

VOICE Newsletter

Lent & Holy Week Schedule

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Midweek Lenten Schedule
March 6, 13, & 20
Soup Suppers ~ 6:00 pm
Worship ~ 7:00 pm

Palm/Passion Sunday
March 24 ~ 9:30 am
Worship Service/Godly Play®
with Holy Communion

Palm Sunday Potluck Brunch
After Worship

Maundy Thursday Service
March 28 ~ 7:00 pm
Worship with Holy Communion
& 2024 Choral Cantata:
Stations of the Cross

Good Friday Tenebrae Service
March 29 ~ 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday
March 31 ~ 9:30 am
Worship with Holy Communion

Council President's Corner

We have welcomed new members to the Council this month, and we are saying goodbye to members who have completed their term.

Thank you to Melissa Probst for serving as our Council President and Stephanie Schoenborn for serving as our Treasurer. We welcome Paul Bayes, Abbi Holmes, Andi Holmes, and Robin Lindsay.

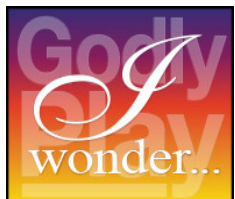
The newly elected Executive Committee is Gretchen Aikman as President, John Spencer as Vice President, Robin Lindsay as Secretary, and Carrie Egtvet as Treasurer.

Please congratulate our new members and thank our retiring members for their dedicated service to our church.

—Gretchen Aikman

Education

WHAT A SURPRISE!



Godly Play® was a surprise to me. A few years back, I was attending Palm Sunday service, and I was stunned by the number of children waving palm fronds. I felt I was perhaps a little disconnected from our church.

I started asking questions about the children's programs. At some point, I was introduced to Godly Play®. I was immediately impressed by how intentionally child focused Godly Play® is. From the room design, the storytelling materials, the art supplies, everything is presented to help the children experience God.



Palm Sunday

I have experienced this nurturing, gentle space created for children to grow in their understanding of God. Serving as a door person, I greeted each child and invited them into the Godly Play® classroom. I have been a storyteller who tells the Bible story and wonders with the children. It is such a blessing each time I am privileged to work in our Godly Play® program.

This past Advent I was scheduled to tell the story of Advent. Of course, I practiced



this story at home on my grandchildren (ages 6 months to 11 years). It was so much fun to be asked to retell the story over and over again! And to watch them tell the story to each other.

I wonder if you have noticed all the young people in our church, too?

—Gretchen Aikman

6TH-12TH GRADE CLASS

Sundays at 8:45 am in the Youth Room

We'll meet on March 3, 10, and 17.



We will not meet on Easter Sunday. We enjoy treats, learning, discussion, and other activities. Questions? Please talk to Virginia.

EDUCATION MINISTRY

WATCH (Wednesday At The Church)

Confirmation (7th-8th grades) classes will resume at 6 pm on April 3. Questions? Please call the church office, 425-334-0421.



EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, March 12, at 6 pm

We welcome you to join us in Room 3 for discussion and planning our education opportunities.

FIVE MINUTE DEVOTION

Just a reminder: At Ebenezer we are reading through the Bible one chapter at a time taking about five minutes a day.



Check the daily reading schedule on the back of the church calendar, pick up a copy on the counter in the Narthex, or go to www.ebenezerlakestevens.org to start reading with us.

SOMETHING OLD,

Something New

Use scrap paper to fuel new growth and make a gift that keeps on giving.

What you need:

- Scrap paper
- Water
- Herb or flower seeds
- Blender
- Strainer
- Cookie sheet
- Towel
- Adult help



What you do:

1. Tear the scrap paper into strips and place in a bowl. Cover the paper with water and let it soak overnight.
2. Pour the mixture into a blender and blend about 10 seconds.
3. Strain and squeeze the paper pulp to remove excess water. Place in a bowl.
4. Sprinkle seeds over the pulp and mix to incorporate them into the pulp.
5. Shape the pulp into a flat layer on the cookie sheet. Use a towel to soak up excess water. Allow the paper to dry completely.
6. Tear paper into shapes or fold into a card. You can plant the paper directly into soil. Water it and then watch your plants grow!



Youth of Ebenezer Preschool

Worship & Music

6th-12th Grade Youth Contacts:
Virginia & Andi
Check your Ebenezer Phone Directory



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING REPORT

The San Francisco 49ers' pot had the most contributed at \$417. For all the pots combined, the grand total was \$778.14—YEAH! YOE chose Hungry Hearts to receive the funds this year. Twenty food items were also received for the Lake Stevens Community Food Bank. Thank you for your support.

A HUGE thank you to the kids for making signs, decorating pots, and standing in the Narthex to receive donations. Thank you to the congregation for their generosity.

YOUTH COMMITTEE (EYC) MEETING SUNDAY, MARCH 24 ~ 8:45 AM

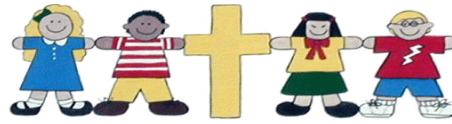
We will meet in the Youth Room. Youth and families, welcome!

NORWEGIAN PANCAKE BREAKFAST SATURDAY, MARCH 16 ~ 7:30-10:30 AM

Youth 6th-12th grades can help at the breakfast on the third Saturday of each month October through May. Contact Virginia if you want to volunteer.

BAKED POTATO BAR FUNDRAISER SUNDAY, APRIL 21 ~ AFTER SERVICE

Keep watch for more information about this event. Proceeds will go toward sending three youth to the ELCA Youth Gathering in July. Questions? Contact Kristin or Andi.



PRESCHOOL NEWS!

In Preschool this month, our Bible theme will be on "The Faces of Easter" and the telling of Jesus' journey. The children will be marching in the Sanctuary with palm leaves singing "Ho-Ho-Hosanna" to celebrate Jesus.

The Character Builder Trait for this month is compassion. Preschool classes will bag dog food and cat food for the Lake Stevens Food Bank learning that we should take care of animals as well as people.

Our unit themes will be on plant life, spring, and weather. We will be growing bean stocks in our classroom windows, seeing how tall they can grow, and creating fun springtime projects.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Spring Break will be the same as the Lake Stevens School District.
- No school April 1-5. Happy Spring!

KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT

Kindergarten enrollment for the 2024-25 school year begins on March 19! Each elementary school will have kindergarten information on its website in early March. Enrollment packets will be available the end of February at your local school or district office.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

It's time to register for the upcoming fall school year. Registration is open to all families.

Spread the word to family, friends, and neighbors that you know of an awesome, caring, fun, and creative Preschool program. Call or email the Preschool for a registration form: 425-397-6374 or preschool@ebenezerlakestevens.org.



FAST MINISTRY

FAST Team Papworth/Bauer members will serve during March. Team Briske, watch for the postcard coming in the mail in March.

FAST TEAMS HOST LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Each week a FAST Team will serve a simple meal of soup and bread. For their week, they will need the team's help to set up, to provide four pots of soup, and to help with cleanup so everyone can make it to the service on time. Call your leaders to ask how you can help. Here is the schedule for teams who serve in March:

- Team Wilson on March 6
- Team Briske on March 13
- Team Hoffmann on March 20

EASTER FLOWER CROSS

This year during Holy Week and on Easter Sunday, spring flowers will be decorating a wooden cross covered with chicken wire that will be located at the front doors of the church. You are asked to bring a dozen or more daffodils, tulips, or other spring flowers or greens March 28-31. Place one flower in each hole and watch the beautiful cross come to life for Easter morning.



Personal Care Kits

Each kit contains:

- 1 light-weight, bath-size towel (up to 52"x27"); dark color recommended
- 2 or 3 bath-size bars (8-9 oz.) of soap; any brand in original wrapping
- 1 adult-size toothbrush (original packaging)
- 1 sturdy wide-toothed comb
- 1 metal nail clippers, remove packaging (attached file optional)

All items should be new; the towel can be slightly used but in excellent condition. Do not put in plastic bags. Please put donated items in the basket in the Missions Table. Questions? Contact Betty Bauer.

Events Page

CELTIC PARTY! EBENEZER'S FELLOWSHIP HALL SATURDAY, MARCH 9 ~ 5:30 PM



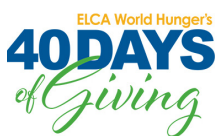
The Choir is preparing for this annual event to benefit their music program and to give to Ebenezer's General

Fund. A full sit-down dinner with authentic Irish food including lamb stew and corned beef with cabbage. Raffles! Irish Music!

You can purchase tickets from any choir member; the church office, 425-334-0421; or on Sunday, March 3, in the Fellowship Hall. *Tickets:* \$18 for adults; \$15 active military, students, and seniors. *Raffle Tickets:* \$1 each. *Raffle Items:* Irish glassware, a beautiful Fran Clapper painting, and more.

If you have any questions, please contact Peggie Thompson.

ELCA 40 DAYS OF GIVING



Join ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving this Lent! Your donations will work

to address hunger and poverty through education, advocacy, relief, and development.

ELCA World Hunger works to address hunger both domestically and globally. Here in the United States, they offer hunger grants to address local issues such as food security, clean water, housing, job access, and more. Recently, they provided a \$75,000 grant to Faith Lutheran Church in Everett to help create Faith Family Village, a temporary housing community.

Please prayerfully consider donations to this effort to support innovative solutions and get at the root causes of hunger. Make checks payable to Ebenezer Lutheran Church and use the World Hunger envelopes found in the Narthex to designate your gift. Place it in the offering plate or mail your own envelope from home. Ebenezer will forward all donations to the ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving campaign. Give a gift. Change lives.

NORWEGIAN PANCAKE BREAKFAST BENEFIT: L.S. BOYS & GIRLS CLUB SATURDAY, MARCH 16 ~ 7:30-10:30 AM

The all-you-can-eat pancakes are delicious! The cost is ages 13-99 ~ \$10, 5-12 ~ \$5, 4 & under ~ FREE, 100+ ~ FREE.



You're encouraged to bring friends and neighbors to the breakfast to support the Lake Stevens Boys & Girls Club Scholarship Program. It is hoped we will be able to partner with Thrivent.

The February benefit generated \$890 for Lake Stevens Community Resource Center and \$239 for Youth of Ebenezer. Thank you for your support and generosity.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY FRIDAY, MARCH 8 ~ 10 AM-12 PM

Bring your project or start a new one with yarn we provide. Patterns can be knitted or crocheted, your choice. Questions? Please call Lynn Riggs.

EASTER CHRYSANTHEMUMS ORDER DEADLINE: TUESDAY, MARCH 12



If you are interested in purchasing mums for our Easter service in honor or memory of someone, you will soon have that opportunity. Envelopes are enclosed for your information and funds. The mums are \$8.50 each.

Thank you for helping us beautify our Sanctuary! Please contact Jeanette Backstrom if you have any questions.

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

• **Pinochle ~ Sunday, March 3, beginning promptly at 1:30 pm.**

This event is for those who love to play pinochle. Check out upcoming events on our webpage at www.ebenezerlakestevens.org. Questions? Call JoAnn Cross.

• **Wits Workout ~ Monday, March 4, at 2 pm.**

This is a time to laugh, have fun with friends, and maybe even sharpen your thinking skills. Everyone is welcome! Questions? Call Jane Briske.

• **Ebenezer's Book Club Discussion ~ Monday, March 4, at 4 pm.**

If you have read or are interested in reading *LaRose* by Louise Erdrich, join us for a short discussion of February's book.



During March we'll read *The Good Sister* by Sally Hepworth.

If you have questions or to learn how to obtain copies of these books, please contact Jane Briske.

• **Hike to Bridal Veil Falls ~ Saturday, March 9, leaving the church at 8 am.**

This trail is only 4 miles round-trip but does gain 1,000 feet of elevation. Unless conditions change drastically, it should be snow free. We should get back in plenty of time to enjoy the Celtic Dinner. Contact Grey Robinson or Ken Cross.

• **It's a Party! ~ Saturday, March 23, from 9 am-2 pm.**

This is our annual spring work party. There will be plenty of tasks for everyone both inside and out (weather permitting). Lunch will be provided. Come help our church be ready for Easter activities. Look for a task list to be posted in the Fellowship Hall. If March 23 doesn't work for you, feel free to take on something on the task list when you can. See Ken Cross for details.

• **Palm Sunday Potluck Brunch ~ Sunday, March 24, after service.**

Bring food to share and enjoy fellowship and a meal together. All are welcome. Questions? Call Jane Briske.

• **A Springtime Sip 'n Paint Class ~ Saturday, April 6.**

Class size will be limited to 12 students so sign up early. A sample painting and a sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Invite a friend. Questions? Talk to Fran Clapper.

Ministries of Ebenezer

NEW MEMBERS CLASS SUNDAYS IN MARCH ~ 10:40 AM



Membership Class

Pastor's New Members Class will continue in March. Check the Sunday announcements for up-to-date information. If you are interested in becoming a member of Ebenezer, please talk to Pastor Benson after the 9:30 service or call the church office, 425-334-0421.

FROM YOUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Special Lenten Envelopes



Offering Envelopes

In your offering envelope booklet, you will find *Special Lenten* envelopes for each week during Lent. Please use these if you wish to give over and above your regular offering during this festival season. With your gifts, ministry happens at Ebenezer. If you have any questions, contact me.

—JoAnn Cross
finance@ebenezerlakestevens.org

COMMUNITY SUPPER

Community Supper is currently serving FREE take-out only meals every Thursday from 4-6 pm. Since serving take-out meals, we have served an average of 300 each week.

"Like" us at Lake Stevens Community Supper on Facebook to see what is happening. Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support for this program. For more information, contact supper@ebenezerlakestevens.org.

FACEBOOK

When you find Ebenezer Lutheran Church on Facebook, please comment or share it on your own page. This will cause our Facebook feed to be more widely shown in Lake Stevens and more visible to potential visitors.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY



Pastor Benson's Thursday morning Bible Study will begin at 10 am. Join us every week in March in the Fireside Room as we dig deeper into the lessons that will be read on the following Sunday.

MAR-CILLA CIRCLE TUESDAY, MARCH 5 ~ 10:30 AM

New members are always welcome to participate with other women for fellowship and Bible study in the Fireside Room. On March 5 the Mar-Cilla Circle will meet as usual at 10:30 am. Bring a lunch—dessert and coffee will be provided. Study topic for March is "Wisdom from Proverbs 10:22." Copies of the study will be in the Mar-Cilla Circle mailbox at church.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY EBENEZER'S FIRESIDE ROOM TUESDAY, MARCH 19 ~ 10 AM

ALL women are invited to join us for this Bible Study from *Gather*, the wonderful women's magazine of the ELCA. Questions? Please call Lynn Riggs.




ADULT BIBLE STUDY KIRK CLAPPER ROOM ~ TUESDAYS 9 AM

The Birth & Growth of the N.T. Church.
Pastor John is teaching this Bible Study—ranging from John the Baptist and Jesus to Stephen, Peter, Paul, John the Apostle, and others. We'll explore the foundation and mission of the Church and those whose lives proclaimed the Good News that is God's gift to us. All are invited to attend. Check the calendar for dates.



ATTN: THRIVENT MEMBERS

You have an opportunity  to recommend where to distribute your Choice Dollars. There are two options:

1. Online: <http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice>.
2. Phone: 1-800-847-4836. Say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt.

You have until March 31, 2024, to distribute your 2023 Choice Dollars to your favorite, not-for-profit organization. Questions? Call Betty Bauer, your congregation volunteer.

Because Jesus Said So

One intriguing person in the Passion account is the thief on the cross whom Jesus promised a same-day entrance to paradise (see Luke 23:43). Pastor and radio host Alistair Begg says he can't wait to meet that man and ask how everything unfolded. "You were cussing [Jesus] out with your friend," Begg says. "You've never been in a Bible study. You've never been baptized. You didn't know a thing about church membership, and yet you made it!"



In a sermon, Begg pictures an imaginary angel at the pearly gates, growing frustrated during the sinful thief's entrance interview. After receiving no clear answers from the thief about doctrines such as justification, the angel finally asks, "On what basis are you here?" The thief simply replies, "The man on the middle cross said I can come."



Our March Birthdays

Name	Birth Date (month/day)	Name	Birth Date (month/day)	Name	Birth Date (month/day)
Crowley, Sharon	3/1	Otusanya, Kemi	3/13	Kuehl, CC	3/24
Martuch, Susan	3/3	Yates, Sally	3/17	Spencer, John	3/25
Bergerson, Marcella	3/4	Delgado, Mia	3/19	Hendrickson Sr, Sid	3/26
Hoffmann, Ann	3/8	Schoenborn, Skyler	3/21	Malmstead, Gale	3/30
Wright, Todd	3/10	Stone, Scott	3/21	Wardell, Avery	3/31
Ingram Forbus, Iris	3/11	McSherry, Marlene	3/22		
Burin, Ramón	3/13	May, Debbie	3/23		
DeFrang, Bob	3/13	Hendrickson Jr, Sid	3/24		

The Prayer Corner

Prayer Chain:



If you have an urgent need, please call Prayer Chain leader Ken Cross. He will contact Prayer Chain

members to pray for your request. Please pray for the following:

Members of the Congregation:

Mary Alstad Mary Lamb
 Gale Brandstetter Terry Lambert
 Neil Brandt David Large
 Jennifer Flax Debbie May
 Sheldon Hendrickson Joe Probst
 George Hughes Margaret Ren
 Pat Jackson Leah Tate
 Colleen Kozak

Homebound or Special Care Residents:

Ethel Coryell Nancy Poremba
 Bob DeFrang

Extended Family/Friends with Cancer:

Emily (Kay Caulfield's relative)
 Paul (Kay Caulfield's friend)
 Dennis Aikman (Hannah Sellars' cousin)
 Kristine Andersen (Iris Ingram Forbus' friend)
 Dan Bagwell (Melissa Probst's brother-in-law)
 Heather Bland (Kathy Parzyk's niece)
 Marin Drage (Betty Bauer's friend)
 Mary Jo DuBeau (Betty Bauer's friend)
 LeRoy Ettlin (Fran Clapper's friend)
 Bill Flansburg (Fran Clapper's brother)
 Chris Grigsby (Kathy Larsen's great-nephew)
 Ron Gunter (Kay Caulfield's friend)

Ron Herzog Sr (Jackie Herzog-Robertson's friend)
 Curt Johnson (Neil Brandt's nephew)
 Wyeth Larson (Robin Lindsay's cousin)
 Peggy Layne (Terry Lambert's sister)
 Mary McLeod (Molly Ballard-Delgado's mother)
 Carol Mohn (Fran Clapper's friend)
 Bruce Mullikin (Fran Clapper's friend)
 Dawn Nielsen (Kathy Larsen's granddaughter)
 Mike O'Connell (Cindy Sheppard's brother)
 Mary Platz (Glenda Platz's cousin)
 Susan Pratt (Fran Clapper's cousin)
 Norma Reynolds (Fran Clapper's daughter)
 Jodi Sanders (Pam Shultz's friend)
 Adrienne Shaffer (Kay Caulfield's great-niece)
 Carole Thorngate (Fran Clapper's cousin)
 Sean Walker (Kay Caulfield's nephew)

Extended Family/Friends with Needs:

Emit (Kay Caulfield's friend)
 Helena (Kay Caulfield's granddaughter)
 Jillian (Bill & Janine DiMonda's daughter)
 John William (Sally Yates' grandson)
 Jonas (Bill & Janine DiMonda's grandson)
 Melissa (Sally Yates' daughter)
 Stef (Korrine Gust's niece)
 Zack & Riley (Mary Alstad's grandchildren)
 Hans Bersas (Ellen Bersas' husband)
 Kenny Blake (Pat Jackson's godson)
 Terrie Bright (Patty Myntti's sister)
 Danny Cooper (Erlene Cooper's son)
 Logan DiMonda (Bill & Janine DiMonda's son)
 Rose DiVittorio (Joe & Paula Olson's daughter)
 Bob Dyer (Sally Yates' brother)
 Henry Dyer (Sally Yates' brother)

Kate Everley (CC Kuehl's daughter)
 Heather Garbes (Mary Lamb's friend)
 Kayla Gay (Helen Hendrickson's niece)
 Ryder Jacobson (MaryJo DuBeau's nephew)
 Ron Koepsell (Betty Bauer's brother)
 Denise Lamb (Sally Yates' friend)
 Eric Mittag (Patty Myntti's nephew)
 Darlene Moore (Kay Caulfield's aunt)
 Sue Pryor (Helen Hendrickson's niece)
 Mark Rice (Alice Werner's nephew)
 Elinor Shultz (Alice Werner's sister-in-law)
 Diana Thomsen (J & A Wesling's daughter)
 Meggi Ward (Susan Shephard's friend)
 Bridget Wellen (M Ren's granddaughter)
 Cale Werner (Alice Werner's grandson)
 Fiona Werner (Alice Werner's granddaughter)
 Tom Wood (Ken Holmes' father)
 Karen Young (Betty Bauer's cousin)

Preschool Director, Staff, & Families

All Our Military and Their Families:

Hunter Gardoski, Sid Hendrickson Jr, Ethan Stuart, Alec Zimmerman, Tyler Perry

Those Who Grieve:

Backstrom Families - Jim Backstrom's brother Larry Backstrom passed away
 Briske Family - Jane Briske's brother Jerry Wagner passed away
 Ren Family - Margaret Ren's sister Mary Ellen Staum passed away
 Saathoff Family - Keith Saathoff passed away
 Yates & Smith Families - Sally Yates' friend Helen Smith passed away

Readings for Worship

March 3 (Communion)

1st Lesson: Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm: Psalm 19

2nd Lesson: I Corinthians 1:18-25

Gospel: John 2:13-22

March 10

1st Lesson: Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

2nd Lesson: Ephesians 2:1-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21

March 17 (Communion)

1st Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm: Psalm 51:1-12

2nd Lesson: Hebrews 5:5-10

Gospel: John 12:20-33

March 24 (Communion)

1st Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm: Psalm 31:9-16

2nd Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel: Mark 14:1–15:47

March 31 (Communion)

1st Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

2nd Lesson: I Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: Mark 16:1-8



Worship Schedule

March 3	9:30 am
March 6	Soup Supper - 6:00 pm Lenten Service - 7:00 pm
March 10	9:30 am
March 13	Soup Supper - 6:00 pm Lenten Service - 7:00 pm
March 17	9:30 am
March 20	Soup Supper - 6:00 pm Lenten Service - 7:00 pm
March 24	Palm/Passion Sunday - 9:30 am
March 28	Maundy Thursday - 7:00 pm
March 29	Good Friday - 7:00 pm
March 31	Easter Sunday - 9:30 am

Church Office Hours

Monday	Office Closed
Tuesday	9:00-12:30 & 1:30-5:00
Wednesday	9:00-12:30 & 1:30-4:00
Thursday	9:00-12:30 & 1:30-4:00
Friday	9:00-12:30 & 1:30-4:00

Living Lutheran

During the season of Lent, maybe it is a good time to think about how we present ourselves to the world. In the online livinglutheran.org, the president of Wartburg Seminary encourages us to think about our individual presentation, not our hair or clothes or sports affiliations, but through spiritual characteristics.

There are four words that she suggests for viewing how our lives may be shaped by being Lutheran Christians. The first is joy—"not happiness but a deep well of confidence, peace, and encouragement." Second is love—that comes from understanding our neighbor. Third is wonder—seeing the world as a miraculous place. Fourth is gratitude—thanking God for creation, for the gift of life, for salvation.

Read more "Deeper Understandings" of Christian life at www.livinglutheran.org.

Special Thanks

YUMMY Soup

Thank you, FAST teams Cross, Shultz, and Shephard who served delicious soups before the Lenten services each week in February. We had many varieties of YUMMY soups served this year. —JoAnn Cross

Now It's Up to Me

I saw my cardiologists this week (February 2) and they said my heart has healed as good as it will get. Now it is up to me to get more exercise to get my body back to functional shape. Please remove my name from the Prayer List. I thank everyone for all the cards and best wishes.

—Dennis Anderson

Thank You Very Much

Thank you for your prayers for my surgery in December and for the birthday and get well cards. I have one month of healing left before I can be active. —Mary Alstad

Ebenezer's 2024 Phone Directory

Remember to notify Roseanne in the church office, 425-334-0421 or ebenezer@ebenezerlakestevens.org, if you have changed your name, address, phone number, or email so we can update your information. The 2024 directory should be ready for distribution in April.

Endowment Board

The members for 2024 are:

- Wayne Kuehl
- Jim Backstrom
- Jeff Gust
- Susan Shephard
- Lon Shultz

Questions about the Endowment Board? Please speak to one of these members.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm/Passion Sunday
March 24 ~ 9:30 am

Maundy Thursday
March 28 ~ 7:00 pm

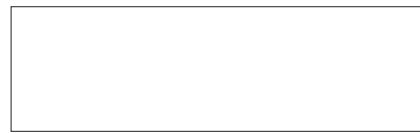
Good Friday
March 29 ~ 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday
March 31 ~ 9:30 am



Remember to post your calendar!

JESUS LOVES ...



In the News



Bless Our Shelter

Our roof work started Friday, February 16. The weather will be a big factor as to when it's completed.

Please pardon any inconvenience this causes. The contractor has been working diligently to take care of us. You may want to park away from the roof edges during working hours.

When this project is completed, all of our roof will be insulated and should be trouble free for a long time. Our Sanctuary heat should finally be adequate, and hot summer evenings should be more manageable. –Ken Cross

First Grandson

Owen Shephard was born on January 29 weighing 9 pounds 15 ounces. His parents Eric and Janet live in Tacoma. His grandparents are Mike and Susan Shephard. Susan says, "Michael and I are proud grandparents of a big, healthy boy with cute chubby cheeks who already knows that being cuddled by his grandparents is the best!"



Over 50 Anniversary

On March 15, Don and Ann Hoffmann will celebrate their 54th anniversary. We pray God's blessings on them and their family and thank them for the wonderful example they are to all. Congratulations, Don and Ann!



Watch Out ~ Free-Gift QR Code Fraud

This is a variation on a basic QR code scam that the FBI warned about: Scammers put fake codes over real ones to exploit the convenience of the barcodes people scan into their phones to see restaurant menus or make payments.



Experian's Bruemmer says scammers may call and say they are going to send a QR code to your phone, so you can receive a free \$100 gift card. In reality, the QR code may take you to a malicious website.

How to stay safe: If you receive a QR code unexpectedly, contact the person or company that supposedly sent it to make sure it is for real. Use a phone number you know is authentic.

–Melissa Probst