

Holy Week Schedule

April 9—Palm Sunday

8/1030am Worship
9:15am Holy Week Brunch

April 13—Maundy Thursday

12:00pm Worship
6:30pm Worship

April 14—Good Friday

6:30pm Worship

April 15—Easter Saturday

9am-9pm Prayer Vigil
10:00am Easter Egg Hunt
9:00pm Easter Vigil Worship

April 16—Easter Sunday

6:30am Sunrise Worship
8:00am Worship
9:15am Coffee Fellowship
10:30am Worship

MARTIN LUTHER: The Idea That Changed the World
April 3, 7:30pm at the Wehrenberg Galaxy 14 Cinema
Thrivent Financial will hold a reception for all attendees prior to the showing at 7:00pm. Complementary tickets will be available to all who **sign up on the large bulletin board in the offices'** hallway. Vouchers with your names will be available at the theater the evening of the showing. Please sign up by March 26. For more information contact Marli Erickson at marlene.erickson@thrivent.com or call 507-289-6325.

Thrivent Day @ GEV! Thrivent members are invited to attend Thrivent Day at Good Earth Village, Thursday, March 23, 10am-3pm! Thrivent professionals will be available to help direct Choice Dollars, there will be complimentary lunch and refreshments, optional tours and activities, and the opportunity to visit with the GEV staff! Join us at the Barr Lodge at Good Earth Village!

Anthem:

8:00am Worship Assistants

Acolyte: Alex Train

Greeters/Offering: Wanda Hagquist, Sandy Miller

Communion Assistants: Nancy Rohde, Bruce Rohde

Usher/Offering: Larry & Kathy Norby

Prayer Reader: Wanda Hagquist

Coffee Prep: Rita Balm

Sound Board: Tim Pickett

10:30am Worship Assistants

Acolyte: Sayer Flynn

Greeters/Offering: Bill Nicklay, William Irons

Communion Assistants: Flynn Family

Usher/Offering: Tim & Jean Hornseth

Prayer Reader: Kidron Flynn

Sound Board: David Flynn

Coffee Clean up: Bill Nicklay

Offering Counters: Tim & Jean Hornseth

Altar Guild: Ruby Florine, Mary Ann Smith

Organists/Pianists: Ruth Benning, Mandy Lambrecht,
Bruce Rohde, Jan Matson

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ECHOES Weekly-March 19

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WELCOME VISITORS!

"Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, to the glory of God." Romans 15:7

We welcome new visitors and old friends, long-time Lutherans, Christians from every tradition, and people new to faith. To those who have no church home, want to follow Christ, have doubts, do not believe, you are welcome here. Regardless of age, color, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status, marital status, abilities or challenges, join us, you are welcome here. You are welcome to worship, to celebrate and sigh, to rejoice and recover. This is a place where lives are made new.

WANT TO JOIN OSLC? If you are interested in becoming a member, please talk with Pastor Ben or Pastor Fred.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God from Grant Florine in **honor of Evelyn Block's baptism.**

Remember in your Prayers:

Concerns: Joanne Hamilton; Sue Servais; Oliver Nimmo; Marti Howe; Maxine Thoreson; Melissa Harwick; Connie Delorme; Dianne Claffy; Betty Andrist; Marsha Dick; Karen Pflibsen

Military Concerns: Margaret & Catherine Maher; Paul Schroeder; Austin Nicklay; Clark Rose; Eric Brown; Scot Heathman, Ryan Nordstrom, Dan & Kelly Pickett, all our service men and women serving in the Military and of our veterans who have served.

Missionary Concerns: Patrick & Jacqueline Bencke in Japan.
The Palliative Care Program at Iambi Hospital, Tanzania.

Seminary: Nicholas Rohde



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God's work. Our hands.

NOW THAT WE HAVE SOME COLLEGE ADDRESSES, we need to get some fun stuff together to send to them. There will be about 15 packages. Things like gum, candy, chips, fun pens, bouncy balls, stuff for party favors-just fun things to let them know we're thinking of them. We'll also take money for shipping. Cassie will take your donations. We hope to ship them late March or early April.



THE OSLC YOUTH WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO A BRUNCH TO KICK-OFF HOLY WEEK AT OSLC.
Palm Sunday, April 9
Serving will begin at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall.

A free-will offering will be taken and all money raised will be used towards the OSLC youth activities.

Coffee & Rolls will still be offered after the Sunrise worship on Easter Morning.



The youth are selling plants to adorn the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. **The proceeds after purchase cost will help to fund the youth's activities.** The cost for each plant will be \$16.00. Please make checks to OSLC with Youth Flowers in the memo. Your plant will be available for you to take home after Easter. Plants not picked up by April 19 will be donated. Thank you to Scott Moon and Sargents for supplying and delivering the plants. Deadline is April 2.

Forms can be left in the offering plate or in the church office.

PLANNING AN EVENT AT OSLC????

1. Check the online calendar at www.rochesterosl.org. This calendar is the most updated and will tell you if other events have already been planned.
OR
2. Check with Joanne in the church office.

This is for all events happening at OSLC. Even **if you've always done it that day in the past.** Please try to plan ahead a month or two or even more. This is a very busy building and **it's generally first come first serve.**

DISCUSSION ON THE MOVIE "SHACK"

Since there is a good chance that the movie will have left by March 23 and the pastors **don't have the previous Thursdays open,** a time to discuss the movie is being set up. People are invited to see the movie on their own time, and if by chance the movie is still in Rochester on March 23, a group can still go see it then. Barring that happening, people are invited to Whistle Binkies North to talk about the significance of the movie, meeting sometime around 7:00.

THANK YOU for all the prayers and cards, "snail mail" with real handwriting!! I reread a few each day, and enjoy them. It is finally getting easier to be up and around the house ,and up and down the stairs. See you soon.

Love, Marti

LENTEN SUPPERS

Come one, come all to the Wednesday March 22 Lenten Supper! Bring your favorite rooster, hen or chicks with you! Soup this week will be Turkey **vegetable with wild rice, and Bacon Corn Chowder.** **Don't miss the "EGG" surprise in the Fellowship Hall.**



MIDWEEK LENTEN & HOLY WEEK OFFERINGS are designated to the Seminary Scholarship Fund. This is a mission of OSLC to support future leaders of the church. Our present seminarian is Nicholas Rohde.

The end of year giving statements were mailed out the last week in January, and should have been received in the first week of February. Since we are in crunch time of tax season, if you need another statement because you never received one, or have misplaced yours, feel free to contact me by phone or email, or see me in church, to tell me you would like another copy. I will be happy to get you one by mail or email.

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QUILTING IN MARCH

March 21 @ 9:00am, Fellowship Hall
Mark this date and time on your calendar and join us in tying quilting for Lutheran World Relief and for our community. No sewing skills are required.





PASTOR FRED SPEAKS FRANKLY, "Do not be anxious," Jesus said, and yet I'm anxious. I worry about whether our children or grandchildren will have faith, and when I assure myself that God will take care of that, I worry about whether that faith will be vibrant and with enough resources to meet the onslaughts which seek to destroy them.

Here's the crux of my anxiety: I've watched for over 35 years my confirmation students graduate from church, and sometimes the entire family graduated, also. I always thought if only I could come up with a better program or if only I could learn how to be a better teacher, and without my baptismal promise I would have beat myself up pretty good. I've heard too many other pastors bemoan the same thing. Maybe it isn't me. Maybe the model we use sets us up for the outcome we get. We use the school model, thinking that the church should give the spiritual education for our children, just like school. But you graduate from school.

What if the first goal is not education but faith formation, then maybe the best model is not school but something else. I have come to believe that faith formation is and always has been (or should have been) the primary goal of the church, and education should serve that goal.

You will be hearing more about some changes that will be coming in the fall. Let me assure you, every change will be done with the goal of faith formation. The goal for everything we do as a congregation should be faith formation.

When I worry about the future for our children and grandchildren, I begin with prayer, turning my anxiety over to God. Then, it is time to do something. Talk to me or Pastor Ben about it sometime. See you Sunday and Wednesday, Pastor Fred

MARCH/APRIL CONGREGATIONAL PROJECT

FLEECE TIED BLANKETS & SOAP
COORDINATED BY NAOMI CIRCLE
FLEECE BLANKETS

Bright, colorful, sturdy and warm, Fleece Tied Blankets are a soft, cozy reminder that someone cares. In a hospital room or on the hard ground, these handmade blankets provide protection and a sense of comfort.

What to Include

Guidelines

- Please give new items only, except where otherwise noted
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your **congregation's name.**

Materials

- Two pieces of fleece 58" - 59" wide x 80" long

SOAP

No one likes to look dirty. A brand new bar of soap lets someone present him- or herself with dignity, keep hands clean and stay healthy. Those simple things are some of the very building blocks to success.

Send us soap and we will see it gets to people in need. LWR accepts new bars of any brand, in its original wrapping. Bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) are highly preferred. Items collected in the Narthex.

Youth & Family Ministry

NOTICING GOD Lent is an invitation to connect with God. How will you and your family notice God? Here are some ideas. I know you'll come up with many more!

- Add OSLC's Wednesday night meal and interactive worship to your routine during Lent.
- Make sure the children in your life know the story of Jesus and his journey to the cross.
- Find a way to serve, then notice God in the faces of those you meet.
- Turn off screens and spend time in face to face conversation one night each week.
- For more family friendly ideas for Lent go to: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B0RweH-3Ry10ZXNFOE85TVFuN3c/view>

COMING UP...

Generations of Stories—March 26

Everyone is needed for our next intergenerational education hour! We will celebrate the many different generations of Our Saviors. Youngest and oldest will be recognized as we share stories about what Jesus means to us.

CALENDAR NOTE: Easter Egg Hunt, April 15 at 10:00am
Egg Hiders are needed (6th grade and up) at 9:00am. Contact Megan Rask if interested in helping out. 363-6940

Youth News

SOFTBALL!! It's that time of year again. Coach Glenn and Cassie are looking for players!! No experience is necessary!! Just a desire to have fun and be outside!! Games are played at Slatterly Park on Wednesday nights starting in May. Let Glenn or Cassie know if you'd like to play. The league is open to 12 year olds up to this years 12th graders!!

This Week at OSLC

Sunday, Mar. 19

P.F. off
8:00am Worship
9:15am Education Hour
Coffee Fellowship
Book Study
10:30am Worship

Monday, Mar. 20

Joanne off
P.B. off
P.F. off
1:00pm Sarah Circle

Tuesday, Mar. 21

Joanne off
P.F. off
9:00 am Quilting

Wednesday, Mar. 22

Joanne off
12:00pm Weekly Deadline
5:00 pm 1st Communion
5:00pm Living Praise
5:30pm Lenten Meal
6:30pm Lenten Worship
7:30pm Senior Choir

Thursday, Mar. 23

Joanne off
P.F. off
6:00pm Promise Keepers
8:30am Faithfully Fit
6:30 pm Grace Bells

Friday, Mar. 24

Joanne off
P.F. off
9:00am Banners
9:00am Weekly Prep

Saturday, Mar. 25

P.F. off
7:00 am Men's Fellowship

Sunday, Mar. 26

8:00am Worship
9:15am Education Hour
Coffee Fellowship
Circle of Generations
10:30am Worship

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BIBLE READING

Matthew 22:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. Glory to you, O Lord. ¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Body Broken

March 19, 2017

8:00am & 10:30am Worship
Bulletin or PowerPoint Available

Welcome to Worship



Baptized
with
the
Holy
Spirit

10:30am Worship
This morning, we welcome
Evelyn into God's kingdom
and our congregation
through Holy Baptism.
Evelyn was born
December 14, 2016 to
Britten & Emily Block. Her baptismal
sponsors are Taylor & Lori Schepp. We
rejoice at Evelyn's rebirth through
water and the Word!