



# Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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### EDUCATION HOUR– MARCH 10:45 to 11:30

March 5– Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast

March 12 Part 1 “Grief” Barry Boyer

March 19 Part 2 “Grief” Barry Boyer

March 26 Dueling Pianos– Sue Johnson and Ron Buckles



## wor·ship

[ˈwɔːrʃɪp]

the feeling or expression of reverence and adoration for a deity:

*“the worship of God”*

Whether we gather in the sanctuary on Sunday or Wednesday, at the park in the summer, in the parking lot for a car service or via “live stream”, worship is a huge part of our church life. We sing, we pray, we listen to lessons, we commune with each other. We start new friendships and nurture old ones.

In Celebration of our Journey of Faith for our 125th Anniversary, March will focus on the celebration of Worship and all that entails. We learn new things, enjoy music, new and old. We will also celebrate traditions old and new.

Lenten Services will include the Trial of Judas, The Chosen is once again available, Rich Boardman will be leading services on March 19th, (Pastor Karen will be watching her son defend his theses For his PhD), and the Boy Scouts will be making breakfast on the 5th between services. Will be celebrating the Ordination of Kari Allen on March 24th at 6:30pm. Details to come!!

**Hear Ye, Hear Ye:** The Lenten District Court of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church will gather in session each Wednesday in Lent. Each week, we, the members of the jury, will gather in person at noon or 6:15 p.m. as well as online to hear testimony from witnesses in order to determine and declare a verdict regarding the punishment of Judas Iscariot.

Obviously, God is the ultimate Judge, and our verdict bears no true weight. And yet, through this lenten drama, we will be invited to reflect upon divine forgiveness, to consider what constitutes remorse, to note the depth of sinfulness within each one of us, and to ponder the nature of God's love.

Every lenten season, these words come to us as invitation:

*Return to the Lord, your God,*

*for he is gracious and merciful,*

*slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.* Joel 2:13

Not only do we hear these words from the prophet, for these words are spoken by Moses and appear in many of the Psalms. The prophet Joel is quoting what would have been very familiar words to him and to the people of faith he served. These words are woven throughout scripture and succinctly describe our experience of who God is and who we are in relation to God. As we wrestle with God's response to Judas, we may find ourselves gaining new insight into God's love and commitment to each one of us.

This year's lenten drama would not have been possible without our many talented actors. Thanks to all of them, and a gigantic thank you to Jared Johnson who directed, filmed and edited this drama.

God bless our lenten journey together,

*Pastor Karen*



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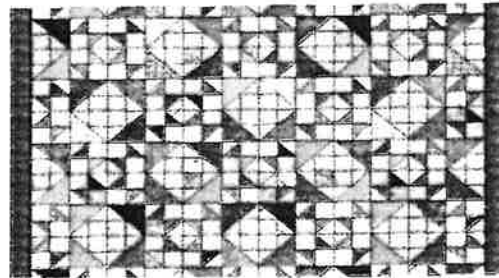
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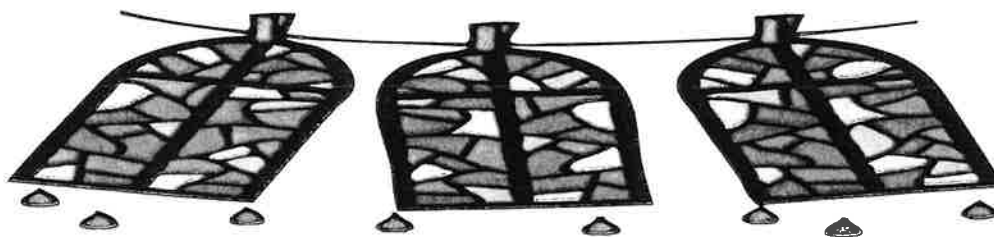
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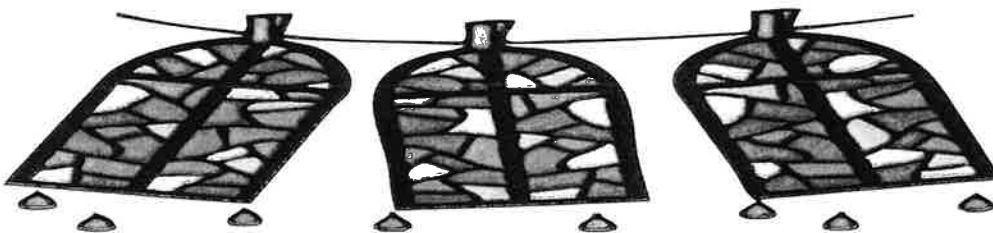
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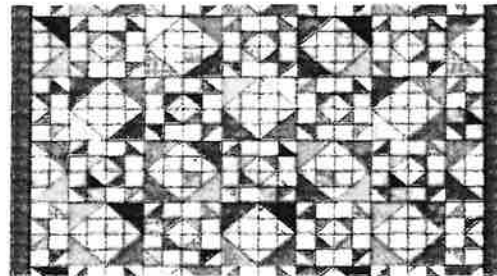
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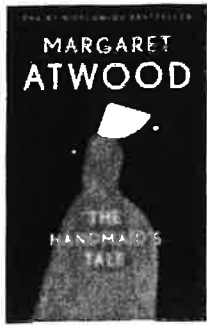
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### Good Reads All Year Long

Book Buddies have chosen their book selections for 2023. They will be meeting and discussing the following books. Meetings are usually on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 6:30 PM. If you would like to receive updates about the meetings and join in the discussions and camaraderie, please contact Marilyn Murphy at [mjmurphy1970@yahoo.com](mailto:mjmurphy1970@yahoo.com).

January - The Sentence by Louise Erdrich

February - Our Missing Hearts by Celeste Ng

March - The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood

April - The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie.

May - The Seed Keeper by Diane Wilson

June - The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien

July - Neanderthal Opens the Door to the Universe by Preston Norton

August - The Rose Code By Kate Quinn

September - The Sum of Us What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together by Heather C. McGhee

October - The Secret Wisdom of the Earth by Christopher Scotton

### Knot Just Knitters

#### **Fabric needed!**

Are you cleaning closets and wondering what to do with extra fabric? Knot Just Knitters is looking for fabric for various projects. They will share with the quilters, too! Please contact Marilyn Murphy at [mjmurphy1970@yahoo.com](mailto:mjmurphy1970@yahoo.com) if you have fabric to donate.

Thanks!!!

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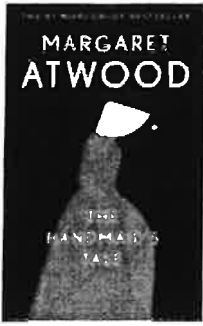
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On March 19 at 6:30 PM on Zoom, Book Buddies will discuss the much talked about book by Margaret Atwood that was made into a television series. The Handmaid's Tale is a novel of such power that the reader will be unable to forget its images and its forecast. Set in the near future, it describes life in what was once the United States and is now called the Republic of Gilead, a monotheocracy that has reacted to social unrest and a sharply declining birthrate by reverting to, and going beyond, the repressive intolerance of the original Puritans. The regime takes the Book of Genesis absolutely at its word, with bizarre consequences for the women and men in its population. If you would like the Zoom link for this discussion, please contact Marilyn Murphy at [mjmurphy1970@yahoo.com](mailto:mjmurphy1970@yahoo.com). All are welcome!

### Good Reads All Year Long

Book Buddies have chosen their book selections for 2023. They will be meeting and discussing the following books. Meetings are usually on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 6:30 PM. If you would like to receive updates about the meetings and join in the discussions and camaraderie, please contact Marilyn Murphy at [mjmurphy1970@yahoo.com](mailto:mjmurphy1970@yahoo.com).

January - The Sentence by Louise Erdrich

February - Our Missing Hearts by Celeste Ng

March - The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood

April - The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie.

May - The Seed Keeper by Diane Wilson

June - The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien

July - Neanderthal Opens the Door to the Universe by Preston Norton

August - The Rose Code By Kate Quinn

September - The Sum of Us What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together by Heather C. McGhee

October - The Secret Wisdom of the Earth by Christopher Scotton

### Knot Just Knitters

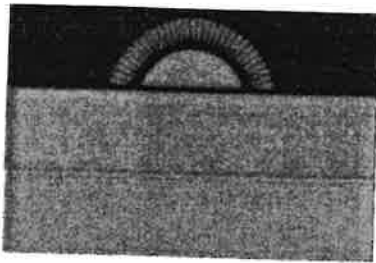
#### **Fabric needed!**

Are you cleaning closets and wondering what to do with extra fabric? Knot Just Knitters is looking for fabric for various projects. They will share with the quilters, too! Please contact Marilyn Murphy at [mjmurphy1970@yahoo.com](mailto:mjmurphy1970@yahoo.com) if you have fabric to donate.

Thanks!!!

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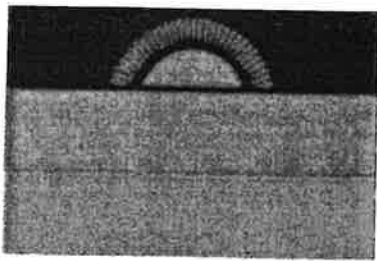
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