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**ELDER'S CORNER**

**Jesus is Real and With Us All the Time!**

**“For I know the plans I have for you,** declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.” *Jeremiah 29:11*

As many of you know I suffered a major fall down a very steep 60- to 70-foot slope on January 12, 2023. I was taken by ambulance to Marian Medical Center where I underwent MRI's, etc. I was told that everything was all right but that I would be very sore for quite a while and I am. I was released to go home. I was also declared lucky to be alive with nothing broken.

As I thought about what I had gone through, I knew that Jesus had worked a miracle for me that day. Let me explain. I had let myself down the slope about 6 feet by a rope that I had tied off to the trailer ball on my truck. The 4-inch drain that drains our lot had a coupling in it that had pulled apart and I was going to pick it up and reattach a new drain to it. As I reached down to pick up the drain, the rope broke and I fell over backwards and started tumbling down



the slope. I had no control and thought I was going to die. The next thing I remember was lying on my stomach on the slope about 2 feet from going another 15 to 20 feet. into the rocks.

There was no reason I should have stopped there except that Jesus was looking after me. Nothing appeared to be broken, but I knew I would freeze up and be unable to move if I did not get help soon. I was able to turn myself around and slide down through the rocks to the bottom of the ravine that was filled with mud from an enormous mudslide higher up the mountain. I had to walk in a small stream of water about 300 feet before obtaining help. I was worried about my wife not knowing where I was.

I was blessed that a neighbor was outside. He tried to call my wife to let her know that I was all right. The Road Department and the Forest Department were also there and they called 911. All of these men were most helpful to me; it was an amazing blessing they were there.

Before I became a Christian, at 55 years of age, I would have thought that it was just luck. Now, after looking at the site where it happened, I know that Jesus was with me. He has become more real and personal to me.

Our two sons and one of our daughters-in-law came to the ER. I told them that Jesus had saved my life and kept me from disabling injury. Our sons asked why did He let the rope break? Cheryl told them that we have free will but must suffer the consequences of our actions. Jesus is still there to walk through those consequences with us, as He did for me.

Please pray for our sons, Rudy and Darin, to come to saving faith. ✠

**In the Name of Jesus,  
 ...Rudy Stowell**

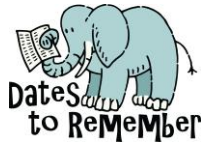
**MARCH**  
 Birthdays

- Mar 04 Stephanie Clavin, Carter Schofield
- Mar 08 Ruth Oliver, Stefanie Vargas
- Mar 10 Pastor Stephen Eckert
- Mar 12 Mark Hathaway
- Mar 15 Lisa DiModica, Charles Willcox
- Mar 16 Melissa Crawford
- Mar 20 Adrian Vandergraaf
- Mar 22 Alba Glasser
- Mar 23 David Fabrizius
- Mar 25 Noel Rowe
- Mar 26 Heidi Summers
- Mar 27 Paul Mattson
- Mar 30 Phyllis Legg

**MARCH**  
 Anniversaries

- Mar 28 George & Wilma Kennedy





Mar 01	10:00 – 11:30 am	Small-Group Bible Study
Mar 01	6:00 pm	Soup Supper
Mar 01	7:00 pm	Lent I Worship
Mar 02	6:00 pm	Elders' Mtg.
Mar 05	9:00 am	SS/Bible Study
Mar 05	10:00 am	Comm. Svc.
<b>Mar 05</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Congregational Voters' Mtg.</b>
Mar 08	10:00 – 11:30 am	Small-Group Bible Study
Mar 08	6:00 pm	Soup Supper
Mar 08	7:00 pm	Lent II Worship
Mar 12	9:00 am	SS/Bible Study
Mar 12	10:00 am	Worship Svc.
Mar 13	6:00 – 8:00 PM	Men's Group
<b>Mar 15</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Apr. Ministry Schedule Due</b>
Mar 15	6:00 pm	Soup Supper
Mar 15	7:00 pm	Lent III Worship
Mar 19	9:00 am	SS/Bible Study
Mar 19	10:00 am	Praise/Comm. Svc.
Mar 19	2:00 pm	Adult Fellowship
<b>Mar 20</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Newsletter Deadline</b>
Mar 21	4:00 pm	P/S Board Mtg.
Mar 22	6:00 pm	Soup Supper
Mar 22	7:00 pm	Lent IV Worship
Mar 26	9:00 am	SS/Bible Study
Mar 26	10:00 am	Worship Svc.
Mar 26	11:00 am	Council Mtg.

## ALTAR GUILD & FLOWER SCHEDULE



### March

- Mar 05 – Communion Svc.**  
**10:00 AM – Susan Wilcox - Set-Up**  
**Caydee Eckert - Take-Down**  
**Flowers: Lent**
- Mar 12 – Worship Svc.**  
**10:00 AM – Becky Zielke**  
**Flowers: Lent**
- Mar 19 – Praise/Communion Svc.**  
**10:00 AM – Marjorie Hord – Set-Up**  
**Marianne Heuchert - Take-Down**  
**Flowers: Lent**
- Mar 26 – Worship Svc.**  
**10:00 AM – Peggy Payne**  
**Flowers: Lent**

## MOWING IN MARCH



- Mar 11 – Art Atrops**  
**& Jim LaBelle**
- Mar 25 – Mark Hathaway, Lucas Mayes,**  
**& Dick Scholar**

## Lent Worship – 7:00 PM

*(preceded by a Soup Supper at 6:00 PM)*

Mar 1                      Mar 8  
 Mar 15                    Mar 22                    Mar 29

**Maundy Thursday - April 6 - 7:00 PM**  
**Good Friday - April 7 - 7:00 PM**

## WE'LL KEEP YOU IN STITCHES

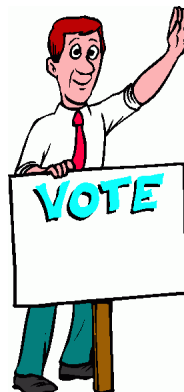
### Quilting starts up again

after a hiatus of a couple of years. All women are invited to consider helping in the many quilting steps: cutting, layout, and sewing. You don't even have to know how to sew! Supplies are ample and our goal is to make baby blankets as well as larger quilts. Our first gathering will be **Saturday, March 11, from 9 AM to Noon**. For further information, contact Evie Cronan (805) 714-7249. Join the fun! ❁



## CONGREGATIONAL VOTERS' MEETING

A **Congregational Voters' Meeting** will be held **Sunday, March 5, immediately following the 10 AM service**. This meeting will be to discuss and formally approve the recommendation from the Call Committee, Elders, and Church Council to extend a call to Interim **Pastor Allen Steinbeck**, Director of the CNH Interim Ministry Program, as was recently presented at the February 12<sup>th</sup> Congregational Meeting. A summary of the progress of the Call Committee will be presented with opportunity for questions and answers. Questions: Contact, Terry Murdock, Mike Foley, Brent Clavin, Mark Hathaway, Art Atrops, Becky Zielke, or Lisa DiModica. ❁



“Peace”  
BE WITH YOU!



LWML celebrated its 80<sup>th</sup> year in 2022. To commemorate this anniversary, what could LCOS's LWML complete in the amount of 80? Some ideas: Quilts? Backpacks? School or Hygiene Kits? Socks for Homeless? A backpack opportunity sponsored by Orphan Train in February?

The **Steinbeck Memorial Scholarship** program is for missionary children to attend colleges in the United States. The **Rubin Perpetual Fund** is for those wanting to become missionaries. Neither fund is supported by Mites. Donations may be made to LWML for either project and should be designated on your check.

**Please donate socks** to give to our local homeless shelter. We hope to gather up to 80 pairs.

**With the quilting group** once again meeting and the fact that LCOS is sponsoring the Zone 9 Spring Rally, please join in our **LWML meeting** immediately following the quilting meeting—**March 11, 2023, at Noon**.

**March 18** – National Quilting Day, Bethany, Lompoc, 10:00 AM to Noon

**March 25** – Zone Bell Choir Fest at Zion Lutheran Churchy, San Luis Obispo

The **National LWML Convention** is scheduled for June 2023 in Milwaukee, WI. Registration and details are in the newest “Quarterly.” Early registration has begun!

**Thank you for remembering your Mites!**

**Contact: Anita Lange – (805) 937-6459**

## EASTER BEAUTY

### Celebrating the Resurrection with Flowers

An Easter cross will be displayed outside in the terrace **Easter morning, April 9**. You are asked to decorate this cross with fresh flowers from your garden. Make sure the stems are long enough to insert into the wire and remain on the cross. Please bring your flowers Easter morning for this traditional beautiful symbol of the Resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. ✿



## RESURRECTION FAITH

**In spring 2020**, while Manhattan pastor Timothy Keller was writing a new book about Easter, the world — and his world — stopped. The coronavirus pandemic ravaged New York City, and Keller received a stage 4 cancer diagnosis. Suddenly the theologian had to confront death head-on and reassess his views on eternal life.

“I realized I only half-believed I was going to die,” he tells *The Christian Post*. “In some ways, I also only half-believed in the Resurrection — not intellectually so much, but all the way down deep in my heart. I realized I needed to have a greater, a deeper faith in the Resurrection, both intellectually and mentally.”

While undergoing cancer treatments, Keller took a deep dive into historical and scriptural evidence for Easter's main event. He also prayed that the Holy Spirit would make the Resurrection, which can seem abstract, real to his heart.

Facing your own mortality puts earthly things into clear perspective, says the pastor, and it's a wake-up call for Jesus' followers to act. “The Resurrection means that God has not at all given up on the world,” Keller writes in *Hope in Times of Fear*. “But beyond that, it gives meaning to suffering and gives hope that through the suffering will come healing. The Resurrection guarantees that this renewal is certain and is also a call for Christians to work now against what is wrong and unjust.” ✿

**“DID NOT THE MESSIAH  
HAVE TO SUFFER THESE  
THINGS AND THEN  
ENTER HIS GLORY?”**

LUKE 24:26, NIV

# MARCH 2023

## CHRISTIAN MINISTERS AT LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR

DAY	TIME	ACOLYTE	ELDERS	USHERS	LESSON READER	SOUND SYSTEM	ALTAR GUILD/ FLOWERS
<b>1 Lent I</b>	7:00 pm	Elder	Tom Heuchert			Dennis Payne	
<b>5 Sunday</b>	10:00 am Comm.	Emma Olney	Mark Hathaway	Michael Southern	Jill Murdock	Diana Brown	<b>Altar:</b> Susan Wilcox – Set-Up Caydee Eckert – Take-Down <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <b>Flowers:</b> Lent
<b>8 Lent II</b>	7:00 pm	Elder	Art Atrops			Terry Murdock	
<b>12 Sunday</b>	10:00 am		Dennis Payne	Paul Mattson	Brent Clavin	Chad Thorstenson	<b>Altar:</b> Becky Zielke <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <b>Flowers:</b> Lent
<b>15 Lent III</b>	7:00 pm	Elder	Tom Heuchert			Ed Buchholz	
<b>19 Praise Sunday</b>	10:00 am Comm.	Riley Olney	Todd Martin	Bill Williamson	Lisa DiModica	Karl DiModica	<b>Altar:</b> Marjorie Hord – Set-Up Marianne Heuchert – Take-Down <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <b>Flowers:</b> Lent
<b>22 Lent IV</b>	7:00 pm	Elder	Mark Hathaway			Diana Brown	
<b>26 Sunday</b>	10:00 am	Ali Mayes	Art Atrops	Mike Foley	Melanie Mayes	Dennis Payne	<b>Altar:</b> Peggy Payne <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <b>Flowers:</b> Lent
<b>29 Lent V</b>	7:00 pm	Elder	Rudy Stowell			Terry Murdock	
<b>Please phone person* at                      right if you are unable                      to serve&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;</b>		<b>ACOLYTES</b>  *Mark Hathaway 937-9675	<b>READERS</b>  *Todd Martin 801-3873	<b>USHERS</b>  *Dennis Payne 934-1101	<b>ELDERS</b>  *Mark Hathaway 937-9675	<b>SOUND</b>  *Dennis Payne 934-1101	<b>ALTAR GUILD</b> Connie Hathaway 937-9675  <b>FLOWERS</b> Connie Hathaway 937-9675  <b>FLOWER MINISTRY</b> Gary and Anita Lange 805-860-8522

**PLEASE ARRANGE FOR NECESSARY CHANGES WITH PERSON WHO OVERSEES YOUR ASSIGNMENT;  
 INFORM CHURCH OFFICE ONLY AFTER CHANGES ARE MADE TO SCHEDULE – 937-1116**

## MARCH 2023

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			1 10:00 – 11:30 AM – Small Grp. Bible Study 6:00 PM – Soup Supper 7:00 PM – Lent Worship	2 6 PM – Elders’ Mtg.	3	4 Noon – 9 PM – SH in Use (Ganschow)
5 9:00 AM – SS/Bible Study 10:00 AM – Comm. Svc. <b>11:00 AM – Cong. Voters’ Mtg.</b>	6	7 7:00 PM – CC Chordsmen – SH	8 10:00 – 11:30 AM – Small Grp. Bible Study 6:00 PM – Soup Supper 7:00 PM – Lent Worship	9	10	11 9:00 AM – Noon - Quilters’ Mtg. - HH
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19 9:00 AM – SS/Bible Study 10:00 AM – Praise/Comm. Svc.  <b>2:00 PM – Adult Fellowship</b>	20 <b>9:00 AM – April Newsletter Deadline</b>	21 4:00 PM – P/S Board Mtg.  7:00 PM – CC Chordsmen – SH	22 6:00 PM – Soup Supper 7:00 PM – Lent Worship	23	24 4:00 – 8:00 PM – SH in Use (Clavin)	25 8:00 AM - Noon SH in Use (Clavin)
26 9:00 AM – SS/Bible Study 10:00 AM – Worship Svc <b>11:00 AM – Council Mtg.</b>	27	28 7:00 PM – CC Chordsmen – SH	29 6:00 PM – Soup Supper 7:00 PM – Lent Worship	30	31	