

Currents

UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
MARCH 2015

to the saints...

...40 days.
A month and a few days more.

Lent. Forty days from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday morning. A month and a little time more.

“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe the good news.”
Mark 1

The time, all time, is filled up. From the beginning of time until right now, this very second, the second you sit to read these words — see, it is filled up. Indeed, from the beginning of time until time is no more. Used up and filled up.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, Son of God. So turn. So repent. So re-turn to the wondrous news of a God come in the flesh to set all things right and fill up all things in love and mercy. To fill up time.

Lent is a time to “take time.” That is, to look at your life and your relationships in light of full time. Time fulfilled. See, it is full, it is complete in the arrival of Jesus, but it is not done, and so it is always filling up with what God desires. The word itself means to say that God has filled it up ... and yet, it continues to fill up in the grace and

mercy of our God. A cup that runneth over and over. And over.

And this is how I know it to the quiet of my soul — I take time to see it and know it. And to step into that time.

Prayer, fasting and giving alms are the three marks of Lent. They are each about the realization that God owns and fills time with the good news of Jesus. Jesus simply assumes, presumes you will do these things because they are proof that time is full, realized. And proof that you know it completely.

Take time. Now! Lent. Forty days all filled up finally in the resurrection of Jesus and the way we live and pray because of that. Now.

Shalom,

Pastor Buresh

Church Events

- March 3, 10, 17 and 24

“The Greatest Story” study – 1 and 5:30 p.m.

- March 8

Coffee and Fellowship – 11 a.m.

- March 14

Women’s Bible study – 10 a.m.

- March 16

Congregation Council – 6 p.m.

- March 22-28

UW-Eau Claire Spring Break

Disciple Life Family Groups

Wednesdays 1 p.m.

Thursdays 11 a.m.

Thank you!

Greetings ULC from Carmen Pampa in Bolivia! We have been so touched by the generosity of this congregation and we really miss all your smiling faces. We have really been challenged during our time here as we are asked to really take a look at our lives, how we live, how we spend money, what we value, etc. We've experienced a lot of personal growth and we've been able to see Christ's relevance in new ways. We love the college students we get to do life with here, they have so much to teach us, and I think they like being with us too! If you want to know more about the University that we work at you can visit carmenpampafund.org where there are lots of videos and stories sharing the mission of the University here. It's been fun realizing that we share in your mission of hospitality to University students. Thanks for showing us the way! - Mary and Nate Mortenson

Join us ...

March 8 at 11 a.m. for coffee, treats and fellowship following worship in the Fireside Lounge.

Women's Bible study

The ULC Women's Group will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 14, in the activity room at Grace Willowbrook at 4868 Otteson Lane (it's north of the Goodwill Store on Gateway Drive).

Lent Bible study

Pastor Buresh will be leading a Bible study during Lent from the Book of Faith series called "The Greatest Story/A Bible Introduction" — we will meet on Tuesdays at 1 and 5:30 p.m. - Feb. 24 and March 3, 10, 17, and 24. Let pastor know if you wish to participate and we will order the appropriate number of books.

ERC Book Club

The ERC Book Club meets on the last Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the ERC library. This book club is open to anyone, anytime. Books for the coming months are as follows:

Upcoming books for 2015 include:

Feb. 26: The Higher Power of Lucky by Susan Patron

March 26: Super Freakonomics by Steven Levitt and Stephen Dubner

April 30: Still Life with Bread Crumbs by Anna Quindlen

May 28: The Cat's Table by Michael Ondaatje

June 25: Some Luck by Jane Smiley

July 23: Me Before You by JoJo Moyes

Aug. 27: Wolf Hall by Hilary Mantel

Sept. 24: Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown

Oct. 29: Empire Falls by Richard Russo

Dec. 3: To be announced

Turn your clocks ahead for Daylight Savings Time when you go to bed on Saturday, March 7.

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Weekly Schedule

- **Sundays**

Choir	9 a.m.
Worship	10 a.m.
- **Wednesdays**

Bibles and Bagels	8 a.m.
Choir	5:15 p.m.
Meal	5:45 p.m.
Evening Prayer	6:30 p.m.

ULC Offering

Offering received - 02/01/15	\$2,306
Offering received - 02/08/15	\$ 638
Offering received - 02/15/15	\$ 583
Offering received - 02/22/15	\$1,246
Simply Giving	\$1,925
Total offerings	\$6,698

Average weekly offering needed to meet annual budget \$2,320

Average weekly offering needed to meet annual expenses: \$2,110

Average weekly offering received year-to-date: \$2,145

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To see the online calendar of events, go to our website link: <http://universitylutheran.org/wordpress1/events/>.

March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Choir 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m.	2	3	4 Bibles and Bagels 8 a.m. Disciple Life Family Group 1 p.m. Confirmation 4 p.m. Choir 5:15 p.m. Evening meal 5:45 p.m.	5 Disciple Life Family Group 11 a.m.	6	7
8 Choir 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship 11 a.m.	9	10	11 Bibles and Bagels 8 a.m. Disciple Life Family Group 1 p.m. Confirmation 4 p.m. Choir 5:15 p.m. Evening meal 5:45 p.m.	12 Disciple Life Family Group 11 a.m.	13	14 Women's Bible study 10 a.m.
15 Choir 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m.	16 Congregation Council 6 p.m.	17	18 Bibles and Bagels 8 a.m. Disciple Life Family Group 1 p.m. Confirmation 4 p.m. Choir 5:15 p.m. Evening meal 5:45 p.m.	19 Disciple Life Family Group 11 a.m.	20	21
22 Choir 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m.	23	24	25	26 ERC Book Group 7 p.m.	27	28
		UW-Eau Claire Spring Break				
29 Palm/Passion Sunday Choir 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m.	30	31				