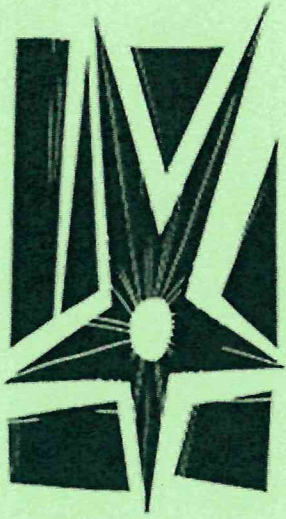


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Ascended Lord
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3. **Giving generously** to others in need, offerings to church or other worthwhile causes within ones capabilities. Give until you can feel it, not just off the top.

4. **Confession and forgiveness.** The ashes are an indication that we know that we are separated from God through sinning but we know that HE is compassionate and forgives us. We are washed clean with a penitent heart. Jesus says, "Go, your faith has made you well, sin no more."

God wants us close to him and will never give up on us. We do not want Jesus' sacrifice on the cross to be in vain. "Forgive them Father, for they know not what they do."

Let us rally around Jesus our Savior and make the Lenten Journey to Easter with HIM. Come to church, invite a friend. Amen

On the Journey with you, Pastor Bob

LENT

Ash Wednesday Service

March 5th at 4:30 pm

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Lenten Services

Wednesdays at First Lutheran Church.

Soup Suppers begin at 5:30 pm.

Lenten Services begin at 6:30 pm.

Rev. Sharon Rogers will preside at First on 3/12

Rev. Bob Hansen will preside at First on 3/19

Salem Lutheran Church

Wednesday Lenten Services at 7 pm

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PULPIT SCHEDULE

2—Rev. Bob Hansen

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16—Rev. Sharon Rogers

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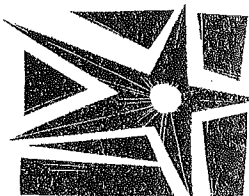
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- 5 Sandy Woodin
- Nancy Grych
- 8 Tammie Farley
- Kelan Graddy
- 15 Karin Graddy
- Amanda Luchsinger
- 18 Pr. Bob Hansen
- 25 Jessica Breuer

Included in the newsletter
are inserts for:

- LWR Health Kits
- Easter Lily order form
- Growing Disciples with Prayer



March 2025

Bethlehem Star

Jesus will guide us back to HIM

Ash Wednesday launches our journey through Lent. Bethlehem's service will be March 5th at 4:30 pm. This is our opportunity to refocus and renew our commitments to the faith journey. The well-known im-
position of ashes are the reminders that our life is not infinite. There is a sense of urgency for all people of faith to seek the purification of our
Baptism to wash away sins that get in the way of our vital relationship with God.

Our Father does his part by sending his Son Jesus to show us how to live our life according to Christian principles. Ashes remind us of our brothers and sisters in the rubble of Ukraine, the ashes of Gaza and the California wildfires in Malibu. We pray for them.

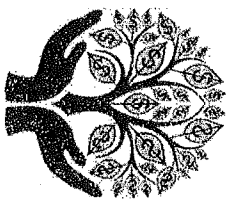
The Lord knows that we are not perfect. We confess our sins each Sunday and even on a daily basis with the confidence of our family ties with God through the waters of baptism.

Lent is a necessary Christian ritual that we all need. This discipline reminds us of fundamental faith management:

1. **Pray** in private knowing that the Holy Spirit guides those prayers and God blesses them. "Whatever you ask in my name, I will grant unto you." Jesus said. All things are possible with God. "I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Jesus said
2. **Fasting** is a form a showing tribute to God by giving up dis-
tractions like greed, meats, self-centeredness, cell phone obsession or other worldly things that take the attention from our relationship with God.

The January clients served are as follows:

	2025	2024
# Households	444	420
# Individuals	1072	1359
# Children	463	495
# of Panties	8	8



January Financials

Income	6,767.45
Expenses	-11,153.92
Shortfall	-4386.47

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If you'd like anything to be included in the March newsletter, please have it to the office by March 24th. Thank you.