

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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Church Mission

" Bringing Christ
to the people...
...the people to Christ "

Church Slogan

Living, Loving,
Leading, and Laughing;
that's Our Saviour's
Lutheran Church

Our Ministers

The people

Our Pastor

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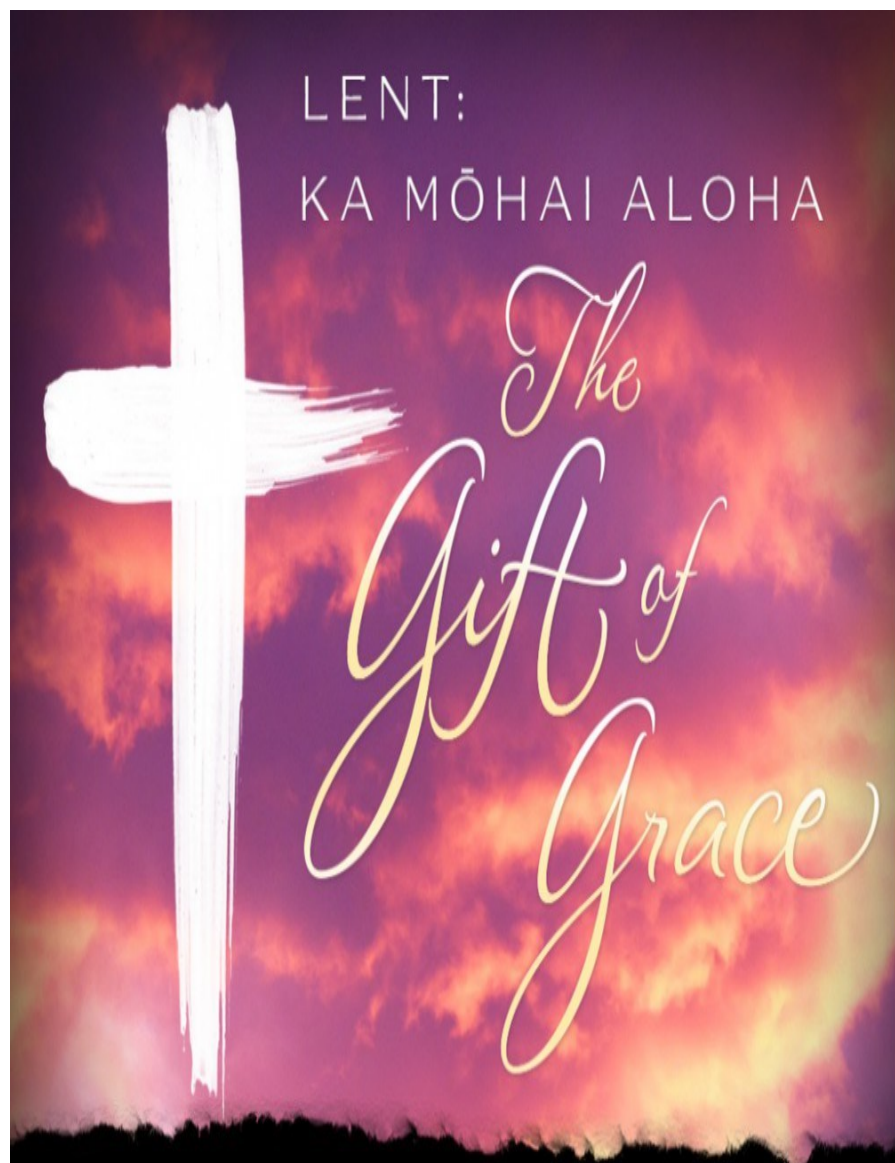
Bill Videtto

Member Goals

*As disciples of
our Lord, Jesus Christ,
we strive to grow in
faith through daily prayer
and bible reading,
attending worship
services, tithing,
and serving others.*

March 8, 2020

10:00 a.m. Worship Service





To Our Guests and Visitors

Thank you for joining with us! We're glad you are here.

* To find our nursery go to the Sunday School wing. The Nursery is just a few doors down this hallway.

* We have activity bags for youngsters to use during worship. The bags include soft toys and coloring books. Please help yourself to a bag. Be sure to return it after worship.

* We practice open communion. If you are baptized and desire to share in the body and blood of our Lord, please join us.

* We begin communing children in the 5th grade. We offer a communion class to prepare 5th graders to receive this sacrament.

* If you would prefer grape juice instead of wine for communion, there is grape juice in the center of the tray of glasses.

* Following our worship service there is coffee and tea on the table in our café area. Please stay for some fellowship.

WORSHIP SERVERS

Lay Coordinator:	Sally Dengerud
Ushers:	Sally & Cliff Dengerud
Acolyte:	Abby Gibbs
Reader:	Sarah Cumming
Communion Assistants:	Becky Chambers, Jana Snyder & Jan Moch
Projectionist:	Toby Fite

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 8, 2020 — WELCOME!

It is a pleasure to worship together.
If you are a newcomer, if you have a prayer request, or both,
please fill out the yellow pew card located on the back of each pew.

PRELUDE

JAERYONG LEE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand

CONFESSION OF SIN

P: We are gathered together for worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, +
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: In this season of reflecting on our sin and deep need for God's mercy and grace, let us
examine our hearts and minds and ask for pardon for all the ways in which we have
failed to be obedient to God's will for us.

(Silence for self-reflection and examination)

P: Holy God,

**C: You sent your Son, Jesus, into the world to save us from the power of sin, death,
and the devil. We confess that we have failed in many ways to follow him in our
lives. We have forsaken the poor and hungry, we have neglected the sick and sor-
rowful, and we have looked out for our own needs rather than the needs of others.
Forgive us, we pray, and restore us to a new and right relationship with you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: We who were once dead in sin, following the course of this world rather than follow-
ing our Lord have been loved with the great love of Christ — even when we were
dead in sin, Christ granted us grace and new life in him. We have received the prom-
ise of God that we will be raised up with him and seated with him in the heavenly
places. Let us rejoice in the wondrous gift of forgiveness and mercy and share the
immeasurable riches of his grace and kindness with all the world. (Ephesians 2:1- 7)

C: Amen.

OPENING SONG ~ COME TO CALVARY'S HOLY MOUNTAIN

LBW 301

Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,
sinners, ruined by the fall;
here a pure and healing fountain
flows to you, to me, to all,
in a full perpetual tide,
opened when our Savior died.

Come in sorrow and contrition,
wounded, impotent, and blind;
here the guilty, free remission,

here the troubled peace may find.
Health this fountain will restore;
those who drink shall thirst no more.

Those who drink shall live forever;
'tis a soul-renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never
break his covenant of blood,
signed when our redeemer died,
sealed when he was glorified.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who saves us through faith, the love of the Father who gifts us with every good gift, and the communion of the Holy Spirit who fills us with all wisdom, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of your humble servants

and stretch forth the right hand of your majesty to be our defense against all our enemies. Grant this, we pray, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: GENESIS 12:1-9

¹Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
²**My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**
³He will not let your foot be moved
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
⁴**Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep;**
⁵The Lord himself watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
⁶**So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**
⁷The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;

it is he who shall keep you safe.

**⁸The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 4:1-8, 13-17

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh?
²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.
³For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness."
⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due.
⁵And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness,
⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:
⁷"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered;
⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."
¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith.
¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.
¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.
¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring — not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all,
¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations" — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SONG ~ JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me, this I know.
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong,
They are weak but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me.
The Bible tells me so.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Please stand

LENTEN VERSE ~ WERE YOU THERE

LBW 92, v.2

Were you there when they
nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they
nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they
nailed him to the tree?

GOSPEL: JOHN 3:1-17

P: The Gospel according to St. John the 3rd Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Please look up the Gospel reading in your Bible.

After the reading:

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please Sit

SERMON ~ PASTOR MARK BRAATEN

Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

On a hill far away
Stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross
Where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

Chorus:

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
'Till my trophies t last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.*

Oh, that old rugged cross
So despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God
Left His glory above,
To bear it to dark Calvary.
Chorus

In the old rugged cross
Stained with blood so divine
A wondrous beauty I see;

For 'twas on that old cross
Jesus suffered and died,
To pardon and sanctify me.
Chorus

To the old rugged cross
I will ever be true,
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me some day
To my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share.
Chorus

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Please Stand

THE OFFERTORY - THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ~ P. 89 LBW

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks
and praise.**

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, 'Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.'

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.'

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Please sit

DISTRIBUTION

*For those who prefer, the center circle of glasses contain grape juice.
Please return your cup in the basket on the aisle.*

LAMB OF GOD ~ P. 92 LBW

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

Please stand

COMMUNION SONG #1 ~ SURELY THE PRESENCE/CHRIST BESIDE ME

Surely the presence of the Lord
Is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power
And His grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord
Is in this place.

Repeat verse

Christ beside me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me
King of my heart;

Christ within me,
Christ below me,
Christ above me
Never to part

Surely the presence of the Lord
Is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power
And His grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord
Is in this place.

COMMUNION SONG #2 ~ ANCIENT WORDS

Holy words, long preserved
For our walk in this world.
They resound with God's own heart;
O let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope,
Give us strength, help us cope.
In this world where'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home.

Chorus:
Ancient words ever true,
Changing me, changing you.
We have come with open hearts,
O, let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice,
O, heed the faithful words of Christ.

Chorus

Ancient words ever true,
Changing me and changing you.
We have come with open hearts,
O, let the ancient words impart.
We have come with open hearts,
O, let the ancient words impart...
O, let the ancient words impart.

COMMUNION SONG #3 ~ I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

Chorus:
I am the Bread of Life,
All who eat this Bread will never die
I am God's love revealed.
I am broken that you might be healed.

All who eat of this heavenly Bread,
All who drink this cup of the covenant;

You will live forever
For I will raise you up. *Chorus*

No one who comes to Me
shall ever hunger again
No one who believes shall ever thirst
All that the Father draws shall come to Me
And I will give them rest. *Chorus*

Please stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE ~ SONG OF SIMEON

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace,
Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the Salvation,
Which you have prepared in the sight of every people.
A light to reveal you to the Nations,
And the glory of your people, Israel.
Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Gracious God, you have fed us this holy meal of the bread of life and the cup of salvation. You have offered us forgiveness and mercy through the body and blood of Christ, and you have reconciled us to our heavenly Father. We give you thanks for these wondrous blessings, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG ~ I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

LBW 390

I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else would do.

Refrain

*I love to tell the story;
I'll sing this theme in glory*

*and tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.*

I love to tell the story:
how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy word.

Refrain

I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it like the rest.

And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story
that I have loved so long. *Refrain*

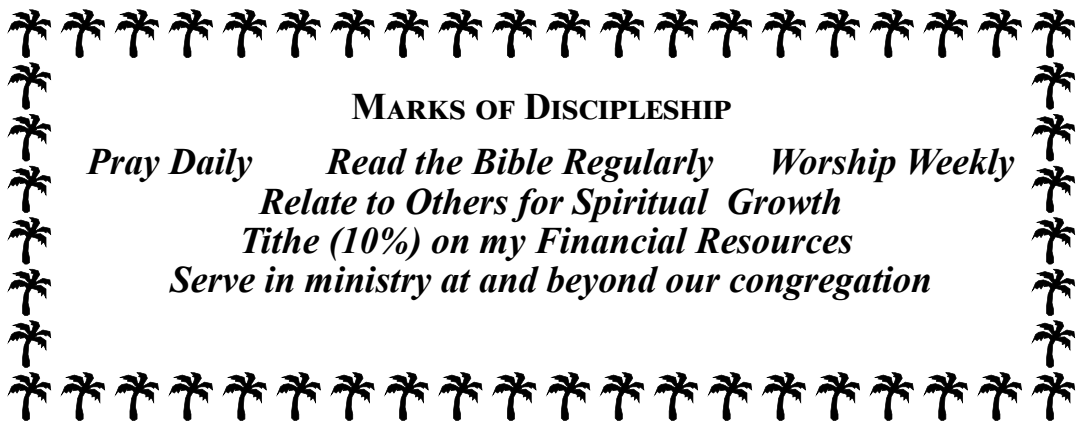
DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

DR. JAEYONG LEE



MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Pray Daily Read the Bible Regularly Worship Weekly
Relate to Others for Spiritual Growth
Tithe (10%) on my Financial Resources
Serve in ministry at and beyond our congregation

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MUSIC CREDITS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Midweek Lenten Activities

We offer special Wednesday evening activities during the Lenten season. Here is our Wednesday schedule:

6:00 p.m. – Soup Supper – We share a simple meal of soup and salad. Please come for a time of fellowship and food. Also, please sign up to help with a supper!

6:30 p.m. – Congregational Prayer Time - Please mark this Lenten season by joining with others in prayer for our congregation.

7:00 p.m. – Lenten Worship - We begin with a study of the Small Catechism, then conclude with a simple Lenten service of confession of sin, prayers, and liturgy.

Sunday School Spring Break

Today is spring break for our Sunday School. Classes for all ages – 3-year-old through adults – resume next Sunday.

Stop the Bleed!!!

STOP THE BLEED! The American College of Surgeons has trained over one million people world wide to stop bleeding in a severely injured person. This course empowers you to make a life and death difference when a bleeding emergency occurs. Sign up **NOW** by sending an email to kpontious1494@gmail.com. Course will be presented by CTMF ER staff Friday March 20 @ 1-2:30 pm at OSLC. No medical experience necessary. Go to Stopthebleed.org for more information. We need an attendance count by March 1 please.

Collecting Clothing for India

Glory Gopinath is one of our members. She is originally from India. Her home area has a great deal of poverty. Glory is starting a project to send clothing to her home area. She will be leading a collection here at OSLC. We will collect gently used men's and children's clothing and then ship them to India. Please bring your donation to the church.

In addition, Glory has suggested purchasing new underwear (boys and girls-various sizes), colored pencils, pens, lightweight backpacks, and toothbrushes.

Adult Sunday School

We are going to try something different for our Adult Sunday School Class. We are going to go topical – each week we will look at a different topic of faith. If you have some ideas you would like to address, please talk to Pastor Mark. Here is our upcoming schedule:

*Today – No Sunday School for spring break

*Sunday, March 15 – Prayer

*Sunday, March 22 – Baptism – we will look at question like - why do we baptize infants, why don't we have total immersion, etc.

*Sunday, March 29 – How did the Bible Come to Be?

We will look at question like - Who decided what book are in the bible and which aren't? Why is the Gospel of Matthew in the Bible but not the Gospel of Thomas?, Why do the Roman Catholic have more books in their Bible than Lutherans? This should be a fun class!

*Sunday, April 5- The Role of Women in the Church – some denominations don't ordain women or even give them a vote in congregational affairs. We do. What does the Bible say?

Reception of New Members

We will be receiving new members on Sunday, March 22.

Egyptian Coptic Worship – Saturday, March 14

The Egyptian Coptic congregation will worship here on Saturday, March 4 from 8:30 until about 2:00.

PRIMETIMERS

What a great February meeting we had with record attendance of 40+ and a fantastic speaker. This will be a hard act to follow, but here are the plans for March.

The March meeting will be March 12th, 2020 at 12 noon at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. The luncheon menu will be pizza, salad, and dessert. The pizza will be provided. Attendees are to bring salad or dessert.

Instead of a speaker this month, we will have an activity entitled "Who's Who". Each attendee is to provide a picture or copy of a picture of him/herself that does not look like him/her now. It could be a baby picture, a school picture, a snap shot; just as long as it doesn't look like him/her now. Please get the picture to Mary Ferguson before March 9th so that the pictures can be displayed on a board. You may email, snail mail, or give the picture to her in person. Do not put your name on the picture because the activity will be for each person to identify "Who's Who". This will be a contest with a prize for the person identifying the most pictures correctly.

Hostesses for the meeting are Theresa Ford, Mary Thompson, and Donna Bowers. It is important to RSVP to Mary Ferguson by March 9th so that an adequate amount of pizzas can be ordered.

Contact info for Mary Ferguson: email is mkvjhf@aol.com; snail mail is 4353 Madera Dr., Tyler, TX 75707; phone is 903-565-6607.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR (MARCH 8—MARCH 15, 2020)

THIS WEEK'S OFFICE HOURS: TUES. & WED. 10:00—2:00

IF YOU HAVE A NEED, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE @ 903-561-1865

SUNDAY—March 8, 2020

Choir Practice 9:15 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
 Youth 11:00 a.m.

MONDAY

Council 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

Quilters 9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY—LENT

Embroiderer's Guild 8:00 a.m.
 Soup & Salad 6:00 p.m.
 Prayer 6:30 p.m.
 Worship 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

Primetimers 12:00 p.m.
 ACA Meeting 6:00 p.m.
 CODA 6:00 p.m.

Reminder: No Thursday Morning Bible Study During Lent

FRIDAY

No Activities Scheduled

SATURDAY

Egyptian Coptic Church 8:00 a.m.

SUNDAY—March 8, 2020

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Adult Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
 Choir Practice 9:15 a.m.
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
 Youth 11:00 a.m.

STEWARDSHIP		MARCH 1, 2020 WORSHIP	
Monthly Budget	<u>\$ 23,058</u>	Worship Service	130
February Offering	\$ 24,000	Year to Date Average	137
Offerings during the week	0		
Offerings on Sunday, March 1	<u>5,107</u>		
Cumulative February Offerings	<u>\$ 5,107</u>		
Year to Date Offerings	<u>\$ 52,326</u>		