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Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 am on Sunday, March 8th. Be sure you set your clocks ahead before you go to bed on Saturday night.

Pastor's Column

¹ You will say in that day:

"I will give thanks to you, O Lord,
for though You were angry with me,
Your anger turned away,
that You might comfort me.

² "Behold, God is my salvation;

I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the Lord God is my strength and my song,
and He has become my salvation."

³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

⁴ And you will say in that day:

"Give thanks to the Lord,
call upon His name,
make known His deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that His name is exalted.

⁵ "Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.

⁶ Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

Isaiah, Chapter 12 (English Standard Version)

So, as most of you know, I've gotten out of the habit of writing these columns - largely because I haven't felt that I had all that much that was worth writing. However, I had a request to get back to work, and so here you are.

Isaiah 12 is a passage that I often share in visits of various sorts, and it is a powerful reminder of God's grace toward us. But what is really exciting is what it calls us to do (actually, commands) in response to the love and mercy of our God. But let's start with the foundation.

This a song of thanksgiving. And what's the occasion? Isaiah has received God's mercy. God's anger is turned away, and now He is seen as the source of salvation - our strength and our song. We don't know the exact situation Isaiah experienced - but we do know in our own lives when we have provoked the Lord's just anger. As the psalmist notes: if God should regard our iniquities, none of us would be able to stand before Him. There would be only judgment and condemnation. And, when we are aware of our guilt, we fear that God will withdraw His grace. That's what we deserve. And then everything that goes wrong, big or small, seems like it is God's anger being visited upon us.

Until.... Until we are again told of the forgiveness we have in Christ. In Him, God's anger is turned away. He gives us strength. He inspires our hymns of praise. He is our

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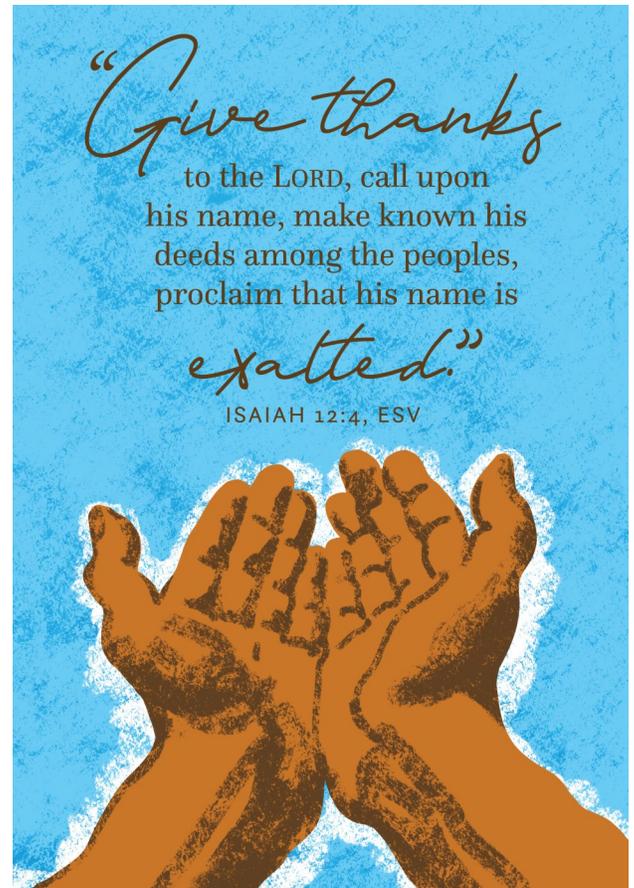
salvation. And for that reason, we can draw water from the wells of salvation. The Hebrew for verse 3 is even more dynamic: we bail water from the springs of salvation. That is, in Christ, salvation, mercy, grace, are continually flowing forth. Gushing forth. Jesus is not a static pool from which we draw water. He is overflowing with love, and we can't keep up with gathering the mercy that streams toward us. We can "bail" the waters of salvation.... But they eventually overwhelm us. And that's a good thing.

And that leads to our response. Isaiah isn't inspired to speak of the works we do, or the sanctification we seek after. Instead, he is moved to issue seven commands, or imperatives: give thanks, call upon His name, make known His deeds, proclaim His name, sing praises, shout, and sing for joy.

Why? Because by His mercy, God shows that He is great as He dwells in our midst. And, to wrap this up - can you guess where we know His greatness in our midst, such that we give thanks, call upon Him, proclaim His name, and sing his praises? Yup, as we gather for worship. Christ has promised: "wherever two or three are gathered in My Name (for worship), there am I in the midst of them." The Holy One is in our midst. To bless us with His life-giving presence. So, come - let us together bail waters from the spring of salvation, even Christ our Lord.

God bless,

Pr. Long





MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1. Michele Joseph
2. Andy Matson
3. Jai Green
4. Josh Joseph
6. Joel Barr
Angel Peyton
9. Kathy Armbrust
Michael Long
10. Timothy Riddle
11. Donavon Maxwell
13. Kathleen Tagge
Mason Norman
Theo Norman
14. Ardeane Ruckle
15. Will Helden
17. Steve Brinkmann
Rebekah Long
18. Chrys Wilson
Patty Caughey
Dawn Henderson
Rachael Maske
21. Ron Achterberg
Jordanna Riebel Rzeszutko
22. Christopher Frank
24. Kathryn Peyton
25. Charles Benne
26. Brian Pauli
27. Samantha Moore
Beth Mirretti
Nora Miretti
28. Gary Beenders
Ari Martinez
30. Michele Keehner
31. April Lauritzen
Lynn Laredo
Josephine Pendarvis

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 15 Matthew & Dionne Morrow

ALTAR FLOWERS

- March 1 — Tom & Vicky Brosowske
- March 8 — Eileen Benne
- March 15 — Pastor & Sherri Long
- March 22 — Jeff & Cheryl Reibel
- March 29 — Chris & Teresa Brusick



Worship Notes

Lessons for Sundays in March

March 1st – 2nd Sunday in Lent
Psalm 121; Genesis 12:1-9
Romans 4:1-8, 13-17; John 3:1-17

March 8th – 3rd Sunday in Lent
Psalm 95:1-9; Exodus 17:1-7
Romans 5:1-8; John 4:5 – 30,39-42

March 15th – 4th Sunday in Lent
Psalm 142;; Isaiah 42:14-21;
Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41;

March 22nd – 5th Sunday in Lent
Psalm 130; Ezekiel 37:1-14;
Romans 8:1-11; John 11:1-53

March 29th – Palm/Passion Sunday
Psalm 118:19-29; Isaiah 50:4-9a;
Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:1-27:66
Processional Gospel: Mohn 12:12-19

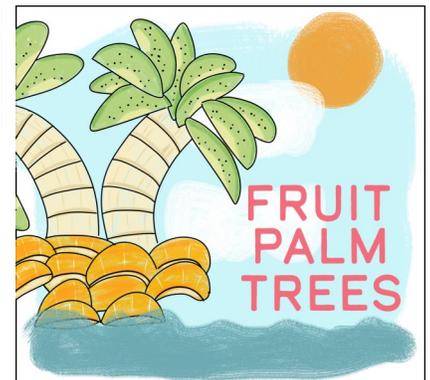
ELDERS

- March – Phil King
- March 8 – Tom Brosowske
- March 15 – Daniel Keehner
- March 22 – Dr. Joel Eckert
- March 29 – Tom Brosowske

COUNTERS

LaVelle Borders & Theresa Johnston

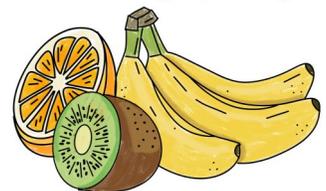
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These cheerful “palm trees” make a bright reminder of the celebration that greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem.

What you need:

- Bananas (for the tree trunks)
- Kiwis or green grapes (for the palm leaves)
- Mandarin oranges (for the ground)



What you do:

1. Slice bananas in half lengthwise and place vertically on a plate.
2. Arrange kiwi slices or grapes at the top to form palm fronds.
3. Add oranges at the base.
4. Serve immediately or chill until ready to serve.



Scripture Tie-In:

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”
—Matthew 21:9 (NIV)



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2nd Sunday in Lent: March 1, AD, 2026

Sung Divine Service, 9:00 a.m.

Spoken Divine Worship, 11:45 a.m.

Wednesday, 2nd Week of Lent: March 4, AD 2026

“Mt. Sinai: The Law & The Promise”

Mid-Day Prayer - 11:15 a.m. (light lunch to follow)

Vespers - 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 2nd Week of Lent: March 5, AD 2026

Spoken Divine Service, 6:00 p.m.

3rd Sunday in Lent: March 8, AD 2026

Sung Matins, 9:00 a.m.

Spoken Divine Worship, 11:45 a.m.

Wednesday, 3rd Week of Lent: March 11, AD 2026

“The Mount of the Transfiguration: Jesus Our Savior”

Mid-Day Prayer - 11:15 a.m. (light lunch to follow)

Vespers - 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 3rd Week of Lent: March 12, AD 2026

Spoken Divine Service, 6:00 p.m.

4th Sunday in Lent: March 15, AD 2026

Sung Divine Service, 9:00 a.m.

Spoken Divine Worship, 11:45 a.m.

Wednesday, 4th Week of Lent: March 18, AD 2026

“Mt. Calvary: Christ’s Sacrifice”

Mid-Day Prayer - 11:15 a.m. (light lunch to follow)

Vespers - 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 4th Week of Lent: March 19, AD 2026

Spoken Divine Service, 6:00 p.m.

5th Sunday in Lent: March 22, AD 2026

Sung Matins, 9:00 a.m.

Spoken Divine Worship, 11:45 a.m.

Wednesday, 5th Week of Lent: March 25, AD 2026

“Mt. Olivet: The Promise Fulfilled”

Mid-Day Prayer - 11:15 a.m. (light lunch to follow)

Vespers - 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 5th Week of Lent: March 26, AD 2026

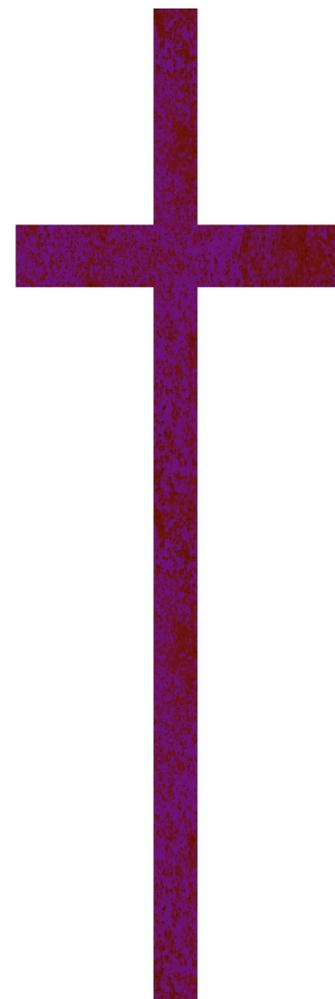
Spoken Divine Service, 6:00 p.m.

Palm/Passion Sunday: March 29, AD 2026

Procession & Blessing of the Palms (all services),

Reading the of Passion according to St. Matthew (9:00 a.m.)

Sung Divine Service, 9:00 a.m.; Spoken Divine Service, 11:45 a.m.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

The Triduum: The celebrations of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter were the first regular festival in the Church's calendar - dating back as far as around 150 AD. In fact, together, they were seen as one great "service" of worship - with the congregation simply dispersing between the various parts of the liturgy, but never really ceasing the receiving of God's gifts in Christ or their worship - hence the ancient name for these services is *the Triduum*, "the Three Days." We earnestly entreat you to join us for the "Three Days" at Mt. Calvary as we again celebrate Christ's great work by which our redemption is accomplished.

Maundy Thursday: April 2, AD 2026

Divine Service - 11:15 a.m.

Divine Service & the Stripping of the Altar - 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday: April 3, AD 2026

Noon Prayer & Commemoration of the Cross - 12:00 p.m.

Tenebrae - 6:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday: April 4, AD 2026

The Great Vigil of Pascha/Easter - **8:00 p.m.**

The Vigil begins with the "Service of Light" which features the kindling of the "new fire" (Jesus' resurrection), lighting of the Paschal candle, procession into the church by candlelight, and the intoning of the Exsultet. Then we move into the reading of salvation history from the Old Testament. Then comes Holy Baptism (or any confirmations or renewal of Baptismal vows that are desired).

Then we move into the first Communion service of the Paschal/Easter season. It is a service filled with mystery and joy - and we highly recommend that you give it a try!

Pascha/Easter Sunday: April 5, AD 2025

Divine Service with "abbreviated" Service of Light & Easter Proclamation - **9:00 a.m. (note: since the Vigil was conducted on Saturday, this is at our "usual" time of Sunday worship - and will be the only service this day)**

Congregational Easter Breakfast to follow.



Preparing for Easter

✠ 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!**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Jacob Achterberg - grandson to Ron, nephew to Linda Khattar † Phyllis Basquin - mother to Luann Claudin † Ethan Saunders - grandson to Roger and Carole Hoffman † Gail and Jonathan von Holten - friends of Jessica Horman † Pr. Hoech & Ivy - our “TIM” partners † Dave Maxwell - husband to Tina † Pr. Glenn Niemann - circuit pastor, disability † Jonathan Stutz - grandson to Donna † Maureen Leuba - Concordia parent † Christiane Ramahi - member † Yasmin Ramahi - daughter to Christiane † Gloria Carter - friend of Nancy Meyer † Eric Puterbaugh - friend of a member † Michael Teeter - friend to Long Family † Dale Warren - † Cathy Lenz - sister to Paula Horst † Jennifer Lenz - their daughter, niece to Paula & Jerry † Alex Zook - grandson of Barb Zook † Faith Zook - granddaughter of Barb Zook † Jenna Zook - granddaughter of Barb Zook † 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 † Lil Mulvaney - friend to Pauli family | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Ginny Preston - friend to LaVelle Borders † Clara Riddick - friend to Brill family † Max Wessler - father-in-law to Carol Wessler † Bill & Pam Barr - members † Megan Primmer - cousin to Ginger Abel † Kenneth Garner - acquaintance of Jan Pacey (Phyllis Knebel’s daughter) † Lorrie Kaspar - mother to Julie (Kaspar) Eaton † Rod Pauli - member, son to Carolyn † Gloria Teeter - friend to Long Family † Mark Buettner - associate of Carol Wessler † Tamesha Gates - friend to Szold family † Sandra Boyer - daughter of food pantry contributor † Mark Leon - brother-in-law to Sue Leon † Shirley King - mother to Phil King † Rebecca Sierra - friend to Linda Khattar † Kris Taylor - Josh Joseph’s aunt † Delcie Lane - member † Mark Manthey - member † Sherry Emberton - Vonnie Brinkmann’s sister † Earl Boyett - father of Theresa Brusick † Sharon Rumbold - member at Bethel, Morton, occasional organist for us † Luann and Shelby Cooper - members † Victoria Buschard - family of Michael Marshall † Ms. Ellen Rytter - teacher at Concordia † Cheryl - friend to Linda Khattar † Jenny & Olivia Bradley - family to Lynn Laredo † Theo Norman - member, child of Cole and Brooke † Becky Richards - mother of Kim Carver † Daryl Claudin - member † Natalie Brusick - Daughter-in-law to Chris & Theresa † Deb Alig - co-worker of Theresa Johnston † Carol Loughridge - member † |
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✠ Prayer List (continued) ✠

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- † Anne & Miguel Bolwerk (and David & Henry) – family to Dave & Jan Heien
- † Cheris Hofmann - member
- † Harriet Caughey – member
- † Maureen and children – extended family to Roger & Carole Hoffman
- † Teresa Kerrick –
- † Pr. Drews – Pastor at Trinity, Pekin
- † PJ Comacho – friend to Mark Manthey
- † Lorie Livingston – wife to Ty
- † Patty Caughey – member
- † Linda Perrone – friend to Patty Caughey
- † Jessica Horman - member
- † Elizabeth Auer – military, daughter to Doug
- † Tomi – mother to Chris Brusick
- † Diane Norris – friend of member
- † Ginny & Marty Liex – friends to LaVelle Borders
- † Ann Jacobson – sister in law to Carolyn Pauli
- † Hugh – friend of member
- † Vonnie Brinkmann – member
- † Carolyn Pauli – member
- † Jane Wood – mother to Sherri Long
- † Ryan & Carol Stetzler – friends of Katie Tagge
- † Sue Elder – friend of Theresa Johnston
- † Tricia Smith – sister to Marcia Riddle
- † Chris Walker – brother-in-law to Vicky Jones
- † Brett Parrott – Erin’s brother-in-law
- † Paul Fager – member
- † Diane Freeman – member
- † Dan Moran – Judy Norman’s brother
- † Katie Tagge – member
- † Bev Hoffman – niece to Gordon
- † JayCee Grier
- † Norah Rossman – friend to Riebel family
- † Nan Borunda – sister to Lou Ann Cooper
- † Chris Pacey – son to Jan Pacey (daughter of Phyllis Knebel)
- † Donna Kirkman – sister to Lynn Laredo
- † Ilsa Adams – stepmother to Lynn Laredo
- † Robert Marshall – father to Michael Marshall
- † David Heien – member
- † Ross Pauli – son of Carolyn
- † Deaconess Gillian – friend of the congregation
- † Gary Ruckle - member
- † Trinity Foote – Kieth & Linda Crook’s granddaughter
- † Sherri Crosiar – Josh’s mother
- † Denise Shivers – member
- † Ron Achterberg – member
- † Bob Shoreak – friend to Bob Frericks
- † Mike Solis – friend to Bob Frericks
- † Jane Millard – visitor
- † “Nylon” – visitor at Food Pantry
- † Cheryl Frericks – Bob Frericks’ sister-in-law
- † Cisneros Family – friends of a member
- † Joel Barr – Bill & Pam Barr’s son
- † Ruth and Richard Boch –
- † Wendy Mirretti -Mother-in-law to Bronwyn (Beenders) Mirretti
- † Vanessa Ruckle – member
- † Nancy O’Brian – niece to Pam Barr
- † Jim Smith – brother to Marcia Riddle
- † Lee Mauschbaugh – member
- † Tom Brosowske – member
- † Jim Brosowske – Tom’s brother
- † Larry Frank – member
- † Hazel Krenzke – daughter of Dcs. Christine
- † Cindy Niebur – niece to Barb Zook
- † Julie Riddle – daughter in law to Marcia
- † Conner Brinkmann – grandson to Vonnie
- † Joe Leon – husband to Susie
- † Kathleen Tagge – daughter-in-law to Katie
- † Ben Claudin – member
- † Sandy Willaims-McFarlane – member
- † Jonathan Tagge – member
- † Doug Auer – member

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Attendance		Com.	General Fund Weekly Offering
February 1	75	58	\$6,241.00
February 8	72	19	\$2,006.00
February 15	73	57	\$8,515.00
Ash Wednesday	36	31	—
February 22 (Concordia Sun.)	113	14	\$2,451.00
Total			\$19,213.00

In His Service

PASTOR:
Rev. Barry Long 243-2042

CHOIR DIRECTOR
Mr. Ethan Yoder

SECRETARY
Mrs. Judy Honig 688-4321

CONCORDIA SCHOOL
Ms. Emily Craine 691-8921
Principal

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

MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL GIFTS
LaVelle Borders & Eileen Benne

WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY
Chairperson Luann Claudin
Vice Pres: Theresa Johnston
Secretary: Lisa Cornelius
Treasurer: Dawn Henderson

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Pre-School-1st Grade — Linda Crook & Linda Khattar
2nd—5th Grades — Teresa Brusick & Kelly Eckert
6th Grade-High School — Paula Horst & Tom Brosowske

CONCORDIA SCHOOL BOARD
Kelly Eckert & Erin Green

CONCORDIA FOUNDATION
Eileen Benne & Connie Kissner

CONCORDIA TRUSTEES
Jarrod Horman

BOARDS OF MT. CALVARY

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Teresa Brusick & Paula Horst,

BOARD OF EVANGELISM
Dormant

BOARD OF YOUTH
Michele Keehner & Erin Parrott

BOARD OF LONG RANGE PLANNING
Dormant

BOARD OF PROPERTY
Chris Brusick, Lisa Cornelius, Jarrod Horman, Larry Frank, Vicky Brosowske

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP
Theresa Johnston, Kim Beenders, Mike Gavic

BOARD OF ELDERS
(families under each Elder's care)
Achterberg -Brusick Tom Brosowske
Carver — Grinslade Phil King
Halverson — Kissner Daniel Keehner
Lampton — Norman Gary Beenders
Parrott — Zook Dr. Joel Eckert

FOOD PANTRY
LaVelle Borders
Paula & Jerry Horst



PUZZLE

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

It's time to tune up your Bible brain!
Decode the notes to discover a verse that sings with joy.
Using the musical note code, write the words of Psalm 100:2 (NIV) in the correct order below.

CODE: before come gladness him joyful LORD songs the with Worship



_____ the _____ ;



_____ .



Answer: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY –
Please keep in your prayers the family and friends of:

- † Jackson Frank, son of Zachary Frank and grandson of Larry and Julie Frank, who was called to his eternal home on Friday, February 6, 2026. Vissitation was held on Friday, February 20, 2026.
- † David Bohne, brother of Katie Tagge, who was called to his eternal rest on Sunday, February 15, 2026. Services are scheduled for March 12, 2026.

May the families find comfort, hope and peace in our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.





CURRENT BIBLE STUDY TOPICS

Youth Sunday School Classes:

The classes meet in the church basement at 10:30 am for grades Pre-K-6th. Jr. & Sr. High if there are enough of you a class will be formed, otherwise you may help with the younger students or attend the Adult Class led by Pr. Long. Parents, you are invited to attend the Adult Class, during the time your children are attending Sunday School. **Please let us know if your student(s) will not be attending on Sunday. Messages to the church office would be appreciated.**

Sunday Morning Adult Class:

Per a resolution from our District Convention this past summer, we'll be taking a few weeks to look at the Synod's "Everyone His Witness" program. While we may not be called to go out and convert everyone, we can learn how to talk about the faith in helpful ways. **Class meets in the Parish Hall at 10:30 am.**

Men's Bible Study:

We are looking at Paul's Letters to Timothy. **Men's Bible Study meets on Wednesday mornings at 6:30 am at Gebby's Family Restaurant at 726 East War Memorial Drive in Peoria Heights.**

Thursday Lunch Together and Bible Study:

We are currently reading the book of the Prophet Jeremiah and will hear God's word of promise and judgement in the face of national calamity. **We meet in the Parish Hall for lunch at 12:00 pm and Bible Study at 12:30 pm.**

LLL DISTRICT CONVENTION, MARCH 21, 2026

'But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.' Joshua 24:15

- A majority of practicing Christians participate in spiritual conversations, prayer and Bible-reading with their households.
- Fatih heritage impacts Christians' beliefs and practices for the long term.
- Join with others at the Central Illinois LLL District at the annual convention on Saturday, March 21 at Christ Lutheran Church in Normal, Illinois.
- The keynote speaker is Rev. Dr. Peter J Scaer, Chairman and Professor of Exegetical Theology, Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne.
- Michael Zeigler, Speaker of The Lutheran Hour® will provide the keynote address.
- Polly Faszholz Gregali, Community Facilitator, LLL will provide a virtual presentation with LHM Updates.
- The registration fee is \$25.00 per person including lunch. Please complete the registration form and mail with your registration fee to Deloris Blessman, 20204 CR 1850N, Topeka, IL 61567. Please make checks payable to CID LLL District. For more information you can contact Deloris by phone 309.361,1461 or by email delorisblessman@yahoo.com.
- Strengthen and encourage your faith walk as you encourage others in their faith journey as partners in His mission. Registration deadline is March 16, 2026.

FROM CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH - Christ Lutheran Church (2020 W. Malone) in Peoria will be hosting an "all you can eat" potato pancake and regular pancake supper on **March 21st from 4 pm until 6:30 pm** in gym B. The price is \$8 for adults and \$4 for K-8 grade. The meal includes pancakes, sausage, applesauce, coffee, water, iced tea, milk, carrots, and celery. Take-out will be available. There will also be a bake sale. All proceeds will benefit our youth program and activities.

CONCORDIA NEWS

Substitute Teachers – As the season for colds catches up to us, Concordia could use more folks in their substitute pool. If you, or someone you know is interested, contact the school at 309-691-8921, or e-mail Ms. Craine at ecraine@concordiapeoria.com

- Librarians And Librarian Subs Needed --If you are available during the day, we could use your help in the school's library. If interested, contact Ms. Craine at ecraine@concordiapeoria.com, or Mrs. Drozd at mdrozd@concordiapeoria.com
- The next Playtime Pals is Friday, March 6th from 9:00 - 11:00 am in Gym A.
- Concordia Red Cross Blood Drive – March 2nd from 2:30 to 6:30 pm. Sign up with a student or call the school (309-691-8921 to make an appointment.

CONCORDIA AUCTION AND GALA – Step Right Up! will be held on **March 14, 2026** at the Warehouse on State, 736 Washington St., Peoria. Doors will open at 5 pm. For tickets, sponsorships, Cougar Cash, and Silent Auction Bids, visit: <https://www.concordiapeoria.com/steprightup> or use the QR code in Cougar Prints on the bulletin board. It is requested that you kindly **RSVP by March 5th.**

HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSON, A Musical Fable of Copenhagen – Tickets are now on sale for the performances on March 20th at 10:00 am, and 6:30 pm and March 21st at 6:30 pm. This is a production of upper grade students.

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- † Peter Hipple – son to Mr. Hipple at Concordia
- † Rev. Larry & Pat Goetz – friends of the congregation
- † Lois Whitby – grandmother to Hunter & Sam
- † Larry Traub – member
- † Michelle Teel – sister to Vicky Brosowske
- † Gale Brill – father to Owen & Sydney
- † Robert Grinslade – member
- † Zeke Garrison – (military), Grandson to Gary & Kim Beenders
- † Gary Beenders – member
- † Shay Wright – former member
- † Beth Martin – cousin to Cheryl Riebel

PASCHA/EASTER IS COMING! (SUNDAY, APRIL 5). -- Midweek Lenten Services began February 25. We will again be serving a light lunch after the 11:15 service. If you can help, there is a signup sheet across from Pastor's office. Many hands make light work. Please contact Abbie Matson 309-224-9432 with any questions.

CHOIR REHEARSALS HAVE BEGUN -- We will rehearse on Saturdays at 1:00 pm (Adult Choir) and at 1:45 pm (Bell Choir). Anchormen will rehearse on the 2nd and 4th Sundays (after the Matins service). **All are invited to join. No audition required.**

WOMEN OF MT. CALVARY –Your next meeting is Saturday, March 14th. Come and see what Luann has planned for the morning.

CAN-A-THON 2026 —Can-a-Thon is scheduled to begin on March 19th with our Pantry collecting food at the Kroger store on North Knoxville March 21st from 9 am to 1 pm. Volunteers are needed – call LaVelle (309-363-9558) or Paula at (309--657-3129) to let them know when you are available. Bags will be out on March 15th for you to take home and fill.

February 2026						
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April 2026						
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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

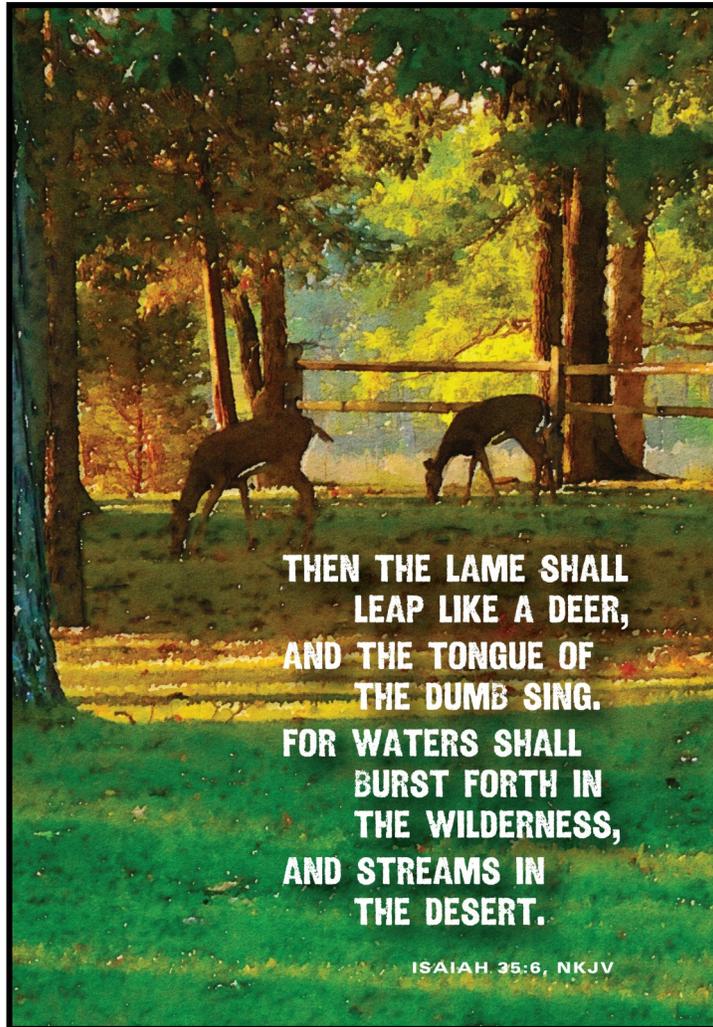
Wednesday

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Friday

Saturday

1 <i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i> 9:00 a Divine Service 10:30 a Sunday School/Bible Study 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service 1:30 p Youth Confirmation	2	3 9-11:00 a Food Pantry 7:00 p Executive Committee 6:30 p Board Meetings 7:30 p Administrative Council	4 6:30 a Men's Bible Study 11:15 a Mid-Day Prayer— Lunch follows 6:00 p Vespers	5 10:00 a Crafts & Conversation 12:00 p Lunch Together 12:30 p Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service	6	7 12:15 p Worship & Music 1:00 p Choir Rehearsal 1:45 p Bell Choir Rehearsal
8 <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i> 8:00 a Sung Matins 10:30 a Sunday School/Bible Study 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service 1:30 p Youth Confirmation DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS	9	10 6:30 a Men's Bible Study 11:15 a Mid-Day Prayer— Lunch follows 6:00 p Vespers	11 6:30 a Men's Bible Study 11:15 a Mid-Day Prayer— Lunch follows 6:00 p Vespers	12 10:00 a Crafts & Conversation 12:00 p Lunch Together 12:30 p Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service 7:00 p Neighborhood Watch	13	14 9:30 a Women of Mt. Calvary
15 <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i> 9:00 a Divine Service 10:30 a Sunday School/Bible Study 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service 1:30 p Youth Confirmation	16	17 4:45 p Board of Elders 	18 6:30 a Men's Bible Study 11:15 a Mid-Day Prayer— Lunch follows 6:00 p Vespers	19 <i>St. Joseph Guardian of Jesus</i> 10:00 a Crafts & Conversation 12:00 p Lunch Together 12:30 p Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service	20	21 1:00 p Choir Rehearsal 1:45 p Bell Choir Rehearsal
22 <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i> 8:00 a Sung Matins 10:30 a Sunday School/Bible Study 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service 1:00 p Can-a-thon 1:30 p Youth Confirmation	23	24	25 <i>The Annunciation of Our Lord</i> 6:30 a Men's Bible Study 11:15 a Mid-Day Prayer— Lunch follows 6:00 p Vespers	26 10:00 a Crafts & Conversation 12:00 p Lunch Together 12:30 p Bible Study 6:00 p Divine Service	27	28 1:00 p Choir Rehearsal 1:45 p Bell Choir Rehearsal
29 <i>Palm /Passion Sunday</i> 9:00 a Divine Service 10:30 a Sunday School/Bible Study 11:45 a Spoken Divine Service 1:30 p Youth Confirmation	30	31				



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LEAP LIKE A DEER,
AND THE TONGUE OF
THE DUMB SING.
FOR WATERS SHALL
BURST FORTH IN
THE WILDERNESS,
AND STREAMS IN
THE DESERT.**

ISAIAH 35:6, NKJV