

THE MESSENGER



From the Pastor's desk...

Hello and welcome to my most favorite season of the church calendar. **LENT.** I am absolutely delighted to join Fisher/Bygland Lutheran Church faith communities as your Interim Pastor. A little bit about myself and my family. Kirby Herman and I were wed, in the midst of the pandemic, May 21, 2020. We have 3 fur babies: Tuxedo (12.5 year old Springer Spaniel), Athens (13 year old Ragdoll cat), and our newest addition is Florence (1 yr. old Small Munster lander). Kirby and I share a great love for the body of Christ. When Kirby is not supporting me in ministerial matters, he can typically be found doing one of three things...hunting, fishing or painting houses. When I am not engaged in church relations I can be found thrifting, doing yoga or taking a walk. We both enjoy the outdoors and exploring new adventures together. We view our time with you in ministry as pure gift, the greatest kind of adventure there is. We want to get to know you in your homes, work settings and weekly as we worship together as God's people. Regarding my appreciation of the Lenten season. "Why"? You may ask, do I love a season of repentance and renewal? I view Lent as a time to slow down, to rest, to take inventory of what is working about life and what possibly it is time to 'let go' of. For instance, I believe we can agree that we are creatures of habit. Some habits are helpful in deepening our relationship with God and other detour us from placing God at the center of our everything. Lent is a time where we can review our habits and see how it is that we may increase our attention and focus towards the cross of Christ. As a community of faith I invite us to focus on Psalm 51 as a point of departure for our Lenten journey. The first adventure we shall trod together. Amen and thanks be to God!

Sharing Christ's Service,
Pastor Gretchen Enoch

Psalm 51

1

Have mercy on me, O God,
because of your unfailing love.
Because of your great compassion,
Because of your great compassion,
blot out the stain of my sins.

2

Wash me clean from my guilt.
Purify me from my sin.

3

For I recognize my rebellion;
it haunts me day and night.



4

*Against you, and you alone, have I sinned;
I have done what is evil in your sight.
You will be proved right in what you say,
and your judgment against me is just. [a]*

5

*For I was born a sinner—
yes, from the moment my mother conceived me.*

6

*But you desire honesty from the womb, [b]
teaching me wisdom even there.*

7

*Purify me from my sins, [c] and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.*

8

*Oh, give me back my joy again;
you have broken me—
now let me rejoice.*

9

*Don't keep looking at my sins.
Remove the stain of my guilt.*

10

*Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Renew a loyal spirit within me.*

11

*Do not banish me from your presence,
and don't take your Holy Spirit [d] from me.*

12

*Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and make me willing to obey you.*



LENT

FISHER LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

MARCH 6, 2022 - BAPTISM RECOGNITION

FLC Sunday School students will rejoice with those celebrating the anniversary of becoming children of God in the sacrament of Baptism during the month of December & January.

March Baptism Anniversaries

Emalee Pyatte

Riggin Schwarz

Corban Korynta

Sawyer Speldrich

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! 1 John 3:1

MARCH 13, 2022 - NOISY OFFERING

The Sunday School children will be collecting a **NOISY OFFERING** on **March 13th** during the regular church service in Fisher as well during Sunday School. Bring in loose change and let it ring as it is gathered in our metal buckets. Noisy offering collected December 2021 through May 2022 will be sent to Pathways Lutheran Outdoor Ministries.

MARCH 20, 2022 – MISSION SUNDAY

It's Mission Sunday – March 20th! In lieu of a monetary offering at our opening session, the children are encouraged to bring individual serving cups/containers of pasta items (ex. Ravioli, Mini ABC's, Spaghetti & Meatballs, Lasagna, Beefaroni or Mac & Cheese) to help support the Backpack Program at Fisher School. This program provides nutritious, non-perishable, easy-to-prepare food to students to ensure they get enough food on weekends to avoid hunger when they can't depend on school meals.

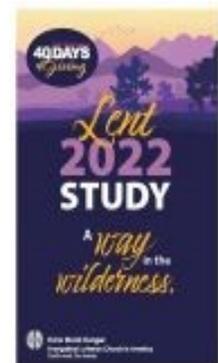
MEMORIZATION GOALS

Preschool – Grade 2 – The Lord's Prayer

Grades 3 & 4 – The Ten Commandments

Grade 5 – The Apostle's Creed

All classes will learn the Books of the Bible.



Lent 2022 Study – A Way in the Wilderness

This five-session resource is perfect for congregations, small groups or at-home study, whether meeting in person or online. Each session draws on the Scripture readings for Lent and challenges us to reflection and action.

Copies of the **Lent 2022 Study** are will be available in the narthex of both Fisher and Bygland Lutheran Churches or may be ordered at <https://resources.elca.org/>

FISHER LUTHERAN CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

Fisher Lutheran confirmation students will be responsible to attend ALL Lenten services held at Fisher Lutheran during the 2022 Lenten season in lieu of confirmation classes. Students will be assigned responsibilities for each service (scripture reading, ushering duties, communion service, serving the meal before the service, etc) and will be required to complete sermon notes for each service. Students are strongly encouraged to attend the weekly Lenten services held at Bygland Lutheran, or at another area church, on the weeks they are not required to attend in Fisher.

March 2	Gr. 6/7/8	Location: Fisher @ 7:00 PM
March 16	Gr. 6/7/8	Location: Fisher @ 7:00 PM
March 30	Gr. 6/7/8	Location: Fisher @ 7:00 PM
April 15	Gr. 6/7/8	Location: Fisher @ 7:00 PM

FISHER LUTHERAN WELCA BIBLE STUDY

March 16, 2022 @ 9:00 AM

The Kingdom of God: Here and Now

Session Three

Eternal Life in the Gospel of John

By Rev. Mark Allan Powell

In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, Jesus talks more about the kingdom of God or kingdom of heaven than he does about anything else.

This kingdom does not refer to a place that can be located in time and space, but to an activity.

The ruling presence and power of God may be experienced to some extent here and now.

It will be consummated in an unprecedented and unimaginable way sometime in the future.

**Gather
Zoom Bible
Study**



You can also join the Gather Zoom Bible Study session each

4th Monday of the Month

7:00-8:00 PM

Zoom Meeting ID 830 8115 5921