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Pastor's Pastor's Pondering for Lent, 2018

Rev. Dr. Lisa Vander Wal

It's hard to believe that before we know it, we'll be entering the church season of Lent. It's enough to give you whiplash—it feels very much like we just finished the season of Advent, and now we are nearing the concluding of Epiphany season. You have to keep your eyes open; if you blink, you may miss it!

Sometimes that is what life seems like as well. As children, when we eagerly await something happening, it seems to take forever for it to arrive. But as we grow older, there is so much that we are busy with in life that we often miss the small things, the things less noticeable on our plate, because of what someone has termed, “the tyranny of the urgent.”

This is why seasons like Lent and Advent are so important, not only in church but also in our personal lives. They invite us to make space and time for reflection and meditation upon the importance of who God is and what God has done for us in Jesus Christ. The Lenten season calls us to a time of introspection, to evaluate those places in our lives which are inconsistent with being a child of God, saved by grace and called to a life of holiness and love.

As we approach this Lenten season 2018, I urge you to make time for reflective and introspective practices and disciplines which make your vision of the Savior just a little clearer and your desire to follow him more intentional.

Recently I shared in a sermon an illustration which feels apt. A little girl is playing hide and seek with her father who sits in his chair while she hides. But she stands behind his chair and giggles, making it very obvious where she is. She is “hiding” within earshot.

The Lenten journey is an opportunity for us to focus on the places in our lives and in the Bible where Jesus is “hiding” in plain view, speaking tenderly to our hearts and minds that he is with us always. In the midst of the “tyranny of the urgent,” he is inviting us to find both comfort and inspiration for the journey of life.

Joyfully serving with you,

Pastor Lisa



Upcoming Events

- **Club 55: Thursday, February 8 at 11:00am**
Menu: chicken noodle soup, vegetable beef soup, bread & butter, cheese & crackers, fruit and dessert.
Please RSVP by Monday, February 5.
- **Ash Wednesday Service: February 14 at 7:00pm**
The service will include the imposition of ashes for those who choose to receive them. Throughout the season of Lent, Pastor Lisa will be preaching the sermon series *Trumpets, Tears, and Ashes* based on the book of Habakkuk.
- **NEAT Dinner: Thursday, February 22 at 4:30pm**
Menu: veggies & dip, pasta and meatballs, salad, Italian bread, dessert and beverages. *Please RSVP by Monday, February 19. A freewill offering will be taken to offset costs.*

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Christmas Pageant

In case you missed it...

Sunday school youth and adults presented two delightful pageants to help us prepare for and celebrate Christmas this year: *A Gift for Advent* and *The Camel's Christmas*.

The cutest camels ever are (from left to right): Kira Vicalvi, Matthew Torner, Angelika Torner, Mark Torner, Layla and Derek Vander Wal.

Also pictured is Maggi Perry as she tells us *The Story of the Candy Cane*.



Camp Scholarships

...are available for children attending a Christian Camp this summer. If financial assistance is needed, please complete a Camp Scholarship application and return it to the church office no later than May 27, 2018. Applications are available through our website or by calling the church office.

Creative Ministries

...began meeting again the 3rd Saturday of the month, beginning in January. Creative Ministries is a group of crafters who get together to work on their projects. Bring along your scrapbooking, rubber-stamping, needlework or whatever project you have and join them. *continues...*



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Emailed files must be Microsoft Word format (text) or JPEG format (photos). The deadline for submitting articles is the 16th of the preceding month.

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Food Pantry

452 bags

in 2017

Listed in the announcements each week is a suggested item for a weekly donation to the SICM Food Pantry.

Collection bins are in the front and rear entryways of the church, and donations are brought to the food pantry every week.

They meet at 9:00am, usually order out for lunch (or bring your own if you prefer) and share a day filled with creativity! The group will be meeting on Friday, February 16 at 12:00pm to get a head start on their projects, and resume on Saturday, February 17 at 9:00am. Crafters are welcome to join in for one or both days! They'll also meet March 17 and April 21.

Club 55

...teamed up with the Fellowship Committee for a great potluck luncheon in January. They took down the Christmas decorations, then enjoyed lunch! Folks brought all kinds of goodies: baked ziti, soup, macaroni & cheese, sandwiches, veggies & dip, shrimp...and lots of cookies! Club 55 will be meeting again on Thursday, February 8 at 11:00am. The menu includes chicken noodle soup, vegetable beef soup, bread & butter, cheese & crackers, fruit and dessert. Bring a friend and enjoy!

Kids Hope

Mentors and their students celebrated the holidays at Woodlawn Elementary with a fun breakfast; waffles, muffins, strawberries and whipped cream gave them lots of energy. They played games as a group, opened their presents and enjoyed a time of fun and laughter.

Many thanks to the congregation for their wonderful support of the Holiday Food Bags for Kids collection. We were able to put together 32 bags filled



with "kid friendly" foods for the students to take home for the holiday recess.

Lenten Study

This year's Lenten study will be more self-directed than in the past; two books will be available to choose from. If you prefer to study with a group, contact Barbara Cullum. If there are least three people interested we'll try to form a group study. Copies of the books will be in the Fellowship Hall for you to review. Please order yours by February 11. The books we are recommending for study are:

- *Embracing the Uncertain: A Lenten Study for Unsteady Times* (\$11.00)
This book invites you to engage and wrestle with life's uncertainties, not ignore them.
- *Falling into Goodness: Lenten Reflections* (\$9.00)
These reflections are designed to invite you into the goodness of your life in Christ.

February/March Birthdays

February

- 3 David Vicalvi
- 10 Matt Jones
- 13 JoAnne McNamara, Matthew Torner, Mark Torner
- 14 Miranda Nagell
- 18 Amelia (Jones) Ellis
- 19 Bill Dergosits
- 25 Eric House
- 28 Kim Dergosits

March

- 2 Ken Sigas
- 4 Matt Morash
- 8 Donna Claydon, Paula Farquharson
- 10 Peter Diem
- 30 Jane Smith, Gary Braddy



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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	10:00am
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (for children)	11:20am
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (for adults)	9:00am & 11:30am
WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY	Tuesday 7:30pm
AA MEETING	Wednesday 7:00pm
SENIOR CHOIR	Wednesday 7:30pm
CHRISTIAN CLUB "55"	2nd Thursday 11:00am
NEAT DINNER	4th Thursday (As Announced) 4:30pm
MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY	2nd Saturday 7:30am
FAMILY ACTIVITIES	As Announced
CREATIVE MINISTRIES	As Announced