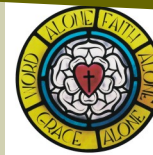




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Reaching Lives for Christ by Gathering for worship and fellowship in Christ Growing through God's Word and Sacrament Giving joyfully in service to God and His People Going as a witness that Jesus is Lord and Savior

February 2014

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Church

Epiphany of February 2014

Beloved of Redeemer,

Grace and peace to you in Jesus.

As I have described before, I have several health issues that need addressing. Yet, it is important for me to be here, worshipping with you during Lent and for the celebration of Resurrection morning. Therefore, upon agreement with our president, Tom Bucher, and our Elder Chairman, Darrell Keltner, I am taking 3 weeks of R & R, to undergo medical treatment for the diabetes neuropathy stability, and to deal with heavy metal problems from February 9 to the end of the month. If possible, I will also have some time to get some things that need too be done around the house. During that time, I will join Karla for her check-up at M.D. Anderson.

I have not taken my given vacation time in quite some time, so I look forward to this change of pace. In the meantime, if an emergency or urgent need should arise, please contact Pastor Shupe or Deaconess Karla according to your need. Helen will be able to reach them. However, if your concern is urgent, you may call Pastor Shupe at 918-331-3811 or Karla at 918-336-7803 at home. Our cell numbers do not reach our home. I have confidence in all of them to manage ministry needs here, and they have the support of the Elders as well as my own. The church will be in good care.

While I ask for your prayers, I do NOT want you to be alarmed. These are not life-threatening issues. I only seek to be at my optimal health in order to be of best service to the church.

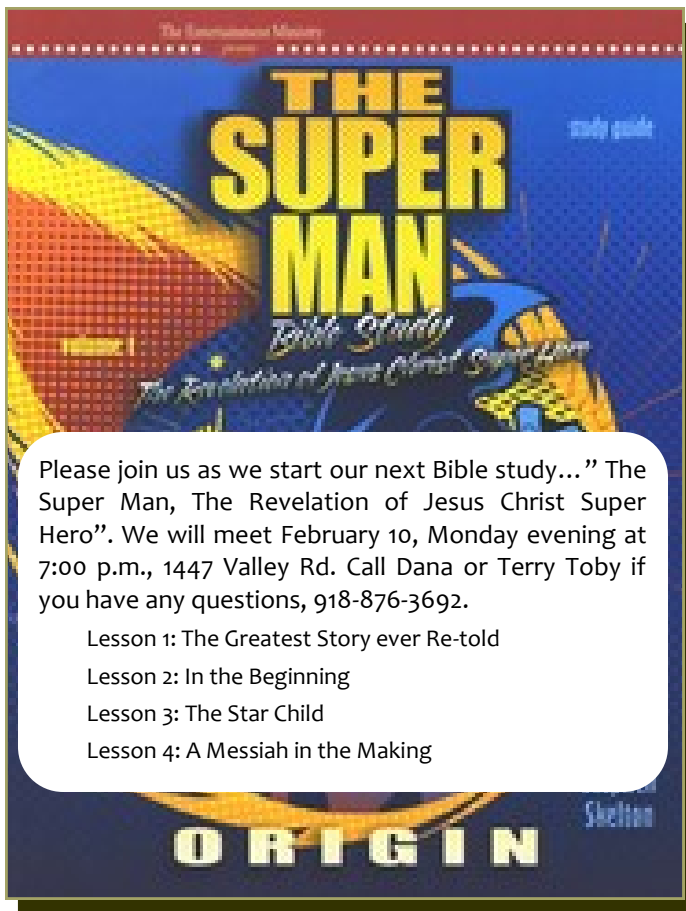
We have the joy of 3 baptisms and 4 inductions in the near future. Thanks be to God. Thanks be for His Word and Sacrament. Thanks be to the "hound of the heaven" who pursues us towards God's will for our lives.

*We pray on Sundays and Wednesdays Luther's Morning and Evening Prayer during youth Confirmation class: Either in the morning or evening respectively, we make the sign of the cross (+) and say: "in the name of the Father of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen". Then, kneeling or standing say "I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this day (night) from all harm and danger; and I pray that you would graciously keep me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night (day). For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen."*¹

May this be my prayer and yours, too!

Mark Carter, Sr. Pastor

¹Luther's Small Catechism Interleaved Edition. CPH, 1986. St. Louis p. 33.



Please join us as we start our next Bible study..." The Super Man, The Revelation of Jesus Christ Super Hero". We will meet February 10, Monday evening at 7:00 p.m., 1447 Valley Rd. Call Dana or Terry Toby if you have any questions, 918-876-3692.

Lesson 1: The Greatest Story ever Re-told

Lesson 2: In the Beginning

Lesson 3: The Star Child

Lesson 4: A Messiah in the Making



FLOWERS TO GRACE OUR ALTAR

If you would like to provide flowers for the altar on Sundays in memory or in honor of a loved one, a special occasion, or to the glory of God, you may do so by signing up on the flower chart on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Upcoming Sundays that are open include: February 2, 9, 23 and March 16, 23 and the 30th to add to the worship on Sundays by gracing the altar with flowers of God's creation. What a way to say, "Thank you, God, for all your goodness and blessing."



We welcome all who are interested to come and attend a Circle meeting. They all have a Bible study, refreshments and lots of great fellowship. If you are interested, feel free to call me, Sara Lambring at 913-333-9754.

- Martha Circle will meet Tuesday, February 18 at 9:30 a.m.
- Esther Circle will meet on Thursday, February 20 at 7:00 p.m.



JOIN US FOR
A WEDDING SHOWER
Saturday, February 22, 2014
2:00 p.m.



Honoring
Rebecca Kahre
and
Michael Heckmann

at
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3700 SE Woodland Road
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Rebecca and Michael are registered at Dillard's,
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Tammy Beier (918) 815-0100;
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Emily Ward (918) 815-2321



Red Hat Purple Circle

Monday, February 3
11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

TK's Steakhouse
3121 SE Frank Phillips Blvd.



LUTHERAN DINING FELLOWSHIP—
Everyone is invited to join us at TK's Steakhouse at 3121 SE Frank Phillips Blvd. on February 14 at 6:00 p.m.. Contact Ed Savage if you are interested in going at 918-333-4928.



Deaconess Corner—

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45

Jesus spoke and showed us clearly in his actions during his ministry that He came to seek and to save the lost. He had compassion on those who were considered unclean and rejected; lepers, the two demon possessed men in Matthew 8, the blind man crying out for mercy, a demon oppressed man who was mute, and healing the man with a withered hand on the Sabbath because *"the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."* Mark 2:27 Jesus turned the law and those who held fast to it literally upside down. He broke into the cosmos and changed everything that those holding fast to the law believed and lived by. He did not say to them – keep trying, try harder. He said and showed them, and us, that they **could not** keep the law and justify themselves. Might they have truly believed that their adherence to the law would make them righteous? How were they to understand these words and actions of Jesus? The truth that they had to learn was that Jesus came for a completely different purpose, He came to seek not the righteous but sinners, *"I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."* Mark 2:17 When we read these Scriptures might we need to examine our own "righteous" hearts by believing, if even in some small manner, that our "good works" justify us in the sight of a holy God? However God says to us that we **cannot** justify ourselves no matter how hard we try to do so. It **cannot** be done. Jesus served us, the lost, by justifying us by his suffering, death and resurrection, giving us confidence that our salvation is secure. We are assured that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ (Romans 8:35) What freedom!! We are now free to love and serve our neighbors out of our love and gratitude for the One who came not to be served but to serve. So let us daily serve our neighbor, not to earn God's love or favor, but in thanksgiving and gratitude.

"He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8

Deaconess Karla Carter

MUSINGS OF THE MINISTRY PASTOR BILL SHUPE

A NEW BABY: A SOURCE OF JOY AND STRESS

BAPTISM: THE BIRTH OF SAINT AND SINNER

I'm sure that every new parent has reached a point in the days following the birth of their new child where they just wanted to go a little mad. Here is a bundle of joy that you have been waiting for and expecting for so long, and now it won't let you sleep through the night. You love the child more than you can ever imagine beforehand, and yet there is still the desire to SLEEP. But although the child is a source of great stress, it is a source of Joy that we cannot imagine our lives without. It is the paradox of parenthood.

Just as birth is the beginning of a new life in our midst, the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, is the beginning of a life as a child of God. The Holy Spirit through the water and the Word makes us children of God so that we may have life eternal in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for our sins and the sins of all believers. Yet even as we rejoice in our newness of life, we still find ourselves sinning against God and against other people.

Does this mean that our Baptism didn't "take"? BY NO MEANS! We are what Martin Luther, *simul justus et peccator*, at the same time SAINT and SINNER. Although we find ourselves falling to sinful desires we still rely upon the promise given to us at baptism through Water and the Word, that Christ gives us life forever in the presence of God.

What does such baptizing with water signify?

Answer: It signifies that the old Adam in us, together with all sins and evil lusts, should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance and be put to death, and that the new man should come forth daily and rise up, cleansed and righteous, to live forever in God's presence.—SC IV

Acts 1:5 (ESV)
A⁵ For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Titus 3:3-7 (ESV)
T³For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. ⁴But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Even though we fall from it (Baptism) and sin, nevertheless we always have access to it so that we may again subdue the old Adam. LC IV

Romans 6:4 (ESV)
R⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.



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41 Years of Killing Babies

by Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of [Lutherans For Life](#)

I heard it several times over the past week and read it in the paper again today—abortion being referred to as a “social issue.” I suppose the more we distance ourselves from an unpleasant reality the easier it becomes to justify relegating it to the periphery of our thoughts and lives. “Abortion” nudges the reality of killing our children toward that periphery. “41 Years of Abortion” would have been a “softer” title for this piece. “Social issue” propels it further to the edge of our consciousness. “41 Years of A Social Issue” would have caused no one to think at all.

Today marks the 41st anniversary of the Supreme Court decision that struck down state laws that protected our children and opened up an unprecedented slaughter. Over 57 million babies have been killed since January 22, 1973. Certainly the magnitude of the loss of so many U.S. citizens has had its affect upon society and truly is a social issue in that regard. But I’m not sure that’s what most people have in mind. They just do not want to even say the “a” word anymore.

But I am thankful today for the countless pastors, educators, and lay people who know the reality of what is going on and also understand the implications, not just for our society, but for the Kingdom of God. For we are not just killing babies in our country, but babies created by God, redeemed by the blood of Jesus, and souls God desires to call into an eternal relationship with Him. More than ever, I am encouraged by those who face this reality and apply God’s Word of Law and Gospel, not to a social issue, but to a sin, and then speak the Good News of forgiveness that addresses that sin.

Roe v. Wade is not an anniversary we celebrate. But it is a good time to remind ourselves of the reality of what this decision did and the responsibility Christians have to address it boldly.

THE LUTHERAN DIFFERENCE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Due to Pastor Carter’s absence during February, the class will make a decision Sunday, February 8, as to how it will continue or who will teach. While inconvenient, your understanding is appreciated. If you miss that day, please call the office for current information.



Youth Corner

Dates of Importance

- Youth Bible Study - every Sunday morning at 9:30 am
- Midweek - Wednesday Nights

Revelation - Midweek

Just a reminder that we meet for our Wednesday night studying the book of Revelation. We will eat and enjoy each other's company as we spend time in devotions and fellowship.

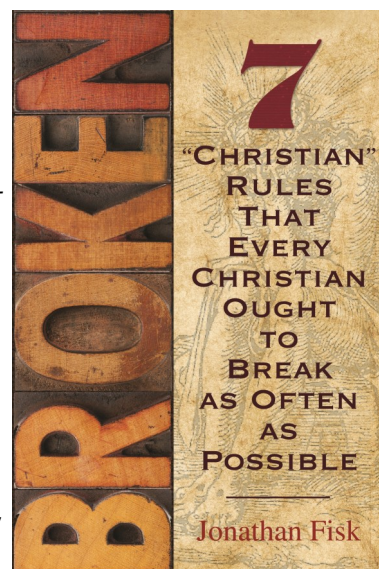
The first Wednesday in each month will be devoted to fellowship.

Broken - Sunday Mornings

There are only two kinds of spirituality in the world. One is the manifestation of the old evil foe who has sent many false spiritualities out into the world, and the other is the holy spirituality found only in faith in the one true God. One is a lie, and one is real.

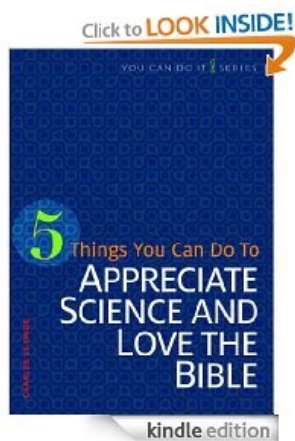
Rev. Fisk's honest and defining book stands on the foundation of Scripture and exposes these seven counterfeit "Christian" rules. In fact, he doesn't just tell you what the lies are — he marches them boldly into your living room and demonstrates how they are going to ruin your life by twisting your heart, mind, and hands away from the true and real theology of the Lord. The lessons in *Broken* aren't easy to learn, but they are vital to the survival of the church. These rules need to be broken. And breaking the rules has never felt so good.

The High School Class will be going through this book on Sunday Mornings. Feel free to follow along with them by reading it yourself.



Up Coming...

As we bring to a close our study of Rev. Fisk's book we are looking forward to looking at the relationship of Science and the Bible. In a society that is increasingly against the church, Science is often used as the basis of such positions. We will be talking about how we can use science and still be faithful Christians.



Be sure to check out our Youth Group page on Facebook and our Twitter account @RLCBVLYouth



Report from the Treasurer, Terri Rau

Below are our Operating Fund (Budget) results for the year ended December 31, 2013. The cumulative cash available in the Operating Fund was \$144,643. Total cash, including Mothers Day Out and restricted funds, was \$234,989.

The balance due on the internal loan to the Family Life Center Fund is \$35,873. The monthly payment is \$3,071 and annual interest is 5%.

For the year ended December 31, 2013 and the entire years of 2012 / 2011, average monthly receipts were \$40,938 / \$42,915 / \$40,941, and average monthly operating expenditures were \$42,267 / \$47,858 / \$35,334. Our 2013 Budget of \$547,300 is about \$45,608 per month.

Financial Summary	Month		Year Ended Dec. 31	
	Dec 2013	Dec 2012	2013	2012
Budget Receipts	\$67,550	\$75,824	\$491,261	\$514,982
Budget Expenditures	\$59,342	\$54,943	\$507,204	\$574,298
Budget Surplus	\$8,208	\$20,881	\$(15,943)	\$(59,316)

In God's Service,
Terri



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
TROOP 2000
SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

Saturday, February 8th, 2014

5:00pm to 7:30pm

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3700 SE Woodland Rd., Bartlesville, OK.

Adults \$6.00 ages 3-11 \$4.00 under age 3 FREE

Dinner includes:

Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Drink, & Dessert

For tickets: Contact any Troop 2000 Boy Scout,
Committee Chair Anthony Peters at 918-914-2719
or purchase tickets at the door.

Thank you for supporting Troop 2000.



FEBRUARY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:15 a.m. Divine Worship with <i>Holy Communion</i> 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Blended Service	3 9:15-2:45 MDO 11:30-1:00 p.m. Red Hat Purple Circle TK'S Steak-house 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	4 7:15 Men's Bible Study 8:30 a.m. Staff Mtg. 9:15-2:45 MDO 2:00 p.m. Adult Fellowship Study	5 9:30 Women's Bible Study 9:15-2:45 MDO 5:00 Bell Choir Practice 5:45 -7:30 p.m. Midweek 7:30 p.m. Awakening Chorus Rehearsal	6 9:00 Ladies' Bible Study 7:00 pm "Just Doing It" Exercise Class	7	8 5:00 -7:30 p.m. Boy Scout's Spaghetti Dinner
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Birthdays

2-1 Leroy Wilkinson
2 Paula Steeper
2 Curt White
3 Jaxon Mann
5 Karla Winger
6 Chris Grana
7 Alicia Shupe
8 Carter Wells
10 Rebecca Kahre
11 Helen Gorrell
11 Dustin Ward
13 Larry Heideman

14 Duke Vigesaa
18 Gage Beck
18 Bill Sattich
19 David Smith
20 Janette Herren
21 Shane Lindstrom
21 Peggy Richers
22 Sandi Hauge
22 Phoebe Runnels
23 Joyce Hayes
24 Linda Scott
25 Dalene Colpitt

25 Marian Griffin
26 Jered Clarke
26 Justin Dowell
26 Tori Polley
28 Melanie Boucher

2014



Anniversaries

2-8 Ivan & Karla Winger
9 Wilmer & Lorene Wagner

10 Duane & Twila Bersche
10 Doug & Denise Tilyard

15 Lonnie & Shanna Fugett
23 Lloyd & Sue Waller



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