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Lexington, Nebraska

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LENT/EASTER SCHEDULE

LENTEN LUNCH SCHEDULE

Lunch is 12:00-12:20, Devotion's 12:20-12:45

Mar. 8 — Grace Lutheran

Mar. 15 — First Presbyterian

Mar. 22 — Trinity Lutheran

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

March 29, 7:00 p.m. in sanctuary

GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER VIGIL

Sanctuary open for prayer Noon - 1:00 pm
and 5:00 - 7:00 pm

CANTATA

Palm Sunday, March 25, 2018 10:00 a.m.

EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

7:30 AM— Sunrise Service

8:45 AM— Easter Breakfast

9:00 AM— Children's Activities

10:00 AM— Easter Worship Service

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

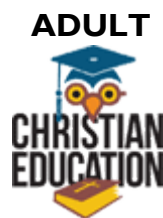
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL classes continue through Lent in the church Conference Room on Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

SPRING CRAFT FAIR!

Spring Craft Fair at First Presbyterian Church on April 7, from 9:00 am—2:00 pm. **NO Lunch available!** For information on renting a booth, please contact Vicki Davis - \$25 per table, checks payable to First Presbyterian Church, may brought to the church office or mailed to: PO Box 160, Lexington, NE 68850. (No vendors please.) Proceeds for rent of tables goes to our LOGOS program.

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Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m. - Coffee/Fellowship

10:00 a.m. - Worship/nursery provided

11:00 a.m. - Coffee

Church Staff

Teaching Elder: Pastor Eddie Mariel

Hostess: Linda Anthony

Financial Secretary: Julie Rickertsen

Office Manager: Alice Screws

Joy Ringers Director, Chancel Choir

Director, and Music Coordinator: Holly Rickertsen

Ruling Elders

Dale Biehl	Mary Reed
Robert Copper	Curt Rickertsen
Ed Heusinkvelt	Beth Rogers
Da'Lacy Lans	Tempie Roberts
Steve Luther	

Clerk of Session: Gene Nansel

Deacons

Linda Anthony	Tom Musil
Dorothy Bremer	Carol Nelson
Jonelle Lans	Pat Sherman
LaDonna McClure	Julie Rickertsen
Larry Moomey	Sharon Steinberger
Rhea Musil	Carol Stock

Serving in March

Head Ushers: Justin Lans family

Greeter: Noah Mariel

Offering Counters: Fred Nisley and a Properties Volunteer

Lay Leaders:

March 18 – Larry Steinberger

March 25 – Don Anthony

April 1 – volunteer needed!!

April 8 – Andrea Nisley

April 15 – Shoshana Patocka

***** Lay Leaders: If you switch Sundays with another Lay Leader, please let the church office know by Thursday noon of that week so that the Lay Leader can be listed correctly in the Sunday bulletin.**

Nursery Volunteers:

March 4 – Isabella Carlson

March 11 – Abbie Owens

March 18 – Isabella Carlson

March 25 – Kamryn Pike

COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

Giving Team – March 5, 7:00 p.m.

Faith Team – March 6, 6:15 p.m.

Welcoming Team – March 15, 6:15 p.m.

Properties Team – March 19, 7:00 p.m.

Personnel Team – March 20, 5:45 p.m.

Session – March 20, 7:30 p.m.



HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY!

CONGRATULATIONS to Berta Rickertsen on her 100th birthday, February 17.

PASTOR EDDIE'S PAGE

Greetings Friends,

As many of you know, I just spent the last weekend in Virginia where my family and I spent 7 years of our life in service to a congregation there. Wouldn't you know it, but they were having a windstorm too! The winds were not as powerful as what we have been experiencing here, but they were powerful nonetheless. In fact, two doors down from our friends house where we were staying, the wind snapped a tree and took the people's gutter clean off. It just barely missed doing more damage and, basically, just scraped the entire front of their house.

Upon returning home and driving from Omaha to Lex (and watching my gas mileage turn to complete garbage while driving *directly into that eastbound wind*) I noticed a couple of things. First off, I noticed how much stronger the winds were here in Nebraska. Nothing too stunning about that. However the second thing I noticed was that despite the much stronger winds, there was a minimal amount of stuff and debris flying through the air. I especially noticed the trees since it was a tree that fell in Virginia.

The trees here in Nebraska moved and swayed with the wind. They were not snapped or broken by the wind. This suggests two things to me for your consideration. First, the deep rootedness of the trees. Where or from whom do your roots tap? Secondly, the movement of the trees. When the winds of life come, do you find yourself moving and swaying with them? Or in danger of breaking? Finding our own origin, our own rootedness in the person of Jesus equips us to be able to move and flow with the winds of change that life throws at us. Being rooted does *not mean that we "stand tall" and resist change at all costs. Being rooted means that, when the winds come, we bend and flex precisely because we are still connected to that life giving source of nourishment; we can give a little because the deep roots we have grown in Jesus reveal to us that no matter what we choose, God has already chosen grace and mercy.*

Lent reminds us that our goal is to get in sync with God's program for redemption, not our own. Jesus lived, died, resurrected and ascended. That's the master plan. Living into such radical grace and mercy is what we are attempting to sync with. Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy.

In His Service,
Pastor Eddie





Birthday Club

JOIN THE BIRTHDAY CLUB! In your birthday month contribute \$1.00 (or 10 cents or a quarter, etc.) for each year of your life so far. The thousands of dollars contributed each year go to the Endowment Fund. The fund generates interest which is divided between Physical Facilities and Outreach Fund. If you would like to contribute, there are specially marked envelopes in the pews, or you can write "Birthday Club" on your check. Joining the birthday club in February/March: Marilyn Biehl, Jim Biehl, Bruce Rickertsen, Alex Rickertsen, and Bertha Rickertsen.

BIRTHDAY CLUB



-SOUTHSIDE BIBLE STUDY meets most Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the church library. They will begin a new study starting March 7 on the book of Acts. They invite anyone who would like to attend this study every Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome to come and join us for lively conversation, snacks and fellowship. The lesson starts at 9:30 a.m.

-MARTHA CIRCLE will meet March 15. Hostess is Gladys Hodgson and Sharon Steinberger is in charge of the lesson.

FAITH CIRCLE will begin meeting again April 26, 2018. Hostess will be Joan Rupke. Anne Grubb is in charge of the lesson.

WOMEN'S GROUPS



LOGOS

LOGOS continues the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Wednesdays of most months: 4:00 p.m. for Kindergarten through 5th graders, and 6:00 p.m. for 6th through 12th graders, with supper for both groups at 6:00 p.m. The theme for this year is *Learn and Serve*. This year we will visit various countries during our LOGOS season. The month of March we are visiting Ireland. Dorothy Bremer is in charge of table decorations.

Dessert makers for March/April are:

March 7 - Brandy Popken

March 14 - Linda Lauby

March 21 - Amy Biehl-Owens

In April we visit Greece/Armenia. Amy Biehl-Owens will be in charge of table decorations in April.



April 4 - Judy Moomey

April 11 - Isabella & Fran Carlson

April 18 - Patti Maguire



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES



MEALS-ON-WHEELS

Once every six weeks we spend a week helping folks get a good hot noon meal, delivered with a friendly face and a smile! If you are willing or able to volunteer, please Contact Sharon Steinberger at 324-2060. Next delivery date will be March 5—9, 2018.



LOOSE OFFERINGS

Loose Offerings during the month of March/April during Lent go to One Great Hour of Sharing.



GROCERY CART

The grocery basket is in the narthex or the office hallway ready for your non-perishable food items for the Lexington Food Pantry. The Lexington Food Pantry serves many people in need.

The local Food Pantry shelves are always in need of your donations.

****Please note that the service committees have changed. Please check and see what group you are in now!!****



UP NEXT — SERVICE COMMITTEE GROUP B

Co-Chairs: Karla Denker 325-1821
 Sharon Steinberger 324-2060
 Carol Stock 324-7128

Delphine Anthony 324-4779
 Elsie Barrett 746-0660
 Marilyn Biehl 324-4426
 Rosalie Bonini 324-5190
 Billie Clements 324-2470
 Deb Harkless 324-6845
 Jean Henderson 324-2236
 Evelyn Hutt 324-4874
 Da'Lacy Lans 324-4719
 Alisa Margritz 324-2678
 Darlene Malcom 325-7577
 Judy Moomey 324-6735
 Rhea Musil 785-8037
 Carol Nelson 324-3810
 Andrea Nisley 324-3651
 Joyce Olsen 785-8172
 Lisa Pebley 324-2785

Barb Poehler 784-3753
 Brandy Popken 325-5974
 Cindy Reutlinger 324-3250
 Holly Rickertsen 324-2417
 Joyce Rimpley 324-4063
 Liz Sanderman 325-2342
 Jo Sherman 324-4772
 Pat Sherman 324-3701
 Ann Smets 324-1919
 Shirley Smets 324-4333
 Becca Walton (w) 324-5651
 Jill Williams 785-8131
 * Gladys Hodgson
 * Ellie Kelly
 * Bertha Rickertsen

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Rosalie Bonini	324-5190	Cindy Reutlinger	324-3250
Billie Clements	324-2470	Holly Rickertsen	324-2417
Deb Harkless	324-6845	Joyce Rimpley	324-4063
Jean Henderson	324-2236	Liz Sanderman	325-2342
Evelyn Hutt	324-4874	Jo Sherman	324-4772
Da'Lacy Lans	324-4719	Pat Sherman	324-3701
Alisa Margritz	324-2678	Ann Smets	324-1919
Darlene Malcom	325-7577	Shirley Smets	324-4333
Judy Moomey	324-6735	Becca Walton (w)	324-5651
Rhea Musil	785-8037	Jill Williams	785-8131
Carol Nelson	324-3810	* Gladys Hodgson	
Andrea Nisley	324-3651	* Ellie Kelly	
Joyce Olsen	785-8172	* Bertha Rickertsen	
Lisa Pebley	324-2785		

SERVICE COMMITTEE GROUP C

Co-Chairs: Dorothy Bremer 308-227-2897
 Marylin Crawford 324-4746
 Vicki Davis 325-3928

***** Several ladies names were missing from the list in the Program Manual*****

Please add the names followed by an * to the list in your Program Manual.

Nancy Hundley Aden	324-3905	Doll Nielsen	324-6834
Joan Allen	324-2717*	Shoshana Patocka	325-1969
Linda Anthony	324-4381	Kristi Pebley	324-2785
Ardith Bendler	324-4247	Pat Post	324-4088
Judy Biehl	324-4369	Mary Reed	324-6598
Jeanne Burns	784-5096*	Yvonne Rickertsen	324-2852
Fran Carlson	324-4177	Deb Stuchlik	324-2216
Anna Cooper	746-3030	Alice Screws	746-0691
Judy Daake	324-4453	Rose Marie Sherman	324-4398
Sarah DeLaTorre	651-0108	Connie Smets	325-9538
Karen Finken	308-651-1002		
Linda Graus	324-2345*	* Pat Loudon	
Anne Grubb	746-4456*	* Phyllis Mueller	
Jacey Klemm	325-6930*	* Bernice Pebley	
Sally Heusinkvelt	324-6085		
Louise Lane	719-771-0114		
Dian Lauby	324-4115*		
Allison Luther	324-6824		
Janet McKee	324-3555		



No Wonder They Call Him the Savior

by Max Lucado

a book report by Jo Sherman

With Easter approaching, I thought that this book by Max Lucado would be very appropriate.

Max Lucado is a well-known Christian author of over 40 books, some of them were written for children. He also has a radio program called "UpWords" which has many listeners in the San Antonio, Texas, area. Even though this book, *No Wonder They Call Him the Savior*, was published over 20 years ago, its message is still fresh today.

He begins the book by telling us that "if there was anything that Jesus wanted us to understand it was this: A person is worth something simply because he is a person". He then gives us the example of forgiving the crook next to him on the cross.

He then states that, "Jesus' love does not depend upon what we do for him. Not at all. In the eyes of the King, ... your value is inborn."

This quote includes the title, "He who forgave his followers stands ready to forgive the rest of us. All we have to do is come back. No wonder they call him the Savior."

His comment on when Jesus was crucified was, "And by the way, never were those arms opened so wide as they were on the Roman cross. One arm extending back into history and the other reaching into the future. An embrace of forgiveness offered to anyone who'll come. A hen gathering her chicks. A father receiving his own. A redeemer redeeming the world. No wonder they call him the Savior."

He writes that the reason for the cross is, "The cross did what sacrificed lambs could not do. It granted us the right to talk with, love, and even live with God."

Lucado writes his books so that they are very easy to read and understand, even when dealing with serious religious doctrine.

As he continues to write more books, and present more radio programs, he also is a minister at the Oak Hills Church in San Antonio.

It has been said that Max Lucado is a preacher with a story-tellers gift, a pastor's heart, and a poet's pen.

If you wish to learn more about him and his numerous writings, go to maxlucado.com.



Notes From the February 27, 2018 Session Meeting

Balance brought forward 01/01/18	\$	8,663.44
Receipts		27,404.12
Disbursements		28,728.79
Transfers to general fund		0.00
Transfers to money market		0.00
Balance as of 02/22/18		7,338.77
Balance of money market fund 02/22/18	\$	51,536.93

Committee Recommendations:

Faith Team: 1. To have a LOGOS style dinner after church on March 18, 2018. Free will donations to be accepted with funds to be used for LOGOS meals. 2. To have Vacation Bible School at our church on May 29th to June 1st at 9 a.m. till noon. Students four years old and older will be accepted.

Session approved the recommendations.

Session approved Maundy Thursday services on March 29, 2018 at 7 p.m. Session approved serving communion at the service. Faith Team will need to find a qualified person to conduct the communion.

Session approved the following communion schedule: Sunday worship services on April 8th, August 5th, and November 4.



Session approved moving the next Session meeting to March 20, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.



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Monthly Planner



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