

Red Lodge Community Church, UCC

# Shalom



Pastor, Pamela Peterson  
Editor, Lynette Coleman

## **DEACONS FOR MARCH**

**Renee Gabrian (446-2047)**

**Deb Awes (425-3985)**

### **Greeters**

#### **March:**

- 1 Kathleen Normile & Susan Beard
- 8 Debbie & Mike Tomicich
- 15 John & Dixie McCampbell
- 22 Lew & Diny Gumper
- 29 Sharyn McKenzie & Lori Floyd

#### **April:**

- 5 Tom & Coeta Rieger
- 12 **EASTER**
- 19 Kiyoko Carlson & Barb Croston
- 26 Brent & Marge Nearpass

(If you are unable to greet when listed, please, trade or find a substitute.)



**Sunday, March 8**  
**Spring Forward**

## Quilters



QUILTING GROUP

**March 10, 2020  
1:00 p.m.  
Lower Level**

**Knotter's welcome!!**



**March 6, 2020**

## ARIZONA/MEXICAN BORDER ISSUES

With Tricia Decker

**Tuesday, March 3 (noon)**

**Fellowship Hall**

**Q & A with discussion**

*(Bring your sack lunch. We'll have coffee & cookies)*

**Thursday, March 5 (7:00 p.m.)**

**Sanctuary**

**Candlelight Migrant Virgil**

Tricia will share experiences, answer questions, lead discussion on border & immigration issues, and provide resources for more information.

\*Shelters—Asylum Seekers; Humanitarian Aid in the Desert; Wall Construction; Detentions & Legal Issues

## MARCH Birthdays

Heidi Forehand	3/1
Dixie McCampbell	3/1
Alan Goldin	3/2
Lorna Olson	3/2
Jeni Born	3/8
Gordon Gallagher	3/8
Wayne Tomicich	3/8
Ruth Brown	3/10
Elizabeth Hellerud	3/10
Sarah Nessan	3/11
Gina Herbert	3/12
Jason Sironen	3/12
Dave Ritter	3/14
Trish Hilderman	3/15
Teresa Hauge	3/17
Josh Henigman	3/19
David Judd	3/19
Mark Schubert	3/19
Al Miller	3/20
Leah Gallagher	3/22
Ruby Hyvonen	3/22
Mary Channell	3/24
Tricia Decker	3/24
Jamie Ortner	3/24
Jackie Noe Galloway	3/25

## MARCH Anniversaries

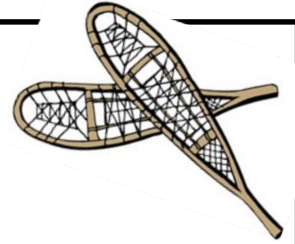
Steve & Sue Roi	3/5
Jerry & Betty Brekhus	3/8

If you would like to bring a lily in honor or in memory of someone special to you, please give the information to the church office.

**Easter is April 12, 2020.**



## Notes from the Sky Pilot's Page



### March 2020

**Lent...solemnity...sackcloth...ashes...dark...introspection...SPRING!!!...wait...what??!!**

Isaiah 60:1 "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you!"

This year the Spring equinox happens to fall during Lent, which is not uncommon. The sun begins to shine brighter and longer. It returns to us at a time when we are supposed to be sitting in piles of ashes...or snow. So I've asked myself...and my colleagues...what if...just what if...we didn't do the solemnity "thing" for Lent but rather celebrated our creation instead. What if we celebrate the sun returning, and for the LOVE OF GOD...the snow melting??!! One of the blessings of being a congregational church is that WE get to decide the what, where, who, how and why of our worship...a.k.a Beatles love songs...and so this year Lent will be a little bit different.

Our focus Scripture will be readings from Isaiah 60, so you might want to study up on that. Our feature hymn for all 5 Sundays will be "For the Beauty of the Earth" and instead of a Prayer of Confession we will join in a Song of Confession. Oh...and communion? Yes, that is going to be a little bit different too. As we adorn our sanctuary with a beautiful painting that is being loaned to us by local artist Carol Hartman, we will be celebrating creation and our responsibility to the environment. The impetus for this is my Environmental Ethics course that I am taking this semester and an assignment to map my neighborhood through an ecotheological lens.

Will we still be able to be introspective? Of course we will. Will we still be able to think deeply of prayer, fasting and almsgiving? You betcha. Does this type of celebration for Lent mean that we are being irreverent? I am pretty sure that Jesus healed on the sabbath, talked to single women at the well and met with a tax collector in the dark; all of which were considered "irreverent" in that day. So no, we are not being irreverent, we are being honest about our identity. Last year for Lent we created a low-lit temple entrance and learned that we cannot sit still in solemnity for more than five minutes at a time. That simply is not our character. Just like it was not within Jesus' character to walk away from the sick, abandon women in public or ignore a whisper in the dark. Rather than deny our identity as outgoing, gregarious and welcoming people of God we are going to live into it and celebrate the season for which we can be most thankful, the season of creation.

Peace and Blessings to you on this glorious day that God created and called good!

Pastor Pam





**Community  
Lenten Worship Services**  
With  
**Soup & Bread Supper**  
to follow



**Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.**

**March 4: St. Agnus Catholic Church**

**March 11: Red Lodge Community Church**

**March 18: Calvary Episcopal Church**

**March 25: Messiah Lutheran Church**

Come join your neighbors in worship and light supper during Lent. Offerings will go to the Red Lodge Ministerial Association to be used in their community outreach.

(Maundy Thursday worship service will be April 9, 2020, 7:00 p.m. Palm Sunday is April 5. Easter, April 12 with worship at 10:00 a.m. preceded by breakfast.)



***Church-Wide Lenten Devotional***

This year's Lenten Devotional, "For the Beauty of the Earth" is once again coming to you compliments of our Diaconate. I wanted to take a moment to explain the selection of this year's theme.

As a doctoral student at Hartford Seminary, one of my courses this spring semester is "Environmental Ethics" and the course is being taught by the author of this devotional, Rev. Dr. Leah D. Schade. Dr. Schade and I met at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia while I was doing my Master of Divinity studies there. The focus of my doctoral work is "eco-spirituality," whatever that is...hopefully I will define it over the course of the next 3 years. I have found Dr. Schade's work to be informative, reflective and deeply spiritual. As a church we will be focusing our Lenten worship on *Care for Creation, especially regarding Global Warming, the increase in forest fires and how we in Red Lodge can make those connections for our community's safety and well-being in a spiritual way.*

I welcome your comments and thoughts as you progress through this devotional, something that I am asking all of our congregants who are using this devotional to do. I will be collecting these thoughts via e-mail and sharing them with the congregation each Sunday beginning on March 1. Please feel free to e-mail your responses to me at [pastorpampeter-son@gmail.com](mailto:pastorpampeter-son@gmail.com) with "Lenten Thoughts" in the subject line. That will help me keep them together as we progress. The devotionals can be found on our new guest table in the narthex as you enter the church, and the text begins with Ash Wednesday.

Peace to you as you journey with us through Lent,  
Pastor Pam



# MARCH CALENDAR



## MARCH

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|----|----------|----------------------------|--|
| 1  | Sunday   | 10:00 am                   | Worship                                      |
| 2  | Monday   | 9:30 am                    | Great Books                                  |
|    |          | 6:30 pm                    | Girl Scouts                                  |
| 3  | Tuesday  | 9:00 am                    | Play Group                                   |
|    |          | Noon                       | Border Issues with T. Decker                 |
|    |          | 2:00 pm                    | Stewardship & Mission                        |
| 4  | Wed.     | 6:00 pm                    | Lenten Worship & Supper,<br>St. Agnes        |
| 5  | Thursday | 4:30 pm                    | Facilities Management                        |
|    |          | 5:15 pm                    | Executive Committee                          |
|    |          | 7:00 pm                    | Migrant Prayer Virgil                        |
| 6  | Friday   | <b>World Day of Prayer</b> |  |
|    |          | 9:00 am                    | Play Group                                   |
| 7  | Sat.     | 9:00 am                    | Choir  |
| 8  | Sunday   | 10:00 am                   | Worship                                      |
| 9  | Monday   | 9:30 am                    | Great Books                                  |
| 10 | Tuesday  | 9:00 am                    | Play Group                                   |
|    |          | 1:00 pm                    | Quilters                                     |
| 11 | Wed.     | 6:00 pm                    | Lenten Worship & Supper,<br>RLCC             |
| 12 | Thursday | 5:15 pm                    | Church Council                               |
| 13 | Friday   | 9:00 am                    | Play Group                                   |
| 14 | Sat.     | 9:00 am                    | Choir  |
| 15 | Sunday   | 10:00 am                   | Worship                                      |
|    |          | 3:00 pm                    | Recital (B. Kirk's Students)                 |
|    |          | 4:30 pm                    | 4-H  |
| 16 | Monday   | 9:30 pm                    | Great Books                                  |
|    |          | 6:30 pm                    | Girl Scouts                                  |
| 17 | Tuesday  | 9:00 am                    | Play Group                                   |
| 18 | Wed.     | 6:00 pm                    | Lenten Worship & Supper,<br>Messiah Lutheran |
| 19 | Thursday | 4:00 pm                    | Recycle Board                                |

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| 20 | Friday  | 9:00 am  | Play Group                                    |
| 21 | Sat.    | 9:00 am  | Choir   |
| 22 | Sunday  | 10:00 am | Worship                                       |
| 23 | Monday  | 9:30 am  | Great Books                                   |
| 24 | Tuesday | 9:00 am  | Play Group                                    |
| 25 | Wed.    | 6:00 pm  | Lenten Worship & Supper,<br>Calvary Episcopal |
| 27 | Friday  | 9:00 am  | Play Group                                    |
| 28 | Sat.    | 9:00 am  | Choir   |
| 29 | Sunday  | 10:00 am | Worship                                       |
| 30 | Monday  | 9:30 am  | Great Books                                   |
| 31 | Tuesday | 9:00 am  | Play Group                                    |

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Our Mission: "The Red Lodge Community Church, United Church of Christ, welcomes all people to gather for worship, fellowship and to study God's Word. We seek to be servants of our Lord in the care of all people."

#### HOW TO REACH RED LODGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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**Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 am**

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Friday: 8:00 am - Noon, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm