Announcements Sunday, March 3, 2024

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Upcoming Meetings & Activities

- Friday, March 1 Lenten Movie, 2:00 p.m. in the Burnham room
- Tuesday, March 5 Four Birds: Lenten Study, 2:00 p.m. in the Chinook Room and on Zoom.
- Wednesday, March 6 Lectionary Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. in the Chinook Room and on Zoom
- Wednesday, March 6 Boutique & Garage Sales, 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, March 6 Creation Station, 1:00 p.m. in Creative Art Space
- Wednesday, March 6 Choir practice, 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Thursday, March 7 Coffee Time, 10:30 a.m. in Cypress Lounge
- Friday, March 8 Affirming Ministry, 12:30 p.m. in the Chinook room
- Friday, March 8 Lenten Movie, 2:00 p.m. in the Burnham Room

Recordings

of past Sunday services are available on the church website.

Four Birds: Lenten Study

You are still welcome to join us for the last three weeks of our Lenten Study on **Tuesdays at 2pm** in the Chinook Room In this study we are calling forth four birds as we trace the pattern of Cosmic Love in the life, death and rising of Jesus. Our journey will be guided by the Dove, Eagle, Pelican, and Phoenix. If you are interested, please contact the church office. The study is being facilitated by Annette Taylor & Mary Anderson and Is being offered in a hybrid mode (both in-person and on Zoom).

Friday Matinee - Movies for Lent!

Friday afternoons come to the Burnham Room to watch the Oscar-nominated movies that Annette will talk about in her sermon the following Sunday.

Mar. 1 at 2 p.m. – American Fiction Mar. 8 at 2 p.m. – Barbie Mar. 15 at 2 p.m. – The Holdovers

Ministerial Lenten Services

at St. Olaf Lutheran Church Thursday 12:00 p.m. worship followed by lunch at 12:30 p.m.

Date	Worship	Lunch
Mar 7	The Salvation Army	The Salvation Army
Mar 14	Christ the Redeemer	Christ the Redeemer
Mar 21	St Olaf Lutheran	St. Olaf Lutheran

Lenten Pigs (M&S Givings)

During Lent, many of us are reminded once again to examine our lifestyles and ask, "What can we do for others?" Lent is a good time to commit to giving money to a project that helps those in need like the Mission and Service Fund. As a congregation, watch for a special M&S envelope in your Easter Letter.

As a Sunday School, parents are encouraged to involve the whole family by setting up a piggy bank (Lenten Pig) to collect coins during the season of Lent. Please sign out your Lenten piggy bank with the Sunday School or office to encourage youth involvement. Please return envelopes and pigs by April 7th (the Friday following Easter).



"Spring is in the Air" Online Auction

The Outreach Committee is organizing an online auction to raise funds for our **Refugee Sponsorship Fund**.

We will be accepting donations starting now until **Friday, March 8**th.

Popular auction items are gift cards, baking, gift baskets, window washing, puzzles, books, and preserves.

The online auction will run from

noon Monday, March 18th to noon Monday, March 25th.

Please bring your items to the church and we will take a picture and store it for you.

Thank you for your support.

Annual General Meeting

Sunday, March 3, 2024

Potluck lunch with meeting to follow.

Annual Reports have been sent out by email. If you prefer a printed copy, there a few available by the sanctuary or in the church office.

World Day of Prayer Service

Friday, March 1st at noon at St. Olaf Lutheran Church (followed by lunch)

PIE Day Pride Café

Saturday, March 16, 2024 1-5pm (come & go) at the Pride Drop-In Centre

(Dirkson Community Centre, 751 Lorne St. W.)

Come have some pie and participate in fun activities for adults & children!

Why PIE? Because the most effective support is Public, Intentional and Explicit.

The PIE Day Pride Café is brought to you by Southwest SK Pride &

the Affirming Ministry Group of First United Church

Earthcare Partners are planning a "Self-guided Tour"

(Walking or Driving or Scheduled Bus Tour)

with a map to highlight city parks, walking paths, water conservation, food production, xeriscaping, innovative gardens, solar panels, or nature art.

If you have any suggestions, phone or text Linda Stumpf (306-629-7972) or Peggy Worrell (306-774-5915)

DID YOU KNOW?

Give it up for the Earth is a national faith in action campaign that raises awareness about the climate crisis and mobilizes people across Canada to reduce personal and household GHG (greenhouse gas) emissions. Each Sunday during Lent and into April we will invite you to "give it up for the earth" by providing ways you can do that. Start where you are, begin with small changes and go from there.