



March Newsletter

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On Love

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you.” ~ Jesus, Gospel of John 15:12-14

Love. Love is a very small word that means a lot. Not only does it mean a lot, but it has a lot of meanings! What you think is love may not be what someone else thinks is love.

Jesus not only describes to us what love is, but commands us to “love one another as I have loved you”. This is a tall order! This sort of love is unconditional, boundless, without end. But the love that we have for each other most definitely is conditional, does have boundaries, and does have an endpoint for some.

We want to obey Jesus’ commandment, but we have limits. We want to love others until we find that it might set ourselves back. We want to love others unconditionally, but then we get taken advantage of. I believe that we do genuinely have a desire to love others, but fall prey to burnout and get tired when people are constantly requiring love from us.

Which is why we need Christ! Because as much as we try to be obedient and follow His commandment, we fall short more often than not.

Christ is the one that keeps us going. Christ is the one that fills us up with love. Without Christ, we have no chance at laying down our lives for others, no chance at constantly giving of ourselves to those around us.

It is Christ’s Living Word that sustains us and makes all things possible. It is not our will-power or good nature that does it. When we are truly in Christ, truly hearing His promise of mercy, grace, and forgiveness, then we do not fear giving “too much” of ourselves. We know and trust that Jesus Christ will continue to give us new life each and every day!

May you hear this word and know it to be true. That as Christ has called you His own, He will not abandon you; He will renew you day after day. May you receive the peace of Christ that passes all human understanding and may it guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus now and forever.

This is most certainly true.

Pastor Max Whitehead

May God
GUIDE  Your
Steps



March Calendar

Sunday, March 2

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM **Worship Service @ Bethany**
 1:00 PM Bible Study @ Bethany

Ash Wednesday, March 5

2:00 PM Zoom Bible Study
 2:00 PM Bible Study (Parsons Ins)
~~3:45 PM~~ No Jr. VCIS
~~5:30 PM~~ No Meal & Confirmation
 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service (OSLC)
 8:00 PM VCIS

Thursday, March 6

7:30 PM Council Mtg

Sunday, March 9

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM **Worship Service**
 11:30 AM VBS Meeting

Wednesday, March 12

2:00 PM Zoom Bible Study
 2:00 PM Bible Study (Parsons Ins)
~~3:45 PM~~ No Jr. VCIS
~~5:30 PM~~ No Confirmation
 7:00 PM Lenten Service (Bethel Church)
 8:00 PM VCIS

Sunday, March 16

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM **Worship Service**

Wednesday, March 19

2:00 PM Zoom Bible Study
 2:00 PM Bible Study (Parsons INS)
~~3:45 PM~~ No Jr. VCIS
~~5:30 PM~~ No Confirmation
 7:00 PM Lenten Service (Bethany Church)
 8:00 PM VCIS
 8:00 PM Bible Study at the Daneville Inn

Sunday, March 23

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM **Worship Service**

Wednesday, March 26

2:00 PM Zoom Bible Study
 2:00 PM Bible Study (Parsons Ins)
~~3:45 PM~~ No Jr. VCIS
~~5:30 PM~~ No Confirmation
 7:00 PM Lenten Service (1st Baptist Church)
 8:00 PM VCIS



Looking Ahead To April

Wednesday, April 2

2:00 PM Zoom Bible Study
 2:00 PM Bible Study (Parsons Ins)
~~3:45 PM~~ No Jr. VCIS
~~5:30 PM~~ No Meal & Confirmation
 7:00 PM Lenten Service
 8:00 PM Council Mtg
 8:00 PM VCIS

Saturday, April 5

9:00 AM Church Cleaning

Sunday, April 6

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM **Worship Service**
 1:00 PM Bible Study @ Bethany

Wednesday, April 9

2:00 PM Zoom Bible Study
 2:00 PM Bible Study (Parsons Ins)
~~3:45 PM~~ No Jr. VCIS
~~5:30 PM~~ No Confirmation
 7:00 PM Lenten Service
 8:00 PM VCIS

Sunday, April 13 - Palm Sunday

~~9:00 AM~~ No Sunday School
 9:00 AM Sunday School Brunch
10:30 AM **Worship Service**



Committee's of the Month

The committee reads Scriptures on Sundays each month. Confirmed youth of members are included. The list of duties is on the bulletin board.

March

Don & Linda Renken,
 Lydell & Cath Peterson,
 Nancy Severson,
 Josh and Kristie Huth

April

Chad & Belinda Holm
 Matt & Sharon Wirth
 Steven & Linda Holmberg,
 Shelly Wray

May

Steven & Linda Holmberg,
 James Christopherson,
 Joe & Teddy Schafer



Sunday, March 2 (Communion)

Reader ~~Cath Peterson~~
 Acolyte/Communion Helper ~~Bailee & Quinn~~
 Live Stream ~~Maxx~~
 Organist/Pianist ~~Melanie Parsons~~

Sunday, March 5 (Communion)

Reader Don Renken
 Live Stream Maxx
 Organist/Pianist Melanie Parsons

Sunday, March 9 (Traditional)

Reader Linda Renken
 Acolyte Stetson
 Live Stream Maxx
 Organist/Pianist Melanie Parsons

Sunday, March 16 (Communion)

Reader Josh Huth
 Acolyte/Communion Helper Lyla
 Live Stream Maxx
 Organist/Pianist Melanie Parsons

Sunday, March 23 (Contemporary)

Reader Kristi Huth
 Acolyte Grace
 Live Stream Maxx
 Organist/Pianist Praise Band

Sunday, March 30 (Communion)

Reader Linda Renken
 Acolyte/Communion Helper Bailee & Quinn
 Live Stream Maxx
 Organist/Pianist Melanie Parsons

March Sunday Scripture Readings

March 02: Exodus 34:29-35, Psalm 99, 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2, Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)
 March 09: Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16, Romans 10:8b-13, Luke 4:1-13
 March 16: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Psalm 27, Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)
 March 23: Isaiah 55:1-9, Psalm 63:1-8, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9
 March 30: Joshua 5:9-12, Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

March Lenten Worship Schedule

March 5 Ash Wednesday
 Time: 7:00PM Preacher: Reverend Max Location: Our Saviors Lutheran Church

March 12
 Time: 7:00PM Preacher: Reverend Sorensen Location: Bethel Christian Fellowship

March 19
 Time: 7:00PM Preacher: Reverend David Location: Bethany Lutheran Church

March 26
 Time: 7:00PM Preacher: Reverend Max Location: 1st Baptist Church

1st Sunday Luther League
 2nd Sunday Sunday School
 3rd Sunday Committee of the Month
 4th Sunday VCIS
 5th Sunday Committee of the month

Thank You
Volunteers!

You Are Appreciated!

2025 Committee's of the Month

Each month's committee members are responsible for reading the scriptures on Sundays. Confirmed youth of committee members are included in the month in which the parents serve. A full list of duties is on the bulletin board and in the committee of the month binder.

MARCH

Don and Linda Renken
Lydell and Cath Peterson
Nancy Severson
Josh and Kristie Huth

APRIL

Chad and Belinda Holm
Matt and Sharon Wirth
Steven and Linda Holmberg
Shelly Wray

MAY

Steven and Linda Holmberg
James Christopherson
Joe and Teddy Schafer

JUNE

Jay and Melanie Parsons
Fred and Janet Holmberg
Loren and Michelle Johnson
Ellie Whitehead

JULY

Fred and Janet Holmberg
Mike and Laura Stevens
Derrick and Kayla Mehlhaf
Mike and Lisa McIlvenna
Shelly Wray

AUGUST

Joe and Teddy Schafer
Fred and Janet Holmberg
Derrick and Kayla Mehlhaf

SEPTEMBER

Loren and Michelle Johnson
James Christopherson
Ellie Whitehead
Chad and Belinda Holm

OCTOBER

Matt and Denise Graves
Jon and Krista Schaeffer
Matt and Sharon Wirth

NOVEMBER

Josh and Kristie Huth
Jay and Melanie Parsons
Lydell and Cath Peterson
Nancy Severson

DECEMBER 2025 & JANUARY 2026

Mike and Laura Stevens (Dec.)
Mike and Lisa McIlvenna (Jan. 26)



Please be sure to designate your Thrivent Choice dollars money before March 31, 2025 by logging in to

<https://login.apps.thrivent.com/login>

For questions, please contact Janet Holmberg at janetholmberg51@gmail.com



FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is in need of all grocery items. We **DO NOT** need the following:



- * Green Beans,
- * Mac & Cheese
- * Soups,
- * Hamburger Helper
- * Tomato Sauce,

All other food items are welcome and very much appreciated. We also have a fridge and freezer for cold storage items such as meats and cheeses. Thank you so very much in advance!

TOGETHER
WE ARE THE
CHURCH



Please Scan the QRCode

Please Consider Giving Online

There is a small fee that users have the option to cover to use this portal. We ask that you cover that fee. Thank you!

DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE MONTH

Chairman of the month is to notify all members of the committee. Be to church a minimum of 30 minutes before the start of the service.

The committee serves coffee the 3rd Sunday and the 5th Sunday (if there is one) of the month. Coffee is before 10:30 a.m. service and after 9:00 a.m. service.

Put up numbers for songs. Numbers are found in brown wooden cabinet under the mirror. Center section of song board lifts up and out so numbers can be slid in and out without being bent.

Provide 2 ushers to receive offering and 1 to usher communion. Count total attending and communing at each service and record in attendance book.

Fold and hand out bulletins. Place 1 unfolded bulletin on organ and 1 bulletin on the chairs by the organ for acolytes.

Ring the BELL (7 rings) and TOLL (3 sets of 3) before services. BELL is west rope and TOLL is east rope.

See that all lights and church fans are turned on and off. The furnace in church only is controlled remotely. You do not need to do anything with that thermostat. Lock both doors. Leave the fan on low in the Great Room. Set the thermostat in the Great Room to the temperature indicated on the wall.

Set up and put away extra chairs when necessary. Also get out extra hymnals for the chairs. The hymnals can be found in the cabinet next to the Great Room door.

Communion- The chalice and host box are in the display cabinet in the narthex. The glasses are in the middle cabinet in the Great Room. The communion cloths and a set-up diagram are in the left drawer on north wall. Wash and put away the communion glasses and the chalice and host box.

Take charge of serving lunch at funerals and congregational meetings. There is another book for funerals in the Great Room on the south counter. If there are special services, the committee is responsible for performing duties for the service.

Check oil in the alter candles and fill every week. The oil is in the left cabinet on south wall in the Great Room.

Clean sidewalks as necessary.

Oct. committee puts up fall decorations. The decorations are in the attic of the P.H.

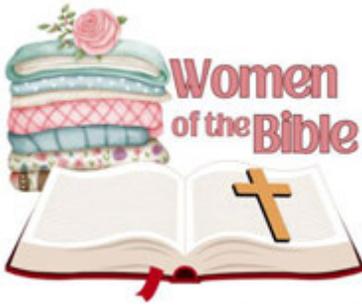
Dec. committee sees that the Advent wreath and Christmas tree is set up, decorated and taken down after Epiphany. The tree and decorations are in the attic of the P. H.

Change the paraments according to the list on the bulletin board. Paraments hang in the acolytes cabinet behind the robes. Change the banner as well. Banners are rolled up in the cabinet (where the vacuum is) in the front SW corner of the church.

Select members of your committee to read the scriptures each week during worship. If you do not wish to read, please find someone who is willing to take your place.

Women of the Bible

A Viborg Community Women's Bible Study

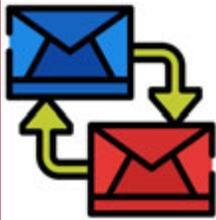


The Lutheran Churches of the Viborg area will be starting a Bible Study titled "Women of the Bible," along with a monthly quilt block-making activity. This group is open to the entire community, and you do not need to be a quilter to participate.

Meetings will take place on the first Sunday of each month at 1:00 PM in the basement of Bethany Lutheran Church, starting on March 2.

During each session, we will study the Women of the Bible and then create a quilt block related to the study. We can provide fabric for your blocks, or you can choose to bring your own. Additionally, we can prepare kits ready to be sewn by request. Also a very limited supply of sewing machines and tools will be available for use.

Join us for an afternoon of learning about the Women of the Bible, and enjoy the opportunity to learn to sew or refine your sewing skills. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Sharon Wirth, Theresa Bonhorst, Michelle Johnson, Kathy Van Hull, Wanda Kost, or Connie Nyhaug.



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Have you moved? If so, we'd like to know! Please send your new information to oslc.office@oslcvib.org



You're invited to participate in the Bible Study at Parsons Insurance, which is also conducted online via Zoom. While an in-person Bible study will still take place, the Zoom format allows for remote participation too. Join Us!

Topic: Weekly Lectionary

Date: Wednesdays, 2:00 PM

URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5453946071>

Meeting ID: 545 394 6071



Indoor Spring Cleaning!

The church needs a good cleaning. Many hands makes light work. Let's see how quick we can get this done! Lunch will be provided.

When: April 5, 2025

Time: 9:00 AM



REMEMBER TO SPRING FORWARD MARCH 9, 2025



WORSHIP LOCATION CHANGE! Due to Pastor Max attending the Confirmation Retreat, Bethany Lutheran has invited us to join them for Sunday morning worship at their church on **March 2nd**. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact a council member. Thank you!

Game Night



Memories



VCIS: A Ministry of the larger Viborg Lutheran Church

Vocavit - Congregantur - Illustratus - Sanctificatus - Called - Gathered - Enlightened - Sanctified

Confirmation
Grades 6-9 • Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:00 • Supper at 5:30

We did it! More specifically - YOU did it! Thanks to your donations, we were able to send the Confirmation students to their retreat in the last weekend of February without having to ask them to pay anything out of their own pockets. Thank you so much for your contributions and understanding of the importance of a retreat like this (at the time of writing this article, we will not have been to the retreat yet, but you will get updates from the trip in the March newsletter).

In the meantime, we spent time with the residents at the nursing home as we do every 3rd Wednesday

of the month and started diving into each individual petition of the Lord's Prayer. And that will be the topic of conversation when we come back from our Lenten hiatus.

During the Lenten season, we will be pausing our studies but attending the various lenten services throughout the town of Viborg. This gives us an opportunity to be out in the community and hear the Word preached from voices other than my own!

Thank you again for your continued support of this Confirmation program!



JrVCIS
Grades 1-6 ~ Wednesdays, 4:00-5:00

We have continued to have 16+ children come through our doors every Wednesday in the past month. The last Wednesday in January was nice enough for us to be outside and play an old VBS game from Pastor Max's day called 7 Steps. The kids had a lot of fun getting to run around the outside of the Parish Hall. We also broke out the sidewalk chalk and played Ultimate Bible Pictionary on the Hall sidewalk. Then when winter came back, we were forced back indoors where we got to bake together and play more games together.

Each day when we wrap up we talk about what we learned and how our time together reflects our lives in the eyes of Christ. A big theme that we

always have is how we learn to play together and be kind together. We always have more fun when we are kind! It was also discussed how important our words are. Sometimes the things we say may seem harmless coming out of our mouths but can actually be quite hurtful to our friends. We continue to learn about good communication and forgiveness.

This group continues to be a group full of energy every Wednesday! We are very happy to continue playing, snacking, and most importantly: growing together as fellow members of the body of Christ! Thank you for your support of this Children's Ministry that is going strong!



VCIS
Grades 7 - 12 • Wednesdays, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

We have seen a few less students on a regular basis this month. Winter is always a tough time with sporting events often on Tuesdays and Thursdays (sometimes more often) college classes, and homework that needs to be done. But we always have fun no matter who shows up!

This month we spent some time playing a Bible trivia game. We decided to play it in a sort of Family Feud-style. It didn't take long for some of our sophomore and junior boys to hop into the Steve Harvey role. I'm sure you can imagine that...

I started a new Bible Study this month too that will be taking place every 3rd Wednesday of the month. We highly encouraged the high school students to attend and a good group of them were able to for

the first time! While we were studying the first few verses of Galatians at the Daneville with some other adults, the Junior High students tried their hands at Bible Mariokart (unfortunately, no pictures were taken of the intense races).

As Lent is coming up, we will continue to meet and focus our attention on Good Friday. We are working on a sort of "reenactment" of Jesus' path to the cross. It will be worth your while to attend that Good Friday service in the Parish Hall lot on Good Friday at 7:00pm.

We have some really great kids and it is always a joy to spend time together and continue growing in this brother/sisterhood that is the Church.



None of these groups happen without the support of parents, volunteers, and church members like yourselves. We continue to ask for your prayers as we grow in faith and community! If you would like to contribute in another way, honestly the best way right now would be showing up and feeding the kids snacks or supper! JrVCIS has snack time at 4, Confirmation has supper at 5:30, and VCIS has supper/snack at 7. Let me know if you ever would like to serve!

Thank you, and God's peace be with you all