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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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The Practice: Keeping the Sabbath.....

by Patricia Lull

"Sabbath keeping is not about taking a day off but about being recalled to our knowledge of and gratitude for God's activity in creating the world, giving liberty to captives, and overcoming the powers of death." —Dorothy C. Bass

"I'm so busy... I just don't have enough time to complete all my work." Do you need a break, but doubt you have time for it? What about those who don't have sufficient work to sustain themselves? The practice of keeping Sabbath helps us to resist the tyranny of too much or too little work.

Sabbath in the Bible.. The Exodus (20:8-11) commandment to "remember" the Sabbath is grounded in the story of creation. Since we are created in God's image, what behavioral cues do we take from what we see of God in this story?

In Deuteronomy (5:12-15) the commandment to "observe" the Sabbath sees to it that no one, not even animals, will work without respite. How do people freed from slavery celebrate their liberation? What kinds of justice do they wish for others? How might Sabbath-keeping help us resist various forms of enslavement today, for ourselves and for others?

The Sabbath in Judaism.. Shabbat - the Jewish Sabbath - is the heart of Judaism. In observant Jewish homes, Shabbat begins each Friday night at sundown as a woman lights the Sabbath candles. Until the following sundown, all activities associated with work or commerce are prohibited.

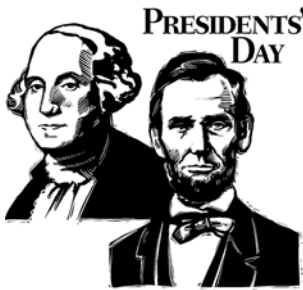
How does this Sabbath requirement of no work or commerce honor God and respect human needs? What are good re-creative activities to do on the Sabbath (e.g., worship, play, take a walk, rest, read, spend time with loved ones)?

Can Christians Keep Sabbath? .. In what ways did Jesus extend the meaning of Sabbath by his teaching and ministry? What did Jesus mean by proclaiming, "It is lawful to do good on the Sabbath" (Matthew 12:12)? When Constantine declared Christianity the state religion (321 C.E.), Sunday was established as the day for both rest and worship. Is Sunday the day of the week you experience Sabbath? If not, when do you and your household observe Sabbath?

Though we may yearn for Sabbath rest, what obstacles keep us from it? Pressures to work and spend? Organized sports? The fact that Sundays are no longer protected by custom and law? Trying to overcome a reputation of Sabbath-keeping as sapping joy from the day?

Unwrapping the Gift of Sabbath Keeping.. How might ceasing from work one day a week reshape your work and attitudes on the other six? What is the advantage of a pattern of Sabbath time, as opposed to snatching odd moments or hours of Sabbath time? What are the advantages to keeping Sabbath on Sunday? Who might not be able to keep Sabbath on Sunday? How might we enable them to keep Sabbath another time?

How is Sabbath-keeping a way to honor the generosity of our Maker? How does our society's Sabbath-keeping (or lack thereof) express our relation to the created world? What changes in society would make it easier to keep Sabbath? In what ways can members of a worshipping community help one another step off the treadmill of work-and-spend and into the circle of glad gratitude for the gifts of God?



PRESIDENTS' DAY

When: Since 1968, it is celebrated on the third Monday in February (15)

President's Day is a day set aside to honor all of the U.S. presidents. We often think of two great presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln when we celebrate this holiday as it falls by design between their birthdays.

But more and more of us, look at this day as a tribute to each and every person who has ever served in the office as President of the United States of America. It is a national holiday, although most businesses and industry do not recognize it as a paid holiday.

George Washington's Birthday

When: February 22nd

The "Father of His Country", George Washington was born on February 22, 1732. He became commander in chief of the Continental Army in 1775 and fought a long and arduous war for freedom from British rule. The war was finally over in 1781 when the Continental Army with the help of the French, forced Cornwallis to surrender at Yorktown.

In 1787, Washington was unanimously elected president by the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia and took the oath of office in 1789. He served two terms of office from 1789 until 1797. After the presidency, Washington retired to his home in Mount Vernon, Virginia where he died on December 14, 1799 of a throat infection.

Quiz: What is George Washington's most famous quote?

Answer... "I Can not tell a lie... .. I chopped down the Cherry Tree!"

Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

When: February 12th.

Every American knows President Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President of the United States. "Honest Abe", as he was commonly known as, was born in the wilderness country of Hardin County, Kentucky on February 12, 1809.

Abraham Lincoln became president in 1861. Although he hated war, he was drawn into it as he believed it was the only way to save the nation after the southern states declared their secession to the Union.

In addition to serving as president during the civil war and saving the Union, Lincoln wrote the Emancipation Proclamation that ended slavery in the U.S. forever. He also wrote and gave The Gettysburg Address, memorializing the bloodiest and most important battle of the Civil War. Gettysburg proved to be the turning point of the war.

Shortly after the war ended, Abraham Lincoln became the first U.S. President to be assassinated. He was shot and mortally wounded on Good Friday, April 14, 1865 by John Wilkes Booth in Ford's Theatre.



The Dallas/High Shoals Christian Social Ministry 25th Annual Chickin N Dumplin

The 2019 Chicken-N-Dumplin will be held on Saturday, February 23, 2019, from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm at Holy Communion Lutheran Church.

With 25 years of supporting the Dallas-High Shoals Christian Ministry our community fund raiser has raised more than \$193,000+.

Our goal is to increase the church community support this year thru ticket sales and initial funds to offset the cost thereby having the full proceeds of the fund raiser going to the ministry.

This year OSLC will be manning the 3:00—5:00 pm shift and we need volunteers to help.

Once again we will request Thrivent Financials for Lutherans to join us in this fund raiser.

Price...\$8.00 Adults (All you can eat! Inside)

TBAChildren 12 & under

(Adult Tickets available thru OSLC members selling them)

(Children Tickets sold at the door only)

**Sponsored by: The Men's Groups from the
Dallas Area Churches**

HELP NEEDED

Additional help is needed in preparation of the Chicken-N-Dumplings on Saturday, February 23; such as, de-boning the chicken, rolling out the dough for the dumplings, and cleaning up Friday. Saturday morning help is needed to collect the dry dumplings; cleanup and setup the room and then after the dumplings dinner help clean up the hall and kitchen. See Jeff White or Nick Vlaservich

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Souper Bowl Sunday



FEBRUARY 3

Each year on **Souper Bowl Sunday** congregations from around the nation collect monies to be donated to local and/or regional charities. This year the we will support our local Dallas-High Shoals Christian Ministry. On Sunday, February , the baskets will be at each door of the church with their kettles for any donation you might want to give plus there will be a basket at each door of the church for canned goods. Please help fight hunger and poverty in our community by participating in **SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY**.

LEADERSHIP BOARD MINUTES

OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH
December 17, 2018



Devotions: Alice Vlaservich

Meeting called to order by President Bill Trudnak

Members present: Bill Trudnak, Jeff White, Alice Vlaservich, Betty Ratchford, Steve Digh, Teri Trudnak, Bud Penley and Robbie Wooten

Members Absent: Melinda White, Denise Traveria

Minutes for November 19, 2018 were reviewed. Betty Ratchford made the motion to approve the minutes and Alice Vlaservich seconded the motion

Reception of Petitions and Communications:

NALC Nominating Committee for Bishop: No nomination

New Members: Ryan Gordy and Keenan Pfeiffer; Robbie Wooten made a motion we accept followed by a second on the motion made by Bud Penley

Report of the Pastor: Report was reviewed. A motion was made by Alice Vlaservich to accept and Betty Ratchford seconded that motion

Report of the Treasurer: Motion by Steve Digh to accept the Treasurer Report and seconded by Jeff White

Report of the Ministries:

Property: Bill Trudnak talked to ceiling company and was told the old ceiling tiles are no longer available. Options were to take tiles from the men's bathroom to replace the stained ones and then sheetrock the men's ceiling. Bill will see about painting the old tiles as another option.

Stewardship and Finance: 2019 budget approved
Worship & Music: Decorated the sanctuary and prepared for the Hanging of the Green's service

Youth Team: No report this month

Witness: Cards and prayers continue to be sent to shut ins

Christian Education Team: No report this month

Report of Auxiliaries: Rachel Circle: Met at the home of Betty Clemmer for Christmas luncheon, eight in attendance.

Old and/or Unfinished Business:

Sader request by Marie Robinson was accepted and a motion made by Alice Vlaservich and seconded by Teri Trudnak

New Business:

Steve Digh spoke about church security and would like to get feedback from church members regarding members able to carry concealed weapons who have permits. No action was decided tonight. Will discuss at the January Council meeting.

General Information:

Kids Alive Report
 Attendance

Adjourned with Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: January 21, 2019

Devotions: Robbie Wooten

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Our Saviour Lutheran Church
Bill Trudnak, President
January 21, 2019

During the January 21st Leadership Board meeting the below was elected to the Executive Committee of the Board.

- Bill Trudnak, **President**
- Denise Traveria, **Vice-President**
- Melinda White, **Secretary**
- Joe Finger, **Treasurer** (appointed by Board)

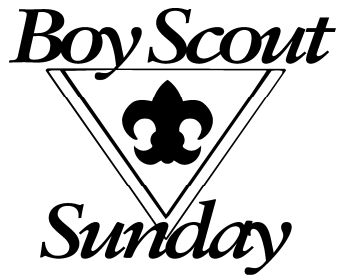
Board Members on Ministry Teams:

- Facilities & Ground (Property): Bill Trudnak, Alice Vlaservich
- Learning (Christian Ed): Melinda White, Betty Ratchford
- Praise & Worship (Worship): Teri Trudnak, Robbie Wooten
- Finance & Stewardship: Steve Digh, Jeff White
- Witness: Denise Traveria, Robbie Wooten
- Fellowship/Facility: Bill Trudnak, Melinda White
- Youth: Bill Trudnak, Melinda White

Ministry Representative: (appointed by Board)

- Dallas-High Shoals Christian Julie Digh
- Chicken-n-Dumplings' Jeff White

The January minutes has not be approved but the Board approved \$200 to help offset the cost for food and supplies for the Annual Chicken-n-Dumplings Dinner on February 23 (all participating churches contributive the same amount).. See page



February 3

The **Boy Scouts of America (BSA)** is one of the largest youth organizations in the United States, with over four million youth members in its age-related divisions. In 1909, Chicago publisher W. D. Boyce was visiting London, where he encountered the Unknown Scout and learned of the Scouting movement. Soon after his return to the U.S., Boyce incorporated the Boy Scouts of America on February 8, 1910. Since its founding in 1910 as part of the international Scout Movement, more than 110 million Americans have been members of the BSA.

The BSA goal is to train youth in responsible citizenship, character development, and self-reliance through participation in a wide range of outdoor activities, educational programs, and, at older age levels, career-oriented programs in partnership with community organizations. For younger members, the Scout method is part of the program to inculcate typical Scouting values such as trustworthiness, good citizenship, and outdoors skills, through a variety of activities such as camping, aquatics, and hiking.

The BSA is a constituent member of the World Organization of the Scout Movement. The traditional Scouting divisions are *Cub Scouting* for boys ages 7–10, *Boy Scouting* for boys ages 11–18 and *Venturing* for young men and women ages 14–21. Learning for Life is a non-traditional subsidiary that provides in-school and career education. The BSA operates traditional Scouting locally through units sponsored and operated by churches, clubs, civic associations, educational organizations and the like. Units are led entirely by volunteers who are supported by local councils using both paid professionals and volunteers.

The influence of Scouting on American society is frequently cited by both its advocates and critics. In addition to nostalgic memories of campfires kindling friendships, prominent leaders in various fields of endeavor have credited the skills they learned in Scouting as helping mold them into successful citizens.

The BSA's stated purpose at its incorporation in 1910 was "to teach [boys] patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred values. Later, in 1937, Deputy Chief Scout Executive George J. Fisher expressed the BSA's mission; "Each generation as it comes to maturity has no more important duty than that of teaching high ideals and proper behavior to the generation which follows." The current mission statement of the BSA is "to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law."

TRICK TO GET ROOM CLEAN

(But maybe for only one tooth at a time)

Dear Donovan,

I tried to come in and get your tooth but there were so many toys on your floor, I tripped and fell.. I am going to come back tonight. Please make sure your room is clean so I won't hurt myself again.

Tooth fairy

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The legend of Groundhog Day is based on an old Scottish couplet: "If Candlemas Day is bright and clear, there'll be two winters in the year."

Every February 2 –around 7:30 am ET - , people gather at Gobbler's Knob, a wooded knoll just outside of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.

The ceremony in Punxsutawney was held in secret until 1966, and only Phil's prediction was revealed to the public. Since then, Phil's fearless forecast has been a national media event.

The groundhog comes out of his electrically heated burrow, looks for his shadow and utters his prediction to a Groundhog Club representative in "groundhogese." The representative then translates the prediction for the general public.

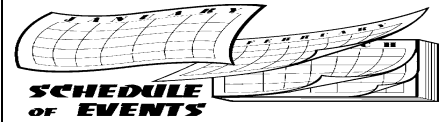
If Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow, it means six more weeks of winter. If he does not see his shadow, it means spring is just around the corner.

Phil started making predictions in 1887 and has become an American Institution. Residents contend that the groundhog has never been wrong. Approximately 90% of the time, Phil sees his shadow.

February 2019



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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 February 3	 February 18				1	2
3 4th Sunday after the Epiphany	4 Team Mtg.	5	6	7	8	9 Boy Scouts
10 5th Sunday after the Epiphany	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14	15	16
17 6th Sunday after the Epiphany	18 Council Mtg.	19 Prayer Group	20	21	22 Washington's Birthday	23
24 7th Sunday after the Epiphany	25 CLW/Rachel Group	26	27	28	 AFRICAN-AMERICAN History Month	

- Feb. 1-28—Black History Month
- Feb. 2—Ground Hog Day (see p 2)
- Feb. 3—4th Sunday after Epiphany
SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY (see p 2)
Boy Scout Sunday (see p 4)
- Feb. 4— Team Meetings:
Youth 6:30 pm
Others 7:00 pm
- Feb. 3—Gaston Together (see p 8)
- Feb. 8—Boys Scout of America founded 1910
- Feb. 10—5th Sunday after Epiphany
- Feb. 12—Lincoln's Birthday (see p 2)
- Feb. 14— Valentine Day
- Feb. 17—6th Sunday after Epiphany
- Feb. 18— Presidents' Day
Council Meeting—7:00 pm
- Feb. 29—"Prayer Group" will meet at the home of Shirlee Marazza at 1:30 pm
- Feb. 22—Washington's Birthday (see p 2)
- Feb. 23—Chicken-n-Dumplin'
- Feb. 24—7th Sunday after Epiphany
- Feb. 25—CLW/Rachel Group Meeting at the home of TBA (See p 8)



Holy Communion Schedule:
 Feb. 3: Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Worship Service Assistance:



FOOD FOR THE MONTH:

Soup, Mac n Chesse, Beanie Weenies.



Choir practice each Wednesday at 5:00 pm unless otherwise announced in the bulletin

Birthdays



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|-------------------|----------------|
| 1 Tony Trudnak | Rob Trudnak |
| 8 Jared Dease | Kathy Trudnak |
| 9 Donna Clemmer | Becky Messick |
| 14 Teri Trudnak | Ashley Trudnak |
| 19 Melanie Pitzer | |
| 20 Brady Cole | |

Acolyte:

Communion

Asst: Nick Vlaservich

Lay Reader: Shirlee Marazza

Worship Asst: Nick Vlaservich

Greeters: OSLC Members

Ush-ers:
 OSLC Members



FLOWERS

Flower Schedule:

- Feb. 3 Open
- Feb. 10 Ryan Gordy & Keenan Pfeiffer
- Feb. 17 Nick Vlaservich
- Feb. 24 Open

Please sign up to place flowers on the altar in the Glory of God and in Honor or Memory of your love ones.

Plenty of openings (30)
 Decorate the altar of our Lord
 And then take home to decorate your



ANNIVERSARIES

- 14thNick & Alice Vlaservich
- 27thBrian & Anna Cole

Ryan Gordy and Keenan Pfeiffer
 Will wed on Feb. 9



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OUTREACH MISSION

SHUT-INS
NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Please remember our church members who are shut-ins or reside in a nursing home and visit them.

Marilyn Finger
 1150 Meadow Way Dr., Dallas

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 5—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.

**Events For
 Lutheridge -Lutherock-Lutherspring-
 Lutheranch**

Web site: www.NovusWay.com
 and

Kure/Agape Beach

E-mail: kurebeach@agapekurebeach.org

Web site: www.agapekurebeach.org

Please see calendars
 and
 other
 information on the
 bulletin board or go on-line



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 2019 calendar year are on the
 wall in the Education wing.

The Origin of St. Valentine

The origin of St. Valentine, and how many St. Valentines there were, remains a mystery. One opinion is that he was a Roman martyred for refusing to give up his Christian faith. Other historians hold that St. Valentine was a temple priest jailed for defiance during the reign of Claudius. Whoever he was, Valentine really existed because archaeologists have unearthed a Roman catacomb and an ancient church dedicated to Saint Valentine. In 496 AD Pope Gelasius marked February 14th as a celebration in honor of his martyrdom.

Saints are not supposed to rest in peace; they're expected to keep busy: to perform miracles, to intercede. Being in jail or dead is no excuse for non-performance of the supernatural. One legend says, while awaiting his execution, Valentinus restored the sight of his jailer's blind daughter. Another legend says, on the eve

of his death, he penned a farewell note to the jailer's daughter, signing it, "From your Valentine."

St. Valentine was a Priest, martyred in 269 at Rome and was buried on the Flaminian Way. He is the Patron Saint of affianced couples, bee keepers, engaged couples, epilepsy, fainting, greetings, happy marriages, love, lovers, plague, travelers, young people. He is represented in pictures with birds and roses.

A Stewardship Minute

While we are spiritual beings, we live in a physical human body and in a physical world; all made by God. We are meant to be fully responsible for the totality of our existence. The old story of Adam and Eve makes the point that they meant to live in fellowship with God and were placed in a lovely environment, which they were meant to till and keep in good shape.

Like them, we too are spiritual creatures living in physical bodies and dwelling in what is meant to be a lovely physical world, which we are to maintain and enjoy. Taking care of our total existence: our spirits, our bodies, and our world is what the Bible calls stewardship and St. Paul

once said: "It is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy." (1 Cor. 4:2)

The story of the prodigal son in Luke is about a young man who was not worthy in this regard. He decided that he would spend his life as he wished, not as his father wanted him to do. So the Bible says he "traveled to a distant country and there he squandered his property in dissolute living." (Luke 15:13) He ended up broke, hungry, and miserable, not to mention alienated from his family.

You probably know the rest of the story, but the February issue of Stewardship uses an interesting analogy to point out that God expects us to live

in the spiritual world, but also be careful managers of our physical world. We have an enormous responsibility!

Prayer: Dear Lord, help us always to be trustworthy stewards of every gift you have given to us. May we please you always. Amen.



TOP TEN PREDICTIONS FOR 2019:

With all the problems the World is facing, it can be unsettling to the mind. Today, I share with you ten predictions that are true!

1. **The Bible will still have all the answers.**
2. **Prayer will still be the most powerful thing on Earth..**
3. **The Holy Spirit will still move..**
4. **God will still honor the praises of His people.**
5. **There will still be God-anointed preaching.**
6. **There will still be singing of praise to God.**
7. **God will still pour out blessings upon His people.**
8. **There will still be room at the Cross.**
9. **Jesus will still love you.**
10. **Jesus will still save the lost when they come to Him.**

**Isn't it great To Remember Who Is Really In Control, and that; "the Word of the Lord endures forever."
(1 Peter 1:25)**

I hope you found this encouraging and will send it to friends!!!! Sometimes we need the reminder of just WHO is really in control.

Church News

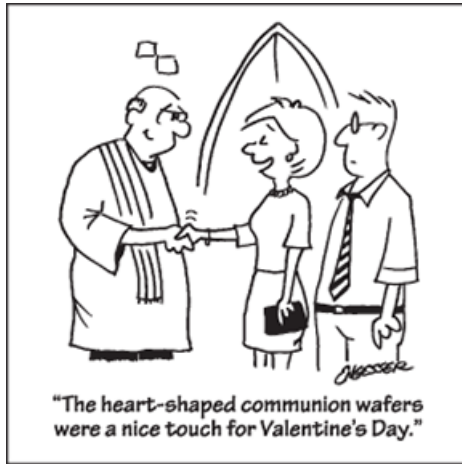


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GASTON TOGETHER'S CLERGY & CITIZENS COALITION

February 12, 2018
8:30 am to Noon

Clinton Room, Gaston Memorial Hospital
Breakfast before meeting , if you wish



CELL PHONES:

As every day goes by, we find ourselves more and more dependent on our cell phone and less dependent on our land line with any answering machine. To help the Church keep you informed quickly, the Church council is requesting you provide us with your cell phone.... To do this please record it on our Sunday's worship form. Thank you



CLW/RACHEL GROUP

will meet at the home of TBA
February 25th at 1:30 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)



MARGARET Addington (Brady Ratchford's sister and friends of the community), VELMA Amling (cancer-friend of Ryan Gordy & Keenan Pfeiffer), 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), ROBERT L. McCanless, Jr. (failing health - Charles McCanless' father), GARY Neal, (friend of Caleb Dease), MARY O'Shea (co-worker of Melinda White's). EDITH Paysour, LAWRENCE Paysour (friend of Ratchford'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)

GOD WANTS YOU!

- (1) God wants you to participate in His worship service for **2019** by servicing as a worship assistant as a Crucifer, Greeter or Usher
See the sign up sheet in notebook in hold on office door and please help.
- (2) New Flower Calendar is up. Please remember your love ones and also help decorate our Lord's altar. **Cost of Flowers has increased to \$35.10 There are 30 openings**

Don't Neglect the *Sacred Scripture* When Studying Ancient History

Based on the words of the late Billy Graham

Even negative historical documents carry evidence of the truth and power of the Biblical account of Christ. The fourth-century Roman emperor Julian the Apostate, certainly did oppose Christians and wrote of them disparagingly, but even this insults bear witness when he wrote:

"Jesus.... Has now been celebrated about 300 years having done nothing in his lifetime worthy of fame, unless anyone thinks it is a very great work to heal lame and blind people and exorcise demoniacs..... These impious Galileans not only feed their own poor, but ours also; welcoming them into their (love).

Then end of Julian's life bears an interesting "backward" testimony as well. He was fatally wounded during a battle with the Persians and dies some time later. Many accounts claim that as he held up his dagger toward the sky, his last words were, "*Vicisti, Galilean,*" which translate, "*Thou has conquered, O Galilean.*"

One writer noted that "Socrates taught for 40 years, Plato for 50, Aristotle for 40, and Jesus for only for 3-year ministry infinitely transcends the impact left by the combined years of teaching from these men." This echoes that of Augustine in the fourth century: "I have read in Plato and Cicero sayings that are very wise and very beautiful; but I never read in either of them: 'Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heaven laden,' (and I will give you rest, (Matthew 11:28, KJV)."

In the study of ancient history, do not overlook the Sacred Scriptures, for they are truth and power and the secret to life everlasting.

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Children of the Day

We are all sons of light and sons of the day.

We are not of the night nor of darkness

1 Thessalonians 5:5

When evangelist Vance Havner was advancing in age, his wife died. His grief and loneliness overwhelmed him, but he determined to persevere in his work with an increased longing for heaven. He wrote, "I once read of a man who lived beside a river but had little interest in the people on the other side until his daughter moved over there to live. I have lived beside the river many years, but this past year had heightened a thousand-fold my concern about the other side.

Every passing day brings us closer to heaven and closer to our loved ones who have preceded us, and one day soon we'll have the reunion of the ages to enjoy. But until then, we must press on with cheerful faithfulness, walking and working as children of the day.

In these dark times, we must spread the light and patiently persevere for Christ's return.



Ryan Gordy and Keenan Pfeiffer
Ryan and Keenan plan to wed on



DALLAS DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL
SIGN-UPS

BASEBALL AGES 5—12

SOFTBALL AGES 8—14

DENNIS FRANKLIN GYM

Now thru February 15

Baseball Cost—\$60 if you live inside and \$70 outside

Go to Dallasnc.net for Sign-up form or

The Resume of Jesus Christ

Address: Ephesians 1:20

Phone: Romans 10:13

Website: The Bible. Keywords: Christ, Lord, Savior and Jesus

Objective

My name is Jesus-The Christ. Many call me Lord! I've sent you my resume because I'm seeking the top management position in your heart. Please consider my accomplishments as set forth in my resume.

Qualifications

I founded the earth and established the heavens, (See Proverbs 3:19)

I formed man from the dust of the ground, (See Genesis 2:7)

I breathed into man the breath of life, (See Genesis 2:7)

I redeemed man from the curse of the law, (See Galatians 3:13)

The blessings of the Abrahamic Covenant comes upon your life through me, (See Galatians 3:14)

Occupational Background

I've only had one employer, (See Luke 2:49).

I've never been tardy, absent, disobedient, slothful or disrespectful.

My employer has nothing but rave reviews for me, (See Matthew 3:15 -17)

Skills Work Experiences

Some of my skills and work experiences include: empowering the poor to be poor no more, healing the brokenhearted, setting the captives free, healing the sick, restoring sight to the blind and setting at liberty them that are bruised, (See Luke 4:18).

I am a Wonderful Counselor, (See Isaiah 9:6). People who listen to me shall dwell safely and shall not fear evil, (See Proverbs 1:33).

Most importantly, I have the authority, ability and power to cleanse you of your sins, (See I John 1:7-9)

Educational Background

I encompass the entire breadth and length of knowledge, wisdom and understanding, (See Proverbs 2:6).

In me are hid all of the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, (See Colossians 2:3).

My Word is so powerful; it has been described as being a lamp unto your feet and a light unto your path, (See Psalms 119:105).

I can even tell you all of the secrets of your heart, (See Psalms 44:21).

Major Accomplishments

I was an active participant in the greatest Summit Meeting of all times, (See Genesis 1:26).

I laid down my life so that you may live, (See II Corinthians 5:15).

I defeated the arch enemy of God and mankind and made a show of them openly, (See Colossians 2:15).

I've miraculously fed the poor, healed the sick and raised the dead!

There are many more major accomplishments, too many to mention here. You can read them on my website, which is located at: [www dot - the BIBLE](http://www.dot-theBIBLE.com). You don't need an Internet connection or computer to access my website.

References

Believers and followers worldwide will testify to my divine healing, salvation, deliverance, miracles, restoration and supernatural guidance.

In Summation

Now that you've read my resume, I'm confident that I'm the only candidate uniquely qualified to fill this vital position in your heart. In summation, I will properly direct your paths, (See Proverbs 3:5-6), and lead you into everlasting life, (See John 6:47). When can I start? Time is of the essence, (See Hebrews 3:15).

Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gaston County

We at Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gaston County, Inc. would like to welcome you to our center. Our pregnancy center is a nonprofit pro-life organization of committed Christians sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ and actively helping women, men and families in crisis pregnancy situations.

Questioned frequently asked:

- Where can a pregnant women go for physical help and emotional support
- Where can a a new mom or dad go for resources and support for their newborn to twelve month old?
- Where can a pregnant teenager go for support, advice and mentoring?
- Where can a woman carrying the guilt of an abortion go for healing and support?
- Where can a teen hear the truth of Purity and practical ways to live an Abstinent lifestyle?

The answer to all those questions is Crisis Pregnancy.

Since 1986, Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gaston County has offered all of our servies for free thanks to the donations and support of individuals, churches and businesses across Gaston County.

Now, how can we serve you?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pregnancy test • Adolescent Parenting • Baby Clothes • Diapers • Formula | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peer Counseling • Abstinence Education • Car Seats • Wipes • Baby Food | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ultrasound • Maternity Clothes • Pack & Plays • Baby Supplies • Blankets and more |
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Opportunity for 2019 25th Annual Fundraising Banquet

March 14

With Stephanie Fast, keynote
(see insert)

Baby Bottle Blessings

May 12 till June 15

Mother's Day till Father's Day

29th Annual Walk for Life

September 6, Friday 4—8

Volunteer Counselor Training

April and October

CPCGaston.com

(see brochure enclosed)

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 **2019** and **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.

February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<i>1</i> <i>1 Sam. 9:1-17</i> <i>Ps. 30</i> <i>Acts 27:39-44</i>	<i>2</i> <i>1 Sam. 9:18-10:8</i> <i>Ps. 31</i> <i>Acts 28:1-10</i>
<i>3</i> <i>1 Sam. 10:9-27</i> <i>Ps. 32</i> <i>Acts 28:11-16</i>	<i>4</i> <i>1 Sam. 10</i> <i>Ps. 33</i> <i>Acts 28:17-21</i>	<i>5</i> <i>1 Sam. 11</i> <i>Ps. 34</i> <i>Eph. 11:14</i>	<i>6</i> <i>1 Sam. 12</i> <i>Ps. 35</i> <i>Eph. 1:15-2:10</i>	<i>7</i> <i>1 Sam. 13</i> <i>Ps. 36</i> <i>Eph. 2:11-22</i>	<i>8</i> <i>1 Sam. 14:1-23</i> <i>Ps. 37</i> <i>Eph. 3:1-13</i>	<i>9</i> <i>1 Sam. 14:24-52</i> <i>Ps. 38</i> <i>Eph. 3:14-21</i>
<i>10</i> <i>1 Sam. 15</i> <i>Ps. 39</i> <i>Eph. 4:1-16</i>	<i>11</i> <i>1 Sam. 16</i> <i>Ps. 40</i> <i>Eph. 4:17-42</i>	<i>12</i> <i>1 Sam. 17:1-18</i> <i>Ps. 41</i> <i>Eph. 5:1-21</i>	<i>13</i> <i>1 Sam. 17:19-37</i> <i>Ps. 42</i> <i>Eph. 5:22-6:4</i>	<i>14</i> <i>1 Sam. 17:38-58</i> <i>Ps. 43</i> <i>Eph. 6:5-23</i>	<i>15</i> <i>1 Sam. 18:1-16</i> <i>Ps. 44</i> <i>Phil. 1:1-11</i>	<i>16</i> <i>1 Sam. 34</i> <i>Ps. 45</i> <i>Phil. 1:12-30</i>
<i>17</i> <i>1 Sam. 19:8-24</i> <i>Ps. 46</i> <i>Phil. 2:1-11</i>	<i>18</i> <i>1 Sam. 20:1-29</i> <i>Ps. 47</i> <i>Phil. 2:12-30</i>	<i>19</i> <i>1 Sam. 20:30-21:9</i> <i>Ps. 48</i> <i>Phil. 3:1-11</i>	<i>20</i> <i>1 Sam. 21:10-22:</i> <i>Ps. 49</i> <i>Phil. 3:12-4:1</i>	<i>21</i> <i>1 Sam. 22:6-23:5</i> <i>Ps. 50</i> <i>Phil. 4:2-23</i>	<i>22</i> <i>1 Sam. 23:6-29</i> <i>Ps. 51</i> <i>Col. 1:1-14</i>	<i>23</i> <i>1 Sam. 24</i> <i>Ps. 52</i> <i>Col. 1:15-23</i>
<i>24</i> <i>1 Sam. 25:1-22</i> <i>Ps. 53</i> <i>Col. 1:24-2:5</i>	<i>25</i> <i>1 Sam. 25:23-44</i> <i>Ps. 54</i> <i>Col. 2:6-15</i>	<i>26</i> <i>1 Sam. 26</i> <i>Ps. 55</i> <i>Col. 2:16-23</i>	<i>27</i> <i>1 Sam. 27</i> <i>Ps. 56</i> <i>Col. 3:1-17</i>	<i>28</i> <i>1 Sam. 28</i> <i>Ps. 57</i> <i>Col. 3:18-4:6</i>		

2019 Feb. Mission Emphasis – DHSCSM

"...and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love kindness and to walk humbly with your God." ---Micah 6:8

OUR MISSION

The mission of The Dallas/High Shoals Christian Social Ministry (DHSCSM) is to serve as a cooperative ministry of the area churches in bearing witness to the Love of God made visible in Jesus Christ through acts of compassion and mercy by providing crisis assistance, humanitarian aid and developmental (self improvement) opportunities to persons and families in the North Gaston area.

OUR HISTORY

In an effort to enhance the quality of life for all the citizens in the North Gaston area and in response to a number of urgent needs, The Dallas Ministerial Association (DMA), initiated a local food pantry which soon became known as The Dallas/High Shoals Christian Social Ministry. For more than 34 years, DHSCSM has served faithfully in the North Gaston Community and continues to receive generous and wide spread support from both the area churches and the local community.

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TWO DHSCSM MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES FOR OSLC THIS MONTH:

Souper
Bowl Sunday



- **Souper Bowl Sunday – February 3, 2019:** Bring soup (and other canned goods) for DHSCSM There will be containers in the hallway for the cans

- **Chicken Dumpling Dinner—Eat in or Take-Out**

Place: Holy Communion Lutheran Church Corner of South Gaston and Church Streets

Day: Saturday, February 23, 2019

Time: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Price: Adults (TBA) Children: (TBA)



This is an excellent opportunity for the folks in our churches to build bridges beyond our denominational boundaries, to develop new friendships, to bear witness to our oneness in Christ and to share in Christ's call to faithfulness and discipleship. It is crucial that we support this effort in order to help the local congregations provide a stronger witness and greater level of servanthood as we work toward a more constructive partnership between government, business, civic and the religious sectors of our community. These efforts can also help foster a more stable and healthy quality of life for all. Over the previous nineteen years, the annual Chicken 'N Dumplin' FEAST has provided in excess of \$154,038 in support of the Dallas/High Shoals Christian Social Ministry.

DHSCSM is the February Mission opportunity for you to participate in locally.

- **Pray** for the organization, its staff, those who come to receive food, clothes, financial emergency support for their unpaid medical, electrical, and gas bills, will be encouraged by the words of care and concern spoken in Jesus' Name.
- **Bring cans of soup** (or other canned goods) on Souper Bowl Sunday – Feb. 3
- **Participate** in Chicken 'N Dumplin' Feast – February 23. Go on Friday and help roll out and cut dumplin's or cook and cut up the chicken. Be one of the guys who helps to serve the food at the dinner. Come with family, friends, or alone and enjoy the delicious feast. Drop-in 11-7



Food Collection



Our Saviour Lutheran Church
P.O. Box 457
725 Gastonia Technology Parkway
Dallas, NC 28034



Souper Bowl Sunday



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**Don't forget to bring can goods on
February 3.**