

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 3, 2024

Sunday, March 3—Third Sunday in Lent

- 9:00am Worship Service (also livestreamed on YouTube)
- Faith Formation for Children ages 3-6 years
- Women of LIFE Business Meeting
- Coffee Hour

Monday, March 4

- 9:00am Quickel Quilters – Fellowship Hall
- 3:00pm Walking Group at Quickel’s Cemetery
- 7:00pm Faith Formation (Luther Writings) via Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82157526586?pwd=WktTTzRzQ1dKU0xacmtlc0JQQU1sZz09>
Meeting ID: 821 5752 6586 Passcode: 360135

Tuesday, March 5

- 8:00am Bible Adventure - Fellowship Hall until 10:30am
- 6:00pm Staying in Step - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 6

- 10:00am Lent Wednesday Worship Service
- 6:00pm Soup Supper
- 6:45pm Lent Wednesday Worship Service

Thursday, March 7

- 1:00pm Knit Wits – Parish House

Sunday, March 10—Fourth Sunday in Lent

- 9:00am Worship Service (also livestreamed on YouTube)
- Faith Formation for Children ages 3-6 years
- Coffee Hour

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK: 8am-2pm, Monday & Tuesday; CLOSED Wednesday & Thursday

LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR MARCH 10 Numbers 21:4-9 * Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 * Ephesians 2:1-10 * John 3:14-21

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 10 are due at **8am, Tuesday, March 5.**

LENT AT QUICKEL Lent Wednesdays from February 21 through March 20 – Quiet worship service at 10:00am; Soup Supper at 6:00pm, Worship with music at 6:45pm. Our coin card donations and any cash given on Wednesdays in Lent will support the Negative Lunch Account Balance of the Student Need Account in the Northeastern School District.

QUICKEL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE. The Quickel Scholarship is granted annually to one but no more than three students. Deadline for the applications is April 15. See the Council Secretary, Joan Fitz, for an application or email her at jmfitzie@comcast.net. Place the completed application in Joan’s mailbox in the library or email it directly to her. Eligibility Criteria: 1) ACTIVE church member at Quickel Lutheran Church, 2) High school graduate, and 3) Furthering education in college, training school, etc., AT ANY AGE

SPRING FLING – LOOKING FOR CHAIRPERSON Women of LIFE would like to sponsor the spring/summer yard sale in June. We need a chairperson or a group of people who would like to organize and run the Spring Fling. We need to have a chairperson in place by March 3, so we can set the date and reserve the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Barbara Dittman if you have any questions or if you are interested.

WOMEN OF LIFE

- A brief business meeting will be held on March 3 following worship to discuss the Spring Fling.
- Spring Retreat will be held on May 4.

QUICKEL QUILTERS meet in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, March 4, at 9am.

KNIT WITS meets in the Parish House at 1pm on Thursday, March 7.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES AT QUICKEL

- † Palm Sunday: March 24 at 9:00am
- † Maundy Thursday: March 28 at 11:00am & 7:00pm
- † Good Friday: March 29 at 7:00pm

EASTER EGG HUNT After the 9:00 am service on Easter Sunday there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children. Please bring a basket. Bags will be provided for anyone who doesn't have a basket.

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the following:

- Coffee Host – make the coffee on Sunday morning before worship.
- Dessert Host – provide snacks or use the snacks provided by our sponsors.

Sign up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee hour sponsors are always needed to donate snacks or give a donation.

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY Keep us in mind if you need a ride to your appointments!

QUICKEL'S WALKING GROUP meets each Monday at 3pm at Quickel's Cemetery, weather permitting.

QUICKEL'S SPIRITUAL MINISTRY

- Additional Spiritual Connections: Our "Weekly Meditation" email members and Facebook's "Quickel and Friends" members include Quickel members and friends of members. To add others, send their information to Jeanne Waltemyer, 717-817-2316 or jwaltemyer@comcast.net.
- Prayer Chain: (A Phone Tree) Individuals are called to pray for the immediate needs of family and friends. If interested or in need of prayers contact Jeanne Waltemyer or Gloria Goodyear

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET for March 3, 2024, Third Sunday in Lent

"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. – Exodus 20:17

God commands what **not** to do but expects us **to do** the opposite in grateful response to divine abundance. Instead of coveting what others have, we are to cultivate a spirit of generosity that helps us love and serve our neighbors.

Stewardship Newsletter Article for March 2024

Lenten Thoughts About Wealth

Jesus taught, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions." -Luke 12:15 (NIV)

For centuries, Christians have observed the season of Lent by taking on new spiritual practices (such as special prayer or bible reading) or abstaining from things that are enjoyable or extravagant (such as tobacco, chocolate or alcohol).

Lenten disciplines assist us in looking inward, seeing ourselves for who we really are, and with God's help, identifying things that keep us from drawing closer to God. With these awarenesses, and with God's help, we can then do something about them.

It's only fitting that Christians look at their relationship with wealth. Jesus had no problem with wealth, per se, but he repeatedly warns that wealth can distort our values and put a wedge between us and God. Or, worse, that money can supplant God as ruler in our hearts.

For those of us who are comfortable in our incomes and possessions, Lent invites us to look at our relationship with wealth. Here are some ideas for thought and prayer:

- Jesus says, "Life does not consist in an abundance of possessions." How is that different from the relentless message our consumer culture gives us? In what, then, would Jesus say our life consists? In what does your life consist?
- For Lent, keep a journal of everything you buy. At the end of Lent, analyze what your purchases say about your values, identity, and relationship with wealth.
- For Lent, buy only things you *need*, and NOT things you merely *want*. What do you learn in the process.
- For Lent, double your regular giving to charity. Or simply give to the point where it is a sacrifice.
- If you dare, try tithing – giving 10 percent of your income to God's work. What do you learn about yourself?

May this Lent be a time when you draw close to the Lord your God.

–Rob Blezard

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