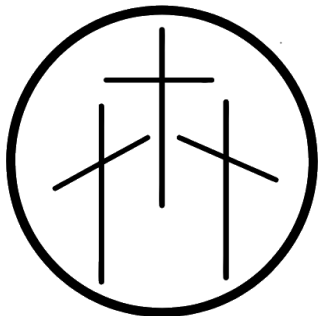


Parish Voice



Special Dates in March

- March 1—World Compliment Day
- March 3—National Anthem Day
- March 5—World Day of Prayer
- March 7—National Cereal Day
- March 11—Johnny Appleseed Day
- March 12—Girl Scouts Day
- March 14—Daylight Savings
- March 17—St. Patrick's Day
- March 18—Awkward Moments Day
- March 20—First Day of Spring
- March 23—National Chip and Dip Day
- March 25—Waffle Day
- March 28—Palm Sunday

March Birthdays

Caleb Steurer Robert Steurer	4
Ellen Shupe Gary Henschen	5
Ron Wood	8
Nancy Mueller	9
Michael Steurer	15
Rosemary Jones	20
Darren Reaman	29
Conor Byrne	30

Pastor's Corner

Friends in Christ:

If I were to ask you what is your favorite story, what would you say?? Personally, I would answer with *The Mitford Series* a series about the life and times of a country priest, Fr. Tim!

According to a PBS "The Great American Read" winner of America's best loved novel is *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee! Special mention to a few others: *Outlander* by Diana Galbaldon, *Harry Potter* by J.K. Rowling, *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen and others you would know.

All of us love a story! And I am sure if asked we could all name a favorite read. When driving I love books on tape to listen to and would frequently check them out at our library. Now with the advent of online

choices you can listen or read a story anytime.

We are reading a story together. I hope you have a copy of the Lenten devotional we are using (copies still available at either church) called "To tell a Story." This is a story of Jesus as told to us by the Gospel writer Mark.

We kind of know the story of Jesus, don't we?? I mean he came on the scene at the age of 30, ministered and taught for 3 years. He was killed horribly on the Cross on Good Friday, and then defeated death and rose again on Easter! We may think we know this from years and years of church, but I promise each time you open the Scriptures, God will renew your heart. Let us all



be renewed in the love of God this Lent, Holy Week and Easter!

I pray your story continues to enfold in, with, and around the story of Jesus! Our personal stories all come from God and our story begins and ends with God. And, as Paul Harvey used to say, "Now you know the rest of the story!"

Blessed March,
Pr. Doug

Wednesday Lent Worship

Be sure to tune in each Wednesday of March at 7 p.m. to hear a story from a member of each church, a devotional from Pr. Doug, and music from both church musicians. We will be "live" on Facebook and our website! Still need a devotional booklet? Grab one at church on Sunday or call MJ to set up a time.



Readings for March 2021

March 7: 3rd Sunday in Lent

- *1st Reading:* Exodus 20:1-17
- *Psalm:* Psalm 19
- *2nd Reading:* 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
- *Gospel:* John 2:13-22



March 21: 5th Sunday in Lent

- *1st Reading:* Jeremiah 31:31-34
- *Psalm:* Psalm 51:1-12
- *2nd Reading:* Hebrews 5:5-10
- *Gospel:* John 12:20-33

*“Let your face shine
up on your servant;
save me in your
steadfast love.”*

Psalm 31:16

March 14: 4th Sunday in Lent

- *1st Reading:* Numbers 21:4-9
- *Psalm:* Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
- *2nd Reading:* Ephesians 2:1-10
- *Gospel:* John 3:14-21

March 28: Palm Sunday

- *1st Reading:* Isaiah 50:4-9a
- *Psalm:* Psalm 31:9-16
- *2nd Reading:* Philippians 2:5-11
- *Gospel:* Mark 14:1—15:47

Synod Assembly registration is now open!

The 33rd Annual Assembly of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will be held virtually Friday, June 11 through Saturday, June 12, 2021.

This year's Synod Assembly will meet under the theme "We Are Called". We will be focusing on the synod's four priorities and what they mean not just for synod ministry, but what they mean for congregations of the Indiana-Kentucky

Synod as well. The four priorities are:

- Support and develop missional leadership
- Form and send faith-filled disciples
- Cultivate congregations and centers for mission
- Broaden and deepen collaboration and communication

Worship and a time of fellowship will be held on Friday evening. The Assembly itself will take place on Saturday.



All sessions will take place online.

To learn more click [HERE](#). If you are interested in attending virtually, please reach out to Pastor Doug.

Midweek Moment!

Join Pastor Doug on Wednesdays for a mid-week message of encouragement and support. Send him ideas or questions. Feel free to share with friends or family.

Look for an email to be sent Wednesday mornings, find it posted on Facebook, and on our website's homepage!

Fellowship Continues and Lent Soup Dinners!

Join your family of faith at St. Andrew's with fellowship time at 10 a.m. every Sunday morning virtually! The Willmans will be hosting.

We will also meet on Zoom each Wednesday of Lent to break bread together but apart. Please join in and just enjoy catching up with your St. Andrew's family!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated annually on March 17, the anniversary of his death in the fifth century. The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for over 1,000 years. On St. Patrick's Day, which falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in

the afternoon. Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waived and people would dance, drink and feast on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage.

To learn more about this holiday:

- ◇ History.com
- ◇ Britannica.com

Activities:

- ◇ [17 Best Activities](#)
- ◇ [25 Fun Games](#)



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

The time has sprung again. On March 14 we will jump ahead by an hour at 2am. Mark your calendars and prep for a little less sleep.

Want some tips to help?

- ◆ [Tips to get ready for changing time](#)

- ◆ [Tips to help your body adjust](#)
- ◆ [Helping out the kiddos](#)
- ◆ [Prepping the kiddos](#)

Curious about when and why this all started? Click [HERE!](#)



MATTHEW 25: A NEW GROUP FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

In Matthew 25:31-46, Jesus highlights five things we are called to do as disciples:

- feed those who are hungry
- give water to the thirsty
- welcome a stranger
- give clothes to those who need them
- care for the sick

On 2/21 they discussed being thirsty and the importance of clean water.

March 21 – I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME: We will create Welcome Home paintings (we will send you all the supplies

you need) for those going from homelessness to being in their own home and discuss homelessness.

April 18 – I NEEDED CLOTHING AND YOU CLOTHED ME:

Wear your favorite item of clothing (or your least favorite) and tell us why. We'll hear from Shelly Klein from the South Bend, IN, chapter of Dress for Success, a non-profit organization that provides used professional attire for women seeking employment.

May 16 – I WAS SICK AND YOU CARED FOR ME: We will

make cards (we will send you all the supplies you need) that you will send to Pastor Dan Fugate to be sent to Pastors and Deacons when they are sick and discuss how we can care for one another.

We will meet by Zoom on the Third Sunday of each month at 7:00 pm Eastern/6:00 pm Central. To participate, register

at <http://bit.ly/ikmatthew25>.

"for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."
Matthew 25:35-36

GAME ON! LENTEN DEVOTIONS FOR FAMILIES

Each day of Lent, these devotions tie a familiar game to meditation and prayer. These devotions will also be available on our website and daily on our Facebook page. Here is the one for Monday, March 1:

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.”
Ephesians 2:8

One of my family’s favorite games is Animal Upon Animal. The idea is simple: stack wooden animals on top of each other, un-

til sooner or later the whole stack falls. It’s a balancing game, full of bright colors, odd shapes, and engaging animal figures. When it all comes crashing down, we laugh, pick up the pieces, and hope for better luck next time. I often think following Jesus is a balancing act, too. If I do everything just right I’ll win at being a good Christian. But like the game, sooner or later, it all comes crashing down. I can’t win. Good thing I don’t have to! Jesus already won for us — it’s a gift! We know we can try our best, and love our neighbors, and when we fall, Jesus is already there,

smiling and helping us pick up the pieces. We don’t have to balance everything. Loving God, you catch us when we fall and forgive us when we mess up. Thank you for the gift of Jesus! Amen.

Download the rest [here!](#)



LUTHERAN OUTDOOR MINISTRIES INDIANA-KENTUCKY: SUMMER CAMP

Looking for something to engage your kids this summer??

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries
Indiana-Kentucky (LOMIK)
Registration is OPEN!!!

Click [HERE](#) to register.

Click [HERE](#) for the camp calendar.

[Watch this video!](#)



CONSTITUTION CHANGES

As was presented at our recent annual meeting, below are the two proposed amendments to our Constitution, as required. We will officially vote on these at a meeting in the future. No action is required now, however, if you have any questions, please contact Suzy Henschen.

The proposed changes are in bold and underlined:

C12.01 The voting membership of the Congregation Council shall consist of the pastor and **at least 7** members of the congregation.

C12.2 The members of the

Congregation Council except for the pastor(s) shall be elected by written ballot to serve for **2** years or until their successors are elected. Such members shall be eligible to serve no more than **three** full terms consecutively.



Tithe.ly Pledge Confusion

For our members who entered their 2021 pledge directly on Tithe.ly, we know emails have been sent from Tithe.ly and, in many cases, the information being shown is not accurate. Please ignore these emails and simply delete them. We apologize for any concern these may be causing. These messages are being

sent directly from Tithe.ly, and we have been unable to turn them off.

Please know that your gifts and dedication to God are treasured deeply. If at any time you have a concern or would like an update on your giving, you are welcome to call Brad Long or Amanda Hunter. We will be happy to help

you.

Thank you for your understanding as we continue to work with Tithe.ly and our new Church Management System.

Brad Long
Finance Committee

*"I will give
thanks to
You, O Lord
my God, with
all my heart,
And will
glorify your
name forever."
Psalm 86:12*

Remember to like and share our posts and videos on Facebook and Instagram!



In person or not, share with your church as God has shared with you.

COMMUNICATIONS CORNER

Submitted by Kelli Steurer

Welcome March and hopefully some nice spring weather! We are working hard on transitioning to our new Church Management System. With this system we will be able to keep a digital directory, have sign ups for worship leadership (lectors, greeters, etc), be able to view the church calendar, and so much more. Please be on the look out for more information

surrounding this. Data is being transferred to this system.

Once we have that in, you will each have access and be able to keep your info up to date!

We continue to live stream on Sundays with our Tech Team.

When in person you will see myself, Amanda Hunter, and Jamie Shake with Phil Langholz on occasion taking care of running the live stream and re-

cording service. Worship will continue to be posted on our website on Sunday afternoons. We will also start uploading videos to YouTube. Just like/follow our channel to stay up to date on there!

As always, if you have any questions, please reach out to me!



GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

You may recall last fall, prior to their break, we provided food to

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."

Hebrews 13:16

Wheeler School families. At that time we discussed doing it again prior to Spring Break. The school has asked us to do it the week after the break, when the need is greater. Wheeler has about 77% free and reduced lunch population, so we know many need

our help. And we are happy to help! The school has not given us the date that will work best for them, but we know it will be the week of April 12th. That gives us a couple of months to raise the funds to do this. And all of us can participate. **Can you help?** If so, please make a donation either through Tithe.ly, putting it in the offering on Sunday, when we are worshipping in person, or by mailing a check to the church. In order to do the shopping, **we need your contribution by April 5th if possible.** That allows us to know how much we have to spend!

Additionally, you can be a volunteer that day. Details will be forthcoming. We hope you can help us! If you are able to volunteer that day, please contact Karen Hill, the chairperson of the project.

Be a part of Gods Work, Our Hands and help the families at Wheeler! Thank you!

FAMILY MINISTRY WEBINAR: THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021 7:00 PM

Join us for a Family Ministry webinar presented by David Lynn.

David Lynn has been a youth and family minister for more than 30 years. He is the creator and author of the "Talk Sheets" series published by Youth Specialties, author of "Building Your Ministry," and creator of HomeGrown Ministries.

David will lead this webinar on Family Ministry and will gift each participant with a virtual basket of resources that can be used right now on

Zoom (or in person). He will also talk about how we should be preparing for when we are able



to meet again more fully in person.

This is designed for those who work with children, youth, or families, whether you are volunteer, paid, lay, or rostered. It will be held on Thursday, March 4, 2021, at 7:00 pm Eastern/6:00 pm Central.

Register at <http://bit.ly/ikfamilyministrywebinar>

Contact Pastor Dan Fugate with any questions or concerns at 317.253.3522 or youth@iksynod.org.

SPRING NEWS FROM FRIENDSHIP BIBLE STUDY

Doesn't it feel great to begin talking about spring? Our special friends feel the same.

We continue to meet on Zoom every week. We talk, pray, sing, have a lesson, just like when we can be together in person. We are grateful that we are able to stay in touch during the pandemic.

For Easter, we are planning another drive through, for them at church. Everyone remains in their cars and

drives down the drive directly in front of the church and volunteers wave and cheer and let our friends know how happy we are to see them. It's kind of like a parade. This will be on Tuesday, March 30, 7:00 – 7:30 P.M. We will have a goodie bag for them loaded with a craft, candy, stories, and whatever else we find.

If you would like to join the fun please plan on coming to church that day at 6:30. You can wear a funny hat or wig or costume,

anything to be festive. Come as you are!

We will observe all of the Covid19 safety procedures, masks, social distancing and hand sanitizer.

All are welcome! Questions: Ask Paula Cardoza Jones or Suzy Henschen. We would love to see you there!

Don't forget to check out our website for updates on in-person worship. Read more about this decision [HERE](#).



Register for worship services [HERE](#).

LIVING LUTHERAN: A SONG IN THE MIDST OF SUFFERING

Black String Triage Ensemble, lead by Dayvin Hallmon, is "an all-volunteer ensemble composed of Black and Latinx string musicians who ... deliver healing music shortly after a fatal shooting," writes Erin

Strybis in the January/February issue of Living Lutheran. "[They] show up alongside traditional first responders but



tend to the community's unaddressed spiritual wounds.

[They] perform music by Black and Latinx composers, curated

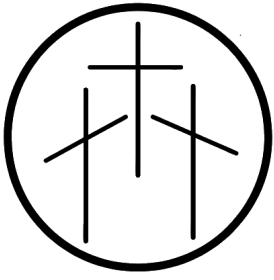
by Hallmon to speak to the five stages of grief, plus a sixth stage—faith."

As Molly Dreza, the group's pastor, says, "Their music is not a postlude to the events of suffering but a song sung in the midst of it,

bringing hope at the very moment it is most needed." Read more about this incredible ministry [here](#).

March 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 	2 1pm Staff 6:30pm Transformational Ministry 7pm FBS	3 12pm MWM 4:30pm L&F 6pm Fellowship 7pm Virtual Worship	4  6pm Council	5 	6
7 10am Fellowship 11am Worship 7pm Faith Formation	8	9 1pm Staff 7pm FBS	10 12pm MWM 6pm Fellowship 7pm Virtual Worship	11 	12 	13
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28 10am Fellowship 11am Worship 7pm Faith Formation	29 	30 1pm Staff 7pm FBS	31 12pm MWM 6pm Fellowship 7pm Virtual Worship	Remember: Set your clocks ahead 1 hour the night of March 13. Also, remember to watch the color code system for Marion County. We will continue with in-person worship unless we are red.		



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Spirit, we share
the love of Jesus
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