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PASTOR'S COLUMN

"Joy:fully Lutheran!"

So, if you get any mailings from the "home office" of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, you will have noticed that this is the current slogan/campaign motto that gets used everywhere. As most of you know, I don't really like signing on to campaigns, and I think slogans often obscure as much as they illuminate.

However, as I write, it is National Lutheran Schools Week, and over at Concordia they are using devotions this week built around this slogan, and based off the verse from 1 Thessalonians that reads: *16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 19 Do not quench the Spirit. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-19).*

The slogan from the home office seeks to point to two things – first, that there is joy in being fully Lutheran; and second, that we should be joyful as Lutheran Christians. I'll get to what this has to do with Lutheran Schools in a moment.

So, why "fully Lutheran?" Well, not because of denominational bigotry. In its best form, the Lutheran Church has never seen itself as anything other than a robust expression of a well-formed faith in Jesus. We take no pride in Luther or "Lutheranism" as such – we simply rejoice in Christ and His gifts which, hopefully, we find abundantly in the traditions and teachings of the Lutheran Church. To be "fully" Lutheran doesn't have to do with whether you memorized the Small Catechism (but that can help….), whether you can read German, or how many 16th century hymns you know. It does have to do with knowing Christ and His gifts that come to us in the Word and Sacraments, in knowing that we are right with God because of Jesus' life, death and resurrection, that we are made new in the image of Christ, given the Holy Spirit, and sent as light into the world. "Fully Lutheran" means worship, and living in your calling as a servant of God and others. "Fully Lutheran" means knowing that you are an heir of eternity now, and living in that hope. And, I dare say, there is joy in all that.

And what about being "joyfully" Lutheran? As some of you know, Lutherans have sometimes gotten the reputation of being the "frozen chosen." Because of some of the cultural habits their German and Scandinavian ancestors brought with them to the United States, Lutherans were seen as "cold," "dour," "strict," and generally not very fun at parties. Compared with the exuberance that "charismatic" Christians show, Lutheranism seemed sometimes more of a punishment than a gift, and Lutherans often acted as if their faith was a burden more than a blessing. Well, that's all quite wrong, right? Joy is the calm certainty that all will be well – and if ever there were a people given to be joyful, it ought to be Lutheran Christians. Indeed, Luther once quipped that a person who really believed the Gospel should sing and dance her or his way through life – since nothing could rob her or him

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of salvation in Christ. Yes, our liturgy is fairly set, some of our hymns are long, or in a minor key, or both – but that doesn't change the joy we have in Christ. When worship and the faith are received as God's gifts to build us up in hope and love, and not viewed as our "duty" that must be rendered to God lest we face His anger, then joy has room to grow. And we can be "joyfully" Lutheran as well.

Okay – so, what does all this have to do with Lutheran Schools? Simply that it is a joy to offer them to our communities, and a joy to be able to receive the blessings they bring to us. Some of you have heard me tout this figure in other settings, but it remains true: about half of Mt. Calvary's active membership is families with students at Concordia. So, just think of what congregational life would be like if we didn't have the blessing of the school. But, more than that, Concordia, as a Lutheran School, does what no other schools in the area can: it reinforces a Gospel-centered grasp of Christ and His gifts that leads to joy and faithful service of the neighbor. One of the things that was part of the initial Lutheran Reformation was an emphasis on education – as the Reformers realized that the Church and society needed educated and faithful people to carry out the various callings God established in the home, the church, and civic realm. In fact, in his "Preface" to the Small Catechism, Luther wrote this to the pastors: *Especially should you [pastors] here urge magistrates and parents to rule well and to send their children to school, showing them why it is their duty to do this, and what a damnable sin they are committing if they do not do it. For by such neglect they overthrow and destroy both the kingdom of God and that of the world, acting as the worst enemies both of God and of men. And make it very plain to them what an awful harm they are doing if they will not help to train children to be pastors, preachers, clerks (also for other offices, with which we cannot dispense in this life), etc., and that God will punish them terribly for it. For such preaching is needed. (Verily, I do not know of any other topic that deserves to be treated as much as this.)*

Any school can teach the basics of reading, writing, arithmetic. Many schools seek to do "character" education as well. And we are blessed to know that public school teachers are gifted, diligent, and are able to do much good that churches are not always able to (especially with students who have extra challenges developmentally). That said, that we are able to help support a school where the students pray, study God's Word, and have the Gospel woven into the whole of their day, along with being given the opportunity to grow academically, means that we are able to send young men and women out into the world who will have the skills to serve, and hearts that are shaped by and for love in Christ. That's no small thing – for the world needs this.

So, as we give thanks for Lutheran Schools, their staff, their faculty, and all the volunteers who support them in so many ways, let us also pray that our schools prosper in the work they are given to do. May they be a blessing for generations to come – as we all seek to be "Joy:fully Lutheran."

In Christ,

PRIVATE CONFESSION

Pastor Long will be available by appointment and **between 1 and 2 pm on the Saturdays before services of Holy Communion for private confession.** Come in through the front door and find him in his office or the sanctuary.

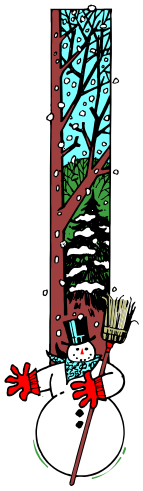
Confessions are sealed by a vow of absolute confidentiality, and all ministers of the Gospel in the Lutheran Church are sworn to suffer harm rather than ever reveal anything brought to them in private confession.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 Matt Morrow
5. Delcie Lane
Jenna Taseff
7. Jason Benne
8. Tess Ruskusky
10. Jarrett Khattar
Andrea Shanks
11. Richard Coltrin
Alexander Kroenke
12. Larry Traub
Harriet Caughey
13. Thomas Eaton
14. Daniel Keehner
15. Maggie Cornelius
Brianna Laredo
17. Kenyon Gillespie
James Henderson
18. Gordon Hoffman
Carey Moore
19. Kent Watkins
Scott Grinslade,
20. Emery Halverson
21. Destinee Miller
23. Brandon Bell-Lampton
Darian Wilson
24. Michael Leon
Ryder Norman
26. Tyler Crosiar

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

1 Gordon & Esther Hoffman
9 Dave & Jenny Hamilton



Worship Notes

LESSONS FOR THE SUNDAYS IN FEBRUARY

February 2nd — Presentation of Our Lord
Psalm 84; 1 Samuel 1:21-28;
Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

February 9th — 5th Sunday after Epiphany
Psalm 112:1-9; Isaiah 58:3-9a;
1 Corinthians 2:1-16; Matthew 5:13-20

February 16th — 6th Sunday after Epiphany
Psalm 119:1-8; Deuteronomy 30:15-20;
1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

February 23rd — Transfiguration of Our Lord
Psalm 2:6-12; Exodus 24:8-18;
2 Peter 1:16-20; Matthew 17:1-9

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26th. We will hold services at 11:15 am and 6:30 pm. Both services will include the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. There will be no meals with this service because of somber tone of the day. Because Pastor burns the palm branches from last Palm Sunday, if you have any in your home that you wish to have used please bring them to church before Tuesday, February 25th.

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USHERS

8:00 Paul Kroenke
10:45 Dale Brinkmann

ELDERS

February 2
8:00 a Jim Henderson
10:45 a Tom Brosowske

February 9
8:00 a Daniel Keehner
10:45 a Phil King

February 16
8:00 a Jim Henderson
10:45 a Tom Brosowske

February 23
8:00 a Daniel Keehner
10:45 a Phil King

ALTAR FLOWERS

February 2
The Ruskusky Family

February 9
Eileen Benne

February 16
Ray & Linda Khattar

February 23
Rob Cairncross

COUNTERS

Pam Lehmann & Nick Brusick

GREETERS

February 2
8:00 a Robert Bloom
10:45 a Julie Eaton

February 9
8:00 a
10:45 a Jarrod Horman

February 16
8:00 a Carrie Kroenke
10:45 a Dale & Vonnie Brinkmann

February 23
8:00 a LaVelle Borders
10:45 a Phil King

✝ Prayer List ✝

Prayer Notes: Folks have asked from time to time "who all are we praying for?" Here's a partial list with reference to their relation to the congregation. **If you know of anyone who needs to be added, or who can be removed, please let Pr. Long or Judy know. Help us keep the list manageable!**

- Jacob Achterberg – grandson to Ron, nephew to Linda Khattar
- Elwin & Phyllis Basquin – parents to Luann Claudin
- Mary Bonesteel – friend to Long family
- Ethan Saunders – grandson to Roger and Carole Hoffman
- Gail and Jonathan von Holten – friends of Jessica Horman
- Sharon Wenger – daughter to Sally Taylor
- Cathy Hafley – daughter to Sally Taylor
- Sandy Kissner – relative to Connie Kissner & family
- Joel Hoffmann – son to Cheris Hoffmann
- Pr. Hoech & family (Ivy, Noah and Kayla) – our "TIM" partners
- Gary Smith – brother-in-law to Rick Laredo
- Shirley Poole – mother to Luann Cooper
- Lloyd Burdett – step-father to Rick Laredo
- Gordon Adams – Lynn Laredo's father
- Dave Maxwell – husband to Tina
- Joan Waldron – member
- Pr. Glenn Niemann – former associate at St. John's, Pekin
- Rick Laredo – member
- Jonathan Stutz – grandson to Donna
- Mark Stutz – son to Donna
- Maureen Leuba – Concordia parent
- Roy Lewis – grandfather to Jenny Hamilton
- Sandy Jolliff – daughter of Phyllis Knebel
- Christiane Ramahi – member
- Ann Jungck – member
- Gayle Smick – grandmother to Jenny Hamilton
- Debbie Pfeiffer – relative of Dave Hamilton
- Ruth Leibel – friend to Mark Manthey
- Yasmin Ramahi – daughter to Christiane
- Phyllis Larson – sister to Marilyn Miller
- Kathy Gruben – sister to Jan Heien
- Gloria Carter – friend of Nancy Meyer
- Eric Puterbaugh – friend of a member
- Patty Reck – sister-in-law to Carole Hoffman
- Michael Teeter – friend to Long Family
- Dale Warren –
- Dianne & Wally – aunt & uncle to Jenny Hamilton
- Steve & Gerry – family of Jenny Hamilton
- Ward & Cathy Lenz – sister and brother-in-law to Paula Horst
- Esther Hoffman – member
- Shannon Wilson – friend of Maxwell family
- Rudy Brewer – father to Genie Frank
- Alex Zook – military, grandson of Barb Zook
- Faith Zook – granddaughter of Barb Zook
- Jenna Zook – military, granddaughter of Barb Zook
- Joshua Zook – military, grandson to Barb Zook
- Derrick Foote – military, husband to Wendy (nee Crook)
- Gabby Smit – friend to LaVelle Borders
- Josh Crosiar – member
- Anne Maske - member
- Steve Brinkmann – son to Dale & Vonnie
- Braylynn Davis – friend to Brill family
- Steve Brown – family to Josh and Michelle Joseph
- Gordon Dupres – family to the Tagges
- Shane Cremeens – brother to Brande Ruskusky
- Jan Kiesgen – friend to many
- Lil Mulvaney – friend to Pauli family
- Bill Hoffmann – son to Cheris Hoffmann
- Ginny Preston – friend to LaVelle Borders
- Clara Riddick – friend to Brill family
- Jackie Brandt and Family – friends to Brill family
- Neil Barnhart – friend to Long family
- Miracle Peyton – daughter to Katie, granddaughter to Deb Wilson
- Max Wessler – father to Peter Wessler
- Pam Barr – member
- Megan Primmer – cousin to Ginger Abel

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- Adrianna – grand-daughter to Deb Wilson
- Karen Stabler – mother to Tracie Johnson (visitor)
- Pr. John Senter – retired pastor, friend of member
- Sally Taylor – member
- Harold Brosowske – father of Tom Brosowske
- Kenneth Garner – acquaintance of Jan Pacey (Phyllis Knebel's daughter)
- Sally Leon – mother to Joe Leon (husband to Susie)
- Jim & Lorrie Kaspar – members
- Penny Voss – member
- Dale Brinkmann – member
- Richard Coltrin – member
- Constance Danage – former cleaning person for the congregation
- Bob Wilson – former member
- Rod Pauli – member, son to Harold & Carolyn
- Karen Warren – Carol Wessler's mother
- Jameson Winslow – extended family to the Brosowskes
- Gary Ruckle – member
- Gloria Teeter – friend to Long Family
- Carl Matson – father to Glenn Matson
- Laurel Alexander – friend to Long Family
- Richard Voss – husband to Penny
- Lorie Livingston – wife to Ty
- Mark Buettner – associate of Carol Wessler
- Earl & Alice Johnston – members
- Janessa Lampton – wife to Ben Lampton
- Tamesha Gates – friend to Szold family
- Sandra Boyer – daughter of food pantry contributor
- Mark Leon – brother-in-law to Sue Leon
- Lois Lohrmann – aunt to Phil King
- Shirley King – mother to Phil King
- Kathy Caughey – mother to Patty & Harriet Caughey
- Mark Blakeney – uncle to Tina Maxwell
- Paul Meyer – son to Nancy
- Greylin Gibbs – student
- Rebecca Sierra – friend to Linda Khattar
- Valerie Conner – Lorrie Kaspar's sister
- Laurie Zerbonia – former member
- Virginia Tackmann – mother of Michele Keehner
- Kris Taylor – Josh Joseph's aunt
- Ron Millard – friend of the congregation
- Delcie Lane – member
- Mark Manthey – member
- Colin Barr – member
- Bob Burdin – neighbor to Patty Caughey
- Tom Ruppert – retired Concordia teacher
- Sherry Emberton – Vonnie Brinkmann's sister
- Earl Boyett – grandfather of Nick Brusick
- Sharon Rumbold – member at Bethel, Morton, occasional organist for us
- Dan Fiasco – father of Michael Marshall
- Brian Kelly – uncle to Josh Joseph
- Luann and Shelby Cooper – members
- Victoria Buschard – family of Michael Marshall
- Abbie Matson – member
- Ms. Ellen Rytter – teacher at Concordia
- 'Bekah Long – member
- Mark Dickman – co-worker, Chris Brusick
- Mike Rotramel – Concordia graduate
- Bronwyn Mirretti – member
- Rob Powell – Tina Maxwell's father
- Debbie Heinz – family to Barb Zook
- Cindy Salazar – current cleaning person
- Cheryl – friend to Linda Khattar
- Jenny & Olivia Bradley – family to Lynn Laredo
- Theo Norman – member, child of Cole and Brooke
- Helga Honig – sister-in-law to Judy Honig
- Pat Goetz - member
- Dave Hamilton – member
- Earl Johnston - member
- Harriet Nora – member
- Joe True – friend to Long family
- Beth Mirretti – grand-daughter to Gary & Kim Beenders
- Jonathan Schmidt — nephew to Judy Honig

FROM WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY

Help Us Gather Items for Our Valentine Packages for Our College Youth and Military – During our February meeting on **Monday, February 3rd**, Women of Mt. Calvary will be packing boxes for our young people who are in college or serving in the military. In this endeavor we need your help: 1) Please get the names of your college youth to Dawn Henderson (691-5547); and 2) Consider contributing candy, microwave popcorn, individually wrapped snacks, tissue packages, pencils, pens, hotel samples (no bar soap, please), or anything a young person away from home might need. Your items can be placed on the kitchen counter, but please mark them for Women of Mt. Calvary College Student Project.

FROM LUTHERAN WOMEN OF GREATER PEORIA

LHV Cookie Walk

The 2019 annual Cookie Walk was a sweet success! With generous donations of goodies from area Lutheran congregations, LWGP was able to raise close to $2,000 for the Benevolent Fund! Our goal on Dec 13th was two grand and we did it!

We appreciate the assistance and support that we receive from the staff at LHV and our faithful customers. With the help of many volunteers from area churches, we were able to open ahead of schedule. Beginning at 7:45 am, we had a steady stream of eager shoppers. Our best estimate is 140-160 customers during our three hour time frame.

The items that didn't sell were packed up and transported to Christ Lutheran Church for their own Cookie Walk the following morning.

LWGP thanks everyone that was somehow involved!

Submitted by Lisa Mack, coordinator

LWGP Gathering — Join us on Valentine's Day.

We will be meeting at Trinity, 135 NE Randolph, Peoria, from 9-11am. Breakfast foods and coffee will be served. Special musical entertainment as we welcome Pastor John's Orpheus Group. Come and offer your support by being in the audience! RSVP to Lisa Mack, call or text (309) 360-2669 by Feb 12. All ladies are welcome! *Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Romans 12:10*

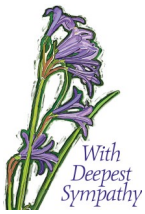
Beauty and the Beast

The Epiphany Society of St. John Lutheran Church - Sand Prairie invites you to join us on Wed, June 10th, for a one day trip to Circa 21 Theater in Rock Island to see "*Beauty and the Beast*". Total cost is $99 per person which includes lunch, your ticket and transportation. Payable to Peoria Charter (Checks should go to Barb Nichols, 6901 N. Galena Road, Apartment 222, Peoria, IL 61614) Reservations are being taken on a first come, first serve basis. Payment is due in full no later than April 15th. Please contact Barb Nichols at (309) 689-2301 with any questions. Thank you!!

A NEW PODCAST FOR LUTHERAN WOMEN

Lutheran Ladies: Are you searching for a Lutheran podcast that really catches your ear? An audio retreat full of inviting conversations, laughter, and fellowship with your Lutheran sisters? Look no further! Join Sarah Gulseth, Erin Alter, Rachel Bomberger, and Bri Gerzevske on the sofa in The Lutheran Ladies' Lounge. It's a podcast oasis for you, dear sisters — so come on in, sit, rest your feet, and stay a while. Podcast episodes are available at kfuo.org/lutheranladieslounge and wherever you get your podcasts. For bonus content from the show and a chance to help shape future on-air conversations—and enjoy friendly fellowship with other Lutheran ladies—join The Lutheran Ladies' Lounge Facebook discussion group: facebook.com/groups/LutheranLadiesLounge.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY



Please keep in your prayers the family and friends of:

- William Gusewelle, brother to Mary Ann Auer, who was called to his eternal rest on Monday, January 6, 2020, and given Christian burial on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Prairietown, IL.
- Gloria Moore, mother of Keith Moore, who was called to her eternal rest on Tuesday, January 7, 2020, and given Christian burial on Saturday, January 11, 2020 in Washington, IL.
- Dorothy Schaer, cousin to Harold and Richard Pauli, who was called to her eternal rest on Saturday, January 25, 2020, and given Christian burial on Thursday, January 30, 2020.
- Kristine Taylor, aunt to Josh Joseph, who was called to her eternal rest on Monday, January 27, 2020, and given Christian burial on Friday, January 31, 2020.

May their families find comfort, peace, and hope in the Christ Child, Whose birthday we celebrate.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Marissa Manor and Andrew Kroenke, who will be united in marriage on Saturday, February 8, 2020 in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. We wish them God's richest blessings as they begin their life together in Him.

WEATHER RELATED CLOSING

Should the weather dictate that services and/or other activities must be cancelled, watch the local TV stations, check their web sites, and your e-mail (if the office has your address).

FROM FOOD PANTRY

Thank you, Mt. Calvary, for your 2019 donation of 997½ pounds of food to your food pantry. Non-food items and cash were also donated. Thank you, Lord, for this generous family of Yours.

LaVelle Borders

LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

"But the value of children as treasured human beings demonstrated in the ministry of Jesus reflects a God who cherishes the least, the last, and the most vulnerable … As the Christmas season gives way to Epiphany, Christians around the world are invited to worship the Child Jesus Who was worshipped by kings. And all are invited to wonder and consider the mystery of a faith that proclaims the weakness of God and the foolishness of God to be strength and wisdom. The one who said, 'Suffer the little children and do not hinder them from coming to me' is the God revealed in a Child." *Margaret Manning Shull, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

"The key to a Christian family living out His love—the mutual love we can only know because God first loved us—is Jesus. In the Christian household where friends, extended family members, and neighbors come together, we love one another and forgive one another. We do this because God loves and forgives us through the life, death, and resurrection of His beloved Son Jesus." *Ron Schlegel, The Lutheran Laymen – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

News from Concordia

Annual Non-Discrimination Notice

"Concordia Lutheran School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs."

"Are You Smarter Than A 5th Grader?"

Do you remember playing the game Trivial Pursuit? Come test your knowledge and support the Concordia Music Department at their annual Trivia Night! This fundraiser event will help raise money for the May 2020 trip to Washington D.C. The trivia night will be **this Saturday, February 8th at** Redeemer Lutheran Church [6801 North Allen Road, Peoria] from 7:00-10:00 pm. Cost to play is $15 per person with a maximum of 8 players per table. Online registration for your table of 8 can be done by going to www.shorturl.at/bcqsU or by calling the school office at 309-691-8921. Free popcorn, soda, and babysitting will be provided. Bring your own food to share with your table but no alcohol please. Silent auction baskets will be available as well.

Save the Date

Pint Size Hero Blood Drive at Concordia's Commons on **Thursday, Feb. 13 from 2:00-6:00.** There will be lots of great snacks for our donors and a "Culver's Give a Pint Get a Pint" coupon also. Call CLS 309.691.8921 to make an appointment or make one online.

Service Opportunity at Concordia Lutheran School:

Faculty changes for the 2020-2021 school year: Mrs. Mantick has announced that after 35 years of teaching, she will be retiring at the close of the 2019-2020 school year. With this Mrs. Manahan, currently serving as our 4th grade teacher, will be transitioning to Kindergarten leaving Concordia with an opening for a 4th grade teacher.

Classroom Teacher: Concordia Lutheran School is seeking candidates for a fulltime, self-contained classroom teacher to serve in the 4th grade classroom.

Qualifications: Classroom teacher candidates must have, at a minimum, a Bachelor's Degree in education, have a current teaching license (Illinois licenses preferred). Priority consideration will be given to candidates that are synodically trained, members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Expectations include classroom instruction, participation in professional development opportunities, curriculum development, and various supervision duties. All employees are to be in agreement with the Statement of Belief for the Lutheran Central School Association of Peoria IL and live in a manner that exemplifies the Concordia Lutheran School Christian Code of Conduct.

Please direct resumes and questions to Mr. Paul Thompson, Concordia Lutheran School 2000 W Glen Ave. Peoria IL 61614

Email: pthompson@concordiapeoria.com

Phone: 309-691-8921

SUNDAY:
YOUTH:

Sunday School:
Age 3 through Grade 8 **meet downstairs.**
During February the children will be learning about some of Jesus' miracles, how He taught us to pray, and His love for people who do not know Him.

ADULTS:
Adult Class:
Augsburg Confession: So, why does something written in 1530 matter to us today? Simply because it gives voice to the core beliefs of our Christian Faith. While Lutherans often get lumped in with "Protestants," when the cities and princes first defended their faith to the Emperor, they called themselves "Evangelical" (Gospel-oriented) to distinguish themselves from both Roman Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy. And as we read the Confessions, we'll discover that the Reformers weren't seeking to start a "new" church, but very much saw themselves calling all Christians back to a common heritage and confession drawn from Scripture and the Early Church. Join us Sunday mornings as we read together and discuss the meaning of this crucial document. **Meets in the Parish Hall at 9:30 am.**

WEDNESDAY
Men's Bible Study:
The Gospel according to St. Matthew: Join us as we read through Matthew's Gospel (the foundation for this year's Sunday Gospel readings). While there are arguments about how early it was written, the Church has always placed it at the front of the New Testament because of the emphasis on Jesus as the fulfillment of Old Testament prophesy. **We meet Wednesday mornings at the Bob Evans on Allen Rd for an hour or so starting at 6:30 am.**

Wednesday Evening Study Group:
Isaiah **– .** Perhaps the greatest of the "writing" prophets, Isaiah's voice continues to speak to us with promise about the future, redemption, and the work of Christ. Join us as we do a "quick" read of the prophet and discuss God's Word given to us through him. **Meets Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm.**

THURSDAY:
Afternoon Bible Study:
Joshua: -- After 40 years of wandering, it is finally time for the Israelites to enter the Promised Land. What are the challenges they face, and how did God sustain and encourage them? Find out as we read through the history of Israel moving into Canaan. **We meet Thursdays at 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall.**

Friendship squares

This tasty treat doubles as a game to play with a buddy.

What you need:

- Graham crackers
- Chocolate chips
- Microwave-safe bowl
- Zippered baggie
- Scissors
- Raspberries
- Blueberries

What you do:

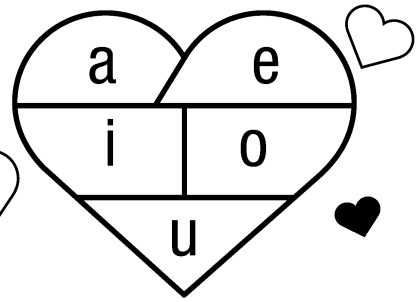
1. Gently break cracker sheets in half to form squares.
2. Heat chocolate chips in microwave for 30 seconds. Stir, then continue heating for 30 seconds at a time until melted.
3. Spoon melted chocolate into baggie and snip a small triangle from one bottom corner.
4. On each cracker, squeeze chocolate lines to form a Tic-Tac-Toe board. Let cool.
5. Using the fruit as X's and O's, play Tic-Tac-Toe with a friend. The winner gets to eat the treat!

PUZZLE

A friend in Jesus

In the Bible, Jesus shares what it means to be a true friend.

Directions: *Use the heart key to fill in the missing vowels from John 15:14, 17, NIV.*



"Y_ _ _r_ my fr_ _nds _f

y_ _ d_ wh_t _ c_mm_nd. . .

Th_s _s my c_mm_nd:

L_v_ _ _ch _th_r."

JOHN 15:14, 17, NIV

Answer: "You are my friends if you do what I command. . . . This is my command: Love each other." John 15:14, 17, NIV

Our Worship and Stewardship

	Church Attend.	Comm. Attend.	Bible Classes Youth	Adult	Sunday School	Tithes Offerings*
Sunday, January 5	101	82	n/a	37	7	$9,146.76
Monday, January 6	17	17	n/a	—	—	—
Thursday, January 9	23	17	n/a	—	—	—
Sunday, January 12	58	—	n/a	33	11	$3,428.00
Thursday, January 16	29	17	n/a	—	—	—
Sunday, January 19	88	60	n/a	33	9	$4,790.00
Thursday, January 23	22	14	n/a	—	—	—
Sunday, January 26	128	—	n/a	36	7	$3,819.00
*Offerings from mid-week services are counted with the following Sunday's Offerings.					Total:	$21,183.76

Mt. Calvary Personnel

In His Service

PASTOR:
Rev. Barry Long 243-2042

MINISTER OF MUSIC
Mr. Bruce Tagge 361-9821

SECRETARY
Mrs. Judy Honig 688-4321

CONCORDIA SCHOOL
Mr. Paul Thompson, Principal 691-8921

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS
Chairman.....Gerald Horst
ViceChairman.....David Heien
Secretary .....Judy Honig
Treasurer.....Carol Wessler
Finan. Secretary.....Susan Fink

MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS
Marcia Riddle, LaVelle Borders & Eileen Benne

WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY
Chairperson: Jessica Horman
Vice Pres: Susie Fink
Secretary: Marcia Riddle
Treasurer: Dawn Henderson

ALTAR GUILD
Co-Presidents: Abbie Matson & Linda Khattar
Treasurer: Marcia Riddle

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Pre-K — 1st Grade: Linda Crook, & Linda Khattar
2nd — 4th Grades: Samantha Dorsey Sherri Long
5th — 8th Grades: Tom Brosowske

CONCORDIA SCHOOL BOARD
LaVelle Borders & Michele Joseph

CONCORDIA FOUNDATION
Jim Kaspar, Carrie Kroenke & Eileen Benne

CONCORDIA TRUSTEES
Jarrod Horman

Boards of Mt. Calvary

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Carrie Kroenke, Paula Horst, & Samantha Dorsey

BOARD OF EVANGELISM
Conley Stutz, Jan Heien Julie Eaton

BOARD OF YOUTH
Michele Keehner, Brande Ruskusky & Brooke Barr

BOARD OF LONG RANGE PLANNING
Dormant

BOARD OF PROPERTY
Daryl Claudin, Lisa Cornelius, Josh Crosiar, Larry Frank, Josh Joseph, Jarrod Horman, Vicky Brosowske

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP
Theresa Johnston, & Jim Kaspar

BOARD OF ELDERS
(families under each Elder's care)
Achterberg -Browning Tom Brosowske
Carver — Grinslade Phil King
Halverson — Kroenke Jim Henderson
Lampton — Myers Daniel Keehner
Netters — Ruskusky Gary Beenders
Samp — Zook Paul Kroenke

FOOD PANTRY
LaVelle Borders

January 2020						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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february

March 2020						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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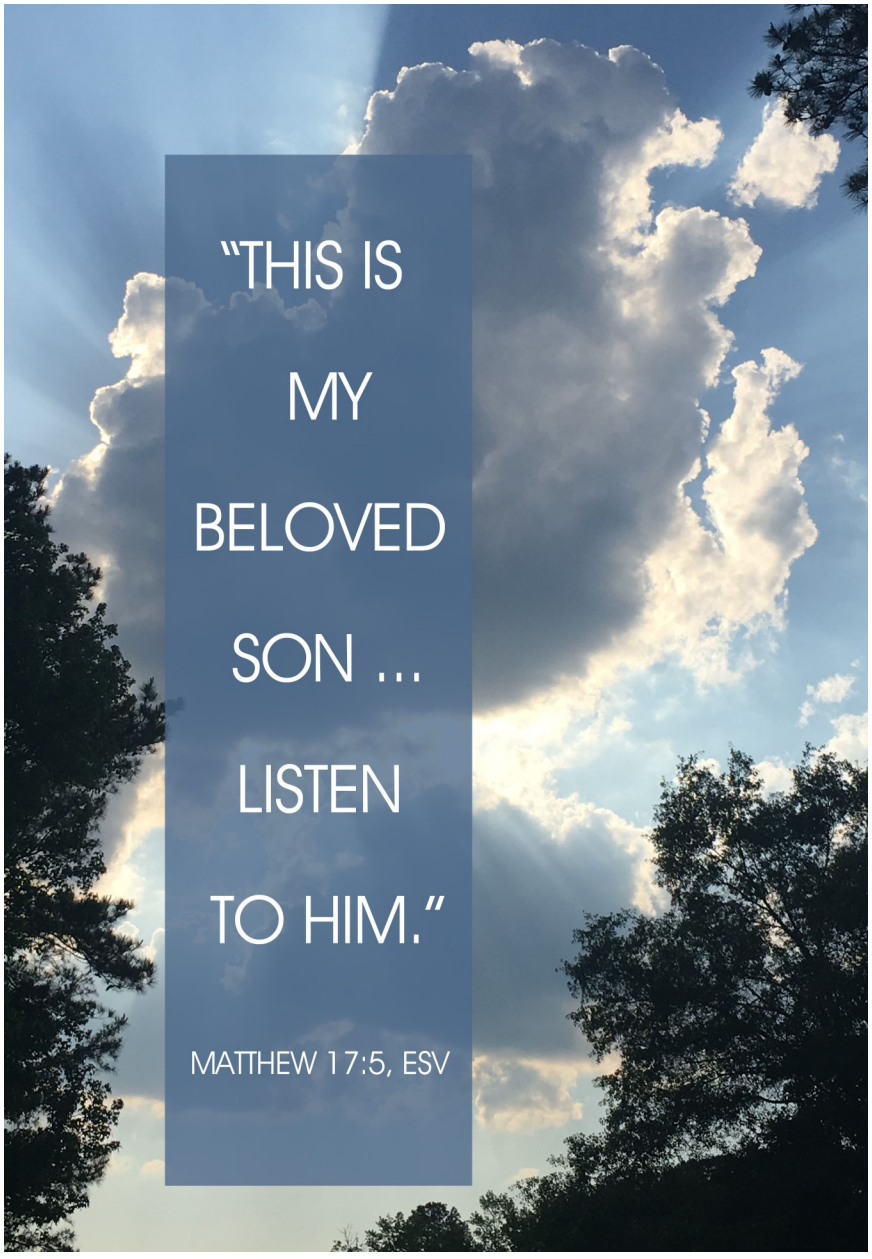
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 1-2:00 p Private Confession
2 *The Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord* 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Fellowship Coffee 9:30 a Sunday School/Bible Class 10:45 a Divine Service 1:30 p Youth Confirmation	**3** 6:30 p Women of Mt. Calvary	**4** 9-11 a Food Pantry 4:00 p Youth Confirmation 6:30 p Board Meetings 7:30 p Administrative Council	**5** 6:30 a Men's Bible Study 6:30 p Wednesday Study Group	**6** 10:00 a Crafts & Conversation 1:00 p Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service 6:45 p Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:45 p Adult Choir Rehearsal	**7** 5:30 p Senior Club Potluck	**8** Manor/Kroenke Wedding in Ft. Wayne, Indiana
9 *5th Sunday after Epiphany* 8:00 a Worship 9:15 a Fellowship Coffee 9:15 a Anchormen Rehearsal 9:30 a Sunday School/Bible Class 10:45 a Worship 12:00 p Worship & Music Committee	**10**	**11** 11:00 a Pastor at Circuit Conf. 4:00 p Youth Confirmation	**12** 6:30 a Men's Bible Study 6:30 p Wednesday Study Group	**13** 10:00 a Crafts & Conversation 1:00 p Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service 6:45 p Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p Neighborhood Watch 7:45 p Adult Choir Rehearsal	**14** Valentine's Day	**15** 1-2:00 p Private Confession
16 *6th Sunday after Epiphany* 8:00 a Divine Service 9:15 a Fellowship Coffee 9:30 a Sunday School/Bible Class 10:45 a Divine Service 1:30 p Youth Confirmation	**17** Presidents Day	**18** 4:00 p Youth Confirmation 5:30 p Board of Elders	**19** 6:30 a Men's Bible Study 6:30 p Wednesday Study Group	**20** 10:00 a Crafts & Conversation 1:00 p Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service 6:45 p Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:45 p Adult Choir Rehearsal	**21**	**22** 12:00 p Parish Hall Reserved by Samantha Dorsey
23 *Transfiguration of Our Lord* 8:00 a Worship 9:15 a Fellowship Coffee 9:15 a Anchormen Rehearsal 9:30 a Sunday School/Bible Class 10:45 a Worship 1:30 p Youth Confirmation	**24** *St. Matthias, Apostle* 6:30 p Lutherans for Life meets at Bethel Morton	**25** 4:00 p Youth Confirmation	**26** *Ash Wednesday* 6:30 a Men's Bible Study 4:45 p Executive Committee 11:15 a Divine Service 6:30 p Divine Service	**27** 10:00 a Crafts & Conversation 1:00 p Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service 6:45 p Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:45 p Adult Choir Rehearsal	**28**	**29** 1-2:00 p Private Confession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MY
BELOVED
SON ...
LISTEN
TO HIM."
MATTHEW 17:5, ESV