

February Birthdays

2018

- 1 – Arlene Troester
Gabriel Schieber
- 2 – Mary Gregory
Angie Johnson
Elizabeth Genz
- 3 – Nick Reynolds
Nathan Bangert
Emma Showalter
- 4 – Madilyn Vanness
- 5 – Lale Burmester
Zachary Voss
- 7 – Christal Burns
Cooper Haack
- 8 – Jean Morgan
Eva Schnabel
Mark Behr
- 9 – Deb Behn
- 13 - James Dudley
Brandon Grefe
Jonah Bollhagen
- 14 – Ann Flickinger
Valentine's Day
- 15 – James Hansen
- 16 – Lukas Showalter
- 19 – Greg Moore
- 20 – Kendra Voss
Jordan Pooch
Trey Barz
- 21 – Troy Hansen
Tera Barrick-Diewold
Isabell Akers
- 22 – Wendell Schmitt
- 24 – Darcy Davison
- 25 – Elijah Schieber
- 26 – Peter Bollhagen
Joshua Knipfel
- 27 – Elijah Fink



Happy Birthday!

February Anniversaries

- 1 - Arlynn & Julie Ahrens
- 16 - Paul & Joyce Hauser
Cliff & Ruth Berghoefer
- 23 - Jamie & Jodi Patton
- 24 - Eugene & Mary Sukup
- 28 - James & Kay Stahl



ACOLYTES

February

- 4 – Eli Fink
- 11 – Marshall Moats
- 14 – Ash Wednesday – Tate Scmitt
- 18 – Jack Showalter
- 21 – Lent – Scott Harr
- 25 – Lydia Maas
- 28 – Lent – Tucker Schmitt

GREETERS FOR FEBRUARY

- Lynn & Jo Ellen Arends
- Jamie & Jodi Patton
- Gary & Kay Sheppard
- Mike & Donna Spetman

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY

- Adam Akers, Jamie Fink, Jamie Patton, Gary Sheppard, Nathan Subbert, Jim Suckow



SPECIAL NEEDS COMMUNION

Wednesday, February 14 (Valentine's Day) 1:00 PM. This is for anyone that cannot come to the Lord's Supper on Sunday mornings.



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celebration of **Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) Sunday** on February 5 a special door offering will be taken at that time in thanksgiving to God for His on-going work in and through LHM as we continue together as People of Christ With The Message of Hope.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

In today's increasingly post-Christian culture, the need to boldly proclaim the love of Christ is greater than ever so that lives can be changed by the Gospel! People like you carry this proclamation forward in responding to God's call to fulfill the Great Commission.

A stark reality exists in the world today: Billions of people live without the hope of Christ.

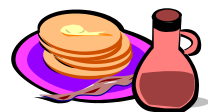
-Nearly 2/3 of the seven billion people on this planet are not followers of Christ;

-36% of Protestants in the United States don't feel a personal responsibility to share their faith;

-Younger generations have grown skeptical of the church's relevance;

-Islam is the world's fastest growing religion.

Today, Lutheran Hour Ministries' members and partners come together to meet the greatest challenge of the 21st century, which is to proclaim the messages of hope in the name of Jesus Christ. Learn more at www.lutheranhour.org.



The Parish Fellowship Committee

has put a Lenten Meal sign-up sheet on the table in

the Narthex. If your group would like to host a Lenten meal this year, please sign up. This is a great time of food and fellowship before our weekly Lenten services! Thank you



CHOIR

Choir has tentative plans to sing for Palm Sunday and Easter sunrise service. We are blessed to have ordered a **new anthem** for Easter and have some great music from the files to go with that piece.



Please bring your talents and join us in praising GOD by utilizing the gifts HE has given. We will be meeting on Wednesday evenings following Lenten service for about 20-30 minutes. If you have a suggestion for another meeting day/time please feel free to contact JoEllen (641-456-3318) as we want this to be available to all possible.

Rehearsal Schedule:

February 21: Men only

February 28: Women only

March 7 & following: Everyone together .

CAMP IO-DIS-E-CA exists to



Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

promote & provide christ-centered education, recreation, &

inspiration for individuals & groups of all ages.

Important 2018 Dates

January 12 Summer Camp Registration Opens

January 26-27 IDE Jr. High Retreat & Snow-lympics

February 26 Registration Discount Deadline #1

April 13-14 Higher Things Retreat Grades 7+

April 30 Registration Discount Deadline #2

June 13 Summer Camp Begins!

July 28 I Believe In Camp Fundraiser Auction

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

St. Paul's Lutheran School Latimer, Iowa

92 years of Service to God



LWML News

A new year has begun for the Trinity LWML. We invite all ladies of the congregation to become members of our society. You don't have to hold an office or attend the circle meetings, but we would greatly appreciate your assistance. Help is always needed for our different committees as well as the work groups. Please consider this.

Our annual dues are \$10 and can be given to Treasurer Mardell Jorgensen.

Our January mission gift of \$50 will go to Lutherans for Life.

Work Group #2 served the Vernon Pralle funeral luncheon on January 10th.

Please change the following in your 2018 booklet: Esther Circle will meet on March 1st rather than March 8th as printed in the booklet.

A reminder that the LWML Spring Rally will be at Buckeye on Saturday, April 7th. They changed the date in hopes of getting more attendees. Please mark your calendars.

We continue to serve the Lord with gladness!

Dorothy Brinkley, President

LWML DOOR OFFERING will be Sunday, February 11. This offering goes to mites for district and national mission grants.

Esther Circle February 7 – 7:00 PM

Devotion & Bible Study: Judy Hankom
Hostess: Joyce Schomburg

2017-2018 THEME: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

February 2018

2- Wellsburg Basketball Tournament (snow date Feb. 9)

7 - Early Dismissal -- 12:50 p.m. Teacher Professional Development

14- Valentine's Day Parties (2-3 p.m.)

16 - Full School Day -- NO CAL bus/ lunch will be provided

18 - PTL Winter Olympics Social Event

19 -School Board Meeting at 6 p.m.

21 - Early Dismissal -- 12:50 p.m. Teacher Professional Development

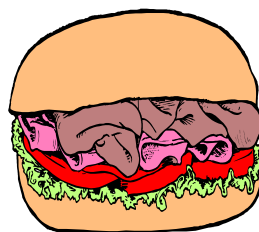
25 - Scholarship Lunch at St Paul's Lutheran Church 10 am-noon

Feb. 26-Mar. 2: Iowa Assessment Tests

Besides being Valentine's Day, this year February 14th is also Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten season when we reflect on the suffering and death of our Lord and Savior Jesus! At first thought, the two may seem quite opposite. But Jesus' suffering and death shows the world what love really is, that God would send His only Son to save us sinners. We can show God's love on Valentine's Day and every day because He first loved us!

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Proverbs



Scholarship Lunch

February 25 – 10-12 noon

Serving: Pork sandwich, cheesy potatoes, baked beans, salads, dessert and drink.

FROM THE VICAR

Dear Members of Trinity,

I pray that all of you are doing well! This month, we will be discussing the Fifth Commandment:

You shall not murder.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body but help, and support him in every physical need.

Life is our most valuable earthly possession and in order to safeguard our body and life, God gave us the 5th commandment to protect human life. The Bible recognizes three basic types of murder:

1. **Literal Murder:** where human life is taken by hand, word, or deed (Gen 4:8; 2 Sam 11:15; Ex 21:29; Mt 27:5).
2. **Indirect Murder:** where one plots or contributes to take another person's life (Gen 37:17-35). Or by causing another person bodily harm (Jn 18:10).
3. **Figurative Murder:** where one neglects to help or support others in need. Or when someone neglects to help another person out of hatred for that person (Lk 10:31-32; Mt 5:21-22; 1 Jn 3:15; Gen 4:5-7).

However, God does not consider all acts of killing as acts of murder. For example, accidental deaths, taking an enemy soldier's life during war, and legitimate self-defense are not acts of murder. In addition, capital punishment upon murderers and other violent criminals, is not an act of murder because God has delegated His authority to punish evildoers to the civil authorities who rule over us (Gen 9:6; Romans 13:4).

Although we may not actually commit the physical act of murder, we still break this commandment when we hate our neighbor in our hearts. According to Scripture, "Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer," since the root of murder originates from the heart overcome by anger (1 Jn 3:15). Because God equates hatred to murder, "everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment" (Mt 5:21-26).

In keeping this commandment, we should allow no one to suffer harm, but to show them kindness and

love. This is accomplished when we show love, even to our enemies and to those who give us reason to be angry. Albrecht Peters explains,

God is not satisfied
when we merely
withhold our hand from
committing homicide;
He demands "a patient,
mild heart," not only
when dealing with a
friend but also when
dealing with an enemy.
God is not satisfied
when we merely do not
damage our neighbor in
his bodily existence;
rather, He wants us to
"show him all good and
love" in every situation
of need in his life

(Peters, *Ten Commandments*, 216).

By showing love and kindness toward our enemies, God wants to remind us to remember the First Commandment, that He is our God, the One who wishes to help, comfort, and protect us, so that He may restrain our desire for revenge.

Yours In Christ,

Vicar Rob Ricard

"But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you"

-Matthew 5:44

Attention Members of Trinity!

I would like to invite all of you to come to this year's Lenten services. Our Lenten theme for this year is "Fear Not!" We will be going over certain passages in Isaiah, where the Lord instructs you to "Fear Not" because: He is with you (Week 1); He helps you (Week 2); He restores you (Week 3); He chooses you (Week 4); and He loves you (Week 5). I look forward to seeing you there!
-Vicar Rob Ricard

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Hi, I am Madi Vanness and I am a senior at CAL Community School in Latimer! Throughout high school, I have been involved in volleyball, basketball, track, softball manager, choir, band, drama, prom committee, National Honor Society and class president. I have also been in dance since I was 3 years old, which will be hard leaving behind after graduation.

Outside of school I have been very involved in LYF all four years, which has led me to become co-president alongside Abby. Some of my favorite LYF memories would be going on our annual trip to the Mall of America, and the summer we took a group trip to the Wisconsin Dells.

My hobbies include reading, shopping, and traveling whenever I get the chance! Babysitting has kept me extremely busy during high school which has developed into a love for working with young children.

My future plans are to attend the University of Northern Iowa and major in Early Childhood Education. After graduating from UNI my hope is to attend graduate school at the University of Iowa in the Child Life program to become a Child Life Specialist.

I have been blessed to have grown up in this church, and I know my faith will be strong throughout these challenging new chapters of my life because of the strong foundation I have been given.



Ash Wednesday Service - February 14
7:00 PM Service with Holy Communion

LENTEN SCHEDULE

5:30 PM Confirmation
6:00-6:45 PM Lenten Meal
7:00 PM Lent Service – Holy Communion

Theme: “Fear Not”

Lent I – February 21 – “I Am With You” – Isaiah 43:1-7

Lent II – February 28 – “I Help You” – Isaiah 41:1-14

Lent III – March 7- “I Restore You” – Isaiah 35:3-10

Lent IV - March 14 – “I Chose You” – Isaiah 44:1-8

Lent V – March 21 - “I Love You” – Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Maundy Thursday – March 29

Good Friday – March 30

Easter Vigil – March 31 – 7:30 PM

Easter – April 1
6:30 AM Sunrise Service
9:00 AM Worship

