



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It seems last month we were talking about the new year, and now we are talking about Lent.

Pastor's Message *for* **Lent**

Easter falls early this year and therefore Ash Wednesday falls even earlier. This year a unique thing will take place. Ash Wednesday will fall on Valentine's Day. This has not happened since 1945 (79 years ago.)

Why is this uniqueness so interesting? The beginning of a season of penitence and self-reflection falling on a day that signifies love.

The intersection here, is that Lent precedes Easter which concludes a week that shows us the ultimate act of love.

Look at it this way. Lent starts off with Ash Wednesday where we put crosses on the forehead made out of the ashes of the palm branches used in the previous year's Palm Sunday celebration. (we take a short cut here in buying pre made ashes.) Palm Sunday begins Holy Week in which our Lord prepared for his betrayal by riding into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey, celebrated his last supper with his disciples and then was betrayed by one of his disciples and then put on trial sentenced to death and then hung on a cross on what we call Good Friday. He was then buried in the tomb. (Sounds like the creed doesn't it.)

On the third day he rose and declared victory over death. The ultimate act of love.

God showed his love for us by allowing His son to become a sacrifice for us on the cross.

Love is the overriding theme of Ash Wednesday, Lent, Holy Week and Easter. God's love for us.

So it is fitting that Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's day a day that celebrates love, as we begin a season that celebrates love, as the ultimate act of love was Christ's death on the cross.

This year for Lent we will be looking at the Fruits of the Spirit.

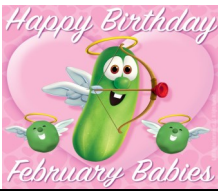
Please join us at 6:30 PM each Wednesday starting on Valentine's Day February 14th.

Hopefully the weather in February will be a little better that we have had in January.

Oh as a side note. If you want to take your special other out for a Valentines dinner, do it on February 13th. You will miss the crowds.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Marshall

OTHER NEWS



Birthdays for the month of February

- 4 Rod Jacobs
- 5 Elaine Stertmann
- 11 Harold Jacobs
- 27 Bonnie McClure

If we forgot you, we apologize, it means we most likely don't have it. Please see that the office receives it. Thanks



Baptismal Anniversaries for the month of February

- Rod Jacobs
- Adam Shorts
- Andrew Raddle



Sunday Average Attendance for January— 39

Sunday Average Attendance online for January— 5

Views – 10

January Offerings – \$20,579.89

Perfect Attendance! Sunday School Attendance for the month of January

Adults:

- Don Richter
- Karen Witt
- Bill Witt
- Pat Baughman
- Tricia Jacobs
- Harold Jacobs
- Susan Marshall
- Gene Forrest
- Steve Lochmann
- Phyllis Dunger
- Donna Marshall
- Pastor Marshall



We are in the process of making a new photo directory. Pastor has everything set up in the fellowship hall but we want you to be in it.

Please make arrangements with the church office to have your photo taken for our new directory. If you cannot make

it on a Sunday just make arrangements to come during the week to have your photo taken. We want this to be the best one yet.

We would like to get the photos completed by the end of February. If you have not had a photo taken but you have one to submit please email it to the church as jpg.



Be prepared for upcoming weddings, graduations, and other occasions when you support our group **Trinity Lutheran Church**, through this Rada Cutlery fundraiser!

Click this link <https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=5544767.dbcf947> to start shopping.

Thank you!

There are books on the table in the Narthex, if you prefer to order through the catalog I will accept those orders and submit them. Donna



LWML NEWS

MARY GUILD

Mary Guild began the new year with a devotion from Phyllis Dunger entitled, "Colors of the Church Year." As we enter the sanctuary, recognizing the colors of the church and the meaning of them enhances our worship. To know that the color purple (repentance) used in the paraments and banners in the church during Lent is a reminder for us to concentrate on our own sinfulness and to repent. The roll call was answered by eleven members. Arleen presented a humorous topic, "Insurance Policy from the Eternal Life Insurance." Following reports from the officers, the main focus of the business session was centered on making plans for the Spring Fling. This gathering of Lutheran women works together to further extend the Kingdom of God. Trinity's Guild will host the Spring Fling on April 20, 2024.

As Tricia Jacobs was reading her end-of-the-year report we were reminded of the many mission projects in which we participated. As part of our community outreach, Mary Guild collected ingredients for soup for the Salvation Army, bought school supplies for children in Pine Bluff and gave a monetary donation to the 14th Ward Living Grace Food Bank. Extending our outreach we provided funds to aid those people of Maui, Hawaii who lost their homes and all due to the forest fires. We gave money so that Job, the Comfort Dog could bring comfort to those people who experienced tragedies like the fires and tornadoes. We also supported Lutheran entities such as Lutheran Indian Missions, the Lutheran Hour and the Lutheran seminaries at St. Louis, Missouri and Ft. Wayne, Indiana. We have helped these and many other mission projects in gratitude for the Savior's saving grace. He has called on us to feed the hungry, help the poor and needy and spread His message to bring the lost souls into fellowship with Him.

In February: Karen Witt has the devotion
Pat Baughman will present the topic
Julie Shorts is the hostess

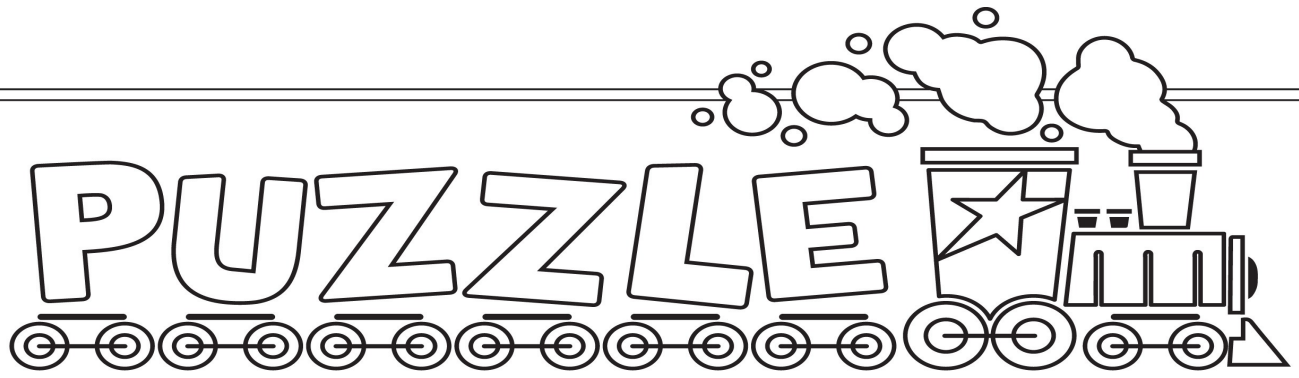
Our mission project is a monetary donation to Lutheran Indian Missions.

We closed with the League Pledge.

Submitted by
Kaye Meins



Women
in
Mission



CONNECTED BY LOVE

God's Word is filled with messages about love,
which connects us to God and to one another.

*Directions: Draw a line from the beginning of each Bible verse
(on the left side) through the heart to the rest of the verse
(on the right side). Use the Scripture references for help.*

- a. We
- b. Above all,
- c. My command
is this:
- d. And over all
these virtues
put on
- e. Greater
- f. See what
great
- g. There is
no fear in



- 1. each other as I have
loved you. John 15:12
- 2. has no one than this: to
lay down one's life for
one's friends. John 15:13
- 3. But perfect love drives
out fear. 1 John 4:18
- 4. each other deeply,
because love covers
over a multitude of sins.
1 Peter 4:8
- 5. the Father has lavished
on us, that we should
be called children of
God! 1 John 3:1
- 6. because he first loved
us. 1 John 4:19
- 7. which binds them all
together in perfect
unity. Colossians 3:14

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SET FREE BY JESUS: BIBLE STORYBOOKS

Sponsored by Lutheran Heritage Foundation is our “Hearts for Jesus”, Sunday School offering in February

Liberia and Sierra Leone, two small countries in West Africa share a bit of history. In the late 1800s new communities in each country were settled by freed slaves, either from Great Britain (Sierra Leone) or the U.S. (Liberia). The people had new lives free from slavery and they started new cities Freetown and Monrovia (named in honor of President James Monroe) who helped secure funding for the project.

Today, many people in West Africa still live in chains & slavery – slavery to sin and the devil.

With the mission offerings we collect in February, children in these countries will be furnished their very own Small Catechisms and Bible storybooks. In these books, children will learn – in their own language they can read and learn that Jesus dies to set them free and give them everlasting life.

It only costs \$5.00 to provide a beautiful hardcover Bible storybook in the language they can understand.

Please give to this mission project and share the Gospel in West Africa.

Who is LHF? The Lutheran Heritage Foundation is a recognized service organization (RS)) of the LCMS. For more than 30 years LHF has been dedicated to translating and publishing the books of the Lutheran faith in more than 150 languages.

*“Train up a child in the way he should go.”
Proverbs 22:6a.*

Thank you

Pastor & Donna and the rest of the staff would like to thank you for remembering us at Christmas. Your generosity knows no bounds.

God Bless

LCEF



LCEF Introduces 2.5-Year Term Note at 6.25% Interest

For a limited time, Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) is offering an 2.5-year fixed-rate term note at 6.25% interest. The minimum investment to open an account is \$500 and the offer is for new money only. This opportunity to invest in ministry is available for Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod individuals, congregations and organizations. If you are not already investing funds with LCEF, now may be a great time to join with thousands of investors across the Lutheran Church body. If you *are* currently investing, this limited-time term note may be an attractive way for you to invest further. For more information and to open an account online, visit lcef.org.

LCEF is a nonprofit religious organization; therefore, LCEF investments are not FDIC-insured bank deposit accounts. This is not an offer to sell investments, nor a solicitation to buy. LCEF will offer and sell its securities only in states where authorized. The offer is made solely by LCEF's Offering Circular. Investors should carefully read the Offering Circular, which more fully describes associated risks. Rates as of November 2023. Balance restrictions apply. Rates subject to change. Visit lcef.org for details.

The Pine Bluff Quilt Guild have outgrown our facilities, and are in the process of moving to First Baptist. We will certainly miss them although we have told them if it doesn't work out they are always welcome to come back to Trinity.

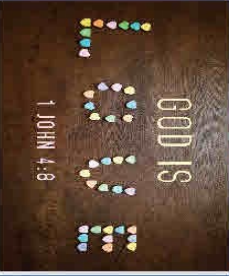



February 2024

	Elder	Ushers	Lector	Flowers by...	Counters
SUN 4	Steve Shorts Waymond Meins	Bill Witt Harold Jacobs	Cherrie Bradley	Kaye & Waymond Meins "Bless the Lord, Oh My Soul"	Judy Clinton Julie Shorts Sharon Calabretta
SUN 11	Bill Witt Steve Shorts	Phillip Dunger Steve Lochmann	Bill Witt	Judy & Rachel Clinton "In Loving Memory of Ray"	Phillip & Amanda Dunger
SUN 18	Phillip Dunger Bill Witt	Robert Floyd Steve Shorts	Robert Floyd		Tricia Jacobs Cherrie Bradley Lynne Russell
SUN 25	Steve Lochmann Phillip Dunger	Jimmy Herrod Bill Witt	Erin Foster	Kaye & Waymond Meins "In celebration of their 61st Wedding Anniversary"	Joyce Anne Green Charleen Weathers

Trinity Lutheran Church Worship Service Attendants

Altar Care: Kaye Meins & Phyllis Dunger

FEEBRIMARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>4 9:30 Sunday School/ Adult Bible Class 10:45 Worship w/Comm. 12:00 Elder's Meeting 5:00 Worship in Crossset 5th Sunday after Epiphany</p>		 <p>6</p>	 <p>7</p>	<p>1 10:00 Thursday Morning Bible Study 1:00 Mary Guild Meeting</p>	<p>2 Groundhog Day</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>5 9:30 Sunday School/ Adult Bible Class 10:45 Worship w/Comm. The Transfiguration of Our Lord</p>		<p>13 8:30 Pastor's Circuit Meeting at Peace in Conway</p>	<p>14 Ash Wednesday Newsletter Deadline 6:30 Ash Wednesday Service</p>	<p>8 10:00 Thursday Morning Bible Study</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 Super Bowl 9:30 Sunday School/ Adult Bible Class 10:45 Worship w/Comm.</p>		<p>12</p>	<p>15 10:00 Thursday Morning Bible Study</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>18 9:30 Sunday School/ Adult Bible Class 10:45 Worship w/Comm. 12:00 Council Meeting 5:00 Worship in Crossset 1st Sunday in Lent</p>	<p>19 Washington's Birthday</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 10:00 Newsletter Committee 6:30 Mid-Week Lenten Worship</p>	<p>22 10:00 Thursday Morning Bible Study</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 9:30 Sunday School/ Adult Bible Class 10:45 Worship w/Comm. 2nd Sunday in Lent</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 6:30 Mid-Week Lenten Worship</p>	<p>29 10:00 Thursday Morning Bible Study</p>		

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