

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I sit here at the computer, I am trying to figure out what to write about.

Ever have that problem? Figuring out what to say or what to do in any given moment? Sometimes it is not so easy having the right words, or the right phrases to address a situation.

The Apostle Paul said this about his ministry:

1Co 9:19-23 For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. (20) To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. (21) To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. (22) To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. (23) I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

He became all things to all people to minister to them. It is not all that easy to become all things to all people.

Some of my classmates went to mission fields to do their ministry, it required them to learn another language, and spend time away from families and such to minister. Still other classmates went to a church that had relatives in them. One of my classmates became the associate minister to his father at a large church.

Each of us has been called to minister in different ways.

Paul put it this way later in 1 Corinthians:

1Co 12:12-20 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. (13) For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. (14) For the body does not consist of one member but of many. (15) If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. (16) And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. (17) If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? (18) But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. (19) If all were a single member, where would the body be? (20) As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

All of us have been called to minister in one way or another. It is not so much that our ministries are different, but that they serve different purposes in the body of Christ. I was called to be the public minister for you all in that I publicly represent your ministry to the community. All of you have been called to minister in the vocations that you have or had. But we all do ministry in one way or another.

You see it was not that hard at all to find something to write about. We just had to find a topic to share. Hopefully we can all share the grace that God has given to us all.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Marshall

OTHER NEWS



Birthdays for the month of April

2 Stephanie Thompson
 7 Jason McKenzie
 8 Loren Burrer
 10 Mark Raddle
 12 Karen Witt
 21 Brandon Bunting
 25 Jaxyn Howard
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 April

Sharon Calabretta
 Art Kroll, Jr
 Siri Richter
 Dorothy Herrod
 Rachel Lochmann
 Lloyd Wessels
 Sherry Reed
 Phyllis Dunger
 Bonnie McClure
 Eddie Parsley
 Jason McKenzie
 Carole Michael
 Don Richter
 Jeffery Bunting
 Annette Dodge



Sunday Average Attendance for March— 45

Sunday Average Attendance online for March— 7

Views — 17

March Offerings — \$17301.00

Perfect Attendance!

Sunday School Attendance for the month of March

Adults:

Erin Foster
 Don Richter
 Bill Witt & Karen Witt
 Tricia & Harold Jacobs
 Waymond Meins
 Susan Marshall
 Steve Lochmann
 Phyllis Dunger
 Pastor & Donna Marshall
 Dallas Cossey
 Steve & Julie Shorts
 Cathy Webb

Poster found in a Church in France... (translated):

“When you enter this church it may be possible that you hear “the call of God”. However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving.” I hope neither of you are offended by this. I have heard you use some “church humor” in your sermons before. (And you thought I wasn't listening!)

Phone user while driving favorite Hymn: Nearer My God to Thee!



We are still working on the directory. Pastor has everything set up in the fellowship hall but we want you to be in it.

We would like to bring this to a close. If you have not had your photo taken please make arrangements now or send one to the church office.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

An update on our “Set Free by Jesus” Sunday school offerings. We collected \$241.05 which was sent to the Lutheran Heritage Foundation. That amount will purchase *forty-eight* Bible books for children in West Africa. As they read these books we pray that these families find faith in our Savior, Jesus Christ, so that some day we may all live together with Jesus in heaven. *“The Lord is my strength and my song: He has become my salvation.”* Psalm 118:28

LWML NEWS

MARY GUILD

The ladies of Mary Guild met on March 7, 2024. Thirteen members attended the meeting. The opening devotion was given by Kaye Meins. It was a reflection on Lent from the book, Every Season Sacred (Donna please underline the book title), by Kayla Craig. "As people of God, we normally celebrate life and resurrection but during Lent, we become fully aware of the weight of being human...There is no life apart from death. There is not resurrection without the tomb."

After the officers' reports, we discussed the LWML Biennial Convention to be held in Memphis on June 7-9, 2024. Pat Baughman is our delegate.

Our mission project for March was to give a monetary donation to sponsor an animal through Lutheran World Relief. The animals will go to families around the world in order to help them to enjoy a better economic future. The ladies gave generously and we were able to sponsor two goats and one pig.

We had four birthdays: Arleen, Phyllis, Dallas and Tricia. Karen Witt was hostess. Arleen Parsley presented the topic, "Give God the Glory!" We should give glory to God in all that we do and say. We do that by the way we dress, the way we treat other people, how we speak and, generally, what we require of ourselves that will be pleasing to God. Think on all of these things.

In April: Phyllis Dunger will open the meeting with a devotion. She will also serve as hostess. Arleen Parsley will present the topic. Our mission project is a monetary gift to Lutheran Bible Translators.

We closed with the League Pledge.

Submitted by
Kaye Meins

Esther Guild Mailbox Member Program

Esther Guild has been a mailbox member program for the last year. There are about 10 members. The mailbox member program is an easy way to get involved with LWML Lutheran Women in Mission.

Every month an email is sent out with devotions and projects that can be done as an individual. There are also news items attached and we collect and remit our annual dues and mite that go to the Midsouth District LWML. If you are not on this mailing list and would like to be, please let Erin Foster know and she will add you to





Interesting Facts About URUGUAY

- + Uruguay is the smallest Spanish speaking country in South America.
- + Uruguay means "River of Painted Birds."
- + Uruguay is the biggest consumer of beef in the world.
- + 100% of Uruguay's electricity comes from renewable resources.
- + there is no salt in the restaurants in Uruguay.
- + Uruguay is the South American country with the oldest population.
- + Uruguay has the longest national anthem in the world.

Blessings on your Lenten Worship.

"...Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord."(2 Timothy 2:2) We pray that the Lord blesses you during this Lenten season. During Lent we reflect on the sacrifice that the Lord made on our behalf. Furthermore we take up our cross and follow Him. This cross is heavy but we never carry it alone. The Lord strengthens us through the word and sacrament. Our victory is assured!

We are getting our house arranged little by little. Furthermore we are learning where the grocery stores and hardware stores are located. We give thanks to the Dominican Republic missionaries for their support and willingness to take us around and show us where everything is located.

During the month of February, a group of seminarians from our St. Louis and Fort Wayne seminaries visited the Dominican Republic to learn about the mission work that is taking place. During their visit they had the opportunity to worship at our churches and visit Seminario El Reformador. We thank them for their visit and for their interest in international missions.

Dan continues to teach his class on the Lutheran confessions and the seminarians have showed a lot of enthusiasm for the material that they are learning. The midterm exam is right around the corner and they are studying diligently as they prepare for it.



Pastor Idjon who serves at Iglesia Luterana El Buen Pastor in the Dominican Republic.



We Pray For

- + The setting up of our house in the Dominican Republic
- + Our transition to our new missionary assignment.
- + The Lenten season worship services.
- + The new missionaries who will be arriving to the Dominican Republic.
- + Our Latin American seminarians.

We Give Thanks For

- + Our safe arrival to the Dominican Republic.
- + The prayers and financial support of our donors that make the mission in Mexico possible. world.



Personal Notes

Dan and I had the privilege of hosting the Fort Wayne seminarians for a luch during one of the days that they were here. We enjoyed the opportunity to get to know them and to shre some of the experiences that we have had during our time as missionaries.

We thank God for the mission in Latin America. Your support provides Biblical training for national pastors, deacons, and deaconesses. Prayerfully consider how the Lord may be leading you to support this vital mission. The Lord provides the funding for his mission efforts through the donations of His local churches and its individual members.

Through your financial donations national pastors and deaconess will be formed and mentored that they may spread the Gospel throughout Mexico. Together we partner with God to take the Gospel to the far ends of the earth. We thank you for supporting the mission in Latin America as you are able during the present crisis.

May the Lord bless your Epiphany Season!

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (Philippians 1:3)

*Soli Deo Gloria
Daniel, Kathy, and Ana*



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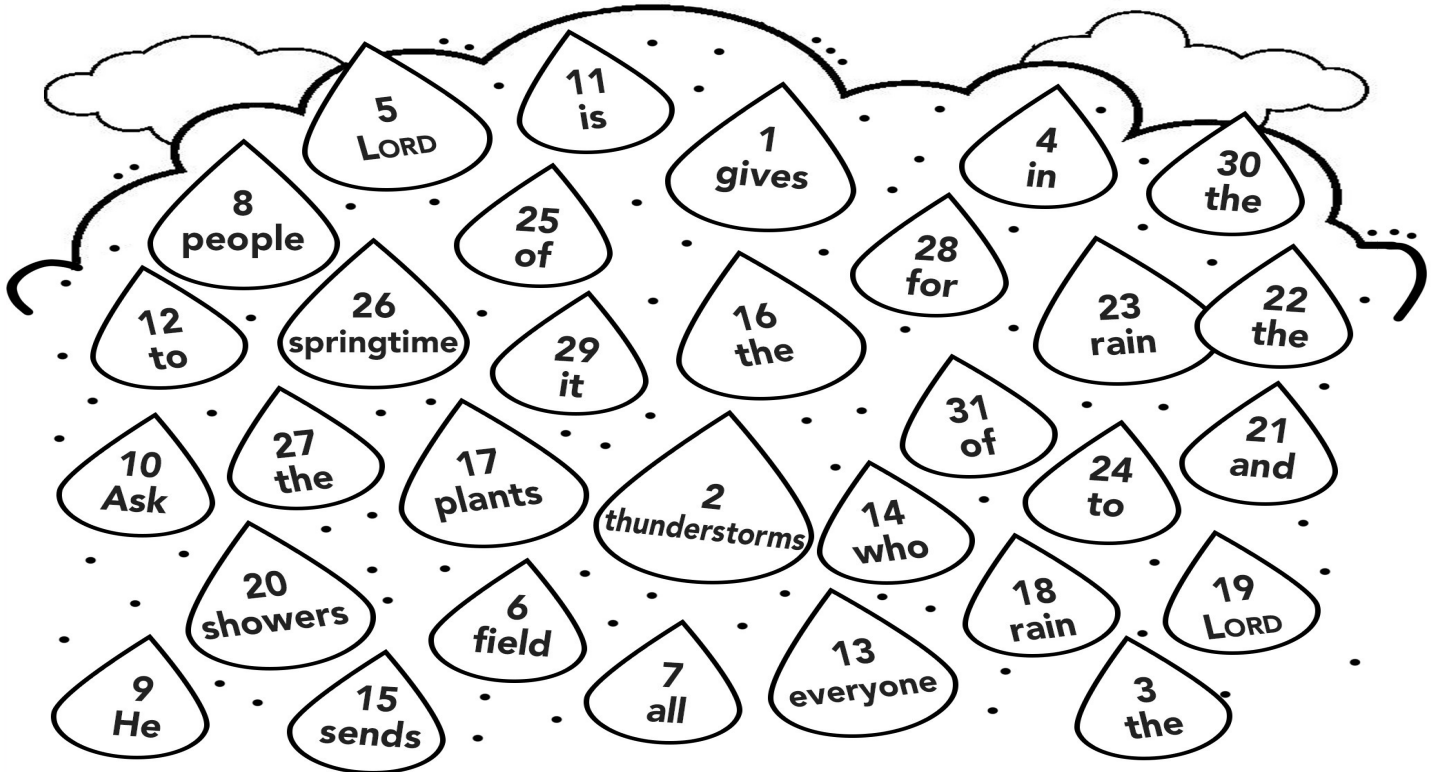
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Puzzle!

Complete a Bible verse about spring by writing the word from each raindrop on the correct numbered line below.



_____ 10 _____ 16 _____ 5 _____ 28 _____ 18

_____ 4 _____ 22 _____ 26 _____ ;

_____ 29 _____ 11 _____ 3 _____ 19 _____ 14 _____ 15

_____ 27 _____ 2 _____ .

_____ 9 _____ 1 _____ 20 _____ 31 _____ 23

_____ 12 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____ / _____ 21 _____ 17 _____ 25

_____ 30 _____ 6 _____ 24 _____ 13 _____ .

Zechariah 10:1, NIV

Answer: Ask the LORD for rain in the springtime; it is the LORD who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone. Zechariah 10:1, NIV

PUZZLE



PLANT, WATER, GROW

Building a faith community takes work. How did the church in Corinth come to be?

Directions: Use the code to fill in the words and complete a teaching of the apostle Paul.

KEY



= God



= seed



= planted



= watered



= grow





= one





= anything







= only

I  the , Apollos  it,

but  has been making it .

So neither the  who plants nor the

 who waters is ,

but , , who makes things .

1 Corinthians 3:6-7, NIV

Answer: planted, seed, watered, God, grow, one, one, anything, only, God, grow

APRIL 2024

	Elder	Ushers	Lector	Flowers by...	Counters
SUN 7	Steve Lochmann	Jimmy Herrod Harold Jacobs	Cherrie Bradley	Judy & Rachel Clinton "In loving memory of Ray."	Judy Clinton Julie Shorts Sharon Calabretta
SUN 14	Waymond Meins Steve Lochmann	Bill Witt Jimmy Herrod	Gus Linke	Lynne Russell "In loving memory of her dad Jim Russell"	Joyce Anne Green
SUN 21	Steve Shorts Waymond Meins	Robert Floyd Steve Lochmann	Robert Floyd	Lura Campbell "In memory of Lucille Cunningham's birthday"	Tricia Jacobs Cherrie Bradley Lynne Russell
SUN 28	Bill Witt Steve Shorts	Jimmy Herrod Phillip Dunger	Erin Foster	Phyllis & J.P. Dunger "For all of God's Blessings"	Phillip & Amanda Dunger

Trinity Lutheran Church Worship Service Attendants

Altar Care: Kaye Meins & Phyllis Dunger

APRIL 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 7:30 – 7:30 Runoff election	3	4 10:00 Thursday morning Bible Study 1:00 Mary Guild	5	6
7 9:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10:45 Worship w/Communion 12:00 Elders Meeting 5:00 Worship in Crossett 2 nd Sunday of Easter	8	9	10	11 10:00 Thursday morning Bible Study	12	13
14 9:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10:45 Worship w/Communion 3 rd Sunday of Easter	15 Tax Day (Taxes Due)	16 8:30 Pastor's Circuit meeting at Shepherd of Peace in Maumelle	17 Newsletter Deadline	18 10:00 Thursday morning Bible Study	19	20 9:00-3:00 Lawn & Garden Show 9:00 LWML Spring Fling 4:30 Camp Trivia Night @Christ LR
21 9:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10:45 Worship w/Communion 12:00 Council Meeting 5:00 Worship in Crossett 4 th Sunday of Easter	22 Earth Day	23	24 Administrative Professionals 10:00 Newsletter Committee	25 10:00 Thursday morning Bible Study	26 Arbor Day	27
28 9:30 Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10:45 Worship w/Communion 5 th Sunday of Easter	29	30				

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