



Resurrection Life

March 2019



The Three Pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving

Introduction: As Ash Wednesday approaches, anxiety begins to mount in the lives of many people as they try to figure out what they should give up for lent. Many of us focus on ‘giving up something for lent’ without any reference to the three traditional pillars of this sacred season of the Church Year: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving (Works of Charity). If we are honest with ourselves, many of us have committed this error. In preparation for Lent this year, let us reflect on each of these pillars in order that we might embrace them during the Lenten season.

Prayer: Prayer is our conversation with God. It is through prayer that we develop a closer, more intimate relationship with God. This relationship makes us so grateful for the blessings He has bestowed upon us, that we have the strength to fast and we are moved to eagerly give to those less fortunate than us. The Church, in its wisdom, understands that prayer is essential to any action we Christians may undertake. St. Paul, in his first epistle to the Thessalonians called on the followers of the Lord to “pray constantly” (1 Thess. 5:17). Lent becomes a season for increased efforts to talk with God and to be with God, both in silence and in worship. Prayer, therefore, is the main pillar of lent upon which any effective embracing of the other two pillars heavily depend.

Fasting: Fasting is one of the most ancient actions linked to Lent. Fasting rules have changed through the ages, but throughout Church history fasting has been considered sacred. Today when we refer to ‘giving up something for lent’ we are in fact referring to this pillar of lent – Fasting. For some fasting is abstaining from a particular favorite food such as steak or chocolate. For others it may be abstaining from alcohol or not going to the movies. Yet for others it can be

abstaining from meals from sunup to sundown. However, Fasting is not just ‘giving up something for lent’. The prophet Isaiah insists that fasting without changing our behavior is not pleasing to God. Fasting is linked with prayer and its goal is to help us grow spiritually. The pangs of hunger remind us of our hunger for God, and prayer and fasting together brings us to what Lent is about - a deeper conversion – a spiritual renewal.

Every time we skip a meal or avoid a favorite snack that we would normally automatically pick up, *we are reminded of God and the fact that we belong to Him, and not to our appetites.* In addition, Fasting require us to frequently exercise will power in order to observe the inconvenience of fasting. This is a sort of spiritual exercise so that when we are confronted with sin, we are stronger and better able to choose what is good and reject evil.

Almsgiving: Almsgiving or works of charity, are simply our response to God. It is a response that we have come to through prayer and fasting. It is an expression of our gratitude for all that God has given us, and a realization that in the Body of Christ – the Church, it is never just "me and God." Through prayer and fasting we come to a deeper understanding that the needs of all are the responsibility of all in the Body of Christ. Works of charity and the promotion of justice are integral elements of the Christian way of life which we began when we were baptized.

In Matthew’s Gospel Jesus gives to us, the Church, the implied command to perform good works: “I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me” (Matt. 25: 35-36). *Lent becomes an opportunity to make a greater effort to see Christ in the poor, the suffering, and the stranger, in the least among us.* Almsgiving is linked to our baptismal commitment. It is a sign of our care for those in need and an expression of our gratitude for all that God has given to us.

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Ladies Guild March

LIVING IN THE SPIRIT ... LEADS ME TO FAITHFULNESS

Let love and faithfulness never leave you ... Proverbs 3:3a

TRUSTWORTHINESS + RELIABILITY + LOYALTY
= A FAITHFUL PERSON

TRUSTWORTHY

Can I hardly wait to tell a secret, or can I be trusted with a confidence?

RELIABLE

Do I make promises and fail to follow through, or do people find that I am reliable?

LOYAL

Am I always looking for something different or better, or am I loyal?

Because our loving God will be faithful to us through eternity, let us strive to follow His example by: honoring our promises; being faithful to our families; standing up for others; keeping our word; paying our debts; being faithful in our worship and loyal to our Savior Jesus Christ. No words will be sweeter than to one day hear from our Heavenly Father, "*Well done, good and faithful servant*" Matthew 25:23a ... *the fruit of the Spirit is ... faithfulness ... Galatians 5:22.*

Walking with my Lord

Father, through the example of Jesus Christ and the guidance of Your Holy Spirit, help me to become a person others will always trust because they see Jesus in me. In His name. Amen.

After being off for two months, I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in March. Please remember to bring your dues and mites with you.

Our next meeting will be on **Tues. March 26, 2019 @ 7:00pm**



Always Remember your Mite Boxes ...

In Christ,
Debbie Sichler
President Ladies Guild



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Pastor: Rev. James T. Gajadhar

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Ministers: All the Members



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MARCH 2019

It's hard to get into shape spiritually if you only work out on Sunday!

AND

An apology is the best way to have the last word!



BIBLE TRIVIA

TRIVIA QUESTION FOR MARCH 2019

Food, Food, Food ...

Who was famous as an eater of locusts?

HINT: LOOK IN THE BOOK OF MATTHEW



LOOKING AHEAD TO APRIL 2019 TRIVIA QUESTION

Food, Food, Food ...

What four faithful young men refused to eat the rich foods of the king of Babylon?

HINT: LOOK IN THE BOOK OF DANIEL

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers



- for all of us at Resurrection that we may all have a heart for those who don't know Jesus, to help everyone come to know the love of God, and become part of God's church family, into an even closer relationship with God, and come to eternal life.

Our Members who are in NURSING HOMES: Dorothea Gruenwald and Harriet Rose; those that are **HOME BOUND:** Sonja Munzenmaier and Anita Reinert; and those with **OTHER CONCERNS:** Lynn, Connie, Nicole, Kathy, Marilyn Lang, Heather Valente, Ralph Valente, Danielle Valente, Juliette Valente, Marie Capello, Grace Serro, Ronnie Sowa, Eileen Alvarez, Jennifer Gajadhar, Karen Carella, Diana Green, Pastor Sam, Tom McNeely, John Ulicny, Nancy Michaelis, Derek Zacchino, Trina Seibel, Peter Seibel IV, Anthony Novitske, Anna Lee Rife, Ricky Stanton, Joanne Voltmer and Howie Voltmer.

Heavenly Father - thank You for Your love, especially when life is tough. Help us to love one another both when life is grand and when it is a struggle. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Our Mid-Week BIBLE Study - Dear Heavenly Father, you have made the heavens and the earth. You have revealed your beauty in creation and inspired the book that we are now studying. Please help us now as we read together. Take us deeper into understanding more about you and your love for us. Amen

Our missionary groups right here in Flushing, the Chinese Lutheran Ministry, the Korean Ministry, the Indo Pak Ministry, and Glory Lutheran Ministry that God will continue to bless all of these ministries and help them to grow.

- **For all of our troops:** "Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen."

"Pray without ceasing ... Do not put out the Spirit's fire"
1Thessalonians 5: 17, 19

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Conclusion: This year, let us do not just give up something for lent. Let us embrace the three pillars of this very sacred season: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. May our prayer, fasting and almsgiving help us to grow closer to our God, make us more grateful for the gift of His Son, Jesus and find our connection with all of God's people.

May we all have a blessed Lenten season.

Peace in Christ,

Pastor James T. Gajadhar



What
Are You Giving
Up?



Thank you to "YOU" (you know who you are) for supporting the LWML Mites. It is very much appreciated. Every week or so I check the Mite Box and always find some coins and dollar bills. THANKS for your continued support.





God's Blessings to all celebrating this month.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 7 Tom McNeely
 March 15 Ralph Valente
 March 16 Henry Troue
 March 20 JoAnn Gajadhar



Jesus & Valerie Ruiz - March 24th



Shared Faith Ministries

Resurrection Lutheran Church & St. John's Lutheran Church

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Theme: "Cross Purposes"



Wednesday, March 6, 2019
Cross-Examine
 10:00am at Resurrection and
 7:30pm at St. John's

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Week One – March 13th at Resurrection - 6.30 supper; 7.30 Service
"CROSS-OUT"
 Week Two – March 20th at Saint John - 6.30 supper; 7.30 Service
"CROSS-ROAD"

SHARED FAITH MINISTRIES

a ministry partnership between

St. John Lutheran Church, 147-46 Sanford Avenue, Flushing, New York 11355
 and

Resurrection Lutheran Church, 44-10 192nd Street, Flushing, New York 11358

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES - *Continued*

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Week Three – March 27th at Resurrection - 6.30 supper; 7.30 Service
"CROSS-WALK"
 Week Four – April 3rd at Saint John - 6.30 supper; 7.30 Service
"CROSS-WORD"
 Week Five – April 10th at Resurrection - 6.30 supper; 7.30 Service
"CROSS REFERENCE"



PALM SUNDAY - April 14, 2019
 Regular Service at 9:15am

"CROSS PURPOSES"

HOLY WEEK – THE PASCAL TRIDUUM



Holy Week

Maundy Thursday – April 18, 2019
Stripping of the Altar
 Saint John – 7:30pm
"CROSS-HAIRS"

Good Friday – April 19, 2019
Crucifixion of Our Lord
 Resurrection – 10:00am
 Saint John – 7:30pm
"CROSS-FIRE"

Easter Vigil – April 20, 2019
Renewal of Baptismal Covenant
 Resurrection – 7:00pm

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD Sunday, April 21, 2019

Saint John (Early Service) – 8:00am
 Resurrection – 9:15am
 Saint John – 10:45am

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MARCH 2019

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"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost." Luke 19:10



NO HEALING SERVICE

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| The Transfiguration of Our Lord 3 9:15am Resurrection Lutheran 11:15am Immanuel Lutheran 2:00pm Indo-Pak 4:00pm Glory Lutheran | | 4 | 5 | NO BIBLE STUDY 6 ASH WEDNESDAY <i>Worship</i> Resurrection 10:00am St. John's 7:30pm NO Choir Practice | 7 | 8 | 9 | | | |
| First Sunday in Lent 10 9:15am Resurrection Lutheran 11:15am Immanuel Lutheran 2:00pm Indo-Pak 4:00pm Glory Lutheran Daylight Saving Time Begins NEWSLETTER MEETING | | 11 | 12 |  Mid-Week Bible Study 10:00am 7:30pm Service begins @ Resurrection 6:30pm Lite Dinner 8:30pm Choir Practice | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | | |
| Second Sunday in Lent 17 9:15am Resurrection Lutheran 11:15am Immanuel Lutheran 2:00pm Indo-Pak 4:00pm Glory Lutheran St. Patrick's Day |  <i>Happy St. Patrick's Day</i> | 18 | 19 |  Mid-Week Bible Study 10:00am Council Meeting 1:00pm 7:30pm Service begins @ St. John's 6:30pm Lite Dinner 7:30pm Choir Practice | 20 | READY FOR Spring?  | 21 | 22 | 23 | NewsLetter DEADLINE |
| Third Sunday in Lent 24 9:15am Resurrection Lutheran 11:15am Immanuel Lutheran 2:00pm Indo-Pak 4:00pm Glory Lutheran | | 25 | 26 |  Mid-Week Bible Study 10:00am 7:30pm Service begins @ Resurrection 6:30pm Lite Dinner 8:30pm Choir Practice | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |
| Fourth Sunday in Lent 31 9:15am Resurrection Lutheran 11:15am Immanuel Lutheran 2:00pm Indo-Pak 4:00pm Glory Lutheran |  | | | | | | | | | |

Serving Schedule:



MARCH 2019



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| <p><u>March 3, 2019</u></p> <p>Elder: Tom McNeely</p> <p>Reader: Jenny Gajadhar</p> <p>Usher: Stephen Gavora</p> <p>Greeter: Sharon Rouzier</p> <p>Altar Care: Eleanor Johnson Dottie McNeely</p> | <p><u>March 6, 2019</u></p> <p>ASH WEDNESDAY</p> <p>Elder: Tom McNeely</p> <p>Usher: TBD</p> <p>Altar Care: Dottie McNeely Eleanor Johnson</p> | <p><u>March 10, 2019</u></p> <p>Elder: Tom McNeely</p> <p>Reader: Debbie Sichler</p> <p>Usher: Stephen Gavora</p> <p>Greeter: Eleanor Johnson</p> <p>Altar Care: Christel Schnackenberg</p> | <p><u>March 13, 2019</u></p> <p>Mid-Week Lenter Service</p> <p>Elder: Tom McNeely</p> <p>Usher: TBD</p> <p>Altar Care: Christel Schnackenberg</p> | <p><u>March 17, 2019</u></p> <p>Elder: Tom McNeely</p> <p>Reader: Eleanor Johnson</p> <p>Usher: Stephen Gavora</p> <p>Greeter: Ada Gavora</p> <p>Altar Care: Christel Schnackenberg</p>  |
| <p><u>March 24, 2019</u></p> <p>Elder: Tom McNeely</p> <p>Reader: Gary Carella</p> <p>Usher: Stephen Gavora</p> <p>Greeter: Dottie McNeely</p> <p>Altar Care: Karen Carella Jenny Gajadhar</p> | <p><u>March 27, 2019</u></p> <p>Mid-Week Lenter Service</p> <p>Elder: Tom McNeely</p> <p>Usher: TBD</p> <p>Altar Care: Jenny Gajadhar Karen Carella</p> | <p><u>March 31, 2019</u></p> <p>Elder: Tom McNeely</p> <p>Reader: Walter Hartman</p> <p>Usher: Stephen Gavora</p> <p>Greeter: Sharon Rouzier</p> <p>Altar Care: Karen Carella Jenny Gajadhar</p> | <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div data-bbox="1239 763 1638 1023"> </div> <div data-bbox="1659 665 2058 1136"> <p style="color: green; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">March 10th</p>  <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">SET YOUR CLOCKS Ahead!</p> </div> </div> | |

ORGAN FUND: The TONE CAGE of the organ needs to be rebuilt. Allen Organ is currently in the process of rebuilding it.

This process should take approximately 3 months.

We are anticipating we will have it back for our Easter Service.

An ORGAN FUND has been set-up to help with the cost. If you would like to contribute to this ORGAN FUND please make a check payable to Resurrection and put ORGAN FUND in memo line.



SUNDAY'S - Immanuel Lutheran Church - Bible Study - 9:30am
Pastor Sam uses Church 2:00pm - 3:30pm
Glory Lutheran Church 4:00pm - 5:30pm

WEDNESDAY'S - Resurrection Lutheran Church - Bible Study - 10:00am
Choir Practice - @ 7:30pm
Immanuel Chinese Bible Study 7:30pm -8:30pm

THURSDAY'S - Alcoholics Anonymous - 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Glory Lutheran Bible Study 6:00pm - 7:30pm

FRIDAY'S - Immanuel Chinese Bible Study 7:45pm - 9:00pm

SATURDAY'S - Alcoholics Anonymous - 11:15am - 2:00pm

Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 279

Matt.21:1-15

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Behold Your
King Comes

AREA BLESSED
 CHIEF BRANCHES
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 DAVID CHILDREN
 DOVES CROWD
 FIND DAUGHTER
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 JESUS GALILEE
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 LAME HEALED
 MONEY HOSANNA
 NAME NAZARETH
 NEEDS PRAYER
 RIDING PRIESTS
 RIGHT PROPHET
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 TEMPLE STIRRED
 UNTIE TEACHERS
 ZION VILLAGE

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a
Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

Festival OF WORKSHOPS

2019 Atlantic District
Festival of Workshops

"Created in Christ...to do good works."
Ephesians 2:10

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- Directions to Concordia 171 White Plains Road, Bronxville NY 10708

can be found at www.concordia-ny.edu;
click on "Discover Concordia" then "Directions to Campus"

Ephesians 3:10, 11:25

Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord

Our Mission Statement

As disciples of Jesus and in obedience to God's word, the mission of Resurrection Lutheran Church is:

Growing in the knowledge and love of Christ, ministering to one another and to those in the community, sharing the Gospel with unbelievers so that the Holy Spirit draws them into a faith relationship with Jesus.



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Sunday Worship 9:15am

* (Pre-Worship Singing begins at 9:05am)

Immanuel Lutheran Service 11:15am

Indo Pak Service 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Glory Lutheran Church 4:00pm - 5:30pm



May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ be upon

YOU

