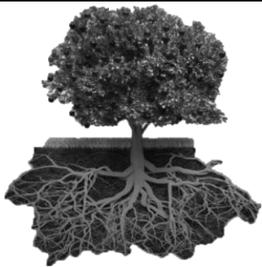


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DEEP ROOTS
AND
ABUNDANT FRUIT

Ashes to Ashes



The entire month of March lies within the season of Lent this year. Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the first day of Spring (Easter = Spring + Full Moon + Sunday), and this year Easter falls on April 12. Counting 40 days backward from April 12 (excluding Sundays) puts Ash Wednesday on February 26. The last Wednesday of February provides the first Wednesday Evening of our Lenten devotion and the first day of April hosts our last Wednesday evening Lenten devotion before the opening of Holy Week on the Sunday of Palms and The Passion of our Lord, April 5.

The power of observing Lent in preparation for Easter is NOT in “giving up something” symbolically for those forty days with every intention of picking it back up again. The power of observing Lent is to “put away false gods”. Examining ourselves quite seriously how am I habitually violating the First Commandment, and not with the intention of just going back to that same violation once the calendar arrives at Easter, but to repent for the Reign of the Lord Jesus Christ in now happening and we wish to be more intentionally aligned with it in Word and Deed.

Maxwell Maltz published “Psycho-Cybernetics” in 1960 in which he shared evidence that new habits and behaviors take a minimum of 21 days to be established. Self-help publishers ever since then have used that 21-day number as a handy short term inspiring number of days. The rub comes in that Maltz published 21 as a minimum, not an automatic transformational, dare I say “magical” number of days. Further research puts the actual number of days in between 21 and 254 days with the most common number coming in at 66, a little over two months.

Lent calls us to new faithful and fruitful habits characteristic of Jesus’ reign. Such a transformation demands evaluation, goal setting, coaching, a community of supportive fellowship in which we can move forward together. An opportunity to find our footing on the Rock amid the world’s shifting sands.

Ash Wednesday opens with our Lord’s call to “Return”. Return to the Lord our God. Put away false gods, and false ideas about the True God.

Serving you, Serving Jesus,

Pastor John Perling

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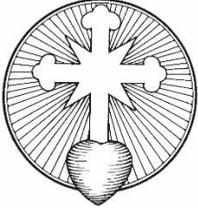
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Preparing for the Divine Service in Lent

ASH WEDNESDAY



Joel 2:12-19
Psalm 51
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Ash Wednesday expands the Confession and Absolution portion of the Divine Service. Each Sunday's Divine Service includes the general Confession and Absolution. We confess our sins and hear the Lord's forgiveness. Jesus promised that His death and resurrection are a gift to us. He invites us to trust that the death our sin demands has been graciously provided by the Father through the Son. When we hear the Lord's promise, God the Holy Spirit incites us not only to believe that we are acquitted of sin's death sentence but incites us to live fully human lives within the Kingdom of God. We desire to be restored to the image of God. In the Light of Christ, we cannot help but see our offenses against the Law of God. Though we are declared righteous in Christ, we are not perfect in ourselves. Rebellion and lawlessness still wars with the New Creation Christ has won for us and given us. On Ash Wednesday, our Lord calls us to "Return", to take sin seriously, as seriously as He takes it, to die to it as He died for it, and to rise out from it as He rose on Easter. We pray that His Spirit will never depart due to our unrighteousness, but that the Holy Spirit will cleanse through fire and water, trials and baptism. In this way, we will be a people prepared for our Lord's Holy Week visitation.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT HOLY CONVERSATIONS

(1 March 2020)

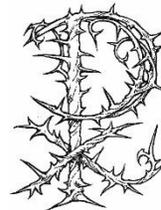


Genesis 3:1-21
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

*The Lord Jesus Christ Is Our
Champion against Satan*

Lent this year will Following His Baptism, Jesus is "led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil" (Matt. 4:1). As He takes upon Himself the curse of our sin and sets Himself against our enemy, He trusts His Father's voice and waits upon His Father's hand for all things. The devil questions His sonship, but the beloved and well-pleasing Son remains faithful and lives "by every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4). Jesus patiently suffers hunger in His mortal flesh and returns to the dust whence man was taken, and by His pain He brings forth food for all the children of men (Gen. 3:18-19). By the sweat of His brow, we eat the fruit of His cross, even as our nakedness is covered by His righteousness. Although all people live in bondage to death through the trespass of the first man, Adam, all the more "have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many" (Rom. 5:15). His righteous obedience "leads to justification and life for all men" (Rom. 5:18).

FIRST WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK SERVICE



Genesis 1-2:4a
Psalm 32
2 John
Matthew 26:1-29

The Lenten Midweek Services focus on our Lord's promises of death and resurrection. The services will gather together several scriptural resources to put sin to death and declare the reign of God in Christ. The Old Testament is filled with new life promises that call God's people to the New Creation. They are all grounded in the goodness of God's creation and intended kingdom, His original plan. So Genesis 1 is literally a good place to start. "God said that it was good." Six Psalms are recognized as penitential psalm, they recognize sin and call on the promises of God for

forgiveness and restoration. We will use these Psalms throughout the Midweek Lenten Divine Services. Several shorter New Testament Letters (Epistles) do not regularly occur in the reading schedule for Sunday divine Services (2 & 3 John, & Jude). These warn the congregations of false prophets promoting false christ. The Passion of our Lord according Matthew's Gospel, the primary gospel for this year, will be read over the course of these Wednesday Evening Services so that we may meditate on the gifts of our Lord's suffering and death. That we may trust in His promises.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT HOLY CONVERSATIONS



(8 March 2020)

Genesis 12:1–9
Romans 4:1–8, 13–17
John 3:1–17

***The Word of the Gospel Opens
the Eyes of Faith and Fixes
Them on Christ Jesus***

The Lord called Abram (Abraham) to leave his home and go to a land that God would show him. He also promised to make of Abram “a great nation,” to bless him and make his name great as a blessing to “all the families of the earth” (Gen. 12:2–3). “Abram went, as the Lord had told him” (Gen. 12:4), and in Canaan “he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord” (Gen. 12:8). He “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness” (Rom. 4:3). Here the grace of God is manifested, that He “justifies the ungodly” (Rom. 4:5), not by works of the Law, but through faith in His promises. He removes all of our sins and lawless deeds through Jesus Christ, the offspring of Abraham in whom all the Lord's promises are realized. This forgiveness of sins is the Word of the Gospel, the voice of the Holy Spirit, which “gives life to the dead” (Rom. 4:17). It opens the eyes of faith to behold Christ Jesus, the Son of Man lifted up on the cross, “that whoever believes in him may have eternal life” (John 3:14–15).

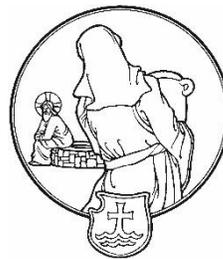
WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK SERVICE 2



Exodus 14:10-15:1
Psalm 6
3 John
Matthew 26:30-56

The Exodus of Children of Israel from Egypt is an Old Testament moment of death and resurrection. The Lord promises and the Lord delivers. Certain Death is devoured in the waters of the Red Sea at the Lord's command, and Israel is free under the Lord. Just as certainly, baptism puts sin to death and the old creature in drowned so that a new creature is raised to live in the Spirit of Christ. Psalm 6, 3 John call us to put away our false gods and live in Christ. Our Lord's Gethsemane prayers and arrest demonstrate that the way of the cross is no easy way, but we are called to it all the same. The victory of God is certain and sure.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT HOLY CONVERSATIONS



(15 March 2020)

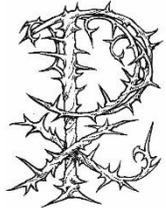
Exodus 17:1–7
Romans 5:1–8
John 4:5–26 (27–30, 39–42)

***We Worship the Father of Our
Lord Jesus Christ in the Spirit
and Truth of His Gospel***

Though the Lord had brought them out of Egypt, “all the congregation of the people of Israel” grumbled against Him because “there was no water for the people to drink” (Ex. 17:1). Despite their quarreling, the Lord graciously provided for them. He did not strike the people for their sins, but by the hand of Moses He struck the rock instead and brought forth water for the people. In the same way, living water flows from the pierced side of Christ at “about the sixth hour” (John 4:6; 19:14), when He is lifted up on the cross for the sins of the world. He is “the gift of God” (John 4:10), the well from which the Holy Spirit is poured out and becomes in His people “a spring of water welling up to eternal life” (John 4:14). By this grace in which we stand, being at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, we “worship the

Father in spirit and truth” (John 4:23). “We rejoice in hope of the glory of God” because “God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us” (Rom. 5:2, 5).

WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK SERVICE 3



Deuteronomy 31:19-29
Psalm 38
Jude 1-7
Matthew 26:57-75

Moses recognizes that the Children of Israel will repeatedly fall away from the promises and testimonies of the Lord. For that very reason, he makes certain that the Word of the Lord will remain with them, a copy placed directly into the ark of the covenant so that they will never be without its testimony. The faithful testimony of Jesus is contrasted with the faithless testimony of Peter. Faithlessness, the easy road, wilting under the constant press of the world and our flesh is a constant temptation. The Word in our midst is essential.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT HOLY CONVERSATIONS



(22 March 2020)

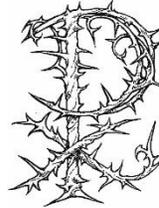
Isaiah 42:14–21
Ephesians 5:8–14
John 9:1–41 or John 9:1–7,
13–17, 34–39

***By His Word of the Gospel, Jesus
Calls Us Out of the Darkness into
His Marvelous Light***

The Lord is grieved by the spiritual blindness of His people, yet in mercy He does not forsake them. He restrains His anger and keeps His peace, until He opens their ears and eyes to hear and see Him. “For his righteousness’ sake,” He magnifies His Word and makes it glorious in the coming of Christ Jesus (Is. 42:21). Jesus turns “the darkness before them into light” (Is. 42:16) because He is “the light of the world” (John 9:5). The incarnate Son of God does the works of His Father and displays the divine glory in

His own flesh “while it is day,” until that night “when no one can work” (John 9:4). By the washing of water with His Word, He opens the eyes of the blind and grants rest to the weary. Therefore, though “at one time you were darkness,” now “you are light in the Lord” (Eph. 5:8). By our Baptism into Christ, we live in the eternal day of His resurrection, wherein He shines upon us. As often as we fall back into the darkness of sin, He calls us by the Gospel to “awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead” (Eph. 5:14).

WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK SERVICE 4



Jonah 2
Psalm 102
Jude 8-16
Matthew 27:1-26

Jonah needed to be literally turned around. Jonah’s ministry is a concrete example of the need to hear the call of Lent, “Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.” Jonah was going the wrong way, completely the opposite direction from the way the Lord had charted out for him. The Lord sent him to Ninevah, the capital of the enemy Assyrian Empire, the capital of the kingdom of Evil. The Lord wanted His word brought to confront the Kingdom of Satan, but Jonah went the other way and headed to Tarshish. The Lord literally turns Jonah around, but turning his heart was another matter altogether. Jonah fulfills the letter of the Lord’s command after the Lord swallows him up in death (in the belly of the great fish) and spews him out in resurrection (sends him up onto a new shore), but Jonah struggles with living fully in the new spirit called for by death and resurrection. He struggles with the Lord’s gracious love for Jonah’s enemies. Jonah’s prayer in the belly of the fish testifies to him that his repentance is a transforming struggle for the mind, heart, and body of Christ.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

(29 March 2020)

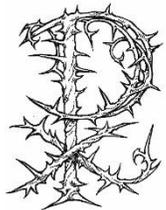


Ezekiel 37:1–14
Romans 8:1–11
John 11:1–45 (46–53) or John
11:17–27, 38–53

Jesus Christ Is the Resurrection and the Life

The illness and death of Lazarus happened “*that the Son of God may be glorified through it*” (John 11:4). Jesus’ miracle of raising Lazarus prompted His arrest and crucifixion, whereby He would die “*for the nation*” and gather “*into one the children of God who are scattered abroad*” (John 11:51–52). As He called Lazarus from the tomb and commanded others to “*unbind him, and let him go*” (John 11:44), Jesus also calls us and releases us from the bondage of sin and death. We would not “*submit to God’s law,*” nor could we “*please God*” (Rom. 8:7–8), but “*he condemned sin*” in His own flesh so “*that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us*” (Rom. 8:3–4). Now through the Gospel, “*the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells*” in us (Rom. 8:11). His Word breathes His Spirit into our mortal flesh, animating us with His own life. As His ministers preach according to His divine command, the Lord Jesus calls us from the grave into the good land that He gives us (Ezek. 37:12, 14).

WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK SERVICE 5



Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Psalm 143
Jude 17-25
Matthew 27:27-61

The final Wednesday of preparation for our Lord’s visitation invites us to pair Isaiah’s great Suffering Servant Song with the Good News Matthew proclaims regarding Jesus Christ. The Lord God’s anointed One, the King of the Jews and ruler of heaven and earth, who stops all the mouths of all the kings of the earth, heals the people of God by His stripes and in rejection and humiliation establishes the kingdom of God. Through the sprinkling of the nations with His blood, He purifies for Himself a people from out of the many nations so that they may call upon Him. They are declared righteous being united with his death,

trusting in the promise He provides. The Servant of the Lord serves the people without limit. The death sin demands is provided by the Lord and given as a gift.

Board of Christian Education

Sunday School Lessons are working their way through Bible History Highlights. The primary grades continue Exodus in March.

Mar 1- Crossing the Red Sea

As God saved the Hebrews through the waters of the Red Sea, he saves us through the washing of water in Holy Baptism, conquering Satan, our greatest enemy.

Mar 8 – God Provides Manna, Water, and Quail

In Christ, God feeds us with the manna of His Word and the water of His forgiveness, satisfying our eternal hunger and quenching our spiritual thirst.

Mar 15 – The Ten Commandments

The Law kills, but the Gospel revives. “For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ” (John 1:17)

Mar 22 – Worship in the Tabernacle

In the tabernacle, God dwelled with His people, cleansing them and making them holy through the blood of sacrifices. In Christ, God now dwells among us, cleansing us and making us holy through Jesus’ blood, shed for us on the cross.

Mar 29 – The Bronze Serpent

As from bronze serpent was lifted up to heal and save the Israelites from the snakes, so Christ was lifted up on the cross to heal and save us from sin, death, and the devil.



Board of Young People

**FUN, FUN, FUN!!! THEN TIME TO STUDY!!!
THEN TIME TO WORK!!!**



Eden, Sterling, Jared and Henry had a grand time at The Centre in Rolla for the Swim Party!! Justin was their chaperone and wished he had brought his swimwear along.

They all used the water slide, Olympic size pool, exercise pool, etc. We will look at planning another swimming outing so that the three who were unable to come will have another opportunity.



We see each other in Sunday School every week, but we hope to plan a time like we did at Christmas time. The Word of God is so important in every phase of life, but the teen years are a crucial time to stay in God's Word.

Two of you should have a Car Renewal coming up when the weather gets warmer, which you purchased at the Chili Cookoff. The youth will plan to do the inside and outside of your car in the lower parking lot...hopefully on a warm Saturday before Easter. On March 11 the Youth will be serving tacos at the Lenten dinner. Sometime later we hope to do a Car Wash at Gateway Shopping Center. We will request donations.

Then the learning and fun begins with summer camp and a trip for 5 Youth to Higher Things at NWMU in Maryville MO. Hopefully there will be time for our own FELC group to do a fun day, such as, maybe going to Ha Ha Tonka at Camdenton.

God be with you all.



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2020 Higher Things Conferences

Chaperones Heidi, Justin, & Johnna will accompany Eden, Henry, Jared, Sterling and Anthony to the Higher Things Conference from July 7-10. Higher Things Youth and Family conferences provide prayer, teaching in large and small groups, three buffet meals a day, evening recreation, and lots of new friends. **THANK YOU for your generous gifts!**

I Peter 3:21 "Baptism saves you" runs the conference this year with various pastors, teachers and up to 900 people of all ages. We all see the window on our right as we enter church: *Baptism now saves you.* This is the theme of the Conference.

The Giving Table fund raiser in which many of you participated brought in \$1823 to help with the cost of the young people and their chaperones to the Higher Things Conference. Each of the young people have completed a Higher Things scholarship application asking for half of their cost.

LADIES AID

We enjoyed a wonderful time at our LWML Zone Prayer Service last Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020, which was hosted by Immanuel Lutheran church in Rolla. The Dorcus ladies served lunch and pastors in our Zone assisted our Zone Counselor, Pastor John Perling, with the Prayer Service which highlighted the LWML Mite Projects for the 2018-2020 biennial. Many of us donated items for Russell House in Rolla at our Ingathering that day.

Sunday Refreshments: 1st Sunday of the Month

Our ladies will serve refreshments after Worship on Sunday, March 1st. Thank you to Joann Boettger, LuAnn Clark, Marion Munson, Bev Richard & Mary Smith. These refreshments are appreciated & a great way for us to share with one another!

Afternoon Meeting and Bible Study

Our regular March business meeting will be held on Thursday, March 5th. Linda Keener will lead us, Karen Boorum will lead our Bible study and Mary Smith & Vernetia Tassus will provide refreshments. All ladies are welcome to join us, we invite your input & interest.

Evening Bible Study

Our Ladies of Faith group meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the church library. This is a wonderful way for working women to be a part of Ladies Aid. They are finishing their current study and will be starting a new study on:

A New Song: Planted by Streams of Water

This Bible study series is a fresh approach to individual and group study. Each book in the series provides six weeks of stories—faith narratives—based on biblical psalms.

Talk to Faith Dunn (774-7658) to join!



Lent Begins:

Our ladies will be hosting the Lenten Dinner on Wednesday, March 18th, beginning at 6 p.m. We will be serving Lasagna with salad, desserts, and drinks. Come early & enjoy dinner with your church family before our Worship that evening.

Thursday Workday & Birthday Lunch

On Thursday, March 19th, we will have our monthly Ladies Aid workday beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the

Parish Hall. We will decide our activities at our Business mtg. earlier in the month. Stay in town and join your church family for our monthly Birthday Lunch. All are invited plus invite a friend or spouse to join you. Lunch will be at Hoppers downtown Waynesville. Please let Linda Keener know if you will be attending. Come help Kim Bradford, Marian Kubinski, Flori Scheuermann & others with March birthdays celebrate their special day.

Kitchen Clean Up

Saturday, March 28th is the date set aside for our ladies to clean out the kitchen areas before Easter. Many are asked to help with the church cleaning during the two weeks before Easter. This is a special time to spruce up our church, hopefully we can get several people to help with these efforts.

Spring Tea

Our ladies "Spring Tea, Spring Flowers" is coming on Saturday, April 25th. Invite a friend, your sister or Mom and come have fun! More details upcoming soon, so we hope to have you join us!

LWML Missouri District Convention

We are gearing up for the MO District Convention which will be held in Springfield, MO at the University Plaza & Convention Center from June 12-14, 2020. Convention delegates vote on which projects will be funded through mite box collections. The Missouri District office has submitted a grant request in support of Military and Campus ministry in our area. We hope that request makes it to the floor of the convention. Our Society is again sponsoring a grant request for the Free Women's Center in Waynesville to build the Nativity House, a place for safe housing and mentoring pregnant women.

Flori Scheuermann & Donna Wogan are planning to be our delegates. Would you be willing to serve as an alternate in case Flori or Donna are unable to go? All meals are included for Saturday & Sunday morning. Everything is held right there at the Plaza except for Friday evening's dinner. Please let Karen know if you are interested in being an alternate this year.

Retreats

Our LWML Summer Retreat is coming on Saturday, August 22nd at Kensington Park Clubhouse, Rolla. Our LWML Fall Rally, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Houston, MO will be Saturday, October 3rd. Look for more information as these events get closer.

Remember, we still save Stamps for Missions and hotel toiletries, both of which we will be collecting on the first Thursday in September. And, of course, our Mites. All of these items make a difference in our mission outreach. Thank you as we reach out to others in our community & to the world!



LWML Rolla Zone Going to Convention

JUNE 12-14 is the date to put on the calendar! The delegates and their alternates will be at the University Plaza and Convention Center gearing up for some decisions to be made, as well as fabulous singing, exciting mission reports, our LCMS District leaders, special speakers, a Mission Fair full of homemade items, a Silent Auction, and much more fun and excitement with hundreds of other LWML's.

Ladies of the Rolla Circuit, you all may contribute to homemade items for the Mission Fair. All proceeds will be used to pay the 2020-2022 Mission Grants. Crocheted, knitted, machine sewn or hand sewn, cross stitched or any other way to make clothing, jewelry, kitchen, bathroom, etc. items are all good sellers. Artists and creative people come up with paintings and many other interesting, beautiful items. No baked goods!!!

Registration is open on the website. Go to missourilwml.org and click on Convention. Then click on 2020 Convention. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the instructions and read before registering. The instructions give you information about many of the "extras" such as the shirts that are available. Then click on the registration. You may complete it and send it to the registrar, BUT you must print a copy to mail it to the address given on the registration form. Then you may click on the calendar, which is actually the schedule of the convention minute-by-minute, so to speak.

Enjoy checking out the details on the website. Hearing from the groups who receive the Mite money is my favorite part of the convention. It brings life, love and energy to gifts we all have given. God bless you in your giving, wherever that might be.

Karen Boorum
LWML Rolla Zone President

Free Women's Center

FREE WOMEN'S CENTER BANQUET ARE YOU REGISTERED??

Have you been registered? Please see Karen Boorum to make sure you are registered OR get registered. It is important to get registered now so that you don't end up on the waiting list. Your seat will be reserved at Karen's table or Pastor's table. You may also choose the person with whom you would like to be seated. Talk to Karen about that too.



Tim Tebow's mother will give a very interesting and exciting presentation. When Bob and Pam Tebow were serving the Lord as missionaries in the Philippines Pam became pregnant with Tim. Her doctor saw complications and recommended an abortion. Obviously, they chose life.

You will also meet our new Executive Director Adrienne Hendrix, who will share much information with you of the happenings at the FWC.

THE NATIVITY HOUSE MADE THE CUT!!!!!!!!!!!!

MITE BOXES do amazing things for people of all kinds and for many reasons. The FWC has applied for a Mission Grant from the LWML Missouri District for \$19,600. And we made the cut!! This means the delegates who attend and vote at the LWML District Convention, hopefully will vote for The Nativity House Mission Grant. So EVERYONE, please pray that the Convention delegates choose The Nativity House as one of the Mission Grants. More next month for what that money will be used.

Widows of Faith



The Widows of Faith will meet on **Wednesday, March 4, 2019** at Ozark Tavern on Fort Leonard Wood, at 12:30 p.m. We hope all widows will join us on this outing. For more, contact Liz Joyce at 573-336-7331.



Hello, Choir!

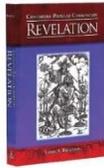
The Lenten season provides the choir with many opportunities to participate in and enhance worship.

We will be singing in many of the Sunday and Wednesday services. Hymns, Psalms, Canticles, original pieces...we'll do it all! We began with 'Create In Me' on Ash Wednesday and will continue until we share in the joy of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday with all believers!

In the meantime, stay tuned and stay in tune! 🎵
--Heidi Perling

Men's Club

The Men's Club Bible Prayer Breakfast will meet on Saturday, March 14th. Breakfast is served at 8:00am followed by Bible study and prayer at 9:00am. Join us as we continue our study of the book of Revelation. Nominations are open for Men's Club officers in anticipation for elections at the May meeting. President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer will all be open for consideration. The Men's Club provides a venue for men to deeply consider the many hats they wear in the world and their desire to fulfill Christ's calling to lead in love through those vocations.



spring cleanup

BOARD OF CHURCH PROPERTIES

Plan on Saturday, March 28, 2020 for the Church Spring Clean Up Day.

Bad Weather alternative will be either the week before, or the week after Easter.

Watch the weekly bulletin over the next few weeks for planned projects.

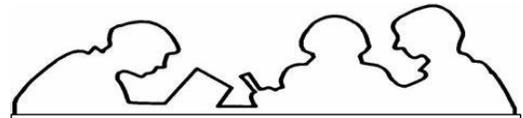
All suggestions and ideas are welcome!

Board of Stewardship

THANK YOU!

The board of stewardship would like to thank everyone who helped with the Chili Cookoff and Annual Auction. So many of our brothers and sisters helped it go smoothly and we are so grateful to share in God's blessing with each and every one of you!

The total funds raised to help upgrade our HVAC system were
\$1800.00!



Voter's Meeting Sunday, March 15

The Voter's Assembly meet **March 15th** at 12:00PM to conduct the congregation's business.

All members should make plans to attend. Some of the important items being addressed are:

- 2019 Year End Treasurer's Report
- Organ and HVAC Updates



We are collecting old and/or unused glasses and we will give them to the St Robert Eye Center

to be recycled. There is a box on top of the coat rack. Thank you!

Cook's Corner



Corned Beef and Cabbage

Ingredients

- 5 pounds corned beef
- 5 garlic cloves, lightly smashed
- 10 peppercorns
- 4 sprigs fresh thyme
- 2 bay leaves
- 12 ounces stout (recommended: Guinness)
- 1 cup beef broth or stock
- Water, for simmering
- 4 yellow onions, cut into wedges, plus 1 medium yellow or sweet onion, sliced
- 2 parsnips, peeled and cut into large chunks
- 3 carrots, peeled and cut into large chunks
- 6 medium red potatoes, scrubbed
- 1 medium head green cabbage, cut into quarters, core removed
- 4 tablespoons butter

Directions

1. Rinse the corned beef and put it into a large Dutch oven or heavy soup pot. Make a bouquet garni with the garlic, peppercorns, thyme and bay leaves and add to the pot. Stir in the stout, stock and enough water to cover the beef by 2 inches. Bring to a boil over medium heat, then reduce the heat to a gentle simmer and cook for 4 hours, covered, stirring occasionally.
2. After 4 hours, add the onion wedges, parsnips, and carrots, and cook for a 1/2 hour. Add the potatoes and the cabbage wedges and continue cooking until the cabbage is tender, but not limp, about 20 minutes. Remove the cabbage to a plate and allow the corned beef and other vegetables to continue cooking until the meat is tender.
3. In a separate large sauté pan, heat 4 tablespoons butter over medium heat. Add the sliced onion, and a pinch of salt and sauté until tender and beginning to brown, about 8 to 10 minutes.
4. Meanwhile, slice the cabbage thinly, gently pressing with a paper towel to remove excess water. Add the cabbage to the onion mixture and toss to coat well with the butter. Cook over medium heat until the cabbage begins to brown.
5. Remove the meat to a cutting board and slice. Serve at the table with all the vegetables piled onto a serving tray and the sliced meat onto another tray with some of the broth poured over the meat.

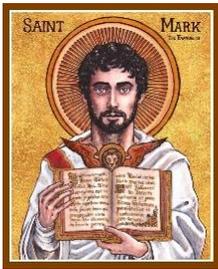
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If you would like to include a recipe to be printed in the PUMP, please place it in The Pump mailbox or email the church office at office@felclcms.org.

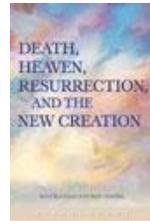
Bible Studies

Mark Sunday 9am



The Gospel according to Saint Mark announces that the Lord the Reigns! Jesus Christ has authority to reorder all Creation . He is working through His Words and Deeds to gather and bless all nations. What Moses and Prophets hoped for Jesus gives and will give.

Resurrection and New Creation Tuesday 3pm

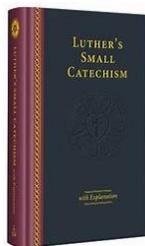


New Time and New Study

Death wasn't part of God's original design for humanity, it's an unfortunate reality of living in a fallen world. It feels unnatural because it is. But Christ has conquered death; it has no hold over us. In death, Christ becomes our all in all as we live forever in communion with Him. In light of this promise that is sealed in our Baptism, we can live this impermanent life as an act of bold confession, trust, and hope. This six session Bible study examines the role the physical body plays in life and death, the experience of dying, and the nature of the new creation and our resurrected bodies.

Luther's Small Catechism Wednesday 9am

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod authorized preparation of a new edition of Luther's Small Catechism. The new edition was to recognize the need for adult education and family devotions. This 2017 edition is currently being used for our confirmation classes and the Crocker Bible Study is reading, marking, learning, and taking it to heart on Wednesday mornings. Written by Martin Luther in 1529, the Small Catechism provides a brief, clear summary of God's Word on the essentials of the Christian faith. In question-and-answer format, it explores the Six Chief Parts of Christian Doctrine and includes daily prayers, a table of duties for Christians in their various callings, and a guide for Christians as they prepare to receive Holy Communion.

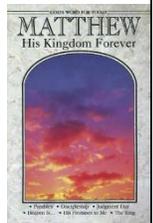


Matthew

Thursday 9am

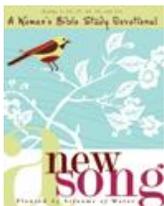
The Thursday Morning Bible Class has begun a new study on the book of Matthew.

"God's Word for Today" focuses on Jesus as the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies, and that He is the king who loves us, came for us, died and rose again to save us. Through the study we are invited to trust in Him as we live as Christians. Matthew tells us about the Son of God, ruler of the universe and our personal Savior and friend. Come join in to enjoy the learning and social aspect a Bible Class can offer.



A New Song: Planted by Streams of Water

2nd and 4th Tuesday Evenings 6:30pm



A New Song: Planted by Streams of Water will encourage and uplift you as you reflect on the life-giving stream that never floods, never dries up, a stream that always sings songs of God's wisdom, songs of our Savior's love. Each book in the series provides six weeks of stories—faith narratives—based on biblical psalms. Following each day's reading are questions that will facilitate your own reflection on the Bible. And at the end of each week are discussion starters for fruitful, meaningful conversation in your small group.

Each faith narrative was written by a real woman facing real-life issues. Just like you. Each author found help, encouragement, and direction for her life from God's Word and shares her stories in her words.

These stories, new songs if you will, help you weave His Word into the unique melody of your life.

Birthdays

05 Chris Myers
11 Dex Boorum
12 Ian Hinchman
13 Johnna Boerner
14 Clarence Colby
15 Frank Luczak
Anita Matthews
17 Marian Kubinski
18 Skyler Julian
19 Jim Matthews
20 Andrew Coulter
21 Herbert Houser
Yolonda LaLonde
28 Flori Scheuermann
29 Kim Bradford
30 David LaLonde
31 Jamie Littlepage



Members & Friends

Baptisms

01 Mason Boorum
Michelle Jones
David Rostad
Stephanie Rostad
Mitzi Sparks
03 Mike Jones
08 Gisela Sundell
10 Irene Leitgeb
11 Elizabeth Jones
13 Trent Boerner
25 Anthony Cortesini
26 Ethan Holsten
Zebulon Pike
27 Johnna Boerner
28 Dex Boorum

Anniversaries

31, 1986 Bob & Emma Gill

Area Events



March 6, 7, 13, 14, 15, 20, & 21- [PFAA presents "The Diary of Anne Frank."](#) Waynesville

March 7, 14, 21, & 28- [Pulaski County Farmers' Market](#), Waynesville

March 27 & 28- [Kickin' It Route 66 Barbecue Challenge](#), Saint Robert

E2: Equip and Encourage Conference



Members of Faith, and especially Board Members, Directors, and Elders, are encouraged to attend.

Lunch is on your own but plans can be made to eat as a group somewhere.

The purpose of the conference is to encourage, equip and connect volunteers in our congregations through practical presentations, partnerships and networking. Participants will take a journey through three breakout sessions of their own choosing. These sessions cover the top eleven ministry areas and needs of churches throughout the District.

There is no cost to attend, but please register online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/E2Conference>

Event details

- March 7, 2020
- 8:30 am
- 1517 E Valley Water Mill Rd, Springfield, MO 65803

E2 Conference Schedule for 2019-20

8:00-8:30 a.m. - Registration

8:30-8:45 a.m. - Welcome “Better Together: Congregations and Collaboration” - President Lee Hagan

9:00-9:50 a.m. - Session A

10:00-10:50 a.m. - Session B

11:00-11:50 a.m. - Session C

12:00-12:15 p.m. - Closing thoughts

E2 Conference Session Choices

9:00-9:50 a.m. Session A

Session A

A1: Tell the Next Generation

A2: Plus One Stories

A3: Care in Times of Crisis

A4: Volunteer Management

Who should attend?

Pastors, Sunday School teachers, parents

Evangelism committee, elders, church leaders

Pastors, elders

Church leaders, secretaries

10:00 – 10:50 a.m. Session B

Session B

B1: Structure & Meetings

B2: Elder Training

B3: Hope for Small Congregations

B4: Youth Ministry

Who should attend?

Congregation leaders

Pastors, elders

Church leaders

Youth leaders, elders

11:00 – 11:50 a.m. Session C

Session C

C1: Hope for Small Congregations

C2: Stewardship

C3: Ministry in Changing Communities

C4: Tell the Next Generation

Who should attend?

Stewardship leaders, treasurers

Church leaders