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Lent 2012 "The Jesus Creed"

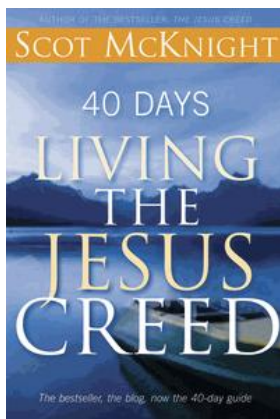
By Pastor Al

During this season of Lent, we invite you to dig deep into the "Jesus Creed" with us.

*"Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your strength."*

The second is this: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

There is no commandment greater than these.



Each week beginning on Ash Wednesday, we will look deeply into this text we will call "The Jesus Creed." We will provide a "refrigerator magnet" with this text on it and ask you to recite it daily during the 40 days of Lent.

The devotional book pictured here, 40 Days Living The Jesus Creed, will be available for \$9.00. You can pick it up in the church office or between services beginning Sunday, February 5. Lent begins on Wednesday, February 22. We will also offer the book, The Jesus Creed – Loving God, Loving Others by Scot McKnight. This is the text that the pastors will be drawing on for the Lenten meditations. The cost of the text is \$12.00.

Lent is a journey of reflection on how we are doing as disciples, how we are living out our faith as we journey to the crucifixion and resurrection. Join us on this journey!

Church Council Members:

Claudia Balay

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Chad Woelfel

If your college-aged son or daughter is interested in outdoor ministry, please let them know that staff from Green Lake Lutheran Ministries will be recruiting at the following locations:

Feb. 1 Concordia College, Moorhead

Feb. 2 MSU-Moorhead

Feb. 6 Augsburg College

Feb. 7 Luther Seminary

Feb. 16 Luther College

Feb. 20 Augustana College

Feb. 22 Gustavus Adolphus College

Feb. 23 St. Olaf College



Volunteers

Greeters

Feb. 5

8:30 Kurt & Sandy Czycalla

10:45 Genell Grund and Joyce Strootman

Feb. 12

8:30 Jay & Beth Gravley

10:45 Genell Grund and Joyce Strootman

Feb. 19

8:30 Gordon & Karemae Gravley

10:45 Burt & Toots Lundberg

Feb. 26

8:30 Stuart & Melodie Haats

10:45 Bruce & Nancy Nelson

February Altar Guild

Judy Worth, Chm.

Carolyn Agre

Marie Bakke

Sherry Bratsch

Shari Christiansen

Cheryl Danielson

Gail Olson

Mary Peterson

Diane (Mrs. Dennis) Rupp

Debbie Schwaegerl

Sandra Vollan

Ushers

8:30 Lyle & Charlene Bengtson

Larry & Sherry Bratsch

Bob & Lorraine Nelson

Vonn & Marcia Zylstra


10:45

Feb. 5 - Bruce & Nancy Nelson

Feb. 12 - DeSchepper family and Karen Thompson family

Feb. 19 - Koosman family

Feb. 26 - Pickle family



Need A Ride?

Peace Van Driver

Keith Hanson

354-2962



Adult Forums

- Feb. 5 - Pre-Annual Meeting Discussion
- Feb. 12 - ANNUAL MEETING at 9:30 A.M.
- Feb. 19 - Sunbeam mission trip report
- Feb. 26 -



Simply Giving

Simply Giving is an easy way to make your contributions—even when you can't be at church.

- Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account.
- Credit & Debit Card Giving lets you make offerings automatically on a predetermined schedule using a credit or debit card.
- Online Giving lets you go to our website: www.peacenewlondon.com to set up an automatic donation plan or make a one-time donation.

Financial Report ~ Jan. - Dec. 2011

	Budget	Actual
YTD Income		
General Fund	\$459,657	\$423,711
Mortgage Fund	126,928	94,736
Maintenance Fund	59,200	40,210
Mission Fund	35,560	31,977
ELCA Synod Fund	12,000	12,943
Youth Fund	23,250	19,773
Offering for Month	92,492	115,093
YTD Expenses		
General Fund	451,891	411,174
Mortgage Fund	126,928	124,934
Maintenance Fund	59,200	45,571
Mission Fund	35,560	31,977
ELCA Synod Fund	12,000	12,943
Youth Fund	23,750	14,482
Mortgage Information		
Total cost of Project		\$2,529,362
Original Balance		1,731,684
Interest Paid to Date		480,197
Principal Paid to Date		790,457
Remaining Balance		1,160,643
Building Peace by Piece		
Amount Pledged (Jan.2011-Present)		104,975
Pledges Received to Date		78,198
Difference		26,777

Miscellaneous

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 21 at 9:30 AM for a **Style Show** featuring fashions from local businesses. See what is new in our area! Coffee will be served. Bring a friend!



A bereavement workshop has been scheduled for Saturday, February 11 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM at the Church of St. Mary in Willmar. Registration begins at 8:30 AM. The workshop is entitled, “**Care for the Caregiver: Coping with Chronic & Terminal Illnesses.**” Its purpose is to create an opportunity for caregivers of those with chronic and terminal illness, and others who are grieving or suffering a loss, to understand the importance of caring for their own emotional, physical, and spiritual selves. It is open to the public and all families, friends, caregivers and professionals are invited and encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be provided.

The workshop will be led by Brenda Wiese, Grief Center Coordinator at Rice Memorial Hospital, and Fr. Steve Verhelst, Pastor of the Catholic Area Faith Community of Jesus Our Living Water. Also participating will be volunteers who will provide free hand and neck massages, blood pressure checks, and blood sugar checks. The workshop will also offer CEUs (at no cost) in compliance with the Minnesota Board of Nursing requirements. For questions, please call the Church of St. Mary at 235-0118.

Safe Avenues, a non-profit organization operating in 18 counties in southwestern Minnesota, promotes safe and healthy family relationships by stopping violence and working to prevent further harm. Last year, the program assisted 608 survivors of domestic violence, 84 survivors of sexual assault, and 365 children with safety planning or safe parenting time.

You can help make a difference in the lives of people in Minnesota. Safe Avenues is holding their annual “Hope for Tomorrow” Gala on April 13. The evening will feature speakers, live and silent auctions, entertainment, great food and positive, healthy community solutions. You can contribute by being a sponsor, providing a monetary contribution or donating an item for the auction.

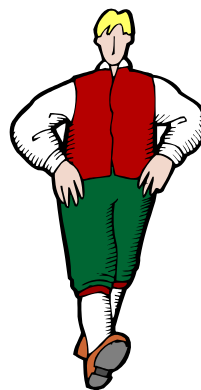
Check the flyer in the Peace hallway for more information. Donations needed by February 20.



Bible Camp

It's not too early to think about summer camp!! Green Lake Bible Camp has opportunities for all ages. Kids who have completed 1st-5th grades can attend **Half-Blast** (half the days, but double the fun!). Other elementary age offerings include “**Andy's Gang**,” fun for 2nd – 5th graders at Shores of St. Andrew or **M.A.D. Camp** (that's Music and Drama) for 4th-6th graders. There are some special camps for 6th-8th graders: try **Chrysalis Crew** (lake activities, athletics, ropes course), or **GymnastiCamp** (with Rick Wolf, one of Minnesota's top gymnastics coaches). There's also **Camp Hoops** with our own Matt Cordes. You'll have a fantastic basketball experience AND a fantastic faith experience! What about the **SK8R Tour** for skateboard lovers, or **Horse Camp**? Want to go to camp as a family? You can sign up for “**All God's Children-Family Camp**” or “**Grand Camp**” (with your grandchild) or “**Hope Abounds**” which is geared for families who have children with special needs. Whatever your interests, Green Lake Bible Camp has something for you. Grab a brochure and check it out!

You are invited to join **COMMUNITY FOLK DANCING**



on Sunday, February 5 from 1:00-3:00 PM at the Willmar Community Center (Selvig Room). The Willmar Community & Activity Center is hosting Sunday afternoon folk dancing with instruction and live music. All ages are invited to attend. The New London Coffee House Fiddlers will be playing. There is no charge to come and listen or to dance. This activity is FUN and no pressure, low key and *intergenerational* - kids to grandparents and everyone in between!

No experience is necessary! This is a good activity for winter and for building community. Come and bring a friend or family!



In Our Prayers

Births:

AshleyJo Lou, daughter of Jaimi Dahl



Anna Marie, daughter of Nick & Sarah Goelz

People who were in Peace Prayers in

January:

Helen Anderson, Jason Dahlberg, John Edwardson, Ruth Gjerde, Gary Gravley, Kean Hanson, Don Heath, Patty Knutson, Imo Lothert, Violet Manson, Eli Martens, Mike Meyer, Lee Pederson, Nathan Rogalski, Corinne Skogen, Desiree Steffen, Robin Sult, Paula Vollan

Our Sympathy to:

Dean & Sherry Bigalke and family on the death of Dean's father, Bronk Bigalke

Kevin & Christine Eckhoff and family on the death of Kevin's father, Jerry Eckhoff

Barb Smith and family on the death of her mother, Olga Jorgenson

Jack & Janet White and family on the death of Janet's mother, Gladys Peterson

Vonn & Marcia Zylstra and family on the death of Marcia's father, Vincent Schreier



Memorials and Special Gifts:

In Memory of:

Phyllis Cole (whose birthday would have been January 21) - a monetary gift was given to Memorial Trust by Harold Cole, husband; Autumn Cole, daughter; Lewis Cole, son.*

Norma Henjum - a monetary gift was given to Mission (MOP).

Olga Jorgenson - monetary gifts were given to YFC-Bryan Blomker, MOP-Jamaica, Sunday School and Milestones.

Vincent Schreier (Marcia Zylstra's dad) - a monetary gift was given to Children's Ministry by Beverly Schreier.*

Virginia Sweep - a monetary gift was given to Sunbeam Boys Home by Dave & Debbie Sweep.*

*When a gift is \$100 or more, the giver's name is listed.

A Valentine Gift for Both of You

Leave the rest of the world behind and enjoy some quality time for just the two of you on a Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekend. You'll spend two nights in a comfortable hotel and enjoy five delicious meals from Friday at 7:00 pm to Sunday at 5:00 pm. Engaging presentations by four Lutheran couples, including a clergy couple, give you valuable tools and information which are followed by exercises and questions the two of you discuss in the privacy of your hotel room. There is no counseling or required sharing.

The Spring Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends in Minnesota are February 10-12 in Brooklyn Center, March 23-25 in Duluth and May 4-6 in Walker. Please register several weeks in advance. For more information, contact Dick & Judy Dehnel at 952-432-3105, Pete & Phyllis McMahan at 763-561-1575 or visit www.godlovesmarriage.org.

Be My Valentine

Peace Lutheran Women

Feb. 2 9:00 AM Christian Service Day
1:30 PM Peace Women unit meeting
(note: winter schedule for the day)

Feb. 16 Circles meet

Peace Lutheran Women will meet on February 2 at 1:30 PM. Sherry Bigalke will bring the latest news from Sunbeam Boys Home in Jamaica. The group who went is almost right off the plane, here in the cold, so Sherry knows the current events. Serving group 4 is hostessing this meeting.

Thanks to Dottie Hawkinson and Nancy Nelson for the handmade dish cloths for the Peace kitchen. The cupboard has been bare lately. It could be we may have forgotten to bring kitchen laundry back to its Peace "home" or maybe washing machines "eat" dish cloths! Thanks to these ladies and to all who contribute to the church kitchen.

The Lakeland Conference of Women of the ELCA will hold the Winter Retreat on February 20 at Green Lake Bible Camp. Registration and coffee are at 9:00 AM. Speaking on the "Missions" theme will be Bryant Kaden, SWMN Synod World Hunger Chairperson and Carrie Van Epps who will update us on her mission to Liberia. Registration cost (includes a meal) is \$10.00. The sign up deadline is February 10. For further information, read the poster on the PLW bulletin board or contact Bev Nelson (354-0124). Register with one of the PLW board or sign up in the church office.

It's time to begin collecting used Bibles, devotional books, Bible studies and Billy Graham's *Decision* magazine. There cannot be the name of a denomination printed on the cover. If you have used "Portals of Prayer" or "Christ in Our Home," bring those. *Decision* magazine is really the only periodical requested, as others contain so much advertising, which adds to the weight – which adds to the shipping costs. These materials will be collected at the Synodical Women's Convention to be held at Green Lake Bible Camp this summer. From there, materials are sent to Minneapolis where Christian Literature Mission fills requests from all over the world. PLW also contributes to shipping costs.

Peace Lutheran Women of the ELCA

President: Beverly Nelson
Secretary: Bernice Leite
Treasurer: Carol Monson
Mission Growth (Programs): Shari Christiansen
Mission Action (Christian Service Day):
Mission Community (Funeral Serving & PLW Serving):
Toodie Spletter

All women who join Peace are members of PLW. There are five groups of ladies who serve here. The serving groups need more members to help serve funerals. If you could help by bringing cupcakes or working at a funeral, please call Toodie (354-2345).

Circles meet the third Thursday of the month. All women are invited to join a circle. The Bible Study for 2011-2012 is "To Follow and to Serve: The Gospel of Mark."



This nine-session study emphasizes what it means to follow Jesus Christ today. We are called to a living faith, a deeper and more courageous understanding of what it means to be a disciple. The study is found in the magazine, Lutheran Woman Today. A year's subscription is \$12 and can be ordered from:

LWT Subscription Order Center
Box 1209
Minneapolis, MN 55440-8730

or you can order online at www.augsburgfortress.org.

You are welcome to attend one of these groups (usual meeting times):

- 9:00 A.M. - Bethlehem Circle meets at McKale's
- 9:30 A.M. - Bethany Circle meets at GlenOaks
- 1:30 P.M. - Nazareth Circle meets at Peace
- 7:00 P.M. - Altar Guild Circle and Cana Circle meet together in Fireside Room

February: Tough Questions

Theme verse: Mark 10:49 - "Take heart; get up, he is calling you."



Where's Peace in Mission?

By Carol Roverud



Where's Peace in Mission? We're all over the world! Your mission offerings support work in Minnesota (New London/Spicer, Willmar, Bemidji), Jamaica and the Caribbean, Europe, Moldova, the Middle East, North Africa, South Africa, Japan, India and around the world (ELCA World Hunger, Operation Christmas Child, ELCA Disaster Response and more). Donations in the white offering envelope support missions included in the congregational mission budget. Donations in the yellow mission envelope go to the monthly Special Focus. Your gifts touch lives in places most of us will never travel and in ways we can't imagine. Thanks for sharing your blessings with others as we share the love of Christ with the world! Check out the mission bulletin board in the hallway near the Fellowship Hall to see where Peace is involved in mission!

February Special Focus: Food for the Poor

*"Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you? . . .
"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least
of these brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:37b, 40).*

Most of us can't imagine the kind of poverty that exists in parts of this world. Food for the Poor, the largest international relief and development organization in the nation, was founded in 1982. The organization does much more than feed millions of the hungry poor in seventeen countries of the Caribbean and Latin America. This interdenominational Christian ministry works directly with local clergy, missionaries and other church-based social programs to provide emergency relief assistance, clean water, medicines, educational materials, homes, support for orphans and the aged, skills training and micro-enterprise development assistance. More than 96 percent of all donations go directly to programs that help the poor. For more information, visit www.FoodForThePoor.org.

One of the recipients of Food for the Poor is Sunbeam Boys Home in Jamaica. Food supplied to Sunbeam helps feed the boys there and is also distributed to the surrounding area. Food for the Poor provided food and other help to Haiti following the earthquake and ships items to other areas of need. Some of the food we packaged at our Food for Kidz event probably went to Food for the Poor. The organization shipped the stainless counters and kitchen cabinets made by Dahmes Stainless in New London to Jamaica for installation at Sunbeam Boys Home.

Your donations can make a difference:

- \$36 will feed a child for a year
- \$75 will provide 375 pounds of rice and beans
- \$90 will provide a goat to supply milk
- \$144 will feed a family for a year
- \$205 will provide a water pump for a village
- \$2,600 will provide a family with a home.

Donations may be made to "MOP – Food for the Poor."



More Mission Opportunities

The Jamaica Mission Team would like to extend to the Peace Congregation a sincere **THANK YOU** for your overwhelming support for the **2012 Team!!** A very **special thank you** to those who purchased shares, flowers, pancakes, coffee, wreaths, post-it note items, brought dishes for the hotdish meal and/or attended the hotdish dinner as well as those who made a financial contribution. Most of all, thank you for your words of encouragement and prayers during the months of prep work and during the week at Sunbeam.

THANK YOU for the LEGOS. Your response to our request was tremendous; I can guarantee the legos will be a big hit!! I know Peace will forever be known as the Lego Team.

Blessings always,

The Peace Team - Charlie, Cindy, Sherry, Becky, Steve, Jennifer, Tracy, Rick, Sharon, Kevin, Amy, Heather, Bob, Kathy, Donna, Judy and Scott.

Upcoming Sunbeam events:

Feb. 13th is the Shareholder's Dinner at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall for all those who purchased shares to support the Sunbeam Mission Trip.

Feb. 19th - the team will share pictures and an update at the Adult Forum.



Old T-shirts

Lutheran World Relief delivers Baby

Care Kits to needy mothers around the world who cannot afford basic items for a new baby. These kits, with needed supplies, help the new mother to care for her baby. You can help by donating your used or new, adult-size, colored or white, T-shirts. These are converted into diapers. This is a great way to pass on those old T-shirts. Please drop them off in the church office.



Tuesday's Table

The next Tuesday's Table at Peace will be **February 28**. Each meal costs us about \$100, and we feed approximately 120+ people. Donations are appreciated to help pay for meals. We can also use donations (3 gallons) of milk (1%) and pans of bars each month.

Volunteers are needed to serve, help seat and visit with guests, and help with cleanup. We have a place for you. Come and volunteer with us!

Tuesday's Table meals will be served at:

Feb. 7 - Our Lady of the Lakes in Spicer

Feb. 14 - Evangelical Covenant Church in New London

Feb. 21 - Faith Lutheran in Spicer


Thanks to the January volunteers! We served 148 people (including volunteers). Special thanks to Brandon & Courtney Knisley and Gabriel and Micah Thompson (and their moms) who helped as a 4H club service project.

From the Director of the LINK....Report from 2011:

The Link completed its third year of existence in July and many great things are happening. We served over 90 different households in 2011, and shared over \$40,000 in **Outreach Assistance**, helping with things like rent, utilities, car insurance, auto repairs and medical expenses. This kind of help really makes a difference and families are very grateful for help. One client wrote this:

Dear Friends of The Link Program,

I just want to say thank you so much for your kind financial gift to us during this medical emergency. You are a fine example of God's love and a reminder that God hears us when we ask for help. Thank you again and God bless.

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The fact that Valentine's Day observances focus on HEARTS makes February the traditional month for health care providers to emphasize heart health. My family history of heart problems has always made heart health a priority. My sister's heart problems were largely ignored because they didn't match typical male heart problem symptoms, but the medical community's awareness is changing.



According to a recent Woman's Day article, up to 90% of women have at least one risk factor for heart disease, but aren't aware of it. Some people think heart disease affects only old people, so they have time to worry about it later, when they are older. The time to focus on heart health is now – no matter how old or what gender you are.

Lifestyle habits have a huge impact on your odds of developing heart disease. The sooner changes are made and the sooner risk factors can be reduced, the fewer long-term side effects have time to pile up. The most important change is being aware of risk factors and what changes can be made.

1. Smoking tops all lists for importance. Exposure to secondhand smoke is also hazardous. If you have to smoke, do not smoke around children who are most susceptible.
2. Family history of heart disease. Everyone should respect heart health, but family history, especially if a heart attack happened before age 65, raises odds.
3. Exercise, at the rate of one or more "walk-about" per hour, allows HDL (the good cholesterol) ability to help clear artery-clogging plaque from your bloodstream. Thirty minutes of moderate-intensity exercise three or more times per week keeps your heart, a muscle, in good working order.

4. Sleep should be at least six hours per night. Poor sleep can increase heart disease risk factors by as much as 45%.
5. Reduce stress. Easier said than done, but keeping it under control can reduce the risk factors by as much as 40%. Stress can raise blood pressure, blood sugar, and can damage blood vessels.
6. Being overweight can raise risk factors by 200%. Eating more plant-based foods including lots of fruits and vegetables, high-fiber grains, and good monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats like nuts, olives, avocados, and olive or canola oil, has been shown by research to help control weight and reduce inflammation that contributes to heart disease.
7. Talk to your Doctor about your heart health concerns.

Biblical references mention "HEART" many times, but mostly as it applies to emotion. I'd like to share a quote from Colossians 3:22 to expand the meaning to healthy activities. "Whatever you do, do it with sincerity of HEART and reverence for the Lord." And, in all things remember faith, it is very good for your health.

The New London Caregiver's Discussion

Group will meet in the Peace Library on Wednesday, February 22 (NOTE: change of day this month). The topic will be: Heart Health and Stress. This group provides education and support for caregivers, and opportunities to share with other caregivers in a confidential setting. There is no charge.



If you have any questions, please call Jan Novotny at (320) 894-0479. Come, join us!

St. Francis of Assisi

St. Francis (1182-1226) was the son of a prominent and prosperous textile merchant in the Italian city of Assisi. When we think of St. Francis, we might picture a modest figure with a funny haircut, who talked to the birds that were perched on his shoulders. However, during his younger years, he was not so saintly nor so serene. Growing up in wealth and leisure, Francis was somewhat spoiled and careless about his studies. He became a playboy who spent his time with "wine, women, and song."



Francis served in a military unit and became frustrated by what he perceived to be the futility of war. Upon returning home, he resumed his routine of parties and carousing. He joined a pilgrimage to Rome where, on a sudden impulse, he exchanged his clothing with a poor person. With an outstretched hand, he spent the day begging for food, and he later remarked that the joy he experienced left him with a humbling memory that he would never forget.

Back home, he became the object of ridicule as he went about helping lepers and other homeless people. Near Assisi was a little church where Francis would go for meditation and prayer. Noting the depleted condition of the building, he sensed the call to arrange for repairs. He took his own money, sold some of his father's goods and offered the proceeds to the priest who refused to accept it. Francis left the money in the church.

Francis' father, who was frustrated by the son's actions, brought him before the bishop for admonishment. During the course of that session, Francis took off his clothing and laid them in a neat pile in front of his father, saying, "Up to today, I called you Father," but I now address only, "Our Father who art in heaven."

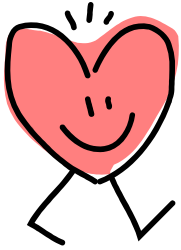
Francis heard a sermon that spoke significantly to him. It was based on Matthew 10:9, "Do not take along any gold or silver or copper in your belts; take no bag for the journey, or extra tunic, or sandals or a staff." This admonition became the basis for his itinerant ministry. Wearing a coarse robe with a piece of rope for a belt, Francis went from village to village preaching the love of God and caring for people. Others joined the group and, in 1210, Francis and some associates traveled to Rome to seek Church approval and authorization. The group became known as the Order of Mendicant Friars or "Franciscans." Francis was elected superior of the order and the members had to take vows of poverty, chastity, love and obedience. They went about helping farmers, occasionally preaching, visiting lepers, and being particularly attentive to nature. Francis, one time, addressed a sermon to "My little Sisters, the Birds."

Francis' missionary impulses took him to Egypt during the Fifth Crusade. He crossed enemy lines and attempted to convert the Muslim Sultan. The Sultan was unconvinced by the message, but was so impressed by Francis that he afforded him safe passage back through Islamic lines.

As the order grew, organizational pressures also increased. Francis sensed his own limitations to supervise the order. With his resignation, he wrote a letter encouraging the brothers to retain the primitive standards that they had followed from the beginning.

Francis, when approaching his mid-forties, was in poor health, had lost his eyesight and died in 1226. His life and ministry had made such an impact that he was canonized within two years which was exceedingly fast by the Roman Catholic Church's standards.

As we reflect on the heritage given to us by St. Francis, we might consider the powerful words in his famous prayer. "O Lord make me an instrument of Thy peace . . . It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life."



Well, another month has flown by, and our thoughts turn to our "Sweethearts"!

Keep Jesus alive in your heart this month!

AGAPE: SELFLESS LOVE FOR OTHERS AND FOR GOD.

February Sunday School Rotation Schedule

Preschool – Kindergarten

2/5- David Helps His Family

Sing at 10:45 AM Service

Children stay with teachers until the service.

2/12 - THEATER

2/19 – David Visits His Brothers

2/26 – David and Jonathan

1st – 4th Grades

2/5 – Isaiah

2/12 - THEATER

2/19 – 2/26 – Calling the Disciples

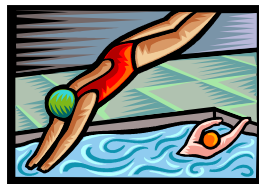
Club 56 (5th & 6th Grades)

2/5 – 2/26 -Why can't we all just get along?

Wednesday Kids' Club Activities

2/1 – Kids Club meets, 3:10-5:45 PM

SWIMMING!!! We will return about 5:45 PM. If you would like to pick your child up at the pool, you may do so by 5:00 PM. Please let Lori know in advance if you will be doing this.



2/8 – Kids Club meets, 3:10-5:00 PM.

2/15 – **NO** Kids Club.

2/23 – Kids Club meets, 3:10-5:00 PM - ASH WEDNESDAY

Children will attend the 4:15 PM Lenten service; parents are welcome to join your child(ren).

MILESTONES:

Fifth Grade First Communion

The fifth graders will receive Holy Communion for the first time on Sunday, February 5th at the 10:45 service. First communion instruction for students and their parents will be held on Wednesday, February 1 from 6:00-8:00 PM. The students will learn about the Sacrament of Holy Communion, bake the bread that we will use on Sunday, February 5th, and make the stoles they will be wearing that day.



2/12 – NOTE – 1st Grade – “We Worship” **moved** to March 25th

2/19 – 2nd Grade – “Serving Others”

2/26 – 3rd Grade – “Deeper into the Bible”

Parents attend with Child in the MULTI-PURPOSE Room

Missions:

ELCA World Hunger

On January 8th, I had a great morning with the 4- and 5-year-olds. We played games, had some snacks, and read a story about a “Shepherd Who Lost His Sheep.” We ran out of time for the crafts, so their teachers kept them for the following week! I am pleased to let you all know what they decided to purchase for ELCA World Hunger! With the money that was raised for this event, they purchased:



1 - Fish Farm

20 - Chicks

WOW! WOW! WOW! Way to GO, Kids!!! You will make a HUGE impact on many lives!



A FEW CHANGES . . . GET YOUR CALENDARS READY!!!

February 12th – We are having our congregational Annual Meeting during the Adult Forum from 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM. Parents and teachers are strongly encouraged to attend. We will not have our traditional Sunday School in separate classes. We will, however, be having a VEGGIETALE MOVIE EVENT in the THEATER!!! The children are all invited to see: “Sweetpea Beauty ~ A Girl After God’s Own Heart!” All children should go to the theater. There will be nursery attendants as well!!!



March 25th – 1st Grade “We Worship” Milestone has been scheduled to this date. Parents and first graders should meet at 9:45 AM in the Multi-purpose Room.

APRIL 21st – FAMILY FUN NIGHT is rescheduled for the 21st instead of the 28th.

MAY 13th – We will have our FIRST Early Registration event during the Adult Forum time at 9:45 AM. Parents are encouraged to attend and register your child for the following year’s events such as (but not limited to): Sunday School, Wednesday Kids’ Club, Pottery Class, Swimming, and many others. Please plan to attend; this event will be in place of the registration at the beginning of the school year to allow for more planning. Thank you in advance for attending! Please bring questions if you have any!!!

FEBRUARY 25th – 4:00-7:00 PM

Mark you calendars for another FAMILY FUN NIGHT!!!

Join us with other families at the church to enjoy a FREE Family Fun Night! Get to know other families and do fun activities with your child (ren). Bring a friend or two if you like!



We will watch a movie, play in the gym, do crafts, play games and eat with good friends and new friends.

Please bring a dish to share!

BIBLE CAMP POTLUCK SCHOLARSHIP

March 4th following the 10:45am service.

Please sign up to bring a dish!

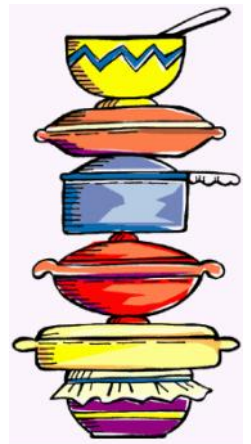
Supplemental funds have been applied for through Kandiyohi County Chapter #31307 of

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

You may start signing your child(ren) up for Bible camp at any time!!!

Green Lake Bible Camp offers an

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT from February 14th – March 15th... so don’t waste any time - GET REGISTERED!!!



Potluck Dinner



“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

Junior High

Confirmation - Wednesdays, February 1 and 8.

NO Confirmation on February 15 or during Lent.

REMINDER - Ash Wednesday (Feb. 22) is the beginning of our Lenten season. Confirmation students will attend services at 4:15 or 7:00 PM. Remember to check in at the information center in the gathering space. These services are a requirement for confirmation, and you do NOT need to take sermon notes (as they do not count towards your total for the year). Also, please remember you need to attend these services with a parent/guardian.

Wednesday, February 1 - *On Call* and *Fast Forward* will be here from 6:00-7:30 P.M. Confirmation students and DIG members will attend. Treats and beverages will be served after the performance in the Fellowship Hall.

8th Grade Mentorship Program for Lent

This year, we are starting a mentorship program for the 8th graders during Lent. The Youth Team will be personally asking approximately 20 adults to be mentors to our 8th grade confirmation students during Lent. We will ask them to attend the evening Lenten services and have some 1:1 meeting time with their assigned student following each service. You will receive more information in the mail regarding this program and your child's mentor.

REMINDER!

The 7th & 8th Grade Retreat will be held April 28 and 29.

Senior High

DIG meets Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 7:30, Feb. 8 at 7:00 PM and Wednesdays, Feb. 22 and 29 at from 6:15-7:00 PM (change of time during Lent).

NO DIG on Feb. 15.

February 1—DIG students will attend the *On Call/Fast Forward* program from 6:00-7:30 PM. Treats and beverages will follow the performance. DIG at 7:30.

Starting **February 22** (which is Ash Wednesday), DIG will meet from 6:15 until 7:00 P.M., and we will go to the 7:00 Lenten services as a group.

Lutheran College Scholarship Fund

A committee has been formed to research available funds for students who are attending a Lutheran College in the Midwest. Some colleges offer matching funds if the student's church has an established scholarship fund. If you are interested in helping to fund a Peace scholarship fund, please contact Pastor Kathy.

If you are a Peace member with a son or daughter who is presently attending or may attend a Lutheran college, please contact one of the following people on this committee: John Hartley, Chairman; Peg Peterson, Secretary, or Steve Van Meter, Treasurer.

Kitchen Volunteers

Below is a list of the wonderful kitchen volunteers for February. If you are unable to work your shift, please find your own replacement and let Kendra know of changes. There is a list of shifts posted on the refrigerator in the kitchen. Thank you for your time and dedication to the Youth Program!

	<u>4:45-6:15</u>	<u>5:00-6:45</u>
Feb. 1	Ann Gustafson	Lynette Beuning
Feb. 8	Ann Gustafson	Karla Nelson
Feb. 15	NO Confirmation / NO Meal	
Feb. 22	Kim Benjamin	Sarah Tanner
Feb. 29	Sherri Nelson	Beth Roeder

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Scott Baumann, Gordy Freeman, Katherine Holbrook, Cherrish Holland, Lucas Nelson, Chad Searcy, Corinne Skogen

2 – Delany Barber, Luke Campbell, Kevin Combs, Chuck Johnson, Scott Lothert, Dale Olson, Allan Turnquist

3 – Ricki Bajari, Michael Bigalke, Sam Drodofsky, Kristine Sweep, Mateo Tejada

4 - Darren Felton, Carter Johnson, Keith Olson, Carla Rice, Sandy Samuelson, Andy Schwaegerl, Bryce Weiss

5 - Darrin Bonnema, Jeff Dahl, Whitney Herman, Alex Kohls, Elaine Peterson, Vonn Zylstra

6 – Britta Dahlberg, Jan Flesland, Jackie Orson, Daryl Quisberg, Toni Sanderson

7 - Lisa Bolle, Derrick Dohmann, Roger Hanson, Alyssa Hoekstra, Mary Millard, Scott Rudningen, Marlene Tharaldson, Becky West

8 –Kurt Czycalla, Amy Hanson, Angie Mattke, Ryan Mikkelson

9 – Miyah Beug, Angie Mayhew, Gloria Nelson, Carley Renstrom, Kyle Vegdahl

10 - Brenda Bernstein, Diane Gronli, Nathan Johnson, Adam Mayhew

11 –Steve Bjerke, Emmitt Bjork, Marcia Bonham, Susan Bullemer, Margaret Sheldon, Carson Stone, DeAnn Thompson

12 – Shelby Adrian, Alexandra Bonham, Lynette Cors, David Dohmann, Christin Rutgers, Doug Wessling

13 - Hollie Bernstein, Ken Gravley, Amanda Hacker, Brady Illies, Roger Iverson, Charlie Johnson, Joel Johnson, Richard Johnson, Jenna Peterson, Jeanette Torgerson

14 - Mitchell Aasen, Sophia Austvold, Coretta Czycalla, Kayla Jones, Diane Larsen, Alyssa Thompson, Norm Wrase, Kaylyn Ziesmer

15 - Lori Asche, Sharon Brown, Gina Frost, Peter Frost, Steve Hanson, Karen Jacobs, Jerry Larson, Jakob Stageberg

16 – Jen Engebretson, Luke Kohls, Troy Templer

17 – Taylin Champagne, Dennis Gronli, Tracy Hover, Zachary Karnes, Danielle Kastel, Lee Pederson

18 – Jerry Augustson, Darren Hatlestad, Robert Monson, Michael Nelson

19 - Beth Thein, Kimberly Wendlandt

20 - Logan Andreen, Lyle Knutson, Christina Lang, Patrick McCloud, Haylea Reigstad, JaNaye Schroeder

21 – Lukas Arnold, Clara Freeland, Matt Freeland, Ben Johnson, Elizabeth Johnson, Mike Macik, Leon Nelson, Judy Quisberg, Lee Schroeder, Benjamin Shumaker

22 - Griffin Bjerke, Jason Dahlberg, Jerry Haas, Ethan Hegreberg, Steve Reiersen, Tasha Young



23 - Kevin Kleinschmidt, Raymond Lang, Jerry Poe

24 - Robert Boe, Alesha Dokman, Reid Kath, Katherine O'Fallon, Gail Totzke

25 - Mary Bishop, Dennis Nazarenum, Chad Radel

26 – Catherine Kratochvil

27 - Troy Ammerman, Brock Bajari, Matt Holland, Jick Schmidt

28 – Lawsin Dechon, Taylor Olson, Scott Rambow, Derek Strey, Paula Turnquist

29 - Adam Nelson

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

2 – Dennis & Kathy Dyrdaahl

3 - Ron & Nancy Nelson

4 - Dennis & Connie Filley, Jared & Trista Hegreberg

5 - Charlie & Cindy Lundberg

7 - Kurt & Cindi Klever

10 – Guy & Tanya Mayhew

11 – Bo & Carrie Sjoberg, Tom & Coleen Swanson

12 – Michael & Lara Dahl, Virgil & Amy Dilley

14 – Robert & DeAnn Thompson

16 – Justin & Alison Heying, Kevin & Jan Kleinschmidt,

17 – Chad & Krista Bertelson, Steve & Trish Ejnik

19 – Tim & Diane Helgeson

22 - Marc & Kathy Reese

23 – Scott & Roxi Hacker

24 - Blair & Lisa Aasen

25 - Michael & Amanda Felt

27 - John & Kim Dahl, Doug & Pam Tanner



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Don't Miss:

- February 12 9:30 AM **Congregational Annual Meeting**
There will be a movie for Sunday School students and nursery care will be provided. Plan to be a part of this congregational time.
- February 22 4:15 & 7:00 PM **ASH WEDNESDAY.** This is the beginning of our six-week Wednesday Lenten worship services. Come, as we look into "The Jesus Creed" and prepare for Easter. Confirmation students are required to attend. Wednesday Kids Club will attend the 4:15 service as part of their program.
- A soup and sandwich supper will be served Wednesdays during Lent from 5:00 - 6:30 PM. The cost is \$4.00 (max. of \$16 per family).

February 29, March 7, March 14, March 21, March 28—Wednesday Lenten services

April 1 - Palm Sunday; April 5 - Maundy Thursday; April 6 - Good Friday; April 8 - Easter