



The Prairie Land Lutheran Parish Messenger

March 2019



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Friends in Christ:

When [Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read... Luke 4:16

After we've gathered and prayed an opening prayer, we come to one of the central parts of our worship together: the **readings**.

The Bible is the written record of the **Word of God**, and that makes it more powerful than other books. We believe that when we read from the Bible, God is actually speaking to us! (What God is saying is not always immediately obvious, and that's why there's a sermon to help sort that out.)

We Lutheran Christians consider the Bible God's gift to us as a whole community, not just to us as individuals. So while you can and should read the Bible by yourself at home, the absolute best way to read it is with other people. **So reading Scripture together is described as a central part of worship within the Bible itself!** For instance, Jesus read from the scroll of Isaiah when he preached in Nazareth (Luke 4) and Ezra read the whole first five books of the Bible to the gathered people (Nehemiah 8).

Some churches just read whatever the preacher chooses for the week, which can work as long as the preacher doesn't avoid all the texts she finds difficult! Another option is to use something called a "lectionary", which is simply a schedule of readings. There are many lectionaries to choose from, and none of them are perfect, so each community must simply pick the one that suits them best.

In our parish, we use the Revised Common Lectionary, a very widely-used lectionary which we share with Christians (not just Lutherans) all over the country and even in other parts of the world. That's a tremendous benefit, because we can discuss the weekly readings and hear them with an even larger assembly of God's people!

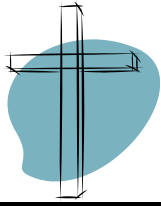
The Revised Common Lectionary is designed to always proclaim the good news from the gospels. Then you add One reading from the Hebrew Bible, a Psalm response, and one additional reading from the New Testament. Across the Sundays of the three-year cycle, you'll eventually hear a little less than one-third of the verses in the entire Bible, including nearly half of the New Testament—which is pretty good, considering what an enormous book the Bible is!

Why are some verses omitted? The major reason is that the decision to focus on the gospel readings limits the amount of other readings that can be included. Some parts might also be omitted because they just don't work well in that format, or even because they might not be entirely appropriate to read with children.

Omitting a verse from the lectionary doesn't make it any less part of the Bible, or any less important. The whole Bible is still God's gift to us. But Sunday worship is not the only time for it to be read! There's also a Daily Lectionary in the back of our hymnal, for instance, with further readings you can use for personal or small-group devotions. And you can buy or find online plans that will allow you to read the entire Bible in as much time as you'd like (one year is popular).

However you figure out what to read, hearing Scripture together is one of the core places where God speaks to us and forms our identity as people of the good news. Thanks be to God!

Pastor Sarah Taylor



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Vital Statistics

Lake Hanska

Jan 20th	31
Jan 27th	15
Feb 3rd	17
Feb 10th	10
Feb 17th	Church cancelled

Zion

Jan 27th	41	\$1,6446.00
Feb 3rd	35	\$679.00
Feb 10th	17	
Feb 17th	19	
Offering for 10 & 17 \$2,609		



Worship Schedule for March

Sunday March 3rd Transfiguration

9:00a.m. Worship at Lake Hanska
10:30a.m. Worship at Zion/Sunday School

Sunday March 10th 1st Sunday in Lent

9:00a.m. Worship at Lake Hanska
10:30a.m. Worship at Zion

Sunday March 17th 2nd Sunday in Lent

9:00a.m. Worship at Lake Hanska
10:30a.m. Worship at Zion/Sunday School

Sunday March 24th 3rd Sunday in Lent

9:00a.m. Worship at Lake Hanska
10:30a.m. Worship at Zion

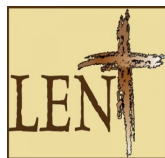
Sunday March 31st 4th Sunday in Lent

5th Sunday Joint 10:00a.m. Worship at Zion Church
Noisy Offering

March Lenten Worship Schedule

Ash Wednesday March 6th

7:00p.m. at Lake Hanska



Wed. March 13th at Zion

6:00p.m. Supper
7:00p.m. Worship

Wed. March 20th at Lake Hanska

6:00p.m. Supper
7:00p.m. Worship

Wed. March 27th at Zion

6:00p.m. Supper
7:00p.m. Worship

All offering during Lenten worship goes to Food for Kidz

PLLP Funerals

Roger Peterson - Saturday February 16, 2019 at Zion Church

Harvey Lilleodden - Monday February 18, 2019 at Lake Hanska Church



Prairie Land Lutheran Parish Women of the ELCA

Lake Hanska W-ELCA

Altar Guild: Suzanne Stoesz
and Lanna Raatz

Wednesday March 6th 9:30a.m.
Sewing, 10:30a.m. All women
of Lake Hanska Church are
welcome to join us for coffee

Lenten Supper - Wed March 20th

Zion W-ELCA

Altar Guild: Karen Peterson

Communion: Sonja Smesmo
and Brenda Thormodson

Flowers: Mary Circle
(No flowers during Lent)

Lenten Suppers - Wed. March 13th
Mary Serves

Wed. March 27th

Dorcas Serves

Sewing - Monday March 11th and
Tuesday March 12th

Bible Study Tuesday March 12th

Hanska Fire Department Breakfast

Hanska sausages and all you can eat

Dad's Famous Belgian Waffles

Sunday March 17, 2019

Hanska Community Center

Food For Kidz

We will be packing food on

Sunday April 14, 2019

Our goal this year is to raise \$1,600.00!

If we reach our goal Pastor Sarah
will take a pie in the face!

Please come to Lenten worship and give!

Lake Hanska W-ELCA Officers

Group Coordinator:
Bonnie Lilleodden

Altar Guild Chairperson:
Suzanne Stoesz

Treasurer: Shirley Brudelie

Cradle Roll: Jane Ahlness

Living Meadows Auxiliary Rep:
Lois Hage

Zion W-ELCA Officers

President: Darlene Odegard

Vice President: Karen Haack

Secretary: Kay Grams

Treasurer: Sonja Smesmo

Living Meadows Auxiliary Rep:
Beverly Michels

Council Officers for 2019

Lake Hanska

President: Jim Lilleodden

Secretary: Cheryl Doe

Treasurer: Beth Kral

Financial Secretary:
Bonnie Lilleodden

Trustees: Mike Paulson
Brian Kjelshus

Deacons: Virginia Kjelshus
Virginia Pierson
Deanne Pizel
Jane Ahlness will help with
communion

Board of Ed: No Sunday School

PLL Council Reps:
Tim Peterson,
Suzanne and Larry Stoesz

Alternate:

L.M. Delegate: Kevin Byro

Zion

President: Landis Froehling

Vice President:
Tim Miller

Secretary: Kay Grams

Treasurer: Don Grams

Financial Secretary:
Lisa Miller

Board of Education:
Lisa Miller, Sarah Mosenden,
and Rachel Cunningham

Council Members:
Dan Paulson, Sarah Mosenden,
Dave Vee, Steve Odegard, Heidi
Walters and Mark Sletta

PLL Council Reps:
Carla Grams
Mary Paulson
Dan Paulson
Darlene Odegard

Alternate: Tim Miller
Lisa Miller
Steve Odegard

L.M. Delegates: Sharon Miller
and Annette Larson

Prairie Land Lutheran Parish Council Officers

President: Dan Paulson

Vice President: Tim Peterson

Secretary: Carla Grams

Treasurer: Don Grams



Parents, mark your calendars!

Splash Canyon Vacation Bible School
at Zion Lutheran Church



June 11-15 2017 - 8:00a.m. - 11:30a.m.
Look for registration information in next
months newsletter!!

Hanska Fire Department Breakfast

Hanska sausages and all you can eat
Dad's Famous Belgian Waffles

Sunday March 18, 2018

Hanska Community Center



All proceeds will go for training for the Department

For God so loved the world that he
gave his only Son, so that everyone who
believes in him may not perish but may have
eternal life. John 3:16

LMH Spring Festival



Tuesday April 10th

10:30a.m. - 1:00p.m.

at Trinity Lutheran Church in Madelia

Food For Kidz

We will be packing food on April 8, 2018

at Larry Stoesz's Truck Garage

This year we will be serving a lunch at 12:00p.m.
then we will start packing food at 1:00p.m.

Our goal this year is to pack a pallet so we need to
raise \$1,800.00! Please come to Lenten worship
and give!

Spread the Word!

If anyone from Lake Hanska Church
would like to order an Easter lily
please contact Sue Stoesz at

507-276-4250.



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