



# Our Saviour's Good News

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## MISSION STATEMENT

*Our Saviour Lutheran Church welcomes all people to a safe place to grow in faith and serve the Lord Jesus Christ*

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## SEEKING THE LORD THIS LENTEN SEASON

Being close to the Lord is a desire of many Christians. Let's think about that. During the Epiphany Season we sang hymns and read scriptures about light. When God appears or sends an angel to bring a message, a bright light is also there. It is God's glory.

The light is often physical so it can be seen. Also it can be spiritual and unseen. Both ways can touch the heart and quicken spiritual wisdom and understanding. This draws us closer to God and helps us experience His presence and His great love for us.

When Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit came on Him and God's voice was heard saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Well if God was pleased with him why was Jesus immediately taken into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil? God had been preparing Jesus for this moment for quite a while. Remember the story of Jesus as a 12-year-old in the temple? He evidently had already studied scripture because the religious leaders were amazed at his biblical knowledge as he discussed scripture with them. He more than likely had memorized scripture.

The devil came to Jesus there in the wilderness. Jesus was fasting for 40 days and he was more than likely weak physically, even though He was strong spiritually. One of the devil's tactics is he comes to us in our weak moments. The devil's first temptation was with food, asking Jesus to use miraculous power to turn stones into bread. God had just proclaimed that Jesus was His Son. The devil was testing Jesus and asking him to *try out* his spiritual power to prove it. Jesus used scripture to refute the devil's scheme.

The devil came back to Jesus, himself using scripture for his own purposes. Again using scripture, Jesus won the victory. The last temptation was direct and to the point of all the devil's schemes, to get humans to worship him. Jesus boldly resisted this with the scripture that says to worship God and serve Him only. With this victory, the devil left and angels came and ministered to Jesus.

How did Jesus win the victory over the devil? Staying close to God the Father by quoting scripture. He had studied it, memorized it, and had it ready for the conflict. When we have fallen to temptation, how many times have we been unaware of how the devil works, and because of this we are deceived. All of the devil's temptations are aimed at getting us to listen to him and do what he says, thus ignoring God's Word.

In order to grow closer to God, it is important to know ways God comes to us. One way is through the written Word of God. Are we Bible literate? Can we quote scripture because we have it stored to memory? Jesus could. As His followers, is this something we need to make a priority!?! Jesus, the Living Word, had a sharp sword to wield the winning blow against satan.

How sharp is the blade of your spiritual sword? Have you practiced with it so that you are ready when the conflict comes? What do people with swords do after a battle? They sharpen them. Bible reading and memorization of key scriptures is crucial for sharpening the sword for victory against the devil.

In the military, soldiers must stay fit and ready for battle. Ask someone who is no longer in the military to try on the uniform they used in service. In some cases, it just doesn't fit. The apostle Paul said that we should stay fit, healthy, alert, ready for battle. Our spiritual enemy stands ready to attack. Be strong through Christ and win the battle!

When a closer walk with God is desired, and victory over the devil is needed, we again turn to the Word of God. In Matthew 6, Jesus talks about specific duties of a Christian: 1) giving 2) praying, and 3) fasting. He made it clear that these are a normal part of a Christian life when He said, "when you give ... when you pray... when you fast." Each of these strengthen our relationship with God and also help keep our sword sharp for spiritual warfare.

In Ecclesiastes 4:12, Solomon says that a three-fold cord is not easily broken. When  
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giving, praying, and fasting are practiced in a Christian's life it sets the stage for victory. Could we be missing our greatest *breakthroughs* because we fail in one or all of these areas? In Mark 4:20, Jesus speaks of a 30- fold, 60-fold, and 100-fold return. Could a Lenten journey of giving, praying, and fasting bring a good return?

We may think of a good return or reward in only financial or material ways. Also God gives a good return to our biblical efforts with spiritual blessings as well, such as a closer walk with Him, and victory over the temptations of the evil one.

Consider this: Am I willing to grow in my relationship with the Lord this Lenten season? Am I willing to do what it takes to have victory over the ways that draw me away from God? Use that three-fold cord, sharpen your sword, ask God to help. He is more willing to help us than we are willing to ask him. Oh, how much God loves us! He is patient, kind and truly desires to partner with us for victory.

II Timothy 4:28 says, *The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into His heavenly Kingdom. To Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

Some of the material for this article was taken from the book by Jentezen Franklin, *Fasting*, Published by *Charisma House*, Lake Mary, Florida, Copyright 2008..

**LENTEN SPECIAL SERVICES**

Six weeks before Easter we observe the Lenten Season. It is a time to honestly examine ourselves to see if we are following Jesus in our everyday lives. If we see ways that need to be changed, or good things that need to be added, it is a good time to make those changes and additions.

Repentance and godly sorrow for our sin is the theme of the season as well as remembering the life and good deeds of Christ Jesus. The purpose of all of this is to draw closer to Jesus, experience a closer walk with him and appreciate all that He has done for us, not only years ago when He walked this earth, but also as we communicate with Him, study His word and fellowship with His people. This season leads up to Holy Week and Easter, which is April 20<sup>th</sup> this year.

**The following five Weeks** on Wednesdays, there are plans being made for **Lenten Lite**, to be held at the activity building. Each Wednesday, there will be a lite meal beginning at 6:00 p.m. *We will need volunteers to sign up to prepare a lite meal.* (see sign-up sheet on table in hallway)

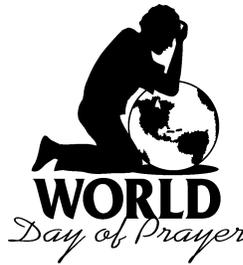
Also each Wednesday, after the meal, Pastor Pete will lead a time of worship and Bible study of Ruth.

This is a great opportunity for **fellowship** together with our own church members, and also a time to **invite friends** to come with you. .

Check you schedule and look at the four Wednesdays in March, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> as well as on April 1<sup>st</sup> will be the Lenten Lite days.

**Friday, March 6, 2020**, we journey to Slovenia and enter a world vibrant with song and praise.

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement which brings Christians of many traditions together to observe a common day of prayer each year. Perhaps you have seen maps of the world that are not centered from an expected or familiar perspective. For example when the Southern Hemisphere is displayed on top, one's orientation is literally turned upside down. In theory one knows that the earth is round and suspended in space and so the world can be accurately viewed from any point. But our first impulse is to turn the map around because we feel lost. Even when we have seen satellite images of the earth with no borders we cannot resist adjusting the image until what is familiar is at the center and then to see others in relation to ourselves.



Thus the ecumenical spirituality of World Day of Prayer, which is celebrated in 170 countries, is a process that shifts our perspective to a different country each year. While the theme is chosen and assigned at a quadrennial international meeting of WDP Committees, the development of the theme into a worship service is conducted by women of WDP in that writer country. Their preparation strives to be done in an attentive, mutually supportive process so that the worship service will authentically reflect the multi-dimensions of their context, their faith experiences from the various church traditions in their country, and their cultural influences. The worldwide network of women of WDP are committed to listen intensely to what their sisters will say—in effect they hear the women of that writer country into speaking. Truly, one is able to speak when one knows that she is being heard

The preparations for the actual WDP worship service on each first Friday of March are a creative and educational process that takes months of organizing and work. Women conduct workshops and publish articles and resource materials. They seek out where members of the writer ethnic community might be in their country. They show slides; arrange for speakers. They conduct Bible Studies that explore the significance of the text in itself, in the writer context and in their own country. Women faithfully struggle to make their sisters' words and symbols the basis for local ecumenical worship.

The host country for WDP 2020 is Zimbabwe. The WDP 2020 program is based on Jesus' encounter with a person who, although positioned for healing, had not acted upon the opportunities given (John 5:2-9a). Jesus asked –“Do you want to be made well?”with the theme “Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk”. You are faced with this life-changing question. What are you going to do? Use this opportunity to reflect with your WDP group, community and ecumenical partners. Prayer and action are what link us together around the globe.

**Our Saviour Lutheran Church**  
**Bill Trudnak, President**  
**January 21, 2019 Council Minutes**



**Devotions:** Jeff White

Meeting called to order by President, Bill Trudnak

**Members present:** Bill Trudnak, Teri Trudnak, Joe Finger, Robbie Wooten, Alice Vlaservich, Jeff White, Anna Lowery, Denise Traveria; **Members Absent:** Melinda White and Becky Messick

**Election of New Officers:**

Anna Lowery-President, Denise Traveria-Vice-President, Melinda White-Secretary, Joe Finger-Treasurer

At this time Council members will remain at (9) until further discussion

**Minutes:** December 16, 2019 minutes were reviewed. Joe Finger made the motion to approve the minutes and Alice Vlaservich seconded the motion.

**Reception of Petitions and Communications:** Several communications were reviewed. Mainly asking for donations. At this time, we will support in prayer. We currently are giving \$50/month to LCMC and that will increase to \$60/month.

**Report of the Pastor:** Pastor's report was reviewed and discussed. Pastor will start confirmation classes for one of our youth. He is preparing for the Easter season. He also visited Nancy Friday early in the month. Alice Vlaservich made a motion to accept the report and Robbie Wooten gave the second.

**Report of the Treasurer:** Report was reviewed, and a motion was made by Alice Vlaservich to accept the Treasurer Report and seconded by Teri Trudnak

**Report of the Ministries:**

- a. Property: No report
- b. Stewardship and Finance: No report
- c. Worship & Music: undecorated the church for the Christmas season.
- d. Youth Team: No report this month
- e. Witness: Cards and prayers continue to be sent to shut ins
- f. Christian Education Team: No report

**Report of Auxiliaries:** The Rachel Group will meet at the home of Marie Robinson on 1/27/2020. A new bible study will begin from the Upper Room devotion book.

**Old and/or Unfinished Business:**

- a. Discussed the leaking roof problem. Flex Seal has a clear product that could be used for the repairs. Nick will report back.

**New Business:**

- a. The Council devotion schedule will be completed by next meeting.

- b. Mid-week Lenten bible study with light supper to be scheduled.
- c. The annual Chicken-n-Dumplings fund raiser has been cancelled for this year. The DHSCM goal is to raise \$7000, other groups have committed to \$3000 and we have been asked to give \$500. OSLC normally gives \$200 and will try to reach the requested amount by collecting a love offering during the month of February to reach our \$500 goal. Make checks to DHSCM.

**General Information:**

- a. Attendance
- b. Laszlo Mission (Kids International) Report
- c. Installation of Pastor at Immanuel Lutheran, Sumter, SC
- d. DHSCM meeting Jan. 26, 2020

**OFFICERS OF THE LEADERSHIP BOARD AND OTHER OFFICIALS**

President .....Anna Lowery  
 Vice President ..... Denise Traveria  
 Secretary ..... Melinda White  
 General Treasurer .....Joe Finger

**BOARD MEMBERS AND OTHERSON MINISTRIES**

Property Team.....Bill Trudnak, Alice Vlaservich  
 Ministry of Christian Education ....Melinda White, Becky Messick  
 Ministry of Worship .....Anna Lowery, Yvonne Finger, Denise Traveria, Teri Trudnak, Robbie Wooten  
 Ministry of Finance .....Steve Digh, Joe Finger.  
 & Jeff White  
 Stewardship .  
 Ministry of Witness .....Shirlee Marazza, Becky Messick, Marie Robinson, Alice Vlaservich  
 Ministry of Youth .....Melinda White



FOOD FOR THE MONTH: Pinto Beans, Canned Meat, Corn

## *The Lies of Mainstream Media*

### *Day after day we are inundated with messages that contradict God's Word*

by Paul Paulson (Decision Magazine)

It's a normal day in the life of a typical man or woman in any Western nation:

Wake up and, while getting ready for the day, watch a morning news program that—by the stories it covers, the sources it cites and the language it uses—promotes a leftist-progressive bias.

Drive to work, listening to hit songs filled with sexual immorality, greed and violence.

Throughout the day, keep an eye on social media, where memes and discussions polarize neighbors, distort conflicting views and breed bitterness and cynicism.

Back at home that evening, watch television programs that—if LGBTQ activists have their way—will within the next five years have 20% of series regular characters portrayed as gay or lesbian. Or skip TV altogether and play a video game that glamorizes violence and crime.

Over the weekend, take in a movie that portrays a completely secular world where immorality and profanity are seen as normal, even desirable.

No matter the medium, popular culture floods our consciousness, giving it nearly unmatched power to influence our thoughts and actions, and even our laws and public policy.

“Popular culture both reflects and moves our society,” writes progressive author Tracy Van Slyke in the *Huffington Post*. “It shapes beliefs and behavior. It is where people are already paying attention.” Van Slyke’s observation explains why popular culture is so influential. The issue, then, is this: Will popular culture be used for good or for evil?

Billy Graham understood the power of popular culture for spreading the Gospel. From the earliest days of his ministry, he incorporated music, with Cliff Barrows and George Beverly Shea becoming lifelong members of his team. His “Hour of Decision” radio program began in 1950, and before that decade was over, he was also proclaiming the Gospel through movies and television. In 1993, when the World Wide Web was just beginning to show signs that it might revolutionize modern life, Mr. Graham held a live chat on America Online. Today, BGEA continues to use music, video, radio, television, social media, evangelistic websites and more to spread the message of Christ.

But the predominant messages of popular culture are antithetical to Gospel truth. Messages such as:

- *There is no God. Religion—fairly tale that it is—has no place in public life.*
- *Abortion is a basic right that simply removes unwanted tissue from a woman’s body.*
- *Homosexuality is perfectly good and should be encouraged, and those who think otherwise are self-righteous bigots.*
- *If one feels like one’s biological sex does not match his or her true self, we should aid and celebrate a gender change.*
- *Euthanasia and assisted suicide are useful options for those in chronic pain or suffering from a terminal illness.*

And on it goes.

To mature Christians, those messages might seem easy to dismiss, but the very nature of popular culture makes them more powerful than they might appear.

“The main things that I think shape our minds and hearts are the things that shape our imaginations first,” says John Stonestreet, president of the Colson Center for Christian Worldview. “Popular culture is so powerful because it makes things thinkable. And when something moves from unthinkable to thinkable, then it’s a shorter step from thinkable to normal.”

It accomplishes this in a very sneaky way.

“It doesn’t *convince* us,” Stonestreet says. “C.S. Lewis said that the most dangerous ideas are not the ones argued but the ones assumed. And nothing assumes ideas like pop culture does. Who are the good guys? Who are the bad guys? What’s the noble cause? What’s success? What’s a family? How do things connect and relate? All that stuff is pictured in the moral of a story, of a movie, or in the images of a meme or a website or a game. That’s its power—it never has to argue ideas. It can just embody them and assume them and smuggle them past you.”

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Consider, too, the way popular culture saturates our lives. We can complain about that, but we need to admit our own complicity. Part of the reason popular culture is so seemingly inescapable with its anti-Biblical messages is that most of us have willingly immersed ourselves in it. At the heart of much of our media consumption is an insatiable desire to be entertained. It's not a stretch to call it an addiction to entertainment.

How do we spend our spare time? If we aren't watching movies or television, we might scroll for hours through Facebook, Instagram or YouTube, lazily devouring all manner of words and images. Our media intake is largely a passive pursuit that can breed lethargy, greed, envy, lust, bitterness and covetousness. After spending our days in such insipid pursuits, is it any wonder if our lives do not exhibit spiritual power or bear the fruit that God desires?

And the effects can go far beyond unfruitful individual lives.

"Law, most of the time, follows culture," Stonestreet points out. "Not always, because the law can have a transformative effect on culture as well. But most of the time, law reflects what's already taking place. That certainly has been the case with sexual orientation, gender identity issues and same-sex marriage."

Children are particularly vulnerable to the values being expressed in popular culture.

Davy Liu, an artist and animator who has worked for Disney, Warner Bros. Feature Animation, and George Lucas' Industrial Light and Magic, hopes to counter the anti-Biblical messages of Hollywood through his nonprofit ministry KenduKids.

"You need to be aware of what Hollywood is doing," Liu says, pointing to Hollywood's push to add more LGBTQ characters to children's entertainment. "Parents cannot be naïve."

KenduKids board member Rick Dressler adds: "The sheer volume of secular entertainment and secular preoccupations for children is an overwhelming force. Some of it's good. Some of it is educational. But a lot of it is not. That sheer volume has a catastrophic influence on the trajectory of children's values."

In response, KenduKids aims to create animated programs on par with the quality of any major studio, telling Bible stories as seen through the eyes of the animals in those stories. The first program in production, "The Giant Leaf," tells the story of Noah's ark from the perspective of a young fox who is searching for freedom in the wild despite his fear of something known as the Animal Eater. Then he begins to realize that the Animal Eater may be his only hope for survival when the rains come.

"We need to own up to our responsibility for Christ," Liu says. "I don't want to blame the world. The world is being dark. That's just normal for a sinful world. But if we are not shining light, it's *our* fault. We're not being the light of the world."

Dressler sees a spiritual battle reflected in the messages of popular culture: "Paul says in Ephesians 6 that we are not fighting against flesh and blood but against powers and principalities and spiritual forces in the heavenly realms. This is the underpinning of secularism. And we're seeing it manifested now in school shootings. We see it manifested in sexual behavior. Premarital sex is considered no different from popping the top off a soft drink—it's just the way it's done."

So how should Christians respond to the onslaught of popular culture?

First, Stonestreet says, stop consuming so much of it: "I think we should turn down pop culture in our lives pretty dramatically because it's got way too much influence."

"Do not be conformed to this world," the Bible says, and this must include the conformity of recklessly imbibing the world's entertainment. Instead, "be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect" (Romans 12:2).

We renew our minds through God's Word, the Bible. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God" (Colossians 3:16). Is the Word of Christ dwelling in us richly? If not, major changes are in order.

The Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Philippi: "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" (Philippians 4:8). If we are honest, many of us are failing in these areas. Only by repenting and changing our thought patterns will we rise above the din of popular culture.

And Christian parents must help their children to identify the lies they will inevitably see in popular culture.

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"If you never acknowledge it and deal with it, then it becomes normal," Stonestreet says. "I have three choices. One is to stop and celebrate it. Two—which I'm not going to do—I could walk by and hope my kid doesn't notice it. Three, I think what we have to do is stop, point it out and have a big, long, robust conversation about it. It makes our job harder, there's no question. It was nice to live in a culture where all the music and art supported a religious framework, but we just don't live there anymore."

### Hollywood and the LGBTQ Agenda:

Hollywood is pushing hard to normalize homosexuality. Consider some examples from Disney:

- "Toy Story 4" included two brief scenes that show a kindergarten child with two mothers.
- Marvel's blockbuster "Avengers Endgame" included a character, played by co-director Joe Russo, who talked about dating another man—and being commended by Marvel's paragon of virtue Captain America.
- "Jungle Cruise," a film set for release in July, reportedly has a straight actor portraying a gay character—which has brought criticism from some LGBTQ activists.
- The recent "Beauty and the Beast" remake portrayed Gaston's servant LeFou as gay.
- A 2017 episode of Disney's animated children's program "Star vs. the Forces of Evil" included a number of same-sex kisses in a concert scene.

Yet for all this, the LGBTQ activist group GLAAD reports that Disney "has the weakest history when it comes to LGBTQ inclusion of all the studios tracked." The group calls on studios to have 50 percent of their films "LGBTQ-inclusive" by 2024, adding, "Animated and family films must be more inclusive of LGBTQ characters."

Overall, television has been even more willing than movie studios to push the LGBTQ agenda. GLAAD notes that "support for marriage equality grew alongside the increase in LGBTQ characters on television." ©2020 BGEA

*Scripture quotations are taken from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version.*

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## Bill Tinsley: The Viral Gospel

History documents that the Gospel went viral following the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. There was no media campaign. There were no reporters, no cameras, no photo ops, no internet, no Facebook. But somehow, Jesus impacted and changed the world. Growing up in the obscure and infamous village of Nazareth, Jesus' public ministry lasted only three years. He walked wherever he went and never traveled more than 100 miles from his birthplace. When He was crucified, there were no papers to report it, no news teams to film it. But the news spread around the world and is continuing to spread today. It did so by "going viral."

Paul spoke of "the gospel which has come to you, just as in all the world also it is constantly bearing fruit and increasing, even as it has been doing in you also since the day you heard of it and understood the grace of God in truth" (Colossians 1:6). And again, "For all things are for your sakes, so that the grace which is spreading to more and more people may cause the giving of thanks to abound to the glory of God" (2 Cor 4:15). "I thank my God through Jesus Christ ... because your faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world" (Romans 1:8).

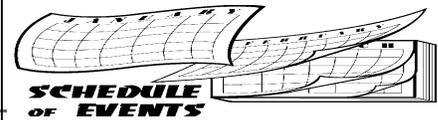
When the Gospel goes viral, it requires more than posting a few sentences or a video clip on the internet, more than "clicking" and forwarding information. The Kingdom of God goes viral when lives are transformed by faith in Jesus Christ so that society is saturated with honesty, integrity, justice and generosity. Changed lives change the lives of those around them. The Gospel has gone viral in previous generations. It could "go viral" in ours.



# March 2020



Sunday School: 9:45 pm  
Church Service: 11:00 pm



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 1 <sup>st</sup> Sun in Lent	2 Team Mtg.	3	4 Lenten Service	5	6  World Day of Prayer	7 96 <sup>th</sup> NCMIM Gathering
8  DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS	9	10 Gaston Together	11 Lenten Service	12 CPC 25 <sup>th</sup> Fund Raising Event	13	14
15 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun. in Lent	16 Board Mtg	17  Prayer Group <small>St. Patrick's Day</small>	18 Lenten Service	19 1 <sup>st</sup> Day Spring	20	21
22 4 <sup>th</sup> Sun. in Lent	23 CLW/Rachel Group	24	25 Lenten Service	26	27	28
29 5 <sup>th</sup> Sun. in Lent	30	31		Food Collection		

- Mar. 1— 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent
- Mar. 2—Team Meetings 7 pm
- Mar. 4— Lenten Service
- Mar. 6— World Day of Prayer (see p 3)
- Mar. 8— Daylight Saving—set your clock ahead one hour March 7
- Mar. 8— 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent  
GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY
- Mar. 10—Gaston Together (see p 8)
- Mar. 11— Lenten Service w/lite supper
- Mar. 12—CPC 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraising Event
- Mar. 15— 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent
- Mar. 16—Board Meeting at 7:00 pm
- Mar. 17— Prayer Group will meet at the home of Shirlee Marazza at 1:30 pm  
St. Patrick's Day (see p 4)
- Mar. 18— Lenten Service w/lite supper
- Mar. 19—First Day of Spring
- Mar. 22—4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent
- Mar. 23— CLW/Rachel Group will meet at the home of Betty Clemmer at 11:00 am
- Mar. 25—Lenten Service w/lite supper
- Mar. 29— 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

FOOD FOR THE MONTH:

**Pinto Beans, Canned Meat, Corn**



Choir practice each Wednesday at 4:00 pm unless otherwise announced the bulletin



## Birthdays

4 Jack Clemmer	Christian Clemmer
19 Bailey Messick	Mariel Schmideler
22 Ben Finger	
22 Steve Digh	
30 Emma Dease	



**Holy Communion Schedule:**  
No Communion During Lent

**Worship Service Assistance:**

- Acolyte: OSLC Member
- Crucifer: (not during Lent)
- Communion Asst: OSLC Member
- Lay Reader: Yvonne Finger
- Worship Asst: Yvonne Finger
- Greeters: Members of OSLC
- Ushers: Members of OSLC
- Council Devotions: Denise Traveria
- Collections: Melinda White

## FLOWERS

**Flower Schedule:**

- Mar. 1 None during Lent
- Mar. 8 None during Lent
- Mar. 15 None during Lent
- Mar. 22 None during Lent
- Mar. 29 None during Lent

Please sign up to place flowers on the altar in the glory of God and in honor or memory of your love ones.

24 openings  
Please sign up and help  
Decorate the altar of our Lord



## ANNIVERSARIES

28<sup>th</sup> .....Carlos & Denise Traveria  
31<sup>st</sup> .....Britt & Anna Lowery



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**OUTREACH MISSION**  
SHUT-INS  
NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Please remember our church members who are shut-ins and visit them.

**Marilyn Finger** (at home)  
 1150 Meadow Way Dr.  
 Dallas, NC

**Jerri Presley**  
 2604 Ole Home Trail, Dallas

(If others, please let the church office know)



Help fill the pantry  
 at the  
 Dallas-High Shoals Christian Ministry.

Check and see what food item they need for the month (on page 7—our calendar) and let us over fill that basket in the hallway. This is a great outreach program.

God will bless you in your generosity.



Each Wednesday Night  
 during Lent  
 at  
 6:00 pm

Study on Book of Ruth

**COME, EAT AND LEARN**  
Sign-up Sheet for Meals on  
Table in Hallway



**Bring  
 a  
 Friend**

**Why is Camp Important?**

- ✦ Camp is a Christ—centered experience in a *Fun and Safe Environment*.
- ✦ A summer camp experience is the *second most powerful* this you can do to keep your children faithful in the church! Don't let them miss out.
- ✦ We focus on individual camper needs through a *small group relational style*.
- ✦ Campers have an intense time with quality, well-trained, *Christian role-models* as staff.
- ✦ Experience the powerful impact of our emphasis on *building self-value* in each camper.
- ✦ Campers are challenged to ask questions, grow in faith and *understand faith and values*.
- ✦ We believe in people making a difference through the *guidance of the Holy Spirit*.

*“Experience the Spirit — Christ, Creation, Community”*

Agape-Kure Beach

**Events For  
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and

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**GO OUT ON A LIMB  
 GET INVOLVED  
 BE A WORSHIP ASSISTANT**

A positions are still open. Participate in the service of the Lord and sign up.

Sign up sheets  
 for the 2020 calendar year are on the  
 wall in the Education wing.  
 THANK YOU!

## A Stewardship Minute

Sometimes when we are reading something, especially Christian literature, certain sentences seem to leap off the page and begin to bring enlightenment to our minds. Listen to this fascinating statement:

*"God gives to us not to make us thankful but to make us generous and useful to him and others."*

Now obviously when something good happens to us, when God seems to be pouring out blessing after blessing, we are very grateful. And surely

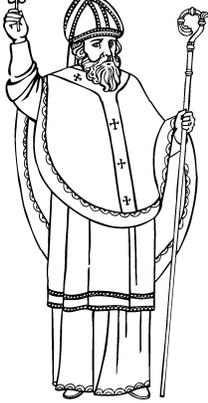
most of us will take time to express our gratitude to God. That is a good response, of course. In less obvious circumstances, however, we often don't express gratitude for the many blessings bestowed upon us by God. Thanksgiving follows the realization that all we have was given to us by God. God gives us these things not to make us thankful, but to make us useful! It becomes clear ... in fact it is inescapable ... that genuine thankfulness and good stewardship are inseparably related.

This month's issue of *Stewardship* goes on to point out that by any name, what we EXPRESS to God

about what has been given to us is called "Thanksgiving." What we DO with all of it is called "Stewardship." It is to love God with our heart, mind, soul, and strength. After all, is that not the way Christ loves us?

**Prayer:** Gracious God, keep reminding us that we are not only to be grateful to you, but to submit ourselves as faithful stewards on your behalf. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## St. Patrick's Day



The person who was to become St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was born in Wales about AD 385. His given name was Maewyn, and he almost didn't get the job of bishop of Ireland because he lacked the required scholarship.

Far from being a saint, until he was 16, he considered himself a pagan. At that age, he was sold into slavery by a group of Irish marauders that raided his village. During his captivity, he became closer to God.

He escaped from slavery after six years and went to Gaul where he studied in the monastery under St. Germain, bishop of Auxerre for a period of twelve years. During his training he became aware that his calling was to convert the pagans to Christianity.

His wishes were to return to Ireland, to convert the native pagans to Christianity. But his superiors instead appointed St. Palladius. But two years later, Palladius transferred to Scotland. Patrick, having adopted that Christian name earlier, was then appointed as second bishop to Ireland.

Patrick was quite successful at winning converts. And this fact upset the Celtic Druids. Patrick was arrested several times, but escaped each time. He traveled throughout Ireland, establishing monasteries across the country. He also set up schools and churches which would aid him in his conversion of the Irish country to Christianity.

His mission in Ireland lasted for thirty years. After that time, Patrick retired to County Down. He died on March 17 in AD 461. That day has been commemorated as St. Patrick's Day ever since. Much Irish folklore surrounds St. Patrick's Day. Not much of it is actually substantiated.

Some of this lore includes the belief that Patrick raised people from the dead. He also is said to have given a sermon from a hilltop that drove all the snakes from Ireland. Of course, no snakes were ever native to Ireland, and some people think this is a metaphor for the conversion of the pagans. Though originally a Catholic holy day, St. Patrick's Day has evolved into more of a secular holiday.

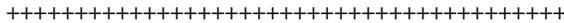
One traditional icon of the day is the shamrock. And this stems from a more bona fide Irish tale that tells how Patrick used the three-leafed shamrock to explain the Trinity. He used it in his sermons to represent how the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit could all exist as separate elements of the same entity. His followers adopted the custom of wearing a shamrock on his feast day. The St. Patrick's Day custom came to America in 1737. That was the first year St. Patrick's Day was publicly celebrated in this country, in Boston.

Today, people celebrate the day with parades, wearing of the green, and drinking beer. One reason St. Patrick's Day might have become so popular is that it takes place just a few days before the first day of spring. One might say it has become the first green of spring.

# Church News



Easter Lilies will cost \$10.00



**N E W FLOWERS**  
**CALENDER FOR THE CHURCH** is posted on the first door in the hallway of the Education wing. Please sign up to place flowers on the altar in the glory of God and in honor or memory of your loved ones. You can then take them home with you or give them to one of our shut ins.

**THERE ARE 26 OPENINGS**



Each **Lenten Suppers** Wednesday  
Night during Lent  
at  
6:00 pm  
Message on Book of Ruth

**COME, EAT AND LEARN**

Sign-up Sheet for Meals on Table in Hallway

PASTOR PETE FEIGE TELEPHONE:

704-516-2805

**CLWRACHEL GROUP**

will meet at the home of TBA

March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 am

**Prayer Group**

Will meet in the home of Shirlee Maraza

March 17 at 1:00 pm

**LET US PRAY...** "Are any among you suffering? They should pray...The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up." (James 5:13-15)



**PRAYER CONCERNS**—MARGARET Addington (Brady Ratchford's sister and friends of the community), SUSAN Aderholt, SETH Alexander, AMANDA (friend of the Penley's), MARVIS Anderson, KELLY Ballard (friend of Shana Dease), BRAXTON Bearden (friend of the Locketts), ADDISON Blanton (friend of Dease's), KATHY Bohanan (cancer), KAREN Brady, DONNA Efird (Friend of Ryan and Keenan-back surgery), HARDY Feige (Pete's dad - chronic back pain), JOE Glenn (Melinda White's father), JASON Hames (friend of the White's) DANA Kirshman (friend of Robbie Wooten-cancer), GARY Neal, (friend of Caleb Dease), MARY O'Shea (co-worker of Melinda White's). RIVER Peedin (Ursela Peedin's great-grandson- leukemia), JANICE and JOHNNY Pendleton (grandparents of Raygan Carpenter - Janice has strokes), SONDRRA Phillips (friend of Melinda White), JERRIE Presley, GARY Turner (father of Jason Murray), KELLY Walters (mother of Brie Murray), MELINDA White, ANNE White (niece of Betty Ratchford-breast cancer), NANCY Wilson (neck and foot). MARY Wooten (Sara's great-grandmother and Rosalee's great-great grandmother)



## 2020 MARCH MISSION EMPHASIS

### LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

**Our staff and partners in the countries where we work know the local languages, traditions and customs necessary to provide appropriate solutions. And they have access to the knowledge and expertise of their colleagues in other countries around the world. We work in Latin America, Africa, Middle East, and Asia.**

#### AGRICULTURE, CLIMATE & DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

Our goal is to improve the lives of millions of small-scale farmers and their families, and to help them adapt to and mitigate the effects of changing weather and environmental conditions. With your generous gifts, LWR, in partnership with a local non-profit organization, is helping 80 farming families in this remote region increase their food security along with their potato crop yields. To do this, we're equipping farmers with a variety of native potato seeds. To further the reach of this work, we're providing training for farmers so that they can serve as local, technical resources to help other area farmers improve their crops. We're also helping families set up seed banks so they can continue to grow the native potato varieties.

Peru, high up in the Andes mountains. The people like the Potato Project, which helps them out of the extreme poverty. Juan wants to make money to educate his kids. This project also helps Daisy and her family, who live in the Castrovirreyna Province, high in the Andes Mountains in Peru. While most of Peru has seen economic growth, poverty persists in this region.

The Philippines has a Cash-for-Work program that helps when disaster strikes, such as a hurricane or typhoon. Decades of political strife, along with severe weather conditions, led many people to leave the region, taking with them the knowledge of traditional farming practices. As a result, many native potato varieties, a staple in the regional diet, were lost. Put together with low household income, this put many families at risk for hunger.

Leonida Carupo is a grandmother living in the Philippines. The Typhoon demolished their house and also their crops. LWR has helped with supplies to rebuild their houses and also to provide seeds and tools to plant gardens. They are very thankful.

#### WE ARE PREPARED

Prior to emergencies, we and our partners have established systems and capacities that allow us to respond to emergencies efficiently. In order to efficiently and effectively respond to disasters, our staff and our partners need plans and systems in place. Each of our country offices has an Emergency Preparedness Plan that outlines when and how we will respond to emergencies. We train our staff and our partners' staff on best practices for programs, monitoring and evaluation, rapid assessment, etc. We also participate in active networks of organizations, such as Action by Churches Together (ACT) and InterAction.

People affected by disasters are able to recover and rebuild their source of income in ways that maximize their resilience to future disasters. We also plan ahead by pre-positioning items (such as LWR Quilts & Kits) in warehouses supported by the United Nations (U.N. Humanitarian Response Depots). These depots allow us to quickly send items where they're needed, when they're needed. People affected by disasters are able to recover and rebuild their source of income in ways that maximize their resilience to future disasters. We also plan ahead by pre-positioning items (such as LWR Quilts & Kits) in warehouses supported by the United Nations (U.N. Humanitarian Response Depots). These depots allow us to quickly send items where they're needed, when they're needed.

Ellie Kitchner lived in Poland during the II World War, she and others had to leave their country and go to refugee camps. Over the years she has moved to Canada. Now she makes quilts for LWR.

Health Kits are given by LWR to people in Latin America for children of poor families and are much appreciated. Quilts are given in India at hospitals and at hospice care.

#### Sharing Gifts of Extraordinary Love

Pens and pencils, a toothbrush, a quilt ... ordinary items we take for granted become treasures in the hands of their recipients. The items you send will be cherished and used by people who take nothing for granted, for whom even a simple bar of new soap is special. Your gifts of time and resources are beautiful expressions of God's love and grace to those in greatest need. Thank you for your partnership in putting them together.

*Please tell the people who are responsible for sending these Kits that we thank them from the bottom of our hearts. The Children will carry these gifts in their hearts, and in their minds they will know that there are people in far away places that care enough to share and send help to people in need.*

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**- Saul Paisig, teacher whose students received School Kits in Peru**

Quilts and Kits provide comfort, cleanliness and needed supplies to people during and after a disaster. They are donated every year from individuals and congregations around the United States. We distribute them in response to both long- and short-term, and slow- and quick-onset emergencies around the world. We also supply other non-food items like shelter support items, clothing and bedding, or other items as necessary. We obtain items from local sources as much as possible, to ensure support for local economies.

**2020 Mission Emphasis for March is Lutheran World Relief.**

This information and these stories tell a small part of what *LWR* is responsible for through their missions. It is an opportunity for members of *Our Saviour Lutheran Church* to contribute toward easing the hunger and thirst, as well as the results of severe weather disasters. Give any Sunday in March by check or cash for *LWR*. Pray for those in active service in other countries through *LWR* and also pray for those who receive the benefits of these temporal and spiritual blessings.



The 97th Annual North Carolina Men in Mission

State Gathering

Saturday, March 7, 2020

10L00 am

First Lutheran Church

Albermarle, North Carolina

THEME: Parable of the Sower

*“Cast your seed, Nuture your crop, Patience to Harvest”*

Keynote Speaker: John Sundquist,

Executive Director

National LMM

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**Vacation Bible School June first part of June**  
**Location:** Holy Communion Lutheran Church  
 with Antioch, Our Saviour, Philadelphia and  
 St. Paul's Lutheran Churches



March 8

Girl Scouting in the United States of America began on 12 March 1912 when Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low organized the first Girl Scout troop meeting of 18 girls in Savannah, Georgia. Low, who had met Baden-Powell in London while she was living in the United Kingdom, dreamed of giving the United States "something for all the girls." She envisioned an organization that would bring girls out of their cloistered home environments to serve in their communities and experience the open air. From its inception, the organization has been controlled by women, unlike the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) or the Camp Fire Girls.

The organization's original name was the Girl Guides of America, a name taken from the United Kingdom's Girl Guides program. In 1913, it was changed to the Girl Scouts of the United States and the organization was incorporated in 1915. It was again renamed to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America in 1947 and was given a congressional charter on March 16, 1950. The GSUSA started with 18 members — within months, members were hiking through the woods in their knee-length blue uniforms, playing basketball on a curtained-off court, and going on camping trips. By 1920, there were nearly 70,000 members, and by 1930 over 200,000. In 2005 there were over 3.7 million Girl Scouts — 2.8 million girl members and 954,000 adult members — in the United States. More than 50 million American women have participated in the Girl Scouts. Through its membership in the WAGGGS, GSUSA is part of a worldwide scouting family of over 10 million girls and adults in 144 countries.

The Juliette Gordon Low's birthplace, located in Savannah, Georgia in the former Gordon family home, became a national Girl Scout program center in 1956. It provides tours to thousands of Scouts yearly. Upon Low's death in 1927, she willed her carriage house, which would eventually become The Girl Scout First Headquarters, to the local Savannah Girl Scouts for continued use. The first National Headquarters was in Washington, DC but it was moved to New York City in the spring of 1916 and has remained there ever since.

The current Girl Scouts of the USA logo was created in 1978 by Saul Bass, a graphic designer known for his motion picture title sequences.

## Daily Bible reading guide from NALC, LCMS and LCC

*Reading the Word of God*, a daily Bible reading guide, has been prepared for Lutherans to use over the next three years.

The North American Lutheran Church has joined with the Lutheran Church-Canada and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to compile a three-year plan of *daily* Bible readings and a year-long series of *weekly* readings on Martin Luther's approach to the Scriptures.

### Daily readings

The daily readings are listed on calendars for **2020**. The plan provides a guide that will take the reader through the entire Old Testament one time in three years, with the exception of Psalms, which are read twice each year. The New Testament will be read twice in the three years.

A reading from the Old Testament, a psalm (or portion of a psalm) and a reading from the New Testament are assigned for each day. Certain church festivals - Christmas, Easter, Pentecost and so forth - have readings appointed for the specific occasion.

Each month of the Daily Bible Reading Guide will be in the monthly newsletter.

# March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <i>Is. 66:7-24</i> <i>Ps. 56</i> <i>Gal. 6:6-18</i>	<b>2</b> <i>Micah 1:1-7</i> <i>Ps. 57</i> <i>Luke 1:1-4</i>	<b>3</b> <i>Micah 1:8-16</i> <i>Ps. 58</i> <i>Luke 1:5-25</i>	<b>4</b> <i>Micah 2:1-5</i> <i>Ps. 59</i> <i>Luke 1:26-38</i>	<b>5</b> <i>Micah 2:6-13</i> <i>Ps. 60</i> <i>Luke 1:3-56</i>	<b>6</b> <i>Micah 3:1-8</i> <i>Ps. 61</i> <i>Luke 1:57-66</i>	<b>7</b> <i>Micah 3:9-12</i> <i>Ps. 62</i> <i>Luke 1:67-80</i>
<b>8</b> <i>Micah 4:1-5</i> <i>Ps. 63</i> <i>Luke 2:1-21</i>	<b>9</b> <i>Micah 4:6-13</i> <i>Ps. 64</i> <i>Luke 2:22-52</i>	<b>10</b> <i>Micah 5:1-6</i> <i>Ps. 65</i> <i>Luke 3:1-14</i>	<b>11</b> <i>Micah 5:7-6:8</i> <i>Ps. 66</i> <i>Luke 3:5-22</i>	<b>12</b> <i>Micah 6:9-16</i> <i>Ps. 67</i> <i>Luke 3:23-38</i>	<b>13</b> <i>Micah 7:1-20</i> <i>Ps. 68</i> <i>Luke 4:1-13</i>	<b>14</b> <i>2 Chron. 1:1-17</i> <i>Ps. 69</i> <i>Luke 4:14-30</i>
<b>15</b> <i>2 Chron. 2:1-18</i> <i>Ps. 70</i> <i>Luke 4:31-41</i>	<b>16</b> <i>2 Chron. 3:1-17</i> <i>Ps. 71</i> <i>Luke 4:42-5:11</i>	<b>17</b> <i>2 Chron. 4:1-5:1</i> <i>Ps. 72</i> <i>Luke 5:12-26</i>	<b>18</b> <i>2 Chron. 5:2-14</i> <i>Ps. 73</i> <i>Luke 5:27-39</i>	<b>19</b> <i>2 Chron. 6:1-11</i> <i>Ps. 74</i> <i>Luke 6:1-11</i>	<b>20</b> <i>2 Chron. 6:12-27</i> <i>Ps. 75</i> <i>Luke 6:12-19</i>	<b>21</b> <i>2 Chron. 6:28-45</i> <i>Ps. 76</i> <i>Luke 6:20-36</i>
<b>22</b> <i>2 Chron. 7:1-10</i> <i>Ps. 77</i> <i>Luke 6:37-49</i>	<b>23</b> <i>2 Chron. 7:11-22</i> <i>Ps. 78:1-35</i> <i>Luke 7:1-17</i>	<b>24</b> <i>2 Chron. 8:1-18</i> <i>Ps. 78:36-72</i> <i>Luke 7:18-35</i>	<b>25</b> <i>2 Chron. 9:1-12</i> <i>Ps. 79</i> <i>Luke 7:36-50</i>	<b>26</b> <i>2 Chron. 9:13-31</i> <i>Ps. 80</i> <i>Luke 8:1-8</i>	<b>27</b> <i>2 Chron. 10:1-19</i> <i>Ps. 81</i> <i>Luke 8:9-18</i>	<b>28</b> <i>2 Chron. 11:1-21</i> <i>Ps. 82</i> <i>Luke 8:19-25</i>
<b>29</b> <i>2 Chron. 12:1-13:22</i> <i>Ps. 83</i> <i>Luke 8:26-39</i>	<b>30</b> <i>2 Chron. 14:1-15:9</i> <i>Ps. 84</i> <i>Luke 8:40-56</i>	<b>31</b> <i>2 Chron. 16:1-17:19</i> <i>Ps. 85</i> <i>Luke 9:1-9</i>				



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Lenten Service with Lite  
Supper— Each Wednesday  
6:00 pm



**March 7  
For  
March 8**