

# VOICE Newsletter

## Welcome New Members

Welcoming new members is important news for several reasons: it introduces the newest members to the current members, announces that the church is growing, and tells new members the church cares about them and is pleased they have joined the congregation. Please introduce yourself and welcome them to Ebenezer. These are the new members and the hobbies and interests they enjoy.

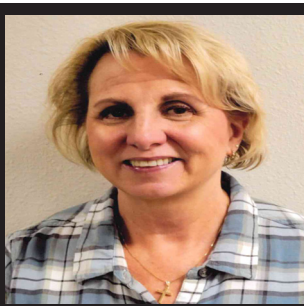
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**Chad, Sarah, & Martin Adams**

Sing, swim, camping, cub scouts, fishing, & video games.



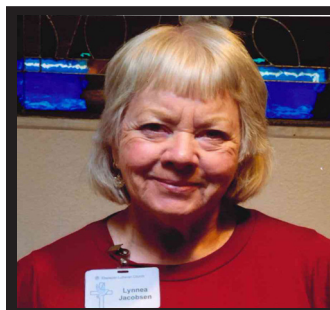
**Teresa Flanders**

Reading, rock hounding, horses, baking, & gardening.



**Kevin & Lexi Gasseling**

Golf, fishing, camping, Seahawks football, sewing, & travel.



**Lynnea Jacobsen**

Kay Caulfield brought me to Ebenezer. I like spending time with family & friends.



**Sharon Troupe**

Singing, taking care of her mom Margaret Ren, time with family, & writing poetry.

**These new members  
were received  
into the church on  
Sunday, December 8.**

Two of the new members, Elmarie Blake and Sharon Troupe were reinstated.



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## Council President's Corner

Please join in welcoming our new director of Godly Play®, Annie Cuttite. We are so happy to have her and her lovely family join us in ministry. Please read more about Annie on page 2.

As we step into this new year, it is a wonderful time for us to reaffirm our mission as a church and reflect on who we are as a faith community. At Ebenezer we are a church that welcomes

all—embracing both longtime members and new visitors with open hearts. No matter where you are in your walk of faith, you belong here.

As a Christian community, we strive to extend God's grace, lifting one another up in love. While we may face set backs and fall short at times, the new year offers a fresh opportunity to reflect, grow, and support one another. -Gretchen



# Education



## THANK YOU, JOY!

As of the end of December, Joy Studer stepped down from her position as Director of the Children and Family Ministry. Joy says, "What a treasure it has been to serve the children for the last 3 years. We started with less than a handful of kids each Sunday to a beautiful and growing ministry. With a group of incredible volunteers and parental support, this ministry will continue to grow.

"I would never leave our circle of kids without leadership. Welcome Annie Cuttite, the new Children's Ministry Director. We are blessed to have someone as competent and loving as Annie to keep the momentum going with this wonderful group of kids. She is active in the Preschool and the Godly Play® program and will be an incredible asset to the Children's Ministry."

—Joy

## WELCOME, ANNIE CUTTITTE!

My husband Jack and I moved to Lake Stevens in 2017 with the idea of starting a family here. We fell in love with the community feel of the area.

I discovered Ebenezer when we enrolled our oldest, Birdie, to the Preschool tots program. We instantly fell in love with the

Preschool. Birdie (6) is now in Kindergarten and Dixie (5) is in Pre-K.

Both of our girls started showing more interest in expanding their spiritual education. This past fall we decided to enroll the girls in Godly Play® and THEY LOVE IT! They look forward to finding out what the story is going to be each week. I love the message and love Godly Play®. I love that my family instantly felt at home at both the Preschool and now the church.

## PERSONAL INFO

I grew up in Michigan. I have my BAA from Central Michigan University. Since college I have lived in Portland, OR; Los Angeles, CA (which is where my whole family lives now); Denver, CO; and finally Kirkland, Magnolia, and now Lake Stevens.

My husband, born in TX, grew up in Bellevue. He has a twin brother and they look identical. He also has an older brother and a younger brother. He grew up in a house full of boys and his mom was outnumbered. Now he lives in a house full of girls.

My career has been vast. I have been a Dance Instructor for the past 20 years, fitness instructor, and personal trainer. I am, most importantly, a stay-at-home Mom ... and I LOVE IT!

—Annie

## 6<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CLASS

**Sundays at 8:45 am in the Youth Room**  
March 2, 9, 16, and 30 we will meet for lessons, discussion, and snacks. Kristin and Virginia will have Remix and Illustrated Ministry topics. Questions? Please talk to Virginia.

## EDUCATION MINISTRY

### WATCH (Wednesday At The Church)

Confirmation (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades) classes will

resume at 6 pm on Wednesday, April 23. During March

students will attend Lenten Worship services. Questions? Please call the church office, 425-334-0421.



## EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

### Tuesday, March 11, at 10 am

We welcome you to join us in Room 3 for discussion and planning our education opportunities.

## FIVE MINUTE DEVOTION

Just a reminder: At Ebenezer we are reading through the Bible one chapter at a time taking about five minutes a day.

Check the daily reading schedule on the back of the church calendar, pick up a copy on the counter in the Narthex, or go to [www.ebenezerlakestevens.org](http://www.ebenezerlakestevens.org) to start reading with us.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

### JUNE 23-27, 2025

Our theme will be "True North" and it will be as much fun as last year. We need lots of help to make this a success or we cannot share this wonderful experience with the kids.

So, join us for a planning meeting on Sunday, March 16, at 10:30 am in the Fire-side Room. Spread the word to all of your neighbors, family, and friends to come for a fun-filled week. Questions? Talk to JoAnn or Melissa.





## Youth of Ebenezer

**6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Contacts:**  
Virginia & Andi  
Check your Ebenezer Phone Directory

### SOUPER BOWL OF CARING REPORT



Thank you to everyone who donated during Souper Bowl of Caring on Super Bowl Sunday. Here are the final results:

- 1st place: The Chiefs - total \$420.91
- 2nd place: The Eagles - total \$289.45
- 3rd place: Commercials - total \$215.82
- Grand Total Donation for the Lake Stevens Food Bank was \$926.18.

Thank you for your support.

### YOUTH COMMITTEE (EYC) MEETING

Sunday, March 23, at 8:45 am. All are welcome!

### SAVE THE DATE

- YOE Silvertips event March 8. Game is at 6 pm. Call Virginia for your ticket!
- Potato Bar Fundraiser April 27 after service.

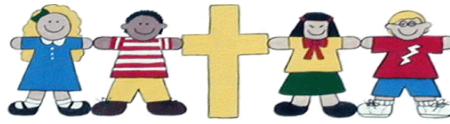
### THANKS FOR GIVING

- February: Ebenezer donated personal hygiene items for the Lake Stevens Community Resource Center
- March: Items for the Lake Stevens Food Bank are seasoning packets and pet food. Place donations in our NEW "market stand" in the Fellowship Hall.
- March: Help stock the coat closet at Hope church. YOE will be collecting coats on the coat rack in the Fellowship Hall. Coats can be used or new, sizes kids through adults.

### NORWEGIAN PANCAKE BREAKFAST SATURDAY, MARCH 15 ~ 7:30-10:30 AM

The NPB will benefit Ebenezer's Community Supper Program. Questions and to volunteer, contact Scott Sutton or Virginia Dutcher.

## Preschool



### PRESCHOOL NEWS!

In Preschool this month, our Bible theme will be Jesus Is Our Good Shepherd. He knows each one of us and loves us and will take care of us.

The Character Builder Trait for this month is compassion. Preschool classes will bag dog food and cat food for the Lake Stevens Food Bank learning that we should take care of animals as well as people.

Our unit themes will be on plant life, spring, and weather. We will be growing bean stocks in our classroom windows, seeing how tall they can grow, and creating fun springtime projects.



### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Spring Break will be April 7-11.
- No school April 1-5.
- Happy Spring!

### PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

It's time to register for the upcoming fall school year. Registration is open to all families.

Spread the word to family, friends, and neighbors that you know of an awesome, caring, fun, and creative Preschool program. Call or email the Preschool for a registration form: 425-397-6374 or [preschool@ebenezerlakestevens.org](mailto:preschool@ebenezerlakestevens.org).



## Worship & Music

### FAST MINISTRY

FAST Team Shephard members will serve in March.

Team Wilson will serve in April. Watch for your postcard in the mail during March.

### FAST TEAMS HOST LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Each week a FAST Team will serve a simple meal of soup and bread. They will need the team's help for their week to set up, provide four pots of soup, and to help with cleanup so everyone can make it to service on time. Call your leaders to ask how you can help. Here is the schedule for teams who serve:

- Team Cross on March 5 (Ash Wednesday)
- Team Shultz on March 12
- Team Shephard on March 19
- Team Papworth/Bauer on March 26
- Team Briske on April 2
- Team Hoffmann on April 9

## Expanding Love

### INCREDIBLE GENEROSITY

Because of the incredible generosity of our faithful quilters and kit makers, the LWR Quilt & Kit Ministry has expanded to reach neighbors in need in the United States.

This expansion of your love seemed to be divinely timed because we made our first deliveries almost immediately, comforting our neighbors affected by hurricanes Helene and Milton. Ten tractor trailers carried more than 136,750 quilts and kits in response to the devastation.

We have a shared belief in an abundant God, a belief that has been magnified and realized through your actions again and again. We know that this expansion holds so many new opportunities to honor God through service of his people.

We at LWR are committed to creating a world free of poverty and human suffering, until your love reaches every neighbor. Thanks for bringing us closer to that world every day.



# Events Page

## **CELTIC PARTY! EBENEZER'S FELLOWSHIP HALL SATURDAY, MARCH 22 ~ 5:30 PM**



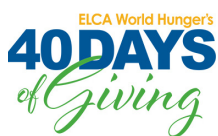
The Choir is preparing for this annual event to benefit their music program. They're planning a full sit-

down dinner with authentic Irish food including lamb stew and corned beef with cabbage. Raffles! Irish Music!

You can purchase tickets from any choir member; the church office, 425-334-0421; or on Sunday, March 16, in the Fellowship Hall. *Tickets:* \$18 for adults; \$15 active military, students, and seniors. *Raffle Tickets:* \$1 each or 6 for \$5. *Raffle Items:* Irish glassware, a beautiful Fran Clapper painting, and more.

If you have any questions, please contact Peggie Thompson.

## **ELCA 40 DAYS OF GIVING**



Celebrate ELCA World Hunger's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of raising awareness and taking

action toward food security for all. You can be part of these efforts by donating to ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving this Lent! Your donations will work to address hunger and poverty through education, advocacy, relief, and sustainable development in more than 65 countries, including the United States. In the U.S. they offer they offer hunger grants to address local issues such as food security, clean water, housing, job access, and more.

Please prayerfully consider donations to this effort to support innovative solutions and get at the root causes of hunger. Make checks payable to Ebenezer Lutheran Church and use the World Hunger envelopes found in the Narthex to designate your gift. Place it in the offering plate, drop it off in the office, or mail your own envelope from home. Ebenezer will forward all donations to the ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving campaign. Give a gift. Change lives!

## **NORWEGIAN PANCAKE BREAKFAST BENEFIT: COMMUNITY SUPPER PROGRAM SATURDAY, MARCH 15 ~ 7:30-10:30 AM**

The all-you-can-eat pancakes are YUMMY! The cost is ages 13-99 ~ \$10, 5-12 ~ \$5, 4 & under ~ FREE, 100+ ~ FREE.



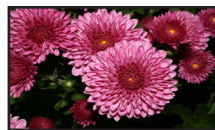
You're encouraged to bring friends and neighbors to the breakfast to support the Community Supper Program. We will be partnering with Thrivent.

The February benefit generated \$1,040 and Thrivent gave matching funds of \$520 to Lutheran Disaster Relief for the benefit of the victims of the California Wildfires. NPB also gave \$168 to the YOE. Thanks for your support and generosity.

## **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY FRIDAY, MARCH 14 ~ 10 AM-12 PM**

Bring your project or start a new one with yarn we provide. Patterns can be knitted or crocheted, your choice. Questions? Please call Lynn Riggs.

## **EASTER CHRYSANTHEMUMS ORDER DEADLINE: TUESDAY, APRIL 6**



If you are interested in purchasing mums in honor or memory of someone for our Easter service, you will soon have that opportunity. Envelopes are enclosed for your info and funds. Mums are \$10 each.

Thank you for helping us beautify our Sanctuary! Please contact Jeanette Backstrom if you have any questions.

## **FELLOWSHIP EVENTS**

- **Wits Workout ~ Monday, March 3, at 2 pm.** This is a time to laugh, have fun with friends, and maybe even sharpen your thinking skills. Everyone is welcome! Questions? Call Jane Briske.



- **Ebenezer's Book Club Discussion ~ Monday, March 3, at 4 pm.**

If you have read or are interested in reading *All the Single Ladies* by Rebecca Traister, join us for a short discussion of February's book.



During March we'll read *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee.

If you have questions or to learn how to obtain copies of these books, please contact Jane Briske.

- **Hike Mountain Loop Highway ~ Saturday, March 8, leaving the church at 8 am.** Contact Grey Robinson or Ken Cross for details.
- **Pinochle ~ Sunday, March 9, beginning promptly at 1:30 pm.** This event is for those who love to play pinochle. Check out upcoming events on our webpage at [www.ebenezerlakestevens.org](http://www.ebenezerlakestevens.org). Questions? Call JoAnn Cross.
- **It's a Party—a Work Party! ~ Saturday, April 12, from 9 am-2 pm.** This is our annual spring work party. There will be plenty of tasks for everyone both inside and out (weather permitting). Lunch will be provided. Come help our church be ready for Easter activities. Look for a task list to be posted in the Fellowship Hall. If April 12 doesn't work for you, feel free to take on something on the task list when you can. See Ken Cross for details.
- **Palm Sunday Potluck Brunch ~ Sunday, April 13, after service.** Everyone join us Palm Sunday after service for a potluck brunch. See you April 13! Questions? Call Jane Briske.
- **Camping at Lutherwood ~ Friday, August 15, to Sunday, August 17, 2025.** This summer some members will be camping overnight at Camp Lutherwood. Questions? Contact JoAnn to reserve a spot as soon as possible.

# Ministries of Ebenezer

# Season of Lent

## FROM YOUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

### Required Minimum Distribution



If you have an IRA and take minimum distributions, this will help both Ebenezer and you. Ask your tax adviser about this option especially in light of the recent tax law changes which have raised the standard deduction amount for all taxpayers.

### Tax relief for church contributions

If you are at least 72, you may qualify to donate to our church using a QCD (Qualified Charitable Distribution). It's tax free from an IRA to qualified charity. Contact your financial advisor.

### Ebenezer Now Accepts Credit Cards

Thank you to the Endowment Board for funding a square terminal so credit cards are now accepted for offering and other activities at church. Questions? Contact JoAnn Cross.

### Old Envelopes

You can recycle your old offering envelopes at any time. Just put them in the box on the door of Office #3 or give them to JoAnn.

—JoAnn Cross

[finance@ebenezerlakestevens.org](mailto:finance@ebenezerlakestevens.org)

## GOOD NEWS



Our organ rebuild has begun. We don't know how long it will take, but it should be good for many years to come.

## COMMUNITY SUPPER

Community Supper is currently serving FREE take-out only meals every Thursday from 4-6 pm. Since serving take-out meals, we have served an average of 330 each week.

"Like" us at Lake Stevens Community Supper on Facebook to see what is happening. Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support for this program. For more information, contact [supper@ebenezerlakestevens.org](mailto:supper@ebenezerlakestevens.org).

## PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY



Pastor Benson's Thursday morning Bible Study will begin at 10 am. Join us every week in March in the Fireside Room as we dig deeper into the lessons that will be read the following Sunday.

## MAR-CILLA CIRCLE TUESDAY, MARCH 4 ~ 10:30 AM

All women of Ebenezer are welcome for Bible study, fellowship, and lunch with the Mar-Cilla Circle group. We missed our February gathering because of icy roads so we will follow the study planned for that day: "Christians Bring Wellness to the Community." We meet at 10:30 am on Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> in the Fireside Room. Bring a lunch. Dessert and coffee will be provided. For more info contact Julia Moen.



## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY EBENEZER'S FIRESIDE ROOM TUESDAY, MARCH 18~ 10:30 AM

ALL women are invited to join us for this Bible Study from *Gather*, the wonderful women's magazine of the ELCA. Questions? Please call Lynn Riggs.



The Season of Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, March 5. Each Wednesday during Lent we will begin with a Soup Supper at 6 pm, followed by worship at 7 pm. On Ash Wednesday we hear those familiar words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." The following Wednesdays we will worship with a Lenten Liturgy written by Marty Haugen and Susan Briehl entitled, "That You May Have Life." It is a wonderful, easy to sing, contemplative service written in the same style as Marty Haugen's familiar *Holden Evening Prayer*.

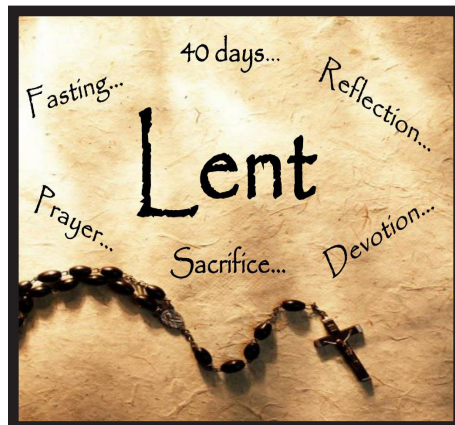
Our theme for our midweek Lenten Services will be: "Regrets and Redemption: Monologues for the Lenten Season." These monologues will add depth to our understanding of some of the key players from Jesus' last years on earth. We will hear from people like: the Centurion of Capernaum, the Mother of James and John, the Maidservant of Caiaphas, the Wife of Pontius Pilate, and other.

Join us each Wednesday as we journey throughout this Lenten Season towards the Glorious Day of Easter.

# Jesus, the Model of Salt and Light

In Matthew 5:13-16 Jesus tells his followers, "You are the salt of the earth. . . . You are the light of the world." Through his example, our Savior showed us what that means.

"The remarkable thing is that Jesus brought it all into reality in his own person," writes Bible scholar N.T. Wright in *Matthew for Everyone*. "He was the salt of the earth. He was the light of the world: set up on a hilltop, crucified for all the world to see, becoming a beacon of hope and new life for everybody, drawing people to worship his [F]ather, embodying the way of self-giving love which is the deepest [fulfillment] of the law and the prophets."







# Our March Birthdays

Name	Birth Date (month/day)	Name	Birth Date (month/day)	Name	Birth Date (month/day)
Crowley, Sharon	3/1	Yates, Sally	3/17	Hendrickson Sr, Sid	3/26
Martuch, Susan	3/3	Delgado, Mia	3/19	Wild, Marge	3/27
Dildine, Margaret	3/6	Schoenborn, Skyler	3/21	Adams, Martin	3/28
Hoffmann, Ann	3/8	Stone, Scott	3/21	Malmstead, Gale	3/30
Wright, Todd	3/10	McSherry, Marlene	3/22	Wardell, Avery	3/31
Ingram Forbus, Iris	3/11	May, Debbie	3/23		
Burin, Ramón	3/13	Hendrickson Jr., Sid	3/24		
DeFrang, Bob	3/13	Kuehl, CC	3/24		
Otusanya, Kemi	3/13	Spencer, John	3/25		

## The Prayer Corner

### Prayer Chain:



If you have an urgent need, please call Prayer Chain leaders Ken Cross and Lia Stuart. He will

contact Prayer Chain members to pray for your request. Please pray for the following:

### Members of the Congregation:

Kay Caulfield Terry Lambert  
 Jennifer Flax David Large  
 Sheldon Hendrickson Debbie May  
 Abbi Holmes Joe Probst  
 George Hughes Margaret Ren  
 Pat Jackson Margene Squires  
 Colleen Kozak Leah Tate  
 Mary Lamb

### Homebound or Special Care Residents:

Ethel Coryell Marlene McSherry  
 Bob DeFrang Marilyn Peterson  
 Arlene McDaniel Nancy Poremba

### Extended Family/Friends with Cancer:

Dina (Phyllis Peterson's daughter-in-law)  
 Emily (Kay Caulfield's relative)  
 Jim (Phyllis Peterson's neighbor)  
 Paul (Kay Caulfield's friend)  
 Dennis Aikman (Hannah Sellars' cousin)  
 Kristine Andersen (Iris Ingram Forbus' friend)  
 Dan Bagwell (Melissa Probst's brother-in-law)  
 Heather Bland (Kathy Parzyk's niece)  
 Danny Cooper (Erlene Cooper's son) - liver  
 Marin Drage (Betty Bauer's friend)

LeRoy Ettlin (Fran Clapper's friend)  
 Chris Grigsby (Kathy Larsen's great-nephew)  
 Ron Gunter (Kay Caulfield's friend)  
 Ron Herzog Sr (Jackie Herzog-Robertson's friend)  
 Curt Johnson (Neil Brandt's nephew)  
 Timmy Johnson (Kay Caulfield's relative)  
 Wyeth Larson (Robin Lindsay's cousin)  
 Peggy Layne (Terry Lambert's sister)  
 Bruce Mullikin (Fran Clapper's friend)  
 Dawn Nielsen (Kathy Larsen's granddaughter)  
 Mary Platz (Glenda Platz's cousin)  
 Susan Pratt (Fran Clapper's cousin)  
 Jodi Sanders (Pam Shultz's friend)  
 Adrienne Shaffer (Kay Caulfield's great-niece)  
 Carole Thorngate (Fran Clapper's cousin)  
 Sean Walker (Kay Caulfield's nephew)

### Extended Family/Friends with Needs:

Coryn (Mary Lamb's granddaughter)  
 Emit (Kay Caulfield's friend)  
 Helena (Kay Caulfield's granddaughter)  
 John William (Sally Yates' grandson)  
 Melissa (Sally Yates' daughter)  
 Zack & Riley (Mary Alstad's grandchildren)  
 Hans Bersas (Ellen Bersas' husband)  
 Kenny Blake (Pat Jackson's godson)  
 Terrie Bright (Patty Myntti's sister)  
 Ken Cooper (Erlene Cooper's friend)  
 Judie Davison (Pam Shultz's mother)  
 Rose DiVittorio (J & P Olson's granddaughter)  
 Kate Everley (CC Kuehl's daughter)  
 Heather Garbes (Mary Lamb's friend)  
 Kayla Gay (Helen Hendrickson's niece)

Ryder Jacobson (MaryJo DuBeau's nephew)  
 Ron Koepsell (Betty Bauer's brother)  
 Denise Lamb (Sally Yates' friend)  
 Eric Mittag (Patty Myntti's nephew)  
 Sue Pryor (Helen Hendrickson's niece)  
 Mark Rice (Alice Werner's nephew)  
 Elinor Shultz (Alice Werner's sister-in-law)  
 Diana Thomsen (J & A Wesling's daughter)  
 Meggi Ward (Susan Shephard's friend)  
 Bridget Wellen (M Ren's granddaughter)  
 Cale Werner (Alice Werner's grandson)  
 Fiona Werner (Alice Werner's granddaughter)  
 Tom Wood (Ken Holmes' father)  
 Karen Young (Betty Bauer's cousin)

### Preschool Director, Staff, & Families

### All Our Military and Their Families:

Hunter Gardoski, Sid Hendrickson Jr, Faith Poor, Ethan Stuart, Alec Zimmerman, Tyler Perry

### Those Who Grieve:

Bergerson Family – Marcella Bergerson passed away  
 Bucher Family – Charlie Bucher passed away  
 Egtvet & Martin Families – Carrie Egtvet's aunt Mary Martin passed away  
 Hughes Family – George Hughes passed away  
 Schultheis & Miller Families – Amber Schultheis' father Kirk Miller passed away

## Readings for Worship

### March 2 (Communion)

**1<sup>st</sup> Lesson:** Exodus 34:29-35

**Psalm:** Psalm 99

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson:** II Corinthians.3:12—4:2

**Gospel:** Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

### March 9

**1<sup>st</sup> Lesson:** Deuteronomy 26:1-11

**Psalm:** Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson:** Romans.10:8b-13

**Gospel:** Luke 4:1-13

### March 16 (Communion)

**1<sup>st</sup> Lesson:** Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

**Psalm:** Psalm 27

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson:** Philippians 3:17—4:1

**Gospel:** Luke 13:31-35

### March 23

**1<sup>st</sup> Lesson:** Isaiah 55:1-9

**Psalm:** Psalm 63:1-8

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson:** I Corinthians.10:1-13

**Gospel:** Luke 13:1-9

### March 30

**1<sup>st</sup> Lesson:** Joshua 5:9-12

**Psalm:** Psalm 32

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson:** II Corinthians 5:16-21

**Gospel:** Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



## Worship Schedule

March 2	9:30 am
March 5	Ash Wednesday (C)
March 9	9:30
March 12	Lenten Service - 7:00 pm
March 16	9:30
March 19	Lenten Service - 7:00 pm
March 23	9:30 am
March 26	Lenten Service - 7:00 pm
March 30	9:30 am

### Sundays:

- 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders meet in the Youth Room ~ 8:45
- Godly Play® starts in the Sanctuary ~ 9:30



## Church Office Hours

Monday	Office Closed
Tuesday	9:00-12:30 & 1:30-5:00
Wednesday	9:00-12:30 & 1:30-4:00
Thursday	9:00-12:30 & 1:30-4:00
Friday	9:00-12:30 & 1:30-4:00

## Living Lutheran

An author, Elise Seyfried is highlighted recently in *Living Lutheran*. She says, "many stories in Scripture tell of people who, in times of crisis, meet difficult moments with courage." Some are quite unexpected, such as David facing Goliath, or Moses saying he wasn't good at speaking but led the Israelites anyway, or Queen Esther when she speaks up and saves her people. Seyfried suggests there are present day situations that call us to act with courage. Examples include actions regarding changing climate, wars, governmental divisions, homelessness, social media interactions. "We may succeed or fail," Seyfried says, "but don't we owe it to the next generations ... to try?" God is there with us. "God offers us wisdom and compassion." We can "tap into that great wellspring of courage."

Read more Voices of Faith in [livinglutheran.org](http://livinglutheran.org).

## Special Thanks

### I Am So Thankful for ALL of You!

Thanks for your prayers, cards, and encouragement while I was in and out of the hospital for 3 months. It was a difficult time for my family. I especially want to thank Pastor Benson, Lia Stuart, Jeanette Backstrom, Pat Jackson, Lisa Curtis and her family, Melissa Probst who filled in for me, and everyone else who pitched in to keep the church office running. It's nice to be back and feeling well.

—Roseanne Cowles

### Thank You!

Thank you for your \$50 gift to Lutherwood Camp and Retreat Center! Your gift helps further our mission of sharing God's love by experiencing GRACE in Creation. Please come visit us or give us a call. The amazing bonds of ministry across the 78+ years of Lutherwood are a gift from God. —Ashleigh Ellsworth-Keller, Program Director

### Thank you so much!

We sincerely appreciate your efforts in organizing the Norwegian Pancake Breakfast fundraiser on behalf of our club. This incredibly generous contribution of \$1150 will significantly aid local families by providing scholarships for childcare and facilitating participation in sports. —Alice, Mike & Tabitha, L.S. Boys & Girls Club

### Recent Generous Gift

Thank you for the \$219.75 you sent to Lutheran World Relief's Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund! Every quilt and every kit has a story. Thank you for ensuring these items get where they need to go. Your kindness brings comfort and hope to people, just when they need it most.

—Ambassador Daniel Speckhard, President and CEO of Lutheran World Relief

Ebenezer Lutheran Church (ELCA)  
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**LENTEN  
SEASON**

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**  
MARCH 5 ~ Soup Supper 6:00 pm & Worship Service 7:00 pm

**LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES**  
Wednesdays, March 12, 19, 26 & April 2, 9 ~ 7:00pm  
[www.ebenezerlakestevens.org](http://www.ebenezerlakestevens.org): Facebook & YouTube

Remember to post your calendar!

JESUS LOVES ...



## In the News

### Save the Date

**EVERETT CHORALE**  
Sunday, March 30, 2025, 3:00 pm  
Everett Performing Arts Center,  
2710 Westmore Avenue,  
in Downtown Everett  
Theme: *Flight with the Angels*  
Cost: \$25 General Admission and  
\$20 Senior/Military/Youth

Everett Chorale invites you to their winter concert featuring songs about angels. We will be performing Goodall's Requiem featuring a chamber orchestra.

Purchase tickets at the box office or online: <https://purchase.villagetheatre.org/>.

### Celtic Party

For info about the 2025 Celtic Party on March 22, please read the Choir's article on page 4. Everyone is invited to participate in this wonderful evening. Tickets are first come, first served.

### ATTN: Thrivent Members

You have an opportunity to recommend where to distribute your Choice Dollars. There are two options:

1. Online: <http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice>.
2. Phone: 1-800-847-4836. Say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt.

You have until March 31, 2025, to distribute your 2024 Choice Dollars to your favorite, not-for-profit organization. Questions? Call Betty Bauer, your congregation volunteer.

### Altar Flowers Calendar

Several dates are still available in 2025. Call Roseanne, 425-334-0421, or write your name on the flower chart in the Narthex to reserve your "special" date(s). Thank you.



### Ebenezer's 2025 Phone Directory

The church office is getting ready to print the annual Ebenezer Phone Directory. If you have changed your name, address, phone number, or email, please notify Roseanne in the office right away.

If you are interested in having the announcements emailed to you weekly or the *VOICE* newsletter emailed monthly, please let Roseanne know, 425-334-0421 or [ebenezer@ebenezerlakestevens.org](mailto:ebenezer@ebenezerlakestevens.org).

### Over 50 Anniversary

On March 15, Don and Ann Hoffmann will celebrate their 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We pray God's blessings on them and their family and thank them for the wonderful example they are to all. Congratulations, Don and Ann!

