



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  Your Steps
GUIDE



March Calendar

Sunday, March 02

8:00 AM Council Mtg
9:00 AM **Worship Service**
 10:15 AM Sunday School
 1:00 PM Bible Study (Bethany Church)

Wednesday, March 05

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

Sunday, March 09

9:00 AM **Worship Service**
 10:15 AM Sunday School

Monday, March 10

2:00 PM Circle Group

Wednesday, March 12

2:00 PM Bible Study
~~3:45 PM~~ No Jr. VCIS
~~5:30 PM~~ No Confirmation
 7:00 PM Lenten Worship Service
 8:00 PM VCIS

Sunday, March 16

8:00 AM Council Mtg
9:00 AM **Worship Service**
 10:15 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, March 19

2:00 PM Bible Study
~~3:45 PM~~ No Jr. VCIS
~~5:30 PM~~ No Confirmation
 7:00 PM Lenten Worship Service
 8:00 PM VCIS
 8:00 PM Bible Study at the Daneville Inn

Sunday, March 23 - Newsletter Deadline

9:00 AM **Worship Service**
 10:15 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, March 26

2:00 PM Bible Study
~~3:45 PM~~ No Jr. VCIS
~~5:30 PM~~ No Confirmation
 7:00 PM Lenten Worship Service
 8:00 PM VCIS

Sunday, March 30

9:00 AM **Worship Service**
 10:15 AM Sunday School



Looking Ahead to April

Wednesday, April 02

2:00 PM Bible Study
~~3:45 PM~~ No Jr. VCIS
~~5:30 PM~~ No Meal & Confirmation
 7:00 PM Lenten Worship Service
 8:00 PM VCIS

Wednesday, April 09

2:00 PM Bible Study
~~3:45 PM~~ No Jr. VCIS
~~5:30 PM~~ No Meal & Confirmation
 7:00 PM Lenten Worship Service
 8:00 PM VCIS

Sunday, April 06

8:00 AM Council Mtg
9:00 AM **Worship Service**
 10:15 AM Sunday School
 1:00 PM Bible Study (Bethany Church)

Sunday, April 13 - Palm Sunday

9:00 AM **Worship Service**
 10:15 AM Sunday School

Monday, April 14

2:00 PM Circle Group



Ushers & Cleaners

March Ushers

- ❖ Randy and Charlene
- ❖ Overgard, Tim and
- ❖ Tammy Sorensen, and
- ❖ Troy and Kayla Larsen

Cleaners Feb 23 - Mar 08

- ❖ Kaye Lee,
- ❖ Faydra Christensen
- ❖ Tena Johansen

Cleaners Mar 09 - 22

- ❖ Tammy Zimmerman,
- ❖ Tonya Rudd, Kelli
- ❖ Zimmerman, Amy
- ❖ Christensen,
- ❖ Emily Thompson

Cleaners Mar 23-Apr 5

- ❖ Rita Westergard,
- ❖ Wanda Kost,
- ❖ Charlene Overgard,
- ❖ Gail Anderson,
- ❖ Kristi Johnson



Worship Helpers

Sunday, March 02

Reader Mitch Larsen
Acolytes Lincoln Mellem & Baylor Ludens
Communion Helper Emily Ludens
Live Stream Janet Munkvold
Organist/Pianist Annet Kropuenske

Sunday, March 09

Reader Dawn Kludt
Acolytes Ryker Larsen & Braxton Sorensen
Live Stream Janet Munkvold
Organist/Pianist Annet Kropuenske

Sunday, March 16

Reader Kelli Zimmerman
Acolytes Nora Rudd & Eden Rudd
Communion Helper Parker Christensen
Live Stream Janet Munkvold
Organist/Pianist Annet Kropuenske

Sunday, March 23

Reader Karen Larsen
Acolytes Andrew Spangler & Jonathan Spangler
Live Stream Janet Munkvold
Organist/Pianist Praise Band

Sunday, March 30

Reader Brett Mellem
Communion Asst. Riley Gall
Acolytes Lincoln Mellem & Ainsley Hanten
Live Stream Janet Munkvold
Organist/Pianist Annet Kropuenske



March Sunday Scripture Readings

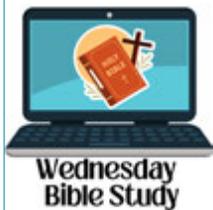
March 02: Exodus 34:29-35, Psalm 99, 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2, Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

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



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



Have you moved? Or has your information changed? If so, we'd like to know! Please send your new/updated information to svlc.office@svlcivib.org



Give Online to SVLC

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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
April 2		
Time: 7:00PM	Preacher: Reverend Reagen	Location: Church of the Nazarene
April 9		
Time: 7:00PM	Preacher: Reverend Randy	Location: Spring Valley Lutheran Church



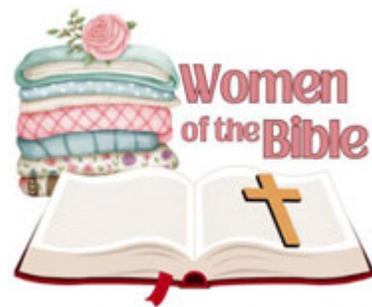
**REMEMBER TO
SPRING FORWARD
MARCH 9, 2025**

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 will 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.

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 PM, and VCIS has supper/snack at 7:00 PM. Let me know if you ever would like to serve!

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



Spring Valley
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FOOD PANTRY

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



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

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!



Join us for the Spring Valley Circle group! We meet on the second Monday of each month at 2:00 PM for fellowship, delicious desserts, and to explore the teachings of God's Word. Everyone is welcome to join us!

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