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LUTHER COLLEGE

**Luther College Nordic Choir 2018
Colorado Tour - February 7, 2018
Estes Park High School Auditorium, 7PM
Ticket price is \$15.00.**

The 73-member Luther College Nordic Choir program includes selections from the following: "Ye Were Sometimes Darkness" by Randall Thompson, "Exsultate Deo" by Hans Leo Hassler, "Hail, Gladdening Light" by Charles Woods, "Neither Angels, Nor Demons, Nor Powers" by Timothy Takach, "Mangisondele Nkosi Yam" by Michael Barrett, as well as hymn-arrangements, spirituals and the traditional Nordic Choir closing piece "O Lord God" by Pavel Chesnokov.

February Worship Matters

Sunday, 2/4. 9am

Jesus Heals Many at Simon's House

Sunday, 2/11. 9am.

The Transfiguration. CSU Student Ministry

Wednesday, 2/14. 5:30pm

Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday

Sunday, 2/18. 9am

Covenantal Language

Wednesday, 2/21. 5:30pm

Lenten Worship

Sunday, 2/25. 9am.

Jesus foretells his death and resurrection

Wednesday, 2/28. 5:30pm.

Lenten Worship

Feb. Comm. Corner Café Menu

February 2

Chef Special

Quota Club

February 9

Sweetheart Spaghetti

Noon Rotary

February 16

Hamburger Soup

Summit Church

February 23

Grill Night

Good Samaritan Village



Pastor's Corner

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THE MESSAGE OF REVELATION: HOPE, ENCOURAGEMENT & VICTORY

Each year as the season of Lent rolls around there is an effort to organize around a captivating theme. We know the story of the Jesus and his ministry, how he turned his focus to the city of Jerusalem where he would ultimately suffer and die. How might we travel in the way of Jesus today? That journey will begin on February 14 with Ash Wednesday at 5:30pm. The theme this year is based on the unusual New Testament book of Revelation.

Revelation gets its name from an ancient style of writing known as *apocalypse*. Today, the use of the word *apocalypse* is almost always in connection to some end-of-the-world catastrophe. This comes from modern interpretations that see it as "history told in advance." What is important to remember about the word *apocalypse* is that it refers to an unveiling or revealing of something that was previously hidden. Thus, the name *Revelation*. The book reveals two kinds of visions: terrifying episodes of violence and glorious visions of victory and celebration. The vision of hope, encouragement and victory is the lasting message for the church of Christ and will be our Lenten emphasis.

Throughout the Lenten season Bruce Brackman and I will be teaming up to study Revelation with you. Bruce has developed a Bible study looking at the seven churches identified in the book of Revelation, chapter 2 and 3. John, the author of Revelation, writes to these churches

who are struggling to survive in a world dominated by the Roman Empire. Some faced persecution; some were being corrupted by society; some had stopped taking faith seriously. These were people faced with living their faith at a time and place that didn't support them. Does that situation speak to us today? Join others in answering that question each Wednesday throughout Lent from 6:30-8pm. This study follows each weekly Lenten worship as well as Wednesday of Holy Week (Feb. 14, 21, 28, Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28)

Considering how the church of Christ has always struggled, I end with a quote from David Lose.

Martin Luther, in the middle of his reforms, once took up the matter of the "marks of the church" – preaching, sacraments, and all that. He left it pretty much unchanged, but added one "mark" – struggle. He figured that where there is faith there is also always struggle. And that's helped me remind people that struggle, doubt, feeling overwhelmed, wondering if God is out there – these aren't signs of failure or lack of faith, but are actually a testament to profound faith as we wrestle with such deep questions and thereby take God seriously.

Struggling with you!

Pastor Ron

February Bible Readings

February 4

Isaiah 40:21-31a
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

February 11

2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

February 18

Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

February 25

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38

February Calendar at a Glance

Thursday, February 1

11am - CCC Prep

Friday, February 2

9am - CCC Prep
4:30pm - Cafe Corner

Saturday February 3

10:30am - Organ Rehearsal
3:00pm - Peak to Peak Rehearsal

Sunday, February 4

9am - Sunday, Worship
10:30am - Adult Forum

Monday, February 5

10am - LaPuente Cooking

Tuesday February 6

9am - PEO

Wednesday, February 7

7am - Sacred Space
10am - LaPuente Cooking
11:30am - Centering Prayer
4pm - Choir Rehearsal
5pm - Church Council

Thursday, February 8

9:15am - Quilters
11am - CCC Prep

Friday, February 9

9am - CCC Prep
4:30pm - Cafe Corner

Saturday February 10

8:30am - Men's Breakfast
10:30am - Organ Rehearsal
3:00pm - Peak to Peak Concert

Sunday, February 11

9am - Sunday, Worship
10:30am - Adult Forum

Monday, February 12

10am - LaPuente Cooking

Tuesday February 13

1pm - WELCA

Wednesday, February 14

7am - Sacred Space
10am - LaPuente Cooking
11:30am - Centering Prayer
4pm - Choir Rehearsal
5:30pm - Ash Wednesday
6:30pm - Revelation Study

Thursday, February 15

11am - CCC Prep

Friday, February 16

9am - CCC Prep
4:30pm - Cafe Corner

Saturday February 17

10:30am - Organ Rehearsal

Sunday, February 18

9am - Sunday, Worship
10:30am - Adult Forum

Monday, February 19

10am - LaPuente Cooking

Tuesday February 20

9am - PEO

Wednesday, February 21

7am - Sacred Space
10am - LaPuente Cooking
11:30am - Centering Prayer
4pm - Choir Rehearsal
5:30pm - Lenten Service
6:30pm - Revelation Study

Thursday, February 22

9:15am - Quilters
11am - CCC Prep

Friday, February 23

9am - CCC Prep
4:30pm - Cafe Corner

Saturday February 24

10:30am - Organ Rehearsal

Sunday, February 25

9am - Sunday, Worship
10am - Congregational Brunch

Monday, February 26

10am - LaPuente Cooking

Tuesday February 27

10am - LaPuente Cooking

Wednesday, February 28

7am - Sacred Space
10am - LaPuente Cooking
11:30am - Centering Prayer
4pm - Choir Rehearsal
5:30pm - Lenten Service
6:30pm - Revelation Study

Women of the ELCA

Your women's group is reinventing itself in honor of this sabbatical year. We won't stop meeting but have decided on a simplified format for February: no business, no treats just Bible study with discussion. Join us on Tuesday, February 13, at 1 pm at church as we explore the "Multiple Meanings and Learn from other interpretations" of Luke 3:3-17. Bobbie Christenson will be facilitating our discussions. The lesson is from the January/February issue of Gather. Extra copies can be picked up in the Narthex.

FEBRUARY QUILTING

This saying from Australian Patchwork Quilting seems perfect for Valentine's Day and the beginning of Lent -

QUILTERS

CUT WITH HOPE

STITCH WITH GRACE

QUILT WITH DREAMS

BIND WITH LAUGHTER

 & SHARE WITH LOVE

Won't you find out for yourself by joining us on Thursday, February 7 and February 21 as we assemble, tie and sew quilts at the church from 9:15 to 11:20? Bring your loving hearts and willing hands and we'll provide the rest.

Linda Schlitt

Table Talkers

We have a fun group of people that meet once a month for great fellowship. We meet together for meals or coffee or just whatever sounds fun. This is for singles or couples. Then we change groups every four month so that we can get to know more people. If you are new to SMLC, or been in Table Talkers before, let me know if you would like to be in a group this semester Feb. March April and May.

I need to redo the groups soon so we can get started. Please let me know by Feb. 6th. I will be in the narthex this Sunday Feb. 4th. I will have a signup sheet with me. A few of you have already said yes for this semester. Thank you.

Blessings, Lin Smith lindonsmith@q.com
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Important Dates of Note

Anniversaries

- Bill & Connie Westley - Feb. 12th
- Nick & Mary Beth Molle - Feb. 14
- Mike & Linda Wold - Feb. 27

Birthdays

- Glenn Isernhagen - Feb. 3
- Tom O'Neil - Feb. 6
- Mike Wold - Feb. 6
- Charles O'Neil - Feb. 16
- Donald Shalibo - Feb. 18



ALL ABOARD!!!

Have you ever wanted to travel abroad? Have you ever wanted to visit EPHE-SUS, SMYRNA, PERGAMUM, THY-ATIRA, SARDIS, PHILADELPHIA and LA-ODICEA?

Here's your chance and it will cost you nothing but an hour and a half every Wednesday night after our Lenten worship. Every Wednesday night during Lent, directly following our Lenten worship, we will gather to visit each of these cities as we explore the Seven Letters to the Churches in Revelation.

What did the writer have to say to each of these churches? What does the writer have to say to us today? These are questions that we will explore as we read, study and share our findings, our thoughts and insights as we methodically look at each letter to each church.

This Bible Study is for everyone. Bruce Brackman wrote the study and will lead the study. Don't have extensive knowledge of the Bible ... no problem; this study is for you. All it takes is a willingness to learn. Don't have a Bible ... no problem; we have plenty. Don't have anything to write with ... no problem; we have plenty of writing utensils.

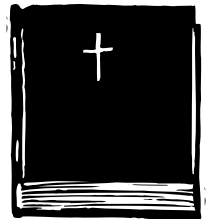
We will provide a Study Guide on *Revelation The Seven Letters To The Church*.

Please join us!!! See you all there!!!

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer , 11:30 Wednesday

Centering Prayer will be meeting each Wednesday at 11:30 in the Library or the Lounge...following 20 minutes of Centering Prayer we will begin a book study and discussion of the book *Kitchen Table Talk* by Rachel Naomi Remen. One of the comments says "She is an extraordinary combination of wounded patient and highly skilled physician and a compassionate healer ...gifted author." The book is a compilation of many short stories (4 to 5 pages) in various areas of interest. Anyone is welcome to participate; this book is around \$13.00 from Amazon Books (paper) or a little less on Kindle. Please feel free to arrive a bit before 11:30 as we settle in.



Lenten Devotion Books available

The Learning Committee is offering two different Lenten Devotionals this year: The traditional style of daily readings from Augsburg Press is *You Are the Way* by various authors and based on the "I Am..." passages in the Gospel of John. There are 15 copies plus 5 large print. The other devotional is a fold-out panel with weekly devotions and a verse for meditation called *Cry Out*, based on the weekly lectionaries during Lent, primarily the Gospels. It is from Benetvision, the Joan Chittister organization of Benedictine Sisters in Erie, PA. Please take one for family unit; if you wish to make a donation, they run about \$3.00 each.

Prayer Reminders from January

- Maxine Peebles, upon the death of her husband Bill in Arizona
- Ron and Kristi Bowen & families, upon the death of Don Bowen
- Gloria Lickfett, daughters and families, upon the death of Don Lickfett
- Nancy & Ralph Knoll, medical tests and procedures
- Pamm Haglund, whose friend, Tim, has cancer
- Peggy Savelsberg, whose niece, Kim, has issues with her pregnancy
- Don & Lin Smith, whose nephew, Brian, has cancer
- Pastor Kathleen Armstrong, who was installed as Sr. Pastor at Cross of Christ in Broomfield
- Nancy Matson, whose grandson, Josh, seeks guidance at this time
- Sally Tessler, and her ongoing medical tests and procedures

Church Brunch/Meal on Sunday, Feb. 25

The congregation is invited to a meal sponsored by the Marison Project—otherwise known as our cooks: Marc and Becky! They want to thank SMLC for its continued support of their project to provide meals to LaPuente in Alamosa. Marc and Becky use SMLC's kitchen to crank out an incredible number of meals for the homeless shelter in Alamosa. If you wonder why the building often smells like good food, now you know. You don't have to bring anything on the 25th. Come and enjoy following the worship service!!!