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#### **Eidsvold's Church Council**

Rosella Thompson, President  
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 Merlin Boxwell  
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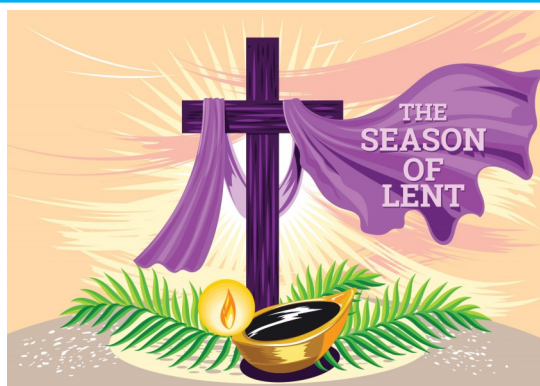
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The season of Lent is upon us. This time where we commemorate the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness, fasting until he was famished and enduring the temptations of the evil one. The 40 days of Lent begins Ash Wednesday and lasts through the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. During this time many of us engage in Lenten practices.

Some engage in fasting or give up of certain luxuries during this time in

order to imitate Jesus. Some add a Lenten spiritual discipline; such as reading daily devotionals or praying through a Lenten calendar. Along with giving up pleasures, giving up our time, and even giving up our treasures; we spend time reflecting.

One my favorite texts to reflect on during this season is the book of Ecclesiastes. It reminds me that striving after riches, pleasure, success, and wisdom is like chasing after the wind. In the end it brings frustration rather than fulfillment or meaning. The following passage reminds me that I am not in control, but that God is.

**Ecclesiastes 3:10-15**

I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in their toil. I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor can anything be taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him. That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already is; and God seeks out what has gone by.

Taking a pause in our lives and giving up things and of letting go of the need to control everything leaves space for us to listen what God is saying to us. Then we can begin to understand God's will for us in this time and in this place. Then we are better able to follow God as he leads us on our journeys through the wildernesses we encounter. Step by step, to a new place and to a new future that he has determined.

For the people of Eidsvold, your latest wilderness journey for began last year. You have been in a season of loss, and of not knowing what is next. Know that God is with you on your journey. I encourage you to continue engaging in self-giving practices and to dedicate time for reflection, so that you are better able to discern what step God is calling you to take next.

May God grant you peace and wisdom,

Steve



From your church council:

Eidsvold's annual meeting was held on February 26 and your council wants to thank those who attended and participated in the meeting followed by a potluck. Annual meetings are a necessary part of being a faithful church member, not particularly exciting as meetings go but necessary.

Thank you to those who agreed to take on a position in the church business. They are:

**Your church council for 2023 will be**

Tim Rogge  
Merlin Boxwell  
Karen Richardson  
Jan Vachel  
Anna Cleghorn  
Bill Schottelkorb  
Rosella Thompson

Pat and Merlin Boxwell will be delegates to Montana Synod Assembly  
Troy Thompson will be delegate to Immanuel Lutheran Home annual meeting

Pat Morgan and Jan Greenwald will be delegates to the Flathead Lutheran bible Camp annual meeting

You voted in an annual budget for 2023 of \$100,000.

If you have any questions please contact any of your council members.

Your council will be meeting with Bethlehem's council on March 5 to discuss a job description for Eidsvold's potential pastor/deacon and also discuss how this person's salary will be paid. Again we stress this is a totally new concept with many details which have to be worked out. Keep both councils in your prayers as we work toward a goal of providing a leader for Eidsvold and a person to provide community outreach for Kalispell and south.

**WHAT'S TRENDING AT EIDSVOLD?****Change of Hours**

Spring has almost sprung and I'm ready to dig in the dirt and plant.  
So off I go to do just that a couple days a week at Hooper's till June 1st.

I'll be in the office every

Tuesday from 1-4

and various hours here and there.

You can always leave a voice mail

at 406-857-3529 or a email at [office@eidsvoldlutheran.net](mailto:office@eidsvoldlutheran.net)

Happy Gardening!

Hollie

**Lenten Soup Suppers**

every Wednesday in Lent  
at Bethlehem Church at 5:30

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

This ministry is to provide hope, comfort, and healing. It is a unique way of reaching out to the community in a very tactile way. A Prayer Shawl can be seen as a symbolic "HUG" from God. A reminder of God's love and a gift for every time and occasion, joyful or sorrowful for every circumstance in life. Which make this a very powerful physical property to pass on and of course a source for warmth. A Prayer Shawl can be knitted, crocheted, or woven. They can have adornments such as beads or fringe. They can be shocking pink or muted tan or any color you choose. Do you know someone in need, someone to pray for, someone to rejoice with? Someone who needs to know they are being prayed for and supported in their time of need? There are needle, yarn, and instructions at the south end of the Fellowship Room for your taking. Blessings



## MARCH SERVANTS

Date:	3/5/2023	3/12/2023	3/19/2023	3/26/2023
Minister /Preacher	Pastor Scott Thompson	Pastor Al Jensen	Steve Seilhymmer	Pastor Doug Nemitz
Assisting Ministers	Anna Cleghorn	Karen Richardson	Pat Morgan	Jan Vachal
Accompanists	Phillip Brous	Suzi Watteyne	Marlene Anderson	Susan Pierson
PowerPoint	Rosella Thompson	Anna Cleghorn	Jim Heim	Sharon Bristow
On-line	Gage Thompson	Gage Thompson	Gage Thompson	Gage Thompson
Ushers	Rosella Thompson	Anna Cleghorn	Jim & Linda Heim	Sharen Bristow
Coffee Hosts	Care	to	Host	Coffee?

### Birthday wishes go to:

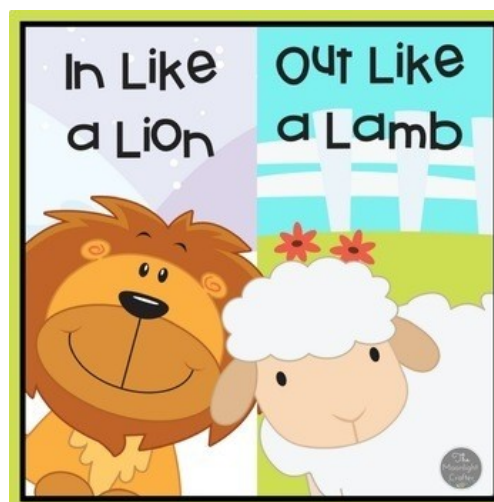
Dotty Zier 3/9

Erin Dyck 3/12

Phillip Zier 3/16

Patti Stuart 3/24

Marilyn Nelson 3/30



### General Fund Treasurers Report

General Fund Income

General Fund Expenses

World Mission

Pastoral Ministry

Worship

Church Property

Total Expenses



Currently not available





# MARCH



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 5			1 Lenten Soup Supper 5:30 @ Bethlehem	2	3	4
6 11:00 Worship with Pastor Scott Thompson 8pm AA	7		8 Lenten Soup Supper 5:30 @ Bethlehem	9	10	11
12 11:00 Worship with Pastor Al Jensen 8pm AA	13	14	15 Lenten Soup Supper 5:30 @ Bethlehem	16	17	18
	19	20	21 Lenten Soup Supper 5:30 @ Bethlehem	22		25
26 11:00 Worship with Pastor Doug Nemtiz 8pm AA	27	28	29 Lenten Soup Supper 5:30 @ Bethlehem	30	31	

**March Weekly Worship Texts**

	<b>Old Testament</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>New Testament</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
<b>March 5th</b>	Genesis 12:1-4	Psalm 121	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	John 3:1-17
<b>March 12th</b>	Exodus 17:1-7	Psalm 95	Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42
<b>March 19th</b>	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Psalm 23	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41
<b>March 26th</b>	Ezekiel 37:1-4	Psalm 130	Romans 8:6-11	John 11:1-45

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