

LENTEN JOURNEY 2019

The invitation to the season of Lent is an invitation to journey with Christ to the cross, to remember our dependence on God, and to gaze with faith toward the resurrection to come. This calendar is meant for individuals and families to reflect daily on your Lenten journey.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			MARCH 6 ASH WEDNESDAY Worship 1pm & 6:30pm			
MARCH 10 Read today's gospel, Luke 4:1-13	MARCH 11 O God, open wide your hand to satisfy the needs of every living thing. Send your Spirit to those who are hungry. Come, Lord Jesus.	MARCH 12 Add extra items to your grocery list this week to donate to SP Food Pantry. Bring to church on Sunday.	MARCH 13 "I am the bread of life" John 6:35-40 Worship: 1p & 6:30p Parish meal: 12p & 5:20p	MARCH 14 <i>Ministry Highlight:</i> UW Lutheran Campus Ministry invites students to gather for lunch every weekday, because at the table true community is formed! The meal is free and seeks to build community and reduce student food-insecurity.	MARCH 15 The ELCA is committed to addressing and ending hunger in the U.S. and around the world. Watch more: http://tinyurl.com/y3zbq8jc	MARCH 16 Practice sacrificial giving by supporting each highlighted ministry and St. John's Literacy Project. Make and decorate a giving bank for this season and keep where it's visible.
MARCH 17 Read today's gospel, Luke 13:31-35	MARCH 18 God of Light, as daylight fills the sky, fill us with your holy light. We trust it is only your light that breaks through the darkness of the world. Come, Lord Jesus.	MARCH 19 Support Just Bakery on Sunday, a program for those experiencing barriers to employment such as homelessness, criminal history and lack of education to pursue baking as a career. Their baked goodies are delish!	MARCH 20 "I am the light of the world" John 8.12-20 Worship: 1p & 6:30p Parish meal: 12p & 5:20p	MARCH 21 <i>Ministry Highlight:</i> Porchlight strives to reduce homelessness by partnering with the community for shelter, affordable housing, and supportive services that eliminate barriers and empower people.	MARCH 22 Light a candle. What are the dark places in your life? Bring them to God and let the light of Christ - the light no darkness can overcome - shine!	MARCH 23 Set a specific goal amount (such as \$2/day) you will give during Lent to our special offerings. Add your written goal to your bank.
MARCH 24 Read today's gospel, Luke 13:1-9	MARCH 25 Consoling God, soothe the souls of those who feel they are beyond your mercy and grace. Break down barriers that keep us far from you. Unite us in your love. Come, Lord Jesus.	MARCH 26 Mail a card to a relative or friend to remind them they belong to God.	MARCH 27 "I am the door" John 10:1-10 Worship: 1p & 6:30p Parish meal: 12p & 5:20p	MARCH 28 <i>Ministry Highlight:</i> Hope Sauk Prairie is a dedicated to suicide prevention and sharing hope and love through its monthly support group for traumatic loss survivors.	MARCH 29 Watch and listen to "Come to the Table" http://tinyurl.com/y9f4kw25	MARCH 30 Dig in your couch cushions or glove compartment for extra change to add to your Lent giving bank, above and beyond your goal amount.

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<p>MARCH 31 Read today's gospel, Luke 15:1-3, 11-32</p>	<p>APRIL 1 Shepherding God, shepherd me beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life. Come, Lord Jesus. <i>(Written by Marty Haugen)</i></p>	<p>APRIL 9 Shop for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits: comb, 20"x40" bath towel, 8oz soap bars, toothbrush, nail clippers. Bring to the fellowship hall on Sunday.</p>	<p>APRIL 3 "I am the Good Shepherd" John 10:11-18</p> <p>Worship: 1p & 6:30p Parish meal: 12p & 5:20p</p>	<p>APRIL 4 <i>Ministry Highlight:</i> Hope House of S. Central WI supports victims of domestic and sexual violence, with a mission to prevent abuse and provide victim support.</p>	<p>APRIL 5 Who are the other shepherds in your life? Who has helped you experience God's love? Tell about it. You could write those shepherds a note of thanks.</p>	<p>APRIL 6 Every sacrificial gift goes a long way toward a just world! Write a prayer for our community and add as decoration to your Lent giving bank.</p>
<p>APRIL 7 Read today's gospel, John 12:1-8</p>	<p>APRIL 8 Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform us by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory. Come, Lord Jesus.</p>	<p>APRIL 9 New life is all around us! Get outside and notice where there is new life in God's creation. Share it with others! Be creative and start simple. Shovel, plant, mow, or rake for a neighbor this week.</p>	<p>APRIL 10 "I am the Resurrection & the Life" John 11:17-27</p> <p>Worship: 1p & 6:30p Parish meal: 12p & 5:20p</p>	<p>APRIL 11 <i>Ministry Highlight:</i> Good Neighbor Clinic serves as a primary family medicine clinic for those who face barriers in access to healthcare.</p>	<p>APRIL 12 Watch and listen to "Drawn to You" http://tinyurl.com/yy3ppy46</p>	<p>APRIL 13 Your sacrificial giving is an act of love that helps our neighbors. Put in extra \$ to your Lent giving bank for our congregational Literacy Project this weekend.</p>
<p>APRIL 14 PALM SUNDAY Read today's gospel, Luke 23:1-49</p>	<p>APRIL 15 Holy God, reveal your will as you receive our prayers, conform our ways to your ways. Through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>	<p>APRIL 16 Watch "Garden" http://tinyurl.com/y6qfjaps</p>	<p>APRIL 17 No worship service today. Read John 13:1-17. A communal meal is central to this text. Share a meal with someone today as a reminder that we experience God when we break bread together.</p>	<p>APRIL 18 MAUNDY THURSDAY</p> <p>Worship: 1p & 6:30p Parish meal: 12p & 5:20p</p>	<p>APRIL 19 GOOD FRIDAY</p> <p>Ecumenical Worship at St. John's: 1p & 6:30p</p>	<p>APRIL 20 HOLY SATURDAY Gather all you've collected throughout your Lenten journey and bring your Lent giving bank to worship tomorrow.</p>

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Each Wednesday at worship, you are invited to give an offering to support these ministries:

UW-Madison Lutheran Campus Ministry Food Programs
Porchlight, Inc. - Solutions to Homelessness
Hope Sauk Prairie
Good Neighbor Clinic of Sauk Prairie
Hope House of South Central Wisconsin

If you have a giving bank at home for the season, you are welcome to bring your total offering to Easter Sunday worship on April 21.

Add your prayer each week to our community prayer outside the sanctuary:

Week 1: "I am the Bread of Life"

Using paper bread slices and crayons, be creative and express your prayers of need, hopefulness, and gratitude to God.

Week 2: "I am the Light of the World"

Decorate a paper bag with words or images of hope and light. Bags will be used as luminaries to light the front path to church during Holy Week.

Week 3: "I am the Door"

On scraps of cloth, write a group of people or individual to pray for. Tie your cloth to all the others to weave our prayers together.

Week 4: "I am the Good Shepherd"

Write your name on a paint swatch and add it to the shepherd's crook as a symbol of how you are known and loved by God.

Week 5: "I am the Resurrection and the Life"

Add your prayer by adding colors to the butterfly symbolizing new life we have in Christ.