

March 5th, 2017 First Sunday in Lent



Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense

preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

Prayer for the Call Process

Gracious and Holy God, we give thanks for the many ways you have guided us, your people of the Prince of Faith Christian family from the beginning. We give thanks for each one of the pastors you have sent to guide us. We give thanks for one another. Now as we look forward to a new chapter in our Christian mission, we thank you for the leader and pastor that you are already preparing for leadership amongst us. Bless this person with peace and a clear sense of purpose as they discern their call. Give wisdom, insight and diligence to our call committee as they seek your guidance and will. Give to all of us, patient and eager hearts so that we may be open to the new mission and work for which you, O God, are preparing us In Jesus name, Amen

Our Readings Today...



1st **Reading** Genesis 2:15-17, 3: 1-7

Gospel

Matthew 4: 1-11

Assisting with today's worship service:

Worship Rev. Helen Belcher
Music Liz Archibald

Usher Bob Arnold & Sue Cliff

Lector Laura Holukoff

Communion Debbie Cates & Jan Engel

Prayers Irene Pankonin
Altar Guild Thank-you
Counters Laura Holukoff
Dana Rosenau

We Remember in our Prayers

For healing: Sophie Boghean, Garry Archibald, Harvey Nelson, Muriel Mocke, Rene Boghean, Rob Fehr, Irene Hohm, Leah Duncan, Ed Henning, Mark Bowden, James Bowden, Kayden, Len Thistlethwaite, Ron Wenzel, Richard Oliver, Kathy Moyer, Margaret, and Stafford Lee

For the family of God at Prince of Faith:

- + Pete & Renita Racicot
- + Gerry & PJ Millan

For the wider Church:

- for Bishop Susan Johnson, National Bishop of the ELCIC, and for the National Church staff
- for Rev. Eleanor Ness, Dean of the East Central Conference and the rostered leaders and people of the East Central Conference
- for our Lutheran Campus Ministries in Canada and especially for Rev. Craig Wentland, Chaplain at University of Alberta, Augustana Campus
- for those preparing for diaconal or ordained ministry
- for Messiah Lutheran, Camrose and Solor Lutheran, Cereal
- for Candidate for Ordination Denis Sindano, studying at Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon
- for the pastors and people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Japan
- for The Right Rev. David Parsons, Anglican Bishop of the Arctic, and for the staff, priests and people of the Anglican Diocese of the Arctic
- for the pastors and people of the Reformed Church of Canada
- The dean, council, and congregations of the Northern Area of the Eastern Synod

Offering report for February 26, 2017

General Offering	\$ 700.00
Direct Deposits (dd)	\$ 820.00
Total General	\$ 1,520.00
Mortgage	\$ 70.00
Mortgage (dd)	\$ 25.00
CLWR (dd)	<u>\$ 20.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,635.00

To meet the budget, total general offerings need to average \$2,278 per week.

To the end of February our income exceeded expenses by \$14,821.63

An option is available for pre-authorized offerings through automatic monthly debit from your bank account. If you wish to sign up for this program or, if you are already on the program and want to change your monthly contribution, forms are available in the narthex or the office.

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK:

Sun	9:00 am	St George's Anglican
	10:15 am	POF Sunday School
	10:45 am	Prince of Faith Lutheran
	2:00 pm	Iglesia Vida Nueva
Mon	9:30 am	Coffee and Care Group
	8:00 pm	AA
Tue	7:00 pm	IVN - music practice
Wed	9:00 am	Primal Time
	6:00 pm	Soup Supper
	7:00 pm	Lenten Study
Fri	6:00 pm	Iglesia Vida Nueva
Sat	9:30 am	ICV Fellowship (Spanish)
Sun	9:00 am	St George's Anglican
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	Prince of Faith Lutheran
	2:00 pm	Iglesia Vida Nueva

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Rev Helen Belcher is available for Pastoral care needs. Please contact her by phone at (403) 826-7135
- Check the bulletin boards in the Narthex for updated and new events taking place in our worship community and the outside community.

OUR JOURNEY THROUGH LENT TOWARDS EASTER

Shared with St. George's Anglican Congregation.

- Lenten Series, Wednesday evenings March 8 - April 5, starting with Soup Supper at 6:00 pm in the lower hall (sign up sheet in the Narthex) with the study beginning at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Based on You Are What You Love, by James K. A. Smith.
- Palm Sunday April 9, 10:00 am.
- Maundy Thursday April 13, 7:00 pm.
- Good Friday April 14, 11:00 am.
- Easter Sunday April 16, potluck breakfast at 8:30 am, service at 10:00 am: the Celebration of the Resurrection!

Prayer for Lent

Gracious and Holy God, give me diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you and patience to wait for you. Grant me O God, a mind to meditate on you; eyes to behold you; ears to listen for your word; a heart to love you; and a life to proclaim you through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Savior & Lord, Amen

Sermon Notes:			

Community Outreach Ministry sponsored by Prince of Faith

Free clothing give-away and free soup/bun lunch at Prince of Faith on Saturday April 8, 2017 from 1100-3:00 p.m.

You can contribute by donating adult and children's gently used, in reasonable shape [Not needing repair] clothes. This can include coats and shoes, purses and jewelry. Please canvas your friends/family for clothes. It's also a tremendous help if you're able to label the bags you bring identifying male/female; adult/child; and size.

If you have questions or know of places you can place a poster advertising the event please contact Sonja Morrison nepal2008@live.ca

JOIN US ON MAY 6, 2017 FOR OUR "20TH ANNUAL WALK/RUN FOR LOVE"

Thank you to all walkers and donors for your unfailing generosity towards Lutheran Hospital Ministries – Southern Alberta in the past walks. We are again asking for your support. Our annual fundraiser, a Walk/Run for Love, will take place on May 6, 2017. We will meet at Faith Lutheran Church and walk or run a 5 km course through Confederation Park.

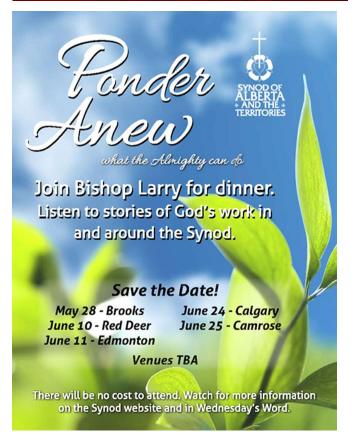
If you love to walk or run, come and join us. We meet at Faith Lutheran Church, 1903 – 19 Ave NW at 8:30 am. The Walk begins at 9:30. This once-a-year fundraiser supports the Ministry in our training program for volunteer visitors, who visit patients in hospitals and care facilities. If you cannot walk or run, consider being a "virtual walker" by collecting pledges.

Our goal this year is to raise \$22,500. Faith Life Financial is a sponsor and will match donations up to \$300. Please contact your Church office for more information about the grant.

For more information about the Walk please contact us at (403) 264-4045 or lhmsac@gmail.com. Thank you for your faithful support







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About the Call Committee? Dorrit Hoff (403) 275-6846 dorrit@shaw.ca

Council Meets on the third Thursday of each month. All are welcome to sit in with us, our meetings begin at 7pm and we try and end by 8:30pm.

If you did not receive this bulletin via email please be sure to drop a note to office@princeoffaith.ca and will add you to the list! Do you know a member that we can add to the mailing list?

Please let us know.



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