



The Mountain Top Echo

Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church, Byron MN

Reaching Out ... Sharing Christ MARCH 2026

God's Healing Hand

There are times in our lives when sickness, illness, or the injuring of a portion of our physical body that zaps our strength and endurance. It can be a minor cold, or the dreaded Covid, or a major heart attack or stroke attacking our bodies and leaving us with little physical strength left. When this happens our attitude about life in general and our own life in specific really stinks. We take over the counter medication without even thinking about going to the clinic because an appointment seems to take forever, so we just gut it out no matter what the pain is. We are searching for something that can take away this horrible feeling or injury and make us whole again.

When physical ailments strike, we sometimes become discouraged when the remedies we have tried fail to give us relief we want and desire. No one, from modern medicine to God our heavenly Father seem to be of any help. We continue to languish in physical pain and spiritual bewilderment, wondering if God really cares about us in our predicament. We pray for healing of our physical or mental ailment so that we are able to live a productive and vibrant life once again, yet it does not happen. We continue to be discouraged and bewildered, wondering how long this ailment will pester our lives.

As these physical problems or ailments continue, we wonder how long we will suffer before this thing will be gone. Yes, we do remember the Apostle Paul wondering the same thing as he writes: ***“Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me “My grace is Sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” (2 Corinthians 12:8-9)*** We continue to try different avenues of relief, yet not finding any help. God seems so distant, yet He is close by in His Word and Sacrament offering the relief and comfort that we seek to take away our pain. God in His Word reminds us that our healing of our ailments takes place at Calvary's cross where Jesus was crucified.

We are in the midst of another Lenten season; hearing about the passion of Jesus Christ for us. As the nails are pounded into his hands and feet, He we hear His pain and agony all for us. We are in need of hearing God's healing Words in the Lord Jesus Christ, that our sins are forgiven, our pain is removed, we are made whole again. Lent gives us the opportunity to come to God's house, hear His Word, be healed and strengthened for our daily lives. The doors are open for you to enter and be healed by the loving Lord Jesus, hearing once again the care that God has for each one of us. May this Lord Jesus bring you peace and comfort.

In Christ's peace,
Pastor Fiege



The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
LCMS Stewardship

As a kid, I remember my Grandma and Grandpa Diepholz' home with extraordinary joy. Family fun. Great food. A legacy of faith. One of my lasting memories of that house was the table that sat between their twin beds. It contained a lamp, a Bible, a catechism and a hymnal. These were well-worn, as Grandpa read to Grandma every night before they went to sleep! What a treasure these tools of faith are! Let us spend some time this month in the hymnal to help us better understand our life as Christian stewards! To do this, we will use **LSB 785 “We Praise You, O God.”**

*We Praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tributes we bring.
We lay it before You, and kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.*

Stewardship is an act of worship. It flows from the grace and mercy we have received in Jesus! Faithful stewardship can never start with us. Our sinful nature will make us and our desires the center of our worship. Our tributes, our giving and our serving only flow from how the Lord Jesus has given of Himself for our sake! When we have this in clear view, our knees bow and our praises flow freely! All this flows from the Name that has been placed on us in Holy Baptism!

*We worship You, God of our Fathers, we bless You;
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
When perils o'er take us, You will not forsake us,
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.*

Our stewardship that flows from what God has done for us in Jesus Christ is rooted in history. Passed from one generation to the next, stewards of the Gospel connect God's provision in the past to His continued care in the present.

So often, the struggles we face are self-inflicted. While there are indeed perils that can shake us from outside of ourselves, we are more likely enduring the suffering that comes because of our own choices that are outside the Word and will of God! But even in these situations, the Lord who loves us will never forsake us. When we become selfish, self-serving and self-destructive, the Lord NEVER abandons! The Lord helps us to overcome the struggles in faith and win the victory the steward rejoices in!

*With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great redeemer, forever be praise!*

Stewardship is more than just an individual thing. There is a corporate nature to our steward life. We see this in the Divine Service. There, stewards of all ages, all economic strata and all languages are joined in the singular task of praise. This stewardship of praise flows from the altar to us, out into the world and then back to the altar! God's strong arm leads us in this stewardship 24/7. This makes stewardship, in all times and places, a matter of worship. We praise our Redeemer who has entrusted us with this great stewardship of the Gospel which forgives our sins, grants us new life and salvation. And this treasure we freely share for God's glory and the benefit of our neighbor!



Electronic Giving: Our church invites you to consider our electronic giving program as a way to automate your regular weekly offerings. Electronic giving is convenient for you and provides much needed consistency for our church. If you are interested in participating in this program, speak with financial secretary, Tammy Vosberg. You may also contact Tammy with any questions at 507- 289-2850 or via email at dtvosberg@gmail.com



The next **LWML meeting** will be March 1, 4:00 P.M. at Mt. Moriah.



Prayer Chain: Ardi Gibbs is our Prayer Chain Leader. Please contact Ardi with your prayer requests or if you would like to join the prayer chain team. (507) 254-6564 / ardig775@gmail.com



Michele Barnes March 9
Kayla Richardson March 10
Noah Amundson March 28

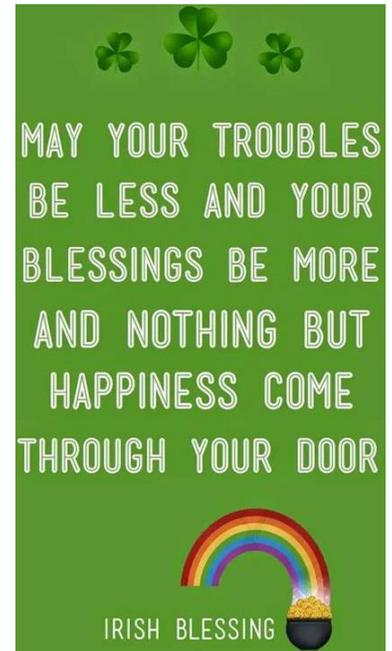


No March Anniversaries



Special Dates for March 2026

- World Day of Prayer, *March 6, 2026*
- Daylight saving time begins, *March 8, 2026*
- St. Patrick's Day, *March 17, 2026*
- First day of spring, *March 20, 2026*
- Holy Week, *March 29-April 5, 2026*
- Palm/Passion Sunday, *March 29, 2026*



Registration for summer camps at Camp Omega is now open. There are a variety of opportunities:

- Explorer Camps (ages 6-8)
- Youth Camps (ages 9-15)
- High School Camps (ages 14-18)
- Outpost Camps (ages 9-15)
- Art Camp (ages 9-12)
- Horse Camp (ages 9-12)
- Family Camps
- Confirmation Camp (ages 11-14)
- Camp for People with Developmental Disabilities



Providing a camp experience is a great gift idea! Instead of "stuff," give your child, grandchild, godchild or family friend the gift of time at Camp Omega. They will experience community with other Christian youth and grow in faith in Jesus Christ.

Register today at campomega.org/summercamp.

LWML/Social Committee Meeting –
 4:00 PM, Sunday, March 1 at Mt Moriah

Easter brunch - (April 5) After 7:00 am
 Easter Sunrise Service

What activities would you like to see our church family do this Spring and Summer? Please contact Lois, Julie, or Ardi with ideas. Planning will be soon.

Thank you-- Ardi



Faith and Perspective

A Christian is the keyhole through which other folks see God.

—Robert E. Gibson

You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear; as young as your hope, as old as your despair.

—Samuel Ullman

Faith is to believe what we do not see; and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe.

—St. Augustine

What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson



Easter Flowers: Please consider purchasing Lilies or Mums to beautify the chancel for Easter time!

Complete the order form on the bulletin table during worship, follow the directions, and return with payment by **Sunday, March 15.** Take your flower home after Easter and plant it in your flower garden!

White EASTER LILIES: \$14.00 EACH

Assorted MUMS: LARGE \$15.00

SMALL \$ 9.00



Worship Assistant Schedule for March 2026	Altar Guild for Month of March -- Kim Amundson
3/1/2026 – 2nd Sunday in Lent Worship w/Communion - 10:00 a.m. Pastor Fiege	Elder – Shane Amundson Reader – Kristie Hahn Music – Justin Hahn
3/4/2026 – 3rd Weds. in Lent Worship – 7:00 p.m. Dinner – 6:15 Pastor Fiege	Elder – Brant Klepel Reader – Dave Welsh Music – Dave Welsh
3/8/2026– 3rd Sunday in Lent Worship – 10:00 a.m. Pastor Fiege	Elder – Don Vosberg Reader -- Dennis Karst Music – Margaret Karst
3/11/2026 – 4th Weds. In Lent Dinner – 6:15 Worship – 7:00 p.m. Pastor Fiege	Elder – Brant Klepel Reader – Kristie Hahn Music – Justin Hahn
3/15/2026 – 4th Sunday in Lent Worship w/Communion - 10:00 a.m. Pastor Fiege	Elder – Don Vosberg Reader – Dave Welsh Music – Ruth Benning
3/18/2026– 5th Weds. In Lent Dinner – 6:15 Worship – 7:00 p.m. Pastor Fiege	Elder – Don Vosberg Reader – Dave Welsh Music – Dave Welsh
3/22/2026 – 5th Sunday in Lent Worship – 10:00 a.m. Pastor Fiege	Elder – Brant Klepel Reader -- Dave Welsh Music – Margaret Karst
3/25/2026 – 6th Weds. In Lent Dinner – 6:15 Worship – 7:00 p.m. Pastor Fiege	Elder – Brant Klepel Reader – Kristie Hahn Music – Justin Hahn
3/29/2026 – Palm Sunday Worship w/Communion – 10:00 a.m. Pastor Fiege	Elder – Shane Amundson Reader -- Shelley Arett Music – Dave Welsh

Lenten Word Search

G	Y	P	R	E	P	A	R	E	F	E	S	V	E
R	K	S	F	E	C	I	F	I	R	C	A	S	F
I	D	C	S	I	H	O	L	Y	W	E	E	K	G
C	Y	N	N	E	P	U	R	P	L	E	S	T	O
C	P	P	S	I	N	T	E	S	N	N	S	N	O
P	E	N	A	N	C	E	E	O	O	F	F	R	D
N	R	L	P	O	I	H	V	I	N	I	E	R	F
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C	R	O	S	S	D	S	G	R	I	A	I	F	Y
A	H	S	E	A	S	O	N	R	R	E	C	N	S
G	N	I	T	S	A	F	F	O	R	T	Y	S	G

- ASHES
- PENANCE
- GOOD FRIDAY
- GIVING
- CROSS
- FORTY
- PREPARE
- HOLY WEEK
- FORGIVENESS
- FISH
- PRAYER
- PURPLE
- SACRIFICE
- SEASON
- FASTING
- STATIONS



LENTEN WORD UNSCRAMBLE

1. USESJ _____
2. MPLA DUSYAN _____
3. ASH YSNWDEEDA _____
4. CCRHHU _____
5. AUDNMY AURDYHTS _____
6. OGOD DAIRFY _____
7. TELN _____
8. PULEPR _____
9. TDNIAITOR _____
10. LAOCTREIBNE _____
11. ERSJET _____
12. REURREOTNSCI _____
13. OYLH EEKW _____





St. Patrick's Day Word Search



Search for the words hidden up, down, left and right.

A 15x15 grid of letters for a word search. The grid is decorated with a rainbow, green balloons, and a leprechaun. The letters are arranged as follows:

C	K	X	G	M	D	W	S	L	E	T	F	H	C	S	D	D	N	T
N	X	G	M	D	W	S	L	E	T	F	H	C	S	D	D	N	T	W
U	T	F	X	O	U	K	M	V	H	S	I	R	I	B	L			
M	U	S	I	C	L	O	V	E	R	K	H	C	E	T	W			
T	L	Z	A	Z	G	L	K	N	X	H	G	Y	X	U	Q			
W	R	N	D	H	D	G	X	T	H	D	T	K	H	S	G			
Y	V	U	Y	X	S	G	C	E	D	Y	H	C	R	A	M			
B	Q	M	D	G	R	C	L	E	H	A	V	O	C	L	X			
J	K	W	L	U	C	K	C	N	Y	P	G	R	Y	U	A			
D	K	C	I	R	T	A	P	T	F	N	I	M	I	D	X			
E	W	B	O	V	X	D	S	H	A	E	J	A	I	M	Z			
S	U	Q	P	K	P	L	E	P	R	E	C	H	A	U	N			
K	T	W	B	Y	F	O	R	J	J	R	U	S	Q	T	W			
I	F	C	I	O	F	A	I	R	Y	G	Q	W	A	K	O			
J	Q	T	W	G	Y	K	Z	I	G	D	X	T	P	P	I			
X	C	Z	N	J	O	F	A	N	H	K	L	I	S	J	A			



- CLOVER
- IRISH
- LUCK
- PATRICK
- FAIRY
- JIG
- MARCH
- SEVENTEENTH
- GREEN
- LEPRECHAUN
- MUSIC
- SHAMROCK



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