March 2025

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CHRIST LUTHERAN AMBASSADOR

The Amazing Irish Pastor Paula Geister-Jones

In March everyone in this country wants to be Irish. We wear green in honor of the "Emerald Isle." (If you have ever visited Ireland, there is no denying its lush green landscape.) We eat corned beef with cabbage, potatoes and carrots and drink green beer. So, why all this desire to be Irish?

It could be Saint Patick. At 16 Patrick was captured by Irish raiders who hauled him back to Ireland and sold him into slavery. For six years he tended sheep. Alone without proper clothing or food and continually exposed to the elements, he turned to God. Like so many young people even today, he was raised in a Christian household, but never took his parent's faith seriously. Those years as a shepherd taught him that God was indeed with him. He would not have survived without God. He had a dream one night. God told him to escape to the east coast. A boat was waiting to take him home. He ran to the east coast, found a boat just leaving and eventually made his way home. He entered a seminary, became a priest and at 48 returned to Ireland as a missionary. He baptized over 100,000 people. What spoke loudest to the Irish was not his words, but his courage, faith and kindness. And no, he did not rid Ireland of snakes.

Or it could be those book loving monks? I remember reading Thomas Cahill's book, "How the Irish Saved Civilization." If it had not been for those Irish monks wandering the continent during the Early Middle Ages in search of books, many ancient treasures would have been lost forever. During this period, Ireland was the place the rich sent their sons for a proper education. That all ended in 795 AD when the Vikings landed on their shores and began their pillaging.

Or it could be the fact that there are so many Irish in the United States. Between 1820 and 1930, 4.5 million Irish immigrated to the United States. That is a lot of people. In 1820's when they first started arriving on our shores, the population of Ireland was 6.8 million. In the 1840's 2 million more came to escape the Great Potato Famine. During that period 1 million starved to death from disease or starvation. Today there is only 5.3 million people in Ireland in comparison 31.5 million people of Irish descent live in the U.S.

The Irish's initial reception was not a warm one. They were poor, illiterate and Catholic and were greeted with widespread discrimination and hostility. They were accused of taking jobs from native-born Americans. Not many native-born Americans wanted to work as domestic servants or work building railroads, canals or bridges. That was back-breaking work. They were often times taken advantage of, paid less and treated with contempt. During the mid-19th century when large numbers arrived due to the potato famine; "No Irish Need Apply" signs were a common symbol of this prejudice. I bet if you look at old photos of Stoughton's downtown you might see one of those signs on display. My last parish was in Dassel, Minnesota and it was the truth there.

And yet, the Irish never gave up. They were bound and determined to survive and thrive. When they were kept out of social clubs, they created their own. When colleges would not admit them they built their own. Second generation immigrants moved up the social ladder into skilled labor positions. The Irish are known for their sharp-wit, love of learning, kind hearts, friendly and easy going nature, but what impresses me the most is their perseverance.

So we too are going to join the fun and celebrate the Irish with corned beef and cabbage during the garage sale and senior luncheon and a bit too on Sunday, March 16th.



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MARCH WORSHIP NEWS

March Worship Schedule 2025 Traditional Worship at 8:00 a.m. and Worship Express at 9:15 a.m.



Sunday, March 2nd: Transfiguration Sunday with Holy Communion

Epiphany is the season of revelation. Through the scripture lesson we read we have seen different pieces of who Jesus is. IF we still haven't caught on to who Jesus is, today's lesson leaves no doubt that he is God's Son, in the flesh, with us, here on earth. **Preacher:** Pastor Paula

Sunday, March 9: Worship

Lent always begins with the temptation story of Jesus. Immediately after he is baptized he goes off into the wilderness to be tempted by Satan for 40 days and 40 nights. His temptations are our temptations and granted, he is the Son of God, but those temptations were as real to him as they are to us. **Preacher:** Pastor Paula

Sunday, March 16: Worship with Holy Communion

Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem and the cross and nothing and no one will stand in his way. Guest Preacher: Kyla Betts Special Music: Chancel Choir and First Class Ringers

Sunday, March 23: Worship

"Why me?" is the question asked in today's gospel. "When bad things happen to us are we to blame." "No" Jesus would say. But his "no" doesn't make the "why me?" any easier to answer. **Preacher:** Pastor Paula

Sunday, March 30: Worship

The gospel reading is the story of the prodigal son. IT is a great story and one that always leaves us asking ourselves, "Are we the older brother or the younger brother?" and does it really matter because their father loves both of them with an amazing love neither deserve. **Preacher:** Pastor Paula



Wednesday nights during Lent we will have Children's Church in the gym from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. We will be learning about the life of Moses through a short video and discussion, along with crafts, games and snacks that reinforce that week's Lesson. We will be following along with the same topics as discussed in the Lenten services at a level for kids in 3K through 6th grade. Moses is not something we cover at length in our normal lessons in Sunday

school and this prophet is so important to our faith. We hope you will join us!

March 5th : Baby Moses and his harrowing journey,

March 12th: Moses is called by God

March 19th: Moses and the 10 Plagues

March 26th: Moses Parts the Red Sea

April 2nd: Moses and the Gift of the 10 Commandments

April 9th: Moses finds the Promised Land





Lent begins with Ash Wednesday Worship Wednesday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m.

This year, following Ash Wednesday, our Order of Worship will be Holden Village Evening Prayer. Its music is beautiful and calming. For our Lenten

Series we will take a closer look at the story of Moses and the Exodus. An entire book of the Bible is dedicated to the telling of this story – Exodus. For the Jews this story is THE STORY of the Old Testament. God's people were forbidden to make any graven images of God and there is a reason for that. If they wanted to know who their God was or what their God was all about, they looked to what God had done for them. The Exodus tells them beyond a doubt that their God is all about FREEDOM. God freed them from slavery in Egypt, and then to keep them free, God gave them the Ten Commandments. I invite you to join us and read the selected sections of Exodus before worship. Copies of the scripture readings with though provoking questions may be found on the Information desk beginning March 2. We will put out the readings one week at a time for you to take home..

Ash Wednesday, March 5: "A New King... Who Didn't Know Joseph"



The new Pharoah sees the Israelites as a threat to his power and takes action to neutralize that threat. If that word "neutralize" sounds threatening, that's good, because his actions go far beyond cruel and coldhearted.

I invite you to read the following scripture before worship... Exodus 1:8 – 2:10



Wednesday, March 12: "Moses' Call Story"

It seems like no one in the Old Testament wants to be God's prophet. Probably because prophets do not get treated well. Moses' reluctance most certainly stems from the fact that he will be taking on Pharoah, the most powerful person in the world, and assumes he will lose in the end. I invite you to read the following scripture before worship... Exodus 3:1 – 4:17



Wednesday, March 19: "Let My People Go"

God fights for a people who cannot fight for themselves. They are slaves. They are powerless. Pharoah thinks he is a god. He thinks there is no one more powerful than him in this world. As one plague after another is visited upon Egypt, God shows Pharaoh who truly is "God." You could read it as a story of tough love, unfortunately by the time Pharaoh "gets it" his country is totally devastated.

I invite you to read the following scripture before worship... Exodus 5:1 – 12:51



Wednesday, March 26: "The Wilderness School"

The #1 thing God's people learned out in the wilderness is that God will provide. In this part of the Exodus story God provides manna from heaven. That manna will rain down upon them each and every day for the next 40 years.

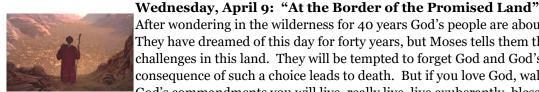
I invite you to read the following scripture before worship... Exodus 16:1 -31



Wednesday, April 2: "The Gift of the Ten Commandments"

God gives God's people the gift of the Ten Commandments. We often see is as a set of rules that God demands we obey, but God's intent was to give God's people a guideline on how to live and be free.

I invite you to read the following scripture before worship... Exodus 20: 1-12



After wondering in the wilderness for 40 years God's people are about to enter the Promised Land. They have dreamed of this day for forty years, but Moses tells them that they will face new challenges in this land. They will be tempted to forget God and God's commandments. The consequence of such a choice leads to death. But if you love God, walk in God's ways and keep God's commandments you will live, really live, live exuberantly, blessed by God.

I invite you to read the following scripture before worship... Deuteronomy 30 - 31:8



New Member Sunday – March 16

New members will officially be received into our faith community on **Sunday, March 16** at both services. If you know anyone who is interested in joining or if you are that someone, please contact the church office so Pastor Paula can arrange a visit.

New Member Orientation will be on **Sunday, March 2 or March 9 immediately following the 9:15 a.m. Express Service**. We meet in the Conference Room right off the narthex. Feel

free to pick up a cup of coffee and snack from our Cafe. We ask that people come prepared to have your photo taken. It is an informal time to get to know one another and to share information about the congregation.

God's Global Barnyard



As I have said before, it is not a Lutheran tradition to give up anything or "fast" during Lent. The Ash Wednesday liturgy encourages us to focus instead on "acts of love." During the Season of Epiphany we focused our attention on collecting food for the Stoughton Food Pantry. The food and funds collected have helped our brothers or sisters close by. During the Season of Lent we will focus our attention on collecting donations for God's Global Barnyard. These gifts will help our brothers and sisters half-way around the world.

In "God's Global Barnyard" program, a typical cost for animals looks like this:

- Chickens: Around \$10 per chick, or a small flock for \$50.
- **Goat:** Approximately \$50 \$100 depending on the organization.
- **Piglet:** Around \$30 \$50.
- **Cow:** \$500 or more.

In God's Global Barnyard, a gift of an animal can help families in need by providing food, fertilizer, and income. These gifts can help families break the cycle of hunger and poverty.

The CLC Quilters group to begin meeting again on Wednesday March 12th at 9:00 a.m.



The CLC Quilters will begin the 58th year as a group here at CLC on **Wednesday**, **March 12th at 9:00 a.m**. They stop at 10:00 for a time to have coffee, a prayer and fellowship. This group takes donated fabric and fabric purchased from the proceeds of their **Quilt Sunday** sale. The quilts that they make are sent to Lutheran World Relief to help people from places here in the US to all around the world. Every year they produce over 100 quilts that are shipped out to be distributed. Everyone is invited to join the CLC Quilters. If you are interested in joining you can just come and join any Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. starting on March 12th and if you have any questions you can

email Phyllis Gullickson atgullickinc@sbcglobal.net.



The CLC Crafters Club

All are welcome! The club will meet for the first time on **Sunday, March 30th**. We will meet in the Large Youth Room in the Sunday School hallway from **11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**. The cost for this month's craft will be \$10.

Please sign up no later than **March 15th** so that the crafts supplies can be purchased. Our first craft will be a **Wooden Easter Bunny** and **a Jute Easter Basket**. See examples in the Narthex on the Information desk next to the sign-up sheet.

GO AND TELL BY ROGER SLACK

I've spent the last few weeks reading Paul's 1st letter to the Corinthians. Sometimes the early churches would have questions that they would write in the form of a letter to the Apostles to get an explanation and answer. We have several of those responses in the New Testament. Most of them were written by Paul, but also Peter, James, John and Jude. There are brief references to these "question" letters the churches sent, hand delivered by Paul's understudies, like Timothy or Titus, that were left to guide and teach the congregations as an early Pastor. These "letter carriers" would also relay pertinent information to former Jews that still clung to their old Jewish traditions, such as circumcision and holiday celebrations, that they thought needed to be observed in order to be a Christian.

In 1st Corinthians, Paul first praises them and credits them for their lives following the many things he had taught them but then is dismayed about the man who took his stepmother as his wife. Even the non Christians in Corinth thought that was wrong. He goes on to give them some guidance on marriage. There also was a sort of competition among the believers as to the gifts they had received from God's Holy Spirit; speaking in tongues, understanding the tongues, healing, preaching, wisdom, generosity, and other gifts. There was a status competition as to who was the greater Christian based on what gift they had. Paul goes on to deal with this in Chapters 12 and 13. Chapter 13 is generally referred to as the Love chapter. Basically, Paul says these gifts they received, if they were not used in acts of Love, the people were just a clanging cymbal or a noisy gong. The act of Love was far and away the greatest gift, the greatest evidence of the Holy Spirit working in the hearts and minds of those who followed Jesus.

March Hymn Nerds



"How Great Thou Art" is based on a Swedish hymn entitled "O Store Gud" written in 1885 by Carl Boberg (1859–1940). Boberg wrote the poem with nine stanzas and published it in 1886 using an old Swedish folk tune. He said it as a paraphrase of Psalm 8 and gave the following about the inspiration behind his poem:

It was that time of year when everything seemed to be in its richest colouring; the birds were singing in trees and everywhere. It was very warm; a thunderstorm appeared on the horizon and soon there was thunder and lightning. We had to hurry to shelter. But the storm was soon over and the clear sky appeared. When I came home I opened my window toward the sea. That evening, I wrote the song, "O Store Gud".

The version we sing is a translation by the English missionary Stuart K. Hine who first heard the Russian translation of the German version of the song while on an evangelistic mission to the Carpathian Mountains, then Soviet Ukraine in 1931.

Many of us associate this song with the Evangelist Billy Graham who said: "The reason I like 'How Great Thou Art' is because it glorifies God. It turns Christian's eyes toward God, rather than upon themselves. I use it as often as possible because it is such a God-honoring song." The song was sung one hundred times during his 1957 Toronto Campaign because the people wouldn't let them stop.

There have been 1700+ documented recordings of "How Great Thou Art". Some of us may remember Elvis Presley's performance that won two Grammy Awards - 1967 and 1974.



Bake Days for Upcoming Garage Sale/Bake Sale/Silent Auction and Manna Café

Our Garage Sale is coming up and we need to start baking for the "Bake Sale" portion of that event. Last year was unbelievable. If you would like to join us in the kitchen and bake, we would love to have you. We buy the flour, sugar, etc. You supply labor and your best recipes.

Saturday, March 1 from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Mardi Gras prep as well.

Friday, March 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Stop by when you can.

Saturday, March 8 from 9:00 a.m. - Noon



Lenten Supper Menus for March Supper is served from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. A donation of \$8 per person is requested. Come and enjoy some wonderful fellowship.

Ash Wednesday, March 5

Homemade Mac and Cheese, Scalloped Potatoes and Ham, Tatter Tot Casserole. Veggies and Ranch Dressing, Swedish Rye, Rice Krispies, Cookies, Ice Cream, Coffee, White and Chocolate Milk and Apple Juice

Wednesday, March 12

Baked Chicken, Pigs in a Blanket (Hot Dogs wrapped in Biscuit), Cheesy Potatoes, Baked Potatoes, Chips, Green Salad, Brownies, Fudge, Raspberries, Ice Cream, Coffee, White and Chocolate Milk and Apple Juice

Wednesday, March 19

Chile, Vegetable Beef, Tomato, Grilled Cheese, Egg Salad, Apple or Cherry Crisp with Ice Cream, Coffee, White and Chocolate Milk and Apple Juice

Wednesday, March 26

Lasagna, Pizza, Garlic Bread, Green Salad, Cookies and Ice Cream, Coffee, White and Chocolate Milk and Apple Juice

MILESTONE MINISTRY NEWS FOR MARCH



4th Grade First Communion Instruction

On **Sunday, March 2nd and 9th** and **April 14th & 21st** 4th Graders and their parents' will meet in the Conference Room immediately following Sunday School from 10:50 – 11:20 a.m. for First Communion Instruction. Pastor Paula will be teaching.

On **Wednesday, April 16th** we meet in the church kitchen right after school until 5:00 p.m. to bake bread. If you need a ride from school please let the church know. On **Thursday, April 17th** we gather for **Maundy Thursday Worship at 6:30 p.m**. where we will hear the story once again of the first time Jesus shared the bread and wine of Holy Communion with his disciples. Our young people will be recognized and will receive a gift before the worship begins.



CLC is hosting a Family Game Night Wednesday, March 26th Stoughton Spring Break Week!

Immediately following the 6:30 p.m. Lenten service in the Café.

Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Please join us for a fun night with the family playing board games and card games with fellow CLC families.

Don't miss the first Garage Sale of the Season!



Garage Sale/Silent Auction/Bake Sale/Manna Cafe Christ Lutheran in Stoughton! 700 County Road B A gym, 4 classrooms and a hallway full of stuff!

FOOD FOR SALE IN THE MANNA CAFÉ!

Meatballs and Mashed Potatoes, Homemade Soups, Corned Beef and Cabbage, Egg Salad, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches and much more!

> Friday, March 14th 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Saturday, March 15th 9 a.m.–2 p.m. PUBLIC IS WELCOME!

This event is a fundraiser for the CLC Youth Mission Trip to North Carolina to work with Lutheran Disaster Response

Christ Lutheran Members may start bringing items for the Garage Sale on Saturday, March 8 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. and Sunday, March 9 from 1 – 5 p.m. It you have items you need to get out of the house immediately we do have some storage room. If you need anything picked up please let Jen Hoffman or Pastor Paula know.

<u>There will be plenty of opportunities for the congregation to volunteer to help out with</u> <u>this event.</u> <u>WE NEED YOUR HELP. A sign up sheet will be out in the narthex</u>. It is quite the event. The gym, four classrooms and the hallways are filled with items for sale, the narthex has eight or more tables filled with baked goods to sell, there are three tables full of Silent Auction items (We are always looking for things to auction off). Do you have a treasure at home you no longer need and would like to donate?) and the Manna Café has a select menu of delicious food to purchase. This is one of the youth's major fundraisers for their Mission Trip.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS FOR MARCH



With Lent coming up the first week in March and there is a lot happening here at Christ Lutheran for the Months of March and April.

- This year our Sunday school kids will be receiving a Lenten Calendar. This calendar gives the kids one bible verse each day to read. It would be a good activity to do as a family. This 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter is all about reflection. These Bible verses are a good way for families to prepare for the upcoming Easter celebration. The Lenten Calendars will be given out the 1st Sunday in March.
- March 2nd is Our Mardi Gras festival celebrating our two month long food drive for the Stoughton Food Pantry.
- Starting Ash Wednesday we will have Children's Church in the Gym from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for all kids from Pre-K through 6th Grade. Our 7th through 8th graders will be attending the worship services on Wednesday Nights at 6:30 and they should plan to take sermon notes for each week. We also have a Wednesday Night Meal during lent which is a nice way to start your Lenten observation. Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. with a suggested donation of \$8 per person and is served before both the Lenten service and Children's church. We hope you all can join us.
- 1st Communion Instruction for 4th graders will begin Sunday March 9th and we will have 4 sessions for kids and parents to attend. Reference the Milestone Ministry article on page 6 and the letters and postcards sent home for dates and times.
- No Sunday School on Sunday, March 23rd.
- We will have Sunday school on **Sunday**, **March 30**th we plan to have all grades meet in the Large Youth room for a short devotion and to watch an episode of Veggie Tales and have popcorn.
- On **Sunday**, **April 6th** 2nd Graders will be meeting with Pastor Paula to make Lenten Crosses during the School. All second graders including kids not registered in Sunday school are welcome. You will meet with Pastor Paula in the large youth room **from 10:00 a.m. to 10:40 a.m.**



We have selected our VBS program for 2025 and it is called "What a Mess VBS". Mark your Calendars for **four consecutive Wednesday Evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. starting on July 30th and continuing August 6th, 13th and 20th. Kids will get together to learn about how God loves messy people. Kids will share a meal with their family and friends in the Cafe then join everyone in the sanctuary for a play. Our plays examine how even when things get messy God's love is always there for us. They will make messy snacks, and messy crafts and they will play messy games. Kids can join for all or some of these weeks.**



CLC Scholarships

This year we are pleased to once again be able to offer scholarships to help defray the cost of continuing education for the 2025-26 academic year. High school seniors and college students who are current members of CLC are encouraged to apply for scholarships.

Applications can be found at the Christ Lutheran Church office, online - <u>https://clcstoughton.org/</u> <u>christian-edyouth/</u> (scroll to the bottom), or from Kris Adams & Allen Adams. All CLC scholarship applications are due to the church office by **May 1st**, **2025**. Additional information about CLC scholarships can also be found online. Scholarship awards will be announced as part of the baccalaureate service on **Sunday**, **May 25th**, **2025 at 9:00 a.m**.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS FOR MARCH



<u>North Carolina Mission Trip 2025</u> Friday, June 13 – Sunday, June 22 Youth who have completed Grade 8 - Adults Cost: \$1,600



You can earn a good share of the cost by helping with fundraisers. Scholarships are also available. Do not let the cost hold you back.

This year we are going to North Carolina to help with the state's recovery from Hurricane Helena. Back in late September, Helena not only did major damage to Florida, but dropped 15 to 30 inches of rain on western North Carolina. People living on the top of mountains lost their homes to flooding. 103 people lost their lives from drowning, collapsing homes and landslides.

Registration forms are located at the Information Desk in the Narthex. Fill one out and return it to the church office ASAP with a \$150 nonrefundable deposit written out to CLC Youth.

YOUTH AND ADULTS NEED TO SIGN UP BY MARCH 15.



Boundary Waters Canoe Trip 2025 Monday, July 14 – Sunday, July 20 Youth in Grades 7-12 and ALL INTERESTED ADULTS Cost: \$450 \$400 after \$50 campership

As always, to keep our costs down, we pack our own food and tents and provide as many of our own Duluth packs as possible. We have 15. The Outfitter provides the canoes, paddles, life jackets, a few Duluth packs, bunkhouse accommodations for Monday, July 14, breakfast the following morning and a shower when we come off trails. We come off trails the morning of Sunday, July 20, shower and head home. We usually arrive home about 10:00 p.m. For youth who can drive, parents may want to leave a car in the church parking lot. We have permits for Seagull Lake and one for Sag Lake. One group at least will focus on fishing.

We leave early Monday, July 14. By early I mean at 6:00 a.m. That means you need to be at the church by 5:30 a.m. to pack. Why so early? We have 500 miles to travel. Bring food to snack on in the vehicles. We stop at Duluth harbor for lunch. Bring a packed lunch if you like, but food can be purchased there. We will hang out in Grand Marais once we reach it. Sven and Ole's Pizza is once again open on Mondays, so we will stop for a few hours for supper and to look around once we get there. After eating, we finish the trip up the Gunflint to Voyageur Outfitters. The cost of that meal is part of the trip.

What do you do in the Boundary Waters? You paddle, portage, cook your meals over an open fire, swim, fish, enjoy the wilderness and the people you are with. Bring a book to read and some small portable games. We come off the water between 7 - 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, shower, pack up and leave for home. The cost of the trip covers breakfast/lunch at the Mid Trail Cafe about 30 miles south of the Outfitters on the way home as well.

The people who sign up will help determine what the trip looks like, whether we focus on fishing or moving or just sitting around the campsite and enjoying the peace.

ADULT EDUCATION FOR MARCH



Book Study is Thursday Mornings, March 6,13,20 and 27 Sunrise Restaurant 9:30 a.m.

This month we are reading Mitch Albom's book, "The Five People You Meet in Heaven."

JESUS[™]NAZARETH



"Jesus of Nazareth" directed by Franco Zeffirelli Thursday evenings – March 20 and April 10. 6:00 p.m. Soup and Sandwich

The mini-series was released in 1977, but I still think it is one of the best. The director set out to film the life of Christ with a \$12 million budget for an on-location production in Morocco and Tunisia. He took over two years to prepare before filming began in September of 1975. A panel of distinguished theologians and Biblical scholars served as his advisors and helped Zeffirelli not only aim for, but achieve , a high degree of historical accuracy—not only in the period of sets and costumes, but in the many details that distinguish this version of Jesus life on film from any other ever made.

We invite anyone who would like to join us, to come to church on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m., view a portion of the film and discuss it. Soup and Sandwiches will be served. A free will donation will be received to cover the cost of food. If you would like, bring a side dish or dessert to share.

March 20: The Last Supper, Betrayal and Trial of Jesus April 10: The Crucifixion and Resurrection

SENIOR LUNCHEON FOR MARCH



Senior Luncheon: A Celebration of Saint Patrick's Day Monday, March 17
11:30 a.m.
Cost: \$12
Menu: Corn Beef with Cabbage, Potatoes and Carrots (or Rueben Sandwich by special request) Irish Soda Bread and Swedish Rye Bread Pudding with Rum or

Lemon Sauce, Coffee and Milk

Program: The Legend of the Leprechaun

Where did that come from anyway? And why we are looking just at Leprechauns? The Scots believe in Brownies, The English in Pixies, the Scandinavians in Trolls and Dwarves, and even the Iroquois, Cherokee, Comanche and Ojibwe had their "little people."



West Side Story – Friday, April 11 Cost: \$85 (Includes Tip)

Menu Options: Lemon Chicken Orzo Soup with your choice of Sliced Pork Tenderloin, Coconut Chicken, Seared Halibut, or Vegetarian Stuffed Bell Peppers. For Dessert you will be served Cherry Crisp with Homemade vanilla Frozen Custard. Coffee, Tea and milk are included.

From the first notes to the final breath, WEST SIDE STORY is a theatrical event not to be missed. Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet is transported to modern-day New York City as two young lovers find themselves caught between warring street gangs. Their struggle to survive in a world of hate, violence, and prejudice is one of the most innovative, heart-wrenching, and relevant musical dramas of our time. Broadway legends Arthur Laurents, Leonard Bernstein, Stephen Sondheim, and Jerome Robbins created a show that is both ageless and as fresh as tomorrow's headlines. Join us for this landmark musical and epic tale of love eternal.

Sign up sheet may be found on the Information Desk in the narthex. We leave the church at 10:00 a.m. and return home around 4:30 p.m. *Please sign up by March 11th*.





August D. Bjugstad, January 7, 2025



David K. Selbo, January 27, 2025



<u>Memorial</u>

From: Richard & Jean Asleson Barb Entwistle John Hanson Bob Kluge Dan and Diane Matson Doug and Pat Peterson Myron and Mary Sime Eric and Heidi Smedal DuWayne and Marilyn Teigen Roger and Joyce Utermark Wayne and Jean Wornson In Memory of: Dave Selbo August Bjugstad Dave Selbo Dave Selbo

Endowment Foundation

From: Mark and Karen Benson Nancy Holzhuter Andrew Kohlhoff Bonnie Ossmann In Memory of: Dave Selbo Dave Selbo Gift Dave Selbo



Baptized 1-26-2025: Theodore James Stubinski, son of Emily & Tanner Stubinski





Baptized 2-23-2025: Kayden Tavenner and Quentin Tavenner sons of Kevin and Danielle Tavenner "So we are ambassadors for Christ..." -

2 Corinthians 5:20

Elizabeth Circle News

The Elizabeth Circle gives support to missionary Kristin Engstrom in Africa. She has visited with us here in Stoughton several times. Including a visit a few years back where she participated in worship and presented the congregation with some special cloth that you will see displayed in the Elizabeth Circles shadow box in the Sunday School Hallway.

In November, Kristin was able to participate in a special "revival" and teaching week at one of the MLC Revival Movement teaching and healing centers. These teaching and healing centers are doing wonderful work in the region.

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"Christ in Our Home" daily devotional booklets for January, February and March in small and large print are available for pick up.

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