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PASTOR'S NOTE

Lenten Services: 7pm with a Meal served at 6:15
Theme "The Shield of Faith"

"In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;" Ephesians 6:16

This year in our Lenten journey, we will explore one of the parts of the spiritual armor that Paul encourages us to be daily equipped with. What is its purpose? How do we use it? What are some of the main arrows or flaming darts that the evil one throws against us? Come and enjoy a time of fellowship, worship, and equipping as we learn to better handle this gift of God for our protection and blessing in this journey of faith.

Questions and Answers:
QUESTION: Would you please explain the significance of Ash Wednesday? I've seen some people in the past with black ash crosses on their foreheads.

ANSWER: Lutheran Worship: History and Practice, a commentary on Lutheran Worship, one of our Synod's hymnals, says this about ashes on Ash Wednesday: "Other customs may be used, particularly the imposition of ashes on those who wish it. This ancient act is a gesture of repentance and a powerful reminder about the meaning of the day.

Ashes can symbolize dust-to-dustiness and remind worshipers of the need for cleansing, scrubbing and purifying. If they are applied during an act of

kneeling, the very posture of defeat and submission expresses humility before God."

The use of ashes on Ash Wednesday is a more recent custom among most LCMS congregations, although some have done it for decades. The ashes are usually derived from the burned palms from the previous Palm Sunday.

Experience will show, however, that in obtaining ashes this way, it doesn't take many ashes to "ash" a whole congregation. Like sin, they are very dirty and go a long way. One palm leaf will produce enough ashes for several years.

Usually the pastor takes the ashes on the end of his thumb and makes the sign of the cross on

THEMES & DATES

February 14th Ash Wednesday -
The Arrow of Pride
Feb. 21st The Arrow of Shame
Feb. 28th The Arrow of Fear
Mar. 7th The Arrow of Rejection
Mar. 14th The Arrow of Anger
Mar. 21st The Arrow of Depression
Holy Week
Mar. 25th Palm Sunday
5pm Seder Meal
Thur. Mar. 29th Maundy Thursday
7pm
Fri.. Mar. 30th Good Friday Service
7pm
April 1st Easter Service

the forehead of each worshiper, saying these words: "Remember: you are dust, and to dust you shall return." This follows most effectively prior (or as part of) the Service Corporate Confession and Absolution on pages 290-291 of the Lutheran Service Book.

TECHNOLOGY TEAM NOTE

Team members are Marcella Cavaness, Kent Shue, Jennifer Franz

2016 Review-

- * Updated/repared the sanctuary speaker system and professionally tuned the soundboard.
- * WiFi in the Trinity 2 Modular
- * Purchased a large TV and stand for the Trinity 2 Modular for Sunday School/Meeting use.
- * Purchased new Apple computer to replace the 7 year old computer that was being used to operate the Pro Presenter

sanctuary display system

- * Updated the church phone systems to sipVine VOIP to provide a better solution for staff working from home and remote childcare locations

2017 Projects-

- * Incorporate a video camera for recording the sermons and posting the videos on YouTube.
- * Upgrade a church computer
- * Update microphones.

If there are additional technology related requests please feel free to email the technology team with requests at technology@gatheringinchrist.org.

Andrew Heskett

“Serve One another in love”

OUTREACH

The 2018 Outreach team had their first meeting in January. The current members of the team are Dorri and Don Lambie, Ginger Bouza, Marcella Cavaness, Tasha Griffith, Kellea Neas, Connie Avey, Jill Rada-macher, Jason Boetcher, and the team lead is Shari Kuttler.

We agreed that our areas of focus for the year will be...

1) To give information out to bring people in by means of social media, advertising, and community activities.

2) To establish more structured in-reach groups within our church family- i.e men's and women's group, support during illness and/or life struggles, meals for new parents, and creation of small groups.

3) To Increase our member's participation in the current missions that we support- Hope Faith, Voice of Love, Metro Lutheran Ministries, and a future mission trip

Some things to watch for in the near future...

- A kick off to men's and women's groups
- Pray and Play activities
- "I Love My Church" movie advertisement running at Legends Theater for the month of March
- Invitations to join us in volunteering at Hope Faith, Metro Lutheran, and Voice of Love
- Increased opportunities to support your brothers and sisters in Christ through prayer, meals, and other support that may be needed

If you have any questions or comments feel free to visit with a team member, or better yet, join the Outreach Team! Our next meeting will be at 6:30 on February 20th at Rodeo in Basehor.

SPECIAL DAYS: BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 Sam Boetcher | 15 Randy Nordquist |
| 2 Rachel Kaminski | 18 Landon Cavaness,
Ron Gruber |
| 6 Earl Lohuis,
Emma DaMetz | 24 Jenny Franz,
Maggie Mueller |
| 7 Kaylee Kuttler, Don
Lambie, Karen Smith | 26 Michelle Kelly |
| 11 Larry Bouza | 27 Bethany Vokac |
| 12 Tim Johnson,
Kinsey Kuttler | 28 Tyler & Nikki Rathe |
| 13 Rick Kooser | |
| 14 Kristi DaMetz | |



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Praise Team every Tuesday @ 7:15pm
- Feb 10 Sanctuary Meeting @ 3pm
- Feb 12 Outreach Meeting @ 6pm
- Feb 13 Childcare Team @ 6pm
- Ash Wednesday 7pm meal @ 6:15pm
- Feb 17 Marriage Retreat 9am to 4pm
- Feb 18 Tubing at Snow Creek
- Feb 19 Worship Team @ 6pm
- Feb 21 Lenten 7pm meal @6:15pm
- Feb 28 Lenten 7pm meal @ 6:15pm

FEBRUARY 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

EDUCATION NOTE

Education committee's 2018 at a glance:

2/17/18 Marriage Workshop "Love and Respect" 9a-4p if in need of childcare please contact Pastor Jason. Registration required

3/25 Palm Sunday 1st Communion (5th graders) class with pastor Jason during Sunday

school 9:15 AM. Communion during 10:30 AM service.

3/25 Seder Meal to celebrate the Passover. Join us at 5:30 PM. All are invited.

4/1 Youth Breakfast between 8 and 1030 services

4/29 Youth Sunday

5/20 Confirmation Sunday

7/30-8/3 Vacation Bible School

Remember the day you stood before the Lord your God at Horeb, when he said to me, "Assemble the people before me to hear my words so that they may learn to revere me as long as they live in the land and may teach them to their children."

Deuteronomy 4:10

SANCTUARY LAMP

A sanctuary lamp, chancel lamp, altar lamp, everlasting light, or eternal flame is a light that shines before the altar of sanctuaries in many Jewish places of worship. This icon has taken on different meanings in each of the religions that have adopted it.

In Lutheran churches it indicates the presence of Christ in the sanctuary.

Sanctuary lamps are mostly colored red. This distinguishes a difference between the light and other votive lights that may be within the church. The light may be suspended from the ceiling by a rope or chain, or affixed to the wall.

Exodus 27:20-21 "You shall command the people of Israel that they bring to you pure beaten olive oil for the light, that a lamp may regularly be set up to burn. In the tent of meeting, outside the veil that is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall tend it from evening to morning before the Lord. It shall be a statute forever to be observed throughout their generations by the people of Israel."

The sanctuary lamp was given in memory of Donna Rathe by her family.



STEWARDSHIP ARTICLE

“I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich” (2 Corinthians 8:8-9).

Without commands or even arm-twisting, St. Paul encourages, even challenges, the Church in Corinth to demonstrate the sincerity of their faith by their generosity in giving. He does this because giving generously is a gift of the Spirit given to us through the Gospel.

St. Paul wrote: “But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnest-

ness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving” (2 Corinthians 8:7). In other words, just as we grow in faith and speech and knowledge of eternal things by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God, so also do we grow in giving from the same Spirit through the same Word.

The problem is that the grace of generosity often grows cold in us. It’s not so much that we stop giving, but we don’t put it first. We treat it like all the other bills that must be paid. It becomes a chore, just one more thing to check off a list of things to do. That empties it of its spiritual power and robs us of the joy that Christ and the Scriptures assign to it.

On top of that, since this generosity is linked to faith and knowledge of divine things, a lack of excelling in giving is a sure sign that our faith and knowledge of God are under attack as well.

Thus St. Paul points to the foundation of generosity: the generosity of Christ Himself. Even though He was rich, He became poor so that we who are poor might become rich. Thus, the incarnation, suffering, and death of our Lord on the cross is the reason, source, and driving force for our generosity in giving to the church.

And since Christ who was rich became poor so that we might be rich in His grace—of which generous giving is part—so we also who are rich in His grace can excel in pressing His grace into service toward the gracious work of the church.

Pay attention to what you give to the church so that you may excel at it. And if you find that your heart has grown cold or indifferent toward it, immerse yourself in God’s Word. Read it at home. Attend Bible Class. Hear and listen to it preached in the Divine Service.

Be reminded of what Christ has done for you in His incarnation, suffering, and death. For this will strengthen your faith and knowledge. And where that excels, so will the grace of giving excel also.

SAVE THE DATES

March

9th-11th Youth Quake

25th 1st Communion, Seder Meal, Palm Sunday

April

1st Youth Breakfast

5th-7th Lifetouch Photo Directory Sessions

16th Darling Faith Monday night 6 week study begins

21st Hope Faith

29th Youth Sunday



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TRINITY FAMILY LEARNING CENTER

The childcare is having picture day on February 16th. Following service on the 14th we will need to take down a couple rows of chairs on the north half of the sanctuary to give them more room for photography set up.

GATHERING TO BUILD
RELATIONSHIPS IN CHRIST



TRINITY
FAMILY OF FAITH
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Gathering people to build relationships in Christ