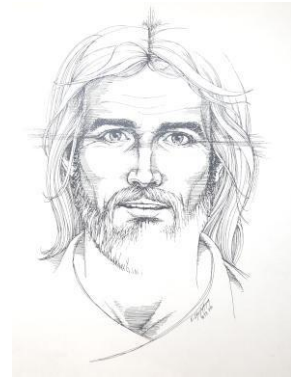


LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR

NEWSLETTER FOR FEBRUARY 2022



PASTOR'S PAGE



On February 13th Super Bowl 56 will be played at the SoFi Stadium in Inglewood, California starting at 6:30pm. The National Football Conference champion Los Angeles Rams will face the American Football Conference champion Cincinnati Bengals. Both teams won their respective Conference Playoffs in overtime play. It should prove to be an interesting competition. The players will arrive at and leave the stadium with a police escort. They will assemble on the field with all the pomp and circumstance worthy of diplomatic heads-of-state. They will be spoken of and interviewed by the best reporters, and people will hang on their every word.

In the end – there will be only one winning team.

Blessings to the winners – and Woe to the losers.

Well, in the Gospel lesson for February 13, 2022 – the Sixth Sunday After Pentecost – it seems that Jesus is talking about those who are spiritually “winners”.

Most all of us are familiar with the Beatitudes that are found in Matthew 5 – blessed are those who live out all those kingdom values. Jesus praises the **MEEK**, the **MERCIFUL**, the **PURE IN HEART**, the **PEACEMAKERS**. In the kingdom of God, it makes sense that these are the beautiful virtues that we are to aspire to possess.

But when we look to the blessings and the woes found in Luke’s version of the Sermon on the Mount, approval is being given to the losers. Here, Jesus judges the contestants as either “game winners” or “game losers”.

In Luke’s Gospel, the “Woes” are the people who, by society’s standards are the winners, possessing those things which Christians are supposed to shun. Jesus says woe to those who have too much money, too much to eat, too much laughter, and who have too much respect from their peers (vv. 24-26).

But those qualities that our culture considers to be those of the losers, Jesus blesses. Jesus sees as blessed: the **POOR**, the **HUNGRY**, and **THOSE WHO WEEP**; and **BLESSED ARE YOU WHEN PEOPLE HATE YOU, AND WHEN THEY EXCLUDE YOU, REVILE YOU, AND DEFAME YOU ON ACCOUNT OF THE SON OF MAN** (vv. 20-22).

Jesus celebrates and blesses all those who are in need.

In the presence of a throng of people who would be considered the losers of his day, Jesus operates with surgical precision on the hearts of his disciples and all who hear his words. Jesus came down and stood among them on level ground. Most impressive is this visual ---- that Jesus placed himself directly in their midst, equal to them in stature, able

to look at them eye-to-eye, and not looking down on them from above. Jesus made it clear that what the world would see in this crowd of neediness was the exact opposite of what it is that he sees in them.

Let's take another look at the football players we idolize. Each of the players of the winning Super Bowl game will be handed a diamond studded ring worth many thousands of dollars. Their contracts are renegotiated and their salaries are boosted to reflect their winning status. Product endorsements bring them additional millions. Appearances and speaking engagements add to their substantial incomes. We place them on pedestals and look up to them. Many people cannot wait to spend a chunk of their hard-earned cash to purchase a jersey with their favorite player's name and number emblazoned across the back.

But consider these very sad statistics:

- Sixty-five percent of NFL players leave the game with permanent injuries.
- One in four players reports financial difficulties in the first year after he retires.
- Of the NFL marriages that fail, 50 percent fail in the first year after the player leaves the game.
- The suicide rate for active and retired football players is six times greater than the national average.
- Seventy-eight percent of NFL players are unemployed, bankrupt and/or divorced within two years after their last game.

These football players, who so many regard as gods, as well as so many other people who are all around us – are simple reminders of how important it is to understand why it is that we're here. Jesus cautions us that life is not about money and fame. Real life is about getting down "on level ground" with people. That is precisely where we are to stand – on a "level place" with those who come to us hungry and in need.

It's been said, "He who dies with the most toys – is dead. And he can't take any of it with him."

Let's get down and dirty. Let's stand with the needy, and look at the world from a level place. And then facing one another eye-to-eye we can begin to do what needs to be done to show compassion, love, grace, and hope.

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Rev. Kenneth Sammons". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

The service we render to others is really
the rent we pay for our room on this earth.

-Wilfred T. Grenfell

PASTORAL CARE

Please help us to provide good pastoral care.

Please call the church office if

- You are in need of prayer
- You are ill or hospitalized
- A baby is born into your family
- A family member dies
- You are planning to be married
- You need help to view our Facebook worship
- You want help to use Tithely for your offering
- You or someone you know should be added to our prayer list
- or has recovered and should be removed from the prayer list
- Your phone number, email address, or mailing address have changed



NEW MEMBER CLASS



Lutheran Church of Our Savior is a “welcoming community” of believers. Church membership is not a requirement to worship. You only need to come to worship as a sinner in need of forgiveness. People only need to have faith and a desire to participate.

However, some of the people who have been worshipping with us, who are not members, may now have an interest in being a part of this congregation with its remarkable history and its great future.

Why? Membership has its privileges!

If you are not yet a member of Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Jacksonville, NC, and would like to talk privately about the benefits of joining, please contact Pastor Saurman at (910)358-5627 or lcsojax@elca1115.com, or you can set up a ZOOM meeting with him. He will talk with you about your situation and offer assistance.

NEW MEMBERS

We have recently welcomed into membership:

Beverly Ledwon

Kayla Ebert

Have you considered being a part of this congregation? Right now would be a great time to become a member. Speak with Pastor Saurman today.

FOR YOUR SAFETY

The Omicron Variant of Covid has dramatically increased the number of those being infected and hospitalized, even though the symptoms are not as severe.

The Congregation Council still supports their motion which says: **‘REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS, IT IS STRONGLY SUGGESTED THAT EVERYONE WEAR A MASK AND SOCIAL DISTANCE.’**

Pastor Saurman will be wearing a face covering at all times while in the building. He will continue to don rubber gloves and an additional face shield while distributing Holy Communion. He does so to protect himself, and to protect all who are in worship.

The gathering for Coffee Fellowship between the two worship services has ceased and will only resume when the spike in infections and hospitalizations goes back down.

The Intergenerational Sunday School class will also stop meeting for the time being.

Your Congregation Council members realize that there will be some people who disagree with this action. They truly struggled with and debated the matter. In the end, their only concern was the wellbeing of all of YOU. Please pray for all who choose to worship at Lutheran Church of Our Savior, a number of whom have recently been infected and became ill. And pray for the members of your Congregation Council. They assume their responsibilities most sincerely and they are honored to have earned your trust to serve and make the difficult decisions. Their names are in every newsletter and in the PowerPoint announcements every Sunday so you never forget who they are, and so you can remember to lift them by name to the Lord in your prayers. When you see them, remember to thank them for all that they do to further the work of the Lord in this place.

Lord, do not make us like porridge, which is difficult to
stir and slow to serve, but make us like Corn Flakes,
crisp, fresh, and ready to serve.

-Boy's Brigade, camp table grace



IMPORTANT ANNUAL MEETING IS THIS MONTH

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation is scheduled for Sunday, February 20th beginning at 9:30am in the sanctuary. The reports of the congregation will be printed and distributed to all in attendance. It is a review of the ministry conducted in 2021 by all who are a part of this special congregation.

MAKING DISCIPLES not just MEMBERS

According to statistics 15 percent of the U.S. population has a disability. Those statistics take on a whole new picture in the leadership of the Presbyterian Church in Sligo, Pennsylvania. This congregation celebrates the diversity of gifts in God's family. Peggy



Myers and Donna Bolt are deacons. Although disabled by complications at birth and in early childhood, Peggy's gifts and talents were welcomed at Sligo where she volunteered in the church office and as a preschool aide. Because the church office is fully wheelchair-accessible, Donna assisted with the church treasury each Sunday.

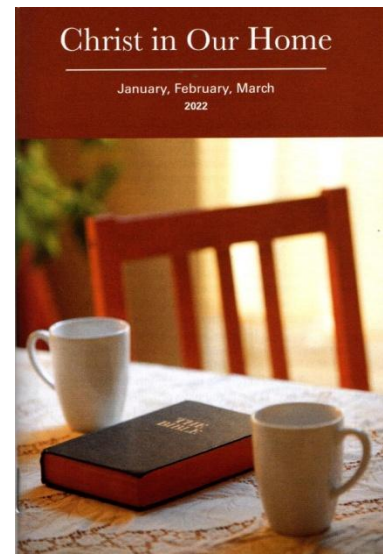
At Christ the King Lutheran Church in Tequesta, Florida, a young family was hesitant to bring their son to worship because of his loud outbursts and disruptive behavior. The pastor welcomed the family and encouraged their son to be a participant in worship rather than being a spectator. Noticing that the boy would sit in worship listening to the scripture readings and drawing pictures, the pastor asked if the parents would read the Gospel lesson for the next Sunday to their son and encourage him to draw a picture of the story. As a result of this, these drawings became the bulletin covers for many Sunday worship services.

In truth, many congregations have been blessed with a diversity of gifts in leadership roles simply because the congregation saw the gifts, saw the people, and saw their faith, and not just a disability. Churches everywhere are making disciples and not just members.

The 2022 January – February – March issue of this beloved daily devotional are available in the church Narthex. Pick up a copy for yourself the next time you come to worship. Join the many others who read the daily entries while enjoying their morning coffee every day.

Printed copies of this February newsletter are being sent to everyone on our email mailing list. Copies can also be picked up at the church at any time.

If you want to receive the newsletter online, or you would like us to send it along to a family member, a college student, or some of your friends, simply call the church office and provide us with the appropriate email address. As always, we protect your privacy and assure you that your personal information will never be given out to anyone.



THOUGHT

“Your business is the present; leave the future in His hands who will be sure to do the best, the very best for you.” (Pricilla Maurice)

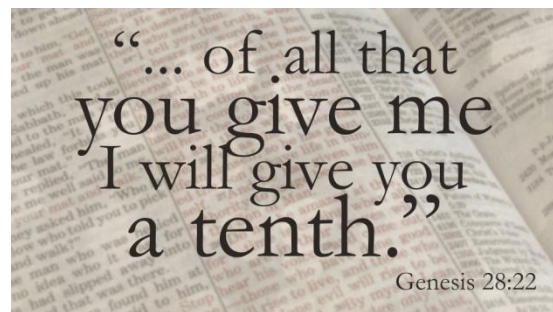
“And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.” 2 Corinthians 9:8

MY QUESTION IS

Q – As a congregation we have approved “tithing”(sending 10% of our monthly income) to the Synod and ELCA to further the ministry that goes on beyond our doors. What advice is there so I can do the same – so I can do my part – so I can begin to “tithe” 10% of my monthly income to my church?

A – The following advice comes from “The Essential Lutheran Handbook”.

The Old Testament contains many references to tithing as the giving standard for God’s people. A “tithe” (10th) is simply 10 percent of one’s income given directly to fund God’s work. Tithing requires a conscious decision, discipline, and sacrifice and may take a lifetime to achieve, but seasoned tithers report extraordinary spiritual dividends.



COMMIT TO THE GOAL OF GIVING 10 PERCENT, COME WHAT MAY. Tithing requires fortitude and perseverance. Resolve not to waver; consider sealing your commitment with writing a ceremonial “first check”.

MAKE A SOUND FINANCIAL PLAN. Develop a three-to-five year plan to achieve tithing, and break up the years with meaningful milestones, such as, “5 percent by year two!” consider three steps that will get you to 10 percent. Tithing should have an impact on your household budget, but it should not bankrupt you.

ESTABLISH YOUR TITHING CHANNELS. Many tithers give all 10 percent to their home congregation, while others divide it among charities and service organizations that are close to their hearts. Remember that properly placed tithes to reputable organizations are tax-deductible; you’ll receive a statement in January of each year. Many congregations send quarterly statements to help keep members on track.

CONSIDER MULTIPLE METHODS OF ACCOUNTABILITY TO HELP YOU STAY FOCUSED. Talk with other members of your congregation about tithing. Making the journey to tithing together can help make it an achievable and meaningful discipline. Consider asking your pastor to pray with you for your tithing plan.

Do you have a “church question” you’ve wanted to ask? This is your chance. Every month in your parish newsletter we will answer questions that YOU submit. Drop us a note, and we’ll work at answering your questions. Place it in an envelope marked “My Question Is”.

PUZZLE PAGE

We are encouraging our worshipers to read their Bible. The answers to many of life's questions can be found within its pages. It is a wonderful book. It is the source of a wealth of helpful information, and we should all come to know it better. The puzzle this month is Multiple Choice all about **JESUS**. The answers are on page **16**.

1. Jesus' birth to a virgin was predicted by which Old Testament Prophet?
 - a) Daniel
 - b) Isaiah
 - c) Jeremiah
 - d) Nebuchadnezzar
2. Jesus' birth in Bethlehem was predicted by which Old Testament Prophet?
 - a) Micah
 - b) Isaiah
 - c) 1-800-PSYCHIC hotline
 - d) Ezekiel
3. Jesus turned water into wine at:
 - a) A wedding in Nazareth, his hometown
 - b) A wedding in Cana of Galilee
 - c) Jeshsaphat's Bar & Grill
 - d) A wedding in Damascus
4. Jesus healed the nobleman's son in:
 - a) Cana of Galilee
 - b) Timbuktu
 - c) Damascus
 - d) Bethsaida
5. Jesus cast out an unclean spirit while preaching in a synagogue after it said to Jesus:
 - a) I am a legion, and I will destroy your work in the world
 - b) I am a legion, and I know who you are – Son of Man
 - c) I been watchin' you
 - d) I know who You are – the Holy One of God
6. Jesus healed Peter's mother of:
 - a) A demon
 - b) A tumor
 - c) A high fever
 - d) The stress Peter caused her



7. Whose boat was Jesus in when he miraculously caught a great number of fish?
 - a) Simon Peter's
 - b) John's
 - c) Captain Stubbing of the Love Boat
 - d) Andrew's
8. The man who was let in through the roof to see Jesus was:
 - a) Dead
 - b) Paralyzed
 - c) Sick with a high fever
 - d) A bad roofer
9. When Jesus healed the man at the pool of Bethesda, he told:
 - a) The Pharisees, who sought to know where he lived
 - b) The paparazzi, who sought to take a picture of him
 - c) The Roman government, who sought to silence him
 - d) The Jews, who sought to kill him
10. The centurion believed that Jesus only had to do what for his servant to be healed?
 - a) Say the word
 - b) Touch him
 - c) The hokey-pokey
 - d) Send one of his disciples

LIVING FAITH

-two

Hi Friends,

How can a stranger tell if two people are married? "You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids."

When someone asks you, "A penny for your thoughts" and you put in your "two cents worth", what happens to the other penny?

There are two lasting bequests we can give our children: One is roots. The other is wings.

If two men on a job agree all the time, then one is useless. If they disagree all the time, then both are useless.

Two men look out through the same bars: One sees the mud, and one the stars.

++ Matthew 18:20 "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Two thumbs up,

Pastor Saurman <><



important document will be made public for all potential pastoral candidates. The completion of this arduous and time-consuming step is a huge milestone and something to be very proud of.

The Call Committee has also assembled a form that is available to all of us. This form allows each and every one of us to actively participate in the call process. Using the above mentioned form, if you would like to recommend a pastor that you know of as a potential candidate for Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Bishop Smith will take that recommendation seriously and contact that pastor to see if that person might be interested in being interviewed by our Call Committee.

In preparation for the interviewing process, the Synod will be sending a qualified pastor to train our Call Committee in the approved manner in which to conduct the interviews of pastoral candidates. That training will take place this month, and all members of the Call Committee are required to be in attendance.

The process is progressing nicely and it is getting exciting. Please remember to pray for the members of our Call Committee, Bishop Smith and his staff, and all potential pastoral candidates.

NEW CREATION

London businessman Lindsay Clegg told the story of a warehouse property he was selling. The building had been empty for months and needed repairs.

Vandals had damaged the doors, smashed many of the windows, and strewn trash around the interior.

As he showed a perspective buyer the property, Clegg took pains to say that he would replace the broken windows, bring in a crew to correct any structural damage, and clean out the garbage.

“Forget about the repairs,” the buyer said. “When I buy this place, I’m going to build something completely different. I don’t want the building; I want the site.”

Compared with the renovation God has in mind, our efforts to improve our own lives are as trivial as sweeping a warehouse slated for the wrecking ball. When we become God’s, the old life is over (2 Cor. 5:17).

He makes all things new. All he wants is the site and permission to build.





\$52

We invite you to make a difference. Commit to being a part of the 52-Club and contribute a total of \$52 into this special account. The money gathered will be added to the amount already in the account. Then, when the need arises and the church requests the use of some of the fund, **YOU** and you alone, along with the other club members will have an opportunity to be a part of something amazing; and **YOU** will have helped your church to meet a special need. Yes, this is above and beyond your regular weekly commitment to the church, but it goes far beyond what the General Fund is set up to do. When called upon, the 52 Club makes a huge difference. Funds from the 52 Club help your church to make purchases that are not budgeted items.

How exactly has the 52 Club funds been used in the recent past? Well, the screen and projector, and the Mevo Cameras that are used during every Sunday worship are a good example. They are the direct result of the 52 Club's thoughtful and greatly appreciated use of their funds, along with a special grant from the North Carolina Synod.

So, how do you become a part of the 52 Club? First, begin with prayer. Talk with God about how you might serve Him in a creative and unique way. Then, write a check in the amount of \$52 to Lutheran Church of Our Savior, and in the "memo" section write the words **52-CLUB**. That's all it takes. You will have joined a group of people who are helping LCOS to move forward into the future, meeting the needs and the challenges ahead. Working together in the name of Christ, we are making a difference, not just for ourselves but for future generations.

WELL DONE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

In a little over a week's time funeral worship services were conducted at the church for two beautiful people.

GEORGE WOODARD, died on January 28, 2022, and his funeral service took place on February 02, 2022.

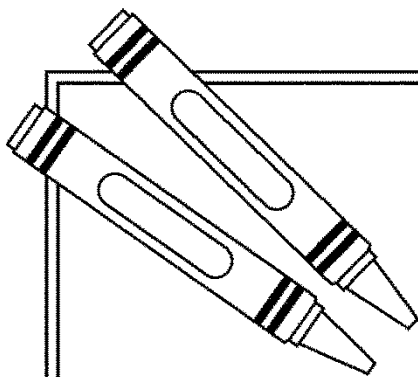
BERNICE SACK, died on February 06, 2022, and her memorial service was scheduled for Friday, February 11, 2022.

George was the husband of Susan Woodard. Susan met with Pastor Saurman and arranged to join the congregation, but George got sick. George and Susan attended worship together and were thrilled to be welcomed here.

Bernice has been a long-time member of LCOS and always wanted to attend worship. She often said that Pastor Saurman made her feel so welcome, and even in the midst of Covid, she made arrangements to get to the church to receive Holy Communion.

The amazing thing is that their families are related and share love and respect for one another, and their Lord.

Please keep all of these people in your prayers as they grieve.

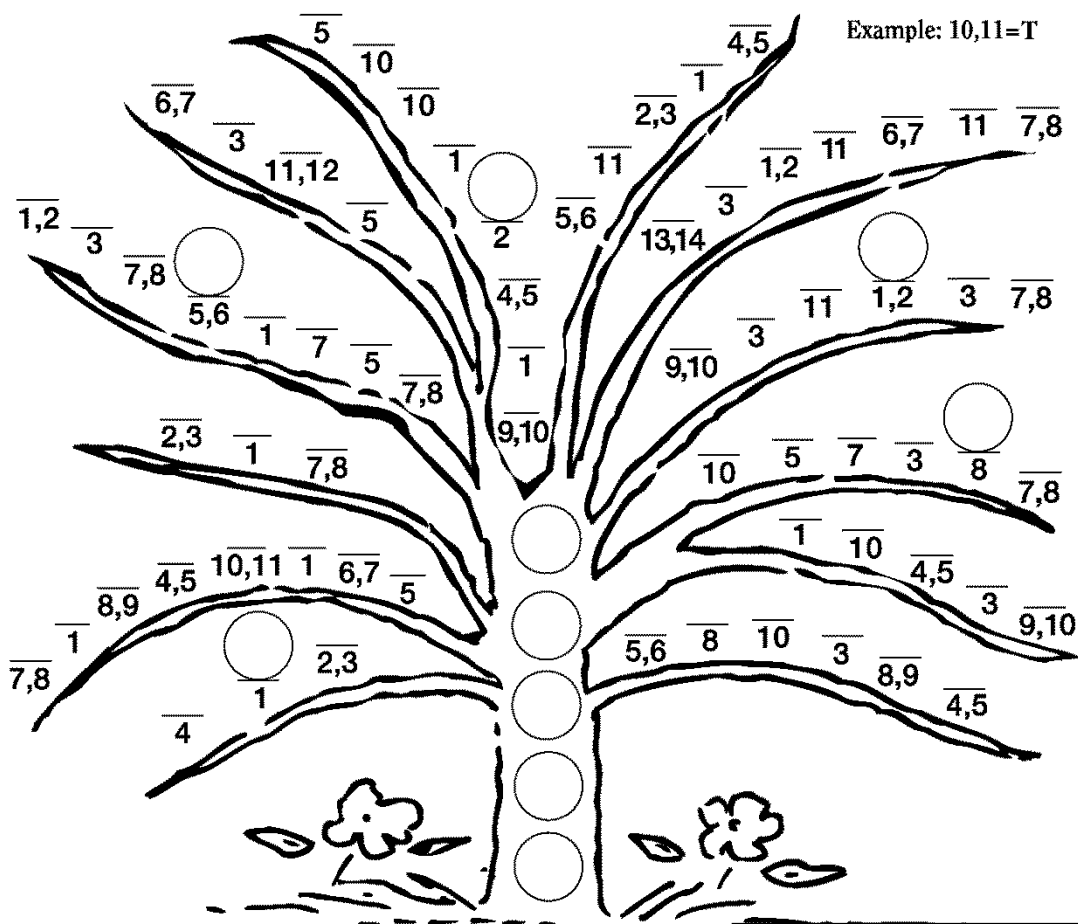


Just for KIDS

There is a story in the Bible about a father with 12 sons. Fill in their family tree below. Find the names of the sons, then unscramble the circled letters to find the father's name. Write his name on the tree trunk. Read about this family in Genesis 35.

CODE:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14												



Answers are on page 16

N.Y.K.

This stands for “**Now You Know**”. We bring you little bits of trivia that relate to faith, religion, God, life, etc. This edition is about:

FOOTBALL FACTS

- The huddle used in football was created by deaf quarterback Paul D. Hubbard so the other team couldn't read his hand signals.
- The total time of actual play in a football game averages 11 minutes.
- Since the American Professional Football Association became the National Football League in 1922, the Chicago Bears are the only team not to change its name or city.
- The Baltimore Ravens are named after Edgar Allan Poe's very famous poem “*The Raven*” not the actual bird.
- Every single NFL football is made in a Wilson factory in Ada, Ohio.
- It takes 600 cows to make enough footballs for one NFL season.
- The highest score in football ever – occurred in 1916 when Georgia Tech beat Cumberland, 222-0.
- The Dallas Cowboys haven't played in Dallas since 1971.
- The St. Louis Rams was the first NFL team to use their logo on their helmets.
- The Green Bay Packers are a publicly owned corporation. They are the only team in the NFL to have this status.
- President Theodore Roosevelt radically changed American football rules. He introduced the forward pass in 1906.
- The NFL requires that all stadiums be built facing north/south, so the sun never interferes with a play.
- The NFL is considered a Non-Profit, and is thus tax exempt.



All these, and a vast number of other facts are known and spoken of frequently about the National Football League.

In much the same way, there are a countless number of facts that are written in hundreds of books and talked about everyday about the Bible and our Triune God. Many of these books have been penned and many of the words spoken are by world-famous theologians. These manuscripts and speeches have served as the foundations of faith for generations of believers.

In the game of football, there exists a rich and varied history; and yet each new game played by up-and-coming rookies brings about adventures, new statistics, and new stories to be told.

In the same way – stories of the lives of people of faith are constantly evolving, changing, reforming, renewing, energizing, enhancing, and adding to what is already known about the Word of God and how God's people are living out their faith. The Church has an amazing history, but it is not static. With each new dawn, miracles are being experienced, and new believers are entering the fold.

NOW YOU KNOW!

ANOTHER CHURCH CRUISE



Word of our first cruise continues to spread through the SouthCentral Conference of the NC Synod, and beyond. People have heard about the fun, the great food, the onboard shows, and the various ports of call. Pastors from other Lutheran churches have been asking if there are plans for a second cruise to the Caribbean so that they and their members might be able to join in.

And why not? The more the merrier!

The best time of year for a Caribbean cruise is in the fall. The prices are the cheapest, and the temperatures in and around the Caribbean islands are much more favorable. And the best time to schedule a cruise is right **now**! Cabins for those months are already selling, and available space is disappearing. Pastor Saurman is willing to make all the arrangements again if enough people are interested in participating. And in all honesty, by the fall of 2022 - with the continued administration of the Covid vaccine, it might finally be truly safer for us to travel.

This might also prove to be a fabulous opportunity for everyone who is a part of LCOS and others to get to know and relate to our newly called Pastor in a setting that is neutral, relaxing, and fun.

Might you be interested? If so, please contact the church office either by phone or email and let us know that you would like more information and to be considered.

THE JANUARY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On January 23rd the congregation met at 9:30am (between the two Sunday worship services) in the sanctuary to conduct Congregational. There were two items on the agenda: (1) to elect candidates to the Congregation Council, (2) to review the Proposed Spending Plan that had been approved by the Congregation Council.

The names on the ballot were **PATTI SPENCER** and **CHARLES ECKART**. A motion was made to cast the unanimous ballot for the names presented.

Susan Grochan and Nicole Bentrup, the authors of the Spending Plan, walked us through every step explaining how they came up with the numbers. That Spending Plan was discussed in detail. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Spending Plan as presented. The motion was approved unanimously by all in attendance.

Copies of the 2022 Approved Spending Plan are always accessible in the church office.

LIVING FAITH

-war and prayer

Hello again Friends,

“In the Old Testament, God’s armies were led by the priests. When the waters parted in the Jordan, it was the priests’ feet which first hit the turbulent river (Joshua 3). In the New Testament, all who profess Christ are referred to as priests.

We must therefore, be the first to go in.

As the possibility of war approaches on the borders of Ukraine, we are asking the priests (all Christians) to step in first – ahead of the military. Let us be setting up camp for all those who might be engaged in the conflict. How? Through prayer.

Let us be sending our “*prayer missiles*” our “*cruise and scud prayers*” to target enemy plans. “*Patriot prayers*” to shoot down incoming threats.

We should be praying for two things: (1) that the enemy leaders become confused, disoriented, and distrustful of each other, that their entire system of attack fall apart, and (2) that in God’s wildest ways, these enemies would become aware of His deep love for them and the war Jesus has already fought for them, personally, on the cross. God had Gideon reduce his army from 32,000 to 300 men (Judges 7). He then equipped them with nothing but trumpets, pitches, and torches. What an odd combination to fight off well-armed soldiers. When Gideon gave the command, the Bible says the enemy fled crying and turned on each other – all because God messed with the enemy’s plans.

Prayers were started for this event about a month ago. Please pray for God to set the stage for the defeat of all those whose intent it is to do harm. May all those who are sent to defend the people of the Ukraine be surprised to find that God has already set up camp before they even got there.

Pray!

Rev. Kenneth T. Saurman <><



The holy season for this Lent begins on Wednesday, March 2nd.

Latin: Quadagesima, ‘Fortieth’ is a solemn religious observance in the Christian liturgical calendar commemorating the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert, according to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, before beginning his public ministry, during which he endured three temptations by Satan.

This season is observed in the Protestant (Lutheran, Methodist, Moravian) and Roman Catholic Churches.

Lent is described as lasting for a total duration of 40 days beginning on Ash Wednesday and ends the evening of Maundy Thursday. Sundays are excluded. Lent is a season of grief that ends with a great celebration of Easter. The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer for Easter through prayer, mortifying the flesh, repentance of sins, almsgiving, simple living, and self denial. In Lent, many Christians commit to fasting, as well as giving up certain luxuries in imitation of Jesus Christ's sacrifice during his journey into the desert for 40 days; this is known as one's Lenten sacrifice.

Many Christians also add a Lenten spiritual discipline, such as reading a daily devotional or praying through a Lenten calendar in order to draw themselves nearer to God. Many churches remove flowers from their altars and veil crucifixes, religious statues that show the triumphant Christ, and other elaborate religious symbols in violet fabrics in solemn observance of Lent.

In most denominations, the last week of Lent coincides with Holy Week, starting with Palm Sunday. Following the New Testament narrative, Jesus' crucifixion is commemorated on Good Friday, and at the beginning of the next week the joyful celebration of Easter Sunday, the start of the Easter season, which recalls the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In many Christian denominations, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday form the Easter Triduum.



03/02	6:30pm	ASH WEDNESDAY
03/06	8:00am & 10:30am	FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
03/09	6:30pm	1 st Mid-Week Lenten Worship
03/13	8:00am & 10:30am	SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
03/16	6:30pm	2 nd Mid-Week Lenten Worship
03/20	8:00am & 10:30am	THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
03/23	6:30pm	3 rd Mid-Week Lenten Worship
03/27	8:00am & 10:30am	FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
03/30	6:30pm	4 th Mid-Week Lenten Worship
04/03	8:00am & 10:30am	FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
04/06	6:30pm	5 th Mid-Week Lenten Worship
04/10	8:00am & 10:30am	PALM SUNDAY / PASSION SUNDAY

Puzzle Page answers:

- 1-A (Isaiah 7:14)
- 2-B (Micah 5:2)
- 3-B (John 2)
- 4-A (John 4:46)
- 5-D (Luke 4:34)
- 6-C (Luke 4:38)
- 7-A (Luke 5)
- 8-B (Luke 5)
- 9-D (John 5)
- 10-A (Luke 7)

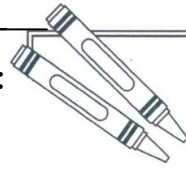


Just for Kids answers:

*Answers starting with
lower left and moving
around clockwise:*

**GAD, NAPHTALI, DAN, BENJAMIN, LEVI,
ISSACHAR, JUDAH, ZEBLUN, REUBEN,
SIMEON, ASHER, JOSEPH**

Final Answer: JACOB



Watch your thoughts, they become your words.
Watch your words, they become your actions.
Watch your actions, they become your habits.
Watch your habits, they become your character.
Watch your character, it becomes your destiny.

-Source Unknown

The man whispered, "God, speak to me."
And a meadowlark sang. But the man did not hear it.
So the man yelled, "God, speak to me!"
Thunder rolled across the sky. But the man did not listen.
The man looked around and said, "God, let me see you."
A star shone brightly. But he noticed it not.
And the man shouted, "God, show me a miracle!"
And a life was born. But the man was unaware.
So, the man cried out in despair, "Touch me, God
and let me know that you are here!"
Whereupon God reached down and touched the
man. But the man brushed the butterfly away and
walked on.

-Anonymous



QUOTES & JOKES

Jokes:

A Sunday School teacher once asked her class where they thought God lived. One little girl raised her hand and said, "I think God lives in the sky, because that is where heaven is."

"That's good!" said the teacher.

A little boy answered, saying rather piously, "God lives in each of our hearts!"

"That's very good!" the teacher said smiling.

When she asked the same question again, little Johnny was the only one who raised his hand. Quietly dreading his answer, the teacher asked, "And where do you think God lives, Johnny?"

"In my bathroom." he said.

"In your bathroom?" she asked, puzzled yet unable to stop herself.

"Yes, in my bathroom. Because every morning my father beats on the bathroom door and screams, 'GOD, ARE YOU STILL IN THERE?'"

While a man and his wife were shopping at the mall, a shapely young woman in a short, form-fitting dress strolled by. His eyes followed her.

Without even looking up from the item she was examining, the wife asked, "Was it worth the trouble you're in?"



FEBRUARY



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ATONEMENT

One winter's night in 1935, as the story is told, Fiorello LaGuardia, the irrepressible mayor of New York City, showed up at a night court in the poorest ward of the city. He dismissed the judge for the evening and took over the bench. That night a tattered old woman, charged with stealing a loaf of bread, was brought before LaGuardia.

She defended herself by saying, "My daughter's husband had deserted her. She is sick, and her children are starving."

The shopkeeper refused to drop the charges, saying, "It's a bad neighborhood, your honor, and she's got to be punished to teach other people a lesson."

LaGuardia sighed. He turned to the old woman and said, "I've got to punish you; the law makes no exceptions. Ten dollars or ten days in jail."

However, even while pronouncing sentence, Mayor LaGuardia reached into his pocket, took out a ten-dollar bill, and threw it into his hat with these famous words:

"Here's the ten-dollar fine, which I now remit, and furthermore, I'm going to fine everyone in the courtroom fifty cents for living in a town where a person has to steal bread so that her grandchildren can eat. Mr. Bailiff, collect the fines and give them to the defendant."

The following day, a New York newspaper reported:

"Forty-seven dollars and fifty cents was turned over to a bewildered old grandmother who had stolen a loaf of bread to feed her starving grandchildren. Making forced donations were a red-faced storekeeper, seventy petty criminals, and a few New York policemen."



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