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The Spirit of OUR LORD'S NEWS

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PASTOR'S LENTEN MESSAGE

More Word than Ashes

We have this treasure (Blessings of Christ) in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. First Corinthians 4:7

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And More!

On Sunday, January 10, 2016, a young man from Springfield, Illinois (Graham) was visiting his Maternal Grandmother at Trinity Lutheran Church in Canton, Illinois. I was the Interim Pastor at Trinity at that time. That day was the celebration of the Baptism of our Lord, and thus the children's message was about baptism. Myself, Graham, and the other youth present went over many of the things that involve water, but are not baptism – washing the car, putting ice in our soda, taking a bath, etc.

We then focused on what was needed for baptism. It was not just water, but water in the context of God's Word. It was at that point that Graham reminded each of us that when you put those two things together (water and God's Word), that it is the later (God's Word) that is most important. Graham was of course absolutely correct. It is precisely God's Word that makes the water of baptism so powerful. Water without God's Word is just that (water), and it is only in the midst of God's Word that water takes on a whole new meaning.

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What is true of water and God's Word in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, is also true of the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday. Without the proclamation of God's Word, the ashes are just that (ashes). It is only in the context of the declaration – *remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return* – that the ashes take on a whole new meaning. We are powerfully reminded on Ash Wednesday, that without the presence of Christ in our lives that we are mere dust. The gift of Life Eternal comes only as we live our lives in Christ. The Apostle Paul makes it clear that we are by nature earthen vessels (dust), and that meaning in our lives comes not through our works, but through the transcendent power of God. Our salvation is pure gift – without Christ we are truly just dust.

The experience of having ashes imposed on our foreheads in the shape of the cross on Ash Wednesday is a powerful reminder that without Christ we are simply dust. On Ash Wednesday we are called to present our earthen vessel lives to Christ and be reminded that it is only as we live in the Word of God that we are any more than dust.

Our Lenten Journeys only make sense in the context of Ash Wednesday. Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday take on a whole new meaning having heard clearly – *remember you are dust and to dust you shall return*.

Graham wanted to make sure that all who worshipped at Trinity, Canton, on January 10, 2016, understood that when it comes to water and God's Word, always choose the Word. The Apostle Paul desires the exact same thing in his proclamation about earthen vessels in First Corinthians.

Come to Our Lord's on Ash Wednesday (March 6, 7:00 PM), and be reminded in a powerful way that our earthen / dusty bodies are always being made new in Christ.

REGULAR WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Contemporary Worship: Saturdays at 5 pm with Fellowship after Worship

Traditional Worship: Regular schedule of two services:
Sunday: 8 am and 10:45 am.

CHANCEL CHOIR rehearsals
Wednesday's at 6:30 pm until Lent.

We will then meet from
March 13 April 10 at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary.



BELL CHOIR rehearsals
Thursdays in March
at **6:30** in the Worship
Center Sanctuary.

Both Choirs
would
love more
participants.

WEEKEND WORSHIP DURING LENT

The Epiphany Season culminates with the Transfiguration of Our Lord on the first weekend of March. During the rest of March and the first weekend in April, the church makes its annual Lenten Pilgrimage. Listed below are the Gospel Readings, the themes, and a short reflection for each of the five weekends in Lent.



Saturday, March 9, and Sunday, March 10

First Weekend in Lent: Luke 4:1-13

Temptation Narrative

Each year the Lenten Season begins with Jesus being driven by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days. The Lukan narrative has the same temptations as Matthew, just in a different order.



Saturday, March 16, and Sunday, March 17

Second Weekend in Lent: Luke 13:34-35

Lament over Jerusalem

The Bible does not provide many female images of God, but the hen gathering her brood under her wing is one of the most poignant.



Saturday, March 23, and Sunday, March 24

Third Weekend in Lent: Luke 13:6-9

Parable of the Fig Tree

The fruits of our labor in the kingdom do not always come as quickly as we would like. Jesus reminds us to keep fertilizing, and the fruit will come.



Saturday, March 30, and Sunday, March 31

Fourth Weekend in Lent: Luke 15:11-32

Parable of the Prodigal Son

This famous parable is not really about the prodigal son, but rather about his loving father. The Parable of the Loving Father is much more descriptive of Luke's intended message



Saturday, April 6, and Sunday, April 7

Fifth Weekend in Lent: John 12:1-8

Anointing at Bethany

On this final weekend of Lent, we take a short break from Luke, and experience John's powerful narrative of the anointing at Bethany. Jesus makes it clear that his time on the cross is very near.



Come Join Us!

March 5, 2019
5:00-7:00pm

Our Lord's Fellowship Hall

Menu:
Pancakes
Various Meats
Fruit

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Beginning **March 13** through **April 10**, soup suppers will be held every Wednesday night before the weekly Lenten Service.

TIME: 5:30 – 6:30 PM (Service will follow starting at 6:45 pm)



DATES/SOUP

- March 13** – Vegetable (Ginger Trucano)
- March 20** – Ham & Beans (Linda Spencer/Cindy Pugh)
- March 27** – Broccoli Cheese (Linda Spencer)
- April 3** – Chili (Linda Eakin)
- April 10** – Chicken Noodle (Debby Gunderson/Cindy Pugh)

In order to get an estimate as to the quantity of soup needed, signup sheets will be available on the table in the Narthex.

Anyone wishing to bring dessert(s), please sign up on the "Dessert Signup" sheet for the date that you are able to provide a dessert.

Kitchen Team: Ginger Trucano 973-4805 or Cindy Pugh 334-1046

Coffee, Tea, Water, Juices

Lenten Vespers

The Transforming Power of Christ

Soup Supper: 5:30 – 6:30 PM
Holden Evening Prayer: 6:45 – 7:30 PM



Our Lenten Series is based on Rembrandt's powerful painting *The Raising of Lazarus*. Rembrandt's intriguing use of light and dark (chiaroscuro) draws us as viewers into the drama and the theology of his biblical paintings.

The Hand of Christ

Wednesday, March 13 (John 11:1-16)
From Darkness to Light: Christ and Rembrandt

Wednesday, March 20 (John 11:17-27)
From Disappointment to Hope: Christ and Martha

Wednesday, March 27 (John 11:28-37)
From Solitude to Community: Christ and Mary

Wednesday, April 3 (John 11:33-46)
From Doubt to Faith: Christ and the Crowd

Wednesday, April 10 (John 11:38-53)
From Death to Life: Christ and Lazarus

DIRECTORS DEPARTMENT

4th Sunday and the Arts at Our Lord's.



What is 4th Sunday?

On the 4th Sunday of each month, we will have guest musicians in worship to share their talents. Robert Valentine played beautifully, as always, for our first 4th Sunday Event in January.

The choir will now normally sing at the 10:45 am service on the 1st and third Sundays of the month. The handbells will play on both services on the second Sunday of the month.

What is the purpose of 4th Sunday?

The 4th Sunday allows us to showcase the talents of our in house and area musicians. It provides a vehicle for you to invite friends, neighbors, complete strangers, to our church to hear a variety of music, see liturgical dance, and share in dramatic readings and scenes.

4th Sunday in March

Dr. Rhonda Comrie and Dr. Harvey Chiles will be our featured musical guests at both services. They will play selected piano duets and Dr. Chiles will share a vocal solo in both services.

Think of it as Easy Evangelism. Invite visitors to 4th Sunday and then take them to breakfast or lunch!

Quiz

What has six brass horns, 37 bells, 88 keys, one rank, 24 singers and 8 ringers?

Easter Morning Services in April. Mark you calendar. Invite your friends and family.

Music Lessons at Our Lord's Lutheran Church

I am excited to inform you that we will begin offering music lessons at Our Lord's Lutheran Church beginning March 1st for people of all ages. We have a talented group of instructors and options from which to choose. They include:

Dr. Matthew Allison - flute

Ms. Marie Brown - cello and beginning piano

Dr. Harvey Chiles - voice and piano

Dr. Kris Pineda - beginning brass and advanced piano.

If you have any interest contact me at 314-322-6806 or at harvchiles@yahoo.com

We will be adding dance and drama in the near future. Look for our camps coming this summer!



FAIR TRADE

Without looking at the calendar we know that 2019 is here and 2018 is behind us. As some of you have seen, we received a NEW certificate of achievement and recognition for a job well done with Equal Exchange FAIR TRADE. We were once again in the top 5% of congregations and community groups around the country being number 60 out of over 6000. We continue to make a big change for small farmers.

With the addition of SERRV to our FAIR TRADE ministry and the new FAIR TRADE space we can be an even larger contributor to this effort. Please come in and come in often. With every SERRV shipment not only will there be special orders for congregation members but NEW items to see. Thank you all again for being a part of this ministry.

Yours in Christ,

Mike Williams & Fair Trade

TREASURER'S REPORT

as of January 31st, 2019

**For where your
treasure is,**



**there your heart
will be also.**

Matthew 6:21, NRSV

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| Monthly receipts exceeded expenditures by | 6,899.00 |
| YTD receipts exceeded expenditures by | 6,899.00 |

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| Cash - Unrestricted | 30,280 |
| Cash - Replacement Reserve | 18,657 |
| Cash - Designated for specific purposes | 21,787 |

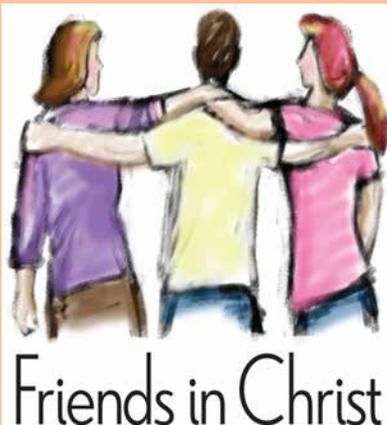
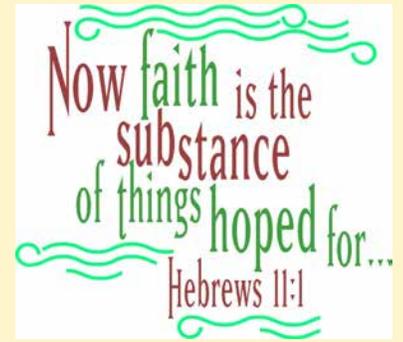
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| Venturing In Faith contributions | 5,509 |
| Cumulative since campaign inception | 808,070 |

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| Total Principal Paid on Mortgage | 5,687 |
| Remaining Principal balance on Mortgage | 162,012 |

Submitted by Alan Kramer 02/05/19

BIBLE CRUNCHERS STUDY

Bible Crunchers **will not** be held on Wednesdays in March and April due to Lenten activities. We will restart the Study on May 1 and continue until we complete the New Testament book "Hebrews". Leader: **Pastor Park.**



MORNING GLORIES BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays, March 14 and 28, (2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month) 10 am in the Life Center Conference Room. The new 2019 Winter study is from the Gather magazine – The "Gospel of John: Meetings with Jesus" by the **Rev. Julie A. Kanarr.** Rev. Kanarr is the pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Belfair, Washington and is an avid outdoorsperson, enjoying sea kayaking, bicycling, hiking and camping. All through John's

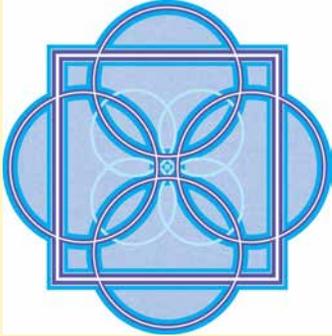
Gospel, Jesus engages people in honest and sometimes difficult conversations that lead to faith, renewal and transformation. You will meet Jesus through his interactions with various characters within the gospel. The March Session is "Friends for life in Christ" in which we meet a woman caught in adultery, a man born blind, and Jesus' friends Mary, Martha and Lazarus. Through their stories, we come to see how Jesus meets us with mercy, healing and hope in the face of judgment, rejection and grief. We share in Jesus' final conversation with his disciples before his arrest, where he shows us his love and prays for us. All women welcome. Leader: **Debby Gunderson.**

QUESTIONS BIBLE STUDY

Mondays, 10 am in the Life Center Conference Room. The DVD Course from The Great Courses Series: "Death, Dying, and the Afterlife-Lessons from World Cultures" is by Professor Mark Berkson of Hamline University. All are welcome. Leader: **Dona Racich.**

(For more information and details, see our "Adult Education Opportunities" and "Children & Youth" brochures or visit our website: www.ourlords.org)

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY



Sundays, 9:15 am in the Worship Center Conference Room. The DVD Course from The Great Courses Series: "Jesus and the Gospels" is by Professor Luke Timothy Johnson of Emory University. The series covers the Four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke & John). All are welcome. Leader: **Dona Racich**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES for ages 3 – 5th GRADE

Sundays, 9:30 am in the Worship Center Fellowship Hall

We are using the Whirl curriculum.

March 3 - Jesus is Transfigured; Luke 9:28-36

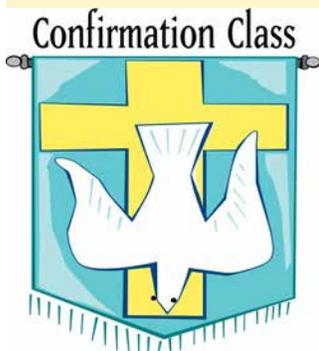
March 10 - Jesus is Tempted; Luke 4:1-13

March 17 - God's Covenant with Abraham; Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

March 24 - God Provides; Isaiah 55:1-9

March 31 - The Prodigal Son Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

CONFIRMATION (Grades 6, 7 & 8)



Sundays, 9:15 am (usually) using the "Faith Inkubators" curriculum. Lead Teacher: **Ed Foppe**.

March Lessons:

March 3 - Peter and the Early Church

March 10 - The Damascus Road

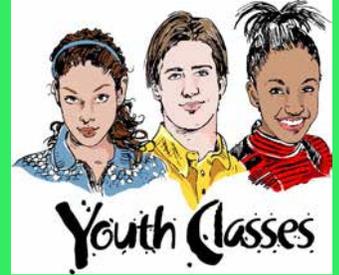
March 17 - The Journeys of Paul

March 24 - Letters of Paul

March 31 - The Letter to the Hebrew & the Universal Letters

HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS (Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12)

Sundays, 9:30 am in the Youth Room in the
Worship Center



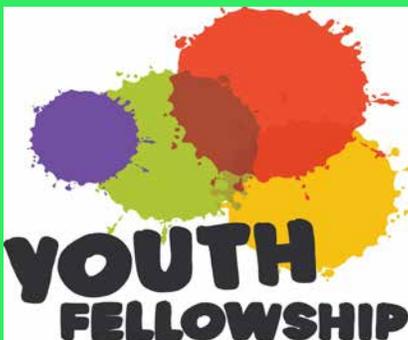
NEW Curriculum: re:form from Augsburg Fortress.

This new curriculum for teens is intended to engage them to explore their faith. Each session has a three-part sequence to encounter, engage and respond. Youth will watch an animated video, join in creative activities, and share thoughts and ideas about the session's questions.

Teachers: **Debby Gunderson & Scott Comrie.**



HIGH SCHOOL OUR LORD'S YOUTH (OLY)



The High School Youth will meet on **Sundays, March 10 & 24**, 4 pm at the **Hoelscher's** home. Refreshments available. Friends welcome!

Valentine's Spaghetti Dinner Raised \$1,045!
Thank you for your continued support to Our Lord's Youth (OLY). These funds are to be used to defray the cost of activities & The National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 2021.



LATE BOOMERS IN MARCH

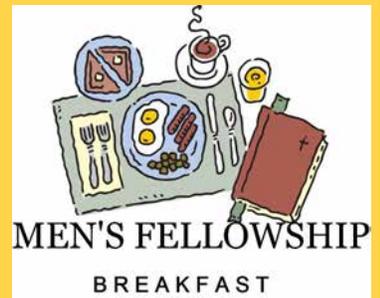
The Boomers will be meeting in March at a place to be determined soon by David & Lisa White! Watch for more details soon!

SERENDIPITY BOOK CLUB

The Book Club meets on **Monday, March 18 at 11:30 am.** In March, you are invited to read The Bridge Ladies by Betsy Leaner. Bring a drink and a brown bag lunch to enjoy as the book is discussed. The book club meets in the Life Center Conference Room. All welcome!

MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, March 16, 8 am at the St. Louis Bread Company in Collinsville on Hwy. 157. Come out to discuss how to handle today's life challenges in a more Christ-like manner. All men welcome. Leaders: **Steve Hoelscher & Pastor Park**



MEN'S CLUB

Our Lord's Men's Club meets on Saturday, **March 2, 7 am.** March chefs are **Steve Hoelscher** and **Chuck Pugh!** Come out for food, fellowship & chores around the inside and outside of the church, including working on the replacing toilets in the Life Center, etc.



VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY CONCERT**Sunday, March 3, 3 pm****Concordia Seminary at the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus**
(801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO)

Performance: Johann Sebastian Bach's "St. Matthew Passion"

Performed by: Valparaiso University's Chorale, Leipzig Baroque Orchestra,
VU Bach Orchestra and Choir.Also featured performers include the Lutheran High School South Junior Singers
and St. Paul's Lutheran School Choir.Directed by: Christopher M. Cock, director of the Bach Institute at VU and
Director of the VU Chorale.

All are Welcome!

DISCOVERY SUNDAYS SERIES IN MARYVILLE

"World War I, Local History"

Sunday, March 3

1-3 pm

Maryville Community Center (500 E. Division, Maryville, IL 62062)

With the 100 year anniversary of the end of WW1 (November 11, 1918),
come learn how the war impacted the local area.Speaker: Jon Parkin, Madison County Historical Museum
& Archival Library, Edwardsville.**"BEST OF MARYVILLE" ART CONTEST AND SHOW****Sunday, March 24**

1-3 pm

Maryville Community Center (500 E. Division, Maryville, IL 62062)

Contest is Open to All Grade School Students through Adults

You don't have to live in Maryville to enter. Grade school students can enter anything
they have made recently or any photograph they have taken. Adults and high School
Students must have their work pertain to someone or something in or around Maryville.
The High School Students and Adults who have entered a piece, may also enter a picture
from outside the area in our "travel" category. Applications or further information may be
found at www.vil.maryville.il.us.All are encouraged to participate. In 2018, we had over 400 entries.
We would love to top that!



MARYVILLE OUTREACH CENTER



Open to residents of Maryville, and members of Maryville churches or schools.

Ministries Include:

Resident Assistance Program (RAP): to help people in difficult financial situations. Office Hours: Tuesday from 5:30-7 pm

Food Pantry: helps families in food deficiencies twice a month. All food items, toiletries, paper products & cleaning supplies are needed. Also, food items easy for homeless people to eat, which does not require cooking and is easily opened.

Pantry Hours: Tuesdays 5:30-7 pm; Thursdays 10 am – noon; Saturdays 10 am – noon.

Grandma's Attic: Store offers super cheap clothing, shoes, accessories, household goods, small appliances. Donations accepted when Attic is open or can be placed in tubs under Worship Center mailboxes.

Attic Hours: Tuesdays 10 am-noon & 5:30 -7:30 pm;
Wednesdays 10 am – 1 pm,
Thursdays 10 am – 1 pm; and Saturdays 10 am – noon.

The Resident Assistance Program (RAP) helped four clients with a house payment, partial rent payment, water bill, and Ameren bill.

Grandma's Attic sales have gone up over the past year and remain solid.

The Food Pantry served 40 families in December and gave out 26 food baskets to clients for Christmas. Donations have been received from Town and Country.

Our Lord's Liaison to Maryville Outreach Board: **Carol Orr**

(For more information and details, see our "Service Ministries" brochure or visit our website: www.ourlords.org)



**S.O.S.
SOUP KITCHEN**

SOS SOUP KITCHEN

Thursday, March 14th, 3:30 - 7 pm

St. John's UCC, Collinsville

Menu: Tacos!

Sign-ups in the Narthex for food and volunteers.

Questions: **Gail Jorgenson**

CASSEROLE TEAM

Provides meals for members experiencing an illness, a birth or other circumstance when meals would be helpful. Volunteers are needed. If interested in volunteering, as a meal preparer or deliverer, or have questions, please contact Team Leader:

Debby Gunderson



**Casserole
Ministry
Team**



**Office
Angels**

OFFICE ANGELS

Thursdays at 10:30 am in the
Life Center Conference Room

Purpose: to help assemble bulletins
& visit with church friends.

Questions: **Contact Church Office.**

NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY ANGELS

Once a month at **9:30 am in the Life Center Conference Room** towards the end of each month. In March, we move it to **Thursday, March 28.**

Purpose: to help assemble printed newsletters & visit with church friends.

Questions: **Contact Church Office.**

Just a side note: Deadline for **April's** Newsletter is **March 15.**



This month has been cold, windy, and sometimes wet on Thursday evenings when Mind the Gap reaches out to the homeless in the St. Louis area.

It always touches us at how thankful the homeless are. They say, "God bless you" or "You don't have to be out here". They are very grateful. We want to make sure everyone knows how much it means to the homeless that you care and that your donations make it possible for us to be there once a week for them.

Rich has been on the streets and fighting addiction for a lot of years. Rich is a really nice person and we have gotten close to him. He picks up trash after we serve meals and he watches out for others especially his girlfriend, Shellie and protects her. Shellie watches out for Rich as well. She gets him food if he isn't able to be there when we come by with the food. She had been worried about him for several months because of his heart problems and an inguinal hernia that needed surgery to repair. The doctors were not able to do the surgery right away because of Rich's heart problems. Rich did finally get his surgery but needed a place to recover. Mind the Gap put him up in a hotel for a week after surgery.

Anthony and Pria, who is pregnant with their first child are now in an apartment. We don't know if she is getting prenatal care. Anthony and Pria are a warm, sincere, married couple. Anthony is working steadily and has saved up to get the apartment. They were wanting low income-based housing but have not been able to get into that yet because there is a long wait list. Anthony had an abusive childhood and suffers from PTSD.

Tent City dwellers were forced to move February 18th. A few, such as Anthony and Pria, had moved already but most did not have anywhere to go. Some have been there a number of years and there isn't anywhere else for them to make a camp with their tents. There is radiation contamination in their current location which the previous owner did not want to clean up. We don't know what the future plans for the property are, but the new owner wanted the homeless off the property.

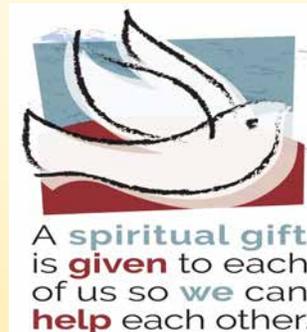
We can't tell you how much we enjoy working with these people. Thank-you so much for all your warm thoughts and prayers for them.

Rod and Carol Orr
Dave and Carol Gocken

WORSHIP HELPERS MINISTRY!

(Of course, we can still use your help!)

Volunteers are needed every week to help with worship! These servant spots include: acolytes, assisting ministers, lectors, assisting minister/lectors (Saturdays), greeters, ushers, greeter/ushers (Saturdays), altar guild, projectionist, ride givers, and fellowship.



Two Ways to Sign Up:

People Power on the www.ourlords.org website. Go to People Power, find the date you want to volunteer & sign up! **OR**

People Power Sign Up Sheets: will still be available for those electronically challenged.

ADMINISTRATION

WHEN YOU HAVE CHANGES

Please let the church office know of changes to e-mail address, mail/resident addresses, telephone numbers, job, college, etc.

SYNOD WEB SITE: www.csis-elca.org

ELCA WEB SITE: www.elca.org

PRAYER VENTURES

Two pages of monthly prayer support for ELCA ministries, are available in printed copy in our Worship Center and Life Center or accessed at www.elca.org/prayventures.

VET CENTER

The VA has a community-based, free and confidential counseling center specializing in combat veterans. It is located at Hwy 157 & Church Lane in Belleville. For more information, call 618.397.6602.



(For more information and details, see our "Service Ministries" brochure or visit our website: www.ourlords.org)

Weekend Volunteers Needed for Elder Connection

"He has told us that you always have pleasant memories of us and that you long to see us, just as we also long to see you."
(Thessalonians 3:6)

Collinsville *Faith in Action* offers weekend outings for our care receivers through Elder Connection. Every month, care receivers and volunteers gather at an area restaurant. There are affectionate greetings for old friends, and enthusiastic welcomes for newcomers. The happiness of everyone in each other's company is reflected on all the smiling faces. Everyone fills up with good food. Laughter punctuates animated conversations. This is a typical Elder Connection event

Like Paul and the Thessalonians, care receivers and CFIA volunteers alike have pleasant memories of each get-together, and look forward to the next one. This is what weekend volunteer assignments for *Faith in Action* look like. Volunteers provide rides and companionship for care receivers on social outings to local restaurants on both sides of the river. Does this kind of connection and camaraderie call out to you? All you have to do is call Beth at 344-8080 and sign up as a CFIA volunteer. After a background check and short orientation, you'll be ready to make fond memories.



(For more information and details, see our "Service Ministries" brochure or visit our website: www.ourlords.org)

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LIVE  **GENEROUSLY**

Church members are invited on **Saturday, March 9th** after service or **Sunday, March 10th** between services to a Thrivent presentation. Learn more about the fraternal programs Thrivent offers members and how they can be used to support our church and community. Fellowship following Saturday service and between services on Sunday will be provided by Thrivent. Presentations by Steve Hendry, Financial Associate and Julie Stellhorn, Community Engagement Leader.



Thrivent helps you give of yourself and share the gifts God has given: time, talents, and treasures. We help increase the impact of your generosity, and together, we're building stronger families, churches and communities.

Would you like to make a difference?

Thrivent Financial has distributed to thousands of churches, schools and other non-profits through Thrivent Choice since 2010. Eligible members can make an impact by recommending where Thrivent donates its charitable outreach dollars each year.

Our Lord's Lutheran Church received \$1,621 in charitable outreach funding in 2018. Congratulations!

"BE LIKE JESUS"

Mark 10: 43-45

"... Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

The "Be Like Jesus" 24 Hour Servant Event is an opportunity for 3rd through 8th grade youth to be a servant like Jesus. Youth will participate in a variety of service projects that include making fleece blankets, collecting food and making Easter baskets for the food pantry, yard work, and much more. Projects will be held at Faith Lutheran or the surrounding communities. Service projects will benefit the participating congregations, community and global organizations. The event will also include great music, fun activities, a chance to meet new friends, and an opportunity to grow closer in faith to God. This event will be led by area high school or college youth and adult leaders. In addition to the student leaders, there will be an adult with every small group whenever the group is out in the community. High school youth will not transport children or themselves to any location as part of this event.

Note: 3rd through 5th grade youth will be housed at Faith Lutheran, 6th through 8th grade youth will be housed at O'Fallon First United Methodist next door. Friends and Family are invited to join us for the closing celebration at 4:30 p.m. Saturday evening!

"Be Like Jesus" March 29-30, 2019; Who: For 3rd-8th graders; Begins: Friday, March 29, 2019; Registration @ 6:30 p.m. Ends: Sat., March 30, 2019 @ 5:00 p.m. Cost: \$35 per youth; Where: Faith Lutheran Church 520 E. US Highway 50 O'Fallon, IL 62269 (618) 632-5562 Emergency and Information Contact: Jenny Roberts (715) 419-0122 youthdirector@faith-online.org

High School Students will be leaders

Each congregation will Need their own Adult Chaperone

FREE (Our Lord's will pay for your FEE)

See Sunday School Teachers or High School Teachers for more information.

Lutheran School of Theology in St. Louis
475 E. Lockwood Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63119

January 27, 2019

Our Lord's Lutheran Church
150 Wilma Drive
Maryville, IL 62062

Dear congregational leadership,

On behalf of the Lutheran School of Theology I want to thank you for your support of the school and its programs.

We thank you for your gift of \$3,000 received 12-9-18. Your gift helps support the ministries of the school.

We continue to offer classes as we see ourselves in service to the church strengthening members and leaders in knowledge and a faith and striving to adapt to new times and new needs for congregational leadership.

We pray for good congregational health for you and look forward to your support in the future.

Peace,

Keith S. Holste
Co-administrator



On behalf of the Confirmation class, I wanted to extend my appreciation to everyone who contributed to help those in need in our local community. We as a class were able to collect through the 2019 Souper Bowl of Caring Campaign to benefit SOS Soup Kitchen, Mind the Gap and the Maryville Food Pantry the following totals:

Checks:\$356
Cash:\$494
Total:\$850

Total can goods: 26 items

Ed Foppe and the Confirmation Class

THANK YOU

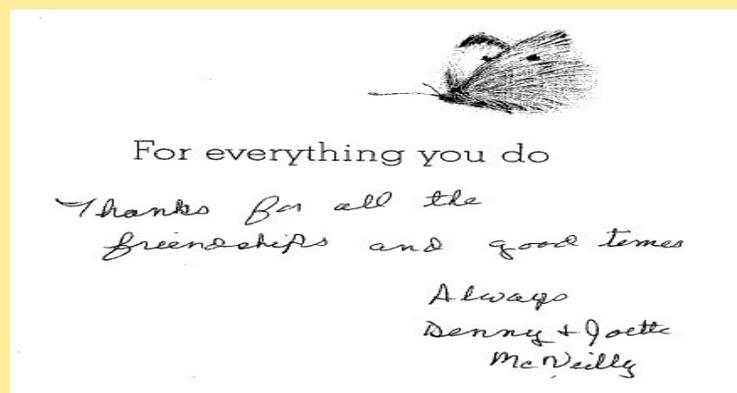


Dear Our Lords Congregation,

Thank you all for the letters and Christmas cards that I have received since I had started Basic Military Training a few months back. As you can imagine, there were many rough days in that 8.5 week training timeline. But, the letters that I received during the weeks in Texas helped to keep my spirits high and stay excited to get to the finish line. I just wanted to say that I appreciate every person who took the time to send a letter or pray for me while I went through BMT, I would not have made it to the finish without the extensive support.

I figured I had to add a funny story that I told to my family on the graduation weekend. This was one time in BMT where I got "blown up" by one of my instructors, and then proceeded to laugh about it after he left me alone again. One of those Christmas cards that I had received was not your typical Christmas card with a photo on the front, no, this one was loaded with glitter. As some may know, in basic training you are inspected on your personal area almost daily and if your area has any sign of dust, you fail the inspection and then get chewed by the MTI (Military Training Instructor). So, I get this card that was loaded with glitter....and glitter is no easy thing to clean up. When I opened the card, the glitter that had rubbed off the card went everywhere. I tried my very best to clean it all up but it was not working. Everywhere I'd look, more glitter would appear, I had hoped my MTI would just overlook it but that was in fact just a "hope." Well, Technical Sergeant Lund did not overlook it one bit. He tore into me for a good 3 minutes, but in the end I just smiled and laughed about it. I looked at it as a story I would be able to tell for a long time and look back and laugh upon it!

-Lucas Maue



(For more information and details, see our "Service Ministries" brochure or visit our website: www.ourlords.org)

PREVIEWS OF COMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events and special observances.

APRIL

- Soup Suppers, Apr 3, 10
- Wednesday Lenten Holden Evening Prayer, Apr 3, 10
- Men’s Club Breakfast, Apr 6
- S.O.S. Soup Kitchen (1st Presbyterian) Apr 9
- Palm Weekend, Apr 13-14
- Stations of the Cross, April 13
- Tax Day, Apr 15
- Maundy Thursday, Apr 18
- Good Friday, Apr 19
- Easter Vigil, Apr 20
- Easter Sunday, Apr 21
- Easter Monday-Church Office Closed Apr 22
- Earth Day, Apr 22
- Newsletter Assembly, Apr 25

MAY

- National Day of Prayer & Maryville Mayor’s Prayer Dinner, May 2
- Men’s Club Breakfast, May 4
- Youth Led Worship, May 4 & 5
- Worship in Music Celebration, May 5
- Day of Ascension, May 9
- S.O.S. Soup Kitchen (St. John’s Evan. UCC), May 9
- Mother’s Day, May 12
- Sunday School Celebration & Last Day of Sunday School, May 19
- Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation, May 19
- Confirmation Brunch, May 19
- Memorial Day Observed, Office Closed, May 27
- Newsletter Assembly, May 30

JUNE

- Men’s Club Breakfast, Jun 1
- Summer Sunday Schedule Begins, Jun 2 (9 am only)
- Central/Southern Illinois Synod Assembly, Jun 6-8
- Pentecost Weekend, Jun 8-9
- S.O.S. Soup Kitchen, (1st Presbyterian), Jun 11
- Holy Trinity Weekend, Jun 15-16
- Father’s Day, Jun 16
- Summer Begins, Jun 21
- Newsletter Assembly, Jun 26





Prayer List for Military Personnel

Lance Cpl. Clayton Campbell
Major James Carmichael
Capt. Blake Crosby
Airborne Ranger Keegan Crosby
Staff Sgt. Tyson Crosby
SPC Bill Homes
Charles Homes
Zach Huff
AB Luke Maue
John Meyer
Zachary Neubauer
Amador Ochoa
Josh Pace
Scott Prengel
Jack Scoles
Staff Sgt. Skipper Smith
Sgt. Matthew Spencer (Ret.)
Staff Sgt. Stephan Spencer



Kathie Brady
Barb Erickson
Greg Fremder
Sue & Jim Green
Rudy Kantola
Don Klingsick
Erick Larson
Claire Maue
John Puricelli
Jeff Scheiter
Max Sullivan
Harry & Lynn Thiel
Joan Vail
Jean Weishaupt
Elizabeth White
Lisa White
Margeaux Williams

IN SYMPATHY

Katie Kinney Noga, Liz Kinney Blind & Erin Kinney Helms Families
(at the death of their grandfather Don Kinney on February 9)

Mike Williams (at the death of his cousin Chris Gordon on February 2)

Brian Henderson Family (at the death of Brian's grandfather Samuel Henderson on January 28)

Robin Wellener Family (at the death of Robin's cousin Carol L'Hote)

Christian Kramer & Family (at the death of Christian's friend Brittany Hogan on Jan. 24)





Josh Eastby
Steve Hoelscher
Sarah Krueger
Stefanie Vesper
Faith Hoelscher
Ben Moehle
Angie Nemsky
Mark Callahan
Brian Henderson
Erin Helms
Anna Redenius
Melinda Stein
Ginger Trucano
Caleb Hancock
Sara Schipkowski
Sarah Estes

Jan Vinson
Penny Waterman
Adam Runyon
Julie Gruber
Paige Micnheimer
Paul Huster
Jaxon Lange
Mike Blotevogel
Kalonny Short
Max Sullivan
Kate Henderson
Ian Comrie
Rob Hancock
Dom Echevarria
Rudy Kantola
Joe Signorino
Jack Hammond



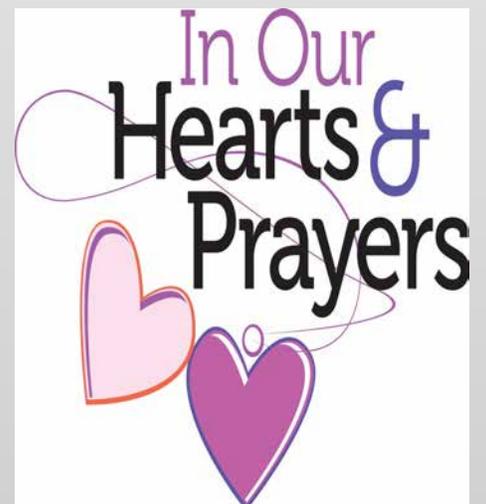
Patrick & Katie Noga
Ted & Angela Nemsky

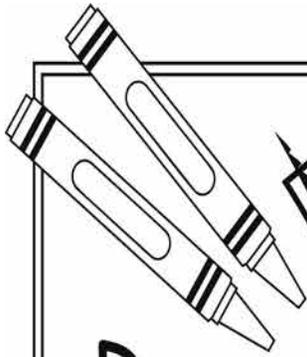
Prayers for Family and Friends of Church Members

Gladys Adams (Nicole Williams' friend)
Steve Anderson (Beth Giese's brother)
Timmy Axton (Rod & Carol Orr's friend)
Jeff Bombal (Comrie's nephew)
Estella Brock (Irene VanHooser's Friend)
Pat C.
Jeff Callahan
Journey Campton (Erick Larson's Friend's granddaughter)
Linda Carter
Claire (Holshouser's friend)
Lucian Cojucaru
Bill Cross (Mike Williams' friend's uncle)
Jeff Davitz (Carole Callahan's friend)
Priscilla Donals
Vickie Finan (Kassing's niece)
Paul & Carol Gendron (Lori Messina's parents)
Louise Gibbons (Rhonda Comrie's Friend)
Kristi & Pr. David Glense
Glenda
Miranda Goes (Kassing's friend)
Penny Grimes (Hoelscher's friend)
Linda Gross (Carole Callahan's friend)
Shayna Hadley (Gocken's daughter)

Sue Harris (Linda Spencer's close friend)
Ron Harrison
Jane Hogg
Jean Huster (Dora Clawges' sister-in-law)
Sandra Ingram (Mike Williams sister)
Sharon Janda
Ann Joyce
Julane Kuy Kendall (Robin Wellner's great nephew)
Pr. Tim Kennedy (Loretta Williams' brother-in-law)
Brenda Kilgore (Carol Gocken's friend)
Allison Lemke (Jim & Marcine Lemke's daughter)
Vicki Lottes
David Lydick (Deanne Holshouser's cousin)
Maxine
Jerry McBride
Charlie McCord
Michael Meyer (Barb Erickson's grandson)
Don Muller (Terry Menz' brother)
Margaret Neubauer (White's sister-in-law)
Brantley Noble
Peggy (Caryl Kassing's friend)
Rhonda Reuter (Sue Green's H.S. friend)

Brenda Simmons (Irene VanHooser's friend)
Alex Spadich
Sarah Beth Stanley (Erick Larson's friend)
Rod & Sharon Summer (Williams' neighbors)
Steve Tatjenhorst (Fred & Joyce Tatjenhorst's son)
Theo (Jan Vinson's coworker's grandson)
Chris Tiemann
Sergio Vieira
Doug Wannan
Peggy Wells
Jean Wheeland (Beth Giese's mother)
Robert White (David White's father)
Diane Wooden
Pr. Jan Worms





PUZZLE

Decode The days

At this time of year, God's creation "springs" to life.

Directions: After reading Genesis 1:1-2:3, write the correct Creation day number under each picture. Then add up each day's total and write it on the correct blank below.

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|  3 |  6 |  5 |  4 |  6 |  5 |  3 |
|  6 |  3 |  6 |  3 |  6 |  5 |  6 |
|  2 |  6 |  6 |  1 |  6 |  1 |  4 |
|  6 |  5 |  3 |  6 |  5 |  7 |  6 |
|  3 |  6 |  7 |  4 |  6 |  6 |  3 |

Day 1 (light) ____ Day 2 (waters) ____ Day 3 (land and plants) ____ Day 4 (heavenly bodies) ____

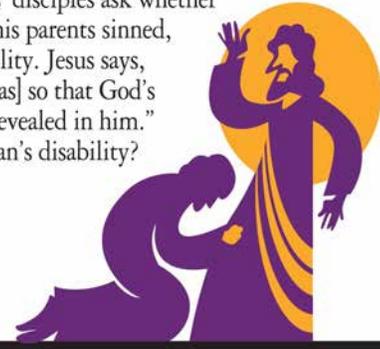
Day 5 (birds and water animals) ____ Day 6 (land animals and people) ____ Day 7 (God rested) ____

Answers: Day 1 = 3, Day 2 = 3, Day 3 = 10, Day 4 = 6, Day 5 = 10, Day 6 = 15, Day 7 = 2

Bible Quiz

In John 9, Jesus' disciples ask whether a certain man or his parents sinned, causing his disability. Jesus says, "Neither. ... [It was] so that God's works might be revealed in him." What was this man's disability?

- A. Deafness
- B. Lameness
- C. Blindness
- D. Epilepsy



Answer: C (See John 9:1-7)

Puzzle!

Find and circle these words associated with the Lenten journey to the cross.

| | | | |
|-------------|------------|---------|--------|
| colt | denial | kiss | repent |
| confess | donkey | lots | silver |
| cross | forsaken | palms | sins |
| crown | Gethsemane | penance | suffer |
| crucifixion | Golgotha | Pilate | thorns |
| death | hosanna | prayer | vigil |

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 3 Transfiguration of Our Lord 8 - Worship 9:15 - Confirmation; Adult Bible Study; Hospitality 9:30 - Sunday School; High School Class 10:45 - Worship | 4 Casimir Polaski Day 10 - Questions Bible Study 3 - 8 - Kairos Academy | 5 5-7 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 7 - Narcotics Anonymous, Nar-Anon, Praise Band | 6 Ash Wednesday 7 - Ash Wednesday Service 8 - Chancel Choir | 7 10:30 - Office Angels 2 - Amicidi Martino Studenti Italiani 6:30 - Bell Choir | 1 | 2 Transfiguration of Our Lord 7 - Men's Club Breakfast 3:30 - Praise Band 5 - Worship; 6:30 - 1st of the Month Dinner Out |
| 10 Lent 1 (Daylight Savings) 8 - Worship; Girl Scout Sunday 9:15 - Adult Bible Study; Hospitality; Thrivent Confirmation 9:30 - Sunday School; High School Class 10:45 - Worship 4 - Youth Group Mtg | 11 10 - Questions Bible Study 3 - 8 - Kairos Academy 6:30 - Steering Team Mtg | 12 7 - Narcotics Anonymous, Nar-Anon | 13 5:30 - Soup Supper 6:30 Lakeside Garden Club 6:45 - Lenten Worship 7:30 - Chancel Choir | 14 10 - Morning Glories Bible Study 10:30 - Office Angels 2 - Amicidi Martino Studenti Italiani 3:30 - SOS Soup Kitchen St. John's UCC 6:30 - Bell Choir | 15 Newsletter Deadline | 16 Lent 2 8 - Men's Breakfast Fellowship 9 - Le Leche League 3:30 - Praise Band 5 - Worship 6:15 - Fellowship |
| 17 Lent 2 St. Patrick's Day 8 - Worship 9:15 - Adult Bible Study; Hospitality; Confirmation 9:30 - Sunday School; High School Class 10:45 - Worship | 18 10 - Questions Bible Study 11:30 - Serendipity Book Club 3 - 8 - Kairos Academy 6:30 - Church Council | 19 7 - Narcotics Anonymous, Nar-Anon; Praise Band | 20 Spring Begins 5:30 - Soup Supper 6:45 Lenten Worship 6 - 8:30 - Hindu Worship 7:30 - Chancel Choir | 21 10:30 - Office Angels 2 - Amicidi Martino Studenti Italiani 6:30 - Bell Choir 6:30 - Recovery 360-Family Support | 22 | 23 Lent 3 3:30 - Praise Band 5 - Worship 6:15 - Fellowship |
| 24 Lent 3 8 - Worship 9:15 - Adult Bible Study; Hospitality; Confirmation 9:30 - Sunday School; High School Class 10:45 - Worship 4 - Youth Group Mtg | 25 3 - 8 - Kairos Academy | 26 7 - Narcotics Anonymous, Nar-Anon | 27 5:30 - Soup Supper 6:45 - Lenten Worship 7:30 - Chancel Choir | 28 9:30 - Newsletter Assembly 10 - Morning Glories 10:30 - Office Angels 2 - Amicidi Martino Studenti Italiani 6:30 - Bell Choir, MEHCCA | 29 | 30 Lent 4 11-4 - Meyer's Baby Shower (Eastby) 3:30 - Praise Band 5 - Worship 6:15 - Fellowship |
| 31 Lent 4 8 - Worship 9:15 - Adult Bible Study; Hospitality; Confirmation 9:30 - Sunday School; High School Class 10:45 - Worship | | | | | | |



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Dr. Rhonda Comrie, Organist
Beth Giese, Nursery Attendant
Brian Gunderson, Director of Contemporary Music
Chery Sides, Organist
Linda Spencer, Office Assistant
Loretta Williams, Administrative Assistant

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Kathy Hoelscher, Vice President
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Alan Kramer, At Large

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