyone, so don't feel like you need to print a copy yourself.

Please note the dates for the **Bible Studies** which start back

up in late January and February. See page 5 for details on what those studies will involve.

We mark the end of the Epiphany Season with **Shrove Tuesday** and our **Pancake Dinner** at **6 pm** that evening, Feb. 13th. Watch for a sign-up sheet in church soon for what you can bring, or how you can help.

We start the season of **Lent** the next night, **Feb. 14th** with our **Ash Wednesday** service at **7 pm**. See page 3 to find out how we are tying this in with our first **Missions & Ministry** project for 2018.

We are bringing back a congregation favorite for our **Lent Midweek** services—**Holden Evening Prayer**. Please plan to join us for these special services.

It is exciting to look forward to another year at OSLC and the many ministries we offer. Please participate as often as you are able.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Kendrah

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: JANUARY—FEBRUARY 2018

CHRISTMAS SEASON**January**

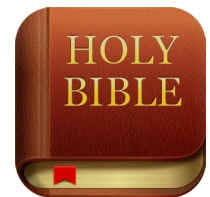
- Tue. 1/2 Funeral for Daniel Lewis 2 pm at OSLC
 Wed. 1/3 – Sun. 1/7 Pastor in Wisconsin for brother-in-law's funeral

EPIPHANY SEASON

- Sat. 1/6 **Epiphany!** – Wise men visit Jesus
 Sun. 1/7 Baptism of Jesus (Pastor off)
 Sun. 1/7 Un-decorate church from Christmas after worship
 Tue. 1/9 – Wed. 1/10 Pastor in Sacramento for CASA conference
 Wed. 1/10 Women's Cancer Survivor's Support Group 6 pm
Mon. 1/15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day – a day of service – volunteer!
 Mon. 1/15 P.E.O. Ladies meet in Fellowship Hall Noon – 4 pm
 Tue. 1/16 Dress-a-Girl at Quincy Library 1 to 4 pm
 Sun. 1/21 Install new Church Council members during worship
 Sun. 1/21 Church Council meets after worship
 Tue. 1/23 Women's Bible Study 2:30 pm
 Fri. 1/26 Lutherdist Ladies' Night Out – 6 pm (location TBD)
Sun. 1/28 Congregational Annual Meeting after worship

**February**

- Tue. 2/6 Women's Bible Study 2:30 pm
 Sun. 2/11 Adult Bible Study on Luther's Catechism with POTLUCK!
 Tue. 2/13 Dress-a-Girl at Quincy Library 1 to 4 pm
 Tue. 2/13 **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner at Church 6 pm**

**LENT SEASON**

- Wed. 2/14 Women's Cancer Survivor's Support Group 6 pm
Wed. 2/14 Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm
 Sun. 2/18 Church Council meets after worship
 Tue. 2/20 Women's Bible Study 2:30 pm
 Wed. 2/21 **Midweek Lenten Service 7 pm**
 Fri. 2/23 Lutherdist Ladies' Night Out – 6 pm (location TBD)
 Sun. 2/25 Adult Bible Study on Luther's Catechism with POTLUCK!
 Wed. 2/28 **Midweek Lenten Service 7 pm**

**March**

- Wed. 3/7, 3/14 & 3/21 **Midweek Lenten Service 7 pm**
Sun. 3/25 Palm Sunday
Thur. 3/29 Maundy Thursday
Fri. 3/30 Good Friday

Men's Coffee Group: meets every Monday
 (except holidays) at Midtown Coffee at 8 am

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

January Birthdays

Gordon Lewis	12
Cindi Eckert	21
Marlene Labs	23
Catie Freeze	24
Fred Surber	24
Dax Albrecht	27
Mark Howard	31



February Birthdays

Matthew Eckert	2
Becky Mills	11
Roxanne Behrens	23

February Anniversaries

Buzzy & Terri West	18
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January Anniversaries

None

February 13th is:  **Shrove Tuesday** 6 pm Pancake Dinner at Church



“God’s Work. Our Hands.”

**Lent: 40 Days of Prayer, Fasting,
and Works of Love**

This year, **Ash Wednesday** and **Valentine’s Day** are the same day—February 14th. Thus, this is the perfect **Missions and Ministry** opportunity! Lent is a time for us to step-up our prayer life, consider giving up something for 40 days, and give more of our time, talents and treasure. Thus, for our

Ash Wednesday service, we’d like to encourage all of our members to bring an item(s) to contribute to one of our ongoing causes:

- C.A.N. Food Pantry
- PCIRC—personal items: soap, shampoo, lotion, tissues packs, wipes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, nail files, nail clippers, Band-Aids, small mirror, Chapstick, etc.
- Box Tops and Soup Labels for Education
- Change for Church (goes to ELCA World Hunger)
- Cash/Check for any other cause of your choice

While we may not feel like our small contributions make much difference, these small gifts add up together to bless many people. Thank you for your consideration!

WEEKLY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Please sign up on chart in back of sanctuary or email/call Pastor Kendrah with dates/positions for which you can volunteer. Below is the schedule of dates for the next two months.

Please help fill in where you can!

Great start for 2018! Thank you!

<u>Month</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Assisting Minister</u>	<u>Clean Church</u>	<u>Altar Care</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>
January	7	Fred Surber	Un-decorating Crew	Gina Rock	
January	14	Lori Simpson	Gina Rock	Gina Rock	Chris Peters
January	21	Lori Simpson	Gina Rock	Gina Rock	Gina/Kendrah
January	28	Lori Simpson	Gina Rock	Gina Rock	
February	4		Marlene Labs		
February	11		Marlene Labs		Potluck
February	18		Marlene Labs		
February	25		Marlene Labs		Potluck

2018 Church Council Representatives

- President—Lori Simpson
- Vice President—Susan Donald
- Secretary—Chris Peters
- Treasurer—Fred Surber
- Financial Secretary—Claudia Barnes
- Buildings & Grounds—Alan Baitinger
- Mission & Ministries—Gina Rock



Sunday School Teachers

We are hoping to soon start Sunday School classes at the same time as worship. We are considering doing this twice per month. If you would like to help with this, please see Pastor Kendrah, Gina Rock or Lori Simpson.

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Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will start up again on Tuesday, January 23rd at 2:30 pm. The topic for that date is "Jesus and the Evil Eye: When God Blesses the Undeserving." This is part of a series called, "When God Forgives the Guilty." (We did the first study on Jonah in November.)

We will look at the final study in this series on February 6th. The topic for that day is "Paul and the Power of Failure." Note that this meeting is on the *first* Tuesday of the month rather than the second Tuesday. This change is due to Shrove Tuesday on the second week.

Going forward into Lent, we have a resource called, "Faces of Christ" published by the ELCA. It is meant to be a five week study, so the group will need to decide if we'd like to meet every week during Lent or if we'd like to try to do two sessions in each meeting every other week, or if we'd like to pick three out of the five studies to discuss.

The women's group will also need to decide if there is a preference for meeting on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays or if meeting on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays works for people. (February will need to be the 1st and 3rd.)



Adult Bible Study with Potlucks

Our Sunday Adult Bible Studies will start up on February 11th. We will begin with a **potluck** directly after worship. We will continue with our resource called, "By Heart: Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism." The dates and topics to be discussed are as follows:



- Feb. 11th—The Apostles' Creed
- Feb. 25th—The Lord's Prayer
- Mar. 11th—The Sacrament of Holy Baptism and Confession
- Mar. 25th—Palm Sunday (no Bible Study)
- Apr. 8th—The Sacrament of the Altar
- Apr. 22nd—Daily Prayer and the Household Chart

Please plan to join us for any of these dates/topics. There is always plenty of food too!

Ash Wednesday and Midweek Lenten Services

Ash Wednesday is **February 14th** (yes, that's Valentine's Day). We will have a service at 7 pm that evening. Weekly **Midweek Lenten** services will be as follows: Feb. 21st, 28th, and March 7th, 14th and 21st. We will be using "Holden Evening Prayer" for these services.

Palm Sunday is **March 25th** and we will have a **Maundy Thursday** service at 7 pm on **March 29th** (with Methodists at OSLC) and **Good Friday** on **March 30th** at the Methodist Church. **Easter** is on April 1st this year.



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Mission Statement: *We are a church family who worships together, serves our neighbors, and shares the love and grace of our Savior, Jesus Christ.*

Theme Verse: Isaiah 54:10: *“For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the LORD, who has compassion on you.”*

