

MARCH 2025



The Good News

Monthly Newsletter for St. John's Lutheran Church – Hamburg and Faith Lutheran Church

FROM
THE
PASTOR



*“The Joy That Was Set Before Him
Endured the Cross”*

We read In Hebrews 12:1-3, ¹“Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.”

Actor Dean Jones has starred in such films as ‘The Love Bug’, ‘That Darn Cat’ and ‘Under the Yum Yum Tree’. After he became a follower of Christ in 1974, he began to sense that it became harder to get work. An executive who was friendly toward Jones told him that if he continued on his “born again trip,” he would lose all value to the studio. He discovered that his refusal to make pictures which included gross violence, offensive language, salacious

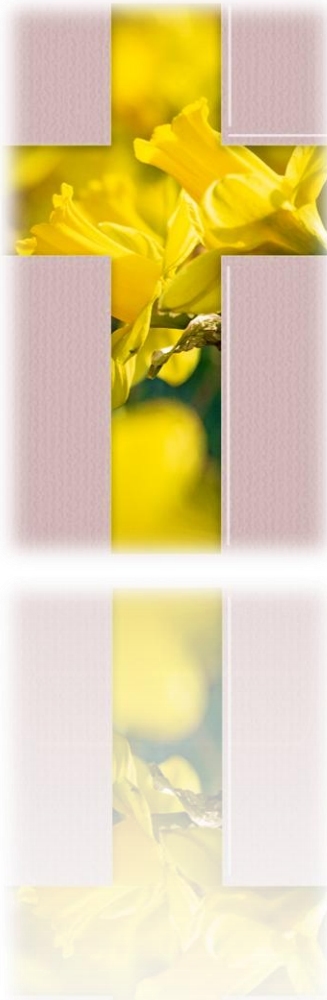
material and other immoral activity limited his job offers. Because he had made some 25 successful pictures, ten of which were Disney films slanted toward family viewing, he already had enough personal resources to weather the rejection.

Yet Dean Jones wanted to take a stand against religious persecution wherever I might be found. As a result, he founded the Christian Rescue Committee which is geared to intercede on behalf of Christians, Jews, and others who are persecuted anywhere for their faith. “The biases I had to deal with in Hollywood because of my faith were what sensitized me to the religious persecution that goes on in the world,” Jones said.

The actor has been able to perform in the stage revival of ‘Showboat’ as Cap’n Andy. He also has developed a one-man show about the author of the book of Revelation called St.

John in Exile. Jones believes that his work with the Christian Rescue Committee enables him to help other people who have suffered for their beliefs. Yet, for a Hollywood star, it is a road less traveled because less than two percent of the creative Hollywood community attend religious services regularly.

Martin Luther's life was threatened due to his protesting of certain activities he felt did not befit the Church. He went into hiding and found refuge as the guest of the ruler of Saxony in Wartburg Castle. How was Luther to pass the time until it was safe for him to begin preaching and teaching openly again? He translated the Bible from the original languages into German. It was not an easy task. There were various versions of the German language spoken across that country. The different dialects made it difficult for those from any given section of the country to



communicate easily with those from another.

Luther's Bible, therefore, was a great gift to the German people. The words he used – which, by the way, he checked with the castle's butcher to make sure the common person could understand – actually enabled the German people to have a unified language. In a real sense, Martin Luther was the father of the German language used today.

Luther was like others - look past the present reality - and held tightly to the Reality that was to come. Because of Jesus Christ suffering and death on the cross, we too look forward to that Joy that is to come. It is a joy that will not fade.

May God grant You Strength to fix your eyes on Jesus Christ and the joy that is to come.

Pastor Love

*From the LCMS
Stewardship Ministry*

God's Instruments, God's Stewards

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Eph. 2:10)

Some pastors refer to these words as “the most forgotten words in the Scriptures.” They are forgotten because they follow the familiar and critical words before it. The preceding two verses that overshadow Ephesians 2:10 are words of justification: “*For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast*” (Eph. 2:8–9). These are words preached regularly. They are assigned as confirmation verses. They carry with them the very heart of what it means to be a redeemed child of God!

Precisely because the previous verses are so central to salvation, they often overpower our practice of stewardship! We have been saved by grace. This is certain and sure because of Jesus. Works play no role in

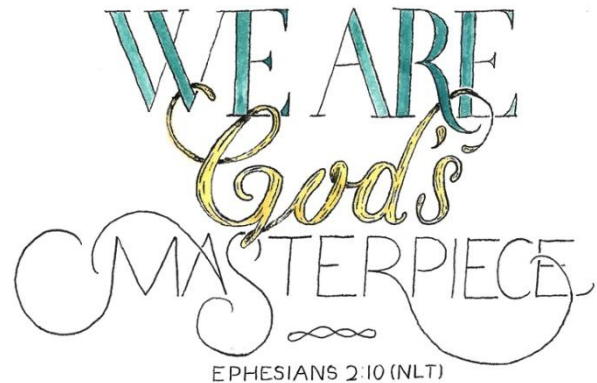
our salvation. No credit taking for us! Grace is freely given. Faith is miraculously created by the Spirit and joyously received. This truth is so wonderful and so encompassing that we often miss out on WHY we are redeemed.

The grace of God revealed in Jesus calls us to faith. But St. Paul doesn't stop with grace and faith. He continues to the logical conclusion. Just like the creation declares the handiwork of God, the redemption of sinners like you and me declares His greatest handiwork! Redeemed stewards are created to reflect the grace and mercy God showers on us to others.

As Lutherans, we understand that good works flow from faith in Jesus Christ. They are the fruit of the tree of salvation into which we have been grafted by grace. Sanctification and stewardship are both on-going and active confessions of what the Lord has done in us. These works are not always spectacular. Many times, they are simply parents showing Jesus to their children. They are compassionate actions that live out the truth of the Gospel to co-workers and even complete strangers. While they can be grand endeavors, more likely they are simple, beautiful works which highlight what Jesus has done in us.

These works aren't random either. They have been planned by God. God planned to use you as a faithful steward as you walk the road that leads you through your daily life. There are no chance encounters or coincidences. They have been planned by the Lord of the universe for the benefit of His creation. Good works are what point to God's greatest work: Jesus!

He calls you and me to walk in this faith, which flows from this grace, which has been poured out on us in Jesus. But even this is not to our credit. We are simply called to be faithful stewards of God's grace so that we may share it with those who need it as much as we do. God's Spirit carries us along in this. We are just the steward — the instrument in His hand to accomplish His plan and glorify Him!



Memory Verse Challenge

Week of March 2, 2025 **Colossians 3:16**

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Week of March 9, 2025 **1 Corinthians 10:13**

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Week of March 16, 2025 **2 Corinthians 5:14-15**

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

Week of March 23, 2025 **1 John 3:16**

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.

Week of March 30, 2025 **1 Peter 3:18**

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

Faith Lutheran Church Annual Meeting January 26th, 2025

The annual meeting of Faith Lutheran Church was called to order by President Terry Seidler.

Fifty members were in attendance. A meeting packet which included the pastor's report, meeting minutes and board and committee reports were distributed for review by all members.

Pastor Love led us in prayer and devotion..

Secretary minutes were reviewed. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the annual meeting minutes as printed from January 28, 2024.

Pastor -

Baptisms-

Madison Marie Klug - 5/19/24
Emma Lynn Hein - 4/21/24
Cecelia Elizabeth Klade - 6/9/24
Lucille Alexandria Klade - 6/9/24
Edgar Craig Pfaff - 7/14/24

Transfers out-

Don Pagel

Transfers in-

Kyle & Kimberly Young & children;
Kinsley, Kovyn and Konrad.

Deaths-

Lorraine Raddatz 2/25/26-1/9/24
Charlotte Mootz 5/13/41-3/13/24
Scott Pfaff 5/2/1965-7/31/2024
Cindy Luedtke 8/29/1959-8/4/2024
Delores Gast 9/30/1932-8/29/2024
Lydia Goetsch 6/1/1932-9/3/2024
LuAnn Ruhbusch 6/7/1933-9/7/2024

Confirmands-

Caleb Nicholey Ney 6/2/24

The trips this year have been a great success including Noah's Ark, caroling, etc., and Pastor is grateful for the support. A complete summary of activities is included in the meeting packet.

Election - A call for nominations from the floor was requested. Having none, ballots were distributed to members. Elder nominees: Joe Heisinger, Jeff Laabs, Lee Pfaff; Trustees nominees: Bob Duwe, Bruce Pflingsten; Stewardship/Evangelism nominees: Bonnie Grueneberg, Linda Heisinger; Board of Education nominee: Kim Young.

Treasurer/Financial - The budget for each board was reviewed. It was noted that the expense of \$3,780.28 is a shared expense, split 62%/38% between Faith and St. John's. A motion was made that the outreach mission funds that had been collected for Corey Rajek will now go to Vicar Paul Mroczenski who is currently located in Puerto Rico, now that Corey is back in the states. The motion was seconded and passed. The Labor of Love mission funds remain within the church. The final budget for 2025 is \$205,829.22. A motion to approve the 2025 budget was made, seconded and approved.

Audit - The audit report indicated everything is reconciled, all bills have been paid in a timely manner and records were well organized.

Board/Committee Reports

- **Elders** - Report included in the meeting packet.
- **Trustees** - Report included in the meeting packet.'
- **Education** - Report included in meeting packet.
- **Stewardship/Evangelism** - Report included in meeting packet.
- **Women of Faith** - Report included in meeting packet.
- **Altar Guild** - The group is doing well, Terry has great helpers to keep things running smoothly but always looking for more volunteers..
- **L.I.F.E. Youth Group** - Report included in meeting packet. Faith Youth Group continues to work with the youth group from St. Paul's - Irma to co-sponsor two children through Compassion International. Gwen in the Philippines and Kwaku in Ghana, since 2012. A detailed list of youth group activities from 2024 is included in the meeting packet.
- **Scrip** - See report included in the meeting packet.
- **Investment** - See report included in the meeting packet.

A motion to approve all board and committee reports was made, seconded and passed.

Old Business - Chris Stogbauer provided an update on the building addition. The original building estimate was \$105,000. The fill and excavating was donated along with some manual labor which offset the cost by \$15,000, bringing the cost down to 90,000. Additionally, donations from the congregation have brought the cost down to approximately \$43,000 to complete the building. The building is set to be delivered on February 3rd, 2025. Due to the weather, the crew is planning to begin constructing it within 2-3 weeks of delivery which sets completion of the outer shell around the end of February.

Deb Stogbauer is looking for volunteers to start going through church belongings so when the building is ready, we can begin efficiently using it for storage.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to use \$6,000 from the Scrip Program towards the completion costs of the building. It was also suggested to allocate the remaining balance from Investments, a motion was made, seconded and passed to move forward with this.

There was approximately \$3,000 raised at the 2024 Pancake Breakfast, a motion was made, seconded and passed to donate this money to the Klade Family. Pastor provided a brief update on the Klade family. It was discussed that potential recipients of this donation be mentioned at the 2025 semi-annual meeting and then finalized at least one month prior to the Pancake Breakfast.

New Business -

Election results for board and council positions were announced as follows:

- Elder - Joe Heisinger
- Elder - Jeff Laabs
- Elder - Lee Pfaff
- Trustees - Bob Duwe
- Trustees - Bruce Pfungsten
- Stewardship/Evangelism - Bonnie Grueneberg
- Stewardship/Evangelism - Linda Heisinger
- Education - Kim Young

A motion to destroy the ballots was made, seconded and passed.

The semi-annual meeting is scheduled for July 27th, 2025. A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed. Pastor Love closed with a prayer and led the congregation with the Lord's Prayer and singing of the doxology.

**Faith Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 10, 2025**

Present: Pastor Love, Terry Seidler (President), Mike Baumann (Vice-President), Lillie McCulloch (Secretary), Barry Krenz (Trustees), Cindy Braatz (Treasurer), Bonnie Grueneberg (Evangelism), Rod Dahlke (Elders), Cheryl Dahlke (Education).

Vice-President, Mike Baumann called the meeting to order. Pastor opened with a prayer and devotion. Meeting minutes from December were reviewed. A motion for approval was made, seconded, and passed.

Treasurer – The balance report for January was reviewed, the ending balance for January was \$53,259.60.

President – New white banners for the altar background will be purchased for Easter, using the funds donated by Pastor Ruhbusch. Terry and Bonnie are looking into the possibility of also purchasing banners for the rest of the altar and for Pastor. A motion was made to spend up to \$1500 to purchase these vestments. The motion was seconded and passed.

Elders – Rodney got some information on a company that would basically prerecord the organ portions of the services in the event that we cannot find an organist. Our organ is capable of using this option, it will require someone to sit by the organ to push the buttons at the appropriate times.

Board of Education – Cheryl is standing in for Kim tonight, she is helping Kim learn the ropes and take on the position. No further update.

Stewardship/Evangelism - Christmas cards were sent to the shut-ins, the Angel Tree was a success and caroling went well. A check was delivered to the Klade family on Sunday, they were very grateful for the donation.

Trustees – No report provided.

Pastor – Lenten services are coming up; we will be doing a series on Genesis. VBS planning meetings are coming along and Confirmation Classes are doing well. The congregation is gaining a few new members, which is great news!

Old Business - No old business to discuss.

New Business - The building has been delivered!! We should start seeing assembly progress towards the end of the month.

The next regular council meeting is scheduled for April 14th, 2025 at 6:30pm.

A motion for adjournment was made, seconded, and passed. The meeting closed with a prayer from Pastor Love.

Respectfully submitted,
Lillie McCulloch
Council Secretary

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Thursday: St. John's

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Mon., Wed., and Fri. varies

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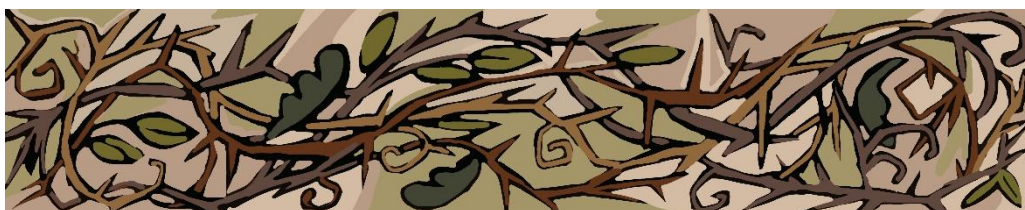
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ALTAR GUILD MARCH SCHEDULE

March 1 – March 10 Keith and Pat Wendt
March 11 – March 24 Gene and Karen Pagel
March 25 – April 7 Chris Pfaff and Phyllis Beilke

March 2025

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AUDIO VIDEO SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

Sunday, March 2 – Bonnie Grueneberg
 Wednesday, March 5 (11 a.m.) – Rodney Dahlke
 Wednesday, March 5 (6:30 p.m.) – Joe and Amanda Heisinger

Sunday, March 23 – Bonnie Grueneberg
 Wednesday, March 26 (11 a.m.) – Rodney Dahlke
 Wednesday, March 26 (6:30 p.m.) – Bonnie Grueneberg

Sunday, March 9 – Bonnie Grueneberg
 Wednesday, March 12 (11 a.m.) – Lee Pfaff
 Wednesday, March 12 (6:30 p.m.) – Bonnie Grueneberg

Sunday, March 30 – Bonnie Grueneberg
 Wednesday, April 2 (11 a.m.) – Lee Pfaff
 Wednesday, April 2 (6:30 p.m.) – Bonnie Grueneberg

Sunday, March 16 – Bonnie Grueneberg
 Wednesday, March 19 (11 a.m.) –
 Wednesday, March 19 (6:30 p.m.) – Bonnie Grueneberg



YOUTH GROUP LENTEN SUPPER

Wednesday, March 19
5:30 p.m. at Faith

Proceeds go to the 30 Hour Famine Project

March Schedule for Elders, Ushers, Greeters and Scrip

*Sunday, March 2 10:15 a.m.

Elders Lee Pfaff, Kyle Young
 Ushers Carol Hein, Phyllis Beilke
 Greeter Duane Grunenwald
 Scrip Becky Rajek

*WEDNESDAY, March 5 11:00 a.m.

Elders Keith Wendt, Lee Pfaff
 Ushers Leroy Laabs, Phyllis Beilke
 Greeter Sandy Laabs
 Scrip Cindy Krenz

*WEDNESDAY, March 5 6:30 p.m.

Elders Jason Westfall, Mike Beilke
 Ushers Ed Stiver, Joe Heisinger
 Greeter Joe Heisinger
 Scrip Cindy Braatz

Sunday, March 9 10:15 a.m.

Elders Mike Beilke, Mark Porath
 Ushers Joseph Heisinger, Leroy Laabs
 Greeter Amanda Heisinger
 Scrip Cindy Krenz

WEDNESDAY, March 12 11:00 a.m.

Elders Rodney Dahlke, Keith Wendt
 Ushers Leon and Beth Bartelt
 Greeter Leon Bartelt
 Scrip Cindy Krenz

WEDNESDAY, March 12 6:30 p.m.

Elders Joe Heisinger, Jeff Laabs
 Usher Amanda Heisinger
 Greeter Amanda Heisinger
 Scrip Debbie Stogbauer

*Sunday, March 16 10:15 a.m..

Elders Joe Heisinger, Jeff Laabs
 Ushers Bob and Bernice Porath
 Greeter Bob Porath
 Scrip Bernice Porath

WEDNESDAY, March 19 11:00 a.m.

Elders Lee Pfaff, Rodney Dahlke
 Usher Phyllis Beilke
 Greeter Marlene Krenz
 Scrip Cindy Krenz

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19 6:30 p.m.

Elders Jason Westfall, Mark Porath
 Usher Carol Hein
 Greeter Carol Hein
 Scrip Debbie Stogbauer

Sunday, March 23 10:15 a.m.

Elders Lee Pfaff, Mark Porath
 Ushers Brian and Lynn Klug
 Greeter Brian Klug
 Scrip Lynn Klug

WEDNESDAY, March 26 11:00 a.m.

Elders Keith Wendt
 Usher Leroy Laabs
 Greeter Sandy Laabs
 Scrip Cindy Krenz

WEDNESDAY, March 26 6:30 p.m.

Elders Mike Bielke, Kyle Young
 Usher Chris Stogbauer
 Greeter Chris Stogbauer
 Scrip Debbie Stogbauer

Sunday, March 30 10:15 a.m.

Elders Joe Heisinger, Kyle Young
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 Greeter Sandy Laabs
 Scrip Cindy Braatz

WEDNESDAY, April 2 11:00 a.m.

Elders Rodney Dahlke, Keith Wendt
 Ushers Leon and Beth Bartelt
 Greeter Leon Bartelt
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WEDNESDAY, April 2 6:30 p.m.

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HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, March 2 10:15 a.m.
 Wednesday, March 5 11:00 a.m.
 Wednesday, March 5 6:30 p.m.
 Sunday, March 16 10:15 a.m..

ELDERS

Rodney Dahlke, chairman
 Mike Beilke, secretary
 Joe Heisinger, Jeff Laabs, Kyle Young, Lee Pfaff,
 Mark Porath, Jason Westfall
 Keith Wendt, Kyle Young



MARCH

Birthdays & Anniversaries

FAITH BIRTHDAYS

March 3 Alex Westfall
 Craig Teske
 March 4 Eugene Mootz
 March 5 Lauren Zuelsdorff
 David Springborn
 March 8 Joan Kleinschmidt
 Madison Klug
 March 9 Deborah Leuenberger
 Brent Reinhardt
 March 10 Phyllis Beilke
 March 12 Edward Stiver
 March 16 Jane Kleinschmidt
 March 17 Bonnie Grueneberg
 Allysen Semling
 March 18 Keith Wendt
 March 19 Kevin Kleinschmidt
 Coty Rajek
 March 23 Beth Bartelt
 Nancy Raddatz
 March 24 Brian Klug
 Mabel Marquardt
 March 25 Terry Seidler
 March 28 John Wegner
 Christopher Stogbauer

March 29 Jessica Baguhn
 Bennett Dahlke
 March 30 Brian Luedtke
 Kaitlyn Beilke

ST. JOHN'S BIRTHDAYS

March 5 Bob Baumann
 March 9 Fred Harder
 March 12 Caleb Hoffman
 March 13 Sue Zastrow
 March 22 Jacob Hoffman
 March 24 Todd Wendt
 March 27 Marilyn Seefeld
 March 28 Beth Gille

ST. JOHN'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

March 3 Mike and Noreen Schulz
40 years

FAITH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

March 7 Dale and Linda Janisch
50 years
 March 31 Dale and Cindy Christiansen
47 years



FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN and MALL OF AMERICA TRIP

Saturday, April 12

Watch for upcoming details to save your spot



LWML Spring Rally

Saturday, April 26

St. John - Merrill



RECOGNITION SUNDAY with Luncheon at Faith Sunday, April 27

Watch newsletter and upcoming details in bulletins

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Patti Beilke 715-539-8120

Elder of the Month

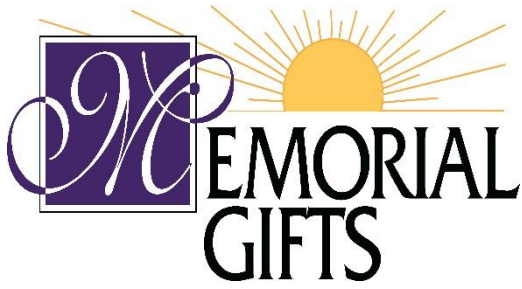
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Setting the Lord's Table

Diane Hinz

March 2025

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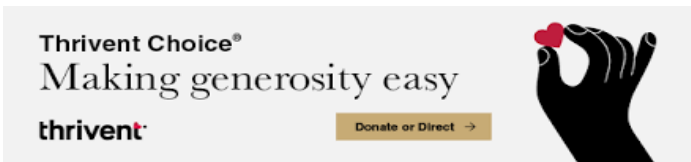


MEMORIAL GIFTS

- † IN MEMORY OF LUANN RUHBUSCH, A MOST GENEROUS GIFT OF THE NEW altar linens and banners for Easter from Pastor William Ruhbusch
- † In memory of BOB OPSAHL, a gift to Home Purposes from Keith and Pat Wendt
- † In memory of REV. HUNSICKER, a gift to Special Purposes from Joe and Alice Zuelsdorff
- † In memory of RANDY BRAATZ, gifts to Special Purposes from Joe and

Alice Zuelsdorff and Gloria Werner

- † In memory of MARY KAY VANDERGEEST, a gift to the New Building Fund from Phyllis Buch
- † In memory of RANDY BRAATZ, gifts to the New Building Fund from Jim and Phyllis Beilke, Bob and Bernice Porath and Phyllis Buch
- † In memory of BERNICE SCHULZ, a gift to Special Purposes from Phyllis Buch
- † In memory of DARWIN BERNDT, a gift to Special Purposes from Phyllis Buch
- † In memory of RANDY BRAATZ, a gift to the New Building Fund from Ed and Connie Stiver




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Iron Sharpens Iron (ISI)
Sunday, March 23
4:30 p.m.
Mark Seliger Sugar Shack
Buch, and Julaine Myska

Recent THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS have been received from Leon and Beth Bartelt, Judy



LENTEN ORGAN MEDITATIONS

at St. John the Baptist Episcopal
330 McClellan St.
Wausau, Wisconsin 54403

Fridays from 12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Come for a time of meditation and music during the lunch hour

March 14—Jim Holt, Patrick Burkhart, Isaac Tritz
March 21—George Felty
March 28—Lee Riecki
April 4—Bryan Higgins-Moe
April 11—Irene Beethe

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Free Will Offering



Beth Bartelt is **LOOKING FOR COSTUME JEWELRY** (old, new, broken), anything not wanted anymore. It'll be used for a project at a Marathon County Homemakers craft day that will benefit the Headstart Program . Proceeds used to buy children in the program books to read .



Daylight saving time starts at 2 a.m. on MARCH 9.
The time will jump ahead one hour from 2 a.m. to 3 a.m. marking the shift to local Daylight Saving Time.

North WI District DISASTER RESPONSE SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025

- TRAIN
- SUPPORT
- NETWORK



The Way of the Cross

March

Daily Reading Plan

- Day 1: Galatians 3:13
- Day 2: Matthew 27:32-44
- Day 3: Galatians 2:20
- Day 4: Galatians 6:14
- Day 5: Galatians 5:24
- Day 6: Matthew 10:38-39
- Day 7: Matthew 16:24
- Day 8: Luke 14:26-27
- Day 9: Mark 10:17-29
- Day 10: John 12:24-25
- Day 11: Matthew 26:39
- Day 12: Luke 23:34
- Day 13: Matt 27:46, Jn 19:28
- Day 14: John 19:30
- Day 15: Luke 23:46
- Day 16: Romans 6:1-14
- Day 17: Romans 4:3, 17
- Day 18: Romans 6:15-23
- Day 19: Romans 7:4, 6
- Day 20: Romans 8:3
- Day 21: 1 Cor 2:2, 4
- Day 22: 2 Cor 13:4-5
- Day 23: 2 Cor 4:10, 12
- Day 24: Hebrews 9:14
- Day 25: Hebrews 10:19-20
- Day 26: Hebrews 12:1-2
- Day 27: Hebrews 13:11-13
- Day 28: 1 Peter 2:24
- Day 29: 1 John 3:16
- Day 30: Rev 14:4
- Day 31: Rev 1:5-6



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

Pray For Us Calendar

WORLDWIDE THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION — MARCH 1-31

The LCMS provides theological education throughout the world by means of seminaries and missionaries. Scholars and leaders from foreign church bodies also come to the LCMS seminaries for advanced degrees, learning sound doctrine from the Scriptures and Lutheran Confessions.

Remember the centrality of God's Word as you pray:

1. for Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, that all there might grow in the Word and prepare for the proper proclamation of the Word and administration of the Sacraments.
2. for Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind., that the faculty might teach the Word in its truth and purity; and the students learn God's Word in preparation for ministry.
3. for Christ's work throughout the world, that the Gospel might be proclaimed to all people and the forgiveness of sins delivered through the Means of Grace.
4. for Concordia Seminary, Hong Kong, that people and

pastors might be trained there to proclaim the Gospel.

5. for Martin Luther Seminary in Lae, Papua New Guinea, that God would strengthen and preserve the seminary to prepare the pastors of the Gutnius Lutheran Church to convict people with God's law and heal them with the word of Absolution.
6. for Japan Lutheran Seminary in Tokyo, Japan, that our Lord, Jesus Christ, would make the seminary a place where the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity.
7. for Concordia Theological Seminary in Nagercoil, India, that the Lord would preserve the seminary from all evil and lead it to become a bastion of the

Gospel against the attacks of the wicked foe.

8. for Timothy Lutheran Seminary in Birip, Papua New Guinea, that the Lord would use the instructors to shine His Word upon the path of students preparing to serve His Church.
9. for students and professors of Lutheran Theological Seminary in Baguio City, Philippines, that they might serve the Lutheran Church in the Philippines faithfully.
10. for Luther Seminary in Seoul, South Korea, that the Lord would preserve those who teach and those who learn to hold fast to His Word in all circumstances.
11. for the ministry carried out through the Westfield House of Theological Studies in Cambridge, England, as this ministry trains church leaders for England and many other church bodies around the world.

12. for the Lutheran Center for Theological Studies (CLET) in Togo, that theological training for men from French-speaking countries in West Africa might continue.

13. for Concordia Reformer Seminary, Dominican Republic, that the students there might share the Gospel throughout Latin and South America.

14. for the Synod's Global Seminary Initiative (GSI), which helps to fill the need for trained church leaders who are native to the region and cultures in which they serve, that God would guide this program to strengthen the formation of pastors and deaconesses around the world.

15. for LCMS professors and pastors who travel overseas to teach seminars and intensive courses for our current and emerging church partners, that God would grant them safe travel and fruitful labors.

16. for the international students who come to the Synod's seminaries, that God would grant safe travels and comfort while away from family and friends.

17. for Lutheran pastors worldwide, that they would have access to the necessary books and resources to teach Law and Gospel.

18. for the health and safety of LCMS missionaries who provide theological education, thanks that they have heeded the call to serve Christ in this way.

19. for Lutheran church workers in Europe, that their work is fruitful.

20. for the seminaries of LCMS partner churches around the world, that they would faithfully educate future leaders for their churches.

21. for the Gospel multiplication as pastors are equipped to teach their flocks and train new leaders for the church, thank God for the growth of His Kingdom.

22. for the continued growth of Christ's Church on earth, that the Lord would continue to raise up missionaries according to His good and gracious will.

23. for Lutherans throughout the world, that they rejoice in God's gifts of His Word and Sacraments.

24. for the Synod's generous donors, thanks for those who make it possible for LCMS theological education around the world.

25. The Annunciation of our Lord, thank God for sending His Son into our flesh.

26. for our partner churches, that God would raise up pastors and servants to serve His people.

27. for sound doctrine throughout the world, that God would preserve the truth of His Word against false teachings.

28. for those on vicarage from our partner seminaries, that God would bless their time in the field as part of their education.

29. for seminarians' wives, that they would be prepared to support their husband's call into ministry.

30. for seminarians' children, that they rejoice in the Gospel and in their father's calling.

31. for all who listen to those who receive theological education, that the Gospel might take root and produce fruit.



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Lenten Midweek Sermon Series

Good News from the Beginning: The Gospel in Genesis

Aaron A. Stinnett

Ash Wednesday, MARCH 5-6
The Good News of a Savior Who Covers Our Sin
Genesis 3:1–13, 21

Lenten Midweek 2, MARCH 12-13

The Good News of a Savior Who Conquers Evil *Genesis 3:14–15*

Lenten Midweek 3, MARCH 19-20

The Good News of a Savior Who Gives Us a New Beginning *Genesis 6*

Lenten Midweek 4, MARCH 26-27

The Good News of a Savior Who Gives Himself in Our Place
Genesis 22:1–18

Lenten Midweek 5, APRIL 2-3

The Good News of a Savior Who Unites Heaven and Earth
Genesis 28:10–22

Lenten Midweek 6, APRIL
9-10

The Good News of a Savior
Who Brings Good from Evil
Genesis 50:15–21

MIDWEEK SERVICE SCHEDULE 2025

At Faith -

WEDNESDAYS

11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

At St. John's -

THURSDAYS

6:30 p.m.



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