# **NEW SCANDINAVIA LUTHERAN CHURC**

#### God's Faithfulness is Relentless

During our midweek Lent services at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday night, we will have an engaging sermon series on the Book of Jonah. The plan is to have PowerPoint visuals that will go along with our intended themes for each night.

This will be a unique approach using technology for visualization of what God wants us to understand through the prophet Jonah. In one sense this book helps us understand God's humor to get the point across to us that we simply can't run away from God. He is relentless to use us to accomplish his will to reach the unreachable and untouchables in the world.

This Lenten series will help us understand ourselves in this secular society. A society that blocks God out and seeks to "do things our own way." In the milieu of this life, we are typically like Jonah who runs away from God, but can't help but recognize that God is faithfully relentless in always intervening and pursuing us.

God not only cares about us, but God cares about everyone including people like the Ninevites who destroyed the temple of God and its people.

Lent is the time that we reflect on our journey with God and ponder whether we are running from God. If so repent and turn our life toward God and God's purpose for us and the world!

Midweek Lent Themes
March 8..."Intercepted and Redirected"
March 15..."God in the Depths of Chaos"
March 22..."Obedience and Preservation"
March 29..."Faithful and Unfinished"
Good Friday..."Jesus, a New Jonah"



#### First Celebration

On Sunday March 5, five young people will be celebrating their first communion. They have each completed a study of the sacrament of Holy Communion with our pastor. A special cake will be served during our coffee time. Join us as the following now will be taking Holy Communion: Paige Gerl Emmit Hundley Evan Macho Wesley Martinson Easton Rihn

## **Wednesday Church Meals**

Beginning on Wednesday March 1, teams will be serving delicious evening meals before our 6:30 p.m. Lent services this year. Our meals will begin by 5:15 p.m. and finish up before the evening worship. Please join us for the fellowship and food each Wednesday!

## **Midweek Lent Offerings**

Our offering during Lent will be going to Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. Plates will not be passed but offerings can be dropped onto the plate at the back of the church.

#### The Easter Cross and Lily Plants

Once again, we will have the Easter cross adorn our chancel on Easter Sunday, April 9. We will be ordering 20 plants. You will be able to sign up for a plant in IMO or IHO loved ones and take it home after the worship. The cost is yet to be determined.