

FEBRUARY 2023

TOWN & COUNTRY LUTHERAN CHURCH ~ MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY MORNINGS:

Divine Service in the sanctuary at 9:30 AM. Services are live streamed every Sunday morning.

Email matt@tclutheranchurch.org to be added to our weekly email list.

What's Happening in February???

Saturday, February 4th – 10:00 AM – LWML Meeting

Sunday, February 5th – 11:00 AM – Congregational Voter's Meeting

Friday, February 17th – 11:00 AM – Friendship Unlimited Dinner & Devotion (*more info on next page*)

Wednesday, February 22nd – 7:00 PM – Ash Wednesday Midweek Lenten Service

UPWARD EVALUATIONS:

Saturday, February 11th – 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Saturday, February 18th – 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Saturday, February 25th – 11:00 AM

Bible Studies:

Sunday Mornings after church – led by Pastor Mankin

BUGS (Building Up GroupS) – Tuesdays, 7:00 PM – Meets at the home of Marge Otto.

Please call Rod Oswalt (916) 213-2827 or Marge at (916) 481-3593 if you would like to join us.

Joy in the Morning – Wednesdays, 10:00 AM – Friendship Center

Come hang out and study Lutheranism 101

Men's Bible Study – Thursdays, 7:00 AM – via "Zoom"

All men are welcome to join. Please contact Flint Pendergraft: 916-952-6146

Ladies' Bible Study – Thursdays, 9:30 AM – Friendship Center

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Greetings in our Risen Lord,

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. – 1 Peter 2:9

Witnessing or proclaiming the excellencies of Him can often seem like a daunting task. Especially to family or people, we know well. The fear of offending someone often causes us to say nothing at all about our faith.

Yet God has placed these people in your life so that you might be His witness. To help us to learn to be better witnesses of Jesus, our church body has created an evangelism program called *Everyone His Witness*. It is a six-week series of practical exercises and discussions about talking with those in your life about your faith.

The method of evangelism we will be learning is called 'LASSIE.' This relational, contextual witnessing approach teaches us to naturally share the Good News of Jesus Christ as we Listen-Ask- Seek-Share-Invite-and-Encourage people in our lives who are not yet part of the Church.

Once you have completed the core program, you can access the Everyone His Witness website for more modules on witnessing to different types of people. i.e., friends, family, Jewish, Muslim, etc. They are also continually updating the website with more information.

There is no cost to you to join this program. However, I would ask that you would complete it if you start it. I am hoping to begin teaching this class on March 19th after completing our current study.

May God bless you as we head into the penitential season of Lent as we prepare for the joy of Easter.

In HIM,

Pastor Trevor Mankin

Debt Retirement Team (DRT) Update:

The DRT has recently hired a local real estate broker with Century 21 to help us explore options for our next tenant lease. We have several encouraging leads. The current lease with Assist expires May 31. Assist is still being considered to remain as a tenant. Regarding the land sale possibility with the Coldwell Banker broker we hired last April, elevated interest rates make it very unlikely that we will find a buyer in the near future.

- John Parrish

FRIENDSHIP UNLIMITED

Friday, February 17th at 6:15 pm

at

Brookfields

(4343 Madison Ave.)

Devotion afterwards at Arlys Anderson's

(4234 Pasadena Ave.)

RSVP by January 12th

Rich Nelson: 916-296-1930 | Sharon Nelson: 916-296-4633

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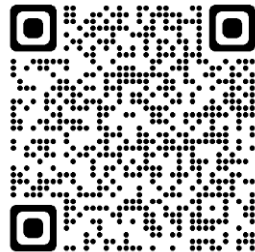
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From the Pew



The New International Version (NIV) of the Bible in its concordance lists over 550 passages which use the word "LOVE" Many of these are familiar to us. In the month of February, we celebrate Valentine's Day. This day had its origins in America around the time of the Civil War.

This is often a time when people reach out to show or share their love with others. It has become commercialized in America: candy hearts, cards, school parties, etc. In a world of many behaviors and events which show love's opposite emotions, here are some suggestions.

On this Valentine's Day:

Resolve to mend a quarrel.
Seek out a forgotten friend.
Dismiss suspicion and replace it with trust.
Write a love letter.
Share some treasure.
Give a soft answer.
Encourage youth.
Manifest your loyalty in word and deed.
Keep a promise.
Find the time.
Forgo a grudge.
Forgive an enemy.
Listen.
Apologize if you were wrong.
Try to understand.
Flout envy.
Examine your demands on others.

Think first of someone else.
Appreciate.
Be kind; be gentle.
Laugh a little.
Laugh a little more.
Deserve confidence.
Take up arms against malice.
Decry complacency.
Express your gratitude.
Attend church.
Welcome a stranger.
Gladden the heart of a child.
Take the pleasure in the beauty and wonder of
the earth.
Speak your love.
Speak it again.
Speak it still once again.

With Love,
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