



# The Tidings

March 2013

## Ministerial Moments

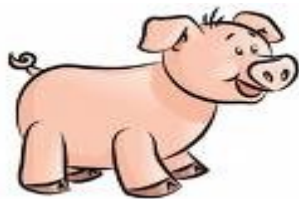
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And now we are in the season of Lent. Lent is one of the oldest practices of the Christian church, dating back to the 4<sup>th</sup> Century. It was originally a time of preparation for baptism. One item which linked the Lenten Practices was that Easter was not the Christian Passover. While Passover is a sign of salvation at a historical moment in the past, Easter is a sign of “God with us” in the past, the present, and at a time to come as well. As such, “Lent calls each of us to renew our ongoing commitment to the implications of the Resurrection in our own lives, here and now.” (Joan Chissiter, The Liturgical Year. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2009, pg. 111.) Lent requires us to think and reflect on where we are on our spiritual journeys.

Some of you may go through the ritual of giving up something for Lent. Others may try to increase some practice, such as prayer time or helping others. All of us, I believe, are called to do a self-inventory of where we are in our faith practices, how we treat others, and perhaps, how we treat ourselves. It has been said that the person who does not love themselves is not capable of loving others. Likewise, those of us who are highly self-critical, have a tendency to allow our negativity to shadow our other actions.

Lent can be a dark time as we become introspective. As someone who has a tendency to be negative, I am trying to stay positive this Lent. I am also trying to find a balance as life brings new  
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## Wurstmarkt Time!!!



You know it's almost Spring when you see the pink pig in the front lawn of the church in late February. Yes it's that time again. Wurstmarkt Time!!! **Saturday, March 16 - 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.** I'm sure that Funds and Fellowship could use as much help as they can get and all the pies you can make.

Daughters will have crafts and baked goods at the wurstmarkt the money will go towards the carpet fund. crafts and baked goods are welcomed

See the sign up list or call Susan Olyer (3324) or Bobbi Duffie (3489) to find out where help is most needed. They are in need of potato peelers on Saturday morning starting at 8:00 am, also need help cleaning up around 7:00 pm.

## March Birthdays

Curtis Werner	5
Milton Dressel	7
Calvin Fruth	9
Dorothy Dressel	10
Ruth Erb	12
Stacey Pilbean	12
Clinton Galle	13
"Mike" Archie Dierks	13
Mervin Erb	15
Mindy Fitch	18
Alberta Galle	20
Brian Matzenbacher	23
Paul Weilmuenster	25
Caroline Galle	26
Timothy Campbell	31

## March Anniversaries

Dennis & Nicole Sinn	10
Bill & Carol Gladson	15
Robert & Imogene Lehman	21
Warren & Kay Trotter	21



## Order Form for Easter Lilies - Due March 17th

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of person ordering

Memory or Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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Number of lilies ordered \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 each

= Total Amount Due: \_\_\_\_\_

Money or check may be attached to this form and dropped in the offering plate or given to Mandie Schmierbach. Orders MUST be in by March 17th..

## Comments from the Church Mouse

The only time I think I'll have to get on Lori's computer to write this is just before the Bunco event that I soooo look forward to. They have snacks on February 24<sup>th</sup>, and I already know they'll have popcorn and pretzels. They make such delicious crumbs for me.



All the money raised at Bunco will go to the New Athens Home for the Aged, which is a very good thing. We've had several people from Friedens who have been there, and I have overheard nice comments on the place. It is in real need of financial help, as most nursing homes are. Funds and Fellowship made a good decision. I heard Susan Oyler, Peggy Dierks, Kay Trotter, Carol Mercer, Evelyn Schneidewind, Bobbi Duffie, and Pastor Gail talking about it, and it made me proud of them.

BUT, the big church deal is coming up, the March 16<sup>th</sup> Wurstmarkt. It takes a lot of background work, but it really does give Friedens UCC people a chance to feel the church "esprit de corps" and to make money for the church and its missions.

Our church has had many people to pray for. I believe in the power of prayer, I really do. One Sunday we heard how Loren Schmierbach is progressing since his accident. He still has a long way to go, but he and his wonderful family are full of determination and hope. I'm so glad he is doing better.

One of the parts of church that I've always liked is when the choir sings. I even enjoy hiding by Nancy's organ at choir practice. The choir members are dedicated, and they enjoy being together and singing. I also really like it when the little kids come up for a children's sermon. They are so cute. As my grandfather did, I like it when there are grandkids visiting at church. My father and grandfather could have told stories about the children's parents and grandparents, if they had grown up in Friedens.

Friedens is a special place, full of friendship, caring, and warmth. I'm so glad it is my home.

## Friedens Quilters

On February 19th we finished the 2nd quilt. As a celebration for our accomplishment and also LaJune's birthday, Ruby brought her special peanut squares and made a pot of coffee. Our next project will be a baby quilt that we hope to have finished by the Wurstmarkt. We are also working on adding a border to a hand pieced quilt top called the "Glorified Nine Patch". This quilt top came from Dorothy Erb. We hope to start it after the Wurstmarkt, it will be quite a collectors item! Drop by the church basement on Tuesday morning and visit with us, or you know, there is always room for another quilter.

## Ministerial Moments Continued

adventures. Sometimes keeping a positive attitude and self-care can be as difficult as looking at those places we fall short of God's call and pushing ourselves to do more. May you each find your way through your Lenten journey.

On a different note, the Munchkins are coming! As I write this Ron is gone to Minnesota to help Hope and the grandkids move to Marissa. Hope will be working at the Wal-mart in Perryville. Nathan is the older of the two grandkids. He will be 5 in July and be entering Kindergarten in August. Skyler will turn 4 in July. You will probably see the boys around a lot as Ron is planning ways of keeping them busy. We don't know Hope's hours yet, but I am hoping we will get the boys to Sunday School. So we begin a new adventure. Life at the Geisels' is never mundane long.

By now, most of you know that the theme of our Lenten services is short monologs based on Lent and Easter Hymns. We are hosting March 6. I have one volunteer, but will need two more. The monologs are short and you can read them.

It is our turn to host the Marissa Community Sunrise service this year. It is at 7:00 AM and the host church usually has a breakfast following. I do not know yet who will be in charge of the breakfast. Because we are hosting the Sunrise service, the Maundy Thursday service will include the Tenebrae. These are the readings of the crucifixion. After each reading a light is extinguished. I will need about 10 readers. You will not need to come forward as we can pass the microphone around. If Logan is able to be there that evening, I will have him help with the extinguishing of candles. This is a service in which we leave in silence and darkness.

I will be attending Boundary Training at the Grantfork UCC on March 19. This is required by our church insurance every three years and is part of both ensuring proper conduct of clergy with congregations and self-care for clergy. This is the third one I've gone to since I've been in Marissa.

Spring Convocation at Eden Seminary is April 2 and 3 and is about Worship and Music this year so I will probably be going. I usually stay in St. Louis when I go as my mom's house is only 15 minutes from Eden Seminary.

At Annual Meeting it was requested that a monthly balance statement be put in the bulletins. This will usually be the third Sunday of the month, the Sunday following the Council meeting. Council also discussed having a brain-storming session of all who are interested in growing the church. It was felt that more people would be able to be present if we had the meeting immediately after church. After consultation with Kevin, we have decided on March 3rd to meet. The more participation the better.. More information to follow. It was also suggested that we have a locked suggestion box. If someone has one, or an idea where to find one, let me know. I am thinking our best spot for it is on the bureau in the entrance way most of us use, but you may have other thoughts on that also.

May we all find March more of a lamb than a lion and may our Lenten journeys lead us in the paths God wishes for us. Amen.

Blessings,

Pastor Gail

## Greeters and Ushers 2013 - 2014

### March 2013 through August 2013

\*\* It is very important that if for some reason you can not make your scheduled week(s), please find a replacement or contact a church council member. If your name does not appear on this list, please contact a church council member to report the oversight. Thank you!

Date	Ushers and Greeters	
<b>March</b>	3	Donna Galle, David Keim, Ruth Erb, Kevin McDonald
	10	Ruby Lehman, Janice Schmidt, Susan Oyler
	17	Sandy Smith, Lorrie Lehman, David Barbee
	24	Sandy Smith, Lorrie Lehman, David Barbee
	31	Easter - Council Members
<b>April</b>	7	Kay Trotter, Mike Trotter, Carol Mayfield
	14	Gene & Betty Bollmeier, Dale Sinn
	21	Susan Oyler, Kathleen Robert, Neal & Donna Galle
	28	Gene & Betty Bollmeier, Kevin McDonald
<b>May</b>	5	Linda Jones, Dale & Sharon Reese
	12	Evangelical Daughters
	19	Gene & Betty Bollmeier, Curt Werner
	26	Ruby Lehman, Todd Erb, Ruth Erb
<b>June</b>	2	Ruby Lehman, Todd Erb, Ruth Erb
	9	Larry & Kathy Matzenbacher, Carol Gladson
	16	Larry & Kathy Matzenbacher, Carol Gladson
	23	David & Evelyn Schneidewind, David & Mindy Schneidewind
	30	Mandi Schmeirbach, Carol Mercer, Curt Werner
<b>July</b>	7	Mandi Schmeirbach, Carol Mercer, Curt Werner
	14	Bobbie Duffie, Jean Riess, Dale Sinn
	21	Bobbie Duffie, Jean Riess, Dale Sinn
	28	Jay & Leslie Lehman, Dennis & Nicole Sinn
<b>August</b>	4	Mike & Peggy Dierks, Leroy & Marlene Karsten
	11	Mike & Peggy Dierks, Bobbie Duffie
	18	Kevin McDonald, Ruby Lehman
	25	David & Evelyn Schneidewind, David & Mindy Schneidewind

## Greeters and Ushers 2013 - 2014

### September 2013 through February 2014

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Date	Ushers and Greeters
<b>September</b>	1 Dale & Sharon Reese, Lorrie Lehman, Linda Jones
	8 Albert and Caroline Galle
	15 Carol Mercer, Susie Stewart, Sunday School
	22 David & Evelyn Schneidewind, David & Mindy Schneidewind
	29 John Barrett, Ginny, Carla Hellsten
<b>October</b>	6 Bob & Imogene Lehman, John Barrett, Ginny
	13 Kay Trotter, Mike Trotter, Carol Mayfield
	20 Pete & Dave Dressel, Dorothy Dressel
	27 Carol Gladson, Susan Oyler, Carla Hellsten
<b>November</b>	3 Jay & Leslie Lehman, Milton & Blanche Schmierbach
	10 John & Janet Fauth, Eloise Fauth, Pat MacBeth
	17 Dwayne Waeltz, Janice Schmidt, Pat MacBeth
	24 Susan Oyler, Kathleen Robert, Linda Jones
<b>December</b>	1 Dave & Pete Dressel, Dorothy Dressel
	8 Gene & Betty Bollmeier, Linda Jones
	15 Jay & Leslie Lehman, Lorrie Lehman, Neal Galle
	22 Milton & Blanche Schmierbach
	24 Christmas Eve - Council Members
	29 Milton & Blanche Schmierbach, Ruby Lehman
<b>January</b>	5 Leroy & Marlene Karsten, Sandy Smith
	12 Leroy & Marlene Karsten, Sandy Smith
	19 Eloise Fauth, John & Janet Fauth
	26 Eloise Fauth, John & Janet Fauth
<b>February</b>	2 Bob & Imogene Lehman, Gary & Susie Stewart
	9 Bob & Imogene Lehman, Gary & Susie Stewart
	16 David Keim, Mandi Schmierbach & family
	23 Kay Trotter, Mike Trotter, Carol Mayfield

# MARCH 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 Easter Sunday Sunrise Service 7:00 am					1	2 Day of Disciple- ship @ Waterloo 9 am to 4 pm
3	4 Daughters Meeting 7 pm Pastor Gail @ Conference	5	6 Lenten Service 7:00 pm Friedens, Choir	7	8	9 Lenzburg Pancake Breakfast
10	11	12 Council Mtg. 7 pm	13 Lenten Service 7:00 pm Marissa United Methodist, Choir	14 Set-Up for Wurstmarkt 6:00 pm	15 Boundary Train- ing in Grantfork	16 Wurstmarkt
17 Easter Lily Order Form Due.	18	19 Boundary Training	20 Lenten Service 7:00 pm Lenzburg, Choir	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Choir	28 Maundy Thursday 7 :00 pm, Friedens	29	30 Easter Vigil Darmstadt



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Church on the Move: Wel-  
coming, Caring, Sharing."*

## 2013 Church Council

### NEW OFFICERS

**President** - Kevin McDonald

**Vice President** - Jay Lehman

**Secretary** - Carol Mayfield

**Financial Secretaries:**

Pete Dressel and Sandy Smith

**Treasurer** - Lori Selman

**Fruth Rental:** Duane Waeltz

**Flowers for Easter and Christmas:**

Mandie Schmierbach



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