

February 2020

Elder: Derek Allen, Altar Guild: Terry Zierke & Annabel McKee, Stewardship: Scott Jungers

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 10:00 am Baby Shower 6:00 pm Worship*
2 9:15 Sun. Sch. & Bible St. 10:30 am. Worship* Family Group will meet Usher Team: Bill Buryanek Greeters: Dallas & Ardis H. Acolytes: Keira & Logan Tepe Camera: Ian McManaman A/V: Mandie Allen	3	4	5 5:45 pm Catechism 7:00 pm Bible Study	6	7	8 6:00 pm Worship
9 8:30 am Elders' Meeting 9:15 Sun. Sch. & Bible St. 10:30 am Worship Usher Team: Dave Aldrich Greeters: Dave & Terry Z. Acolytes: Tessa & Jessen G. Camera: Jaxton Jungers A/V: Dan Tentinger	10	11	12 5:45 pm Catechism 7:00 pm Bible Study	13	14 	15 10:00 am LWML 6:00 pm Worship*
16 9:15 Sun. Sch. & Bible St. 10:30 am Worship* Youth Group Games Usher Team: Denny Peters Greeters: Duane & Carol A. Acolytes: Emma B. & Emrie Camera: Blake Van B. A/V: Derek Allen	17	18	19 5:45 pm Catechism 7:00 pm Bible Study	20	21	22 6:00 pm Worship
23 9:15 Sun. Sch. & Bible St. 10:30 am Worship 4:00 pm Organ Dedication Usher Team: JP Breugem Greeters: Curt & Lycia A. Acolytes: Grace & Kelan Camera: Derek Allen A/V: Duane Aldrich	24	25	26 5:45 pm Catechism 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday	27	28	29 6:00 pm Worship*

Thank You

Thanks for the gift of \$50.00. It was appreciated. Jan Daggett

Looking forward to Lent

We will focus our "Eyes on Jesus" during the Lenten season. This focus will take place through special midweek services culminating in Holy Week, Good Friday, and the Resurrection of our Lord! Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 26 with the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.

Festival Organ Dedication Hymn Sing with the Concordia Nebraska Male Chorus

The Male Chorus from Concordia Nebraska along with their director, Mr. Paul Soulek, Cantor of St. John Lutheran Church, Seward, NE will present our festival organ dedication hymn sing February 23 at 4:00 p.m. A freewill offering will be taken to support the expenses of the chorus. A meal will be planned to follow in the basement. Other festive organ events will be held throughout the year.

Family Group

Family Group will meet February 2 to discuss "Managing Stress" while watching the Super Bowl.

Youth Group

Youth Group will meet on February 16 for games!

Hymn of the Month

LSB 599 O Gracious Lord, with Love Draw Near. This is a new hymn in the hymnal written by LCMS Pastor Stephen Starke from Saginaw, MI. Pastor Starke has a number of hymns in the hymnal. This hymn is included in the baptismal life section of the hymnal, but is appropriate as a prayer for congregations, families, and couples. Corinne and I used this hymn at our wedding.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH VOTER'S MEETING

Sunday, January 12, 2020

Pastor Lowe opened with a prayer. Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Present: Pastor Lowe. Roll call was taken with 20 Voter's present. Two new voter's signed in: Kay Borchers and Tracy DeBruin. Dave Zierke motioned to accept these members and Gerald Toft seconded. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business: none

Trustees Report: none

Elders Report: none

Board of Education and Youth Report: none

Stewardship Report: Organ fundraiser very successful. Pastor has some ideas in the works for the Organ's dedication.

Finance Report: none

Building Fund Report: Tracy DeBruin presented the report showing a balance on hand of \$27,825.14 as of 12/31/19.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Report: Terry Zierke reports that they will be meeting on Saturday's for the next 2 months.

Treasurer's Report: See attached copy of report submitted showing a balance of \$56,271.14. Discussion if Treasurer could email the financials and agenda prior to the meetings. Will consult with Jennifer on information needed to make this available.

Endowment Report: none

Memorial Fund Report: See attached report submitted by Duane Aldrich in his absence of \$1,585.05.

Other or New Business: Pastor has arranged for dedication of the new Organ on 2/23/20 at 4pm. A freewill offering meal will be provided. Pastor would like to set up quarterly music presentations with the Organ to show off the hard work the Congregation has done to purchase it.

Pastor's Report: 4th quarter October, November, December. Attendance: Oct 120, Nov 133, Dec 114. Official Acts: Baptisms: 2

We closed with the Lord's Prayer, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Deb Kratochvil

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday, January 5, 2020

Pastor Lowe opened with a prayer.

Present: Pastor Lowe, Larry Bauder, Holly Breugem, Bill Buryanek, Bill Benda, Tracy DeBruin, Deb Kratochvil, Dave Zierke,

President Bauder called the meeting to order.

Unfinished Business: none

Trustees Report: none

Elders Report: Elders would like to thank all those who are serving as Officers.

Board of Education and Youth Report: none

Stewardship Report: Pay the Organ off Sunday went well. Discussion on when and how Pastor would like to dedicate the Organ pending.

Finance Report: none

Building Fund Report: Tracy DeBruin will assume duties of both Treasurer and Building fund.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) Report: none

Treasurer's Report: none

Endowment Report: none

Memorial Fund Report: none

Other or New Business: none

Pastor's Report: Will be brought to Voter's Meeting next week.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Kratochvil

Making Contacts for Jesus

Do your neighbors and co-workers know you are Christian? How about the person who sells you your coffee or the person who delivers your mail? Are you attempting to develop a relationship with these people so you can share the Good News of the Gospel with them? Scripture tells us that we have the responsibility and purpose to tell others about Jesus. We can give no greater service to Jesus than to be part of rescuing lost souls by sharing the life-saving Gospel. *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit"* (Matthew 28:19). God wants *"all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth"* (1 Timothy 2:4). We are to be Jesus' hands, feet, and mouth. Jesus tells us *"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest"* (Luke 10:2). We are the laborers whom Jesus is seeking.

For many, sharing the Gospel is uncomfortable. But do people need Jesus more than we need to be comfortable? God has placed us among many people who do not know Jesus. With God's help, we can become very intentional with our witnessing. He can open our eyes to opportunities and give us the words to speak. We may want to consider developing a list of people who do not have a relationship with Jesus. The people could be in your inner circle of family and friends and in your outer circle of relation-



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C.H.A.O.S
Christians Hyped About Our Christ

February 14 (8:00 pm)
February 15 (3 pm)
Theme: 2020 Vision
Hebres 12:2 "Fix Our Eyes"

Simul Justus et Peccator
Fully Sinner/Fully Saint

A Higher Things® Youth Retreat

Sometimes, it feels like there's a civil war going on inside us. The good we want to do we don't do. The stuff we're commanded by God not to do, we do (and even enjoy it). But, why does this happen to Christians? It's because we're not all good or all bad, totally sinful or one hundred percent saintly. We're both at the same time. Or, as Dr. Martin Luther explained it, we're "simul iustus et peccator." Christians are sinful and justified at the same time.

Join Pastor Donavon Riley as he talks about what it means for Christians to embrace being sinful and justified at the same time and why it offers comfort to Christians who are exhausted from running back and forth between fear of God's judgment and hope in His forgiveness.

When: March 20-21, 2020

Where: Camp Okobojo
Milford, IA

Cost: \$60 per person

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February Birthdays

- 1 Jordan Bultman, Phyllis Heuer, Ruth Holtkamp
- 2 Jett Van Wyhe
- 4 Ashlyn Eilts, Cherry Reece, Angelica Topete
- 6 Nikki Frye, Braedon Petersen
- 7 Kade Bultman
- 8 Emma McManaman, Addison Van Ballegooyen
- 9 Eric Heuer
- 10 Tom Opdahl, Dorothy Van Wyhe
- 12 Camyron Ballard, Adam McVay
- 13 JP Breugem, Bill Buryanek, Janet Wakeman
- 14 Kylee Barker
- 17 Stephanie Petersen, Logan Tepe
- 19 Nancy Jacobs, Mary Kleihauer, Larry Van Wyhe
- 20 Don Hugh
- 22 Karen Longhorn
- 25 Mary Johnson, Jim McManaman
- 26 Joann Bauder, Annabel McKee, Cole Sperle
- 27 Mark Weyer
- 28 Charlie Frye, Dorothy Olson



February Anniversaries

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| 12 | Dean & Carol Bolluyt | 60 years |
| 12 | Ray & Dorothy Van Wyhe | 60 years |

From Pastor's Desk...

Several years ago my dad came from home from funeral. "How was it?" I asked. "it was great! The pastor told this story about the seasons of life and it really fit the guy." Hmmm... I looked it up. It's a good poem and does describe well the events of our lives. Spring is the time of new life and growth; summer- the time we hit our stride and really excel at life; in the Fall we slow down as we move toward retirement aware things are changing; Winter- the time we settle down and embrace the dark road through the ending events of life. Perhaps you find yourself in one of these seasons, but in these hard, dark, cold days of winter, I'm ready for Spring- green, warmth, planting, growing, new!

Lent comes from the German for Spring, *Lenz*. Lent tends to feel a lot more like winter than Spring, but perhaps that's because it faces us up to the reality of our humanity. The cold darkness of our current season echoes the events of Jesus' betrayal, suffering, and death. For Jesus this is winter. But for us this is Spring- green through the work of Jesus who grafts us into the fine of God's abundant work, so that we can be His people and do His work, warmth in the light of Christ, which no darkness can overcome, planting- as the Sower sows His seed wherever and whenever, so He continues to sew Jesus' work that we might be the good soil that produces fruit; growing in grace daily as the Lord tends the seed of His Word producing works of love within in, and new- always new! ^{ESV} **Lamentations 3:22-23** The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; ²³ they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Whatever season of life you feel you're in, remember in Jesus there's always Spring. Always. Follow Him in the weeks to come and take the familiar journey to the cross. Through the guilt and shame, blood and death, burial and rising is the life He lives for you and the gifts He won will sustain you in whatever season you're in. But in the end, it's always Spring and Summer's next.

Giving Is an Obligation

Does the title of this article cause you to pause? Isn't giving supposed to be the free and joyous response of God's people who express their gratitude and praise of God through their giving? Certainly, our primary reason for giving is a response to the Good News of the Gospel. Knowing what God has done for us in Jesus prompts us to give and keep on giving. God never stops giving to us, and we imitate His nature through our giving.

God's people in the Old Testament were under an obligation to give. God commanded them to give a tenth (tithe) of their incomes for the support of God's work. In fact, there was a second and third tithe so the people were commanded to give much more than one-tenth of their incomes. However, as New Testament Christians who live under God's grace in Jesus, we are no longer obligated to tithe. As new covenant Christians, the motive for giving has changed from a command to give to giving cheerfully.

Are the Old Testament laws no longer relevant? Jesus said, "*Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them*" (Matthew 5:17). Jesus came to keep all of God's commandments perfectly. He paid the price for our forgiveness by taking the curse of the Law upon Himself, freeing us from the demands of the Law. In Jesus, we are free to serve God with pure hearts. Although we are free from the Law, we know that God wants the best for us and His laws give us order and purpose.

As New Testament Christians, we live in God's grace. Secure in Christ's presence and love, we express our thanksgiving for Who God is and what He has done for us through our giving. We also know that giving is God's will. Therefore, we have an obligation to give. The Apostle Paul wrote, "*So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith*" (Galatians 6:10). We willingly and freely embrace the Law to give knowing it is God's will for us that we serve Him by serving others and extend His kingdom through our generosity. We can conclude by saying that giving is a wonderful opportunity and also an obligation.



Read the Bible in one year by reading the following passages this month...

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| 1 Luke 2:29-32 | Exodus 1-3 |
| 2 Psalm 59 | Exodus 4-6 |
| 3 Psalm 60 | Exodus 7-9 |
| 4 Psalm 61 | Exodus 10-12 |
| 5 Psalm 62 | Exodus 13-15 |
| 6 Psalm 63 | Exodus 16-18 |
| 7 Psalm 64 | Exodus 19-21 |
| 8 Psalm 65 | Exodus 22-24 |
| 9 Psalm 66 | Exodus 25-27 |
| 10 Psalm 67 | Exodus 28-30 |
| 11 Psalm 68 | Exodus 31-33 |
| 12 Psalm 69 | Exodus 34-36 |
| 13 Psalm 70 | Exodus 37-38 |
| 14 Psalm 71 | Exodus 39-40 |
| 15 Psalm 72 | Leviticus 1-3 |
| 16 Psalm 73 | Leviticus 4-6 |
| 17 Psalm 74 | Leviticus 7-9 |
| 18 Psalm 75 | Leviticus 10-12 |
| 19 Psalm 76 | Leviticus 13-15 |
| 20 Psalm 77 | Leviticus 16-18 |
| 21 Psalm 78 | Leviticus 19-21 |
| 22 Psalm 79 | Leviticus 22-24 |
| 23 Psalm 80 | Leviticus 25-27 |
| 24 Psalm 81 | Numbers 1-3 |
| 25 Psalm 82 | Numbers 4-6 |
| 26 Psalm 83 | Numbers 7-9 |
| 27 Psalm 84 | Numbers 10-12 |
| 28 Luke 2:29-32 | Numbers 13-15 |
| 29 Nothing | |



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