



# The Lamplighter



**Our Savior Lutheran Church - ELCA, Quincy, CA**

## PASTOR'S LETTER

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Ash Wednesday and Lent Mid-week Services**
- **Holy Week Schedule**
- **Easter Schedule**



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Dear Church Family,

It's February 28th, and it's 70 degrees outside. It was actually hot sitting outside in the sun for lunch. I'm trying to enjoy the spring-like day, but in my head I know this is not normal. It is concerning—what is it going to be like this summer? Will we be able to withstand the heat? While we are supposed to be getting cooler temperatures and more precipitation next week, will we get enough to keep drought conditions and fire risk at bay? Under my breath, I pray, "God, help us!"

As a person who is supposed to encourage others, it is hard to admit that sometimes I run low on positive, hopeful thoughts. I know God is with us, no matter what. But I wish it felt like more humans (esp. in the U.S.) cared about what is going on in the world, from climate change to wars to hunger and refugees.

Jesus lived in a time when the "known world" was much smaller than it is today, but I'm sure he felt overwhelmed at times too. So what did he do? We know that he would go off by himself and pray for awhile. How many of us "go off and pray" on a regular basis? I think we tend to pray mostly in our homes or cars and in church.

When I used to take my dogs on longer walks, I would pray a bit along the way. I miss that. When I took my first mile and a half hike after my surgical recovery, I was so focused on my steps and not falling that I don't think I prayed anything except, "Lord, please don't let me fall!" I am going to make it a goal throughout Lent to get back to my prayer walks (either with or without my dogs). If anyone would like to walk with me, please let me know! I'll be keeping it "slow and even" for a few more weeks, so don't worry about me leaving you in the dust ...

Dust! That's a good reminder of Ash Wednesday coming up next week. In Genesis 2 it tells the story of God forming humans from the dust of the ground and blowing the breath of life into their nostrils. We were created from the earth—we are part of the earth, rather than separate from it. I think we could all use reminding of this on a regular basis. As creatures, we need to connect with the ground and to the God who created us. We need to feel the breath of the Holy Spirit flowing into us—whether that be from fresh air in the forest, or from the sound of beautiful music, or the feel of the ocean at our feet. Where do you feel God's breath? Seek it out this Lent. With Christ's blessings! -Pr. Kendrah

**CALENDAR: MARCH 2025**

**WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH**

- Sun. 3/2** Transfiguration Sunday
- Mon. 3/3 Song/Drum Circle 6 pm at OSLC
- Tues. 3/4 Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday)
- Wed. 3/5 Chair Yoga 11 am at OSLC
- Wed. 3/5 PCBH Commission meeting 1—3 pm

**Bible Study at the Methodist Church in CUMC Fellowship Hall will be at Noon each Wednesday throughout Lent starting 3/5.**

**Wed. 3/5 Ash Wednesday Service 5:30 pm at OSLC with CUMC**

Sun. 3/9 Daylight Savings Time starts—leap forward!

**Sun. 3/9 First Sunday of Lent—Church Council meets after worship**

Mon. 3/10 Song/Drum Circle 6 pm at OSLC

Wed. 3/12 Chair Yoga 11 am at OSLC

Wed. 3/12 Hospice Board 2 pm

**Wed. 3/12 Midweek Lent Service 5:30 pm at OSLC with CUMC**

**Wed. 3/12 Community Supper at CUMC 6 pm**

Wed. 3/12 Safe Space meeting at Quincy Library 7:30 pm

**Thur. 3/13 Women’s Bible Study 10 am**

**Sun. 3/16 Second Sunday of Lent**

**Mon. 3/17 St. Patrick’s Day**

Mon. 3/17 P.E.O. Women meet at OSLC Noon to 3 pm

Mon. 3/17 Song/Drum Circle 6 pm at OSLC

Wed. 3/19 Chair Yoga 11 am at OSLC

**Wed. 3/19 Midweek Lent Service 5:30 pm at OSLC with CUMC**

**Sun. 3/23 Third Sunday of Lent**

Mon. 3/24 Song/Drum Circle 6 pm at OSLC

Wed. 3/26 Chair Yoga 11 am at OSLC

**Wed. 3/26 Midweek Lent Service 5:30 pm at OSLC with CUMC**

**Wed. 3/26 Community Supper at CUMC 6 pm**

**Thur. 3/24 Women’s Bible Study 10 am**

**Sat. 3/29 Sierra Pacific Synod Conference Gathering on Zoom 10 am**

**Sun. 3/30 Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Mon. 3/31 Song/Drum Circle 6 pm at OSLC



**March Birthdays**

Chris Peters	19
Kathy Osher	28



**March Anniversaries**

None

**Men’s Coffee** meets at Midtown Coffee, Mondays at 8 am.

**CALENDER: APRIL 2025**

**LOVE the EARTH MONTH**

- Wed. 4/2 Chair Yoga 11 am at OSLC
- Wed. 4/2 PCBH Commission meeting 1—3 pm
- Wed. 4/2 Midweek Lent Service 5:30 pm at OSLC with CUMC**
- Sat. 4/5 Church clean-up day** (inside and out, as weather permits)
- Sun. 4/6 Fifth Sunday of Lent**
- Mon. 4/7 Song/Drum Circle 6 pm at OSLC
- Wed. 4/9 Chair Yoga 11 am at OSLC
- Wed. 4/9 Midweek Lent Service 5:30 pm at OSLC with CUMC**
- Wed. 4/9 Community Supper at CUMC 6 pm**
- Thur. 4/10 Women’s Bible Study 10 am**
- Sun. 4/13 Palm/Passion Sunday**
- Mon. 4/14 Dress-a-Girl as OSLC
- Mon. 4/14 Song/Drum Circle 6 pm at OSLC
- Wed. 4/16 Chair Yoga 11 am at OSLC
- Thur. 4/17 Maundy Thursday Soup Dinner 5 pm at OSLC with CUMC**
- Thur. 4/17 Maundy Thursday Service 5:30 pm at OSLC with CUMC**
- Fri. 4/18 Good Friday Service 5:30 pm at CUMC**
- Sun. 4/20 Easter Breakfast Potluck at CUMC 8:30 am**
- Sun. 4/20 Easter Service at OSLC 9:30 am**
- Mon. 4/21 P.E.O. Women meet at OSLC Noon to 3 pm
- Mon. 4/21 Song/Drum Circle 6 pm at OSLC
- Tues. 4/22 Earth Day**
- Wed. 4/23 Chair Yoga 11 am at OSLC
- Wed. 4/23 Community Supper at CUMC 6 pm**
- Thur. 4/24 Women’s Bible Study 10 am**
- Fri. 4/25 Arbor Day**
- Sun. 4/27 Second Sunday of Easter**
- Mon. 4/28 Song/Drum Circle 6 pm at OSLC
- Wed. 4/30 Chair Yoga 11 am at OSLC



**April Birthdays**

Maya Crump	9
Claudia Barnes	11
Grant Edwards	19
Karla Burnworth	24
Susan Bradley	26

**April Anniversaries**

Chris & Dave Peters	12
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## Financial Secretary’s Report through February 28, 2025 by Karla Burnworth

Month	Regular Plate Offering	Hall Rental	Building Fund	Recycling	Total
Jan.	\$ 27,203.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 350.00		\$ 27,573.00
Feb.	\$ 6,812.00	\$ 65.00		\$ 14.00	\$ 6,891.00
Mar.					\$ -
Apr.					\$ -
May					\$ -
June					\$ -
July					\$ -
Aug.					\$ -
Sep.					\$ -
Oct.					\$ -
Nov.					\$ -
Dec.					\$ -
<b>Totals</b>	\$ 34,015.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 34,464.00

**OFF TO A  
Great Start**

### Women’s Bible Study

In March, we will start a new study called, **“Faithfulness”** by Denise Rector, Doctoral Scholar in Residence and instructor at Trinity Lutheran Seminary. This is a study from the Woman of the ELCA’s, **Gather**, magazine. There are four sessions which I hope we can cover as follows:

- March 13th: Faith where you are: Ruth and Naomi
- March 27th: Faith in the depths: Psalm 22
- April 10th: Faith adventures: Peter and Cornelius
- April 24th: Faith risks: Jairus and the Faithful Woman



### “The BibeIn” By Lori Simpson

My father passed away in June 2024, a year and a half after my mother passed. Both lived a long life with a loving family of three daughters and one son, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

We left their house unoccupied for many months until recently. My nephew, his wife, and soon to be born baby, moved back to Quincy after living away for the past fifteen years. Since housing is hard to come by in Quincy, us siblings decided that they should stay in the house until they get settled with new jobs and baby. It seemed only right for them to live there; my parents would have approved.

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## Treasurer's Report through January 2025

### BUDGET vs. ACTUAL by Kathy Osher

<b>GENERAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>Jan 2025</b>	<b>YTD Spent</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
	Bank Check Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Household Expenses	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
	<b>Insurance - State Farm</b>	<b>\$4,032.00</b>	<b>\$4,032.00</b>	<b>\$4,032.00</b>	\$0.00
	Office Expenses (includes web domain)	\$1,500.00	\$162.89	\$162.89	\$1,337.11
	Sierra Conference	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
2.5% of regular offerings	Sierra Pacific Synod (Tithe)	\$2,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,200.00
Registration for 2 people	Synod Assembly	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
	Taxes	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
	Worship Musician (\$65/service)	\$4,225.00	\$260.00	\$260.00	\$3,965.00
	Worship Supplies	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
	Education Supplies (VBS)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$13,457.00</b>	<b>\$4,454.89</b>	\$4,454.89	\$9,002.11
<b>PASTOR COMPENSATION</b>					
	Housing	\$15,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$13,750.00
	Salary (+\$7,593.50 Pastor's pre-tax) *	\$30,246.50	\$2,561.54	\$2,561.54	\$27,684.96
<b>TOTAL PASTOR COMPENSATION</b>		<b>\$45,246.50</b>	<b>\$3,811.54</b>	\$3,811.54	\$41,434.96
		<b>\$52,840.00</b>			<b>\$6,967.00</b>
<b>PASTOR EXPENSES</b>					
	Continuing Education	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Mileage	\$1,200.00	\$127.30	\$127.30	\$1,072.70
(Health, Dental, Retirement)	ELCA Portico (includes \$7,593.50 above) *	\$25,000.00	\$2,099.20	\$2,099.20	\$22,900.80
	Substitute Pastor	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL PASTOR EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$26,200.00</b>	<b>\$2,226.50</b>	\$2,226.50	\$23,973.50
<b>UTILITIES</b>					
	Electricity	\$1,200.00	\$169.27	\$169.27	\$1,030.73
	Garbage	\$300.00	\$21.67	\$21.67	\$278.33
	Heating	\$3,000.00	\$452.85	\$452.85	\$2,547.15
	Telephone & Internet	\$1,600.00	\$109.00	\$109.00	\$1,491.00
	Water & Sewer	\$820.00	\$67.96	\$67.96	\$752.04
<b>TOTAL UTILITIES</b>		<b>\$6,920.00</b>	<b>\$820.75</b>	\$820.75	\$6,099.25
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$91,823.50</b>	<b>\$11,313.68</b>	<b>\$11,313.68</b>	<b>\$80,509.82</b>



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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.***

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The time had come to get rid of “stuff” in my parents’ house. Luckily, they always lived modestly and didn’t have a great amount to get rid of, but there was enough. We had a yard sale and us adult children took what we wanted to keep.

There was a beautiful old cedar chest in my parents’ bedroom that kept important “stuff” like baby books, birth records, baptism records, military records, report cards, newspaper clippings, etc. I had briefly looked in it over the years, but never really saw all that was in it.

My sisters and I decided to finally go through it all and divide the stuff up and make a pile for my brother as he couldn’t be there.

Dad was an only child, so he had lots of his parent’s stuff saved in the chest too. There were quite a few black bibles in the chest saved from my grandmother.

My mother was an immigrant from Mexico and had kept her tiny New Testament bible that was written in Spanish on her dresser for as long as I can remember. My sister wanted that one.

Among the black bibles was one that I was intrigued with. It said *Bibeln* and was written in Swedish. We thought it was our great-grandfather’s bible, since he was an immigrant from Sweden. In opening the bible, we discovered that it was a confirmation bible given to my grandmother Vera Olson on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 1917 in Malmo, Nebraska by the pastor W. Magnuson. What was more intriguing was a clipping of my great-grandfather’s obituary.

My great grandfather, Hjalmar Olson was born in Stafanas, Yttra Rud, Vattmland, Sweden on February 1, 1873. He was baptized and confirmed in his home parish in Sweden. In 1891, he immigrated to America and settled in Walsenburg, Colorado where he worked for his brother. After a few more moves, he married my great-grandmother, Anna Lind, and settled first in Malmo and later Wahoo, both small towns in Nebraska. The clipping said he attended and was a trustee for several years in the Edensburg Lutheran Church. Later he attended the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Wahoo, where my great-grandparents were faithful worshipers and gained many friends according to his obituary.

Many times I have wondered why I chose to be a Lutheran and that little newspaper clipping in a Swedish *Bibeln* made me feel like I was meant to walk in my great-grandparents’ footsteps. I got to keep the treasured *Bibeln*.

**I Peter 1:25 “But the word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.”**