

# ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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Dear Members of St. Paul,

*"We are going on a journey. It is going to be difficult. If you hear something in the woods, you tell me. If you hear something in the water, you tell me. But under no circumstance are you to remove your blindfold."* So says Sandra Bullock in the latest Netflix

thriller, *Bird Box*. The movie tells a post-apocalyptic tale in which the world's population is decimated by other-worldly creatures who take on the form of the worst fears of those who look upon them. The film has been Netflix's most successful foray in film production, with more views in its first week than any other Netflix offering. The message of the film, consistent with other movies and books and stories in its genre is this: the end of the world is coming and it is going to be scary.

The end of the world is frightening. Or at least it is for most of the world's population. The end of the world is a big unknown. When will it end? How will it end? Will any of us survive? There is a gnawing uncertainty that accompanies these fears. *Bird Box* and films like it try to tap into that uncertainty.

But is the end of the world uncertain? Is the end of the world scary? What does the Bible have to say?

The Bible tells us that the world is going to end, and the language it uses can certainly sound frightening. For example, Jesus says, "There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken." (Lk 21:25-26)



However, with these verses what is important to keep in mind is that the terror lies not in destruction brought about by scary creatures, but rather destruction that is brought about by God against those who disobeyed his Word. The terror of the end of the world is that Jesus is the one who is coming to bring it to an end.

The fact that Jesus is coming, for the Christian, is not at all terrifying. In fact, Christians can't wait for Jesus to return. When Jesus returns, that will be the end of all of God's enemies. Satan, who tormented God's people, will be judged. The world will be judged according to their deeds. But Christ will welcome his Christians into an everlasting feast that will bring nothing but joy.

Christians are waiting for the feast. That means that this time, between Christ's ascension into Heaven and his return on the Last Day is like one gigantic season of Lent. Lent begins this month on March 6 with Ash Wednesday. Lent is that time between Epiphany and Easter during which Christians prepare for the Feast of Easter with prayer and repentance. We go to church on Wednesday nights. We confess our sins. We look forward to Easter. Easter is coming and it will be a great celebration.

The End of the Word is coming, and it will be a great celebration. People are always afraid of what they do not know. People are likewise afraid of death and dying. The Christian is afraid of neither because the Christian is waiting to receive the blessing that has been promised.

Peace to you in Jesus,

Pastor Schlueter

## Hymns of the Seasons

By Deaconess Janet Nicol



For those of us who have been attending/teaching Sunday School and or Bible Class on Sunday mornings, we have been following an opening as an entire group, children and adults, with a bit of prayer, a hymn and some words from Pastor. Our pattern has been to go through a little booklet called "Hymns of the Season." A hymn has been chosen to be the Theme Hymn of the Year and then there are hymns for each season of the church year. Since we began this series in August we started with the Time of the Church (Aug. 6-Nov. 26), then to Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, (which is where we are in the month of March), then we will move on to Easter and then Pentecost. During each season we are singing the chosen Hymn of the Season and sing the same stanza each Sunday. Why, you may ask? Is it because we want things to be boring and repetitious?

That is often the complaint I hear from some who are unfamiliar with our orders of service that we rotate around during the month? "It's so repetitious! Don't you get tired of doing and singing the same things all the time?" Well, no, I don't. But that is hardly the point; whether I am personally bored or not. The point is to teach. The point of singing the same stanza of the same hymn for several Sunday mornings during our openings is TO TEACH. Repetition teaches. Many of our older congregants and in other churches as well that have a tradition of singing hymns on a regular basis, have expressed the wisdom of having repeated those hymns for years. When one is under stress and facing trials and sickness and even death, few things offer more comfort than the hymns of our youth.

In our society today, the art of singing is fast waning away. The art of learning and singing hymns is waning even faster. Our goal during the Sunday School hour is to help combat that societal trend to belittle or forget our beautiful hymns and move to more "praise/worship" type songs we hear on "Christian" radio stations. To be sure, those songs can be fun to listen to and sing along with at times, but do we pay attention to what they teach? Sometimes, we must admit, that what they are saying can be antithetical to our own theology. Sometimes, they don't really teach anything at all. They tend to repeat a common phrase over and over, and often it is not very creative or teach worthy; "You are worthy to be praised," comes to mind for example.

As Christians we are called to live in this secular world but not be of the secular world. When we are in Sunday school or in church, we need to be absorbing things that are teaching us what God has done for us. Our Lutheran hymnal tradition is so incredibly rich in its poetry, in its beautifully composed tunes, why would we NOT want to expose our children to their heritage in this faith as often as we can? They get so inundated from all the rest of today's music culture during the week, (and I am not saying that it is all bad) but let's give them something to really sink their teeth into on Sunday mornings that will enhance their faith and help them in the future to find comfort and joy. After all, when we are gone and our children are old, perhaps in nursing homes or whatever exists for them in their time of old age, I hope they will be able to remember a bit of "By grace, I'm saved, grace free and boundless; My soul believe and doubt it not." I think that is much better than "Baby Shark, do do do do do."



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## March School News

We had another short month in the preschool. The weather still isn't co-operating for full weeks and we had the Presidents Day holiday. I am sure spring is just around the corner.

This month we studied rhyming, the rainforest and Valentine's Day.



As a part of our Valentine's Day celebrations we made cards for our families and those from the church that are unable to get out. We walked to the mailbox to mail the ones to our families and the ladies of the church helped with the delivery to the shut-ins.

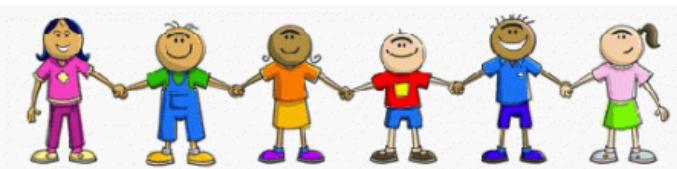
Rhyming can be so much fun! We loved reading silly books by Dr. Seuss and Audrey Wood. We played rhyming games and created our own silly rhyming pairs.



While the weather may have been cold and snowy outside, we were learning about the warm rainforest! The children learned about the different layers and what animals live in each layer. We talked about why each animal would choose the habitat that they did.

Talking about habitats is preparing us for our March fieldtrip to Glacier Ridge Metro Park. The rangers will conduct a program on habitats at the park.

We still have openings for the 2019-2020 school year in all classes. If you would like to set up a tour, please call or email. We would love to show you all the wonderful things happening at the school. We continue to get new enrollments each week.





## March Memory

*Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*

*Colossians 3:16*

This month we will focus on memorizing a verse from the Hymn of the Season:

### **Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted   LSB 451**

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, See him dying on the tree!

'Tis the Christ, by man rejected: Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!

'Tis the long expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord;

Proofs I see sufficient of it: "tis the true and faithful Word.



## POBLO Ministry

### **(People of the Book Lutheran Outreach)**

Our Sunday School offerings will be going to support this mission to Muslim immigrants located in the Columbus Area. In addition 90% of our Soup Supper donations and the Easter Breakfast donations will go to support this ministry. They have placed a missionary family in central Ohio. They are Joseph and Heba from Egypt. Beautiful Savior, Powell, St. John , Dublin and Zion, Columbus are the primary sponsors for the family that is here. We will rovide you with information about their ministry as we receive updates. The family is Joseph and Heba with their two children.



## Ladies Aid Activities for March

March is going to be a busy month at St. Paul. Some of the details are still being finalized, but here is a glimpse of what you have to look forward to:

- **March 6th** we will have a Soup Supper at 6:00 pm before our Ash Wednesday service. These soup suppers will be Wednesday before the Lenten worship service. Contact Anne Scheiderer at 937-707-0424 if you can help with one of these Wednesday meals. 10% of the proceeds will go to LWML Mites and 90% of the proceeds will be given to the newly starting POBLO Missionaries in Dublin.



- **March 9th from 9:00 am—3:00 pm** there will be a sewing day. Anne Scheiderer has a "Quilt-in-a-day" pattern you can make OR you can help finish walker bags that were started last year.



- **March 18th at 6:00 pm** we will be going out to eat. This is for Ladies and their special guest or spouse. It was so much fun last year we decided to do it again this year. We will be going to Der Dutchman for their buffet. This will also support the Darby Clovers 4-H club. Details coming soon!



- **Easter Breakfast Planning** is on the horizon as well. Would you like to help organize the breakfast this year. The Ladies will organize a breakfast for Easter morning to be served between the Sunrise Service and the 10:15 service. If you feel you can help in any way, contact Anne Scheiderer either in person or by phone (text or call) at 937-707-0424.



**Thanks** to everyone for their support of our family with their prayers, texts, flowers, sympathy cards, memorials and coming out in the inclement weather to be with us at the Funeral Home. Thanks to Pastor Schlueter for his many visits during our Mother's living at Heartland/Prestige Gardens as a shut-in, particularly the final week of her life, the prayers and comfort provided before the viewing, and the wonderful message and funeral service. Thanks to Janet Nicol for her many visits to Mom as well and her nice job of playing the organ for the funeral service. Thanks to the Ladies Aid for their organization and preparation of the meal served to our family following the funeral service. As always, the meal was delicious and much appreciated. GOD's blessings to you all. *The family of Idella Eickhoff*

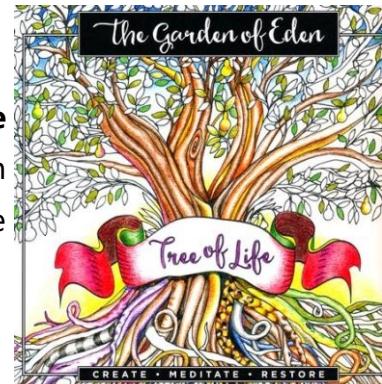
# Book Review for March

By Deaconess Janet Nicol



Have you noticed the past couple of years the new rage in adult coloring? I have and I have bought into it big time. I love to color. I do it when listening sometimes because it actually helps me to concentrate. CPH has joined the crowd in offering a few coloring and journaling books for your pleasure. Ideally, they are designed to help us learn God's Word as well. Everyone needs to brush up on the Catechism and you can do it by coloring in **The Illuminated Catechism**, written by Tony Cook with the illustrations by Susan Spellman. In addition to fun and creative drawings to color that accompany the parts of the catechism, there are empty spaces for you to journal your thoughts and reflections as well. It's a great way to re-learn the Small Catechism and would make a fantastic gift for any adult in your life who enjoys coloring, and I can't help but think it would make a great gift for a friend or relative in a nursing home who enjoys coloring as well. What a lovely way to help spread God's Word!

Another great devotional, coloring book for adults by CPH is **The Garden of Eden-Create. Meditate. Restore.** For King James version lovers this is full of 43 detailed illustrations along with verses from the King James Bible that focus on God's creative work in nature.



Both books are appropriate for older children through adults. Of course, CPH also offers coloring books designed for younger children as well. So, if you are a coloring family, check it out at [cph.org](http://cph.org).



## Joy Comes in the Morning

"Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning" (Psalm 30:5 NKJV)

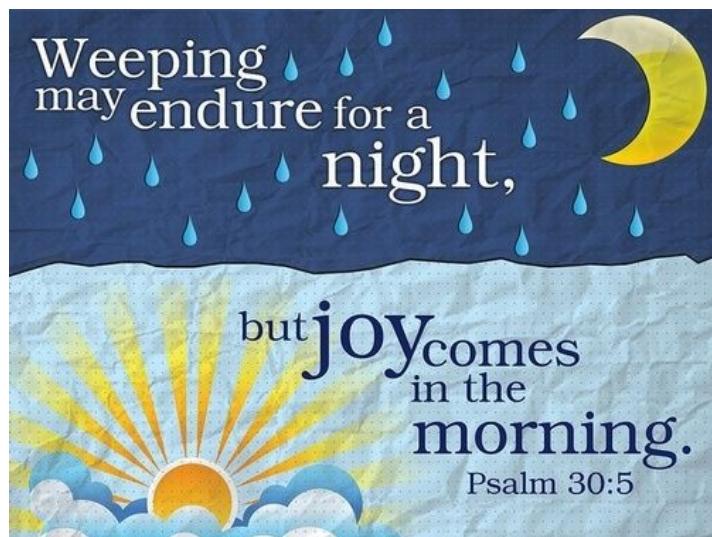
God's promises in the Bible are for you. Choose to embrace them and live them out in faith. Beth, who lost both her husband and her mother within a year, read God's promise in Psalm 30:5 (above). Not only did she find comfort in this verse, but she also acted on it in faith.

She says, "I had a difficult time in the mornings waking up, facing the day; it's sort of that 'what do you have to live for?' feeling. So, particularly special to me was that verse about joy coming in the morning. Every morning I'd say, 'Lord, what day is my joy coming? What day is my joy coming?'"

"Finally, I woke up one morning, and my joy had returned. That doesn't mean that I was fine from then on. It doesn't mean I didn't cry and break down and so forth. But there was that peace and that joy that had been missing for those months. It was just wonderful to have that back again."

*Lord, I believe Your promises. May my actions be a reflection of my beliefs. Amen.*

*By Bill Dunn & Kathy Leonard, from the book "Through a Season of Grief"*



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## March Birthdays

- March 5** David Nicol 1951  
**March 6** Ann Burns 1955  
**March 7** Mike De Matteo 1975  
**March 8** Kelly Peterman 1974  
**March 9** Mandi Dellinger 1976  
**March 11 Dorothy Nicol 1932**  
**March 14** Lexie Fansler 2007  
**March 16** Brandon Flores 1998  
**March 17 Patricia Cooper 1928**  
**March 18 Harold Burns 1927**  
    Mary Carpenter 1953  
**March 21 George Stump 1924**  
    Marvin Boerger 1941  
**March 22 Lydia Flores 1996**  
    Brenda Stewart 1970  
    **Mary Koch 1936**  
**March 23** Chris Winkle 1971  
**March 24** Noah Burns 2010  
**March 25** Tanner Burns 1980  
**March 26 Virginia Rausch 1936**  
    David Scheiderer 1968  
**March 27** Molly Burger 2000  
**March 28** Charles Lowry 1955  
    Roy Burns 1957  
    Lance Taylor 1970  
    Leslie Martindale 1970  
    Tyler Halterman 1979  
    Brian Badenhop 1989  
**March 29** Kerri Rengert 1969



## Wedding Anniversaries

- March 3** Ron & Tammy Hunt 1984  
    Terry & JoEllen Bailey 1989  
**March 8** Roy & Missy Burns 1986  
**March 17** Charles & Linda Lowry 1974  
**March 21** Don & Denise Commings 1992  
**March 23 Bernard & Beverly Burns 1958**  
**March 31** Bob & Nancy Scheiderer 1990

## March Duties

### Elder Duties

Elder of the Month—Jerry Burns  
Recording—Dan Ferryman  
Communion—John Eickhoff

### Ushers

Justin George	Dennis Headings
Derik Heiss	Mat Johnson

### Acolytes

**March 3** Will Schlueter & Josh Underhill  
**Ash Wednesday** Sam & Zachary Picklesimer  
**March 10 & 17** Eli Thrush & Taylor Andrews  
**March 13** Autumn & Wyatt Scheiderer  
**March 20** Kristin Dellinger & Abby Underhill  
**March 24 & 31** Matt Bouic & Garrett Dellinger  
**March 27** Eli Thrush & Taylor Andrews

### Greeters

**Mar. 3** Jeff & Deb Boyd and  
    Darrell & Becky Breneman  
**Mar. 10** Bernard & Beverly Burns and  
    Danny Burns  
**Mar. 17** William & Mandi Dellinger and  
    Don & Phyllis Bouic  
**Mar. 24** David & Phoebe Burns and  
    Gary & Mary Burns  
**Mar. 31** Harold & Viola Burns and  
    Jerry & Ann Burns

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