

**Pastor Peter Knutson**

**“Letting Go and Trusting God”**

Lent is a season of letting go. But not the kind that simply shrugs and says, “It doesn’t matter.” Not the kind that pretends the future is easy or predictable, or gives up responsibility. *Christian letting go is an act of faith.*

Many of us live with the quiet assumption that if we work and plan carefully enough, we can hold life together. We make plans for our families, our work, our health, and our future. There is wisdom in that. God calls us to be good stewards of His gifts.

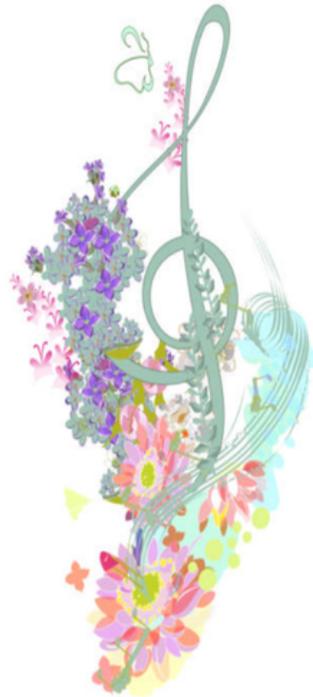
Yet Lent reminds us that we are not the ones holding everything together. God is.

That truth can be both comforting and unsettling. If God is in control, then our plans will sometimes be interrupted. We will not always know what comes next. We are called to release the illusion that we can secure our own future.

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**Bel Canto of Yakima**

Presenting in Concert  
“Songs of the Sacred”  
in celebration of the Easter Season



**Sunday, March 15th 2026  
3:00PM**

**Mt. Olive Lutheran Church  
7809 Tieton Drive  
Yakima, WA 98908**

Admission to this Concert is by  
Free Will Offering. Net proceeds to  
benefit the Bel Canto Scholarship  
Fund.



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**MARCH  
NEWSLETTER 2026**

- 3/1** - Be Born Again
- 3/8** - Worship in Spirit & Truth
- 3/15** - Can you See?
- 3/22** - Jesus is the Resurrection
- 3/29** - The Glory of God’s Name



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Communion Sundays

March 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>

### Elder meeting

March 15<sup>th</sup> after Bible Study

### Bilingual Service

March 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1pm

### LWML

March 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am

### Bel Canto of Yakima

March 15<sup>th</sup> at 3pm

### Ministry Council meeting

March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30am

### Bible & Brews

Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at Public House on Tieton. Meeting at 7pm, all are welcome! The topic for the meeting is: "Is Faith Supposed to Be This Hard?"

### Camp Hope

Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 3pm

## EVENTS

### Family Movie Matinee 3/14 at 10am:

Streaming the movie Cars! Come for a cozy crafting corner, areas for quiet play, blankets and chairs to enjoy

### Bel Canto Auditions:

Bel Canto will be holding their Scholarship Auditions for High School Students currently in grades 8-11 on Saturday, March 21st at 5:00 p.m. Students receive scholarships to help further their musical training and performance. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear the wonderful talented students of our valley. Members of Mt Olive are welcome to attend.

### Lent Services:

Midweek Wednesday services are continuing through March 25<sup>th</sup> - soup supper at 6pm, service at 7pm. Please sign up in the Narthex. The theme for our season of Lent: The Lord's Prayer.

### Coming Up: LWML Yard Sale:

Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup>  
Donations will be accepted beginning Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Information will be posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

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Faith does not begin with certainty. *Faith begins by listening.* When God speaks, He does not give us blueprints. He gives us promises—His voice to trust even when we cannot see the road ahead.

This is the heart of Lent. We walk with Jesus toward the cross. The disciples do not understand what is coming, yet He still leads them. At the cross, when everything seems lost, God is doing His greatest work.

The same is true for us. When we do not see what God is doing, the cross and empty tomb remind us that His faithfulness does not depend on our understanding.

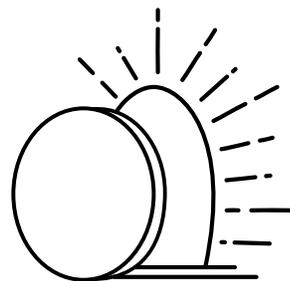
So this season, we bring our anxieties, plans, and fears to God. We listen for His voice and trust His promises. The One who has led His people in the past will continue to lead us in the future.

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# HOLY WEEK

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**MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
7809 TIETON DRIVE  
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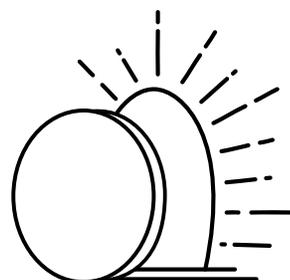
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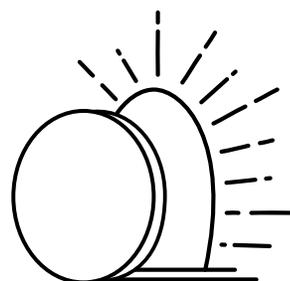
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