
First Congregational UCC "AT FIRST"

1400 North Elliott Avenue

Glencoe, MN 55336

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March 2022

***Ash Wednesday
Communion Service***

**Please Join us for our Ash
Wednesday Communion Service on
Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 7:00
pm**

Joint

**LENTEN
Services**

**will be held at the
following churches**

All Services begin at 7:00 pm

**Churches joining in the 2022 Lenten
Services are First Congregational,
St. Paul's UCC, Plato; Frieden's UCC,
Norwood-Young America & Prairie
Community UCC, Lester Prairie**

March 9 — St. Paul UCC, Plato

March 16 - Friedens, NYA

March 23 - First Congregational, Glencoe

March 30 - Prairie Community, Lester
Prairie

April 6 - St Paul UCC, Plato.

**A Congregational
Meeting**

**after our Church Service
on March 20th**

**to discuss and/or
take action on the following items:**

- 1) An application has been received for assistance from the Ondrachek Fund
- 2) Should the Church continue to operate with many checkbooks?
- 3) Should a portion of Memorial money be invested in the Stock Market?
- 4) Betty Bruckschen Memorial - Income generated by the principal portion shall be used for "charitable purposes as the governing body; thereof deems appropriate". Who is the "governing body"? Church Council? Trustees? Mission (former Benevolence) Committee?

Please make an effort to attend this meeting. Your opinions are important to us.

First Congregational Church Council



We Extend our Sympathy and Prayers

... to the family of **William (Bill) Gould**. His Funeral Service was held at First Congregational Church on February 7, 2022. Pastor Adam Thompson officiated.

... **Colleen P. Drew** passed away Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at GlenFields Living With Care. A private Family Service will be held at a later date.

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On The Job In March

Deacon of Month: Randy Warner

In Charge of Altar: Ann Wangerin

Happy Birthday To:

3. Abbie Raiter
Emelia Kottke
7. Janet Willand
Devin Forcier
8. Joan Chapman
Patti Olson
Joe Adrian
9. Cindy Patnaude
Brantley Forcier
10. Patricia Schilling
Christina Bargmann
11. Gale Hoese
12. Roxanne Mathews
Bailey Mathews
19. Valerie Dahlke
24. Brooke Rowan
26. Grace Patnaude
28. Carmen Kienenberger

One Great Hour of Sharing

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First Congregational will be receiving the *One Great Hour of Sharing Offering* along with other Congregations on Sunday, March 27th during the our Worship Service.

Abundant Table Community Meal

When: March 2, 2022

Meal: Our meal is Tater Tot Hot-dish,
Shamrock Salad, Buns and Poke Cake

When: We start at 4:30 and serve the meal at
5:00-6:00 PM

Where: Christ Lutheran Church, 1820 Knight
Avenue

For information call Christ Lutheran Church
at 320-864-4549

All are welcome to join us for wonderful food
and fellowship!

**FOLLOWING THE MARCH MEAL,
ABUNDANT TABLE MEALS
WILL BE ON HOLD
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

The Lint Of Lent

Being raised by a single mom, I was schooled at a young age in the laundry arts. Looking back, I am grateful for this life lesson and I can still hear my mom's instructive words, "don't forget to clean the lint trap", and these same words are echoed each time my own children transfer their clothes to the dryer.

Early on in my laundering career, I recall sitting in church with my mom and siblings one snowy Sunday morning. The pastor announced that today was the beginning of lint, at least that's how I heard it. I turned to my mom to ask what laundry had to do with church. Confused, she asked, "what do you mean?" "Lint", I responded, "the pastor said today is lint." She burst into laughter, turning everyone's solemn Lenten attention towards us. She quietly explained, "it is Lent not lint".

After the service, the pastor approached us and asked what she was laughing about. My mom explained the question to the pastor and to my surprise, he too burst into laughter. I remained totally confused and a little embarrassed, I didn't think there was anything too funny about laundry, lint, or whatever Lent was. The pastor knelt down and said, "I have never thought of laundry at Lent but it kinda makes sense, just like cleaning out the lint to prepare for laundry, we clean hearts and minds at Lent to prepare for Jesus' resurrection." He thanked me and said, "you just gave me an idea for my next sermon."

I haven't thought about this story for a long time, a lot of lint has been cleaned out and a lot of Lenten seasons have passed but there is something simple yet profound to this lint/Lenten analogy. Most, if not all of us know what happens when we try and dry clothes without cleaning the lint trap...very little. Our clothes just don't dry and wet clothes do nothing for us. Lent serves as a time to clean out our lives, to remove all the fuzz that keeps us from being in a healthy relationship with God. When our Lent traps get too clogged, we lose sight of the sacrifice Jesus has made and the difference Jesus makes in our lives.

Traditionally, Lent has meant giving something up, something that is emblematic of Jesus' 40 day fast, symbolic self-sacrifice to bring us spiritual discovery. As we enter into the six-and-a-half-week Lenten season, consider what is clogging your Lent trap. Sometimes, removing something is not what we need but rather adding something to move towards spiritual awareness such as a new spiritual practice. During this season of Lent, may you be heartened to lighten your load if it is overburdened with excesses that distract; may you be invited into times of spiritual wholeness that come when we are less distracted; and may the Lenten journey find you ready to rejoice once again the joy of life conquering death.

Peace,
Pastor Adam



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& Thursday 3:00 PM-5:00 PM

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March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 7:00 pm Communion Ash Wednesday Service	3 11:00 am Bible Study @ Rhema's Coffee House, Glencoe	4	5
6 9:15 am Communion Worship Service Confirmation	7	8	9 7:00 pm Joint Lenten Service @Plato UCC, Plato	10 11:00 am Bible Study @ Rhema's Coffee House, Glencoe	11	12
13 9:15 am Worship Service Coffee Hour In Honor of Joan Chapman's 90th Birthday 9:30-11:30 am Sunday School Confirmation	14	15	16 Noon-Trustee's Meeting 7:00 pm Joint Lenten Service @Frieden's County Line, NYA	17 11:00 am Bible Study @ Rhema's Coffee House, Glencoe	18	19
20 9:15 am Worship Service All-Church Meeting Confirmation	21	22	23 7:00 pm Joint Lenten Service @ Our Church	24 11:00 am Bible Study @ Rhema's Coffee House, Glencoe	25	26 Mitch Steele's Memorial Service @ 11:00 am Visitation @ 10:00 am
27 9:15 am Worship Service Deacon's Meeting	28	29	30 7:00 pm Joint Lenten Service @ Prairie Community Church, Lester Prairie	31 11:00 am Bible Study @ Rhema's Coffee House, Glencoe		