

March 8, 2022

Dear People of God

Are you weary? Overwhelmed? Confused?

There is a lot going on in our world today, and so I thought we would begin this moment with a little scripture. This passage from Isaiah is both powerful and encouraging.

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. **Isaiah 40:28-31**

I think we're all a bit weary and overwhelmed at times. What helps though is to spend time in scripture, reading the Bible. It feels good. There is nothing going on in our world today that hasn't been lifted-up in the bible. Jesus tells us to; "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. So, don't forget in all of our busy-ness, to spend a moment or two with Christ, and never forget just how much You Are Loved!

News from the Pews

Don't forget the time change this

Sunday, March 13th

as we "Spring Forward"

Cultivating Healthy Ministries

is a combined ministry between Hebron United Methodist Church and St. John's and we have held two events so far. Our last event, A1C screening was held on March 3rd. This event was a huge success with 30-35 people being screened. This healthy ministry is for everyone in our community.

We will let you know as soon as our next event is scheduled.

Pancake Breakfast ~ March 20th

Come to church hungry and after worship enjoy a scrumptious pancake breakfast created and served by our confirmation students.

Bible Study ~ Wednesday

****New Time**** 3:00 pm at church or online through Zoom.

All are welcome!

Book Club

Meets the 2nd Saturday of every month at Hebron Library @ 10:00 am.

Questions, please see Sandy Drevalas.

Men's group

March 31st will meet at Crandall's @ 6:00 pm

Baptism

Join us on Sunday, April 10th (Palm Sunday) as we welcome Damian David Tillich to our church family.

Meetings ~ all are welcome

Council ~ March 14th 6:30pm

Worship Team ~ March 22nd, 9:00 am (Zoom)

*****Survey ~ We Need your input!!!!**

This year, **Christmas, and New Year's fall on Sunday**. Between the Worship team and Council, we have come up with a few options and wanted your input.

Regardless how you vote, we will have our Christmas Eve worship at 5:00 pm

What we would like your input on is this:

Would we like to **worship on Sunday**, Christmas day and New Year's Day at 9:30am?

OR

Worship on **Saturday early evening for both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve** and **NOT worship on Sunday**. We will still have everything we do on a regular Sunday service.

Yes, I know it is early 2022, but Jess and I will start planning for the end of 2022 after Easter and so far, we have only heard from one person.

We need your input. Please reply to our office email to let us know. Thank you.

Holy week 2022

Maundy Thursday ~

Community service at Alden Methodist @ 7 pm

St. John's, along with Hebron United Methodist and Alden United Methodist will come together for worship on Maundy Thursday. Our service will be held at Alden United Methodist at 7 pm.

Good Friday ~ Stations of the Cross @ 7 pm

Stations of the Cross, also called Way of the Cross is a series of 14 pictures or carvings portraying events in the Passion of Christ, from his condemnation by Pontius Pilate to his entombment. The objective of the stations is to help the Christian faithful to make a spiritual pilgrimage through contemplation of the Passion of Christ. It has become one of the most popular devotions.

Easter Egg hunt ~ Saturday, April 16th @ 3 pm

A message from Laura Leedle:

Egg stuffing will be Sundays, April 3rd & 10th immediately following church.

I will be starting an egg hunt "fundraiser" this Sunday to help pay for candy along with asking for volunteers on the day of the egg hunt. If you need more info, please let me know! If you'd like to donate money for supplies please mark it as "Easter Egg Supplies" and include it in your offering.

Easter

YAY, it's back!!!

Join us for Easter Breakfast ~ 8:30 am.

We are excited to bring back a much-loved tradition of celebrating Easter morning with a breakfast. Following health protocols as best we can, we will have gloved servers and will offer not only a hot breakfast, but pastries/donuts.

At 9:30 join us upstairs in the sanctuary as we celebrate the empty tomb

He is Risen! He is Risen, indeed!

Synod Assembly

We are looking for two voting members who will commit to attending the annual Synod Assembly in June. The event (as of today) will be split between Zoom and in-person. Besides voting on the budget, council, etc., we will also be voting for a new bishop.

**Per Synod – you must be vaccinated.

The schedule as of today is as follows: (Each zoom event varies in time but assume 1-3 hours.)

Zoom events:

Sunday, June 5th will meet via Zoom ****required**

(Adopt rules of Assembly, Ecclesiastical Ballot; Adoption of minutes; Secretary's report; Treasurer's report; Vice President's report; report results of the first ballot for synodical bishop.)

Sunday, June 12th will meet via Zoom ****required**

(Casting of the 2nd ballot for synodical bishop; reports of the ELCA Churchwide Representative; report results of 2nd ballot for synodical bishop – and if necessary, will go forward with 3rd ballot)

Monday, June 13th, will meet (evening) via Zoom ****OPTIONAL but advised**
(Resolution Forum; budget Forum)

Thursday, June 16th will meet via Zoom ****OPTIONAL but advised**

(A forum via Zoom with the remaining seven (plus ties) candidates for Bishop. It will be live streamed and hosted by the Synod Council Vice President. The Vice President will ask each candidate a series of predetermined questions.

Friday, June 17th (Friday) **in person** at Augustana College

The regular business of the assembly will continue. Casting of the 3rd ballot for synodical bishop will take place.

Saturday, June 18th (Saturday) **in person** at Augustana College

The regular business of the Assembly will continue. If needed a 4th ballot or 5th ballot for bishop will be held.

Other business is completed and assembly closes.

Please let the office know if you are interested as registration begins soon.

Looking ahead to May 1st

Join us as we celebrate Youth Sunday!!

March	<i>3/2: Ash Wed</i>	<i>3/6: Lent 1</i>	<i>3/13: Lent 2</i>	<i>3/20: Lent 3</i>	<i>3/27: Lent 4</i>
Greeter	The Leedles	Sandy D	The Kastnings	The Kellys	Jean L
Lay Lit	Diane B	Karen G	Deanna V	John K	Joann L
Reader	Joann L	Pat P	Julie M	Jean L	Deanna V
Comm.	The Leedles	The Langes	The Petersons	The Gardners	The Gritmackers
A/V	<u>OPEN</u>	John K	Joe H	Caleb L	Lily L
Usher	Ken W	Ken W	Ken W	Ken W	Ken W
Altar	Jan W	Jan W	Jan W	Jan W	Jan W

April	<i>4/3: Lent 5</i>	<i>4/10: Palm</i>	<i>4/14: Maundy</i>	<i>4/15: Good</i>	<i>4/17: Easter</i>	4/24
Greeter	The Strands	Gerry V	@ HUMC	The Langes	The Higgins	The Petersons
Lay Lit	Pat P	Diane B	@ HUMC	Deanna V	Joann L	John K
Reader	Joann L	Karen G	@ HUMC	Pat P	Julie M	Jean L
Comm.	The Winkelmans	Deb & Sharon	@ HUMC	Sandy & Gayle	The Strands	The Langes
A/V	Will G	Will G	@ HUMC	<u>OPEN</u>	Lily L	Will G
Usher	Jim L	Jim L	@ HUMC	Jim L	Jim L & Daisy L	The Petersons
Altar	Joann L	Joann L	@ HUMC	Joann L	Joann L	John K

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