

# 2012 Lenten Newsletter

## February and March

Faith Lutheran Church

714 N Grand Ave.

Pierre, SD 57501



### Mardi Gras

**FAITH LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

**Tuesday, February 21  
5:00-6:30 P.M.**

Come join us for an evening  
of fun!

Our Board of Parish Fellowship will provide the hot-dogs, chips and beverages.

Our LYF will have booths set up for the kids to win all sorts of prizes.

It's all free, and it's for the whole family!

**FREE! FREE!  
FREE!**



## Evening Lenten Schedule "The Trials of Jesus: The Voices of Prosecution"

**Ash Wednesday, February 22**

11:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

With Holy Communion

"The Voice of Satan"

**Wednesday, February 29**

11:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

"The Voice of Judas"

**Wednesday, March 7**

11:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

"The Voice of Annas"

**Wednesday, March 14**

11:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

"The Voice of Caiaphas"

**Wednesday, March 21**

11:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

"The Voice of Peter"

**Wednesday, March 28**

11:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

"The Voice of Herod"

**Monday, April 2**

Passover Meal 6:00 p.m.

The limit is 80 people. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex in March.

**Maundy Thursday, April 5**

11:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

"The Voice of Pilate"

**Good Friday, April 6**

7:30 p.m. only

"The Voice of Innocence"

- The Good Friday service will be preceded by a Good Friday Potato Dinner from 5:00-6:30.



- A congregational hymn sing will follow from 6:45-7:30. Come and sing your favorite hymns!





## ROSEBUD INDIAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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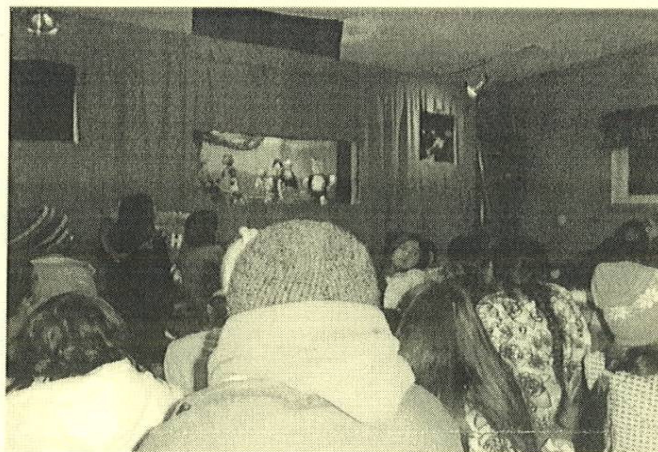
### A NOTE FROM YOUR MISSIONARIES

I want to start out this letter with a Thank You to all who have given gifts for our ministry here in Rosebud. It is much appreciated. For all the gifts, from prayers to cookies to hats and gloves to clothes, to food, and financial contributions, we say Thank You!

We had great celebrations over Thanksgiving and Christmas. The Sunday before Thanksgiving we had a dinner along with church in Parmelee. There was somewhere around 75 people crowded into our little building. We had our Thanksgiving meal and worship on Wednesday evening in Rosebud. It too was well attended, and of course we sang, prayed, and gave thanks through the preaching and hearing of God's Word.

Our Christmas involved a party in Rosebud, that included our puppet show, plus a meal. We had games planned, but the weather was not so cooperative so we skipped the games. We also had Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services, and they of course focused on the great gift we have in Jesus especially focusing on the words of the angels.

In Parmelee we have a tradition of going on a hayride to go Christmas caroling to the various elders houses in Parmelee. This is perhaps the best event in Parmelee all year. We have a large community involvement, people are sober and caring about each other, and very giving as in the Lakota tradition. We had perhaps 100 people, mostly kids, helping us carol around town. Then we went to the Boys and Girls Club for the puppet show and gifts. I would guess there was in excess of 200 people there, maybe even 250. Again this year we had help from our friends in Brandon, SD. They brought some youth to help, it was fun.



Christmas eve in Parmelee starts at 11pm and ends about midnight. This too was wonderful, with candlelight hymns and about 60 people in attendance.

One thing we are looking for is a Christian Alcohol Counselor to help lead at treatment program in the Valentine Nebraska area, specifically with Native Americans.

Overall, this past year on the reservation has seen a comfortable growth, not just measured by numbers, but a growth in the faith and life of the people living here. We appreciate all your continued prayers and support, as we head into 2012.

May our Lord Jesus bless you in 2012

Rev. Andrew Utechts

*Rev. Andrew Utechts*

*I want to say Thank You again for the donations for our food Bank! May the Lord Bless all of you in 2012!*



## "God's Story—Your Story"

A New  
Max  
Lucado  
Bible  
Study

Join us for a six week, terrific Sunday Study hosted by Max Lucado and taught by our Elders.

This is a study that will feed your mind and heart.

### "God's Story—Your Story"

**February 12, 2012**

When God's Story Becomes Yours

**February 19, 2012**

Ordinary Matters

**February 26, 2012**

You Hear a Voice You Can Trust

**March 4, 2012**

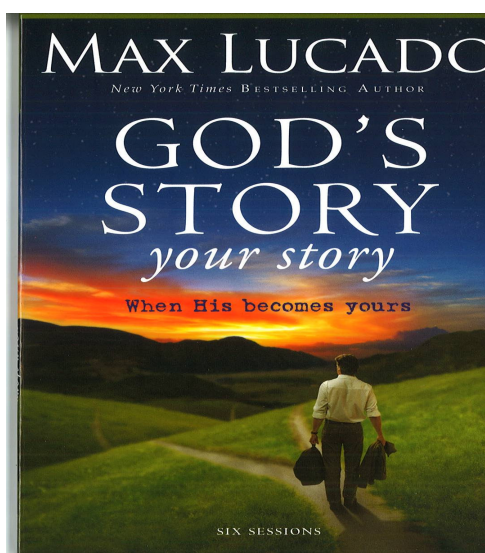
You Won't be Forsaken

**March 11, 2012**

Your Final Chapter Becomes a Preface

**March, 18, 2012**

You Will Finally Graduate



## Nour Tour of the Holy Land

You are invited to join me, Rev. Nabil Nour, a native of Israel, born in Nazareth to Journey to the Holy Land and Jordan for the spiritual experience of a lifetime October 22-November 04...walk where Jesus walked...where every page of the Bible comes alive...cruise the Sea of Galilee...climb the Mount of Olives and view the Old City of Jerusalem...visit Tabgha, scene of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes...the Mount of Beatitudes, site of the Sermon on the Mount where Jesus chose his Twelve Apostles...walk the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher... stroll in the Garden of Gethsemane...visit Bethlehem...the Church of the Nativity and in Jordan...Madaba...Nebo...and Petra.

What to expect: During this 14-day tour, you will experience the sounds, smells and sights of two civilizations; the old and the new. You will stand at the cross roads of history and feel the vibrant influence of how this land shapes all other lands.

We will do more than just visit sights. We will go off the beaten path and have personal and daily devotions. The Bible will be our map and guide. Experience Israel—a place like no other. Please join me on this pilgrimage.

The price is \$3,980.00 and includes air fair from Minneapolis to Tel Aviv and back to Minneapolis,

hotel accommodations (for double occupancy), tips, entry fees and all meals.

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## Daycare Director



Faith Lutheran Daycare is seeking an individual for the position of Director. The Director over-

sees program development, staffing, and the annual budget, as well as ensuring the day-to-day operations conform to all safety and licensing requirements. Excellent leadership, organizational, and communication skills, as well as the ability to provide exceptional customer service are a must. Faith Lutheran Daycare is a Christian-based daycare, so knowledge and understanding of Christian teaching and practice is required. Benefits include sick leave, vacation leave, health insurance and retirement. The starting salary is negotiable depending on experience and qualifications. Inquiries should be directed to Faith Lutheran Church at 605-224-2216.

## LENT: Uncovering Your Vulnerability

*"Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." Mark 14:18*

Betrayal is a nasty surprise. To be betrayed is bad enough, but to be betrayed by someone close to you, someone you love and trust, is malicious and sickening. Who among us has not experienced this kind of betrayal? Husband, wife, parent, employer, best friend... Who among us is able to forgive it? To easily trust again? To be able to close the wound?

'Tis midnight, and on Olive's brow  
The star is dimmed that lately shown;  
'Tis midnight, in the garden now  
The suffering Savior prays alone.

Christ lived his life on earth and encountered the best and worst of what we are about. He knew he would be betrayed and lived with that. Yet, he was able to forgive those who betrayed him. The hymn writer illustrates our Lord's ultimate loneliness, suffering and how painful betrayal is.

'Tis midnight, and from all removed  
Emmanuel wrestles lone with fears  
E'en the disciple whom He loved  
Heeds not his Master's grief and tears.

Jesus, as true man, was vulnerable, defenseless and unprotected. Who among us is vulnerable? I would have to say that anyone who invests themselves in life; anyone who invests themselves in others;

anyone who invests themselves in their career; anyone who invests themselves in the church; anyone who invests themselves in the choir.

'Tis midnight, and for others' guilt  
The Man of Sorrows weeps in blood;  
Yet He Who hath in anguish knelt  
Is not forsaken by His God.

I recently attended a choral conference where the keynote speaker spoke of three things that influence us as directors and musicians – the body, the soul and the spirit. They all work together to inspire us. The soul and the spirit can't be seen, but they are felt. The spirit wants to reach out to something greater than we are. Beauty (much of which comes from music) feeds the spirit. Beauty uncovers pain. As musicians, we desire the ability to uncover pain. Martin Luther, who penned many of our hymns, found out who he was through pain. He wrote, "The gift of music is second to the Word."

'Tis midnight, and from ether plains  
Is borne the song that angels know;  
Unheard by mortals are the strains  
That sweetly soothe the Savior's woe.

We are all vulnerable – open to emotion. Vulnerability grows in the garden of trust. Conductors and vocalists work with emotions every day. Are we open to feelings of the text? To the depth of

the text? The director and choir have a relationship with each other – they each come to rehearsals and performances with a different journey. Musicians shouldn't be afraid to let their emotions show. The choir should be allowed to express vulnerability of the human experience.

This Lenten season, can you allow yourself to become vulnerable? Remember our forgiving Lord, even as he was cast aside. If you are wounded, let him help you heal. If you are angry, let him help you to forgive. If you are distrustful, let him help you trust again.

*"God sings, we hum along; many melodies, but one song."*

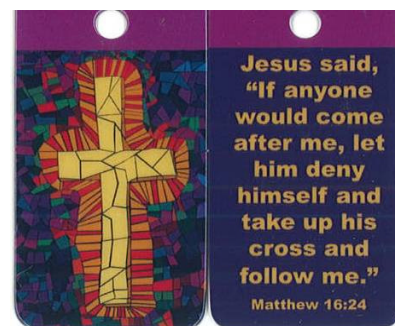
Karen Lindbloom

### Lenten Key Tag

Enclosed in this newsletter is a key tag to slip on your keys to remind you in the days of Lent of the words of Jesus,

*"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."*

*St. Matthew 16:24*



## BUILDING NEWS

### Debt Retirement

Our Debt Retirement Account continues to receive generous gifts.

As of February 1, in addition to our regular monthly payment of \$5,487.00, we made six more advance payments saving \$24,997.52 in interest.

Since the beginning of our payments in July of 2010, we have now remitted sixty (60) advanced payments saving a total of \$242,365.29. We are now five years ahead on our payments.

We originally took out a thirty year loan to keep our monthly payment within our reasonable ability to pay. Yet, this was done with the intention of accelerating payments.

Would it not be remarkable that in our first three years of this loan, we would reduce the original interest of \$1,000,000 on the million dollar loan by a third?!

Thank you for your continued giving.



### Progress Report On Our St. Paul, St. Luke and St. John Rooms

- All the dry walling is done; taped, mudded, and textured. This work was done by Midwest Construction and Brock Dry wall.
- The closets are all boxed in.
- The St. Paul room is painted, thanks to Jay Fredrich.
- All the closet doors and frames are in.
- The ceiling grid and cut ins are done.
- We thank Titze Electric for assisting with the wiring in the St. Paul room as a gift in memory of Cal & Ruth Titze. A part of the memorial gift given by Cal & Ruth's family was also designated to the new cabinets in the St. Paul room. We thank Sheryl Blake, Dave Titze, Paul Titze, and Marsha Davenport for this kindness. The wiring was done by Dave, Paul, and Troy Titze.
- We thank Todd's Electric for the donation of light fixtures for the St. Paul room. The fixtures are installed!
- Leidholt/McNeely/Leidholt have placed the H/C vents into the ceiling.

As we finish up the St. Paul room, we would like to add a large white board, a TV and a DVD/Video player, and 20 nice padded folding chairs. If you would like to donate any of these items, please speak to Pastor Urbach. The estimated cost of the whiteboard is \$187.00 and we will let you know about the chairs later.

Thank you and thanks to all for making the St. Paul, St. John, and St. Luke rooms much more attractive and usable.

### The Elevator

As this newsletter is being written, the crew from Otis Elevator is busy installing the elevator. We have set the Dedication date as the first Sunday in March, March 4 at 9:30.

Thank you to all of you for your generous gifts. Not one cent will be borrowed.



### Painting Party

Can you please help us paint the St. Luke/John room on Saturday, March 3? Please bring rollers, brushes, and roller trays.

8:30-9:00 Donuts, coffee, & juice

9:00-11:30 Painting Party

11:30 Pizza for the painters





## Thrivent Choice Dollars

Our Thrivent Choice Dollars designated for Faith Lutheran in the year of 2011, were \$12,591.00. The Board of Stewardship, at its January meeting, designated the dollars as follows:

- \$1,000.00 to the South Dakota District for missions support of our District and Synod.
- \$1,305.00 for accelerated payment #55 for Debt Retirement.
- \$1,589.00 to the Elevator Fund.
- \$2,000.00 to our Broadcast Work Program line to cover expenses of Sonrise and our Cable Broadcast for those Sundays when we don't have a sponsor.
- \$6,697.00 to the Building Fund to assist in the cost of finishing the Sts. Luke, John, and Paul rooms.

What are Thrivent Choice Dollars?

Thrivent Choice Dollars are "Charitable Outreach Funds" that

are given to charitable organizations. They are generated by the premiums that Thrivent policy holders pay for Thrivent based insurance policies.

Faith Lutheran Preschool received \$3,361.00 in Thrivent Choice Dollars. The Board of Early Childhood Education has designated those monies for the general support of the Preschool.

Faith Lutheran Day Care—we are in the process of getting our Day-Care enrolled so that they also might be the recipient of Thrivent Choice Dollars.

Not Designating yet? Look for mailings from Thrivent about Choice Dollars and respond to this opportunity. You will also find a brochure about Thrivent Choice Dollars in the Stewardship tract rack.



## Memorial Gifts

We are grateful to the family of Cal & Ruth Titze for a generous memorial gift that has assisted in the cabinets in the St. Paul room, the wiring of that room, a gift to the Endowment Fund and a gift to a portion of the new Christmas Banner, which was dedicated Christmas Eve.

### Joan Cash Memorial

We are grateful to the family of Joan Cash for their generous donations for the Christmas banner and to the Endowment Fund.



## "Courageous" Honor Begins At Home

Are you ready for a heart-warming, life changing film?

Well, Join us on Palm Sunday, April 1 for a powerful cinema experience.

This terrific film will be shown in the Sanctuary on Sunday, April 1 from 3:00-5:15 p.m.

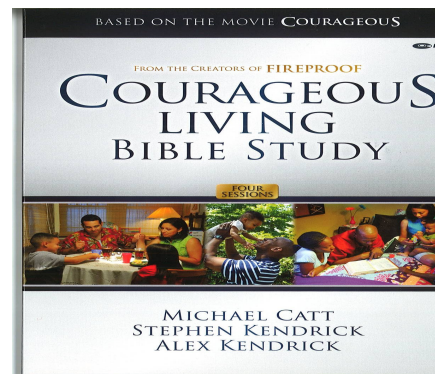
There will also be a four-part follow-up Bible Study entitled "Courageous Living" on

Sunday, April 15

Sunday, April 22

Sunday, May 13 and

Sunday, May 20



## 25th Anniversary Reception Thank You

I would like to thank everyone that helped make this anniversary celebration possible. I appreciate your efforts in making this a very memorable day indeed.

I have been here for many years and I have been very fortunate to have been helped those many years by some especially gifted and loving people. First of all, by Pastor who hired me those many years ago and has throughout that time been a supportive encouraging boss for me. I want to acknowledge that I am only part of the staff that makes Faith Lutheran Preschool the great program that it is today. Donna Gohl was here even before I was (yes it is true) and has been a great support, friend and coworker for all these years. Thank you, Donna! I have had several other staff members that were also great loving coworkers: Andrea Urbach, Jan Driver, DeeAnn Knofczynski, Julie Linn, Cathy Califf, and currently, along with Donna; Anita Marso and Joyce Solem. I have been so blessed to have faithful, hard working, Christian women to help me through the years. They are who make and have made my work here at Faith a joy! Thank you to each of you! Through these past 25 years, the custodial and secretarial staff have also been extremely helpful, and I wish to thank them also for their encouragement and support. Today, Helen Kiepke and Jay Fredrich fill these positions – Thank you Helen and Jay.

Initially, there was no board of Early Childhood Education like there is today, but when the Day Care was started, a governing board was established. Thank you to everyone that has or continues to serve on that board. We have accomplished so much.

When I started with the preschool, Susan Wold was the secretary and Marvin Schweigert was the custodian. The first day of preschool, the power went out and we thought that we were going to spend the entire time playing upstairs in the old Fellowship Hall with the few toys that we could quickly carry up the steps! Thankfully, the power came back on after half an hour and we were off! Before starting as the director, I had worked under Kay Huxford as an aide and gained so much from her excellent teaching techniques. I am greatly indebted to her as well for my success at preschool.

We started the preschool in the basement of the old Fellowship Hall (currently the Day Care) in 1979. When I took over, we had 4 classes with 18 in each class for a total of 72 children. Currently we have three classes of 21-24 each for a total of 69 students.

As I looked around this room, I saw many faces of families that I have been able to serve as the first step in their child's education and I am humbled that you have entrusted me and my staff with such a great task. Thank you for allow-

ing us such a great privilege – we are so blessed by this “job”! God bless each of you and your families! Thank you!

Jan Larson

### Jan Larson's 25th Anniversary Reception

We are grateful to everyone who attended the Reception for Jan Larson on January 8 as we celebrated Jan's 25 years of loving, faithful service to Faith Lutheran Preschool. We noticed a goodly stack of cards, which was nice to see.

On behalf of the parish the Board of Early Childhood Education presented gifts to Jan. They were:

- A generous gift certificate to a local fine restaurant for a nice night out for Jan and Tim.
- \$250.00 of Pierre Pride Dollars to celebrate her 25 years as our Director and Teacher.
- A large, beautiful Richard Hook framed print of Jesus and the Little Children.
- And yes, an appropriate plaque acknowledging Jan's faithful service to the little lambs of Faith Lutheran Preschool.

And a good time was had by  
Everyone.

## Hong Kong Bound

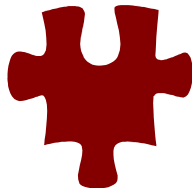
On February 12 we commissioned our 2012 Hong Kong Mission Team. They are: Ken Brull, Nick & Nate Hill, Toni, Haven &



Berkelee Kenefick -Aschoff, Josh Ramquist, and Samuel Ryckman.

The team will leave Pierre this Wednesday, February 15, and return on Sunday, February 26.

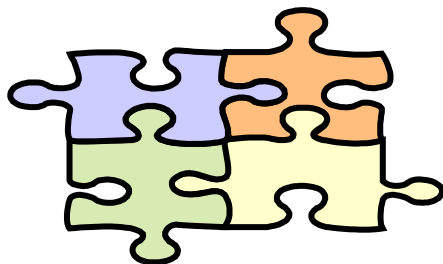
The framed mission puzzle you see this morning has two other corresponding puzzles. The second will be put together in Hong Kong and it will hang in the Lutheran school that will be visited by our short-term mission team. So our church and that school will have a special link that is not "puzzling."



The third puzzle has had all the pieces drilled and a plastic necklace added. These pieces will



be worn by our mission team while they are there, as they are today. Pieces will also be worn by the nearly 900 students at Ma Chan Duen Hey Lutheran School.



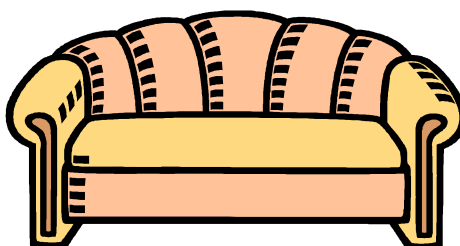
## "Tie a Yellow Ribbon Around the..."

- We thank Pat & Jill Burger for the Yellow ribbon on the Flag pole. It will remain there until the 200th returns home.
- We thank Lila & Al Urlis for a time consuming project of replacing ribbons in all the Hymnals in our Sanctuary that were damaged.
- We thank Jan Larson for the wide ribbons that enhance many of our Sanctuary banners. The most recent one is the enhancement of our "Friendship" banner.



## Lobby Couches

We thank Darrel & Darlene Reinke for the new furniture in the Christian Family Life Center Lobby. We noted on the first Sunday it was there, it was a comfy resting place for lots of people.



## State Dart Ball Tournament



On Saturday, March 10, our Men's Fellowship will host the State Lutheran Layman's League

Dart Ball Tournament. This is the first time Pierre has hosted the event. The hope is to attract some west river teams as well.

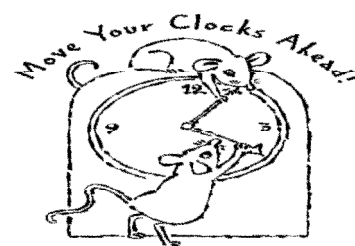
LLL Dart Ball is different than the darts you see in town. It is a nine inning baseball game but with darts. Power is not important, a good eye and steady hand are.

Our LWML ladies will serve lunch. We expect a couple hundred people. Our CFLC is an ideal location for such an event.

Come view the games! Play ball!

## Daylight Savings Time

**Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 11. Be sure to set your clocks AHEAD one hour before you go to bed Saturday night so you are not late for church Sunday morning.**





# Aquatic Family Fun Night

**March 18**

6:00-8:00 p.m.



Come join in the fun!

Bring the whole family!

Bring all your friends!

Swim, or just enjoy watching the fun.

Everyone welcome!

Pizza will be included.



# YOUTH PAGE

## Letter of Thanks

LYF,

Thank you very much for the gift of money you gave us for Carissa. The money was put towards Carissa's medical expenses. It was very thoughtful for you to think of us.

Thank you

Kelly, Lisa, Carissa Brandt & family

## March Happenings

**March 7** 8:15 Bring your favorite cross

**March 14** 8:15 What's for snacks?  
Pretzels! Why? Final plans  
for Water Park/Ski Trip

**March 21** 8:15 Got photos to share from  
the weekend? Bring them to LYF.

**March 28** 8:15 How can we make the rest  
of Lent a time for good inside  
reflection?

**JYM** For all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders

March 18—It's St. Patrick's Day weekend so,

- Wear something green
- Why will we eat pretzels?
- A cross hunt competition. How many crosses are in the Sanctuary and is there a cross on the floor in the CFLC Lobby?

4:00-5:30 p.m.



"We were on the way out the door before I remembered I needed something for the Valentine party at Sunday school."



## February 5

Early: Leandra Hoefener and Joshua Thompson  
Late: Matthew Green and Kyle Olson

## February 12

Early: Whitney King and Allie Knofczynski  
Late: Devin Kampfe and Brad Koch

## February 19

Early: Justin Meier and Ryan Koch  
Late: Brittney Munyon and Emily Overturf

## February 22 Ash Wednesday

7:30 Josh Ramquist and Caden Overturf

## February 26

Early: Jordain Rathbun and Rachel Hartmann  
Late: Carly Niemann and Morgan Deis

## February 29 Lenten

7:30 Wylin Baker and Chase Harmon



## March 4

Early: Janece Wetzel and Maranda Olson  
Late: Blake Widvey and Justin Harmon

## March 7 Lenten

7:30 Lucas Schochenmaier and Justice Voita

## March 11

Early: Brandon Berheim and Josh Ramquist  
Late: Caitlin Bolte and Megan Arneson

## March 14 Lenten

7:30 Colton Graves and Alyssa Bump

## March 18

Early: Morgan Deis and Courtney Brandt  
Late: Matthew Green and Kaci Deal

## March 21 Lenten

7:30 Devin Kampfe and Rachel Hartmann

## March 25

Early: Leandra Hoefener and Reed Lindbloom  
Late: Logan Lenz and Andrew Leif

## March 28 Lenten

7:30 Cade Larson and Caden Overturf