



Grapevine

March 2011

American Lutheran



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March Worship Schedule

March 6



**Transfiguration of Our Lord
Sanctuary Choir - St. Paul**

8:15 am Traditional Worship/Communion
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Praise Worship/Communion

March 9



**Ash Wednesday
Sanctuary Choir**

5:30 pm Lenten Supper/Outreach
7:00 pm Lenten Worship/Communion/Imposition of Ashes

March 13



**First Sunday in Lent
Joyful Noise - St. Peter**

8:15 am Traditional Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Praise Worship

March 16



**Lenten Worship [2]
Special Music**

5:30 pm Lenten Supper/Youth & Parish Ed
7:00 pm Lenten Worship

March 20



**Second Sunday in Lent
Gospel Rings & St. Thomas**

8:15 am Traditional Worship/Communion
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Praise Worship/Communion

March 23



**Lenten Worship [3]
Special Music**

5:30 pm Lenten Supper/Property & Finance
7:00 pm Lenten Worship

March 27



**Third Sunday in Lent
Sanctuary Choir - St. James**

8:15 am Traditional Worship
9:15 am Sunday school
10:30 am Praise Worship

March 30

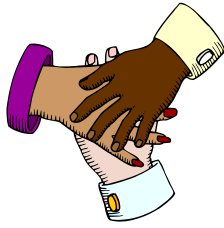


**Lenten Worship [4]
Special Music**

5:30 pm Lenten Supper/ Worship
7:00 pm Lenten Worship

Great Pros and Wonderful Rookies

I am amazed by the wonderful response to



the need for helpers in our congregation by so many willing workers. The range of those willing to be of assistance knows very few boundaries in age, gender, or background. New members and longtime members alike respond in marvelous fashion! The transitions from old pros to the rookies have occurred very well; but the freshness of the new faces is a two-sided blessing.

New people bring new ideas and new approaches which give us new ways of approaching things and accomplishing the mission. New people at work in the cause have the additional effect of encouraging even more people to get in on the action. That furthers and deepens the involvement in the Body of Christ as it makes more people feel needed and loved which is the reality of our need for each other. These things far outweigh every disadvantage there might be in having more/new people involved. Besides which, one can deal with the disadvantages by making use of the skills and talents of those who have only recently moved to the sidelines; and tapping into the wisdom of the ages gained by those who have served the church well in the past!

I celebrate the expansion of our willing workers! I honor the work accomplished by the willing workers of the past. I also wish to utilize the wisdom of our living saints as we begin and continue to serve each other together in order to serve our Lord.

Did you check a new area for you in the Time and Talent sheets? Thank you. Thank you. Did you decide to let someone else take on what you did for so long (or short) a time? Thank you. Thank you. Have you been looking on with joy or chagrin at the way things are going now that younger generations are doing the work of such vital concern to you? We are going to need your aid as resource people for a series of meetings to enhance an already wonderful mission of this congregation!

Ushers, Altar guild, greeter/hosts, Home Communion Teams, Worship assistants, youth, women's group, Men's groups, and Bible Study groups may all be anticipating meetings. If you signed on board for any of those things, please be alert to bulletins, newsletters, and announcements regarding meetings to establish, enhance and or empower your serving in this time and place for the benefit of the kingdom of GOD and the rule of Christ in your lives.

If **all** those who are serving come to their meetings, we will be able to take advantage for the pros and the newbies. In so doing let us take advantage of the blessings of newness, and work at avoiding the pitfalls of the same. Together we serve Christ and each other!

Pastor Henry

From the Music Director:

The rehearsal schedule for the month of March will be (every Tuesday):



Joyful Noise – 5:30 to 6:15 (grades 1-5)

(except no rehearsal on March 22, due to LPS break)

Gospel Rings – 6:15 to 7:00 (grades 6 through adult)

Sanctuary Choir – 7:00 to 8:00 (grades 6 through adult)

Praise Team – 8:00- 9:00 (grades 6 through adult)

The schedule for sharing our musical gifts during worship (for the next two months) is as follows:

Mar. 6 – Sanctuary Choir and St. Paul Praise Team (singers Pastor, Mavis, Jim, Angie, Vanessa)

Mar. 9 – Ash Wednesday – Sanctuary Choir

Mar. 13 – Joyful Noise and St. Peter Praise Team (singers Travis, Brenda, Laura, Kelli, Natalie,
Sherri)

Mar. 16 – Lenten Service – Special Music?

Mar. 20 – Gospel Rings and St. Thomas Praise Team (singers Keith, Jana, Michelle, Beth)

Mar. 23 – Lenten Service – Special Music?

Mar. 27 – Sanctuary Choir and St. James Praise Team (singers Bruce, Kim, Morgan, Claire,
Marcia)

Mar. 30 – Lenten Service – Special Music?

April 3 – Sunday School and St. Paul Praise Team (singers Pastor, Mavis, Jim, Angie, Vanessa)

April 6 – Lenten Service – Special Music?

April 10 – Joyful Noise and St. Peter Praise Team (singers Travis, Brenda, Laura, Kelli, Natalie,
Sherri)

April 13 – Lenten Service – Special Music?

April 17- Palm Sunday – Sunday School, Gospel Rings, Special Music and St. Thomas Praise Team
(singers Keith, Jana, Michelle, Beth)

April 20 – Lenten Service – Special Music?

April 21 – Maundy Thursday – Sanctuary Choir and Special Music

April 22 – Good Friday – Sanctuary Choir and Special Music?

April 24 – Easter – Sanctuary Choir and Special Music? and St. James Praise Team
(singers Bruce, Kim, Morgan, Claire, Marcia)

If you would like to share your musical gifts for special music for the Lenten services, please let me know.

Thank you for your continued support of the music program.

Jane Plettner-Nielson

Attendance and Stewardship

	Worship		General	Phase III	Other
	8:15 am	10:30 am	Offering	Offering	Offering
January 30	67	80	\$1772.90	\$60.00	\$174.00
February 6	54	102	\$6240.00	\$645.00	\$145.00
February 13	57	98	\$3772.00	\$290.00	\$463.20
February 20					

Financial Statement

Financial Results through 1/31/2011

	January	YTD
Budget Income		
Pro-rata needs	\$ 17,387.00	
Offerings	\$ 16,470.00	
Difference	[\$917.00]	
Budget Expenses	\$ 15,823.00	
Phase III:		
Debt Obligation	\$ 2,976.00	
Budgeted (mortgage)	\$ 1,881.00	
Phase III Offerings	\$ 1,095.00	
Total Paid	\$ 2,976.00	
Cause of the Month:	\$35.00	

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Lincoln Cluster Food Pantry

In March the pantry needs juice, soup, complete meals [stew, spaghetti's, etc.] pancake mix & syrup, tuna/canned meats, and tomato products. As always personal care items.

Cash donations are used for immediate needs. To donate cash, place it in the collection plate, clearly marked "Food Pantry"

New Members: *Joining 2/27/2011*

Pamela Anderson - 3951 Baldwin Ave. #116
Lincoln, NE 68504
308-830-2484

Sherri DeLong - 2801 Tierra Dr. Apt. 209
Lincoln, NE 68516
402-239-1438

Jack Farrall - 5225 Sunlight Ct.
Lincoln, NE 68516
402-802-6541

Shawn Fellers - 4828 Meredith St. #102
Lincoln, NE 68506
308-750-0285

ALC February Statistics:

Change of Address:

Angela Franzen; 4650 Orchard St. Apt 15
Lincoln, NE 68503-2327

Seth & Rachel Lade: 39B Clear Lake
Columbus, NE 68601-6333

Jessica Martin: 5115 W. Benton St.
Lincoln, NE 68524-1236

Baptism:

Nathan Richard Hanson

Born: November 18, 2010

Baptized: February 6, 2011

Parents: Trevor & Angela Hanson
Sponsors: Alex Seeba & Rick Hanson

Executive Committee and Church Council

will meet Thursday evening, March 10th , at
6:15 pm and 7:00 pm respectively.

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Henry Thorberg, Pastor
Sunday Worship 8:15 am
Praise Worship 10:30 am
Christian Education 9:15 am

Address Service Requested

*I am the vine, you are the
branches.*

*He who abides in me, and I in
him, bears much fruit.*

John 15:5



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| 03/1 Maureen Linke | 03/10 Erin Sharpe | 03/22 Courtney Brush |
| 03/02 Emma Von Busch | 03/11 Hannah Graff | 03/22 Trevor Brush |
| 03/03 Betty Tesch | 03/13 Rosann Keller | 03/24 Christian Pendergras |
| 03/04 Kim Malone | 03/13 Ray Clark | 03/24 Lilly Fritschle |
| 03/04 Tanner Egger | 03/15 Luke Worth | 03/25 Gracie Schachterle |
| 03/05 Trent Welsh | 03/17 Tanner Westerholt | 03/26 Treyton Kinnison |
| 03/05 Tiffany Westerholt | 03/18 Gracie Pendergras | 03/26 Riley Donahoo |
| 03/05 Isabelle Engstrom | 03/19 Lisa Spilker | 03/28 Patrick Aden |
| 03/06 Diane Lundquist | 03/20 Julie Taylor | 03/28 Luke Neemann |
| 03/06 Ashley Schmidt | 03/22 David Dermann | 03/29 Stan Janssen |
| 03/08 Judy Neeman | 03/22 Seth Lade | 03/31 Adam Neemann |
| | 03/22 Brooke Bernadt | |