



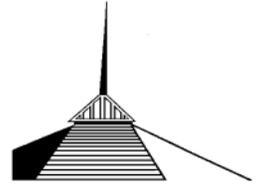
MARCH 2019



# THE LIFE OF LYNNWOOD

LYNNWOOD REFORMED CHURCH

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## THE PASTOR'S NOTEBOOK from the desk of Pastor Garret

This month we begin the season of Lent, a 40 day season in which we prepare and anticipate remembering Jesus' passion on Good Friday and celebrating his resurrection on Easter. This 40 day season of preparation began sometime around the 3rd and 4th centuries, re-imagining the 40 years God's people spent in the wilderness after leaving Egypt, but also the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness. The forty days of Lent begin on Ash Wednesday and run through Holy Week. Sundays are not included, and are often considered to be 'mini-Easters' on which to celebrate the good news that we will fully celebrate on Easter morning.

Historically, this period was seen in the early church as a preparation period for those people who were going to be baptized and welcomed into the church. So, while Lent carries a long history of being associated with an extended meditation on the suffering of Christ, it is a longer held practice to focus on the meaning of our baptism and how we are united with Christ in his dying and rising. If you are not baptized, I would welcome a conversation about that wonderful sacrament!

In all, this 40 day season is a time period for self reflection and drawing closer to God through practice or prayer. One of the things that I am thinking of doing during Lent is reading psalms, particularly psalms of Lament and Penitential Psalms.

***Psalms of Lament:*** One of my favorite Psalms is Psalm 13. I love the way it holds together lament and hope. The Psalmist cries out, "How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?" The Psalmist gives us words to speak to God when we are overwhelmed by the troubles we are going through. The psalmist teaches us that faithfulness is not gritting our teeth and stoically weathering the storms that come, but rather, it is turning toward God, heaving our heavy hearts toward him, and trusting that God will care for us.

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At the end, the psalmist turns toward trusting God because God has proved God's self to be trustworthy in the past. This invites us to trust God even when we might not know how God will make everything better. The psalmist says, "I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me."

Again, what is beautiful about psalms of lament is that they hold the tension of both lament and hope in God.

Psalms of Individuals lamenting to God are 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 13, 14, 22, 25, 39, 41, 42, 43, 51, 54-57, 69, 70, 71, 77, 86, 88, and 140-142. There are other psalms that capture the lament and brokenness of the community as well as the individual. These psalms include 12, 44, 58, 60, 74, 79, 80, 83, and 85.

***Penitential Psalms:*** These psalms give us words to say when we are weighed down by grief and do not know what to say. The form of these typically 1. acknowledge God for who God is and what God has done; 2. Names the guilt or shame the person is experiencing; 3. States the petition or what they hope God will do; 4. Will often end with a praise of who God is. Here is a list of penitential psalms: 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143.

I hope that me providing you these psalms is a helpful thing for your spiritual sojourn through Lent. I will certainly pray other psalms in addition to these, but I wanted to provide those that might help guide your prayers. I hope that this season of Lent is a rich season for you to grow in your baptismal identity and in the knowledge and love of God through Christ Jesus.

As you enter Lent I pray that you know you are loved as a child of God, forgiven by God because of all God has done in Christ, and are united with God always through the Holy Spirit who renews you daily!

*Pastor Garret*

# THE PASTOR'S NOTEBOOK

## from the desk of Pastor Stacey

### The Spirituality of the Scissors

If you ever visit my church office, you'll notice I have a small table in the corner filled with different objects that carry spiritual significance to me or that I use in prayer: a candle to remember the presence of God and the light of Christ, rosary beads gifted to me from a Palestinian Christian in the West Bank, an icon of the Trinity, a banner from a world-wide ecumenical council, a note from a nun I met on an Amtrak train ride, a prayer from St. Ignatius, a finger labyrinth, and a small potted tree to remind me to stay "rooted" in the knowledge of God's love . . . the list goes on. Any of you are welcome to visit me anytime in my office and ask me about the small collection I have on my table or to come use one of the pieces in a guided prayer practice.

This week, I added a new object to the table: a common object, one you might find in a normal office desk drawer. The object now carries a spiritual significance and serves as a reminder to me in my time of prayer. What is it you may ask? It's a scissors.

St. Teresa of Avila describes the life of a Christian as one that is filled with chaos from the outside world. The invitation of the Christian is to enter the "castle" within them where God dwells and to say "no" to all the chaos in order to spend time with God who dwells within them. I love this image. Perhaps I love this image because I need a reminder at times to say "no" to the chaos long in my life enough to find time to be present to God who is always present to me.

The truth is, I am terrible at saying "no". Over-functioning and people-pleasing is the water I swim in. Both these things often cause me to say "yes" to too many things; more things that I can give my word to with integrity. Do you ever feel this way? In recent reflections, I have come to the following conclusion: I believe that saying "no" is necessary to say a greater "yes" to things that are really important in life. Sometimes I need to say "no" to another item on my schedule so I can say "yes" to having time for prayer and spiritual practices. Sometimes I need to say "no" to my inner critic so I can say "yes" to remembering that God loves me.

Sometimes I need to say "no" to worry so I can say "yes" to peace. Sometimes I need to say "no" to something good so I can say "yes" to something better.

Saying "no" is a necessary, healthy practice for boundaries in our spiritual lives. That's where the imagery of the scissors comes in. To me the scissors on my prayer table is a reminder to cut out the things distracting me from what's most important.



March 6 is Ash Wednesday, the day we enter the season of Lent. Lent is a season of repentance, reflection, and preparation for Good Friday and Easter. You may have heard people talking about fasting during lent. Fasting is the practice of saying "no" to something in your life so you can say a greater "yes" to something else. You can fast from food, a possession, or an activity (like checking social media). If you are inclined to try such a practice as fasting during lent, I encourage you to maybe think of giving up something that adds chaos to your life in a way that keeps you distracted from the most important thing: being present to God's presence with you. Perhaps instead of saying "no" to something during lent, you'll say "yes" to

something that you need.

I'm still thinking and praying about what I need to say "no" and "yes" to in my life. I would love to hear from you about what you are thinking of saying "no" and "yes" to. In this journey of saying "no" and "yes" remember that God is always saying "yes" to you. God loves you, is with you, and offers abundant grace to you.

In Christ,  
Pastor Stacey

**Please take a moment to access the "What is Faithwalking?" brochure located on the website where the newsletters are located.**

# Consistory Highlights

In February we:

- Elected Ken Klapp to the office of Vice President of Consistory
- Reviewed and outlined goals/conversations we wish to have for this year including: preparing for Pastor Stacey's departure, creating better communication with the congregation, same-gender marriage discernment, improved means of identifying congregational needs, reviewing our vision, and sustainability of our ministry to/for/by people over 40 years old.
- Recognized that we need to prepare for something new and to care for our life going forward after Pastor Stacey leaves in October, but we also recognized that we need to care for Pastor Stacey as she tries to find a new job.
- Recognized the need to re-constitute the Legacy Team to handle our Legacy fund. This will be taken up by Stewardship.
- We will be hosting the next Schenectady Classis meeting in May 2019. Joanne Cogswell is going to coordinate this.
- *At the beginning of this year we received a check for \$6,674.92 from an energy settlement. Given that the mission budget was cut in half years ago when Jason came on staff at Lynnwood the mission team and consistory have long wanted to restore the full budget. This past year the mission team asked for a 10% increase, which was around \$950. So, in light of the money we received from the energy settlement the consistory approved a motion to increase the mission budget by 10% or \$950.*

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## Discernment Process: Church-Wide Conversations

Join us March 17<sup>th</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup> for a church-wide conversation on our discernment process for LGBTQ+ inclusion and same-gender marriage. The purpose of these conversations is to listen and learn from one another. Each date we will break into small groups with a facilitator to answer the questions:

**March 17:** Why does the conversation about LGBTQ+ inclusion and same-gender marriage matter to you?

**March 31:** What's your favorite passage in the Bible and why? What does it tell you about the character of God and the role of the church? How might this passage relate to our discernment process?

In your small groups, each person will have an opportunity to answer these questions. Please join us! All are welcome! We will meet at 11:15am on both dates and 5:30pm on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

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### March 1, 2019

Greetings Schenectady Classis!

Those of you that were gathered for our Stated Session are aware of the new business that was brought before the classis on Tuesday evening. On that day the General Conference of the United Methodist Church had voted to approve the Traditional plan, which toughens prohibitions on same-sex marriage and LBTGQ clergy. The Classis of Schenectady voted to approve the following resolution in response to the General Conference's decision. You are invited to share this with your congregations.

**WHEREAS: The Classis of Schenectady has long been committed to the witness of unity in the midst of diversity, and;**

**WHEREAS: The Classis of Schenectady has been a witness to the broader church on how to "be in this together, for good"**

**WHEREAS: The Classis of Schenectady has adopted a bylaw of non-discrimination in regards to LGBTQ people and has rejected division, even in the midst of our differing views, and;**

**WHEREAS: The General Conference of the United Methodist Church today, February 26, 2019, voted to codify discriminatory practices into church law, barring LGBTQ people from being ordained and from same-sex couples from marrying, which will result in inexplicable harm to LGBTQ people, and;**

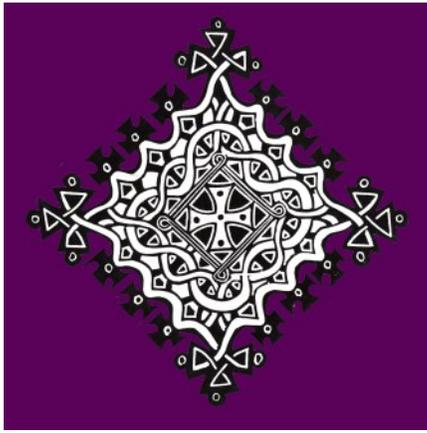
**WHEREAS: The witness of the broader church is harmed when discrimination against any people is the rule of the church, therefore, be it:**

**RESOLVED: That the Classis of Schenectady offers prayers to our LGBTQ siblings in Christ who have experienced and will experience discrimination as a result of this decision, calls upon all those who have caused harm to repent, and recommits our witness to the broader church to be "in this together, for good."**

**Adopted unanimously in full stated session, this twenty-sixth day of February, in the year of our Lord, two-thousand nineteen.**

Rev. Lindsey De Kruif  
Stated Clerk  
Classis of Schenectady

## Ash Wednesday and Lent



On Wednesday, March 6th Lent will begin with our Ash Wednesday service. Lent is a season in the church year that begins a 40 day journey to Easter. This 40 day journey symbolically recalls the 40 year journey of the Israelites in the wilderness, but primarily the 40 days and nights that Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness. This season is considered a “penitential” season. “Penitent” means to express or show sorrow for wrongdoing that has been done. This season of Lent is an invitation to be open with God, ourselves, and perhaps others too about the ways we have turned away from God or done wrong to others. Typically this season is marked by spiritual practices in which one gives something up in order to become more fully aware or connected to God. In all, it is a 40 day journey of turning away from things that do not give us life in order to turn toward God and toward a day (Easter) which we do receive life. You might notice

during our worship that the colors around the sanctuary are purple. Purple was a color that represents royalty, but also sadness, longing, and a deep longing to return to God.

As I noted before, we will begin this season of Lent on March 6th, which is called *Ash Wednesday*. On this day we will gather in order to worship, receive communion, and then receive the imposition of ashes. These ashes remind us that we are human, finite beings who having died will once again become the dust of the earth. These ashes are a reminder that we are human, but also an invitation to recognize our need for God in all that we are and all that we do. I do invite you to join us for this service, which starts at 7pm.

**A snowstorm on January 20** resulted in Lynnwood cancelling worship. It was a tough call to make! Has this ever happened before? In the event that we again find it prudent to cancel a worship service, we will try to make this known in a number of ways. We will: 1) announce it on our website 2) send you an email, 3) text you (have you given us your cell phone number?), and 4) post on it Facebook. We are in the process of registering for inclusion on television as well, but this takes quite some time. For other events scheduled at Lynnwood, just check the calendar on the website. That is always the most up-to-date source for all events.



Are you cancelling a meeting? Please let the office know so we can change the calendar right away. This helps staff and snow removal personnel. Maybe we bumped up the thermostat in anticipation of your meeting! Also, please share with the office any meetings you are scheduling for the same reason.

With the January 20 closing of church, February 3 could rightfully be called a “Marathon Sunday.” We celebrated the Lord’s Supper, the baptism of Elise Nicole Burby, installed consistory members Karen Messercola and Charlie Miller, and held a congregational meeting in which the proposed 2019 budget was affirmed.

## Food and Faith at SUNY ALBANY

**On March 5, 2019 from 6-7:15 pm** the Lynnwood community will have an opportunity to support the Interfaith Campus Ministry at the University at Albany. The Campus Ministry serves the 17,000-plus student body at SUNY with weekly services, weekly devotions, and opportunities for fellowship, community service and mission trips. Food & Faith is held every Tuesday during the fall and winter semesters. Each week a different local church prepares dinner for the students and shows up to serve and present a short devotion. Our menu will be tacos and Pastor Garret will be presenting the devotion.

We need sign ups to provide the food and come out to serve and meet the students. We can meet at the church at 5 to car pool out to the University. If you have any questions, contact Vicki Schlierer at [vschlierer@gmail.com](mailto:vschlierer@gmail.com) or 518-895-1084.

## First Reformed Church to host “Sioux City Sudan” Sunday March 10

First Reformed Church in Scotia will host “Sioux Center Sudan”, a play about an Iowa teacher who became a missionary nurse, on Sunday, March 10, at 1:30 p.m. The play is based on Arlene Schuiteman’s journals, in which she recorded, nearly daily, the events, relationships, and spiritual questions and insights she experienced during her three-decade career as a nurse missionary. “Sioux Center Sudan” will be performed by the Drama Ministries Ensemble of Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa. Community members are invited to the free event, which will be followed by a book signing with author Jeff Barker.

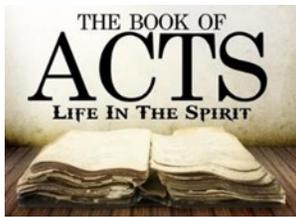


# JOIN A SMALL GROUP FOR 2019 LENT!



It is said that when we enter the spiritual journey of Lent, we take things with us: our past experiences, our interpretation of scriptures, our questions about the world, our struggles in faith. What does it look like if we enter this journey with others? Join a small group this Lent and find the fuller, richer experience God has been preparing for you. Come travel with others!! Church membership is not required. Church attendance is not required. Invite a friend and attend a group together. Which group will you join? Directly contact facilitator/s to sign-up.

**Where Do I Come In? - Joining God's Mission:** This group will focus on shifting the definition of "mission" from being a church activity to being a lifestyle. Through short daily devotional readings and weekly group discussions, we will work toward identifying and clarifying how God is on the move in everyday places and with people we meet. We will develop and clarify our vision of how all of our lives are engaged with the mission of God in the world. Marian Truax is facilitating this group meeting **Tuesday evenings 6:30-8:00 March 12-April 16** in Classroom Andrew. Contact Marian at [truax2581@nycap.rr.com](mailto:truax2581@nycap.rr.com) or call/text 518-878-6206



**The Book of the Holy Spirit:** Did you know that the gospel of Luke has a sequel? It is the book of the Acts of the Apostles. In this action-packed book of scripture the gospel writer Luke chronicles the first few days and years of the early church. It is an amazing book that can help us remember the foundation and foundational values of the community of Jesus. If you desire to learn more about Acts, I invite you to join my small group where we will read through the whole book. Some materials needed for this will be a Bible, internet access to [thebibleproject.com](http://thebibleproject.com), and an ability to meet at the parsonage on **Wednesday evenings 6:30-7:30 March 13 -April 17**. Other than that, a desire to read scripture and a heart that is willing to learn more of the heart of God through group study is all that is required. I hope you might consider this opportunity. If you are interested, please talk to Pastor Garret, or email him [pastorgarret.lrc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorgarret.lrc@gmail.com).

**Journeying with Jesus:** After taking a break, this small group will resume during Lent. The group will meet **Sunday mornings after worship 11:15-12:15 starting March 10** in the partitioned space in the Fellowship Center. Participants have valued the deeper engagement with the day's scripture. Facilitators provide time to read the following week's passage, talk about its context/historical circumstances and explore how the scripture might be speaking to us. No prior Biblical learning is required, only a spirit of love and curiosity to engage scripture with others. No need to have been a previous member to join. Contact Pastor Garret [pastorgarret.lrc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorgarret.lrc@gmail.com), Pastor Stacey [pastorstacey.lrc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorstacey.lrc@gmail.com), or call 518-356-4327.



## **Becoming a Good Samaritan through Improvisational Techniques:**



Improv is a playful fun way to develop ways of working with and helping others. Learn how to be positive with whatever the moment offers and silence the inner censor that prevents truly wonderful thoughts from being expressed to others. Various improvisational skills that can help participants become better "Good Samaritans" in everyday life will be introduced. This high energy group will meet weekly in the sanctuary **Sunday evenings 5:30-7:00 pm, starting March 17** for six sessions.

All ages are welcome. Contact Ken Klapp by email [kklapp@nycap.rr.com](mailto:kklapp@nycap.rr.com) or by phone 518-334-7702.

## **The Bible and Human Sexuality:**

What does the Bible say about human sexuality? More specifically: what does the Bible say about same-sex relationships? How do we understand and apply this faithfully in our lives today? Join Pastor Stacey as she looks at seven passages often attributed to this topic. Each passage will be studied from multiple perspectives. In addition to studying these seven passages, the small group will also study passages that describe the role of the church in the world. The group will meet in the choir room **Mondays 6:00-7:30 pm March 11-April 15**. Everyone is welcome to this study! All viewpoints and Bible knowledge levels welcome! Contact Pastor Stacey at [pastorstacey.lrc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorstacey.lrc@gmail.com) or call 518-356-4327.



## Good Friday - Organ Meditations at Noon

Join us Good Friday, April 19, for organ meditations in the sanctuary at noon. Bring a sandwich and stay for lunch. Dessert and beverage provided.



## Lenten Cross Tree

As part of our Lenten program, the Worship and Music Team is asking that the congregation help with the "cross tree." The idea is that individuals will make or purchase a small cross that can be hung around the neck. These will be displayed on one or more "cross trees" in the narthex beginning on the first Sunday of Lent (March 10). Each individual who wishes to participate will take a cross on the way into church and wear the cross during the service, returning it to the cross tree after the service. The crosses represent the burdens that we each must bear and returning them to the cross tree represents placing those burdens in the hands of Christ.



On Easter, each participant will take a cross and take it home rather than return it to the cross tree, a reminder that the process is a continuous one.

## Fellowship at Lynnwood



*We celebrated  
Alice Corcoran's  
99th Birthday  
during  
Fellowship Hour  
January 27th.*

*Please join us in a gathering  
to honor Geri Mohr  
(and her great enjoyment of eating out)  
on her birthday*

*Thursday, March 7th 2019  
1:00 p.m. at Pizza Gram Plus  
2514 Western Avenue, Guilderland*

*Kindly mention that you plan to come to  
Lauri Miller or Susan Spring Meggs*

## *Talent Show & Pot Luck Saturday April 6*

*Potluck at 5:45  
in the Fellowship Center  
Show at 7:00*

*Sign Up Sheet in Narthex  
Invite your friends!*



## *Game Day at Lynnwood!*

*Sunday, March 10th  
11:30 ~ following the Worship Service.  
Please bring favorite games to the Fellowship Center.*

*Bring your own lunch;  
Fellowship Team will serve  
beverages.*

*Come one ~ Come all!  
It'll be fun!*



## Spring 2019 Youth Programing

Sunday School at Lynnwood is split into two classes: Explorations (Pre-K-5<sup>th</sup> grades) and Discipleship (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades).

Both groups meet every Sunday during worship except if otherwise noted.

Explorations leaves worship after the children's sermon. Discipleship leaves after the sermon.

Both classes end at 11:15am. All are welcome!

### **Sunday, March 3, 5:30-7pm**

Community Youth Group (4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) *Meet at Altamont Reformed Church for dinner, team building, & learning.*

### **Sunday, March 17, 5:30-7pm**

Lynnwood Youth Group (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) *Join us for dinner, games, & time together!*

### **Sunday, April 7, 5:30-7pm**

Community Youth Group (4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) *Meet at LRC for dinner, team building, and learning.*

### **Sunday, April 20**

*No youth group because of Easter. Enjoy time with your family!*

### **Sunday, May 5th, 5:30-7pm**

Community Youth Group (4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) *Meet at Altamont Reformed Church for dinner, team building, & learning.*

### **Sunday, May 19**

Celebration Sunday: *Sunday School plans and leads worship.*

### **Sunday, May 19, 5:30-7pm**

Lynnwood Youth Group (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) *Join us for dinner, games, & time together!*

### **Saturday, June 1- Sunday, June 2**

Community Youth Group (4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) *Overnight event at Lynnwood.*

### **Registration for Summer Camp Fowler is open!**

Go to [www.campfowler.org](http://www.campfowler.org) to learn more and to register. If you are interested in going to Camp Fowler, Lynnwood offers a \$100 scholarship for children and youth connected to our congregation. To receive a scholarship, please contact Pastor Stacey.



In early January, Pastor Garret preached a sermon on Jesus's baptism. He began his sermon by posing this question: "Have you ever seen God's love?" My mind's voice said "Of course." Then I was filled with the memory of what I experienced at the Christmas Eve Service just a couple of weeks before. I heard God's love!

Nicholas Comparetta shared his musical talent by playing the xylophone. I couldn't tell you what the song was that he played because to me each note was its own

song, its own story. In all the years I worshiped in our sanctuary when it was filled with people, I'd never heard such a silence. When the mallet struck the tone bar, the notes flew up into the air, pristine and clear. They resonated there under the dome of the spire, filling the air with something I wish I could touch. With my eyes shut, I saw one note, because its sound was as bright as the star over Bethlehem. Another note reflected on the manger where baby Jesus lay. Another note said, "Be still and know that I am God." All of my senses were engaged. I was filled with wonder, joy and love. When the music stopped and I opened my eyes, tears were running down my cheeks.

I praise God for speaking to me in such a way as this. My prayer for all of us is that we open our minds, hearts, eyes and ears because we never know how we will experience God's love for us. Amen.

Karen Messercola

# NEEDS OF THE MONTH

## Guilderland Food Pantry



- Coffee
- Dish soap
- Laundry detergent
- Condiments
- Canned fruit
- Paper towels
- Dinty Moore Beef stew

## Schenectady Community Ministries

Needed all the time:

- shelf stable milk: soy, evaporated
- canned soups, veggies, fruit, beans, tuna
- applesauce
- quinoa
- brown rice
- whole wheat pasta
- 100% fruit juice



Dear Friends,

We are focusing this year on diverting more clothing items and textiles away from landfills and sending them to people who can use them around the US and the world!

Thank you for continuing to collaborate with us on the St. Pauly Textile clothing drop off shed project! **In 2018 roughly 14,224 garments of clothing were donated to your shed. This as enough to cloth an estimated 1,725 people.** This clothing is being used right now by people on one or more of 44 different countries (including the US) to which our clothing is likely to have been distributed this year.

Your organization raised \$861.02 in 2018 through hosting this shed.

We ask that you continue to spread the word about the clothing shed to other community members. Thank you for all your support, and please feel free to reach out to us at any time!

Sincerely,

The Team at St. Pauly Textile, Inc.



### **Why St. Pauly Textile Inc. collects clothing:**

- According to the EPA, 85% of clothing in the U.S. is thrown away. This means that only about 15% of clothing that could potentially be re-used is collected using existing methods.
- There is an enormous global need for used clothing. St. Pauly is able to distribute clothing to organizations and people all over the world who could use it. All of the clothing and textiles collected is used by someone somewhere.

### **What to Drop-off:**

Used clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, linens, pillowcases, blankets, curtains, and stuffed animals.

### **What Not to Drop-off:**

Furniture, electronics, household items, books, toys, garbage, pillows, rags, and fabric scraps

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

The City Mission shoe collection box is still here in the hallway by the office and available to receive your donated shoes - in any condition.

Please tie/band your shoes together.



**For a more complete, detailed & updated calendar, please visit the Calendar tab on our website!**

# MARCH 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b><u>Lenten Small Groups:</u></b> ★ Where Do I Come In? 6:30 0 The Book of the Holy Spirit 6:30 at the parsonage ✕ Journeying with Jesus 11:15 0 Becoming a Good Samaritan through Improvisational Techniques 5:30 ? The Bible & Human Sexuality 6:00					1	2 Choir 9:30am
3 <i>Communion</i> Talk Back 11:15 Community Youth 5:30 at Altamont Reformed Suburban Sounds 5:00	4 Mission Team 6:30	5 Serve dinner at Cornerstone Ministry SUNYA B&P 6:30	6  <b>Ash Wednesday</b> Service at 7:00	7 Mohr Luncheon @ Pizza Gram Plus 1:00 Faith Formation 6:30	8	9
10 ✕ Games 11:15 Senior Singles 11:15 Suburban Sounds 7:00	11 ? Serve at City Mission	12 ★	13 0 Prayer Shawl 12:00 Worship Team 6:30 Choir 7:30	14 Report deadline	15 Newsletter Deadline	16
17 ✕ 0 Conversations 11:15 & 5:30 Suburban Sounds 7:00	18 ? ?	19 ★ Consistory	20 0 Joyful Noise Circle 10:00 Choir 7:30	21 Thursday Circle 7:00	22	23
24 ✕ 0 Lynnwood Youth 5:30 Suburban Sounds 7:00 Conversations 11:15 Suburban Sounds 7:00	25 ? ?	26 ★	27 0 Choir 7:30	28	28	30

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 4 Alice Fidler    | 15 Gladys O'Brien  | 27 Bill Mac Gregor |
| Anna May Morrison | 17 Debbie Perretta | Carol Thompson     |
| 5 Janith Mason    | 18 Wayne Blessing  | 28 Peg Kniskern    |
| 9 Ken Klapp       | Ric Klug           | 29 Suzy Pris       |
| 10 Larry Bopp     | 19 Neil Satterly   | 30 Peg Raymond     |
| 12 Jean Anderson  | 22 Peter Palma     | 31 Ellen DeCarr    |
| Julie Ader        | Bill Ports         | Lou Smith          |

### **Publication Deadlines**

Articles for the *Life of Lynnwood* are due on the 15th of each month

### **Bulletin Insert**

Bulletin insert information is due no later than **2pm on Wednesday**.

### **Not receiving our emails?**

If you would like to be included on our church's email list, please send us an email with your address and request. Thanks!

### **Got news?**

Do you have something you would like to share: blessings, thanks, kudos? Just send them to the church office!

## **Lynnwood Reformed Church**

Sunday Worship 9:45

**Office Hours: 8:30 - 4:00 M-F**

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Stacey Duensing

### **Director of Music:**

Jean La Crosse

### **Office Manager:**

Janith W. Mason

### **Custodian:**

Doug Looman

*I wish I could remember his name...*

*Have we met?*

*Your name escapes me.....*

*Who do I contact to sign up?...*

I suppose there are a few of us who know everyone, but it seems we have gotten out of the habit of grabbing our name tag on the way into church.

Won't you help out newcomers - and old timers alike - and wear yours? If you find yours missing, or if somehow we overlooked you, please contact the office.



## **Online giving is now available for your convenience.**

*It's fast, easy, and secure* to give on the Lynnwood website or at Breeze. See the brochure in the narthex, or ask a deacon.

**Envelope Users: Please let a deacon know if you will not need envelopes next year**, so we can save on printing costs. The sooner we know, the earlier we can preorder and obtain discounts. Thanks!



***Did you know you can access your giving history at any time by logging on to your Breeze account?***

Just go to <https://lynnwood.breezechms.com/login> to log in or create your account.

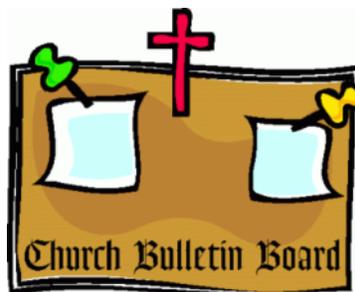
## **2019 CONSISTORY**

### **Deacons**

Joanne Cogswell  
Nancy LaPietro  
Linda Looman  
Charlie Miller  
Sue Weinberg

### **Elders**

Ken Klapp  
Karen Messercola  
Kathy Mix  
Lou Smith  
Mark Watson



Members of our congregation who are homebound and/or in need of care are posted adjacent to the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the offices.

Please remember them in your prayers.

Feel free to contact any member of the Care Team or the office if you would like to assist in any way.

***When was the last time you visited the Library bulletin board in the hallway by the church office?***

There you can catch up on recent correspondence, announcements, community events, and mission news.

*Check it out!*

Are you getting our email blasts?  
Are you on the Prayer partner List?  
Know someone who would like to receive our newsletter?

*How can we keep you in the loop?*

Just contact the office:  
lynnwood@nycap.rr.com  
or 518-356-4327