



# UnitedVoice

March - April 2021 | Bimonthly Newsletter of United Free Lutheran | Greenbush, MN

## Mark Your Calendar

**3.3 – 3.24** Wednesday Lenten Service

**3.8** WMF & Council Meeting

**3.28** Palm Sunday Brunch

**4.1** Maundy Thursday Service

**4.2** Resurrection Day & Good Friday Service

**4.4** Easter! *He is risen, indeed!*

**4.9 – 4.10** Men Alive Retreat at Galilee Bible Camp

**4.17** WMF Spring Rally at UFLC

## Jesus Makes Everyday Living Respectable

*Pastor David Niemela*

During the Lenten season, as we consider what our Savior endured in this fallen world, we are reminded that this difficult world is not our home. Paul said in Romans 8:18, “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.” If this world has no comparison to what is to come, what is our work worth compared to what is stored for us in heaven? Isn’t it like bean pods compared to cupcakes? Wouldn’t it be best that God just put us in heaven?

Apparently, the work is not done, since He hasn’t called us home. The work is for sure not done since He has called us to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ, and our neighbors. We can remain content on earth since Jesus “had to be made like his brothers in every respect” (Hebrews 2:17) and He remained thirty years or so to complete His work on our behalf. If a professional athlete switches brands, he makes it cool and the younger ones follow suit. The Son of God switched from heaven to earth. He didn’t necessarily make this everyday life cool, as it is painful, but He made living everyday life, like us “in every respect,” honorable. Rejoice in that and follow suit.

Remember this Lenten season that Jesus walked in your shoes throughout the everyday work, family, and citizen callings. It is fitting to continue contently in the capacities you are serving. Heaven awaits at the end of it all.

## Children's Sunday School

Sunday School is back in session after Christmas Break. We did not try, but of course our first day back was the coldest day so far this winter! It did not seem to bother any of our Sunday Schoolers, though, as they jumped right into learning about the 10 plagues of Egypt and made frogs for their craft.

We are excited to dig more into the Old Testament, sing more, play more and work on the children's bells that we purchased right before Christmas.

With more winter ahead of us, we look forward to these children brightening our days through their talents, their stories, and their enthusiasm!

We are planning for the children to do music for Palm Sunday (we missed it last year) and, fingers crossed, we will have them perform a short skit/program as well.

We are moving forward this year with Vacation Bible School and we have requested for a Free Lutheran Bible College team to join us for June 6 – 10. We have not yet received final word, but we will send updates as they are received.

Thank you,

Sunday School Staff

*O Death, where is  
your sting?  
O Hades, where is  
your victory?*

### ***2021 NW MN District WMF Spring Rally***

United Free Lutheran, Greenbush

Saturday, April 17  
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

*“Oh Come, Let us Sing to the Lord  
Let us make a joyful noise to the  
Rock of our Salvation.”*

Psalm 95:1

Speakers: Anne Presteng, National WMF  
First Vice President from Grafton, ND  
Esther Hylden, former National WMF First  
Vice President from Park River, ND

Registration and coffee fellowship from  
8:30 – 9 a.m.

Registration cost is \$10  
(noon meal and coffee included)

## United Free WMF News

Wow, we are already into March and soon April. The year is already flying by and we have gotten deep into the Bible Study on 1 Timothy. Timothy was a companion of the Apostle Paul. They went on many missions together. Timothy was considered a “new generation” of Christian Leader, as he took a genuine interest in the welfare of the people. He was sent to Ephesus to silence false teaching so that the emphasis was on Gospel’s truth.

In March we will study Lesson 3, “Jesus Came to Save Sinners,” we hope you will join us. We love having the ladies get together and have fellowship. We have not done any “Facebook live” sessions, but if that is something you are interested in, we sure could try it. Let me know your thoughts on the live sessions.

In April we will study God’s Desire for the Church, based on 1 Timothy 2:1-7. “God’s desires for corporate worship given in 1 Timothy are part of His plan for the salvation of sinners.”.

In other business, we had our first potluck dinner on Sunday, February 21 st . It went fantastic. I am so thankful that we can again gather and fellowship and still keep everyone safe. The ladies again made fabulous food and we thank everyone that participated. We will be having potluck in March

(Esther Group serves) and April. The April one is not in the normal schedule but due to Easter being early in April, however, we have decided to have the April potluck with Martha group serving. Sarah group serves in May.

I want to thank everyone for supporting the WMF. Even without any fundraisers in 2020 and only 2 potlucks for the year, we continue to be blessed with funds to support our mission work. We could not do it without our Church family supporting us.

The quilting ladies got a box of quilts sent off to Alaska Missions. I am sure they will like the extra warmth during these cold days.

*“Amen, blessing and glory, and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever.”*

Revelation 7:12.



## Seeking Church Library Input

What would you like made accessible within our church library? Certain topics? Christian fiction titles? Audiobooks? Reference resources? Movies?

Jenny Niemela and Miranda Green are sifting through church library materials, and are excited to add some new items! If there is something you would like to see added, let either of us know. We want the library to be a valuable resource for building up each other’s walk with Christ.

No deadline for suggestions; talk to us anytime.



# Church Trip to the Creation Museum & Ark Encounter

In light of the 2021 Free Lutheran Youth Convention being cancelled, the Youth Team has decided to embark on a trip to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter – for everyone!

The mid-June five-day trip will include three days of travel and one day each at the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter.

## Tentative itinerary (June 12-16):

**Day 1:** Leave via coach bus from church parking lot; spend night in hotel.

**Day 2:** Continue traveling; day-trip stop (location to be determined); arrive at hotel.

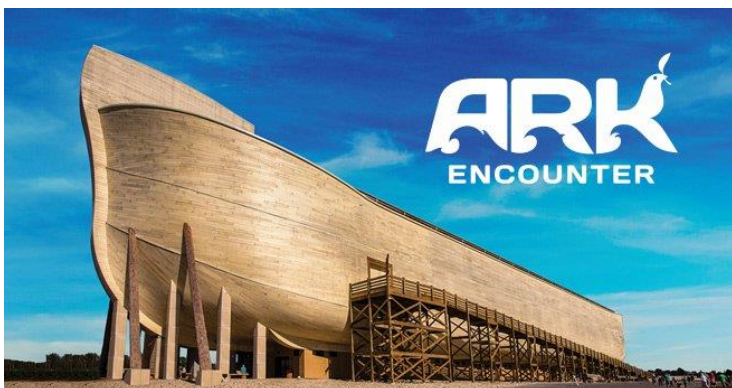
**Day 3:** Whole day at Creation Museum; return to hotel.

**Day 4:** Whole day at Ark Encounter; depart that evening for overnight bus drive.

**Day 5:** Drop off Annual Conference attendees at Free Lutheran Bible College in the morning; others arrive in Greenbush that afternoon.

**Cost estimate:** \$600 (museums + bus fee + three hotel nights meals + souvenir money. Children 10 and under are free at the Creation museum. Youth group ages and confirmands will receive financial aid. *A \$150 deposit is needed per reservation when signing up for the trip.*

**Deadline to register: Sunday, March 28**



## RELATIONSHIPS

Men Alive Retreat at  
Galilee Bible Camp, Lake Bronson

Friday, April 9 – Saturday, April 10

**“Relationship with Christ”**

April 9 7:30 p.m.

**“Relationships with other Christian Men”**

April 10 9 a.m.

**“Relationships with Unbelieving Men”**

April 10 10:30 a.m.

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Leading the sessions will be Pastor Tonnes Pollestad, Director of Development of the AFLC. Pastor Pollestad, in his position has spent the past several years visiting congregations and individuals of the AFLC throughout the U.S. Ge brings a wealth of knowledge of the happenings in the AFLC.



Feel free to bring a sleeping bag and spend the night at camp! Also bring snacks to share during session breaks.

**Breakfast 7:30 a.m. Saturday:** Breakfast (bacon, eggs, juice, coffee, etc.)

Free-will offering will be divided between Galilee Bible Camp and the AFLC. Checks can be made out to NW MN District of the AFLC.



# RESURRECTION DAY!

Hosted by Kids Club

United Free Lutheran Church | Good Friday, April 2 | 2 – 4 p.m.

Children in Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us for an afternoon of celebrating Christ's resurrection!

Kids will be divided into two age groups: the younger ones watching an Easter movie with a snack; the older ones attempting an Easter Escape Room. All participants will rejoin for empty tomb-roll baking and an Easter egg hunt with prizes!

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## UFLC Lenten Round Robin Schedule

*March 3*

Pastor Todd Erickson

*March 10*

Pastor Phil Rokke

*March 17*

Marv Gustafson

*March 24*

Pastor Michael Onstad

**Registration will be at  
the door and FREE!**



## UPCOMING AFLC EVENTS

**Association Retreat Center (ARC)** ~ Osceola, WI

For more information, visit [www.arc-aflc.org](http://www.arc-aflc.org) Women's Retreat – April 23-25

**Association of Free Lutheran Congregations**

For more information, visit [www.aflc.org](http://www.aflc.org) ❖ No known events at this time

**NW MN District**

More information to appear on church website, Facebook page, and future bulletins

❖ Men Alive Retreat at Galilee Bible Camp – April 9- 10

❖ WMF Spring Rally at United Free – April 17

**Free Lutheran Bible College & Seminary** ~ Plymouth, MN

For more information, visit [flbc.edu](http://flbc.edu) ❖ Student Life Center Grand Opening ~ April 16-17

# March-April Bible Reading Plan

			<b>Week Day Reading</b>	<b>Additional Two-Year Reading</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Lent</b>	<b>March 8</b>	<b>Matthew 6-7</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>March 9</b>	<b>Matthew 8</b>	<b>2 Samuel 10</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>		<b>March 10</b>	<b>2 Samuel 11</b>	<b>Matthew 9</b>
<b>Thursday</b>		<b>March 11</b>	<b>2 Samuel 12</b>	<b>Matthew 10</b>
<b>Friday</b>		<b>March 12</b>	<b>Matthew 11</b>	<b>2 Samuel 13</b>
<b>Saturday</b>		<b>March 13</b>		<b>2 Samuel 14-15</b>
<b>Sunday</b>		<b>March 14</b>		<b>2 Samuel 16</b>
<b>Monday</b>		<b>March 15</b>	<b>Matthew 12</b>	<b>2 Samuel 17</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>March 16</b>	<b>Matthew 13</b>	<b>2 Samuel 18</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>		<b>March 17</b>	<b>Matthew 14-15</b>	<b>2 Samuel 19</b>
<b>Thursday</b>		<b>March 18</b>	<b>Matthew 16</b>	<b>2 Samuel 20</b>
<b>Friday</b>		<b>March 19</b>	<b>Matthew 17</b>	<b>2 Samuel 21</b>
<b>Saturday</b>		<b>March 20</b>		<b>2 Samuel 22</b>
<b>Sunday</b>		<b>March 21</b>		<b>2 Samuel 23</b>
<b>Monday</b>		<b>March 22</b>	<b>Matthew 18</b>	<b>Job 1-2</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>March 23</b>	<b>Matthew 19</b>	<b>Job 3-4</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>		<b>March 24</b>	<b>2 Samuel 24</b>	<b>Matthew 20</b>
<b>Thursday</b>		<b>March 25</b>	<b>Matthew 21</b>	<b>Job 5-6</b>
<b>Friday</b>		<b>March 26</b>	<b>Matthew 22</b>	<b>Job 7-8</b>
<b>Saturday</b>		<b>March 27</b>		<b>Job 9-10</b>
<b>Sunday</b>		<b>March 28</b>		<b>Job 11-12</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 29</b>	<b>Matthew 23</b>	<b>Job 13-14</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 30</b>	<b>Matthew 24</b>	<b>Job 15-16</b>	

			<b>Week Day Reading</b>	<b>Additional Two- Year Reading</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>		<b>March 31</b>	<b>Matthew 25</b>	<b>Job 17-18</b>
<b>Thursday</b>		<b>April 1</b>	<b>Matthew 26</b>	<b>Job 19-20</b>
<b>Friday</b>		<b>April 2</b>	<b>Matthew 27:1-56</b>	<b>Job 21-22</b>
<b>Saturday</b>		<b>April 3</b>	<b>Matthew 27:57-66; Psalm 22</b>	<b>Job 23-24</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Easter</b>	<b>April 4</b>	<b>Matthew 28</b>	<b>Job 25-26</b>
<b>Monday</b>		<b>April 5</b>	<b>1 Kings 1:1-37</b>	<b>Job 27-28</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>April 6</b>	<b>1 Kings 1:38-53</b>	<b>Job 29-30</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>		<b>April 7</b>	<b>1 Kings 2:1-27</b>	<b>Job 31-32</b>
<b>Thursday</b>		<b>April 8</b>	<b>1 Kings 2:28-46</b>	<b>Job 33</b>
<b>Friday</b>		<b>April 9</b>	<b>1 Kings 3</b>	<b>Job 34</b>
<b>Saturday</b>		<b>April 10</b>		<b>Job 35</b>
<b>Sunday</b>		<b>April 11</b>		<b>Job 36; 1 Kings 4:1-19</b>
<b>Monday</b>		<b>April 12</b>	<b>1 Kings 4:20-34</b>	<b>Job 37</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>April 13</b>	<b>1 Kings 5</b>	<b>Job 38</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>		<b>April 14</b>	<b>1 Kings 6</b>	<b>Job 39</b>
<b>Thursday</b>		<b>April 15</b>	<b>Psalm 19</b>	<b>Job 40</b>
<b>Friday</b>		<b>April 16</b>	<b>Psalm 20</b>	<b>Job 41</b>
<b>Saturday</b>		<b>April 17</b>		<b>Psalm 21; Job 42</b>
<b>Sunday</b>		<b>April 18</b>		<b>1 Kings 7</b>
<b>Monday</b>		<b>April 19</b>	<b>1 Kings 8:1-21</b>	<b>1 Kings 8:22-61</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>April 20</b>	<b>1 Kings 8:62-9:9</b>	<b>1 Kings 9:10-28</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>		<b>April 21</b>	<b>1 Kings 10</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>		<b>April 22</b>	<b>1 Kings 11:1-13</b>	

		<b>Week Day Reading</b>	<b>Additional Two-Year Reading</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 23</b>	<b>1 Kings 11:14-43</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 24</b>		<b>Song of Solomon 1</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 25</b>		<b>Song of Solomon 2</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 26</b>	<b>1 Kings 12</b>	<b>Song of Solomon 3</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 27</b>	<b>1 Kings 13:1-34</b>	<b>Song of Solomon 4</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 28</b>	<b>1 Kings 14</b>	<b>Song of Solomon 5</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 29</b>	<b>1 Kings 15:1-22</b>	<b>Song of Solomon 6</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 30</b>	<b>1 Kings 15:23-34</b>	<b>Song of Solomon 7</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 1</b>		<b>Song of Solomon 8</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 2</b>		<b>Psalm 23</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 3</b>	<b>1 Kings 16</b>	<b>Psalm 24</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 4</b>	<b>1 Kings 17</b>	<b>Psalm 25</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 5</b>	<b>1 Kings 18:1-19</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 6</b>	<b>1 Kings 18:20-46</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 7</b>	<b>1 Kings 19</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 8</b>		<b>1 Kings 20:1-25</b>