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# March Newsletter

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I can't put into words how wonderful it feels for us to be together finally in the church and in the pews. It has been such a long year and I really feel a sense of hope as things begin to improve in the fight against the pandemic. I wait patiently as we lift restrictions more and more over the coming months.

Lent, as I have mentioned before, is such a special time of year and one of my all-time favorites. I always find myself reflecting on not only all that Jesus Christ accomplished in those 40 days but how I remember processing the season from my childhood to today. It has always been a very moving and spiritual time for me in my faith formation as I'm sure it has been for many of you. I remember sitting in the pews on Wednesday nights as a family and learning about all that Jesus gave in order that my sins would be forgiven and my life would be ever-lasting. The magnitude of the promise never really sunk in through those early years but as an adult and your pastor I can only revel in the gift that I am given as a child of God. We are truly blessed to be loved so dearly that the Father would send his Son to die that we may have eternal life.

As we celebrate Confirmation with our three youth on Palm Sunday, it will be their time to acknowledge their understanding of the promise that was given to them when they were baptized. I pray that we can lift these young Christians in their journey to become committed and active members of the Church.

Blessings to you! - Pastor Michele

## **We're back together!**

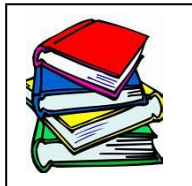
We are thrilled to be seated in the pews again. We will continue to monitor and adhere to the following guidelines:

- *Masks will be worn at all times while in the church building*
- *Masks must be worn covering both mouth and nose*
- *There will be no singing during the service*
- *Communion will be done with pre-filled cups*
- *Seating will be done in pews that are available and with consideration of keeping you/your family 6 feet away from others.*
- *Pastor will dismiss each pew from the back of the church to the front.*
- *There will be no gathering at the back of the sanctuary for visiting (if you wish to have time to socialize you will be asked to do so in the gathering areas rather than in the sanctuary)*
- *There will be no coffee/meals served before/after services*
- *There will be no Sunday School or Confirmation classes at this time.*

Any questions or concerns will be directed to your church council members.

## **Kirkebo Library Books**

The library at Kirkebo will be disbanding and the books are up for adoption.



All books will be left on the tables in the gathering space on Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Help yourself to any you would like to add to your own library. Any books left will be donated.

## **Sunday School**

We are hearing great things about the Sunday School packets the children received. Don't forget to send pictures of your activities/crafts for us to post on the church Facebook page.

## **Council Member Needed**

The Nora Council is seeking one new member to join the council. Time commitment is one meeting a month and extra meetings as needed. Please contact Wayne Bjerke if you are interested.

## **In our thoughts and prayers**

Margie Thompson, Sonja Meline, Jeff Loe, Terry Guttormson, Marlis Ziegler, Kirk Stevenson, and Jordyn Brauckmuller. *IF we have missed someone please let us know so we can update this list.*

## **Helping our Digital light shine .....**

We still don't have a final number on what was collected as money continues to come in. Thank you!



## **Confirmation 2020 Service**

We are finally able to confirm our youth that should have been done last spring. We will have a joint Confirmation Service on Palm Sunday.

Please join the families and congregation as we celebrate with Macie Cavett, Autumn Pribyl and Reed Volden.

## **March at a glance**

- ❖ Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 9am – Nora
- ❖ Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm - Kirkebo
- ❖ Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 9am – Kirkebo Council Meeting following service
- ❖ Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm – Nora
- ❖ Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 9am – Nora Baptism – Vettleson's Council Meeting following service
- ❖ Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm – Kirkebo
- ❖ Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 9am – Nora Palm Sunday & Confirmation Service
  
- ❖ Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 9am Easter Service at Kirkebo

## **Palms and Lillies**

We will be purchasing Lillies and Palms for Holy week – if you are wishing to donate in honor/memory of loved ones there will be envelopes available at the usher stations and can be placed in the offering plates.



Donations should be given by Sunday, March 21st.

