

The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree

Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”



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*God calls us during this season of Lent (and always) to follow. May you find encouragement in your faith & discipleship, and support for struggles & stress. We are glad to have **all of you** worshiping with us, and invite you to sign our guest book, fill out a green visitor or prayer slip found in the pew, or talk with Pr. Mary Kaye about scheduling a visit. Thanks for being here!*

If you'd like to request a pastoral visit, please message Pastor Mary Kaye to schedule a time and day that works for you.

FAMILY PATHWAYS Lenten Offerings through March 31st will be given to Family Pathways & will help them maximize what food they can buy to serve families needs. Lenten offerings in April will be given to ELCA World Hunger.

HEARING DEVICES are available to assist with hearing. Please ask an usher and they will be happy to get you one!

QUILTERS meet on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 9:30am. No experience needed! We invite you to join us!

Food4Kids

Pick up: Linngren Family

Bagging: Tom Enebak

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Don Hansen	Joe Landgreen
Wendy Szczepanski	Miriam Flysjo
Duane Olson	Rose Anderson
Craig Loen	Pastor Mary Kaye Ashley

Next Council Meeting

April 28th

At 10:30am

CALENDAR

(www.tflutheran.org for full calendar)

Sun Mar 24 (Pr. Hours:8a-5p)

9a - Worship
10:15a - Life Group

Tues Mar 26 (Pr. Hours:8a-2p)

9a - Staff Meeting
7p - Choir Practice

Wed Mar 27 (Pr. Hrs:10a-8p)

11a - Lenten Worship
11:30a - Soup Lunch
5:30p - Soup Supper
6:30p - Lenten Worship
7p - Youth Group

Thurs Mar 28

9a - Quilting

Sun Mar 31 (Pr. Hours:8a-11:30a)

9a - Worship
10:15a - Life Group

Important events to add to your calendar

Join us for meaningful time to focus on God in Lent as we walk with Jesus to Holy Week and the cross. Let God draw your attention to prayer and fellowship on Lenten Wednesdays thru April 10. Look for opportunities to sign up to provide &/or serve Lenten meals on the bulletin board, or outside the FELC office.

Lenten Wed. Worship Time:
11am Worship with lunch following
5:30pm Supper
6:30pm Worship
7pm Youth Group

◆ LET'S TALK: INVITING PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

Wednesday, April 3 - 4pm (or join us when you can!) Let's talk about **inviting people to worship**. Some people would love to welcome friends & neighbors, but unsure of how. Join us to share ideas & thoughts & become more comfortable. The next 3 weeks in our church year bring the greatest variety of worship experiences we do. Maybe invite someone to join you for this discussion? And dinner & worship after? (Signing up to say you're coming to Let's Talk will make sure of enough of anything we use, but please always feel free to come even if not signed up!)

◆ **SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH AT 4:00PM**—Thrivent Sponsored Steeple Fundraiser Supper. Please join us for Barbecue Sandwiches, Cheesy Broccoli and Cupcakes at FELC. Free will offering.

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Warnings from Israel's History

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Luke 13:31-35

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

♦ **PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST** Join us for a wonderful pancake breakfast including eggs, sausages, biscuits and gravy, fruit, and beverages on Palm Sunday April 14th. Serving will begin immediately following worship approximately 10:15pm. Youth and families will be serving and cleaning up along with a great crew of adults cooking and preparing the meal. The proceeds (Free-Will Offering) will be going towards the ELCA National Youth Gathering summer of 2021 which is being held close to home! Minneapolis! If you are interested in helping with serving, cooking, or clean up, please contact Michelle at 715-220-2782!



Come and support our youth as they begin their fundraising to attend this outstanding event.

♦ **LUTHER POINT BIBLE CAMP** has an exciting project—*Gardens*—and are asking for donations and/or your time to make this happen! The Garden Install Party will take place on Saturday, May 11th at 9am at Luther Point in Grantsburg, WI. You can also donate a raised bed which is \$250 or you can send an amount that you wish to give. There are envelopes on the bulletin board at church along with more information! Check it out!

♦ **BOOK STUDY AND BIBLE STUDY**—Taking a short break for Lent. Please join us for Lenten worship, lunch and/or supper.

Thrivent Members can give Thrivent Choice dollars to a large number of organizations, including FELC. Thrivent sets aside money every quarter, and you can send it to a different place every quarter OR you can send it NOW to an organization of your choice by March 31 (Zeroed out each



Thrivent Financial
"Choice Dollars"

3/31, and begun again.) Grab a "How to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars" from the table outside of the sanctuary, or from Angie in the office. Can be done online or over the phone.

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 55:1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.
Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Psalm 63:1-8