

Parish Caller
Glenwood Lutheran Church - ELCA
March 2024

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Looking Ahead....

A reminder to the congregation of Glenwood Lutheran Church that I will be away on Sabbatical beginning April 1 through Monday, July 1, 2024, and unavailable for ministry during that time unless I am called back for an emergency. I look forward to these days of creativity, rest, and renewal and my youngest son, Matthew's wedding! God's blessings to you all.

In Christ,
Pastor Krista Lee

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From the Desk of...Pastor Mark

At the Congregation Council meeting last month, the Constitution Review Committee presented an explanation of the mandated changes in our constitution in Chapters 1-9, to bring it into conformity with the 2022 ELCA Model Constitution for Congregations. This aligns us with the ELCA, other congregations, and protects us from actions that don't conform with larger church practice. At the next Congregation Council meeting in March, the committee will help explain the mandated changes from the 2022 ELCA Model Constitution for Congregations for chapters 10, and 15 through 19.

There are few, if any, changes in the first 4 chapters of the constitution, which deal with the basic confession, nature and purpose of the church. Chapter 5 "*Powers of the Congregation*" includes provisions for calling rostered "Word and Service" ministers and some additional powers. Chapter 6 on "*Church Affiliation*" reflects three significant changes since 1998: ecumenical relationships which allow calling pastors from outside the ELCA, the creation of the roster of "Word and Service Ministers," and new, more elaborated steps for a church considering disaffiliating itself from the ELCA. Chapter 7 concerns itself with "*Property Ownership*," though little has changed on this matter since the 1998 constitution. Chapter 8 on "*Membership*" has been reordered to reflect differing emphases, and also introduces a new category of membership, "Seasonal Membership." Finally, Chapter 9 "*Rostered Minister*" distinguishes between the "Ministers of Word and Sacrament" and the newer "Ministers of Word and Service," adding newer language and delineating responsibilities.

Chapter 10 of the Model deals with "*Congregation Meetings*", and under what circumstances they are conducted. We have already tackled the date of the Annual Congregation Meeting, and there are few changes except to determine what our quorum will be, and the additional language needed to conduct meetings electronically. Chapter 15 of the Constitution has changed substantially since 1998. Previously, "Congregation Discipline and Adjudication" was an internal congregational matter; now it has been moved to a synod committee in order to provide more objectivity, and to avoid a congregational dynamic that splits the congregation. Procedures for amending the constitution are taken up in Chapter 16, with a better clarification of the exact process for making those changes. Chapter 17 of the Model deals with "Bylaws", requiring a 2/3 vote rather than majority, and providing for electronic notification. Chapter 18 describes how "Continuing Resolutions" function. Finally, Chapter 19 provides a constitutional basis for the indemnification of congregation members.

The Constitution Review Committee will continue to consider these changes with the Congregation Council, leading the Congregation through a series of Informational Meetings, before voting in April to send it to the Annual Meeting held in May. Look for meeting dates and times in the bulletin and the Parish Caller newsletter!



From the Heart of Pastor Krista

For a while now, I have been curious about the marble Baptismal Font in the sanctuary at GLC. I asked Clarice Bredeson if she knew anything about the origins of it, and she said she did not, but would stop by the Pope County Museum to see if there was any information there. Clarice succeeded in finding photos of the sanctuary in the original church, but nothing on the marble font. Thank you, Clarice, for your work on this project!

One day when my workload was lighter than usual, I trooped up to the archive room on the third floor to muddle through the annual reports. Since we had no information on the Font at the church's original site, I surmised that the Font must have been added when the congregation built the "new" church on Minnesota Avenue in 1920. And I was right.

According to the 1920 annual report of Glenwood Lutheran Church, the Willing Workers Society purchased the "beautiful marble font and altar cross" for the church. The cost of the font was \$137.50. If we were to buy a similar Baptismal Font today it would cost between \$3,500.00-10,000.00 or more. The Willing Workers Society existed for two years (1920-1922). The balance of the funds in their account were reallocated in 1929 for the 50th Anniversary Gift Fund. No other information on the WWS such as mission statement, membership list or fundraising goals was listed in the historical documents. What we can conclude about this group is that they functioned in the congregation from 1920 (Church building on Minnesota Ave. dedicated) until 1922 (the last time they have a line item in the annual report). If anyone knows anymore information on this Society, please let us know!

After finding out the origins of the Baptismal Font, I thought about all the baptisms and how sacred that area is. When I began ministry in 2006, we performed 32 baptisms on average per year. If we multiply that by the 104 years the current building has stood on Minnesota Avenue, we can conclude that between 3,000-3,328 Baptism have taken place at that Font.

What do we do with this information? I think it is important for the congregation to know the depth of their history in the community and the depth of the commitment to God in Jesus Christ through the witness of the countless number of Baptisms that have taken place at GLC. Think of all the promises made here throughout the years. And the promise kept by Jesus Christ. Something to ponder during this Lenten season.



Walking With Jesus Transforming Your Faith through a Lenten Worship Walk

Wednesday, March 6, 6:30pm.....Transformed by Voices of Hope
Pizza Fellowship for Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation at 6pm

Wednesday, March 13, 6:30pm.....Transformed by Repentance and Redemption
Pizza Fellowship for Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation at 6pm

Wednesday, March 20, 6:30pm.....Transformed to Hope Through Suffering
Pizza Fellowship for Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation at 6pm

Thursday, March 28, 1:30pm and 6:30pm.....Transformed by a New Promise
Maundy Thursday Worship and Holy Communion

Friday, March 29, 6:30pm.....Transformed by *“The Shadow of the Cross”*
Good Friday Lenten Tenebrae Choral Worship led by the Adult Choir and
JuBellate Ringers

You are invited to walk together with Jesus and with one another during this season. Come join us at 6:30pm each evening to exercise your spirit with the One Holy Spirit that transforms you and gives you life!

Easter Worship Services

**Sunday, March 31, 7am, 8:30am and 10:30am (please
note the late service time change!)**

Calendar for March 2024

Sunday, March 3

8:30am—Traditional Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
9:30am— Coffee Fellowship and Adult Education
9:45am—Adult Choir Practice
11:00am—Traditional Worship Service w/ Holy Communion

Monday, March 4

7:00am—Devotionals w/ Pastor Krista via Zoom

Tuesday, March 5

8:00am— Pastor's Meeting/library
6:00pm—Bible Study w/ Pastor Krista
7:00pm—Men's & Women's AA

Wednesday, March 6

9:00am—Men's Bible Study/zone room/zoom
10:00am—Church Staff Meeting/library
5:00pm—Praise Band Practice
6:00pm—Grades 5-9 Pizza Night/youth room
6:30pm—Lenten Worship Service
7:30pm—JuBELLate Ringers Practice

Thursday, March 7

8:30am—Constitution Committee Meeting
8:30am—WELCA Board Meeting
9:30am—Coffee & Conversation
10:00am—Women's Bible Study
11:00am—Women's Mission Projects
7:00pm—Sarah Circle/member's home

Sunday, March 10

8:30am—Traditional Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
9:30am—Coffee Fellowship and Adult Education
9:45am—Adult Choir Practice
11:00am—Contemporary Worship w/ Holy Communion

Monday, March 11

7:00am—Devotionals w/ Pastor Krista via Zoom
6:00pm—Board Meetings
7:00pm—Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 12

8:00am—Pastor's Meeting/library
8:30am—Do Day's Quilting
6:00pm—Bible Study w/ Pastor Krista
7:00pm—Men's & Women's AA

Wednesday, March 13

9:00am— Men's Bible Study/zone room/zoom
10:00am—Church Staff Meeting/library
5:00pm—Praise Band Practice
6:00pm—Grades 5-9 Pizza Night/youth room
6:30pm—Lenten Worship Service
7:30pm—JuBELLate Ringers Practice

Thursday, March 14

8:30am—Constitution Committee Meeting/library

Sunday, March 17

8:30am—Traditional Worship Service
9:30am—Coffee Fellowship & Adult Education
9:45am—Adult Choir Practice
11:00am—Praise Band Practice

Monday, March 18

7:00am—Morning Devotions via Zoom

Tuesday, March 19

8:00am—Pastor's Meeting/library

6:00pm—Bible Study w/ Pastor Krista

7:00pm—Men's & Women's AA

Wednesday, March 20

9:00am—Men's Bible Study/zone room/zoom

10:00am—Church Staff Meeting/library

5:00pm—Praise Band Practice

6:00pm—Grades 5-9 Pizza Night/youth room

6:30pm—Lenten Worship Service

7:30pm—JuBELLate Ringers Practice

Thursday, March 21

8:30am—Constitution Committee Meeting

Sunday, March 24-Palm Sunday

8:30am—Traditional Worship Service

9:30am—Coffee Fellowship & Adult Education

9:45am—Adult Choir Practice

11:00am—Traditional Worship Service

Monday, March 25

7:00am—Morning Devotions w/ Pastor Krista

Tuesday, March 26

8:00am—Pastor's Meeting/library

8:30am—Do Day's Quilting

6:00pm—Bible Study w/ Pastor Krista

7:00pm—Men's & Women's AA

Wednesday, March 27

9:00am—Men's Bible Study/zone room/zoom

10:00am—Church Staff Meeting/library

5:00pm—Praise Band Practice

6:30pm—Brass Rehearsal for Easter Morning

7:30pm—JuBELLate Ringers Practice

Thursday, March 28-Maundy Thursday

8:30am—Constitution Committee Meeting

1:30pm—Maundy Thursday Chapel Service

6:30pm—Maundy Thursday Sanctuary Service

7:15pm—Adult Choir Practice for Easter Morning

Friday, March 29-Good Friday

6:30pm—Good Friday Cantata Service

Sunday, March 31-Easter Sunday

7:00am—Easter Sunrise Service

8:30am—Traditional Worship Service

10:30am—Traditional Worship Service





Share Your Easter Blessings

this year with family and friends! Printed in our Easter Bulletins, electronically, on the screens at church, livestreamed, and online, for a suggested donation of \$10. Your donation will go toward our "Flower Fund" out of which Easter Lilies will be purchased for the sanctuary. Or purchase a Lilly plant for a \$20. Fill this form out, or e-mail your dedications to the office:



 office@glenwoodlutheran.com. You may also make your payment on our website's [donation page](#).

Blessing Only (\$10) OR Lilly & Blessing (\$20)

Your Name(s): _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Celebration of: _____

You may place this form and your donation in the offering plate, mail, or drop off in the church office. Return anytime to have your blessings appear on screens in church. To have your messages listed in the Easter bulletins, please return to the church office by Thursday, March 21st.

The March Giving Church

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Emphasis will be the
Minnesota FoodShare March

Campaign, and Hearts and Hands Food
Pantry. Bring your in-kind donations to the
donation box at church, and make your
checks out to GLC, with "MN FoodShare" on
the memo line to be matched (limited)!

*The February Giving Church raised \$345 for
summer camp scholarships, which will be
evenly distributed between campers who
registered by the February 14th Early Bird
Discount Deadline. The campers are Lindsay
Dahlke, Gabby Wallin, Lydia Braaten, Emma
Albert, and Macie Pischke. Congratulations
girls and HAVE A GREAT TIME AT BIBLE
CAMP!*

Offering Envelopes Are In!

Your 2024 Offering Envelopes are
in on tables in the Church Narthex
or Church Entry. We ask that you
throw out your 2023 envelopes so
that they don't get mixed in, and
check to see that the envelopes
with your name on them have the
correct envelope number. **If you
would like to take time to sign up
for electronic giving, now it a real-
ly good time to do so! Just con-
tact Aslyn in the office for instruc-
tions.**

Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation Pizza & Game Nights

**During the 6 Wednesdays of Lent beginning with Ash Wednes-
day, February 14, all Pre-Confirmation (Grade 5-6) and Confir-
mation (Grade 7-9) Students are invited to the YOUTH ROOM for
Pizza, Games and Fellowship before 6:30 worship. The Pizza will
start at 6pm and continue until it's gone or 6:25pm, whichever
comes first!**

Deadline for the next Parish Caller

March 25

by noon. Thank You!

Visit the Glenwood Lutheran website
often and stay informed about upcoming
meetings and events at
www.glenwoodlutheran.com.