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LENT SCHEDULE

LENT MIDWEEK SERVICE
 7 pm — Thursday

'Sacred Head Now Wounded'

The wound of...

<i>Apathy</i>	March 5th
<i>Denial</i>	March 12th
<i>Mockery</i>	March 19th
<i>Abandonment</i>	March 26th

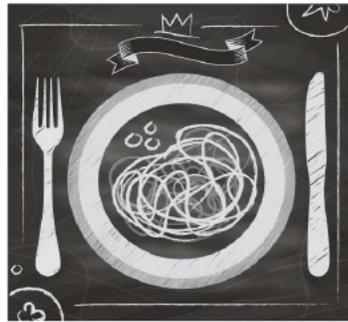
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SPAGHETTI DINNER

SPAGHETTI BENEFIT DINNER FOR THE TOWNSEND FAMILY

Sunday, March 22, 2015



St John Lutheran Church
 910 S Saint Augustine Street
 Pulaski, WI 54162

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Silent Auction
 Ice Cream Bar
 Entertainment
 Cake Walk
 And More!

**More info.
on pg 12**

A FAMILY DAY FOR A GREAT FAMILY

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MAUNDY THURSDAY—APRIL 2ND

7:00 PM A Meal for the Wounded

GOOD FRIDAY—APRIL 3RD

12:30 PM The Wounds that Heal

7:00 PM Last Seven Word of Christ

EASTER SUNDAY—APRIL 5TH

6:30 AM The Wound of Death Vanquished!



LENT SOUP & SANDWICH

THURSDAY EVENING 5:45PM — 6:45PM

but it's a much different than singing hymns and other songs. When you sing a hymn, the music is set, so the words are fit to the tune and the rhythm. When you chant, the words are more important than the tune, so the music is adjusted (usually stretched) to fit the words.

IS THIS SOMETHING NEW?

Chanting has been used by God's people for thousands of years as a way to sing His Word. The Psalms were all written to be sung ("psalm" is the Greek word for "song"). There were choirs in the temple who chanted the psalms during the services every day. The early Christians also used this special way of singing God's Word.

DO LUTHERANS CHANT?

People sometimes think that chanting is only a Roman Catholic thing. Even though Martin Luther made changes to the church service, he was big on chanting. Pretty much everything in the service was chanted, including the prayers, the Bible readings and the Creed. Lutherans in America have continued this tradition of chanting. The first president of the LCMS, CFW Walther, wrote in 1853: *"This Christian Church since the beginning, even in the Old Testament, has derived great joy from chanting."*



HOW OFTEN DO WE CHANT?

We chant more or less depending on the season of the church year. In times of celebration, like Christmas and Easter, or on holidays, like All Saints' Day, we sing more. In times of reflection and penitence, like Advent and Lent, we sing less. Divine Service 4, which we use over the summer, has little or no chanting, while other settings have more opportunities to sing built into them.

national anthem spoken, or getting together for a birthday party and just speaking the words of "Happy Birthday to You." You would still get your point across, but it would be dull and boring. We sing to add life and beauty to our services. St. Augustine said, "He who sings prays twice."

2) Chanting helps us learn the words by heart.

Song is a great aid to memorization. How do we teach kids their ABC's? We set them to music. Similarly, we set the great texts of the faith to music to help us learn and remember them.

3) Chanting helps us to respond together in unison.

It's difficult to speak words all together at the same time. Chanting adds rhythm to our responses so that we can join together with one voice.

WHAT IF I CAN'T CHANT?

If you're looking to participate more fully in the service, here are a few pointers:

- ✠ **DON'T WORRY ABOUT BEING JUDGED.**
Honestly. It's not American Idol and God is not Simon Cowell. You aren't being judged in church on how well you can sing.
- ✠ **START WITH A GOOD ATTITUDE.**
If you think to yourself, "I can't do this," or "I don't like this," you'll never get anywhere.
- ✠ **COME TO CHURCH REGULARLY.**
Repetition is the easiest way to learn anything. If you're only here now and then, you'll have a hard time catching on.
- ✠ **LISTEN TO THOSE AROUND YOU & DO YOUR BEST.**
Just relax, focus on Jesus and everything will be fine.



EVANGELISM

**BOARD OF
EVANGELISM**

To inspire the congregation to reach out through God's love, to serve the community, and to bring people to Christ.

NEEDED - VOLUNTEERS! With upcoming events we are in need of helpers. Many hands make light work (*and no hands sometimes means events are cancelled*). Please see Lynn Aprill if you are willing to help out on one of these mini-committees:

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 14TH – GAME NIGHT 6:30 to 9:30pm
Mark your calendars to join us on March 14th for our bi-monthly game night. Great fun & fellowship (*and always lots of goodies to munch on while you're playing*) -- and *it's all FREE!*

MARCH 22ND – TOWNSEND BENEFIT
See the front of the Newsletter or pg. 12 for more info.

APRIL 5TH – EASTER BREAKFAST – HELP NEEDED
We're looking for individuals to help with the Easter Breakfast this coming year. If you enjoy cooking,



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† Christensen—Heagle Elder: Open Spot		
† Heckmann—Lambert Elder: Jeff Stachura	639-5041	Box 253
† Lancour—Natzke Elder: Larry Slaght	822-3532	Box 423
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† Ullmer, T. — Zankle Elder: Open Spot		

Head Elder: Gene Schroeder

THE ELDERS' CORNER FULL-TIME CHRISTI- ANITY



Many aspects of life involve commitment. What kind of commitment is required to be a Christian? Maybe a better question is what does it cost to be a Christian?

It seems to me there are two ways of answering this question:

It costs us nothing to be a Christian! God has done everything for us. He gives us everything free of charge because He is totally for us.

It costs us everything to be a Christian! When the Holy Spirit leads us to believe in Jesus, we belong to Him completely. Our Lord asks for total commitment when He commands us: “*Follow Me!*” Following Jesus costs us our life.

It's impossible to be a “part-time” Christian, a part-time “arm” or “leg” in the Body of Christ. The call to follow Jesus is a call to full-time Christianity.

Full-time Christianity means a life of worship. What is God worth to me?

God comes to us, speaks and acts through His Word and Sacraments. He is for us.

We praise and thank Him for being our Great and Gracious God. At the same time, we recognize our own unworthiness, confess our sin, and ask Him for

They are to serve all members of the congregation. In order to perform such services, they must concern themselves with the spiritual growth and well being of the members through prayer and individual contacts.

Do you have a spiritual concern? In need of prayer or someone to listen to your concern? Contact one of the elders today! We are here to serve you; showing the love, mercy, and peace of Jesus to those in need. (See James 5:13-16)

and other Christians. We worship God not only in church, but also at home or wherever we hear or think about His Word and honor Him by our words and actions.

THE PRAYER

Lord Jesus, I thank You for making me a child of Yours. Keep me forever close to You so that I may never forget Your love in bringing me into Your kingdom. Amen.

April's Bible Study Topic:

EARLY / FIRST COMMUNION

If someone were to ask you, what are the requirements for receiving communion what would you say?

- ⇒ Confirmation?
- ⇒ Know the catechism & Scriptures?
- ⇒ Old Enough – Age?
- ⇒ Able to discern (recognize) what you're receiving?

What makes one truly worthy to receive this blessed gift from our Lord? We will explore those above answers looking at scripture & the confessions to find answers.

Join Pastor Yaw in April as we explore what makes someone worthy and when is one ready to receive this sacrament..

We'll also be discussing the possibility of offering a First Communion apart from confirmation and what that means for St. John Lutheran Church. More info to come in April's Newsletter.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY MARCH 29TH

Five youth (Paige Bonnin, Jordyn Josephson, Brauden Lam, Rebecca May, & Jaidan Nazincka)



Schmidt, Jack & Jace Schroeder, Deb Stachura,
Bob Townsend, & Gene Winkler

THOSE MOURNING:

Bob Dettman & family at the death of his father,
Melvin Dettman.

Rick Minor & family at the death of his step-father,
Irvin Grove.

Pastor James May & family and the work of Lutherans
in Africa.

Phil's Friend & their cancer support.

Pulaski Food Pantry and the many local
families touched by their care.



JOURNEY THROUGH THE PSALMS

Join Pastor Yaw on Tuesday
mornings from 8:30 to 9:30am
at Mountain Bay Coffee as we
read through the Psalms.
Coffee + God's Word = Amazing!

Parents: enjoy a cup of coffee
as your kids enjoy these fun
activities...

STAMPIN' UP FUN KIDS AGES 7-11

Make your way to Mountain Bay
for a some stampin' fun.

On the second Saturday of every
month is this fun event for all
kids ages 7-11 at 9:00 am.

There is \$5 fee for materials.

STORIES & CRAFTS KIDS AGES 3-6

Make your way to Mountain Bay
for Stories/Crafts/Songs

On the second Saturday of every
month is this free event for all
kids **ages 3-6** at 10:00 am.

*Free snacks for the kids after
projects.*

**WATCH FOR FUTURE
CHURCH EVENTS THAT WILL
BE HELD AT
MOUNTAIN BAY CAFÉ**

WHO WAS ST. PATRICK?

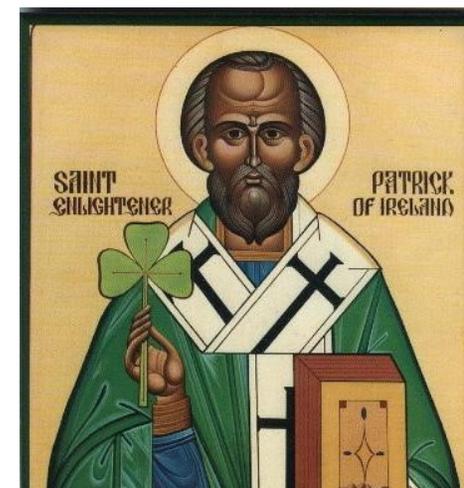
Long before St. Patrick's Day was a celebration of all things Irish, it was a Christian holy day, dedicated to a marvelous Christian man by the name of Patrick. Just who was this Patrick?

Patrick (390-460) is rightly credited with introducing Christianity to Ireland from 430 on. He was one of the greatest Christian missionaries of all time. Much of what we know of him comes from an autobiographical work he wrote called Confessions.

Patrick was a Christian of Celtic ancestry who had been born in the western part of Britain. His father had been a deacon and his grandfather a presbyter before him. At age 16, he was captured by pirates and was sold into slavery in Ireland. At this time, though a few scattered Christians lived in Ireland, the land was predominately pagan, divided among numerous tribal groups that often warred against each other. After he had escaped from slavery, he tells us that he had a dream in which he was called to return to Ireland to convert the Irish to Christianity. Years later, after being ordained as a presbyter, and then a bishop, he returned to Ireland in 430, where he began his work, which was hugely successful. As was to later happen among the Franks, Patrick preached the Gospel to the clan leaders. Once they were converted, their subjects would often convert in masse.

Because of Patrick's work, the Irish were the first people in the west to become Christian without having been in the Roman Empire. Later, between the sixth and ninth centuries, Ireland became a missionary center from which missionary monks brought the Gospel to the non-Christians living on the European mainland. With this in view, it is correct to say that the Christianization of Europe owed much to Patrick, both directly and indirectly.

Sources: P. C. Hanson, The Life and Writings of St. Patrick



DANDELIONS FOR GOD

“We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.” (Isaiah 64:6).

Why does giving seem so difficult? In reality, it isn't. But we make it difficult. We make it difficult because we're afraid. We're afraid that it isn't worth the investment. We're afraid that what we give to the church might be wasted, or that we could use it for something better, something more enjoyable, something more real, more tangible, more immediate, even more important, something more important than God and His gifts.

The point is this: We struggle with giving because we don't believe as we should. We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things. And so we fail to give because we don't love God with our whole heart, soul, and mind. We fail to give because we don't fear Him more than we fear other things. We fail to give because we don't trust Him more than we trust the things we can more immediately see, taste, and touch. We don't trust that He will give us everything (EVERYTHING!) we need to support this body and life. For if we did fear, love, and trust in God above all things, we would see and know that all the other things that vie for our time, our talents, and our treasures pale in comparison to the joy of the real, tangible, immediate love God has showered upon us in the proclamation of the forgiveness of sins on account of His Son's death, resurrection, and ascension.

The only proper response to this is repentance: to confess our sin, our stinginess, our lack of fear, love, and faith in God's promises, and to trust in Him to help us bring our desire to do better to fruition. For God is not holding out on us. He never has. He never will. For if He has given you His only Son, how will He not also give you all things? He will. It is His promise. And these promises are sure and certain.

The reality is that God doesn't need our giving. He doesn't need our time, our talents, our treasures. He is God. We are not. He can do all things without our help. And even what we do give, even the good and righteous things we do accomplish, these are but filthy rags, as the prophet Isaiah tells us (Isaiah 64:6).

their child give me flowers,' just to say I love you and I'm thankful for all you do.

Our Lord, too, receives with joy and a smile the gifts we give in thanksgiving and praise of what He has done. Even though these gifts are but weeds, filthy rags, and despite the fact that He doesn't need them to accomplish what He wills, He receives them and puts it to use for our and our neighbor's good. That is the real joy of giving. He doesn't need us. Yet He makes use of us, He employs us in His service despite it. He makes all that we do—our giving, our work, our service to our family and friends and neighbors—holy. And He blesses it for their and our good and to the glory of His name.



So is giving so hard? Nah, it's like giving dandelions to our mothers. And when dinner is ready, when the food is on the table, she'll gladly have a vase full of them right in the middle. The Lord has prepared a table for you. Dinner is ready. The table is set. His Body and Blood is given to strengthen and nourish you. And right there, where Christ is with us, are the dandelions we gave. He has put them to use for our good, for our forgiveness, for our life in Him.



2015—MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT

In an effort to provide more communication regarding the church's financial position, a monthly report will be provided in the newsletter to indicate the year-to-date budget versus the year-to-date (YTD) actual amounts for both contributions and expenses. The information reported in the newsletter will be for the most recent fully completed month.

FOR THE MONTH ENDING JANUARY 31, 2015

YTD Contributions- Actual	\$14, 058.86
YTD Expenses- Actual	\$16, 859.13
YTD Surplus	\$ -2, 800.27

THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT



There is little disagreement about the meaning of God's clear commandment, "*You shall not steal*".

A few church groups, believing that Christians should have no private property at all, have practiced communal living. They have pointed to the practice described in the book of Acts, "*No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had.*" (Acts 4:32) First, they make the common mistake of misunderstanding a description of what some believers did as a description for all believers to follow. Second, they disregard what Peter says to one who sold his land to donate it, "*Didn't it belong to you before it was sold and after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal?*" (Acts 5:4). This shows that they did still recognize the ownership of private property.

Each of the ten commandments protects something good God has given us. The seventh commandment protects personal possessions. God does want us to have possessions and so wants to protect me and my neighbor from losing them.

As with life itself, it is because God is the giver of all we have that we are to respect what he has chosen to give to others and we are also responsible to him for how we use what he has given to us. Everything in the world belongs to God and we are simply his managers, using what he entrusts to us in ways that he wants. We are reminded by a scripture commonly heard at Thanksgiving time, "*You may say to yourself, 'My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me,' but remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth.*" (Deut. 8:17-18a)

St. Paul writes, "*He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.*" Here we learn both how God intends us to get what we have,

earned.

A clear and complete understanding of this commandment is what leads the Christian to be a good steward of the environment and natural resources. When God told Adam, "*Fill the earth and subdue it.*" (Gen. 1:28a) he did not intend for him to use it selfishly and ruin it but to take good care of it so that it remained "*very good*" for the future generations that are implied in God's command. Even if we have worked hard for the many luxuries we enjoy, the high demand our consumer culture places on the earth's resources can end up "*stealing*" them from the disadvantaged and poor around the world today who can no longer afford them and from future generations who pay the price of depleted resources and pollution.

The fulfillment of this commandment includes contentment with what God has chosen to give us and care for our neighbor also.

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(See Exodus 20:1-21)

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WHEN YOU SAID THOU SHALT NOT DO STUFF
I THOUGHT YOU MEANT SOMEBODY NAMED
"THOU"

*As with life itself...
God is the giver of all we have*

UPCOMING EVENTS



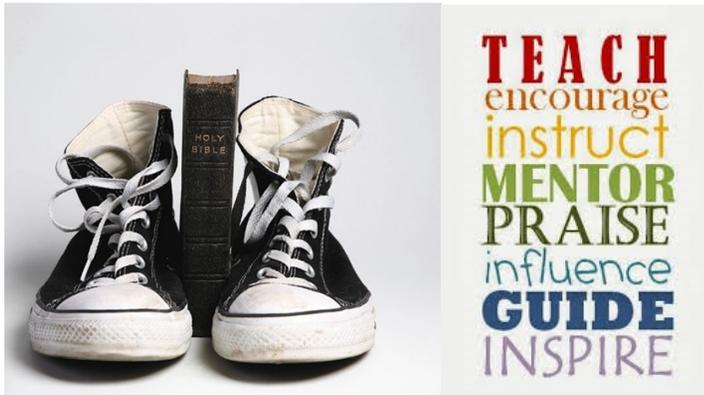
Sunday, March 15th
 Tubing at Navarino Slopes
Cost & Time: \$7; 12:30-3:30pm

We will leave from the church parking lot around 12:30 (please eat before arriving) and return around 3:30. We will have a brief bible study upon returning, and serve pizza. Extra drivers appreciated.

Invite a Friend for the fun as well.

**Youth
 Ministry
 Leaders
 Needed**

We are searching for either an individual (s) or a couple who would be willing to use their God given talents to help with the youth program. If you would be willing to share the love of Jesus with our church youth while having fun or you would like to learn more about serving in this God pleasing way – please contact Pastor.



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the wonderful school year the program has had thus far. We have had very consistent attendance records this year. We also have been blessed with new students joining us throughout the year.

We are continuing our trend in raising funds for our missionary project this year. All the Sunday school offering money is being used to purchase catechisms for children in Africa. I am very pleased to report that we have thus far raised \$848.27.

During Lent, which occurs during the month of March, we will be learning about the New Testament, Jesus the Messiah, Jesus' death and resurrection.

MEMORY WORK

Help reinforce memory work by practicing at home

MARCH MEMORY VERSE IS:

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life!”

St. John 3:16

APRIL MEMORY VERSE:

“Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.”

1 Corinthians 15:20

PLEASE MARK THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR

- ✦ March 15th – Children’s Service
 Sunday school will be singing during the service. Also, donate nonperishable food items for “Squeaky” the grocery cart to go to the local pantry
- ✦ March 29th – Palm Sunday/ Confirmation Sunday
No Sunday School
- ✦ April 5th – Easter Sunday
No Sunday School

Thank you so much for all the support of our Sunday school program.

NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4TH 6:30 PM

We will be finalizing our plans for hosting the spring LWML rally at St. John. If you didn't make it to the January meeting, it is not too late to come as we welcome anyone at anytime!

Thank you to the guild members that were able to assist with the kitchen clean up on Saturday, February 7th. Many hands make the job get done faster!

Sunday Coffee fellowship will be hosted by Barb Hoeft and Betty Johnson on March 1st.

The Ladies Guild has been hosting the first week of every month and that leaves 3 or sometimes 4 more weeks. If you are able and want to serve at any time, please sign up on the fellowship service sheet.

On Ash Wednesday we served over 50 people Soup & Sandwich supper, this event was enjoyed by all. There are still spots available on the signup sheets in the social hall for members to bring a plate of sandwiches or dessert. We provide the soup!

Soup Schedule for March is as follows:



**LENT SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPER
(THURSDAY EVENING)**

- March 5th** Barb Hoeft/Miriam Slaght
- March 12th** Betty Johnson & Wendy Nooyen
- March 19th** Peggy Dufek & Jan Dettman
- March 26th** Lynn Aprill & Karen Barnes

SPRING RALLY – SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH

The Spring Rally in 2015 will be hosted by St. John Pulaski and many hands will be needed to help prepare and serve on April 18, 2015.



St. John Lutheran Ladies Prayer Partner Breakfast

Saturday, March 14 - 8:30 am

Our Spiritual Spring Clean-Up

*“Create in me a clean heart, O God; and
renew a right spirit within me.” Psalm 51:10*

As spring approaches, we develop that urge to make everything in our houses clean and in order. The winter months have been long and we want to bring the refreshing, new life of spring into our homes. Sometimes we need to do the same thing with our spiritual houses. All of us grow stale and have messy sins needing to be washed away. Come and hear God's divine cleaning plan to give our hearts and souls a spiritual spring cleaning.

WE HOPE THAT ALL LADIES OF OUR ST. JOHN FAMILY, WHETHER YOUNG, OLD OR IN-BETWEEN, WILL ACCEPT OUR SPECIAL INVITATION TO JOIN US FOR OUR MARCH PRAYER PARTNER BREAKFAST.

Let us cook & serve you breakfast, enjoy the devotion and fellowship of new and old friends, and draw the name of a Sister-in-Christ for whom you will pray each day. The best news is that someone will choose you and remember you in her prayers as well!

Prayer Partners is a personal and unique quiet time with God each day. There are no meetings to attend, no gifts to buy, or any other demands on your time. Just include your partner and the needs she may have in your prayers.

PRAYER PARTNER FORMS AND A SIGN-UP SHEET ARE ON THE TABLE IN THE SOCIAL HALL. YOU MAY COMPLETE A FORM AND BRING IT TO THE BREAKFAST OR PLACE IT IN MAILBOX #435 ahead of time. It is helpful with planning if you let us know if you will be joining us for breakfast.

If you would like to become a Prayer Partner but are unable to attend the breakfast, please fill out a Prayer Partner Form and place in mailbox #435. Then write your name on the sign-up sheet and check the *“unable to attend”* box. The name of the person for whom you will be praying, along with her completed form, will be in your mailbox the following Sunday.

Questions? - Contact March's Prayer Breakfast Hostess Jan Dettman or Laurie Wood.

Together with Christ, let us begin to





LENT INFORMATION

As we enter into March, we are in the Lenten Season. It started on February 18th, with Ash Wednesday. If you attended that service, you may have had a cross of ashes put on your forehead or hand. The ashes are a reminder of sin and death, and our need to confess and repent.

The Lenten Season is the 40 days before Easter, not counting Sundays, because every Sunday is like a little Easter. It is a time of preparation, when we reflect upon Jesus Christ- His suffering and sacrifice, leading up to the crucifixion, burial, and resurrection.

Other events covered are during Lent as well:

- ✠ How the religious leaders plotted to kill Jesus
- ✠ Jesus being anointed with oil by Mary
- ✠ Judas agreeing to betray Jesus
- ✠ The Passover preparation and Last Supper
- ✠ Jesus praying in Gethsemane
- ✠ The betrayal of Jesus and His arrest
- ✠ Peter's denial
- ✠ Jesus being delivered to Pilate
- ✠ His trial
- ✠ The freeing of the criminal Barabbas
- ✠ Jesus' scourging, crucifixion, the strange events that happened while He was on the cross (Matthew 27:51)
- ✠ Jesus' burial
- ✠ Jesus' resurrection, (celebrated on April 5th this year).

Although we have 6 weeks of preparation for Easter, the time span of these events was much less. Even though the Bible does not mention the custom of Lent, the practice of repentance and mourning in ashes is found in several books of the Bible — **check out *Esther 4:1, Job 2:8, Daniel 9:3, Matthew 11:21.***

Where do Ash Wednesday ashes come from?

So why do we span Lent over 40 days? It imitates Christ fasting in the desert for forty days before He began His public Ministry. Also when He was tempted by the devil.

Though it is now associated with parties and great food, I was very surprised to find out that Mardi Gras, which means Fat Tuesday, was actually the day before Ash Wednesday, when the cabinets in the house were cleaned out using up all the sugar and yeast in making sweet breads, so when it came time to fast, the temptation would not be present. Though many people do not fast or give up things for Lent, many Catholics follow the tradition.

What is fasting? For some people it's to go without food for days. But there are other ways to fast. It may be to go without some of the things that could be considered things that distract us from God, such as candy, soda, TV, or other foods. You may skip one meal a day and spend time in prayer. Maybe give up an activity and enjoy time with God, or simplify something in your life.

Some Christians do a service for Christ, such as collecting food for a pantry or doing a community service. It can be a time when extra time is spent in prayer and quiet listening to God.

So I hope in the next few weeks, you will take time to check out the events covered during the Lenten season.

Compare the events in the Gospels, and see how they were told. In St. Matthew, it starts with chapter 26, in St. Mark, chapter 14, in St. Luke, chapter 22, and in St. John, chapter 11:45.

A NOTE TO ALL OUR KIDS...

This is your page, if you have any questions or comments about something in the Bible I will do my best to answer. Just leave them in mailbox 180. **Remember, God loves you!**



SIRI ... SAY GRACE

Heavenly Humor!

YOU SHOULDN'T SKIP CHURCH

A country preacher decided to skip services one Sunday and head to the hills to do some bear hunting. As he rounded the corner on a perilous twist in the trail, he and a bear collided, sending him and his rifle tumbling down the mountainside.

Before he knew it, his rifle went one way and he went the other, landing on a rock and breaking both legs. That was the good news. The bad news was the ferocious bear charging at him from a distance, and he couldn't move.

"Oh Lord," the preacher prayed, "I'm so sorry for skipping services today to come out here and hunt. Please forgive me and grant me just one wish.... please make a Christian out of that bear that's coming at me. Please, Lord!"

That very instant, the bear skidded to a halt, fell to its knees, clasped its paws together and began to pray aloud right at the preacher's feet.

"Dear Lord, bless this food I am about to receive... in Jesus' name... Amen."



have to answer one question.

St. Peter addressed the teacher and asked, "What was the name of the ship that crashed into the iceberg? They just made a movie about it." The teacher answered quickly, "That would be the Titanic." St. Peter let him through the gate.

St. Peter turned to the garbage man and, figuring Heaven didn't REALLY need all the odors that this guy would bring with him, decided to make the question a little harder: "How many people died on the ship?" Fortunately for him, the trash man had just seen the movie and answered, "about 1,500." "That's right! You may enter."

St. Peter then turned to the lawyer. "Name them."

CHURCH BLOOPERS

- 1) Next Sunday a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the carpet will come forward and do so.
- 2) The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They can be seen in the church basement.
- 3) Thursday night--Potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.
- 4) The Lutheran men's group will meet at 6 p.m. Steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread and dessert will be served for a nominal fee.
- 5) A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
- 6) 8 new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- 7) The senior choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.
- 8) At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- 9) The preacher will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth With Joy."
- 10) The Rev. Yaw spoke briefly, much to the delight of his audience.

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion. The mission of the campaign is to bring together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity during a focused 40 day campaign of prayer, fasting, and peaceful activism, with the purpose of repentance, to seek God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion.

Join Pastor Yaw and other Christians weekly on Wednesdays from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm during the month of March as we pray for an end to abortion.

No need to make a weekly commitment joins us when you can to pray outside the G.B. Planned Parenthood located next to Red Robin on South Oneida St.

Become a voice for the voiceless –today!



**PULASKI TRI-COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT
PANCAKE & PORKIE BREAKFAST
AT THE AMERICAN LEGION
SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH 8:00 AM TO 1:00 PM**

ADULTS: \$7.00 CHILDREN 6-12: \$5.00
5-UNDER: FREE

Proceeds go to the Pulaski Safety Memorial Park.

During the month of March we will be taking a closer look at the Lord's Supper. Join us as we discuss the following:

‡ **March 1st**

Communion—Looking at the Altar Set-up
We will discuss the various names of the com we use each week and their meanings.



‡ **March 8th**

Blessings & Benefits of the Lord's Supper
Worthy & Unworthy Reception
We'll discuss the blessings of receiving this gracious meal from Christ & what makes one worthy to receive such a gift.



March 15th –

THE STATE OF THE ESTATE (Church)

KC Nelson will give an overview of St. John's facilities during the Sunday School hour. KC will address repairs that are taking place, upcoming projects, dates & cost, as well as take questions and address concerns.

Please join us to voice not only your concerns but to learn how you can help be a



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OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Below is a list of upcoming Events / Projects at Church that are in need of Volunteers from people with various skills to serve in different capacities. Maybe you would be willing to share your talent and help out the family of God by giving of some of your time.

TOWNSEND BENEFIT: Sunday, March 22nd— Contact Sharon Clements

Individuals needed for various tasks including set-up, decorations, clean-up, kitchen helpers, etc.

EASTER BREAKFAST: Sunday, April 5th— Contact Lynn Aprill

Individuals needed to help cook, set-up, decorations, clean-up, etc.



“Our help is in the name of the Lord...” Psalm 124:8

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.”

~ Philippians 2:4~

There are occasions where God calls on us to lend our hearts and hands to ease the burden of a friend & neighbor who carries an exceptional load. St. Paul reminds us that we are to, “*Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ*” (Galatians 6:2). Join us Sunday, March 22nd following the Service to help show support and love to the Townsend Family.

While most of us were raising a toast to welcome 2015 with friends and family on New Year's Eve, Trina and daughter, Angela, were at Bob's bedside praying that their husband/father, Bob, would hold his own against a stroke and cerebral bleeding that was threatening to take his life. And while we watched the Rose Bowl Parade and game, they watched the monitors, the scans, the IV's, and prayed that the next hour would show signs of any improvement. As word spread, the prayers of friends and neighbors and church family joined with theirs and have continued steadfastly ever since.

The Townsends are a determined family! Bob, Trina, the medical staff and therapists have taken things a day at a time, celebrating every gain, not being defeated by any setback. No one on this team is a quitter and their patience, hard work and faith were rewarded on Friday, February 7th when Trina was able to bring Bob home to Pulaski. The road ahead is a long one, but as was said, this family is determined to get back on its feet.

There have been so many reaching out to Bob, Trina, Angie and Grace. And so many others asking what they can do to assist. A committee formed to plan “A Family Day for a Great Family” to be held Sunday, March 22nd, in our church social hall. It will be a spaghetti dinner benefit that will also include a silent auction of some pretty special baskets, a cake walk, an ice cream sundae bar, and entertainment to be enjoyed in the sanctuary.

Many hands are needed to make this a successful event to support one of our own church families. **PLEASE consider assisting in any of the following ways:**

- 👉 Salad prepping on 3-21
- 👉 Kitchen help/serving
- 👉 Dining room workers
- 👉 Setting up on 3-21
- 👉 Clean up
- 👉 **Specialty cakes for cakewalk**
- 👉 Assist with cakewalk
- 👉 Placing posters around community
- 👉 Build a basket – or donate items toward a basket
- 👉 Cash donations/gift cards (Please make checks to St John Lutheran Church - Townsend)
- 👉 **Spread the word and invite friends to attend**
- 👉 **PRAYER** – When asked how to help, Trina always replies, “Prayer!” She's right as we all know the power of the greatest healer of all.

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Sharon Clements – 822-3836



“At times as we walk along life's road, we are asked to bear an exceptional load.

shopping. It's that easy!



What is Scrip?

Scrip is Fundraising While You Shop. This amazingly successful fundraising program has worked for thousands of churches and other non-profit organizations! Scrip turns everyday shopping into cash for our church when families use retail gift cards to pay for everyday purchases (like gas & groceries) instead of the usual credit/debit card or other money. Great Lakes Scrip Center has helped thousands of organizations earn more than 500 million dollars over the last 20 years.

How It Works

Good news: It's really simple!

The Basics of a Scrip Program

- ↳ Our church members buy retail gift cards through our scrip program at face value.
You pay \$50 – you receive \$50 in gift cards.
- ↳ You can choose from nearly 400 national retail stores where you already shop.
You may obtain the complete list of what is offered through church by the coat room.
- ↳ Our church buys the gift cards at 1-16% less than face value (varies by retailer).
- ↳ The difference between face value and what our church pays = our earnings.
- ↳ Our fundraising has begun! It's that easy!

Here's an Example

Pastor Yaw needs some gardening supplies, so he buys a \$100 Home Depot gift card for \$100 through the church's scrip fundraiser. Cha-ching! He just earned \$4 for the church because Home Depot gift cards are available from Great Lakes Scrip Center at 4% less than face value. When Pastor Yaw checks out at Home Depot, he pays with his gift card instead of using a credit or debit card! He will do the same thing when he needs cleaning supplies at Target, and earn \$2.50 just by using a \$100 Target gift card to pay for his purchases.

Why Scrip is Better?

Most fundraising programs sell “stuff.” Supporters buy the “stuff” to “help you out.” (i.e. “*How little can I spend?*”). With scrip, there's no need to sell “stuff.”

TOP SCRIP PROGRAM BENEFITS

- 1) No selling random, unwanted, overpriced “stuff” to family and friends.
- 2) Earnings add up fast! It's easy for a single family to generate over \$500 per year.
- 3) Everyday family purchases become every day earnings for our church.
- 4) You can plan ahead to buy groceries, gas, and other household expenses with gift cards.
- 5) Use gift cards to pay at checkout, just like you would use a credit/debit card, but without the fraud risk.
- 6) No unnecessary spending!

It's so easy, even a Pastor can do it! Here is what you need to do.

- ↳ Fill out an order form (located next to the coat room). Orders are placed every other week.
- ↳ Pay via cash or check made payable to *St. John Lutheran Church*.
- ↳ Drop order form with payment into the black box by the coat room.
- ↳ Gift cards will be available for pick-up the following Sunday after the service.
- ↳ Any questions, please contact Jean Kohlmeyer or the church office.

There is something for everyone. Here are just a few of the Gift Cards available. See the complete list next to the coat room.

Clothing & Accessories

Aeropostale
Children's Place
Claire's
Dressbarn
Express
Foot Locker
Gap
Gymboree
LL Bean
Old Navy
Payless Shoes
TJ Maxx

Department Stores

JC Penney
Kohl's
Macy's
Sears
Younkers

Dining-Casual

Applebee's
Buffalo Wild Wings
Chili's
Chuck E. Cheese
Old Chicago
Olive Garden
Pizza Ranch
Red Robin
Texas Roadhouse

Chipotle
Cousins Subs
Dairy Queen
Fazoli's
KFC
Pizza Hut
Starbucks
Subway
Taco Bell
Wendy's

Discount Store

Burlington Coat
Sam's Club
Shopko
Target
Walmart

Electronics & Office

Best Buy
GameStop
Office Depot/Max

Gas & Auto

Advance Auto Parts
AutoZone
BP Gas
Exxon/Mobil
Kwik Trip
Shell

Entertainment

Barnes & Noble

Marcus Theatres

Grocery

Copps
Pick 'n Save
Roundys

Home Décor

Bed Bath & Beyond
Pier 1 Imports
Pottery Barn

Home Improvement

Ace Hardware
Lowe's
Menards
Home Depot

Online & Catalog

Amazon.com
Groupon.com
iTunes
Overstock.com
Shutterfly

Service

Master Cuts
Regis Salons

Specialty Retailer

American Girl
Bath & Body Works
Build-A-Bear

Hallmark
JoAnn Fabric
Michaels
Pet Smart
Toys 'R' Us
Walgreens

Sporting Goods

Cabela's
Dick's Sporting
Dunham's
Gander Mountain

Travel

Avis Car Rental
Best Western
Budget Car Rental
Carnival Cruises
Choice Hotels
Comfort Suites
Disney
Sleep Inn

And Many,

Many More!!

BIRTHDAYS

March 5

Blake Batzer
Nancy Horsens
Nolan Verba

March 7

Zack Johnson
Bill May
Gene Schroeder

March 8

JoAnn Cricks
Tim Josephson
Roger Olson
Sandy Schwartz

March 9

Dana Brandt

March 12

Wyatt Bierhals
Greg Prosek

March 14

Pauline Fairman

March 15

Karrie Bierhals
Larae Zankle
Skip Skalitsky

March 16

Bruce Breitenfeldt
Shannon Schwartz

March 17

Laura Stachura

March 18

Nina Josephson

March 20

Pastor Larry Yaw

March 21

Florence Folkman

March 22

Katie Schlender

March 23

John Lemke

March 24

Jan Dettman
Barb Hoeft

March 27

Tristan May (L.I.A.)

March 28

Lori Folkman

ANNIVERSARIES

March 3

Skip & Karen Skalitzky

March 7

Jodi & Kelly Cramer

March 27

Pastor James & Tiina May (L.I.A.)

March 31

Bob & Jan Dettman



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 WRSHP-HC Adult Bible Study	5:30 Girl Scouts 6:30 Board of Evangelism Mtg. 6:30 Choir	3 8:30 Psalm Bible Study @ Coffee Shop	4 PHS Students Painting Classrooms from 8-2 8:00 Men's Bible B-Fast 9:00 Quilting 6:00 Confirmation 6:30 Ladies Guild	5 5:45 Lent Dinner 7:00 Lent Midweek Service	6	7
9 Adult Savings Begins WRSHP-HC Adult Bible Study	9 Pastor's Circuit Conference 6:30 Choir	10 8:30 Psalm Bible Study @ Coffee Shop 6:00 Elders' Meeting	11 8:00 Men's Bible B-Fast 9:00 Quilting 6:00 Confirmation	12 5:45 Lent Dinner 7:00 Lent Midweek Service	13	14 8:30 Prayer Breaks 6:30 Card Party
16 Children's Service Monday School Sale of the Estate with Tubing at varino Slopes	16 5:30 Girl Scouts 6:30 Choir	17 St Patrick's Day 8:30 Psalm Bible Study @ Coffee Shop 	18 8:00 Men's Bible B-Fast 9:00 Quilting 6:00 Q & A with Elders for 8th Grade	19 5:45 Lent Dinner 7:00 Lent Midweek Service	20 1st Day of Spring  Pastor Yaw	21
23 WRSHP-HC Monday School Winesend Benefit	23 6:30 Choir	24 8:30 Psalm Bible Study @ Coffee Shop 10:00 Pastor at Mtg. in Shawano	25 8:00 Men's Bible B-Fast 9:00 Quilting 6:00 Confirmation	26 5:45 Lent Dinner 7:00 Lent Midweek Service	27	28
30 Sunday Confirmation Sunday WRSHP-HC	30 6:30 Choir	31 WEEK HOLY	*Each Wednesday from 1:00pm-2:00pm Prayer Vigil outside of Planned Parenthood in Ashwaubenon*	Lenten Services-sandwiches & desserts 3/5 Barb Hoeft & Miniam Slaght (I-L) 3/12 Wendy Nooyen & Betty Johnson (M-P) 3/19 Peggy Dufek & Jan Dettman (R-U) 3/26 Lynn Aprill & Karen Barnes (W-Z)		
Sundays KC Nelson Neal Shakley Gene Schroeder Neal Shakley KC Nelson	Thursdays 5th Gene Schroeder 12th Larry Slaght 19th Jeff Stachura 26th Jeff Stachura	Acolytes: 1st Koltien Nooyen 8th Olivia Jacobs 15th Brayden Lom 22nd Jaidon Novinska 29th Tess Wetmer, Nolan Verba, Mickley Wirtz	Thursdays 5th Paige Bonnin 12th Jordyn Josephson 19th Becca May 26th Matthew Olson	Altar Guild: 1st Hoeft 8th Schwartz 15th No Communion 22nd Folkman 29th Dyer	Sundays 5th No 12th No 19th No 26th No	Thursdays 5th No 12th No 19th No 26th No

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