



ZION LUTHERAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH, ASHLAND, WI MARCH 2019

Welcome to March, in like a lion, out like a lamb, hopefully. It has been quite a winter to this point, I think we are all ready for the snow to melt away. Speaking of a lion and a lamb our Savior has been referred to as both the lion and the lamb. And as we enter into March we are also marching into Lent. Ash Wednesday is Wednesday March 6, officially beginning the Lenten season. Lent is and always has been one of my favorite times in the church year. This year during Lent we are going to be involved in a pulpit exchange with several other LCMS churches in our circuit for the Wednesday evening services. This year each of the pastors will be looking at different people from the Old Testament. The following list show who, what, and when the different pastors will be here.

Pastor Von Seggern	St. Paul Lutheran – Marengo	Manessah	March 27
Pastor Wellnitz	Immanuel Luther Church – Mellen	Noah	April 3
Pastor Lahners	Trinity Lutheran Church – Glidden	Jonah	April 10

I will be preaching on my Old Testament personage on the 20th of March. I am looking forward to our pulpit exchange and think it will be a great experience for everyone.

As most of you know I was in Arizona during the last full week of February, I was there for a little R&R (rest and relaxation) with June and to attend the Best Practices Ministry conference hosted by Christ Church Lutheran in Phoenix. As always the conference was amazing with so many presenters and topics it is almost overwhelming. This year over 2,700 pastors, pastors' wives, DCE's, Worship leaders, Sunday school superintendents and teachers, music directors and organists, and other church workers attended. Part of what makes this such a spectacular event is that the entire thing is sponsored by Christ Church and is provided at no cost to those attending, other than transportation and lodging. The conference even includes all of your meals for the three days. And it is all run by congregational volunteers and donations from the congregation and community. A truly amazing feat. June and I attended many different breakout sessions on a large variety of topics. The one that really struck home with me was about a new program called the Red Letter Challenge. The challenge is designed to help people live life more like Jesus. Sometimes as Christians we don't always lead a life that depicts Jesus. The Red Letter Challenge (RLC) helps to show us what that life looks like. The people behind RLC believe that if people truly met the real Jesus, they would really fall in love with Him. So how do we change the story that we are telling? We go back to Christ's words. You know, those red letters in your Bible, (most new Bibles depict Jesus' words by printing them in red) and when you read those you see that Jesus had a lot to say to His followers, you, about what we are called to do and how we should live. Through the RLC we will look at Christ's literal words and learn through practical daily challenges based on those words. We will receive targets to shoot for to help us measure how well we are practically following after him. RLC believes that Jesus followers want to be the best Jesus followers that we can be not out of obligation, but out of gratitude for what Jesus has done for us! The Red Letter Challenge is a forty day program.

Pastor Rick Williams -715-209-0479

Office Hours: M/T/Th 8:00am-5:00pm W 12-8:00pm

Please call ahead if you need to speak with Pastor Williams as he may be visiting shut-in's, at a conference, etc.

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Sunday Worship Service 9:00am Wednesday Evening Service 6:30pm Sunday School 10:15am (Sept.-May) Bible Studies Sunday 10:15am Monday 10:00am

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I plan on starting right after Easter and we will finish up that first week in June or there about. It includes incorporating the **RLC** into our worship, into our home devotional life and in small group Bible Studies, and once again it is only six weeks long. I will be sharing more information throughout Lent and I am already looking forward to starting. If you have questions, comments, and may be interested in helping please see me. Are you ready to take the challenge?

I close today with the following red letter words from Jesus: ²⁶ "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸ And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.^{[h]29} Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?^[i] And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³² So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

God Bless you all! Your servant in Christ, Pastor Rick



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Wednesdays 6:30 pm

Series: Different People of the Old Testament Four Circuit Pastors will rotate through the congregations during the last three Wednesday Lenten services.

March 6th Pastor Rick March 20th Pastor Rick March 13th Pastor Rick

March 27th Pastor Von Seggern April 3rd Pastor Wellnitz April 10th Pastor Lahners

There will be communion during all services.

"A Lent to Remember: Remember



"Voices of

the Passion"



Service 9:00am **Breakfast by** Youth 10:15am (tentatively planned)

Soup/Sandwich **Wednesdays** 5:00-6:00pm

March 6th Altar Guild

March 13th

March 20th

LFOJ

enten Suppers

Zion Council March 27th

Education/Confirmation



Good Friday

April 19th 6:30pm "Remember Me"



April 18th 6:30pm

"Remembrance of Me"

April 21st Sunrise Service 7:00am Easter Sunday 9:00am

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PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

For good test results, treatment, positive thinking, healing, and comfort during cancer treatments, for those suffering from addiction, mental illness and for healing, strength, comfort, and peace for family we pray for :

Bob Heggie Kevin Heggie Brad Prill Johnny Galligan Mary Bullis Tim Smith Ellen Hodgson Doug Tutor David Kaarre Joan Spalding Llovd Koosmann Tim Fulton Theresa Koosmann Mike Dimich Margaret Goodwin Doris Nye Steve Wahlston Steve Gilmore Ruth Young Mary Helen Bergschneider Sandy Fletcher Shervl Hildebrandt Kate Smith Ron Wegener Wendy Clark Larry Steckling Rachel Juoni Sue Dimic Ingrid Pocernich Pastor Gatz Katy & Ally Gumz David Renz and those in our hearts

Joni Frisco Alice Balmer Jim Bullis Barb Bjork Ruth Goldman Randy Lauer Crystal Flectcher Marty Kaarre Heather Gust hneider Cheryl Lueck Linda Larson-Nelson Rebecca Gurske Gary McLaughlin Jim Johnson

PRAYERS for Homebound, Assisted Living, Nursing Home

Those who aren't able to attend common worship that they would find comfort knowing that the Lord is with them. *Walt Schutte, Arlene Zimmerman, Madge Houle, Donna Graves, Violet Basina*

PRAYERS FOR PROTECTION

For our full-time troops and public servants, for travel, missionaries, and for peace and protection for families. *David Wright, Johanna Pearce, Emily Melecha, Tucker Melecha*

Brochures are available for the summer program for Camp Luther.

The Traveling Day Camp is scheduled for August 5th-7th when three staff members from Camp Luther will lead Zion's youth plus in games, fun camp songs, Bible lessons, arts/crafts and the Wednesday evening youth service. Lisa Guski has agreed to organize the event. Thank you Lisa.

Jodi Truchon is working on a new song with Sunday School "Confidence" to be sung during the service Sunday, March 3rd

Sunday School is participated with the February Mission "Souper" Bowl Sunday bringing a non-perishable item for the Brick.

Sunday School

Craft Day



Sunday School craft Sunday was February 17th with an Easter theme.

God's Blessings to All Submitted by Katie Colgrove Sunday School Superintendent With upright heart he shepherded them and guide them with his skillful hand. He commanded the skies above and opened the door of heaven, And He rained down on them manna to eat and gave them the grain of heaven. Man ate of **the bread of the angels; Psalm 78: 23-25a**

Today at church when we read these words, the idea of "the bread of the angels" jumped out at me. And I got to thinking about all the wonderful bread that I have enjoyed... much of it prepared by angels.

I think back to my childhood when we went to Grandma Schutte's house and were served fresh bread with a cup of coffee: a Finnish delight. Grandma lived a hardworking farm life, and believed in simple things. She made bread dough out of basic ingredients, kneaded in love, and baked the loaves in a hot wood stove. My Mom also baked bread in a large crockery bread bowl, and again we were served warm buttery slabs of love. The family bread of angels.

Then there are the many breads of Pakistan. The basic roti is unleaven flat-bread cooked over a kerosene (or wood) fire. Usually, we were given this bread right from the griddle to be sure it was fresh. Angels often show up to bless us with hospitality served out of mud-kitchens.



In Pakistan, there were tribal Pathans where bread is cooked in a tandoor. This is another style of bread-baking often done by men perched on the edge of a hot-tubular clay oven. Tandoor roti was a large oval slab with a crisp crust and soft inner texture. Tandori roti could be a whole meal for it tasted like fresh manna prepared by angels.

What about bread in Israel? Again, a beautiful pretzel-like bread sold in stores and open-air shops. In Jerusalem, the air carries the scent of bread. And during Passover, all yeast breads are replaced by matzah... a cracker-like bread. A reminder of the flight "out of Egypt"- a journey led by angels.

Nowadays, I like to make Turkish pieta flat bread with sesame and nigella seeds sprinkled on a grid-like top. This "bread from heaven" is broken into pieces and eaten with a good bowl of soup. Also in our home, Herb treats us to his bread-machine rye bread; bread-angels dwell in our midst too.

Yes, bread is a staple of life in all parts of the world Whether it is a loaf purchased on the run at Kwik-trip gas station or artisan bread from a clay oven in Asia... we are daily served by angels. God's bread-baking promise raises the stakes and offers Himself, the Bread of Life, to satisfy our earthly hunger and serve a foretaste of the feast to come. Yup, we are belong to the bread-baking God. Enjoy the meal!

8 "T"s of Stewardship

. By John Heckmann LWML Pastoral Counselor 2011-2015 (Previously published in the Treasured News Jan.-July 2013) Revised August 2017 by Rev. Robert Mundahl LWML Pastoral Counselor 2015-2019

TIME TREASURE TOUCH TRASH

TALENT TESTIMONY TISSUE TECHNOLOGY

The Eight T's of Stewardship

The Eight T's are: **Time, Talent, Treasure, Testimony, Touch, Tissue, Trash, and Technology.** You know the first three; the last four go like this: testimony (Christian witnessing), touch

(relationships), tissue (care of our bodies), trash (care of God's creation), and technology (our use of the electronic devices and tools with which God has blessed us) We will take one "T" each month.

TIME

TIME is a gift from God. Psalm 139:16 states that "All the days ordained for me were written in Your [God's] book before one of them came to be." Our times are truly in God's hands (Psalm 31:15). And, regardless of the number of years God ordains for us, we say with the Psalmist, "You have made my days a mere handbreadth; the span of my years is as nothing before you. Each man's life is but a breath" (Psalm 39:5). Jesus reminds us that we cannot add a single hour to our lives by worrying about it (Matthew 6:27). Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us that "there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven." So, what are we to do with God's gift of TIME? St. Paul gives this instruction: "And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light" (Romans 13:11-12). (Cont. on next page)



St. Paul also gives us this encouragement in Ephesians 5:15-16: "Be very careful, then, how you live — not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil."

As maturing stewards we receive TIME as a gift from God and strive to make the best use of it in our family relationships, work, and other life activities, including our work in God's kingdom and church while He blesses us with life on this earth. We do this not only as an obligation, but also as a free and joyous activity. At the end of our lives when we stand before the Judge of every human being we will rejoice when the Kings says, "Well done, good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:21).

Every January many people make a lot of good resolutions and some of them included using TIME wisely. Now we can reflect on how we're doing...and resolve again to use our gift of TIME in a way that honors God and blesses others. And that is only fitting because "maturing stewards do the right things for the right reasons and strive for excellence in all they do, including the wise use of their time."

What's Inside Will Spill Out

By Rev. Terry Rebert

The other day a friend sent me a Facebook reflection. Often I take Facebook reflections with a grain of salt. This one gave me a grain of truth. Permit me to share it with you.

You are holding a cup of coffee when someone comes along and bumps into you, making you to spill your coffee everywhere. Why did you spill the



coffee? You spilled the coffee because there was coffee in your cup. Had there been tea in the cup, you would have spilled tea. The point is whatever is inside the cup, is what will spill out. Therefore, when life comes along and shakes you (which will happen), whatever is inside you will come out.

It 's easy to fake it, until you get rattled. So we have to ask ourselves, "What's in my cup?"

When life gets tough, what spills out? Joy, gratefulness, peace and humility? Or does anger, bitterness, harsh words and reactions come out? You choose! Today let's work toward filling our cups with gratitude, forgiveness, joy, words of affirmation, kindness, gentleness and love for others.



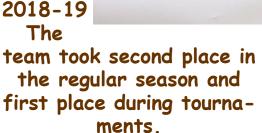
Scripture Cake

Just sit down with your Bible, turn to the appropriate passages given below and add the proper amount of food mentioned in the scripture. It should be an enriching experience in more ways than one.

4 1/2 Cups I Kings 4:22 2 Cups Jeremiah 6:20 2 Cups Song of Solomon 2:13 2 tsp. Judges 14:18 6 Isaiah 10:14 2 tsp. I Corinthians 5:6 1 1/2 Cups Psalms 55:21 2 Cups II Samuel 16:1 2 Cups Numbers 17:8 Pinch of Luke 14:34 1/2 Cup Judges 4:19 4 tsp. Exodus 30:23 Chronicles 9:9 (2 tsp. Allspice, 2 tsp. Cloves, 1/2 tsp. Nutmeg)



TEAM ZION Dartball Season 2018-19 The



Good Job People!

Cream Psalms 55:21 and Jeremiah 6:20. Add Isaiah 10:14 one at a time. Add I Kings 4:22, sifted before measuring. Add I Corinthians 5:6 and Luke 14:34 alternating with Judges 4:19. Stir in Judges 14:18 and add spices. Stir well until blended, then add II Samuel 16:1, Song of Solomon 2:13 (chopped) and Numbers 17:8 (chopped or slivered.) Pour into well greased loaf pans (2) and bake at 325° for 50 min. Cool and slice.

* * * * Heavenly Batter * * * By the way, if you want to make one large cake, just pour this heavenly batter into what else? An angel food cake pan!

Fran Kuester recently found this recipe in her mother's (Faye Buss) recipe box.

A couple of other suggestions - place batter in 3 smaller loaf pans so not to have to bake as long or a combination. Maybe a glaze or What's Your Guess? Once again we have huge snowbanks at the south end of the parking lot. They aren't quite as high as last year (the season isn't over yet) but they are wider. So put your guess when it will be completely gone on the "guess sheet" on the bulletin board by March 17th.



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March 1: As the saying goes, March comes "in like a lion, out like a lamb." That was certainly true on March 1st, 2007, when a detachment of 170 Swiss infantrymen accidentally invaded neighboring Liechtenstein when they got lost on a training mission.

March 2: NASA astronaut Scott Kelly returned from space after one full year, setting a new record for the longest uninterrupted trip to space.

March 13: Daylight saving time begins, freeing American city-dwellers from the constant refrain of "it's dark before I even leave work."

Benjamin Franklin came up with the idea of Daylight Saving...

But it was a joke. In 1784, Franklin penned <u>a satirical letter</u> to the editor of the *Journal of Paris* outlining how many pounds of candle wax the city would save (64,050,000 pounds, according to his calculations) if only its clocks were better aligned with the rise and set of the sun. If residents had trouble adjusting, he suggested the city "let cannon be fired in every street, to wake the sluggards effectually." Now that's a wake-up call.

The idea wasn't taken seriously until 1907

More than a century after Franklin's letter, a British builder named William Willet became the champion of Daylight Saving, and lobbied Parliament to adjust the time in April and September in order to take full advantage of the day's light. It is said the idea came to him after riding his horse one summer morning and noticing how many blinds were still down, which signaled to him the sunlight was going to waste.

March 14: Pi Day celebrates the annual occurrence of 3/14 with math jokes, pi-reciting competitions, and (of course) freshly baked pie.

March 16: The legend of St. Urho originated in Northern Minnesota in the 1950s. However, there are differing opinions as to whether it began with the fables created by <u>Sulo Havumaki</u> of Bemidji, or the tongue-in-cheek tales told by <u>Richard Mattson</u> of Virginia. Either way, the legend has grown among North Americans of Finnish descent to the point where St. Urho is known and celebrated across the United States and Canada, and even in Finland.

March 17: St. Patrick's Day

March 20: The sun shines on the equator for the Vernal Equinox, giving us a near 50-50 split of day and night.

March 21: The 10th anniversary Twitter founder Jack Dorsey inaugurating the social media site with its profound first tweet: "just setting up my twttr"

March 27: Easter Sunday

March 28: Gorge Yourself on Discount Easter Candy Monday



Little Friends of Jesus Childcare Center & Preschool Are you interested in being a positive influence in the life of a child?

Little Friends of Jesus Child Care Center is accepting applications for an Assistant Child Care Teacher (20 hours per week). Applicant must be willing to work with children of all ages. LFOJ is a licensed Christian childcare facility caring for children 6 weeks of age to 12 years and is open year round, Monday

through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Applicant must be 18 years of age & willing to complete state required childcare courses within 6 months of hire.

To discuss position, please call Karyn at 715-682-6075. For an application and more information, please visit our website at <u>lfoj.org</u> Resume with references can be emailed to lfoj@zionashland.com

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About the Gathering

Held every 3 years since 1980, the LCMS Youth Gathering provides thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. The next Gathering will be held on **July 11-15, 2019** in **Minneapolis, MN**.

During the five days of the Gathering, youth spend time together in God's word, worship, service, and fellowship with others from across the synod. This event is organized by <u>LCMS Youth Ministry</u> in Saint Louis, MO.

If you are interested please speak with Pastor or John Pruss. Early registration ends March 15th, but there will be availability after that, but a bit higher cost. The sooner you research the project and make a decision the better. This is for ages 14-19.

youth.ministry@lcms.org 314-996-1155

Zion Lutheran Church Council Meeting: Feb. 18, 2019

Call to Order: By Elder Darryl Warren. Darryl led us in a devotional from Isaiah 64 to remind us that it is never too late for Hope: God's Hope. The Bible has the answers for inner-peace. Let us remember to turn our eyes on Jesus.

Roll Call: Mary Koosman-Financial Secretary, Lisa Guski-Treasurer/LFOJ, Darryl Warren-Elder, Nick Jarvela-Trustees, Alice Ellis-Secretary/Evangelism.

January Minutes: Motion to approve by Guski. Second by Jarvela. MMC.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve by Ellis. Second by Jarvela. MMC.

Agenda Approval: Motion by Guski. Second by Ellis. MMC.

Board Reports:

Trustees: Jarvela reported that rubber matting for the LFOJ ramp has been purchased. It will be installed when weather is favorable. Trustees are working on a front stoop plan.

Education: A request was made that the Lenten offering on Education soup-and-sandwich night can be used for summer VBS expenses. Motion to accept request by Jarvela. Second by Guski. MMC. **Evangelism:** Ellis reported that Pastor Rick will check with other groups in the area who provide winter coats, etc. for children so we can coordinate efforts. Easter baskets will be delivered to shut-ins.

Motion to accept Board Reports by Guski. Second by Jarvela. MMC.

Old Business:

Excel Energy: Contract and Easement request for new power poles. Trustees met with Excel. Old poles will be removed, and new poles installed. Excel will be granted a south-to-north 20 foot easement (10 feet of side of each pole). Excel will take out trees. Bid from electrician, John Schwiesow, for \$1100.00 will be accepted. Motion to go with Excel easement plan by Guski. Second by Ellis. MMC.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Guski. Second by Jarvela. MMC. The meeting was closed with *The Lord's Prayer*. Council will meet again on March 18, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully, *Alice Ellis*





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MARCH Servers for Worship Services Our Servers for our Worship Service are very important. We ask that if you are unable to serve on your designated date, please find someone else to take your place. We really appreciate your help in this matter!! If you would like to be added or taken off one of our lists please contact the office. Greeters and Ushers should arrive 20 minutes before services start. Thank-you to all who serve.

March	Elders	Acolytes	Ushers	Greeters
Sun. 3	John Pruss Andy Pruss	Lily	Tim Bauer	Brian & Linda Klobucher
Wed. 6	Scott Thimm	Matthew	Mike Cashman	Vyskocil Family
Sun. 10	Darryl Warren Doug Warren	Daniel	Chuck Chronis	Bolz Family
Wed. 13	Andy Pruss	Faith	Jerry Frisco	Nick & Jule Jarvela
Sun. 17	Doug Warren John Pruss	Lilly	Jim Hebert	Wickman Family
Wed. 20	Scott Thimm	Austin	Nick Jarvela	Karen Wahl
Sun. 24	Andy Pruss Darryl Warren	Daniel	Adam Hinch	Scott & Becky Sappe
Wed 27	John Pruss	Adeline	Loren Munson	June Williams
Sun. 31	Darryl Warren Doug Warren	Matthew	Karl Williams	Sunie Family
Wed. Apr. 3	Andy Pruss	Faith	Adam Hinch	Clarence & Kathy Osmak

OFFICIAL ACTS Baptism: Fynn Wright February 17, 2019

Altar March Guild Penny Mattson 292-6528 Maria Truchon 682-9508

