

Community Wide Ecumenical Lenten Luncheons are taking place Wednesdays during Lent with lunch at 12:00 noon and a Prayer Service from 12:30 p.m.-1:00 p.m. These are free to attend and all are welcome. Dates and locations are as follows:

- ⇒ March 26th Faith United Church
- ⇒ April 2nd First Lutheran Church
- ⇒ April 9th Evangelical Covenant Church

There will be a Community Wide Good Friday Worship Service on Friday, April 18, at 7:00 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church.

There will not be Awana or Inquiring Minds next Wednesday, March 26. Both will resume April 2nd.

As Lent begins and we look **inward** to God's wondrous working in our lives, we also look **forward** to the cross AND to the resurrection of Jesus! As a church family we know we are better together and we rejoice at celebrating God's amazing saving grace on Easter! Please join us for **Easter Breakfast** on Sunday, April 20th, from 8-9 a.m. before our Worship Service. There is a sign up in the lobby for items we need for this tasty breakfast. There will be a Free Will Offering taken for badly needed kitchen upgrades. He Lives!!!

There's a box in the back of the sanctuary for our monthly Benevolence Offering that is being collected today.

Advanced Scripture Reading for next week:

- Matthew 16:13-18
- 1 Peter 2:4-9
- Luke 5:1-11
- Matthew 17:5-8
- Revelation 21:9-14

A nursery is provided during the service in the lower level for those with children *up to four years of age*. Please have your children stay with you and go down during the last worship song.

Finances

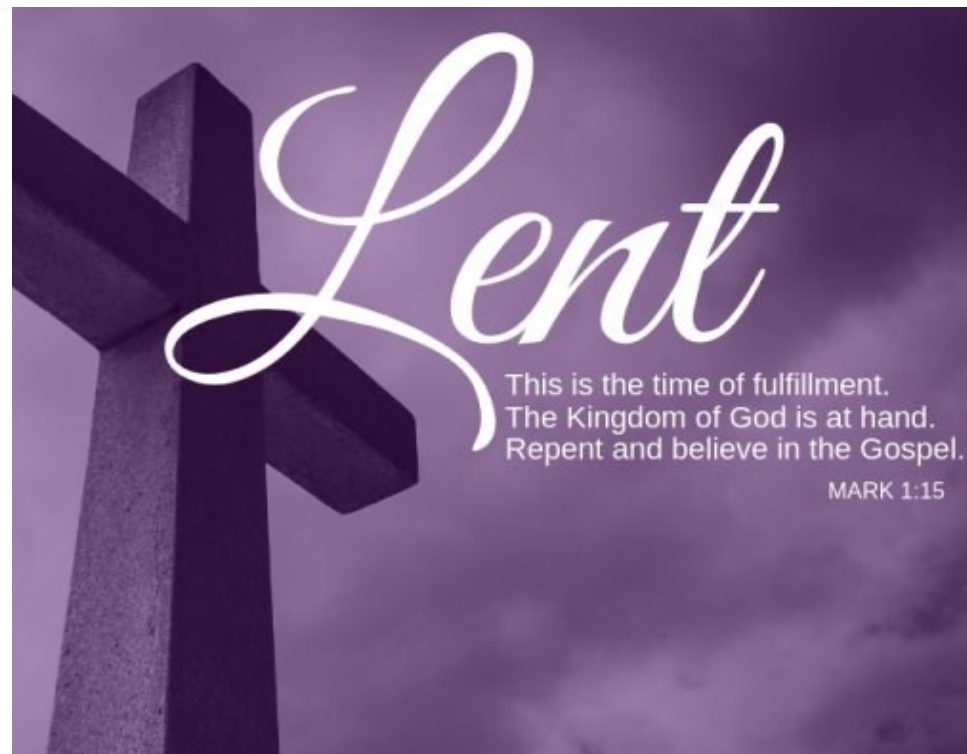
Approved budget for 2025 was **\$180,598.40**

February General Income \$12,927.00

February General Expense \$16,924.53

YTD Income (as of the end of February) \$23,601.00

YTD Expense (as of the end of February) \$32,128.48



Winthrop Evangelical Covenant Church

March 23, 2025

~To Love God and Make Him Known~

Prelude

Call To Worship

Opening Hymn: #219 "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory

Songs of Praise

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4

Message: "God Accepts No Proxy Religion" Rev. Gilkinson

Closing Hymn: #687 "So Send I You"

Benediction

Prayer Points

Home

Please Pray for:

- College Student: Aaron Elseth attends Bethel University in St. Paul.
- Family: Gary and Judy Schafer
- Government Leaders: Bobbie Harder and Glenn Gruenhagen

World The Delps in Ecuador

Some people think that for missionaries a year on home leave, or Ministry Assignment, is a nice long vacation from the mission field in the States, but it's actually an intense year away from what they call home, school, church and friends. **Kim and Joel Delp** are spending their home leave visiting supporting churches, with a busy schedule of over 18 visits just from February to mid-June. This is a huge blessing to connect with all these churches across the country, to be able to share what God is doing in Ecuador and enjoy the hospitality and encouragement of God's people.

*But Joel & Kim ask for prayer during this season where they feel slightly weary and craving stability. Pray for continued partnerships and moments of refreshment when possible.

*They ask for prayer for their oldest son **Simeon**, 15 years old, as he recovers from recent knee surgery following a soccer injury, which has taken a physical and mental toll on him.

*Pray for friendships to grow for their three kids, especially for Christ-centered friends to cross their paths.

*Pray for Ecuador where crime and violence are surging, along with drug trafficking and poverty.

*Pray for FACE staff, and the Santiago Partnership, which focuses on establishing and maintaining homes for at risk children and medical clinics.

"He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul." Psalms 23:2

PRAYER
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Bix Baker, Outreach Ministries
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Dale & Betty Boyum, Properties and Fac.
Judy Schafer, Care Ministries

SERMON NOTES

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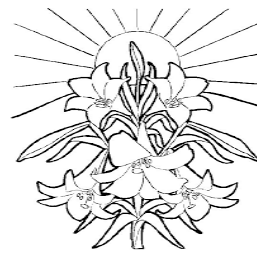
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