

Bedford Lutheran

church with a heart

God's Vision for Us: To celebrate Christ, grow in faith, and share God's Love with all! March 2020

A Message from Pastor Tim Feaser

The closest I ever came to divorce court was about 20 years ago when Sue and I decided that we could save some money and install a new floor in the kitchen and utility room ourselves. Just to add more stress, we started the project two days before the big Christmas Open House. The sign at the Home Depot said that installation was easy; and it was guaranteed to work. Clearly the people who made the sign were not thinking of us—our attempt at installation was a complete disaster. I had assumed that the linoleum would work like wallpaper only on the floor. I figured that we could lift it up if needed and reposition it. But, I was wrong—once the linoleum touches the glue on the floor it's there permanently. Forever. Until Christ returns! Sue and I argued about whose fault this was but it didn't seem to help the condition of the floor.

It soon became clear that that warranty was going to come in handy. There are just some things that need to be torn up and restarted. So, I gave up; scraped up as many pieces of the floor as I could, and returned the gluey mess to the store!

The second try succeeded, probably because I made Sue do the whole thing by herself. (I just made a few helpful suggestions along the way—hence, the divorce court comment!)

Giving up and starting over is commonplace in my life. But thankfully, it's not commonplace for God. When one considers the vastness of the universe, it's a wonder that God didn't just give up on us and start over somewhere else in the cosmos. The gift of Lent is that God continues to give us new beginnings and fresh starts. God never gives up on us.

May the blessings of Lent be with you!

-Pastor Tim



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Hebron, Madison;
Trinity Ecumenical Parish, Moneta;
Trinity, Pulaski;
St. Philip, Roanoke
St. Peter's, Stafford
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Church Council Meeting- Tuesday-March 3rd-5 p.m.

The Church Council will hold their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, March 3rd at 5:00 p.m. at Bob Hage's house.**



Daylight Savings Time Begins 2:00 a.m. –Sunday-Mar. 8th

Remember to set your clocks up one hour before you retire on Saturday night, March 7th as we spring forward into Daylight Savings Time at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday morning, March 8th.

Noon Community Lenten Service and Luncheon- Wednesday–March 11th- Bedford Lutheran Hosts- Volunteers Needed

Pastor Tim will be preaching and Bedford Lutheran will be hosting the noon Community Lenten Service and Luncheon on **Wednesday, March 11th at Main Street Methodist Church.** We need volunteers for food prep, food service and cleanup. Items needed are soup, sandwiches and desserts. Please see or call Bob Pratt at 434-660-9268 if you can help.

Third Sunday Singers Rehearsal-Sunday-March 15th-10:00 a.m.

The Third Sunday Singers will present special music on **Sunday, March 15th.** Rehearsal begins at 10:00 a.m. All are invited to sing.

Worship Arts Meeting- Tuesday–March 24th-4:00 p.m.-Parish House

The Worship Arts Committee will hold their monthly meeting on **Tues. Mar. 24th at 4:00 p.m.** at the Parish House. All are invited to attend. Contact Florayne Snyder for info.

Palms for Palm Sunday and Easter-March Orders

This year we are offering you the opportunity to purchase palms "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of" for our April Palm Sunday and Easter services. The cost will be \$10.00 each. Orders will be accepted during March. Please see Robin Wood for forms.

Adult Forum Ministry

The Adult Forum Class meets on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. The group is studying a new book. All are invited. Please contact Fred Duis for info.

Women's Small Group Ministry

The Women's Small Group meets on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. at the Snyder house, 1505 Wellington Drive, Bedford VA. Please contact Florayne Snyder at 540-583-5034 for information. All women are invited.

Table Talk Bible Study- Tuesdays-7:00 p.m.-March Lenten Studies

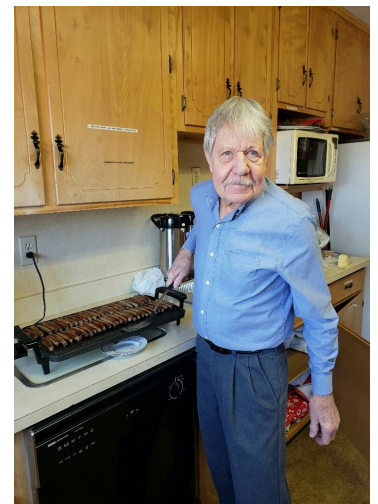
"Table Talk" bible study meets on Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. at our Parish House, 728 Burks Hill Road. Pastor Tim will be leading the group this month with a study of the book of Ephesians. All are invited. Please contact Jay Johnson for info.

A Momentous Day at Bedford Lutheran Church

What a very special day we observed on Feb. 23rd. We were very honored to have Bishop Robert Humphrey and his wife Barbra attend our service with Bishop Humphrey delivering the sermon. After the service, we gathered to enjoy our annual Shrove Sunday pancake and sausage brunch. Thank you so much to our awesome chefs, Bob Pratt and Jay Johnson for a delicious meal and to all others who helped! Following our meal, a special congregation meeting was held with

Bishop Humphrey serving as Chairman where the congregation approved all of the necessary steps to become an Organized Church of the ELCA on May 17th after 15 years of existence as a Mission Church. "If you believe and trust in God, all things are possible!"

A Few Pictures from Feb. 23rd



Worship Schedule

	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
Greeters	Shela Wolford	John & Darlene Dyess	Doris Pratt	Robin Wood	Eleanor Coppedge
Reader	Lyn Coppedge	Charlotte Duis	Ron Wolhfert	Doris Pratt	Fred Duis
Ushers	Ann Sites Jay Johnson	Eleanor Coppedge Darlene Dyess	Robin Wood Bob Pratt	Gary Snyder Jay Johnson	Fred Duis Ron Wolhfert
Communion	Jay Johnson	Bob Pratt	Doris Pratt	Anita Braun	Lyn Coppedge
Altar Care and Setup	Brenda & Ron Wolhfert	Gary & Florayne Snyder	Fred & Charlotte Duis	Gary & Florayne Snyder	Brenda & Ron Wolhfert

April Newsletter Deadline

- Please submit items for the April Newsletter to Robin Wood by **Friday, March 20, 2020** or earlier if possible.

Pastoral Needs

For any Pastoral needs, please call Pastor Tim Feaser at **410-608-9442** or email Pastor Tim at timfeaser@yahoo.com. For any prayer requests that you would like to share with our community through email, please send request to bedfordlutheranva@gmail.com.

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