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Preparing for Lent and Easter

There is a story about a pastor who was walking through a dangerous part of town. Suddenly, a mugger approached the pastor, pointed a gun at him, and demanded all his money. The pastor opened his coat to get his wallet for the mugger. The mugger noticed the pastor's collar and realized he was a pastor. Immediately the mugger stopped the pastor. "Sorry, I did not realize you were a pastor, "You can keep your money."

The pastor was very relieved that he could keep both his money and his life. He began talking to the would-be mugger. The pastor got a couple of candy bars out of his pocket and offered one to the would-be mugger. "No thanks," the man replied. "I gave up chocolate for Lent."

You and I may laugh at that story. Unfortunately, it is all too true for many of us. "I don't go around mugging people," you say. I am sure you do not. However, how many of us work to prepare our "outside" for Lent but forget to prepare our "insides" for Lent and Easter. We may give up eating certain foods, do some Spring cleaning, get our house ready for the family to come for Easter dinner. That is preparing the "outside."

The book of Joel tells us, "Tear your hearts and not your clothes, and turn to the Lord your God because he is kind, merciful, slow to get angry, full of love, and feels sorry about disaster" (Joel 2:13).

What is our "inside?" It is our heart, our soul. It is the way we act toward our family and friends. It is the way we act towards God.

How can we prepare our "inside" for Lent and Easter? You and I can do this by coming to church to hear God's word every Sunday and Wednesday. We can do this by reading God's word every day. We do this by thinking about all that God has done for us in sending Jesus Christ to die and become alive again.

Lent is a time we remember with sadness why Jesus had to come and die on the cross. Lent is also a time we remember with JOY that Jesus rose from the dead that first Easter morn. Jesus defeated death and the devil for us and gave us life with HIM now and forever in heaven.

Come, join us this Lenten season. Together we will prepare our whole selves for the joy of Easter.

Pastor Kohnke

Ladies Tuesday Bible study will not be held in February. We hope to restart the study in March!

We start a new study in the Old Testament books of Ezra and Nehemiah. We would like to invite all the ladies of the congregation to join us. Please let Shirley Holtzen know if you will be joining and she will get you a copy of the study. Ph. 531-289-0396



Sunday Morning Bible Class: On hold at this time.

Our Lenten Season Bible Study Series
Monday, February 15 to Monday, March 29, 2021
7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Location: Zoom

Sign up link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084AADA82BAAFF2-twokingdoms>

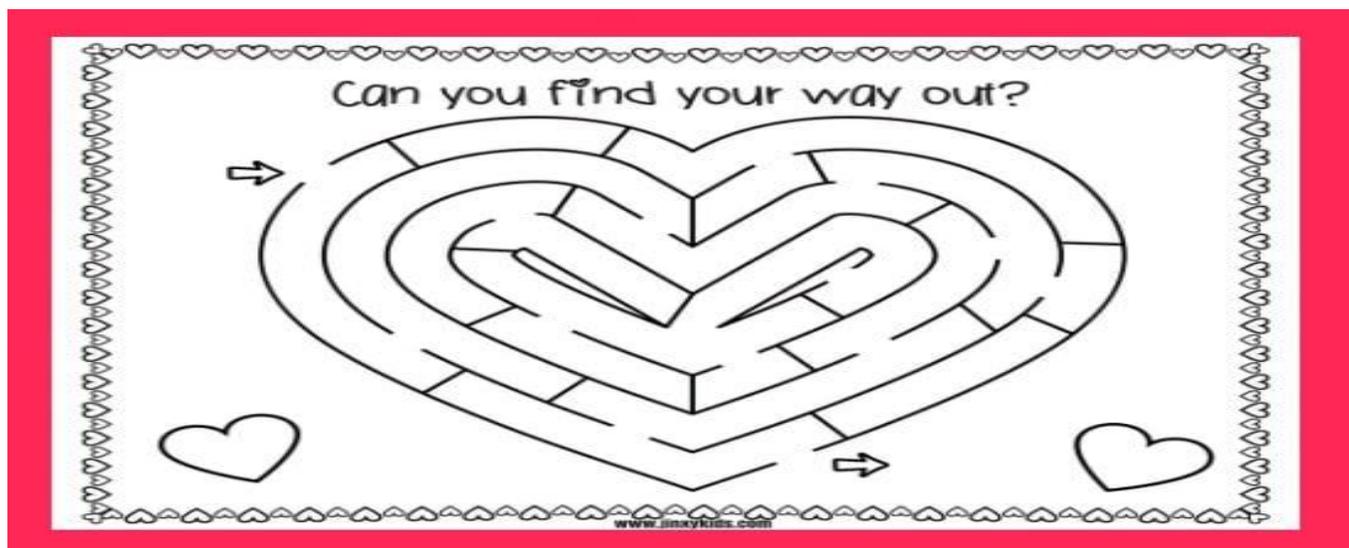
We will bring together two studies for a 7-week program. We live in tumultuous times as a nation. What is the role of the Church in the working of our government? What is the role of a Christian in our political world? Join us for a discussion on these and many other church and state topics.

The Intersection of Church and State By: Rev. Gregory Seltz (4 lessons)

Religious freedom in America has been an issue of paramount importance since the founding of this great nation. As the nation has grown and changed, so has the relationship of the federal government with the many religions that comprise the community of faith throughout the land. This Bible study examines this vital relationship to see what's working well and how we can improve the rough spots at the intersection of church and state.

We the People: Citizens of Two Kingdoms By: Dr. Dale Meyer (3 lessons)

Politics and politicians -- there's seemingly no way to escape them. Though government and those who govern are often criticized by press and citizen alike, it is through government that God works His designs in this world. Join host Dr. Dale Meyer as he surveys government in history, the character of the United States as a nation, and the Christian's role as a citizen of any country.



Our Mission Dollars at Work

Our \$500 Mission Dollars for January goes to support Lutheran Heritage Foundation:



LUTHERAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Almost 100 years ago, Bishop Theophil Meyer of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia traveled across Siberia in order to reconnect with Lutherans that had fallen away from the Faith or were “sheep stolen” by Evangelical Baptist groups.



The Bolshevik Revolution had wreaked havoc upon the land and the Church struggled mightily to respond to the times. Bishop Meyer, since he was pastor at the large Lutheran church a short 15-minute walk from the Kremlin in Moscow, yearned for his people in the “hinterlands.” And so, he made the long journey.

Everywhere he went, he was greeted by grateful parishioners. One could echo our Lord’s actions in Matthew 9:36. When Bishop Meyer saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. The bishop shared the Word of God with them and may have planted seeds for the preservation of the Faith when all Lutheran churches were closed by 1939. After Bishop Meyer’s death in 1934, his son and daughter were executed by Soviet authorities.

FAST FORWARD NEARLY 100 YEARS...

...and we can be thankful that Russia is no longer under the scourge of communism. But the sheep are still harassed and helpless without books that explain God’s Word to them.

My old classmate, Rev. Leif Camp, a pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingria in Russia (ELCIR), assists LHF with our book distribution in Russia. Recently he completed a trip with the new ELCIR bishop, Rev. Ivan Laptev, as well as with LCMS missionaries.

Although the trip did not quite make it to Siberia, it did cover some of the trails blazed by Bishop Meyer – the Volga and Ural Mountain regions. There, Rev. Camp made sure the people received Luther’s *Large Catechism* and a devotional booklet, *For Such a Time as This: Comfort from Meditations Volume 1* in the Russian language.

The great need for these materials became apparent as the men visited with area residents. In a visit to the province of Udmurtia, an area that still adheres to traditional pagan beliefs, a lay leader named Deacon Marat informed a neighbor that his Lutheran parish was named after St. Peter. The man replied, “Are you Peter?”

How important it is to go to the ends of the earth in order to share God’s Word with those who do not know their Savior! We are grateful to Pastor Leif, Bishop Laptev and LCMS missionaries for their journey! 100 years later, the trail of Bishop Meyer is being followed so that the Word of Life can be shared!

by Rev. Dr. Matthew Heise, LHF executive director

Check the calendar for some fun things that are observed this month, for a full list click the link below:

<https://www.thespruce.com/special-days-and-observances-in-february-1448885>

Mary & Martha League: Will meet via text messaging.

Though the Mary and Martha League are not meeting in person through the Covid-19 epidemic, we have continued to collect your offerings for the Bennet Food Pantry and the Mite Box for mission work. We thank you for your assistance and look forward to the time that we can meet with you again in our sanctuary and in the church fellowship hall.



Mid-Week Lenten Theme; **Walk with Jesus**



All services will be offered in the sanctuary and streaming online.
Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday will also be offered on the TV in the parking lot.

Ash Wednesday February 17, 2021 7:00 p.m. Printed Service
Holy Communion and imposition of ashes
Theme: "Jesus was Resolved to Die" Text: Mark 10:32-34

Lent 2 February 24, 2020 7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Theme: "Jesus was Prepared for Burial" Text: John 12:1-11

Lent 3 March 3, 2020 7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Theme: "Jesus was Unafraid to Teach" Text: Mark 11:27-33

Lent 4 March 10, 2020 7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Theme: "Jesus was Arrested for the People" Text: John 18:12-16

Lent 5 March 17, 2020 7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Theme: "Jesus was Convicted for the Truth" Text: Luke 22:66-23:3

Lent 6 March 24, 2020 7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Theme: "Jesus was Led Out of the City for Execution" Text: Luke 23:26-32

Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2021 7:00 p.m. Printed Service

Theme: "Jesus gave His Last Will and Testament" Text: Mark 14:12-24

Good Friday, April 2, 2021 7:00 p.m. Printed Service

Theme: "Jesus Died at Calvary" Text: Matthew 27:45-56

Easter April 4, 2021 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. DS III p. 185

Theme: "Jesus Rose From the Dead" Text: Luke 24:13-35

February Birthdays

2/6 Jule Maahs
2/8 Nathan Rink
2/9 Maria Austin, Justin Harper
2/11 Arlin Nisley
2/12 Arthur Harper
2/13 Debra Pfeifer
2/14 Barrett May
2/22 Benjamin Broening
2/25 Nancy Klopfenstein
2/26 Wyatt Robinette
2/27 Madison Rink



Anniversaries

2/14/19 Julia & Jeff Luebke
2/16/19 Kourtney & Nathan Grimes



Thank YOU!! To everyone who donated to the new sound system. We surpassed the goal and raised a total of \$17,800!

They are waiting for a few parts to arrive, and then they will schedule a time to install.

Sunday Circle: Will be making book bags for the Bennet School again. We would like you to help us by donating your used denim jeans for the bags. Please give your used jeans to Shirley Holtzen. Thank you!

Dinner Out: Still on hold.....

Mardel is a new store that sells books, bibles, bible studies and the like. They have sent us coupons for 30% off. OR if you would like to shop on line you can enter the code: 88428 for your 30% off. The code is good till 12/31/21

Here is the link to their website: <https://www.mardel.com/>

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A December Wedding

On December 27th 2020, Mary Kohnke and Andrew Haase were married at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lincoln by Pastor Kohnke. They had originally picked Immanuel to accommodate the over 300 guests Mary and Andrew desired to invite. Due to covid-19 they had to adjust and invite a smaller group to meet health directives. Mary and Andrew, remain members here at Trinity, and are residing in Seward while they complete their last semester at Concordia University.

Alberts Joke of the month!



From your Secretary!



February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Zoom Bible Study: Regrets, Reality, Restoration 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	2 Groundhog Day	3	4 National Homemade Soup Day	5	6
7 9 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10 am Divine Service	8 Zoom Bible Study: Regrets, Reality, Restoration 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	9 National Pizza Day	10	11 National Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk Day	12	13 Elder's Meeting 7:30am
14 9 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10 am Divine Service Valentine's Day	15 Zoom Bible Study: The Intersection of Church and State 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	16 Do a Grouch a Favor Day	17 Ash Wednesday 7 pm Lenten service Holy Communion Sanctuary & Parking lot	18 Mary & Martha League via Text Messages	19 Newsletter Deadline National Chocolate Mint Day	20
21 9 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10 am Divine Service Food Pantry Sunday	12 Zoom Bible Study: The Intersection of Church and State 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	23 National Banana Bread Day	24 7 pm Lenten service	25 Newsletter Print Date National Pancake Day	26	27
28 9 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10 am Divine Service Mite Box Sunday	28 th National Chocolate Souffle Day					

Those serving in February, 2021 Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Elders

7th Hank Oetjen
14th Roger Pearson
21st Tracy Refior
28th Alan Retzlaff

Altar Guild

7th Deb Pavey
14th Laura Hametis
21st Kristi Refior
28th Shirley Retzlaff

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