A large, dark brown wooden cross stands against a light, overcast sky. The cross is made of thick, weathered wood. The vertical post is on the right side of the frame, and the horizontal beam is on the left. The cross is slightly tilted to the right.

SO
MUST THE
SON OF
MAN
BE
LIFTED
UP

JOHN 3:14



+ Fourth Sunday In Lent +

March 10, 2024

Spring Mission Festival Weekend

AS WE GATHER

We hear today of eternal life that is given to us because of God's great love for us, shown to us in perhaps the most famous Bible verse, John 3:16. This verse speaks of God's genuine love for us and the world shown in Jesus' death on the cross for us. The love of God never ends. God's love is present here and now and extends into eternal life as eternal love. May we be so encouraged by God's love to share it with others. Thanks be to God for such love!

Liturgical Color:

Purple is the color of humility and repentance.

Each week as we head toward Good Friday, a candle is extinguished on the Lenten wreath since darkness comes before the bright dawn of Easter morning.

Near the large cross by the pulpit is a basket with slips of paper, pencils, and tacks. Feel free to write down any of your burdens, worries, wrongs, and sins and tack them to the cross at any time during this season of Lent. They will not be read but will be removed on Good Friday and burned in the Easter Vigil fire on Holy Saturday. Our Lord takes our darkness and replaces it with his light!

***Visitors:** We are glad you have chosen to be with us today! We would especially like to follow-up with you beyond today, so please take a moment to leave your best contact information in the guest books at each entrance/exit. **A cry-room for parents and children is just off from the front entryway, and there's a wonderful nursery downstairs at the end of the fellowship hall for you to make use of at any time.** Do you have any questions about anything here? Don't hesitate to ask one of the ushers or elders, or talk to the pastor.*

Prelude

Pastoral Welcome

(Prayer request cards will be collected by an usher passing through the aisle.)

Gathering Hymn *"God Loved the World So That He Gave", #571*



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
 sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
 sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
 Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,
 This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
 Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
 That is the firmest ground of faith.

6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 To You, O blessèd Trinity,
 Be praise now and eternally!

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Please rise.

Morning Prayer

Opening Verses..... *page 235*



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth shall de - clare Your praise.



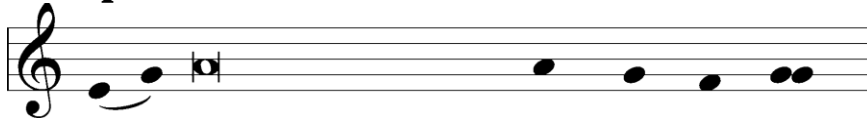
C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be-gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

Psalmody

Antiphon.....page 235



L Give glory to God, our light and our life.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite.....page 236



C O come, let us sing to the Lord;



let us make a joy-ful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.



I Let us come in - to His pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing;



let us make a joy - ful noise to Him with songs of praise.



II For the Lord is a great God and a great king a - bove all gods.



I In His hand are the depths of the earth;

the heights of the moun - tains are His al - so.

II The sea is His, for He made it;

and His hand formed the dry land.

I O come, let us wor - ship and bow down;

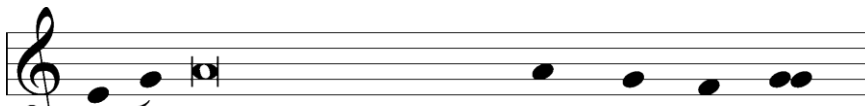
let us kneel be - fore the Lord, our mak - er.

II For He is our God, and we are the peo - ple

of His pas - ture and the sheep of His hand.

☐ Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



L Give glory to God, our light and our life.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Psalm 107:1-9..... *(spoken in unison)*

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!
Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to a city to dwell in;
hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.
Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.
He led them by a straight way
till they reached a city to dwell in.
Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of men!
For he satisfies the longing soul,
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

Office Hymn..... *“Christ, our Human Likeness Sharing”, #847*



1 Christ, our hu - man like - ness shar - ing, Heav - en's love on
 2 Hear the word that Christ has spo - ken, Help the weak, the
 3 Christ, in ev - 'ry con - gre - ga - tion Build Your tem - ple,
 4 Come, O liv - ing Christ, re - new us, As of old in



earth por - trayed; Christ the Shep - herd, tend - ing, car - ing,
 hun - gry feed; See the pow'rs of dark - ness bro - ken,
 stone by stone, With Your word as firm foun - da - tion
 wind and flame; With the Spir - it's pow'r en - due us,



In His death our ran - som paid: Christ the Sav - ior,
 Sin - ners par - doned, cap - tives freed: Christ the Sav - ior,
 For a faith ma - tured and grown: Christ the Sav - ior,
 Ser - vants of Your sav - ing name: Christ the Sav - ior,



Christ the Ser - vant, Be Your life in us dis - played.
 Christ the Ser - vant, Help us meet our neigh - bor's need.
 Christ the Ser - vant, Make in us Your Gos - pel known.
 Christ the Ser - vant, Christ whose king - dom we pro - claim.

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Readings

Old Testament Reading..... Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." So Moses made a

bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle ReadingRomans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise.

Holy GospelJohn 3:14-21

[Jesus said:] “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But whoever does what is

true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God.”

P In many and various ways, God Spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

Apostles’ Creed.....(*back cover of hymnal*)

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated.

Children’s Message

Sermon..... “A Way Through the Wilderness”

Mission Festival Speaker Gary Moreau, Executive Director
(Mobility Worldwide Missouri—Columbia)

Please rise, as able.

Mission Hymn “Rise, Shine, You People”, #825



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how He sends the pow’rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent His Son to save us.



Our hu - man sto - ry; God in Him is cen - tered.
 He brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.
 Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing.
 Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -
 All men and wom - en, who by guilt are
 To all the world go out and tell the
 Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry



round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.
 driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.
 sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.
 na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

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Please be seated.

Offertory Becky Limback

(Here I am, Lord)

Offering

Please rise, as able.

Prayer

Collect of the Day *(spoken in unison)*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving)

Collect for Gracepage 241

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, . . . who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayerpage 241

Benedicamus and Benediction..... page 241-242

Sending Hymn..... *"Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service"*, #848



1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice Bore the weight of
2 Still Your chil - dren wan - der home - less; Still the hun - gry
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, Till Your love's re -
4 Called by wor - ship to Your ser - vice, Forth in Your dear



hu - man need, Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en,
cry for bread; Still the cap - tives long for free - dom;
veal - ing light In its height and depth and great - ness,
name we go, To the child, the youth, the a - ged,



Of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed, We, Your ser - vants, bring the
Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com -
Dawns up - on our quick - ened sight, Mak - ing known the needs and
Love in liv - ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good - will and



wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart, Con - se -
pas - sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the
bur - dens Your com - pas - sion bids us bear, Stir - ring
com - fort, Coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your



crat - ing to Your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift that You im - part.
love Your Spir - it kin - dles Still to save and make us whole.
us to tire - less striv - ing, Your a - bun - dant life to share.
ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom May Your mer - cy know and live.

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Dismissal (Bethlehem's Mission)

P Grow in Christ,

C Live in Love and Share the Faith!

Postlude

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Next week's readings:

OT: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Epistle: Hebrews 5:1-10; Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

Attendance Last Saturday: 29

Attendance Last Sunday: 73

Attendance Midweek: 48

Total Offering: \$6,810.34

Missions: \$500.00

Home Use: \$6,026.34

Benevolences: \$284.00

Serving us today:

ElderWillie Crespo

Musicians Jerrode Marsh

Altar Committee..... Darlene Laubenstein (Chair), Bambi Burden,
Julie Crespo, Diana Holland, Georgia Luker

Flower Committee Penny Humphrey (Chair), Lori Sloan

This Week's Schedule

Sunday	12:00 p.m.	Mission Festival Potluck Meal
	2:30 p.m.	Country Club and Arbors Care Center Services
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
	7:00 p.m.	Mary Martha Guild Meeting
Tuesday		<i>Pastor at Circuit Council Meeting</i>
	9:30 a.m.	Quilting
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	4:00 p.m.	KinderLent
	5:30 p.m.	Meal
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Service
	8:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Pastor at WCS
	1:00 p.m.	Cards and Games Group
	7:00 p.m.	Ephesians Bible Study

Friday	9:30 a.m.	Exercise Class
Saturday	11:00 a.m.	Trustees' Meeting
	5:30 p.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	The Lutheran Hour broadcast on 96.9
	9:00 a.m.	Radio Broadcast 98.5 (can also be heard at www.blchurch.com , under the Sermons tab)
	9:15 a.m.	Christian Education
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	1:00 p.m.	Youth Catechesis

Welcome



We welcome our Mission Festival Speaker, Gary Moreau, the Executive Director of Mobility Worldwide Missouri—Columbia (*giftofmobility.org*)—a relief

agency which makes transportation carts for people not able to get around otherwise. Gary was born in Columbia, MO, lived there through college and has a BS in Wildlife Conservation. He spent four years in the Army, mostly in Germany. He met his Oklahoma wife there, and they married in the castle in Heidelberg Germany. After the Army he went to Utah State University for a MS in Wildlife Science. He worked for the USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service until retirement in 2002. He moved back to Columbia and began volunteering at Mobility Worldwide by cutting the drive chain and reconnecting. He has traveled to Guatemala three times, as well as to Nicaragua, Cote D'Ivoire, and Kenya to give carts away. He has been Executive Director for 12 years now.

Prayers

Prayers for Roy and Judy Schache as they faithfully serve their brothers and sisters in Christ in Papua New Guinea highlands from now until April.

For Sustenance, Healing, and Provision—We remember those who are dealing with illness, are homebound or in nursing homes, are undergoing and recovering from surgery, as well as going through hospitalization and rehabilitation: Charlie Becker, Mel Bockelman, Carrie Brunkhorst (Dorothy's daughter-in-law), Ray & Mary Carstensen, Galen Cobb, Bob & Barbara Compton, Marion Droege, Rev. Tom Fatka (Tommy Fatka's dad), Peggy Forstad, Ana Fonseca (Willie Crespo's grandmother), Wilma Gertz, Winnie & George Goldsmith (Steve's parents), Karen Haase, Juanita Holcomb (Peggy Forstad's mother), Kenny (Judy Pierce's brother), Duane Limback, Mary Johnson, Lloyd McCarter, Ronnie Moody (Sheree's mother), Maryanna Savery, Rose Steitz, & Joe Zeman.

For Military Members—We remember all service and support personnel who are deployed and stationed away from us and their families.

Prayer Requests & Spiritual Care—If you would like to make a prayer request, contact Pr. Joel or email the church office. Also, if you're feeling the strain, feel free to call or text Pr. Joel or contact your elder or the church office. We rely upon the Holy Spirit and his gifts in Christ during every time of uncertainty and can never be thankful enough for the gift of each other!

[Weekly Weekend Worship Services](#)

Saturday Services start at 5:30 p.m. Sunday Services are at 10:30 a.m. Sunday Services are live on Facebook, YouTube and the webpage at blchurch.com.

[Special Services & Faith Formation](#)

Lenten Midweek Worship Services—Gather with us in the sanctuary on Wednesdays this Lent at **7:00 p.m.** as we explore the theme *The Carpenter's Cross: Making, Building, Repairing*. We'll still be reflecting on *A Carpenter's Door & A Carpenter's Stone*. Plan to attend, invite others, and take a block of wood to do something special with yet—since there are plenty left!

KinderLent is happening at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays through the Lenten season. Rebecca would like to preview and extend an invitation to the Lenten devotion series she is planning, as a focus on children whose bedtimes line up with the 7:00 services. But all are welcome to join us! She will be using **Gayle Boss's book *Wild Hope: Stories for Lent from the Vanishing***. Pastor used her Advent book several years ago. Her Lenten book is focused on animal species who are in trouble due to hunger, sickness, habitat loss, pollution, and hunting. Through focusing on these species' struggles, we will learn together how to make small sacrifices to protect Creation, increasing our focus on Christ's sacrifice for us.

[Children & Youth](#)

Creation School—Join us on the first Friday **of each month from 10-11 am** for our faith-focused version of the trendy forest school. We'll do our best to enjoy Creation in all weather, so be sure to dress appropriately. Please invite any families with young children that you know, as the hope is to welcome all in the community into our green space.

The Third Sunday at 3:00 p.m. the youth will get together for some fellowship and rock climbing. Please let Penny know if you will be attending.

The District Junior & Senior High Youth Gathering is planned for **April 5-7** at the Cross Point Retreat Center, Lake Ozark, Missouri. For more information go to

(mo.lcms.org/youth-ministry) The church has funds available for this gathering. If you are interested, and want to attend, please let Penny or Pr. Joel know ASAP so that the registration can get in before the **March 25 deadline**.

Sunday School and Christian Education

Sunday School is at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings downstairs for ages Preschool through 12th grade. We start out with a combined opening with the adults to kick off each Sunday, then we split up at **9:20 or so**. We invite all children to come and be a part of this time growing together in Christ!

Sunday Proverbs Bible Study—*Oh, to love wisdom and live wisely!* How many times have you said and thought that? Join us for our Sunday Bible study—*Living (& Loving) Wisdom*—which explores the book of Proverbs through the lens of the Ten Commandments and Christ “the Wisdom of God” (I Cor. 1:24. Pr. Joel is drawing from David Coe’s *Provoking Proverbs*. **We start at 9:15 a.m.** in the conference room. We’re just starting to look at the 4th Commandment!

Wednesday Bible Study—Join us at **10:30 a.m.** in the conference room. We’re looking at the Apocrypha, from the time between the two Testaments. Come and find out what it’s about!

Thursday Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.—Pastor Bertels is leading a Bible study on the book of Ephesians. It meets in the conference room and is open to all who have the interest and time available. Come and join us!

Music

During Lent, the choir will meet on Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. or immediately after the service. We are always looking for new members! Please contact Peggy Forstad with any questions about joining the choir.

The Saint Paul Singing Saints will have their home concert on **March 17, starting at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Concordia, Missouri. It will be an evening of beautiful and uplifting music, so attend if you can!

Opportunities to Serve

Shine Event 2024—Plan to attend this year’s **Shine** event on **Saturday, April 13 at 10:00 a.m.** We will be launching our community garden’s season with a lively event filled with giveaways, planting, music and children’s activities. Can you contribute to planning work, setup/cleanup, music or planting guidance that day? Please let Rebecca or Pr. Joel know.

Thrivent Choice Dollars—Members with 2023 Choice Dollars available need to designate these funds before March 31st or they will expire. You may direct your

Choice Dollars to Bethlehem or your choice of another organization on the Thrivent list. Choice dollars may be designated at [Thrivent.com/Thrivent Choice](http://Thrivent.com/ThriventChoice) or by calling 800-847-4836 and when prompted say "Thrivent Choice." This past year Thrivent members provided financial support for VBS food and supplies and the Christmas Store project from the Choice Dollar Account. In addition numerous Thrivent Action Team grants provided Thousands of dollars to support activities and projects at Bethlehem and other area organizations. Please contact Larry Haase if you have questions about any of our Thrivent activities. The April Tidings will indicate our next group meeting date.

Potato Day—Plan (your footwear) to join us in the garden after service on **Sunday, March 17** to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with planting our potatoes out in the garden!

Want to be on the Bethlehem Woods Trail Crew? Yes, we have our own nature trail at the back end of our property! Two of the bridges are in need of some major attention, so if you'd like to help with that and some of the other occasional maintenance back there, please contact Ron Rode (660.238.1557) and he'll let you know when the work is ready to start. Thanks!

Think Spring and Another Garden Growing Season! In order to get our community gardens in readiness for spring planting, plus, make needed improvements and gear-up for our outreach event on April 13, we'll be having our next work morning on **March 23rd**). Come join in the fun!

Bulletin Board—A section of the bulletin board at the North entrance has been dedicated to our congregation members who are home-bound and in nursing homes. Please check it out to see how you can reach out to those who can no longer come to services regularly. Send a card or leave one in the pocket on the board to be delivered during a visit. If you have a picture of a loved one you can share, please send it to Rebecca to have it posted!

[Mary Martha Guild](#)

Mary Martha Guild will meet **this coming Monday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m.** Pr. Joel will be speaking about the Altar and Holy Communion. If you are on an altar committee or would like to learn more about it, please join us.

Easter Lilies—The Flower Committee is taking orders for Easter Lilies. If you wish to purchase a lily, fill out a form (near each entrance) and return it with your money to Penny Humphrey. You can also leave the form and money in her mailbox. Deadline is **March 17. Please make a donation for your lily as pricing hasn't been finalized. Checks need to be made out to Mary Martha Guild.**

Concordia Zone LWML Spring Rally will be held on **Saturday, April 6** at **Zion Lutheran Church in Blackburn, MO. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m.** At 10:00 a.m. Rev. Larry Tieman and Rev. Terry Tieman will present “Paul’s Journey” as they traveled some of the areas Paul traveled. Lunch will be served after the presentation. The ingathering will go to “Mites” collection. Please let Darlene Laubenstein know if you are interested in going.

2024 Missouri District Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Convention, Independence, MO. Although Independence is known as the historic departure point for the California, Oregon, and Santa Fe Trails; this summer our paths will converge in Independence for another great LWML Missouri District Convention, **June 7-9, 2024**. Every two years, members gather to carry out the business of the organization and spend time together in praise, worship, Bible study, fellowship and laughter. A LWML convention is open to all ladies of the LCMS and many husbands attend too. The Kansas City area offers many great family activities, so consider making this convention a fun destination for family as well. This year’s theme, “He will make your paths straight.” is based on Proverbs 3:5-6. For additional details and online registration information, be sure to visit our improved District website at <https://www.missourilwml.org/conventions>. **Registration opens March 1st**. Hotel reservations at Stoney Creek Hotel can be made by a phone call to 816-908-9600 select #2 Guest Services and give CODE LWML24 for a special room rate.

Fellowship

Weekly Meals—To increase intergenerational fellowship, we are having a meal at **5:30 p.m. each Wednesday of Lent**, immediately following KinderLent. This is open to anyone that doesn’t want to cook before the Lenten service. The remaining meals will be pizza & breakfast for dinner, along with some sides and desserts. We plan to cover the cost of meals with an Action Team and will take care of most of the preparation; we just need a few volunteer servers.

Crafternoon—**On the fourth Friday from 3-5 pm**, let’s get together to craft! A project and supplies will be waiting for you in the fellowship hall. We’ll make seasonal crafts and cards that can be shared with others and conspire to deliver them with good cheer and a visit.

Exercise Class happens at **9:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays** in the Fellowship Hall. This class is low impact exercise open to anyone, men or women.

The Games and Card Group meets on **Thursdays at 1:00 p.m.** in the Youth Room downstairs. Everyone is welcome to come to this fellowship time.

The Quilting Group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from **9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.** (September through May). Anyone is welcome to help with this project. No special sewing skills are needed. Bring your own lunch or go out and grab something. If you have any questions, please contact Georgia Luker.

This and That

Saint Paul Servant of Saints will be hosting a Sausage Dinner on **Sunday, March 17** from **11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at the Saint Paul Lutheran High School, Concordia. The meal will be a free-will offering that will go to provide funding for projects at Saint Paul Lutheran High School.

The Johnson County Resource Center happens every Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the basement of First Presbyterian Church (206 N. College)—providing breakfast, a hot lunch, and a place to hang out. Housing assistance and case management are provided, as well as Medicaid signup. **Katy Trail's Mobile Medical Unit will be resuming its services in April!**

Ongoing thanks to those who generously give to the Bethlehem Emergency Fund, which enables Pr. Joel to assist members and certain people in the community who are in crisis situations. Much appreciation for your good support in shining the light of Christ! If you'd ever like to hear some of the stories of how these funds have been used, just ask Pr. Joel.

2024 Elders

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Our Mission

· Grow in Christ · Live in Love · Share the Faith

Our Vision

To be a community of believers, disciples, and servants while we deepen our personal faith and reach others for Christ.



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