

Sunday, March 9, 2008

- 8:30 AM Worship
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:45AM Worship
- 11:45 AM Fellowship Hour
- 3:00 PM Stan/Camano Chorale Rehearsal
- 5:30 PM SUMY

Monday, March 10, 2008

- 7:00 PM Disciple Bible Class

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

- 10:00 AM Lectionary
- 7:00 PM Finance Meeting

Wednesday, March 12, 2008

- 11:00 AM Esther Circle
- 12:00 PM Lenten Service-Camano Lutheran
- 5:30 PM Wonderful Wednesday
- 6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 13, 2008

- 10:00 AM Older Adult Council
- 3:00 PM Qur'an/Islam Class-Intermediate-Wesley
- 5:30 PM Qur'an/Islam Class-Introduction-Wesley
- 6:30 PM SPRC Meeting

Friday, March 14, 2008 Pastor's Day of Rest (Office Closed)

Saturday, March 15, 2008 Work Day Party —9AM Here

Lent and Easter Worship Services

The Stanwood/Camano Ministerial Association is sponsoring a Noon Lenten Service every Wednesday during Lent. The theme is *Personalities of the Passion*. The last service is scheduled on March 12 at Camano Lutheran, hosting Pastor Dale Carlson.

- March 16 Palm Sunday
- March 20 Maundy Thursday Worship Service, 7 PM here (Communion and Foot Washing)
- March 21 Good Friday Service here at noon, based on the "Seven Last Words"
- March 23 Easter Day
 - 7:30 AM Sunrise Service at Camano Country Club
 - 8:30 AM and 10:45 AM Easter Services here
 - 9:30 AM Sunday School

Last Day to Purchase Easter Lilies

You are invited to purchase an Easter lily to grace the sanctuary Easter morning, symbolizing the Resurrection, and then it may be taken home. Return forms to the office or put them in the offering plate. **Today is the last day to order.** Thank you.

Wonderful Wednesday Evenings at the Church

Every Wednesday during Lent a soup and bread dinner is offered at 5:30 PM in Wesley Hall with an inspirational program following at 6:15, using the old Andy Griffith TV shows as a parable to modern living. All are welcome; no reservations needed. Hope to see you there! Last in this series will be on March 12.

Isn't Easter Early?

Easter Day is March 23 and is almost as early as it can be this year. The earliest possible date is March 22 as Easter is always on the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after March 21.

This means that there are 35 possible dates, but Easter has not fallen on the earliest date since 1818, and will not do so again until 2285. It will not fall on March 23 again until 2160.

Easter last fell on the latest possible date, April 25, in 1943 and will next fall on that date in 2038. However, it will fall on April 24, just one day before the latest possible date, in 2011.

Someone has worked out that the cycle of Easter dates repeats after exactly 5,700,000 years, with April 19 being the most common date, happening 220,400 times.

Would You Be a Host?

Volunteers are needed to host the breakfast at the 8:30 service and to host the Fellowship Hour after the second service. Sign-up on the clipboard at the end of the counter in Wesley Hall. Questions? 629-9555

Work Day Coming

9AM—Saturday, March 15

Tasks at the church and parsonage. Volunteers needed! Please lend your skills to these spring spruce-up projects. Sign-up today!

Youth Sponsored All-Church Group Trip

To Friday Harbor on Saturday, June 7, 2008. \$17 adults; \$14 for seniors and \$10 for SUMY youth. Reservations at office, 629-9555.

Chris and Pam Fredericksen

If you'd like to write to them, they can be reached at 11171 Oakwood Drive, D-202, Loma Linda, CA 92354 or email at cpfred98282@gmail.com.

A New Arrival

Michelle Niomi Adams, born March 1, 2008, 7:41AM, 8lb. 5oz., 20-1/2" long. Parents are Sumeet and Raquel Adams; grandparents are Ed and Nancy Adams. Congratulations to all!

Blood Donors Needed

Please consider giving blood tomorrow, March 10, between 1 & 7PM at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church. Contact Jack Cartee at 360-629-3091 for further information. No appointment necessary.

Volunteers Needed

Skagit Hospital is offering hospice volunteer training March 12, 19, 26, April 2 & 9, 9AM to 5PM. Register at 1-800-894-5877.

Providence Hospice and Home Care will hold an information session for volunteers on Wednesday, March 19 from 6-8PM; call 425-261-4815 to register.

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Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors



STANWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor John J. Shaffer
Liturgist Ken Taylor

Ministers - All who love and serve Jesus Christ as Lord

10:45 AM
March 9, 2008

5th Sunday in Lent

Color - Purple

The Mission of Stanwood United Methodist Church is to love and honor God by committing our lives to Jesus Christ and inviting others to this commitment.

Lectionary Scriptures for today: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

Lectionary Scriptures for March 16: Matthew 21:1-11 (Palms Liturgy); Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (Palms Liturgy); Isaiah 50:4-9a (Passion Liturgy); Psalm 31:9-16 (Passion Liturgy); Philippians 2:5-11 (Passion Liturgy); Matthew 26:14-27:66 (27:11-54) (Passion Liturgy)

Prelude

Preparing for Worship (When the Prelude music begins, please remain silent for prayer and meditation to prepare your heart and mind to worship God.)

Lent: Living Simply in God's Grace

Throughout this Lenten season, we have consciously sought out and practiced ways to authentically say: I have *enough*; I shall not want (Ps. 23); thanks be to God!" Throughout this season, **we've explored John Wesley's recommendation that Christian stewards practice a discipline (during Lent and beyond) of "saving" and "conserving" every gift that God entrusts to us, whenever possible**—and doing this by coming to understand what is "enough" (material possessions, work, commitments, prestige, etc.). In a sense, during Lent, we've been trying to live the prayer below (inspired *greatly* by Trinity UMC in Seattle):

Teach us, O God, to discover how much is enough to be truly fulfilled, neither rich nor poor, and to enjoy only that. Teach us, O God, to discover how much would be enough for all—not only to survive but to thrive—and to create pathways for them to have access to that.

May our discoveries birth offerings that mirror your abundant grace. And, in this rebirth of our own spirits, may we live like Jesus: renewing the life of your world. In Jesus' name, Amen.

People who worship at Trinity UMC not only pray such powerful words during Lent, they do so throughout the entire year. Such words permeate the life of the church and produce new, abundant fruit throughout the year (e.g., their new overnight shelter for people who are homeless). Like the people at Trinity, how would your life look if you prayed and lived this prayer beyond Lent? In other words, now that we're nearing the end of Lent, what words, prayers, and practices will you take with you beyond this season to help embody the Resurrection? "Radical Gratitude," www.umfnw.org

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

O God, we draw near to you
in our joy and our suffering,
our play and our work,
our celebrations and sorrowings.

**From the bottom of our hearts we cry,
we delight in your steadfast love.**

If you would remember our wrongdoings
we would be bent over with guilt,
but forgiveness is in your heart
and you honor us with your love.
**From the bottom of our hearts we cry,
we delight in your steadfast love.**

We wait for your presence
and hope to hear your word come to life;
we wait expectantly
like the dawn piercing through the night,
like rain in the heat of the day.
**From the bottom of our hearts we cry,
we delight in your steadfast love.**

Opening Prayer

For a new day that follows each night,
we give you thanks, O God.
For the seasons of life, their coming and going,
we give you thanks, O God.
For the hope of renewed life,
we give you thanks, O God.
For the gift of your compassion,
we give you thanks, O God.
For your presence among us now,
we give you thanks, O God. Amen

*Hymn No. 261 "Lord of the Dance"

*Passing the Peace Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Registration of Attendance (Please list the names of those present today in your household. Include your name, address and phone number if this is your first visit. We want to say thank you.)

Mission Moment

Anthem "Pieta" Joseph Martin

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*Hymn No. 592 "When the Church of Jesus"

Scripture **James 2:14-26** (page 229, New Testament)

Time for Young Christians

Sermon **Susan B. Anthony**
The Woman Who Made Reform an Active Verb

Hymn No. 393 "Spirit of the Living God"

Offering

Offertory

*Offertory Response, UMH No. 94 "Doxology"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Sending Forth

In Jesus' name,
and by Jesus' voice,
go live...
and live again!

Closing Hymn No. 2280 "The Lord Bless and Keep You"
From *The Faith We Sing Songbook*

Postlude

*(Congregation stand as you are able.)

Prayers for healing and peace for Chris Fredericksen, Patrick and Dianne Daugherty (John's niece and nephew), Sylvia Miller, Caroline Oberg, Janet Cole, Doris Ager, Joy Nelson, Don McLees, Bill Whaley, Arnie Hawkins, Gilbert and Joyce Rhoades, Marion Nicholas, Bob Turner, Marilyn Sharp, Shirley Bowers, Leslie Eagon, Jim Phillips and Bette Phillips.

Remember those unable to be with us in worship on a regular basis: Helen Bone, Marion Allen, Janet Cole, Lodi Douglas, Margaret Hill, Mabel Ludvigsen, Margaret Madson, Clifford and Leona Magner, Doris Parrish, Bette Smith, Kelly Shook, Mabel (Rocci) Thomas.

Remember those with needs that are unexpressed publicly.

Please hold those serving in the military in your prayers.

If you have a need for the prayer chain, call Elaine Hilde at 387-5624 or Pastor John at 629-9555.

Anyone interested in assisting Pastor John in a ministry of transportation? Let him know.