



AURORA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Office hours for pastor: Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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SCRIPTURE for March 2024:

March 3	Exodus 20:1-17	John 2:13-22	Communion Sunday
March 10	Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22	John 3:14-21	UMCOR Sunday/Daylight Saving Time begins
March 17	Psalms 51:1-12	John 12:20-33	
March 24	Philippians 2:5-11	John 12:12-16	Palm Sunday
March 28	John 3:16	Luke 22:46	Maundy Thursday
March 29	Numbers 21:4-9	Mark 15:33-39	Good Friday

Pastor's Ponderings ~ March 2024

Greetings in Christ,

March – this year the season of LENT. I hope that you take the time through prayer and reflection to focus on the cross during this season. There are several opportunities to participate in community Lenten Worship. That schedule is in the newsletter.

Easter Sunday – March 31, 2024, from Mark 16:6 we hear: “But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed, you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; He is not here.” Jesus Christ is risen today! Hallelujah! This is a day that changed history and impacted our lives centuries later. Jesus died out of love for each of us as the ransom for sin. We are invited to follow Him and be with Him forever in heaven – a place of peace, joy and eternal love. As we journey in the footsteps of Jesus during Lent, we encounter His ways and see His power, His greatness, and His glory. Jesus brings life to the dead, and all are invited to enter the Kingdom of God; they need only to turn to Him for forgiveness and a new beginning.

Now is the time to celebrate Jesus and what He did for each of us. Set aside some time to worship. Our worship service at the Aurora UMC is at 10:30 am, come with your family and enjoy the celebration. Plan something that your family can do together; Easter breakfast, lunch dinner, or just spending time together in unique ways for your family. Spend time together, and share your gratitude for Jesus and all He has done to set us free from sin and death. When we place Jesus first in our life, He will help to set our priorities on Him and open our hearts to an eternity with Him. God is good, all the time; all the time, God is good.

May you your family and friends, have a blessed Easter Sunday,

Pastor Barb

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

Sunday, March 10, 2024

THANK YOU: In February for the Souper Bowl of caring we collected \$185.00. AWESOME job! It was entered in the profile at the Souper Bowl of Caring and a check was sent to the Aurora Area Food Shelf.



Lent began with Ash Wednesday on February 14 with a worship service here at Aurora UMC.

Community Lenten Services begin Wednesday, February 21st with a soup supper at 5:30 p.m. followed by worship at 6:00 p.m. The theme for Lent this year is Walking with Jesus to the Cross with St. Luke.

Wednesday Evening Worship Lenten Schedule for 2024

DATE	CHURCH	PREACHING	SCRIPTURE
February 21	St. Mark's Lutheran, Palo with Palo Congregational, Palo	Pastor Isabelle Westman	Luke 9:21-27
February 28	Our Savior's Lutheran, Aurora	Pastor Greg Anderson	Luke 10:25-37
March 6	Faith Lutheran, Hoyt Lakes with Trinity Methodist	Pastor Chuck Barnes	Luke 12:37-59
March 13	Faith Lutheran, Hoyt Lakes with Trinity Methodist	Pastor Mary Lou Sixberry	Luke 22:39-46
March 20	Our Lady of Hope, Aurora	Father Chris McKluskie	Luke 23:13-25

Community Good Friday service will be noon, March 29 at Aurora United Methodist Church with Pastor Barb Hegfors preaching.

Pastor Barb's Schedule for the month of March:

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, March 3 – 3rd Sunday in Lent; Communion

Sunday, March 10 – 4th Sunday in Lent; UMCOR Sunday offering; Daylight Saving Time begins

Sunday, March 17 – 5th Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 24 – Palm Sunday

Thursday, March 28 – Maundy Thursday service at 2:30 pm

Friday, March 29 – Good Friday service at noon

Sunday, March 31 – Easter Sunday at 10:30 am

OFFICE DAYS AND MEETINGS

Tuesday, February 27 – 2:00 pm, Interchurch, Our Lady of Hope, Aurora

Wednesday, February 28 - Office Day

Tuesday, March 5 – dCOM (morning Zoom)

Wednesday, March 6 – Office hours

Friday, March 8 – Funeral for William Johnson at 11 am

Wednesday, March 13 – Office Day morning only

Thursday, March 14 – Clergy/Bishop meeting in Paynesville

Sunday, March 17 – Administrative Board/Trustee Meeting following worship

Tuesday, March 19 – BOM Executive meeting via Zoom from 2-5 pm

Wednesday, March 20 - Office Day

Tuesday, March 26 – 2 pm, Interchurch, United Church of Christ, Biwabik

Thursday, March 28 – Office Day & Maundy Thursday worship

Friday, March 29 – Good Friday Community Worship at AUMC

Wednesday, April 3 – Office Day

**March 26, 2024 – Tuesday, 2 PM - Interchurch
meeting at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Aurora**

Coffee An' after worship one Sunday in March? Thank you, in advanced for volunteering.



Palm Sunday	March 24, 2024 at 10:30am	Aurora United Methodist
Maundy Thursday	March 28, 2024 at 2:30pm with Communion	Aurora United Methodist
Good Friday	March 29, 2024 at 2:30 pm	Aurora United Methodist
Easter Sunday	March 31, 2024 at 10:30am	Aurora United Methodist
