



Voices of the Valley

The Monthly Newsletter of Lord of the Valley Lutheran Church

"That We May Know, Live, and Share the Love of Christ."

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ALL ARE WELCOME

As a community of the people of God, the people of Lord of the Valley Lutheran Church are called to welcome all people, regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ *"there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female."* - Galatians 3:28

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The church council meets the second Monday of each month. All church council meetings throughout the year are open to anyone. If you have something that you would like to present in front of the church council, or an item of concern please contact one of the church council members listed above.

The next Church Council Meeting is on Monday, March 11th at 6:30 pm.



Schedule for Lent

Ash Wednesday – March 6th

Lord of the Valley / 6:30 pm

Wednesday Soup Suppers –

March 13th, 20th, 27th

April 3rd and 10th

Lord of the Valley / 6:00 pm

Community Game Night

Community Game Night at LOTV on the 2nd Saturday of every month, from 6:30-8:30pm, **this month on March 9th**. We welcome everyone from the community and suggest that each family brings a snack to share and a game or two to play. We'll need a few people to help with the set-up and clean-up (information will be provided). Please see the signup sheet at the back of the sanctuary. Please feel free to invite friends and family to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship!



Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Ash Wednesday is March 6th and Lent begins. We shift our calendars to include this midweek worship and fellowship time. On Ash Wednesday we will have a worship service which includes the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. We will use Holden Evening Prayer as our liturgy. On Ash Wednesday we have worship only.

Beginning on Wednesday, March 13 (and continuing through April 10) we will combine worship and supper with an adapted form of Holden Evening Prayer. As in the past we invite our members and friends to share in providing our suppers. We serve soup, salad and breads. We will need people to help set the tables and others to sign up for providing portions of our supper menu. You can see the sign-up sheets at the back of the sanctuary or call the office (887-9252) and talk with Kris.

For our reflection time during our supper worship we will focus on Luke's Gospel. We'll look at the themes Luke presents in the early events of the Gospel and see how they connect with later events. I had wanted to offer an overview of this Gospel earlier in this year of Luke but my calendar simply didn't have time available. So I thought our midweek time during Lent would provide the opportunity.

Join us for some or all of our Wednesday evenings in the season of Lent, for fellowship, worship and learning.

In Christ,

Pastor Brian Bergum

Looking For a Way to Deepen Your Worship Experience?
For many people, looking at the Bible readings before Sunday helps put the message in context of their lives. As you read the lessons, ask yourself: Is there anything in the readings that relate to your life right now? Is there anything that surprises you in the readings? Disturbs you? Try doing this for a couple of weeks, see if following this on a weekly basis strengthens your personal faith life, and deepens your worship experience.

The Lessons for Worship in March

These are the Bible readings that we will hear during our worship services this month. They are provided that you might use them for personal devotion and meditation.

March 3rd – Transfiguration of Our Lord

Exodus 34: 29-35
2 Corinthians 3: 12 – 4:2
Luke 9: 28-36 [37-43a]

March 10th – First Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11
Romans 10: 8b-13
Luke 4: 1-13

March 17th – Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18
Philippians 3: 17 – 4:1
Luke 13: 31-35

March 24th – Third Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55: 1-9
1 Corinthians 10: 1-13
Luke 13: 1-9

March 31st – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5: 9-12
2 Corinthians 5: 16-21
Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

Ministers of Worship in March

March 3

Greeters – Jerry and Edna Anderson
Ushers – John Price, Bill Tetlow
Readers – Edna Anderson, Bill Tetlow
Communion Assistant – Jerry A., Susan P., Kris K.
Acolyte – Auggie Roehrs

March 10

G – Greg and Lori Orzech
U – Greg Orzech, Bob Means
R – Rich Klingner, Kathy Means
CA – Ann Klingner, Charlene Heins, Kathy Means
A – Joey Gagnon

March 17

G – Raymond and Carmen Covington
U – Raymond Covington, Steve Peters
R – Dan Scott, Carmen Covington
CA – Chris Tinkum, Carmen Covington, Susan Price
A – Gunnar Bjerken

March 24

G – Jerry and Edna Anderson
U – Steve Gall, Paul Gerhart
R – Marla Gall, Jerry Anderson
CA – Suzanne Gerhart, Marla Gall, Jerry Anderson
A – Josie Nance

March 31

G – Greg and Lori Orzech
U – Greg Orzech, Bill Tetlow
R – Pat Edwards, Bill Tetlow
CA – Pat Edwards, Lori Orzech, Charlene Heins
A – Auggie Roehrs

If you are unable to help be a worship minister on the particular day, please try and find a replacement to take your place or to switch days with you. Thank you for sharing in the ministry of Lord of the Valley.

We have great programs here in Grand County that offers adaptive lessons for individuals and groups of people with disabilities in a variety of action sports, adventure sports and competitive programs. Athletes with any physical, cognitive, emotional or behavioral diagnosis can participate in sports and recreation programs year-round in Colorado's Front Range and mountains.

The recreational athletes build self-confidence and improve overall health in programs such as skiing, rock climbing, water sports and therapeutic horseback riding.



Monthly Blood Pressure Checks

Don't forget we offer free blood pressure checks following our worship service once a month. The next free blood pressure check will be on Sunday, March 3rd.

Sunday Morning Fellowship

We would like to thank those who have generously hosted Sunday morning fellowship in the past few months. It is an important part of our ministry as it is a time to share in conversation and welcome guests. We have a few Sunday's available in March and April for those interested in hosting Sunday morning fellowship. Please see the signup sheet at the back of the sanctuary as well as a list of responsibilities.

Mission Nicaragua Fair Trade Coffee Sales

Available to be purchased on Sunday, March 10th and 24th in the Fellowship Room following worship. Thank you for your support.



Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving

We want to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for our members and provides donation consistency for our congregation. Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account. As you contemplate future contributions please consider electronic giving. Authorization forms are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Day Camp and Sky Ranch Camp

Day Camp with Sky Ranch is scheduled for the week of June 24. We are looking for a team to help plan a special week for our campers. Would you be interested in leading a day hike for the kids? Maybe you have a craft idea that connects with nature that you could share. Would you host our Sky Ranch staff for an evening meal, or sponsor their breakfast and lunch with a City Market gift card? How about snacks for the participant? Or provide child care before or after the days' events? Do you know of a fun, outrageous (and safe!) activity you could share or lead? Please let Pastor Brian or Kris Kuhnel know of your interest in helping make Day Camp 2019 the best yet!

Pastor Brian is planning to attend Sky Ranch the week of July 7-12. There are programs during this week for children and youth who have completed 1st grade through 12th grade. Let's see how many children and youth from LOTV will go to Camp. If the need is present, we can create some fundraising events to help make Camp available to all who want to attend. For more information visit with Pastor Brian who has some program brochures available or visit: skyranchcolorado.org.

Second Sunday Special Offering / March 10th

With the help of our children we invite members and friends to bring nonperishable food items to church on the Second Sunday each month to support the food pantry at Mountain Family Center. We will have our green wagon in the back of the sanctuary and our children will be invited to bring these items forward when the ushers present our financial offering during worship.

Appreciating God's World

Many members of our congregation have had the opportunity to travel to many parts of the United States and the world. We are continuing a program where members of the congregation share their travel experiences with other LOTV members and the community. The 30-40 minute presentation will be at 2:30 pm on the third Friday of the month. Afterwards, there will be time for questions. Attendees / presenters may bring appetizers to share. *Our next presentation will be on March 15th. Edna and Jerry Anderson will share their experience in Antarctica and Argentina.* Please contact Jerry and Edna Anderson with any questions, 970-887-0644.

Confirmation Class will meet on Sunday, March 10th and 24th.

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study sessions continue in March on Tuesday, March 5th and 19th at 11:00 am. All women of LOTV are invited for a time of sharing, study and support while enjoying a light lunch. For more information please call Pat Edwards at 970-406-8108, Carolyn Stahl 887-9352 or Mary Mulholland 303-898-6743.

Men's Ministry

On Wednesday mornings at 7:00 am we have a group of men who gather at Lord of the Valley for breakfast, conversation, prayer and study. This group welcomes men to join them whether for a week or two, a season or year round. They take turns providing breakfast for each other. Sometimes the conversations linger, but they understand if some need to leave earlier. They seek to offer an encouraging, supportive time together. Everyone is invited to participate.

Ski Together Days

Ski Together Thursdays at 10:00 am. Skiers from LOTV and their friends gather at the lower doors of Snoasis. We take a couple runs together and then often break into smaller groups based on skill level or terrain interest before rendezvousing for lunch at an agreed upon time and location. It is great fellowship and fun!

Saturday Evening Worship

Saturday Evening Worship continues for the month March. Services begin at 5:30 pm. Please remember we offer this alternative setting during the high recreational season in Grand County. We utilize Holden Evening Prayer with Holy Communion as our main liturgy on these winter Saturdays. Join us for these less formal worship opportunities.

Home Devotions / Living Lutheran Magazine

Located on the table at the back of the sanctuary are home devotionals you are invited to take and use at home. They are free, and they are a simple way to spend a few minutes each day focusing on your relationship with God. Also, at the table you will find information relating to our ministry at LOTV and the March issue of the Living Lutheran Magazine. Feel free to take what you might find useful.



Lord of the Valley's
Health and Wellness Ministry



March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

See Me for Me

The National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities ([NACDD](#)), the Association of University Centers on Disabilities ([AUCD](#)) and the National Disability Rights Network ([NDRN](#)) have come together again to plan a campaign for Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month 2018. The goal for this month is to create awareness about developmental disabilities, teach the importance of inclusion within every aspect of life, and to share the stories of individuals with a disability to show that a successful life is possible.

In 1987, President Ronald Reagan made a public proclamation that the month of March should be recognized as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month to "increase public awareness of the needs and potential of Americans with developmental disabilities." Though our mission remains largely the same, so much has changed since 1987. While we still aim to increase public awareness, our focus has shifted to the importance of inclusion and living life side by side. This year's theme is "See Me for Me!" This means looking beyond someone's disability and seeing them as a person and not just a person with a disability.

Cerebral Palsy Awareness – Cerebral palsy is a neurological disability where muscle movement and coordination are typically impacted although cerebral palsy impacts everyone differently. The celebratory color for cerebral palsy is green.

Developmental Disabilities - Developmental disabilities are severe, chronic conditions that impact a person in their formative years, including autism, behavioral disorders and intellectual disabilities.

Deaf History - is a chance for communities to come together to improve their understanding and support of the deaf community.

International Wheelchair Day - is celebrated annually on March 1st. The celebratory day launched in 2008 for individuals to share the positive impact a wheelchair has on their lives.

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Mission Nicaragua 2019

Interested in Traveling to Nicaragua?

UPDATE on Mission Team traveling to Nicaragua: Currently 11 people will travel to serve the people of rural Somoto. We are continuing to accept applications. The ideal team number is 15.

A Mission Team is forming, sponsored by LOTV, to serve the people in Somoto, Nicaragua in June 2019.

- Trip dates: June 20 – June 30
- Trip cost: \$1600.00
- The team will provide medical clinics to rural communities, deliver water filters, deliver layettes and medical supplies to the hospital and maternity house in Somoto and deliver school supplies and Spanish children's books to schools in the communities.
- If you are interested in participating in Mission Nicaragua or supporting the mission please call Carmen Covington at 970-531-2857.

Mission Nicaragua Enchiladas Fundraiser

Chicken and cheese Enchiladas or cheese enchiladas pre-sales are in progress. Sign sheet at the back of the church or email the church office to have your order added to the list. Cost is \$30.00 per dozen. Each enchilada is individually wrapped to allow you to prepare one or a dozen. Proceeds help to buy medical supplies for Mission Nicaragua. *We will assemble the enchiladas on Saturday, March 23rd. Please see signup sheet in the back of the sanctuary to assist with assembling.*

Water Filters

Clean water is one of our focuses making a difference between life and death for children of rural Nicaraguan families. . Our plan is to partner with ERS LA (Emergency Response Services for Latin America), a nonprofit organization. ERS LA manages the donations and volunteers: they coordinate the purchase of the filters from the manufacture "Potters For Peace", transportation to the Somoto area, they determine a community who could benefit from the water filters. Mission Nicaragua Team helps ERS LA and local firefighters to distribute the water filters. *Thank you for your generosity! At this time we have received \$3,390.00 which is 68% of the \$5000.00 goal. Thank you again!*

Update Italian Extravaganza Dinner - A wonderful success; great community outreach, fabulous food and fellowship, wonderful teamwork preparers of food as well as the dining area, kitchen crew, and servers as a fund raiser \$2,240 was the revenue.

Easter Lilies

We will once again be adorning our worship space on Easter Sunday with the sight and aroma of Easter Lilies. Easter Lilies can be given in honor or in memory of family, friends and important people and events in our lives. The cost for each Easter lily is \$15.00. Our proceeds from the purchase of these lilies will support our youth ministry activities including assisting with camp. Easter lilies may be taken home for you to enjoy or for you to give to another person as you share the message of Easter with them following the Easter service on April 21st. Please fill out the form below and return in to the church office by Sunday, April 14th.

Name(s): _____

Number of Plants: _____

In Honor / Memory (circle one) of:



LOTV hosts Cranmer Friday Night Dinner / March 15

Looking for food preparation, servers and helpers for our annual support of the Cranmer Chapel Dinner. This bi-weekly free meal serves anyone in the greater Winter Park community, especially the resort workers. Signup sheet in the back of the church. We will supply tossed salad, cheesy hash brown casserole, homemade rolls and this year's Dessert Challenge (winner takes home the coveted traveling trophy currently held by Lori Orzech) is PIE! Bring on your favorite pie...it'll be so enjoyed by the diners, and might bring you the prize. Looking for 10 pies (or more) to ensure we have dessert for all. Dinner helpers can sign up for 4-6pm or 6-8pm shifts. Questions? Ask a Susan Odneal (816.210.4792). Thanks for your support of this wonderful community outreach ministry.

LOTV Broome Hut Trip July 28-30

Lord of the Valley has reserved 16 spaces at the Broome Hut for the evenings of July 28th and 29th. A Signup sheet will be available at the back of the sanctuary in March. You can learn more about the Broome Hut by visiting the website: www.grandhuts.org.

