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Sand Point Community United Methodist Church  
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**Taize Services offered during Lent**  
**Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**March 4, 11, 18, 25, & April 1**

Take a moment to breathe mid-week on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7 p.m. to relax in prayerfulness as we sing the simple chants from the Taize community in France. The worship is centered around simple, but haunting chants such as one in our hymnal, “Jesus, Remember Me when You come into Your Kingdom”, short readings, and prayerful silence. Children are welcome to join in as well. Music Director, Jeremy Matheis & Pastor Cathy will facilitate these services:



**Sunday Lenten Worship Theme**  
**The Lord’s Prayer**

Come worship with us during Lent to dive deeper into the heart of our community and nurture your spirit. We will be using the familiar and comforting “Lord’s Prayer” as a springboard for understanding this powerful prayer that Jesus taught.

March 8<sup>th</sup> Thy Kingdom Come  
March 15<sup>th</sup> Give us This Day our Daily Bread  
March 22<sup>nd</sup> Forgive us our Sins & our Debts & our Trespasses (The Mary Magdalene Choir joins us in worship)  
March 29<sup>th</sup> Lead us not into Temptation  
April 5<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday  
April 12<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday

## Calendar

### Regular Weekly Events

**Sunday** 10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship Service  
11:15 a.m. - Fellowship Hour, Perry Hall  
5:00 p.m. - Youth Group, March at Haller Lake  
**Tuesday** 10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study, Fireside Room  
7:30 p.m. - AA, Lehmann Hall  
7:30 p.m. - Alanon, Choir Room  
**Wednesday** 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
**Friday** 6:00 p.m. - AA, Fireside Room  
**Saturday** 7:30 p.m. - Alanon, Fireside Room

### Upcoming Events

#### **Wednesday, March 4th**

8:30 a.m. - Probus, Perry Hall  
4:00 p.m. - Staff Meeting, Fireside Room  
6:30 p.m. - Taize Service

#### **Thursday, March 5th**

9:00 a.m. - Men’s Bible Study, Fireside Room

#### **Friday, March 6th**

8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Spiritual Guidance, Fireside Room

#### **Sunday, March 8th**

11:00 a.m. - Confirmation Class, Library  
11:00 a.m. - Enrichment Hour, Fireside Room

#### **Monday, March 9th**

7:30 p.m. - SPRC, Fireside Room

#### **Tuesday, March 10th**

7:00 p.m. - Missions, Fireside Room

#### **Wednesday, March 11th**

3:00 p.m. - Harmony Circle Set up, Fireside Room  
6:30 p.m. - Taize Service

#### **Thursday, March 12th**

Noon. - Harmony Circle Luncheon, Fireside Room

#### **Friday, March 13th**

8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Spiritual Guidance, Spiritual Guidance

#### **Saturday, March 14th**

2:00 p.m. - Bertie Stone’s Memorial Service  
5–8 p.m. - Great Dates Night, Fireside Room & Perry Hall

#### **Sunday, March 15th**

11:00 a.m. - Enrichment Hour, Fireside Room

#### **Monday, March 16th**

7:30 p.m. - Parsonage Task Force, Fireside Room

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## Enrichment Hour The Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations (After Worship in the Fireside Room)

Sunday, March 8th, the Enrichment Hour topic will be Radical Hospitality. Marilyn Covey and Midge Halberg will facilitate the discussion about how we as members of Sand Point Church can find the courage, and the commitment, to invite and welcome outsiders to our worship services. The book, The Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations offers this challenge: "Write down the names of three persons--neighbors, acquaintances, co-workers, who do not have a church home. Pray for them daily. Pray for a time when you can invite them to a ministry in our church."

Sunday, March 15th, Nate Goldbloom and Beth Mullin will lead the discussion for Intentional Faith Building.

This will be your chance to suggest a new study, small group, or class that would help you grow in your faith, or tell us about a teacher who changed how you live in a significant way.

## A Prayer for Lent

Dear Lord,  
So far today, I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, haven't lost my temper, haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or over-indulgent. I'm very thankful for that. But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed. And from then on, I'm probably going to need a lot more help. Amen  
(from the Everett UMC newsletter)

## Youth News Updates

**Youth Group** In the month of March we will be meeting at Haller Lake from 5-7pm on Sunday Evenings. Dinner will be provided. See Nate for details or carpool information.



**Vacation Bible School** This summer's VBS is going to be Camp EDGE, July 13th through the 17th from 9:00 to Noon. This year the theme will center on Experiencing and Discovering God Everywhere! If you can help with VBS please see Nate.

## Special Musical Guests Followed by All Church Potluck



Sunday, March 22nd the Church of Mary Magdalene Choir will be our guests during worship. After church they will join us for a Pot Luck Brunch in Perry Hall. To facilitate the pot luck, we would ask that persons with a last name that starts with A--H bring fresh fruit, I--Q bring a breakfast bread, and R--Z bring an egg or potato casserole. If you have a brunch idea that doesn't fit these categories, feel free to add it to the feast.

We will also have a presentation of portraits and stories of some of the homeless women of Mary's Place.

### Upcoming Sandpointer Deadlines (noon)/Mail Date:

Friday, March 13th  
Friday, March 27th

Wednesday, March 18th  
Wednesday, April 1st

During this season of Lent, we are studying **5 Practices for Fruitful Congregations**. We are engaging in practices that will enliven our church. Two of these practices happen to correspond with what happens on Sunday mornings – **Passionate Worship & Radical Hospitality**. Did you know that for the past 2 years, **Joan Bohn** has been coordinating our coffee hour, and **Sheri Vahey** has been securing our worship assistants, and greeters each week. We recently met and have devised a plan to involve the congregation in these crucial tasks.

We would like to introduce a plan that shares the responsibilities of worship & coffee hour among the whole congregation on a monthly basis, rotating every 7 months. We have taken the liberty of dividing the congregation into 7 groups. Each group would then be responsible for securing people from their group to be greeters, communion stewards, and liturgists. In addition, various members of each group would help bring refreshments, make coffee, offer hospitality, and clean up after.

This format does several things: 1) It shares the joy of these responsibilities to many different people over the course of a year. 2) It provides a team experience of getting to know other people that you may not necessarily have gotten to know otherwise. 3) It gives an opportunity for newer people in our church to get plugged in and meet new people right away. 4) It offers an invitation to become involved in the life of the church in a deeper way.

We are praying that you will want to be part of this team ministry that is so vitally important to our Sunday morning experience. We extend the invitation for everyone to participate. You will be receiving a letter in the mail next week letting you know what team you are a part of. If your preference is to not participate in this ministry at this time, please let me know. We hope we have not overlooked anyone, so if you don't receive a letter for some reason, and want to participate, please let me know.

Journeying with you this Lenten season, Pastor Cathy