

GIFT of GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

GRACE NOTES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 22, 2023

A WORD FROM PT

When it comes to sharing the Christian Faith with others, I shared last week the importance of having a friendship with Christ. Baptism brings us into relationship with our heavenly Father through faith in Jesus, the Son of God. When we share Jesus with others it needs to be more than sharing information. We are introducing someone to our Lord. We are sharing that friendship to a Person with others. We are introducing others to a Person we dearly love.

It cannot be overemphasized that any friendship we have with God is something that He initiates, that He establishes, and that He provides all that is necessary for the relationship to be

cultivated. The relationship does require cultivation! God provides what is necessary, but we need to take advantage of and participate in what He provides.

The nurturing of this intimate relationship takes place through the Church. Remember, we don't 'go to Church' but joined to Christ we are the Church, members of the Body of Christ. So, the Church isn't only who we are when we gather regularly for the Divine Service, but it is also who we are when we leave our gatherings and go about our vocations in the world.

When we assemble as the Church for the Divine Service we are provided richly with Word and Sacrament, specifically with the words

of forgiveness (absolution), the preaching of the Gospel, the Sacrament of the Altar (Communion), and the Prayers of the Church. We also receive encouragement from other members of Christ's Body.

As we exit from the Assembly, as the Church we walk into the world of our daily ministry (service) in our many vocations, in the home, in the neighborhood, in our places of work and leisure, in civic responsibilities, and basically wherever we go and whatever we do. We walk with God as we meditate on His Word and speak with Him in prayer.

Friends, in order to talk to the talk, we need to walk the walk.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, 3/22 Lenten Midweek
6:30pm Soup, Vespers/Meditation

Thursday, 3/23
6:30pm Confirmation Instruction

Friday, 3/24
7am Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Sunday, 3/26 Fifth Sunday in Lent
8am Choir Practice
9am Divine Service with Communion
10:15am Fellowship
10:45am Adult Study on 1 Thess

Wednesday, 3/29 Lenten Midweek
6:30pm Soup, Vespers/Meditation

SINCE YOU ASKED...

What is the Christian's Hope?

In a word, it is the resurrection of the body to life everlasting in the world to come. This is more accurate and complete than just saying "life after death." It is also more helpful than say-

ing "going to heaven." When Jesus returns at the end of the age to judge the living and the dead, baptized believers will be raised bodily! They will share in a resurrection similar to Jesus' resurrection. And being in his presence on that day and for all eternity is not

just a matter of escaping to heaven, but living in his presence in the new heaven and earth. The Lord intends to renew and restore his creation. So our central hope is the resurrection of the dead, with believers inheriting the Kingdom.



**Making
Disciples
for Life**

LCMS (Lutheran Church Missouri Synod) (LCMS.org)

THIS AND THAT...

It's not too soon to be anticipating our **Holy Week Observances**. At our April 6 Maundy Thursday gathering we will enjoy a sit down dinner at 6:30pm called **The Agape Feast**. And on Good Friday, April 7, we will gather at 7pm for **The Tenebrae Service**.

The Theme for the **Mid-week Services** involves reflections on the 2nd Article of the Creed, starting with a soup supper on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm and then continuing

ing with the Vespers, Evening Prayer Service

Pay attention to all the **Sign Up** Sheets in the kitchen.

The continued **livestreaming** is for those who cannot otherwise attend in person!

Don't forget non-perishable **Food Donations** for the Food Basket!

The Warners are scheduled to clean the week of March 19.

And Heidi Traver is scheduled for the week of April 16

The March **Designated Benevolence** is for **New Horizons**.

A good part of what it means to walk with Jesus is to try to live according to the light of His Word as written in the Bible. It serves as a light upon the path of Life. As we meditate on His Word we respond to what He says to us with our prayers in conversation with Him

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For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God. - Eph 2:8

HUMOR DEPARTMENT

Celebrations**Birthdays**

Mar 16 Jon Uy
Mar 17 Mike Meunier
Mar 18 Nikki Hanson
Mar 26 Asher Roll
Mar 26 Benjamin Roll
Apr 1 Jarrod Roll

Anniversaries

Apr 27..... T & P Betlach
Mary 3 J & J Schoonover

Southern Medical Dictionary

- continued from last week...

Medical Staff - A doctor's cane

Morbid - A higher offer

Nitrates - Cheaper than day rates

Node - I knew it

Outpatient - A person who has fainted

Pelvis - Second cousin to Elvis

Post Operative - A letter carrier

Recovery Room - Place to do upholstery

Rectum - ***** near killed him

Secretion - Hiding something

Seizure - Roman emperor

Tablet - A small table

Terminal Illness - Getting sick at the airport

Tumor - One plus one more

Urine - Opposite of you're out

4/6 Maundy Thursday
Reader: Karri Bjornstad
Usher: David Bjornstad
Comm Asst: Tim Betlach
Accompanist: Tom Rislow
Livestreamer: Tim Betlach

4/7 Good Friday
Asst Minister: Jeremy Schoonover
Reader: Mike Meunier
Usher: Jarrod Roll
Accompanists: Leslie Duesenberg
Livestreamer: Jed Roll

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642 Western Avenue
A block north and then
a block west of King Furniture

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

tbd (to be determined)

3/26 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Asst Minister: Cole Warner

Reader: Cole Warner

Crucifer: Jed Roll

Acolyte: Stella Roll

Ushers: Dan Molstad

Counters: Connie M/Naomi R

Comm Asst: Jarrod Roll

Accompanist: Tom Rislow

Fellowship: Heidi T/tbd

Livestreamer: Cole Warner

4/2 Psalm/Passion Sunday

Asst Minister: Jeremy Schoonover

Reader: Jessica Schoonover

Crucifer: Asher Roll

Acolyte: Benjamin Roll

Ushers: Jarrod Roll

Counters: Cole W/tbd

Comm Asst: Tim Betlach

Accompanist: Tom Rislow

Fellowship: Connie M/tbd

Livestreamer: Jeremy Schoonover

4/9 Easter Sunday

Asst Minister: Cole Warner

Reader: Jeremy Schoonover

Crucifer: Drew Staff

Acolyte: Dawson Staff

Ushers: Jeremy Schoonover

Counters: Jeremy S/Paula B

Comm Asst: Tom Rislow

Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg

Fellowship: no fellowship this day

Livestreamer: Jarrod Roll

4/16 Second Sunday of Easter

Asst Minister: Leslie Duesenberg

Reader: Nikki Hanson

Crucifer: Elyse Schoonover

Acolyte: Elliot Cunningham

Ushers: David Bjornstad

Counters: Tim B/Mary B

Comm Asst: Mike Meunier

Accompanist: Tom Rislow

Fellowship: tbd

Livestreamer: Cole Warner