

March's Grace

SOUPER SUNDAY

March 18th

During the Sunday School Hour

Fight off the cold and warm your soul by sharing Soup & Fellowship with your church family!

A sign-up sheet to donate soup is in the Welcome Center.



GROWING WITH GRACE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

JANUARY REVIEW

- * Busy/Exciting/Fly by month
- * THE SIGN HAS ARRIVE AND IS BEAUTIFUL! THANK YOU SOOO MUCH DEXTER!
 - ◇ Construction of structure/Painting is underway
- * Quotes for the floors came in
 - ◇ The Carpet Store quote (for glue down tiles)
 - ◇ Shembeda quote (for laminate wood)
- * We hired a new staff, didn't work out/hired a replacement in February
 - ◇ Proof that having new staff pay for clearances is a GOOD IDEA!
- * 3 New students/ 2 part time, one full time infant, a LOT of inquiries
 - ◇ Rooms are starting to be at capacity (except the preschool room)
- * Pro-Care
 - ◇ We are in the process of rolling out the new Credit/Debit payment system along with online and auto pay options for parents.
 - ◇ We will continue to use cash/check
 - ◇ We received our card readers for free, we got an \$8.00 discount monthly on processing. (\$10.00)
- * The United Way fundraising restrictions are lifted so we will be starting to fund-raise ourselves.
 - ◇ The United Way did not reach their monetary goal for the year, so we will be finding out how this affects our tuition assistance.
- * Niagara Candy Bars- \$1.00 a piece- we get 50% profit!



Pastor's Pause

Lent.

Lent is a season before Easter for us to grow closer to the Lord. Yes, Lent has already begun; but it is never too late for you to begin your extra Lenten devotion. What is a Lenten devotion? It is anything that you can do to grow in your faith between now and Easter. It could be setting aside a little extra time for prayer. It could be reading a chapter of the Bible each day (hopefully it will be a habit by Easter and will continue). Perhaps you could give someone in need a helping hand. I still haven't found anything better than the *One Year Bible* to help me keep on track for reading the Bible each day.

Try to join us for Lenten services each week during Lent on Wednesday at 7:00pm. Each week we have a pot luck dinner at 6:00pm before the service. Everyone's welcome!

When you do something mentioned above you are growing closer to him and strengthening your faith – not earning your salvation. Only the blood of Jesus shed on the cross earns your salvation. This is provided to you through faith in him. All the things I've mentioned are intended to ensure your faith is strong and steady. Only by faith are we saved!

Blessings!

Pastor Patrick

**DAILY
BIBLE
READING**



*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your mind and with all your strength. (Mark 12:30 NIV)*

BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays not
published on-line.



Pitt Bradford
Annual

Empty Bowls &
Baskets Dinner

Thursday, March 15, 2018
Mukaiyama University Room
5:00 - 7:00 PM

We would like to invite you to be part of Pitt-Bradford's Empty Bowls & Baskets Dinner to support The Friendship Table.

The Women's History Month Celebration Committee will again be sponsoring the University's annual Empty Bowls & Baskets Dinner on **Thursday, March 15, 2018 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM in the Mukaiyama University Room. Admission to the event is \$10.00.**

Guests are served a simple meal of soup, bread, beverage and dessert and are invited to keep a ceramic bowl, basket or set of napkins as a reminder of the ongoing fight against hunger.

We are in need of crock pots of homemade soup and cookies. The cookie donations will be used for desserts. **If you are interested in donating please contact Carma Horner via phone (362-7609) or email at clh71@pitt.edu.**

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!



ALTAR COMMITTEE

Stacia Roggenbaum &
Michele Evers

ALTAR FLOWERS

Mar. 4 -
Mar. 11 -
Mar. 18 -
Mar. 25 -



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
BEGINS AT 2:00AM
ON SUNDAY, MARCH 11TH
REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS
AHEAD ONE HOUR BEFORE
RETIRING ON SATURDAY, MARCH
10TH**

Council Meeting

Church Council meeting is **TUESDAY, March 13th at 7:00pm** in the Social Hall. Please remember that the Congregation is always welcome to attend the monthly Council Meetings! There is also a suggestion box in the Welcome Center.



Please remember our shut-ins

Pastor and the deacons try to ensure that each person gets visitation and Communion at least once a month. BUT, a card, a phone call or a brief visit brightens the day for our brothers and sisters who can no longer attend services regularly. Cards and a list of our shut-ins are available in the Social Hall.

Mary Ann Kautz
Ecumenical Home
100 St. Francis Dr.

Debbie Kelly
The Pavilion at BRMC
200 Pleasant St.

Donna Lannen
24 Shep Run Road
331-9270

FYI

For anyone wishing to rent the Social Hall or the Community Life Center for an event, your contact person is **Selene Machuga - 362-1236 or 598-0893.**

Deadlines for Weekly Slides, Bulletin Items

Just a reminder that the deadline to have items placed in the weekly bulletin is Wednesday morning and the deadline for slides is Thursday morning. Please write the information up in the manner you would like church secretary **Dianne Deloe** to print it.

Grace Memorials / Altar Flowers

Prayerfully consider donating to the Grace Memorial fund when you wish to make a memorial donation. When you donate to the Memorial Fund, a card is sent to the family of the person that you are remembering.

Also, you may sign up for Altar Flowers on the chart posted in the Social Hall. This can be in memory of a loved one or friend or to commemorate a special event.

To make a donation you may use one of the envelopes in the Welcome Center and place in the collection plate, the safe or call **Sharon Long at 368-6711 or the Church Office at 362-3244.**



Lent / Easter Schedule



March 7, 14 & 21
6:00pm Pot Luck Dinner
7:00pm Worship Service



March 25
Palm Sunday

March 29
7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service with Communion

March 30
12:00 Noon Community Crosswalk Service
7:00pm Good Friday Service

March 31
NO 5:15pm Service

April 1
8:45 - 10:00am Easter Breakfast
10:00am Easter Service

Please note: There will not be a 5:15pm Service on March 31; we will be having **ONE** Easter Service (with Communion) at 10:00am on Sunday, April 1, following the Easter Breakfast at 8:45am.



The Pretzel A Symbol of Prayer



About 1500 years ago in Southern Europe, a monk used the leftover scraps of bread dough for something a little more imaginative. He formed the scraps into dough-ropes which he twisted into the now familiar shape. Someone remarked that the shape reminded them of a child's arms folded in prayer. Therefore, the Latin words of *pretiolae* and *bracellae* — 'little rewards' — for children who learned their prayers well!

The pretzel first was made by Christians in the fifth century as Lenten bread, since it consisted only of flour, salt and water (also now yeast), but no milk or eggs which were forbidden during Lent. It is from the Germanic version of *pretiola* — *brezel* — that we get the word 'pretzel.'

To this day the pretzel still shows the arms crossed in prayer, telling us that Lent is a time of reverent prayer. The sign of Christian love is expressed in this early Christian prayer:

'Grant us, we pray, that we too, may be reminded
by the daily sight of these pretzels
to observe the holy season of Lent
with true devotion and great spiritual fruit.'

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. Lorenz
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**Church Office Hours:
Monday thru Friday - 7:30am to 1:30pm**



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Join Us For Worship!

Friday

6:30pm Crosswalk

Youth Worship

Saturday

5:15pm Praise Team

Sunday

9:00am Praise Team

11:15am Blended

Family Education

10:15am

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Christian Preschool***

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