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Mission statement: "To make disciples of all people through a faithful ministry of Word and Sacrament."

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Patiently Responding to Needs

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession." Jesus did not answer a word. So, his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs." "Yes, Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour. Matthew 15:21-28

A retired professional woman tells how she enjoys her privacy and one evening responded to a knock at her door from an elderly woman who lived on her floor who said she was lonely and wished to visit a while. The woman told her politely but bluntly that she didn't approve of unannounced visitors and the woman apologized and left. She congratulated herself for getting rid of a possible bore, but the next evening a friend phones to ask if she knew the woman in her apartment building who had committed suicide the night before...

A pastor relates how he received a phone call from a woman at 3:30 a.m. on a Sunday morning asking if they could meet to talk. She did not give her name. Her voice was very calm, with no sense of urgency in it, he remembers, yet she did want his counsel. The pastor hesitated at an immediate interview (he had two services and Bible class beginning at 8:30 a.m.) and wondered if they could meet 3/12 hours later at 7:00 a.m. at his church office, to which she agreed.

The woman never showed up. On Monday night he read in the newspaper about a woman who had been married on Saturday night, whose husband had gotten drunk after the wedding, and who early in the morning had committed suicide by inhaling the exhaust fumes from her car in the garage.

"I wish I'd gone to see her at 3:30 a.m.," he said.

Another man regrets the day he didn't take the time to stop and talk to an old friend of his. The next time he saw him he was dead. Now, of course, we can't live in fear that all our friends will be in caskets the next time we see them. But we can be more sensitive to the clues. We can imitate our Lord Himself Who always responded to the needs of the individual. His disciples would cry: "Lord, send that woman away...she's crying after us." But the Lord stopped and took the time and listened.

Thank you for giving of your time to patiently meet the needs of others.

Pastor Kohnke

Ladies Tuesday Bible study **not** be held in March! Plans are to meet in April!! 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) Last two lessons in March!

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) States March 15th!

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.

Camp Luther
Victory Summer 2021

We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us Romans 8:37



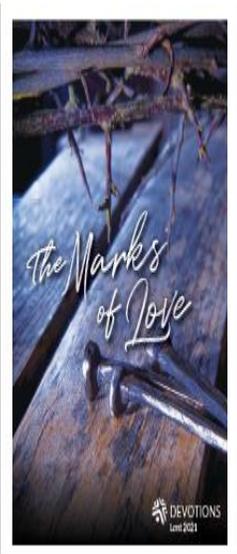
You're invited to join us at summer camp! Camp Luther offers unique programs where people of all ages can grow through Christ-centered community and activities. We are passionate about sharing Jesus and his love with others! Camp programs build relationships through experiential learning in a safe environment. Find the best way for your family to connect with camp and join us this summer. Our 2021 theme is "Victory!" Through Christ, we are all victorious. He has defeated sin, death, and the power of the devil. Although we still live in a broken world, we have hope. We know that we belong to Christ and his death and resurrection have redeemed us. Nothing can separate us from God's love. In Him, we are victorious! We share in His victory!

Our Mission Dollars at Work

Our \$500 Mission Dollars for March goes to support Lutheran Hour Ministries <https://www.lhm.org/>



Daily Devotions from LHM will help strengthen and encourage your faith as you do the same for others. Have them [delivered right to your inbox](#), [podcast the audio devotional](#), access them on your mobile device through the [FREE app](#), or listen with [Spotify](#), [iHeart Radio](#), [Alexa](#), or [Google Home](#). Seasonal Devotions for [Advent](#) and [Lent](#) are also available in both English and Spanish. Perfect for personal reflection or to share with family, friends and congregations, these seasonal meditations will help prepare you to celebrate the true meaning of these seasons.



Lenten Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries

Following the narrative of Mark's Gospel, *The Marks of Love* explores the life and ministry of Jesus. The tragedy of Golgotha is met with the triumph of the resurrection on Easter morning. Along the way, we learn of Jesus' deep compassion for those He loved and served, including those who put Him to death.

No story in human history is like the narrative of Jesus' Passion. In it we see God in the flesh, coming to seek and to save the lost. In *The Marks of Love*, we meet a Savior who endured life's hardships, suffered our pain, and bore the weight of our sins. Each left its mark on Him as He pressed on to the cross, giving His life for ours, appeasing God's wrath against sin, and rising victorious over sin, death, and the devil.

Mary & Martha League: Will meet in person!! See Below:

The Mary and Martha League would like to thank the congregation for their support of the Bennet Food Pantry. So far this year, you have donated 223 food items, 20 health items, 4 clothing items and \$85.00 in cash.



Isaiah 58:10 - If you give some of your own food to those who are hungry and to satisfy those who are humble, then your light will rise in the dark, and your darkness will become as bright as the noonday sun.

Proverbs 22:9 - He who is generous will be blessed, For he gives some of his food to the poor.

News Flash: We are going to begin meeting at the church again starting March 18th at 1:30. We will still wear our masks until everyone is seated and sit 6 feet apart. If you wish to join us, we'd love to have you come.

CIRCUIT VISITOR APPOINTMENT: The Rev. Matthew Tassej resigned the position of circuit visitor of the Lincoln North Circuit due to his acceptance of a new call in Oklahoma. Therefore, I have appointed Rev. Jeff Scheich to be circuit visitor effective immediately, for the balance of the present term which ends at our convention in June of 2021, or June of 2022, should the decision be made to delay our Nebraska District Convention for another year. He serves also as circuit visitor for the congregations of the Lincoln North Circuit. Rev. Richard Snow, President Nebraska District LCMS



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

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

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

2021 Parades

It looks like some parades are in the planning stages for 2021. According to social media Eagle, NE will have a parade on Saturday, June 26th. No other details are provided.



If you learn that Palmyra Old Settlers, Bennet 4th of July will hold parades in 2021 please let Pastor Kohnke know.

March Birthdays

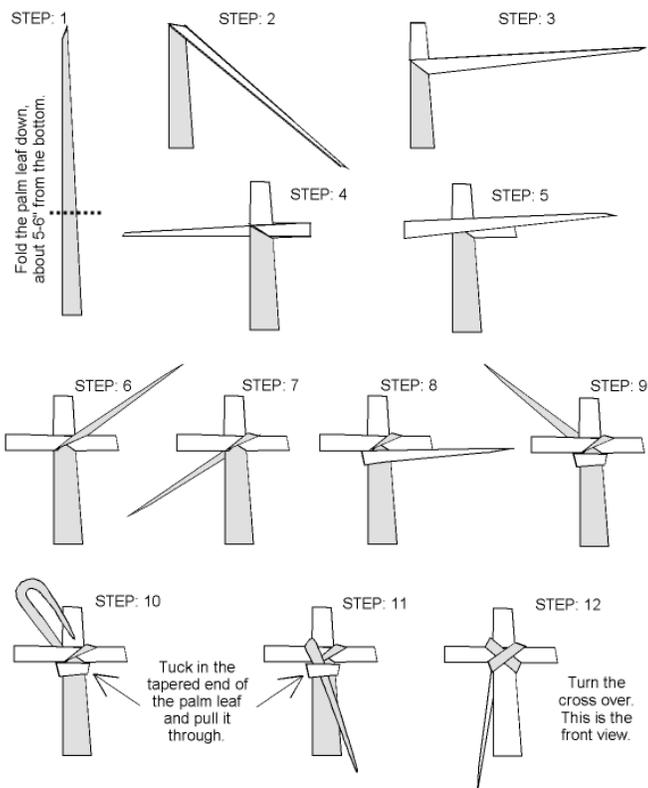
3/6 – Grace Kohnke, Julie Maahs
 3/7 - Diane Lemke
 3/10 - Ryan Plager
 3/10 - Terry Klopfenstein
 3/14 - Chelley Peterson
 3/17 - Gary Finke
 3/22 - Roseanne McClarnon
 3/23 - Deb Rocker
 3/25 - Sandy Siefert
 3/26 - Bob Bremer
 3/31 - Kim May, Marie Lantz



Anniversary
 3/24/84 - Steve & Lori Cartagena

Palm Leaf Cross Directions

Supplies: One palm leaf strip about 24-26" in length, 1/2" in width, tapering to the end.



Update on the new sound system:
 Problems with distributor contracts and communication has been the delay in obtaining all the pieces. However, **NOW** the log jam has been cleared! A new distributor has been found and the last item has been ordered!
 Work will begin very soon!

Sunday Circle: *We are still not going to meet in person in March. We want to wait until more of us can be vaccinated. We have started on the Book Bags for Bennet School but we still are in need of denim jeans for this project. Please give any used, torn, or worn jeans to Shirley Holtzen. Thank you!*

Dinner Out: Still on hold....

Alberts Joke of the month!

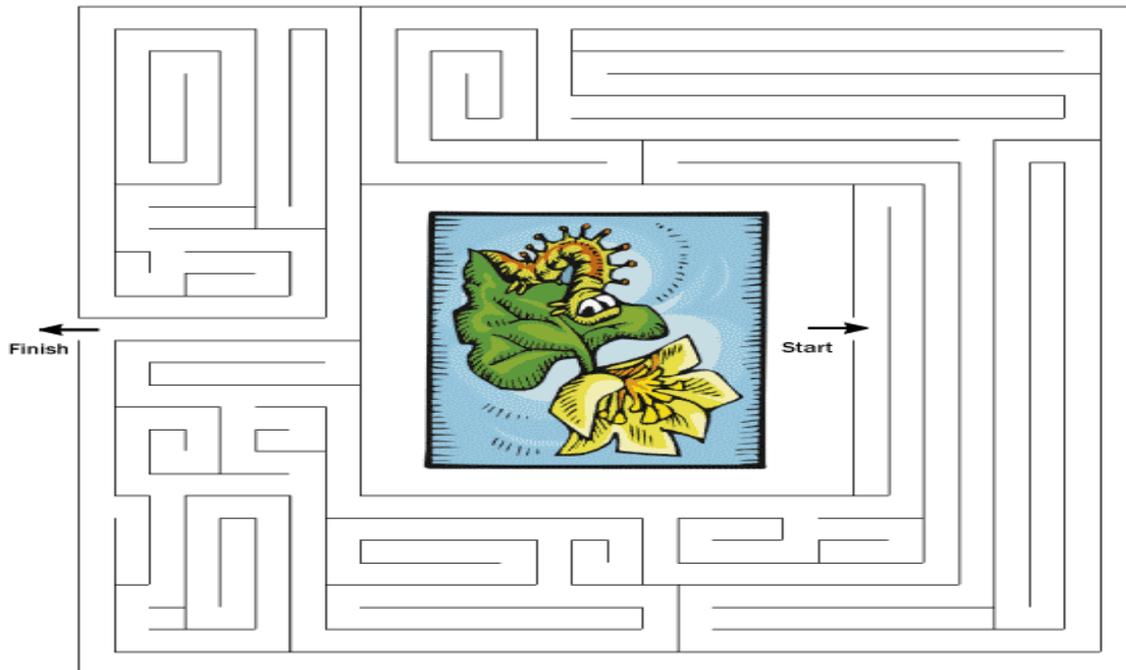
From your Secretary!

Finnegan drunk as usual walks into the church confessional. The priest waits and waits for Finnegan to say something. Finally the priest pounds on the wall of the confessional box.

"Ain't no use in knocking," Finnegan yells back!
"There's no paper on this side either!"



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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| | 1 Zoom Bible Study: The Intersection of Church and State 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. | 2 | 3 7 pm Lenten service | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 9 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10 am Divine Service | 8 NE District Pastor Conference Zoom Bible Study: The Intersection of Church and State 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. | 9 NE District Pastor Conference | 10 7 pm Lenten service | 11 | 12 | 13 Elder's Meeting 7:30am Spring Ahead! |
| 14 9 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10 am Divine Service Daylight Savings Time | 15 Zoom Bible Study: 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. We the People: Citizens of Two Kingdoms | 16 | 17 7 pm Lenten service St. Patrick's Day | 18 Mary & Martha League via Text Messages | 19 Newsletter Deadline | 20 First day of Spring |
| 21 9 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10 am Divine Service Food Pantry Sunday | 12 Zoom Bible Study: 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. We the People: Citizens of Two Kingdoms | 23 | 24 7 pm Lenten service | 25 Newsletter Print Date | 26 | 27 |
| 28 9 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 10 am Divine Service Mite Box Sunday Palm Sunday | 29 Zoom Bible Study: 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. We the People: Citizens of Two Kingdoms | 30 | 31 | April 1 Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m. Communion Service | April 2 Good Friday 7:00 p.m. Service | April 3 |

Those serving in March, 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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