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Making peace by the blood of his cross – Colossians 1:15-20

Grace, peace, and mercy to you from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

In Greek mythology, Zeus punished the trickster Sisyphus by forcing him to roll a tremendous boulder to the top of a hill. As with many of the classic myths, there is a catch. Every time the boulder gets to the top of the hill, it carries on over back to the bottom. Never would the boulder rest on top of the hill. Never would Sisyphus rest from pushing that boulder. Sisyphus was doomed to eternal labor which never accomplished a thing.

The myth has such lasting power because so many people can relate to it. How many never-to-be-read TPS reports does an office worker file and refile again? How many shelter volunteers help an addict get back on their feet only to see them cycle back through again? Even artisans can begin to be bored with making one more towering wedding cake, one more family portrait, one more woven basket. Does anyone appreciate our work or is it all absurd blundering?

This Lent we will look back through the Bible and see how many times God's people needed reformation. It was not just Martin Luther in the 16th century. Moses, David, Josiah, and John the Baptist were all reformers. "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way" Isaiah prophesied (53:6). Sin in our lives is like gravity on that perilous boulder. We reform and reform again, but never do we end up with a perfect church, camped on the mountain peak with Christ. Even lives of saints like Abraham and David show us that God's premiere believers backslid, repented, and started over.

Sin does not let many of us build anything that stays pristine for the ages. To hold on to good, generation after generation must work at maintaining. The book of Ecclesiastes wrestles with this, wondering what is the value of our work (Ecclesiastes 2:18-26). The teacher instructs, "all the toil of a man is for his mouth, yet his appetite is not satisfied... this also is vanity and a striving after the wind" (6:7,9). Ecclesiastes insists that if we work for our pride, we reap nothing and are doomed for despair. But if we love the good gifts of God and serve our neighbor, that humble task is blessed.

So, it is with our institutions today. It takes work to maintain churches, neighborhoods, schools, and the like. Maintaining them can feel like rolling a boulder back up an old hill, a boulder that others rolled before us. It can feel easier to leave the boulder behind. Some of those institutions get taken over and misused to hurt people. When that happens, the temptation is to throw over the institution altogether. The Bible teaches us, however, that there is good we can do for one another in churches, neighborhoods, and schools. Even when corrupted, they are worth the effort of reform.

"All we like sheep..." is only the first half of Isaiah 53:6. The passage continues, "and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all." Indeed, the prophesy continues through the great suffering servant passage we read every Holy Week, "He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth" (Isaiah 53:7). Jesus believed we straying sheep were worth His death, His suffering, His labors. He puts us on His shoulders and brings us back- back where? He brings us back to the institution of the flock.

The myths tell Sisyphus' punishment was for trying to chain up death, to free mankind from dying. The truth is different. Our Lord Jesus did not chain up death. He died in our place, but death could not hold Jesus in chains. Christ Jesus burst free on the third day. He rose again, showing us whatever labors or cycles get us down in this world, there is a way out. There is eternal life. There is heaven with God.

So, our work of maintenance in our communities and churches is the little good we do for one another. The greatest good, Jesus has accomplished. His victory frees us to give our time to one another without worrying about legacies or accomplishments. We can give freely as He has given us so much more. We can give in the joy of knowing He shepherds us to good pasture and eternal life together. Thanks be to God!

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Daniel Guagenti

LENT 2022

Ash Wednesday (March 2) begins our forty day penitential season leading to celebration of Jesus' death and resurrection during Holy Week. Our theme this year is "[All We Like Sheep](#)" from Isaiah 53:6. We'll be looking at all the ways the Lord regathers, restores, and upholds His people who are "prone to wander."

Our [daily devotions](#) will follow [sermons Martin Luther preached 500 years ago](#) when he came out of hiding, back to Wittenberg. He was urged to stay where he was safe, but he saw the Reformation beginning to wander away from the power of God's Word. These 1522 sermons were messages Luther thought important enough to risk his life to preach.

Then, on Wednesdays, we will see how century after century, the Lord had to re-form Israel from Moses to David to Ezra to the New Testament. Is this all just ancient history? Amazingly, it will be clear it is all the same things we go through today! In the words of the great hymn, "Oh, to grace how great a debtor / Daily I'm constrained to be; / Let that grace now like a fetter / Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee; / Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; / Prone to leave the God I love. / Here's my heart, O take and seal it, / Seal it for Thy courts above" (LSB 686).

3/2 @ 5:30-6:30 Fellowship Meal

3/2 @ 7:00 Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

Then for the other Wednesdays in Lent, the schedule will be different. We will offer two different times for the same Vespers service. This is not a permanent change, but we hope to revive the Wednesday services this Lent. Starting on Wednesday the 9th:

5:00-5:45 Vespers

5:45-6:30 Light Soup and Sandwich Meal

5:45-6:30 Jr. Confirmation

7:00-7:45 Vespers





Celebrations in March

BIRTHDAYS

6- Pastor Henry Loppnow
6- Jennifer Harrod
7- Patrick Carnes
11- Ian Feole
12- Meagan Chapman Knuckles
16- Joni Skellie
19- Courtney Chesher
22- Cindy Winchester- Howard
24- Barbara Eaton
26- Jax Yaroma
28- Nathaniel Semeniuk
28- Zachary Semeniuk
30- Mark Murray

ANNIVERSARIES

7- Patrick & Mary Carnes (2003)

NEW MEMBER

On February 6, 2022, Holy Cross welcomed new member Shelley Hermann. We thank the Lord for her and pray that she will be blessed here at Holy Cross.



LUTHERANISM 101

Lutheranism 101 is a great class for the basics on what the Bible teaches, the history of Jewish and Christian faith, and what makes a Lutheran a Lutheran. Baby sitting will be provided for parents who want to attend the class together. They meet on Saturdays at 10:30am. Please let Pastor Guagenti know if you are interested.

Victorious In The Lord

George Franke, father of David Franke and former member of Holy Cross received his crown of life February 15, 2022. May our risen Lord comfort those who mourn.



"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live."

John 11:25

LENT & HOLY WEEK 2022

MARCH 2

5:30-6:30 MEAL
7PM ASH WEDNESDAY

MARCH 9

5 & 7PM LENTEN VESPERS
5:45-6:30PM MEAL

MARCH 16

5 & 7PM LENTEN VESPERS
5:45-6:30PM MEAL

MARCH 23

5 & 7PM LENTEN VESPERS
5:45-6:30PM MEAL

MARCH 30

5 & 7PM LENTEN VESPERS
5:45-6:30PM MEAL

MARCH 16

5 & 7PM LENTEN VESPERS
5:45-6:30PM MEAL

APRIL 6

5 & 7PM LENTEN VESPERS
5:45-6:30PM MEAL

APRIL 14

1 PM & 7PM MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 15

1 PM & 7PM GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 17

11AM RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
SERVICE

PLEASE JOIN US!

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

Thank you to all who have prayed, worked, and contributed to the Children's Sunday School restart! Thank you also to parents for bringing your precious children to Sunday School! What a joy they are!

Children's Sunday School



We ask for your continued prayer support as we move ahead in our mission to help children develop a deeper relationship with Jesus, but there are other ways to help too! Here is our current wish list:

1. Teaching Assistants for our Pre-School through Elementary class.
2. Greeters
3. Helpers who will prepare materials, from handwriting scripture cards to reading arts/crafts activities.

If you can help in any of these ways, or you would like more information, please talk to Mark or Marilyn Murray.

CAMP LAKEVIEW

Coming to camp gives you an all-access pass into life-changing fun. It builds life skills and reduces levels of stress and anxiety. It allows for deeper friendships, and most importantly, it lets you experience Jesus in a way that connects with your everyday life. Online registration for the 2022 summer season at Camp Lakeview and Lakeview Villages is currently open. Programs are available for students and families of all ages. For more information, visit camp's website at www.lakeview.camp or call the camp office at 812-342-4815.



Ladies Lunch
Out at
Cattleman's
February 14

DAY-TIMER'S: MARCH 9

The Day-Timer's group will meet again March 9, 2022 at 9:30 am. For information please see Charlie Moody.

BOOK CLUB: MARCH 27

Book Club will meet on Sunday, March 27, following the church service. Book information to be determined.

LADIES LUNCH OUT: MARCH 11

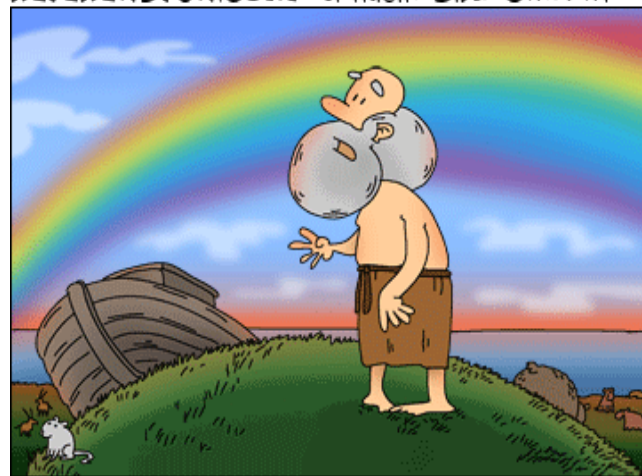
Ladies will lunch at Milano's Restaurant in Shelbyville on March 11 at 11:30am. Please let Rita know if you are going so that she can make reservations.

LWML SHROVE TUESDAY: MARCH 1

The 2022 Prayer Service will be held at Concordia Lutheran Church, Louisville, KY, Tuesday, March 1, 2022. The Prayer Service will start at 10:00 a.m. with a time of fellowship to follow. The theme of the Prayer Service is "Lord, teach us to Pray," Luke 11:1. All are welcome. An offering will be taken to help support the Exit 0 Mission and the Kentuckiana LWML.



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THIS IS A PRETTY BIG PROMISE ... WE
REALLY DON'T NEED PAPERWORK OR LEGAL?

You Might Be a Lutheran If...

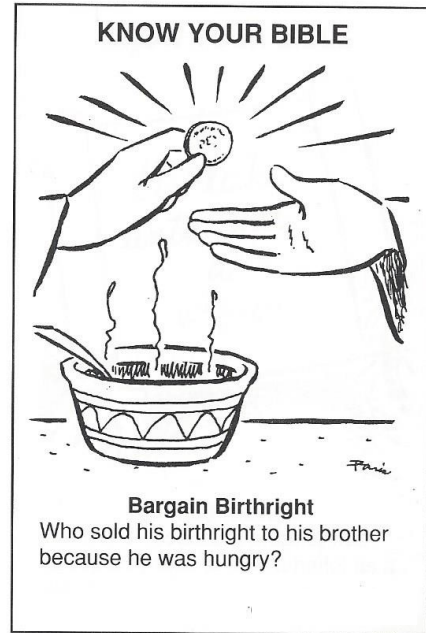
- Your coffee cup is permanently stained.
- You consume some form of Jell-O at every holiday meal.
- You don't question why the seat you sit in at church is called a pew.

LIFE QUOTES

"I cannot ponder every day the full life of Christ in the Gospels. But I can during the year on various days celebrate and ponder His Annunciation, Nativity, Presentation, Baptism, Temptation, Transfiguration, Triumphant Entry, Last Supper, Agony in the Garden, Arrest, Trial, Passion, Carrying of the Cross, Crucifixion, Death, Burial, Resurrection, Great Commission, or Ascension."

James M. Kushiner, executive director, Fellowship of St. James –

A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



Look for the answer in the April Newsletter
February's Answer: 39



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

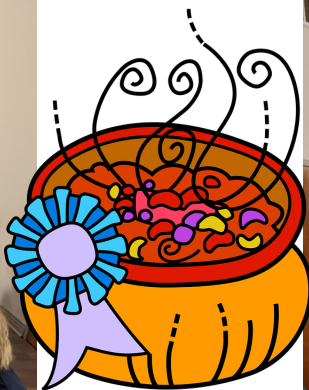
SUNDAY	ACOLYTE	READER	USHERS	CLEANING	NURSERY	ALTAR GUILD
March 6	Brenyn Botkins	Charlie Moody	Charlie Moody Rita Whitehouse	Roxanna Pontius Guagenti family	Suzanne Rutledge	Jennifer Harrod Roxanna Pontius
March 13	Gabriel Guagenti	David Themer	Alex VanPelt Charlie Adams	Dave Pontius Don Saltzman	Danielle Themer	No Communion
March 20	Nathaniel Guagenti	Nancy Kovach	Corrie Brian Greg Rutledge	Charlie Adams	Merrie Feole	Brenda Moody Roxanna Pontius
March 27	Zoe Shreve	David Franke	Cindy Alvano John Feole	Franke family	Brenda Moody	No Communions
April 3	Eden Guagenti	Charlie Moody	Don Saltzman Bob Myers	Sandy Runner	Anita Themer	Jennifer Harrod Cindy Alvano
April 10	Brenyn Botkins	David Themer	Charlie Moody Rita Whitehouse	Don Williams Bob Myers	Suzanne Rutledge	No Communion
April 17	Gabriel Guagenti	Nancy Kovach	Alex VanPelt Charlie Adams	Theresa Tippet Jennifer Harrod	Danielle Themer	Rita Whitehouse Cindy Alvano

If you cannot serve on the appointed day, please call someone to serve in your place.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THIS YEAR'S CHILI COOK-OFF!



White Chili-Anita Themer
Red Chili-Anthony and Michelle Ewers
Hot -Charlie Adams
Unique-Danielle Themer
Overall Winner-Greg Rutledge!



The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
LCMS Stewardship Ministry
Newsletter Article – March 2022

GOD’S PROVIDENTIAL CARE

Everything we have and everything we are is a gift of God’s providential care. We understand that we’re not islands unto ourselves, that we could not exist without those who have gone before us and are alongside us. God has given us forefathers in family, country, and faith. We are recipients of what God worked through them. We know that God provides for our well-being through these means.

He gives us farmers and ranchers of all sorts so that we can eat. But more than that God created and gave us all the things that those farmers and ranchers cultivate. He gave us the corn, the beans, the wheat, the cows for milking, the steers for grilling. He gave each of those things, properties for our nourishment and sustenance. Without God creating and instilling in those things their taste and their nutritional value, we would not exist.

He gives us doctors, surgeons, nurses, and hospitals. He gives us medicine and medical instruments. Again, he gave us all things that go into making those medicines and medical instruments. He instilled in those things the properties that can be utilized for that purpose. Without God creating and instilling those healing properties into those things, and without God creating the ability within man to find this out and press it into service of our medical needs, we would not enjoy the kind of health we do now.

But there’s more. He gives us gainful employment through our employers and provides for the necessities of life through the labor of our hands: “Then Moses said to the people of Israel, ‘See, the Lord has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, with intelligence, with knowledge, and with all craftsmanship, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold and silver and bronze, in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, for work in every skilled craft. And he has inspired him to teach, both him and Oholiab the son of Ahisamach of the tribe of Dan.’ ” (Exodus 35:30–34)

And one step back from that, He has created and given us hands. And attached to those hands are arms with strength. He created us with minds in order to make those arms and hands move to accomplish the work set before us. And He has given us reason and senses. That mind, because of the reason God has instilled in it, is able to work through difficult problems before we press those arms and hands into labor. It allows us to grapple with concepts and run through scenarios instead of having to experience every situation personally. It allows us to learn from the mistakes as well as the accomplishments of others. This can be done for our entire body, all our skills and

talents, everything that makes us ... us. So that everything we have AND everything we are is a gift from Him. This is what we confess in the First Article of the Creed when we say that we believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

But that is just the First Article of the Creed. We confess two more articles that deal with God’s provision for our spiritual well-being. That He sent His son to die and be raised on the third day for our justification. That He delivers that justification through the Means of Grace (Baptism, preaching, the Word of God, and the Lord’s Supper). And to give you those Means of Grace, He gives pastors and teachers, etc. Again, this could be expanded and expounded upon. So that literally everything that we have and everything that we are – in this life and the next – is an inexpressible gift from God.

And it is for this, all of this, that we give thanks. And that is what stewardship is all about – giving thanks for God’s provision for us. To give thanks is more than having an attitude of gratitude, more than just a feeling in our hearts. It is an action. It begins in the heart, but it doesn’t stay there. It works its way out through the mouth in praise for God’s gifts and in love and charity through the hands to our neighbors in family, country, and church. “For all this is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey him” (Luther’s Small Catechism, 16).

So give thanks to God for His inexpressible gift – for everything we have and everything we are. Do this not in word only but also in deed. — LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship



SHARING THE POWERFUL GOSPEL!

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EVERY SUNDAY
BIBLE STUDY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL-9:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE-11:00AM

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March 2, 2022
7pm Service
5:30-6:30pm Fellowship Meal