

Love on the Day of Fools

— A note from Pastor Ken —

What comes to mind when you think about Lent? Is it repentance? Is it giving things up? Is it the cross? Is it darkness? Is it the color purple? Any and all of these would be understandable. They each have their roots somewhere in the midst of this upcoming season. Of course there is the other side as well — when thinking of Lent is guilt what comes to mind?

For many Lent is a time of excessive guilt. Guilt from the ways in which one's life is not living up to what God intends. Guilt from one's perceived lack of commitment. Guilt from years and years of being told to feel guilty. This guilt can weigh upon a person so that Lent becomes a negative experience, rather than the high point of the year, which it is.

Does it sound strange to think of Lent as a high point? With all the baggage we bring to this season that is not surprising. But lest we forget that Lent has historically been the time of preparation for baptism at the Easter vigil. I know this isn't our particular practice, but that is the history. To use this time for individuals and communities to prepare for the gift of baptism and I just can't come up with a higher point than being transformed into new life in Christ through baptism.

Of course preparation is not the full expression of what the thing is. That is, the preparation for baptism isn't a baptism in itself, just as the high point of Easter is not the same as the preparation through Lent. Lent is expectation, whereas Easter is a full expression of celebration and joy. But can't our preparation — the disciplines we use, the rituals we partake in — lead us to be ready to celebrate the amazing and transformational thing God is about to do through the death and resurrection of Jesus?

I ask these questions because Lent will have a different feel this year. The Narrative Lectionary will move us in a different way through the season. Whereas in most years Lent is made up of stories of Jesus life — stories that share lessons in following — this year our journey will be different. This year's journey will take us through the final pieces of Jesus' life. By the third week of Lent we will be at Jesus trial and move from week to week through his interactions with the authorities. On what has traditionally been Palm Sunday and Jesus triumphant entry, we will witness Jesus crucifixion. This year it won't be about our journey, but rather witnessing each step of Jesus journey to the cross. And this kind of movement has the potential to lead us into a dark place that has no sense of preparation for celebration when again, that is what the season is.

This may still sound strange and unexpected — Lent as a time of celebration or preparation for celebration. But the key is that the celebration is

subdued. It is experienced in anticipatory ways. It is anticipation of the celebratory surprise of an empty tomb. It is the expectation of the joy one would experience hearing the savior speak your name. It is the thrill of suspense in experiencing your denials being forgiven. For the joy that is to come on Easter is already known to us.

When Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14th we already know what will come with Easter on April 1st. Yes, in case you didn't know, Lent will start on the day of love and end on the day of fools. We start Jesus journey of sharing God's never-ending love for us on Valentine's Day and end when God shows the foolishness of thought that death would separate us from his love on April's Fools Day.

Therefore, let our season this year be something of anticipatory, subdued celebration of what we know is to come... God greatest love shown on the day of fools.

Peace,

Ken



ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP
7:00 PM | FEBRUARY 14

Midweek Lenten Services
Wednesday Evenings

6:15pm

Soup and Bread
in the fellowship hall

7:00pm

Holden Evening Prayer
in the sanctuary



Beginning February 21st through March 21st

First Thursday Soup

**On Thursday, February 1st
come join us for a bowl (or two) of
homemade soup,
bread and dessert in the Fellowship Hall.
Great food and fellowship!**



Flowers and Fellowship for 2018



Please sign up for Flowers and/or Fellowship hour for the new year. The sign up sheet is located in the Fellowship Hall.

The Altar Guild will order your flowers at a cost of \$27 and place your dedication in the bulletin for the week selected. You can take your flowers home after the 10:30 worship service.

For Fellowship hour make coffee, provide juice/food, and set up/clean up for the date you have selected. Instructions are near the sign up sheet. If you have not done it before, or you are able to set up/or clean up let the church office know and we will find someone to help.

Church Choir Opportunity

We are going to begin two choirs in the church.
Children's ages 4-12
Adult ages 13-104

We are planning on practice in March.

Are you interested?

Please contact

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Or

Martina

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King of Glory is hosting

AARP Tax-Aide

through

April 12th.

Dates & Times:

Monday (2/5-4/9 10am-2pm)

Tuesday (2/6-4/10 10am-2pm)

Thursday (2/1-4/12 4pm-8pm)

First com-first serve program. The doors open exactly at the start time, but individuals are welcome to start lining up 30-40 minutes ahead of time.

Feel free to contact church office for suggest items to bring, or other AARP Tax Aide locations in the Treasure Valley.

Lenten Soup Supper

Please help out by bringing a soup to our Wednesday evening soup supper during Lent. Also, we need groups to set up, clean up, and bring loaves of bread and butter for the supper.

The sign up sheet is located in the Fellowship hall on the administrative desk.

As always, *thank you* for your help.



Bishop Kristen Kuempel ...

Friends,

Synod Assembly prep is proceeding a good pace.

As a reminder, this year's assembly will be held in Yakima, April 27-29. There are a couple of exciting changes I want to lift up to you so you can let your congregations know about them.

1. This year we are working on providing childcare. Having benefited from a synod that provided childcare at Assembly when I was a young mother, I am highly motivated to make this happen—and so is the Synod Assembly Planning Team! When we have more details, we will share them with you!

2. The opening and closing worship services will be live-streamed on Facebook! This will provide an opportunity for those unable to join us for worship in Yakima to be part of the event. With a little planning (and an adventurous congregation), there's even the possibility that the Assembly closing worship could be a satellite event for your congregation! (It would have to be the right situation, granted, but how fun would it be to try? I'm looking at you, Kappus.)

Registration will go live soon, so be on the lookout.

Blessings on you during this time of annual meetings!

Esther & Naomi Circles



Circle will meet on

Wednesday, February 14th at
1:00 p.m.

In the Fellowship Hall

To continue our Bible study from the
“Gather” magazine. If you have left over
goodies, and want to share, bring them to
Circle. Coffee and water provided.

All are welcome.

RUTH CIRCLE

CIRCLE WILL MEET

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

7PM

AT REDEEMER



If you'd like to be included in the email
list, please let the Redeemer office know.
Remember friends are invited and
encouraged to join any Ruth Circle
event.

NO NAME MEN'S GROUP

MONTHLY MEETING: **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH (7:00 PM)**

WHERE: **SOCKEYE GRILL & BREWPUB
(3019 N COLE RD. BOISE, ID)**

We will revisit our base questions for this month:
What has gone well this past month?
What have not?

Also any prayer concerns that you would like to bring to the
group.

Steve, Acting Secretary

Outreach Activities



Wash, Wipe, & Wear Distribution in January



Always like to start off with thanks to all who helped make this months WWW program a success!

Picker-uppers: Gary M. and myself

Diaper sorters: Katie D., Carol G., Marilyn S., Sandy W., and myself

Writers: Robin B.,(a new writer!) and Shirley G.

Baggers and passers: Gloria J., Martina N., and Nowella V.

Number passer and Country recorder: Luanne T.

Extra item passers: Dominique I., and Sandrina U., and myself

This month the extra items were toothpaste and tooth brushes and did we ever see the smiles when they received those! Children received a blueberry candy cane and wish I could have gotten a picture of one little boy who was blue all around his mouth! Ha! What a joy to give to those who are needy! Thanks also to the congregation for letting our program have it's own budget line item! When we picked up the diapers in Meridian from the diaper bank the director told me how they appreciate Redeemers participation as a "Partner".

Katie Davis and I attended the annual Diaper Bank meeting on the 10th. Were handed a chart showing the 2017 statistics. They supplied us with 27,090 diapers valued at \$7043.40. That total served 1229 babies! In July this year the IDB will institute a nominal annual administration fee. They are also planning potty training education classes in the spring and fall for the clients.

When going to the fellowship hall you will see the February sign up sheet for volunteers. If you have never done this program you need to! Let's see some new names.....you will be rewarded! To God be the glory!

In his service, Ruth Makovsky

116 families were served this month.
116 laundry detergent
464 rolls of toilet paper
2700 diapers (108 families received)



January/February

Our goal is to raise money for chairs and other necessities for Voice of Comfort Pentecost in Rwanda. Martina Ngabonziza from Redeemer's congregation is the contact person. We hope to send money for the purchase of chairs and other items by Easter 2018. We at Redeemer are so blessed to have a warm and inviting place of worship.

For any questions please contact Martina.

-Kari Spencer

Ministry of the Month Updates Thank you for giving!!

-December-

Thank you to all who donated food items or made a monetary contribution to Hope Lutheran's Food Pantry. Outreach delivered many bags of non-perishable items and will be mailing a \$300.00 check. Two wonderful pantry volunteers are pictured below.



Our monthly ministry program, Wash, Wipe, Wear (WWW) will be changing their operating hours starting February 17th. The new hours will be 1pm-2:30pm.

Christie Lenée
Singer/Songwriter/Guitarist

2017 International Fingerstyle Guitar Champion

"Christie Lenée is a wonderful spirit making beautiful music on the guitar. She has epic compositions that take one on a journey through time."
- Tim Reynolds, *Guitarist for Dave Matthews Band*

"... One of the most shockingly moving interludes we've ever had. It was more than the fluid, neck-tapping virtuosity. She seemed to radiate joy."
- Craig Harvigurst, *Music City Roots, Nashville, TN*

Watch Christie perform

appearing:

Friday, February 2nd, 2018
7:00 PM - \$20.00
ticket info [208-344-3011](tel:208-344-3011)
or go to <http://bit.ly/2BfirUp>

TICKETS

Acoustic Intimacy Series
at Immanuel Lutheran Church
707 West Fort Street Boise, ID

christielenee.com | facebook.com/christielenee

BIBLE STUDY

11AM ON THURSDAYS

The format for the study is quite simple. We open in prayer asking for the Spirit to guide us in our study. Then we read a passage and discuss.

- What stood out to us?
- What do we hear God saying to us today?
- What questions does it raise?

As the discussion lessens and time allows we continue by reading another passage. This type of study does not require any prep work to join. Simply come and we will read the bible together. Please consider joining us.

All are welcome.

CHANGE OF PLANS

The Congregation Council has been engaged in conversation about how we might grow and deepen our relationships with one another. You will hear more about this at the January Semi-Annual Meeting, but in the meantime, Pastor Ken would like to invite the congregation to re-focus on our time of fellowship between worship.

We will be suspending the inter-generational learning until Lent. In its absence Pastor Ken would like to encourage people to consider spending an hour and 45 minutes on Sunday mornings with the community. One hour in worship and 45 minutes in fellowship. For our early worshipers that would be mean 8:30-10:15am. For late worshipers it would mean 9:45-11:30am.

Rekindle old friendships. Get to know someone you don't know quite as well. Share life together. Let this be a time for our community of growing and deepening relationships. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Ken.



Boise Singles' Bible Study
 on the first Friday of the month at
 The District Coffee House
 from 7-8am.

We will be using the Faith Lens Bible Study. Come join us for coffee and conversation. There is no need to RSVP. Just show up and look for us. Though Faith Lens is created by Lutherans, we are an ecumenical group. Here is a link for more information:

<http://blogs.elca.org/faithlens/>

Monthly Game Nights (including Feb. 3 and March 3) at 6pm at River Room upstairs at Whole Foods

Are you into board games and hanging out with fun people in a relaxed environment? Then Game Night is for you! We meet at 6:00 for some appetizers and beverages and then we get down to it. We have a variety of games but are open to anything so if you have some good board games, please bring them!!

We created a Meetup Group and made Facebook events. If people want to talk to an actual person, that would be my approach-surprise, surprise- I am happy to field phone calls.

Pastor Meggan Manlove

208-318-4845

*Thank you to everyone who
 attended the Annual Meeting.*

If you did not pick up your giving statement at the annual meeting. All remaining giving statements will be mailed out January 30th, 2018

Upcoming dates:

Daylight savings time: Sunday, March 11th

Palm Sunday: Sunday, March 25th

Maundy Thursday: Thursday, March 29th

Good Friday: Friday, March 30th

Easter: Sunday, April 1st



February 2018

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<p>4 8:30 Worship 9:30 Fellowship 10:30 Worship</p>	<p>5 Office Closed 12:00 NA 8:00 AA</p>	<p>6 9:30 Quilters 12:00 NA 7:00 NA 7:00 NAMI</p>	<p>7 12:00 NA</p>	<p>1 11:00 Bible Study 12:00 1st Thursday Soup 12:00 NA 7:00 NA</p>	<p>2 10:00 Folders 12:00 NA 8:00 NA</p>	<p>3 12:00 NA 7:00 NA</p>
<p>11 8:30 Worship 9:30 Fellowship 10:30 Worship</p>	<p>12 Office Closed 12:00 NA 7:00 Men's Group 8:00 AA</p>	<p>13 9:30 Quilters 12:00 NA 7:00 NA 7:00 NAMI</p>	<p>14 Ash Wednesday 12:00 NA 1:00 Esther & Naomi Circle 7:00 Ash Wednesday Worship</p>	<p>8 11:00 Bible Study 12:00 NA</p>	<p>9 10:00 Folders 12:00 NA 8:00 NA</p>	<p>10 12:00 NA 7:00 NA</p>
<p>18 Lent 1 8:30 Worship 9:30 Fellowship 9:30 Intergenerational learning 10:30 Worship</p>	<p>19 Office Closed 12:00 NA 8:00 AA</p>	<p>20 9:30 Quilters 12:00 NA 7:00 NA 7:00 NAMI</p>	<p>21 12:00 NA 6:15 Soup Supper 7:00 Worship</p>	<p>15 11:00 Bible Study 12:00 NA</p>	<p>16 10:00 Folders 12:00 NA 8:00 NA</p>	<p>17 12:00 NA 1:00 WWW 7:00 NA</p>
<p>25 Lent 2 8:30 Worship 9:30 Fellowship 9:30 Intergenerational learning 10:30 Worship 11:30 Prayer Group</p>	<p>26 Office Closed 12:00 NA 8:00 AA</p>	<p>27 9:30 Quilters 12:00 NA 7:00 NA 7:00 NAMI</p>	<p>28 12:00 NA 6:15 Soup Supper 7:00 Worship</p>	<p>22 11:00 Bible Study 12:00 NA</p>	<p>23 10:00 Folders 12:00 NA 8:00 NA</p>	<p>24 12:00 NA 7:00 NA 1:30 Recital 3:30 Recital</p>

Readings for Sundays in February

February 4	The Woman at the Well	John 4:1-42
February 11	The Man Born Blind	John 9:1-41
February 18	Jesus Raises Lazarus	John 11:1-44
February 25	Jesus Washes Feet	John 13:1-17

February Altar Guild:	Erin Fischer	Flowers:
	Coffee and Fellowship Time:	House plants _____
Feb 4	<u>Katie Davis</u>	Prayer Group _____
Feb 11	<u>Carrothers</u>	Lent-no flowers _____
Feb 18	<u>Brenda</u>	Lent-no flowers _____
Feb 25	<u>Morris/Nowela</u>	

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: *New prayer requests are shown in bold print.*



Ryan Albers	Thom Garzone	John Molchon
Dave Altman	Dani Goodson	Bill Nary
Michael Brown	Everly Goodson	Kitty Patton
Peter Bond	Waverly Goodson	Andrew & Becca Pike
Ron & Melanie Campbell	Jonathon Haigh	Tina Qualls
Chilcott Family	George Hess	Anne Raffetto
Family of Susie Collett	Alice Holmes	Roberta Riegger
Family of Janice Collins	Harold Horton	Family of Maren Roisland
Connor's Family	Patsy Horton	Sonia Safron
Kristi Davis	Julie Hulvey	Flora Schweitzer
Debbie Reidhaar	Family of Ed Irons	Scott and family
Lex Denen	Larry Irons	Silflow Family
Logan Denen	Leia Jane	Frank Sobolewski
Family of Darrell Dorn	Betty Kidd	Maxine Spears
Jennifer Draney	Grace Kinsey	Sandy Spreier
Draney Family	Loren Larson	Family of Stoor/Smith
Noah Dupree	Bob McDonald	Alan Syron
Family of Burt Echtenkamp	Sean Michael	Leia Vogt
Mike Edgekoski	Misner Family	Deanna Watson
Louise Gaedeke	Joe Mogen	Family of Michael Zipser

Military

Seth Erickson	Carol Kohtz	Jim Schmeits
Devan Irons	Logan Kostick	Brian Waybright
Matthew Jay	Jonathan Negron	
Jason Kinsey	Jon Savage	

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