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WEEKS OF MARCH 1 AND MARCH 8, 2015

March 1 — Second Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Fair Trade Sunday in the Fireside Room



March 8 — Third Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Blood Pressure Screening — Parish Nurse Office

SAINT LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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Stephen Ministry
Congregation



THE HOLY GOSPEL

March 1 — Second Sunday in Lent

After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter's response indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus will travel.

Mark 8:31-38

March 8 — Third Sunday in Lent

Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.

John 2:13-22

Sunday, March 1, 2015 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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| | + Fair Trade Sunday + | Fireside Room |
| 9:00 AM | Holy Communion | Nave |
| 9:00 AM | Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision | 200 |
| 10:00 AM | Novice Bells | Bieber Hall |
| 10:30 AM | Holy Communion/Stephen Ministry Commissioning | Nave |
| 10:30 AM | First Holy Communion Workshop | Great Hall |
| 10:30 AM | Christian Education for All Ages | Campus |
| 11:30 AM | Stephen Ministry Luncheon | Bieber Hall |
| 1:00 PM | Sunday Hospitality | Great Hall |
| 2:00 PM | Holy Cross Hospice Service | Nave |
| 5:00 PM | AA | Bieber Hall |
| 5:00 PM | Augsburg Bell Choir | Music Room |
| 7:30 PM | Reformation Bell Choir | Music Room |

Monday, March 2, 2015

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| 8:00 AM | CDS Classes (Mon-Fri) | CDS Classrooms |
| 1:30 PM | Staff Meeting | Fireside Room |
| 5:00 PM | WELCA Planning Meeting | Fireside Room |
| 6:00 PM | Yoga | 101-102 |
| 6:00 PM | Girl Scouts | Bieber Hall |
| 7:30 PM | Tent Troupe Board Meeting | Library |

Tuesday, March 3, 2015

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| 6:00 PM | Girl Scout Troop 6257 | Great Hall |
| 7:00 PM | Ensemble Bells | Music Room |
| 7:00 PM | Congregation Council | Fireside Room |
| 7:00 PM | OA | Library |

Wednesday, March 4, 2015

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| 7:00 AM | Faith Connections | Panera |
| 10:00 AM | Women in Community | Library |
| 12:30 PM | OA | Seminar Room |
| | ++ Wednesday Night Alive ++ | |
| 4:00 PM | Cherub Choir | Music Room |
| 4:30 PM | Genesis Bells | Bieber Hall |
| 5:00 PM | Choristers | Music Room |
| 5:30 PM | Confirmation Choir | Bieber Hall |
| 5:30 PM | Sarah-Lydia Circle | Fireside Room |

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| 6:30 PM | Simple Supper | Bieber Hall |
| 7:00 PM | Devotions | Bieber Hall |
| 7:30 PM | Schola Cantorum | Music Room |

Thursday, March 5, 2015

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| 10:00 AM | Bible Study | Library |
| 10:30 AM | Lutheran Lay Fellowship Board | Bieber Hall |
| 11:45 AM | Lutheran Lay Fellowship | Bieber Hall |
| 5:30 PM | MLC Dinner | Fireside Room |
| 6:30 PM | Martin Luther Choir | Music Room |
| 8:30 PM | AA | Bieber Hall |

Friday, March 6, 2015

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| 12:00 PM | Saint Luke Fellowship | Bieber Hall |
| 12:00 PM | World Day of Prayer | Fireside Room |
| 7:00 PM | Ethiopian Fellowship | Chapel |
| 7:30 PM | Snow date for Book & Video | Fireside Room |

Saturday, March 7, 2015

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| 8:30 AM | Music in the Parish Workshop | Great Hall |
| 9:15 AM | Alanon | Luther Room |
| 9:30 AM | AA | Bieber Hall |

Sunday, March 8, 2015 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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| | Blood Pressure Screening | Fireside Room |
| 8:15 AM | <i>Giving Wings to the Word</i> | Music Room |
| 9:00 AM | Holy Communion/First Holy Communion Nave | |
| 9:00 AM | Reflections on the Passion | Great Hall |
| 10:00 AM | Novice Bells | Bieber Hall |
| 10:30 AM | Christian Education for All Ages | Campus |
| 10:30 AM | Holy Communion | Nave |
| 11:40 AM | <i>Giving Wings to the Word</i> | Music Room |
| 1:00 PM | Sunday Hospitality | Great Hall |
| 1:30 PM | Youth Choir Festival | Off Site |
| 3:00 PM | Piano Recital | Choir Room |
| 5:00 PM | AA | Bieber Hall |
| 7:30 PM | Reformation Bell Choir | Music Room |

Monday, March 9, 2015

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| 8:00 AM | CDS classes (Mon-Fri) | CDS Class-rooms |
| 6:00 PM | Girl Scouts | Bieber Hall |
| 6:00 PM | Yoga | 101-102 |
| 7:30 PM | Finance Committee | Fireside Room |

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

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| 10:00 AM | Mary-Martha Circle | Fireside Room |
| 7:00 PM | Ensemble Bells | Music Room |
| 7:00 PM | OA | Library |

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

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| 7:00 AM | Faith Connections | Panera |
| 10:00 AM | Women in Community | Library |
| 12:30 PM | OA | Seminar Room |

++ Wednesday Night Alive ++

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| 4:00 PM | Cherub Choir | Music Room |
| 4:30 PM | Genesis Bells | Bieber Hall |
| 5:00 PM | Choristers | Music Room |
| 5:30 PM | Confirmation Choir | Bieber Hall |
| 6:30 PM | Simple Supper | Bieber Hall |
| 7:00 PM | Devotions | Bieber Hall |
| 7:30 PM | Schola Cantorum | Music Room |

Thursday, March 12, 2015

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| 10:00 AM | Bible Study | Library |
| 6:30 PM | Martin Luther Choir | Music Room |
| 8:30 PM | AA | Bieber Hall |

Friday, March 13, 2015

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| 1:00 PM | Adult Bell Festival | Off Site |
| 7:00 PM | Ethiopian Fellowship | Chapel |

Saturday, March 14, 2015

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| 8:00 AM | Men's Bible Study & Breakfast | 915 Highland Drive |
| 9:15 AM | Alanon | Luther Room |
| 9:30 AM | AA | Bieber Hall |
| 1:00 PM | Adult Bell Festival | Off Site |

(An extended calendar is now available on line. Go to our website, www.saintluke.us , click calendar at the bottom of the main menu.)

DURING LENT, SYMBOLS OF OUR MINISTRIES will be offered to God. **On March 8**, it will be items for our Sunday Hospitality guests, which will include socks and toiletries you bring each Sunday.

REFLECTIONS ON THE PASSION will be given by Ruth Manchester on **Sunday March 8, at 9:00 a.m.** and repeated **Sunday, March 15 at 10:30 a.m.** in the Great Hall. Art depicting Christ's passion will be shown with meditation on each image. Choose which date is convenient for you.

A BAPTISM CLASS is scheduled for **Sunday, March 15, at 10:30 a.m.** Please speak to Pastor Platz or email Carol Darnell in the church office cfdar-nell@saintluke.us to let us know of your interest.

MEMBERS OF SAINT LUKE'S WELCA group (Women of the ELCA) have learned of a piece of legislation that is being presented in the Maryland General Assembly of particular interest to women. The Rape Survivor Family Protection Act is designed to provide benefits and rights to victims of rape. The proposal is cross-filed in both chambers. If you want to become familiar with the proposal a WELCA flyer about the provisions of this bill is in the Narthex.

SAINT LUKE FELLOWSHIP'S next two programs will be on **Friday, March 6 at 12:00 noon** and **Friday, March 20 at 10:00 a.m.** The first is "Boy's Night Out", when we meet at Saint Luke for coffee, dessert, and an opportunity to hear a bluegrass and folk duo. The second program will take us to the University of Maryland Chapel for a tour of the *Tree of Life* art work and Garden of Reflection and Remembrance. Pastor Platz will lead us on the tour. Then we'll have lunch at Mulligan's Grill and Pub. More information is in the "Happenings" kiosk.

INTER-GENERATIONAL SERVICE EVENT **Saturday, March 21 from 2:00—4:30 p.m.** we will volunteer at *A Wider Circle* (www.awidercircle.org).

We may be unloading, sorting, and organizing donations such as children's toys and books, household goods, and furniture. If you plan to attend, please RSVP Melissa Groen at mgroen@saintluke.us, as we need to know the number of people volunteering that day. God's Work, Our Hands!

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND the Special Service of Holy Communion and a luncheon to follow on **Wednesday, March 25 at 11:45 a.m.** More information to follow.

PLEASE CONSIDER ordering your Easter ham from the Youth Gathering fundraiser. We will be working with the Honey Baked Ham Company and they will donate 15% of the proceeds to Saint Luke. We will have a table in the Fireside Room starting **March 1** with more information.

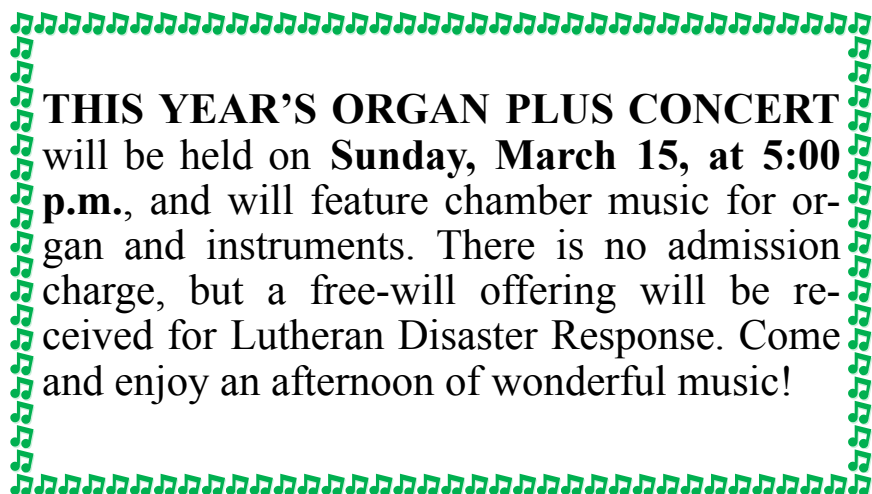
THE BOOK AND VIDEO GROUP will meet **March 27** to watch *The Good Lie* starring Reece Witherspoon. A counselor (Reece) helps 2 brothers who fled Sudan 13 years earlier, resettle in the U.S. in Kansas.

THE SAINT LUKE ORATORIO CHOIR welcomes singers to join them in preparing Franz Joseph Haydn's *Solemn Mass (Heiligmesse)* for this year's Lenten Concert on **Sunday, March 29, at 5:00 p.m.** Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 8:15 p.m. in the Choir Room.

SAINT LUKE CHOIR CAMP is scheduled for the week of **July 27 - 31**, with the theme *Hymns: The Faith We Sing*. Mark your calendars and watch for more information coming soon!

OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL theme is *Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power* (**June 22—26**). Many adults are needed to help with this special week! Please keep this ministry in your prayers as adult leaders rise up and commit to volunteering their time this summer. If you have interest in helping, contact Melissa Groen at mgroen@saintluke.us.

LOOKING FOR A SLEEP away summer camp for your child? Consider Mar-Lu-Ridge, a year-round outdoor ministry of the ELCA, located in the Catoctin Mountains of central Maryland. Check there website www.mar-lu-ridge.org or the kiosk by the Youth Lounge.

 **THIS YEAR'S ORGAN PLUS CONCERT** will be held on **Sunday, March 15, at 5:00 p.m.**, and will feature chamber music for organ and instruments. There is no admission charge, but a free-will offering will be received for Lutheran Disaster Response. Come and enjoy an afternoon of wonderful music!