



The Prairie Land Lutheran Parish Messenger

March 2018



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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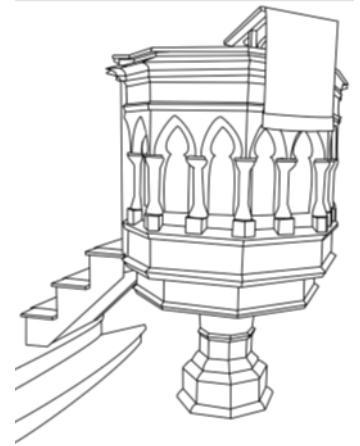
Friends in Christ:

This month we continue our look at what's in our worship spaces with an examination of the pulpit.

What is the pulpit, exactly? Why does it have such a prominent place? And why is it used less often these days?

Because proclaiming the gospel is one of the most central elements in Christian worship, the place where Scripture is read and sermons are preached is usually central to any Christian worship space. Historically this has happened in various different ways—when Jesus preached in his hometown synagogue in Nazareth, he stood to read the lesson and sat down to preach (see Luke 4)!

The first Christians may well have done the same: standing to read and sitting down to preach. Some kind of platform made it easier for people to see and hear. It's convenient when you're reading Scripture to have a place to hold the book, so often a stand was added.



Today we most often call the place from which the sermon is preached the **pulpit** (from a Latin word that simply means “platform”). Sometimes there is another stand called the **lectern** (from a word for “reading”), which is used for other readings. The pulpit is sometimes larger and more prominent, not because the pastor is more important than the other readers, but to highlight the importance of the gospel.

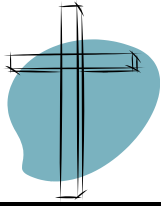
Pulpits are elevated for purely practical reasons. Before the invention of electronic amplification, increasing the height allowed the preacher to be more easily seen and heard in a larger room. In some especially large worship spaces, pulpits could end up as high as the balcony—that's a lot of stairs to climb!

Pulpits can be as simple or as elaborate as you like. There is even a church in Poland that has a pulpit shaped like Jonah's whale, perhaps a warning to reluctant preachers: if God wants you to preach, you'll preach!

Today, using wireless microphones and speakers, we can easily amplify the preacher's voice to be heard throughout the worship space (or even sometimes in the basement!). That frees up preachers to do what works for them—you can move around while you speak, if you like, or stand in the middle of the congregation, or just avoid all those extra stairs. All of these approaches have different advantages and disadvantages, depending on both the worship space and the style of the preacher. (I like to stand on the floor, when I can, because it makes it easier for me to see the people I'm talking to.)

But as much as has changed, one thing has remained constant: **proclaiming the gospel is still one of the most important things that happens when we gather.** Whether it is in a sermon, or in a reading, or even in the words of a hymn, we believe that when God's Word is proclaimed, God is really speaking to us. God is really granting us grace, salvation, and forgiveness. God is really in our midst. And that is worth celebrating, no matter where you stand or sit!

Pastor Sarah Taylor



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Vital Statistics

Lake Hanska

Jan 21	at LaSalle	\$155.00
Jan 28	31	\$743.00
Feb 4	at LaSalle	\$158.00
Feb 11	36	\$1,224.00
Feb 21	42 Lenten Worship	

La Salle

Jan 21	28	\$1,761.00
Jan 28	at Lake Hanska	
Feb 4	4	\$605.00
Feb 11	at Lake Hanska	
Feb 18	24	\$310.00

Zion

Jan 21	32	\$875.82
Jan 28	12	\$1,705.00
Feb 4	34	\$1,751.00
Feb 11	34	\$1,234.00
Feb 14	Ash Wednesday	46

Worship Schedule for March

Sunday March 4th Third Sunday in Lent

9:00a.m. Worship at LaSalle
 9:15a.m. Sunday School at Zion
 10:30a.m. Worship at Zion

Sunday March 11th Fourth Sunday in Lent

9:00a.m. Worship at Lake Hanska
 10:30a.m. Worship at Zion

Sunday March 18th Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:00a.m. Worship at LaSalle
 9:15a.m. Sunday School at Zion
 10:30a.m. Worship at Zion

Sunday March 25th Palm Sunday

9:00a.m. Worship at Lake Hanska
 10:30a.m. Worship at Zion

March Lenten Worship Schedule

Wed. March 7th at Zion

6:00p.m. Supper
 7:00p.m. Worship

Wed. March 14th at Lake Hanska

6:00p.m. Supper
 7:00p.m. Worship



Wed. March 21st at LaSalle

6:00p.m. Supper
 7:00p.m. Worship

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday - March 29th - 7:00p.m. at Zion
Good Friday - March 30th 7:00p.m. at Lake Hanska

PLL Funerals

Wally Schmiesing - Friday January 23, 2018 at Lake Hanska Church
 LaVerne Paulson - Saturday February 3, 2018 at Lake Hanska Church



Prairie Land Lutheran Parish Women of the ELCA

LaSalle W-ELCA

Altar Guild: Marie Christenson
and Kim Askeland

**Bible Study and meeting Friday
March 9th at 1:00p.m.**

Lenten Supper Wed March 21st

Lake Hanska W-ELCA

Altar Guild: Bonnie Lilleodden
Nancy Lilleodden and Beth Kral

**Wednesday March 7th 9:30a.m.
Sewing, 10:30a.m. All women
of Lake Hanska Church are
welcome to join us for coffee**

Lenten Supper Wed March 14th

Zion W-ELCA

Altar Guild: Karen Peterson

Communion: Beth Lassas and
Beverly Michels

Flowers: Dorcas Circle
(No flowers during Lent)

Lenten Supper Wed March 7th
Dorcas Serves

**Sewing Tuesday March 13th and
Wednesday March 14th**

Baptisms in the PLLP

Nolan Brian Kamm - Baptized February 11, 2018 at Lake Hanska Church

Parents: Kaylee and Matt Kamm **Brother:** Kellan

Sponsors: Ian Kjelshus and Collin Kjelshus

Leah Mae Greising - Baptized February 18, 2018 at Zion Church

Parents: Rebecca Lewis and Alex Greising

Sponsors: Brooke Noel, Hayle Ince and Nathan Hiniker



LaSalle W-ELCA Officers

President: Debbie Bock

Vice President:
Kathy Christenson

Secretary: Faith Tietz

Treasurer: Donna Schultz

LMH Auxiliary Reps: Marie
Christenson and Bonnie Viland

Lake Hanska W-ELCA Officers

Group Coordinator:
Bonnie Lilleodden

Altar Guild Chairperson:
Suzanne Stoesz

Treasurer: Shirley Brudellie

Cradle Roll: Jane Ahlness

LMH Auxiliary Rep: Lois Hage

Zion W-ELCA Officers

President: Darlene Odegard

Vice President: Karen Haack

Secretary: Kay Grams

Treasurer: Sonja Smesmo

LMH Auxiliary Rep:
Beverly Michels

Council Officers for 2018

Lake Hanska

President: Jim Lilleodden

Secretary: Cheryl Doe

Treasurer: Beth Kral

Financial Secretary:
Bonnie Lilleodden

Trustees: Mike Paulson
David Olson

Deacons: Kevin Byro
Chuck Olson
Deb Koch

Board of Education:

PLL Council Reps:
Brian Kjelshus
Kevin Byro

Alternate: Dave Olson

LMH Delegate:
Harvey and LaDonna
Lilleodden

LaSalle

President: Lance Mikkelson

Secretary: Kim Askeland

Treasurer: Debbie Bocock

Financial Secretary:
Bev Olson

Trustee: Elmer Knaack

Deacon: Ron Bocock

PLL Council Reps:
Mark Skarpohl
Bev Olson

Alternate:
Lance Mikkelson

LMH Delegates:
Ron and Debbie Bocock

Zion

President: Franz Helling

Vice President:
Landis Froehling

Secretary: Kay Grams

Treasurer: Don Grams

Financial Secretary:
Lisa Miller

Board of Education:
Lisa Miller, Sarah Mosenden,
and Rachel Cunningham

Council Members:
John Thormodson,
Carla Grams, Dan Paulson,
Sarah Mosenden, Dave Vee
and Steve Odegard

PLL Council Reps:
Jon Reinhart
Carla Grams

Alternate: Lisa Miller

LMH Delegates: Sharon
Miller and Annette Larson

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**MAKE
LENT
COUNT**

PRAY • ACT • GIVE

Parents, mark your calendars!

Splash Canyon Vacation Bible School
at Zion Lutheran Church

June 11-15 2017 - 8:00a.m. - 11:30a.m.

Look for registration information in next
months newsletter!!



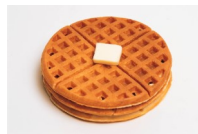
Hanska Fire Department Breakfast

Hanska sausages and all you can eat

Dad's Famous Belgian Waffles

Sunday March 18, 2018

Hanska Community Center



All proceeds will go for training for the Department

For God so loved the world that he
gave his only Son, so that everyone who
believes in him may not perish but may have
eternal life. John 3:16

LMH Spring Festival



Tuesday April 10th

10:30a.m. - 1:00p.m.

at Trinity Lutheran Church in Madelia

Food For Kidz

We will be packing food on April 8, 2018

at Larry Stoesz's Truck Garage

This year we will be serving a lunch at 12:00p.m.
then we will start packing food at 1:00p.m.

Our goal this year is to pack a pallet so we need to
raise \$1,800.00! Please come to Lenten worship
and give!

Spread the Word!

If anyone from Lake Hanska Church
would like to order an Easter lily
please contact Sue Stoesz at

507-276-4250.



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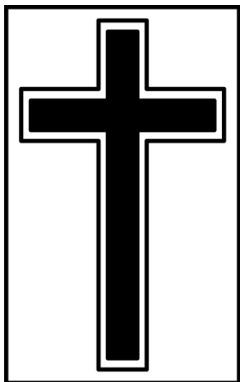
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