

Easter Message from the Pastor



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What have you gained from Lent this year? What changes in your life have you made since hearing the Gospel proclaimed?

Think about this for a second. Many of us do not make many changes in our life when we get to a certain point. How long have you lived in your house? How old are your automobiles?

My father used to have a pair of slippers. They were comfortable and familiar to him. He liked them so much that when they started to fall apart he continued to wear them. My mother would buy him a new pair of slippers for Christmas and he would still wear the old pair. I think my mother finally had to throw away the pieces of his old slippers to get him to wear a new pair of slippers.

Now why would I bring up a story like this? I think we get too comfortable in the way we do things, and the way we live our lives. When someone challenges us on this we rebel, or we pull back.

One of the things I hope that we learn during Lent is not to get too comfortable in our way of living. Christ's Gospel should always be challenging us in the way we live, the way we interact with one another, and in the way we present the Gospel to others.

Christ came to challenge us, to get us to look at ourselves and realize that we have gotten too comfortable with what and who we are, and that is not good enough.

This month we celebrate Easter the culmination to Lent. Easter is also a time for us to look at the old way and realize that Christ has established a new way to do things.

Easter is a time of renewal, and re-newal. We have been redeemed and forgiven, but we are also new creations in Christ. We do not need to cling to the old ways, we do not need to turn back to the old ways. Yes, we are very comfortable in the old ways, but is that where we belong?

Have we gotten too comfortable? If we have, is it not time for a change? Sweep out the old and bring in the new with Spring cleaning?

Renew, reinvigorate, but most of all rely on Christ to change your life. May God bless your celebration of the Easter Victory, and I pray that he challenges you to renew your life in Him.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Stewart Marshall

OTHER NEWS



Birthdays for the month of April

- 2 Stephanie Thompson
- 3 Dan Riederer
- 12 Karen Witt
- 21 Brandon Bunting

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

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

No craft day in April. Due to the LWML Rally taking place at Zion in Ulm.

Perfect Attendance!

Sunday School Attendance for the month of February

Students:

- Brennick Riederer
- Ainsley Riederer
- Espen Riederer
- Mannix Riederer
- Kingston Riederer
- Cormick Riederer

Adults:

- Don Richter
- Margaret Alexander
- John Alexander
- Tricia & Harold Jacobs
- Bill Witt
- Phyllis Dunger
- Steve Lochmann
- Donna Marshall
- Susan Marshall
- Dan Riederer
- Danelle Riederer
- Cathy Webb
- Pastor Marshall



Sunday Average Attendance for last Sunday of February & first half of March— 44

Sunday Average Attendance online for last Sunday of February & first half of March— 5

Views — 12

Last Sunday of February & first half of March Offerings — \$16,526.00



We believe the prayers of the congregation are powerful. We thank you for asking God to abide with Waymond during his illnesses and restore him to health. You are all very dear to us.

Waymond and Kaye Meins



Let's shower them with Love!

You are cordially invited to a Baby shower for

Megan Raddle and Baby Boy
April 6 at 2 p.m.

Fellowship Hall of Trinity Lutheran Church
Hosted by: Amanda Dunger, Erin Foster & Cathy Webb.

Diapers & wipes are needed

She is also registered at mybabylist
<https://my.babylist.com/baby-megan-raddle>

LWML NEWS

MARY GUILD

The March 2025 Mary Guild meeting was opened by Kaye Meins with a devotion, "By Faith or By Sight?" "How shall we live in this world that is passing away without being caught up in it? The answer lies in these words of God: We live by faith; not by sight." Some people say that everyone sins as they try to justify sinning. God says that sin is a big deal; it is open rebellion against God.

Arleen Parsley called the roll with ten members and Pastor Marshall responding. Vice President Julie Shorts reminded us that a speaker, Tamela Garth, from CASA Women's Shelter would give a review of the new conditions at the shelter and also some items that are needed for the women and children. Those items are toiletries, feminine products, diapers for infants, pajamas for the ladies and socks. We will bring these items to the April meeting.

Tricia Jacobs reported that we have collected enough money to sponsor two goats and two pigs through Lutheran World Relief. LWR was Mary Guild's mission project for March. Cherrie Bradley shared a personal story of God showing her that He is trustworthy. "Trust in God; trust also in me. John 14:1

Information was relayed to the group about the Spring Rally. It is to be held on April 5 at Zion Lutheran Church in Ulm.

March birthdays were celebrated by Arleen Parsley, Phyllis Dunger, Dallas Cossey and Tricia Jacobs. Happy birthday, ladies!

After Dr. Tamela Garth presented her update on CASA, Arleen Parsley gave her topic based on the 91st Psalm. Julie Shorts was hostess.

In April: Cherrie Bradley: devotion

Mission Project: Monetary gift for Lutheran Bible Translators

Pat Baughman: topic

Kaye Meins: hostess

Closed with the League Pledge.

Submitted by
Kaye Meins



Esther Guild is a Mailbox Member program of Lutheran Women in Mission. Since Lent started at the end of March, the March email greeting was all about Lent. The ladies were provided a Lenten

devotion I am He ... You are Right which focused on the greatest blessing of all, eternal life with our Savior. There was also a Lenten Journal template included that had leaves for you to fill in words as you followed your own Lenten journey.

On March 7th and 8th, I attended the LWML Mid-South District Board of Directors meeting in Jackson, TN. It had been a few years since I had been to one and I really enjoyed the time. A lot of information was provided as well as Bible Studies from the junior and senior counselors. The food was provided by the LWML ladies of Concordia Lutheran Church where we met.

The LWML South Arkansas Zone Spring Rally will be held at Zion Lutheran Church in Ulm. Breakfast snacks will start being served at 9 am. This will be a fun day ending with games and the Pastor MacDonald will provide a talk on life as a seminarian at Fort Wayne. The in-gathering will be collecting gift cards to be provided to pastors moving into our zone. Lunch will also be served and there is no cost to attend. Several of our Trinity ladies will be attending.

The LWML National Convention is June 26-29. Registration opened March 1. These conventions are full of worship, bible study, and fun. Put it on your calendar and come to the convention. For more information, please go to <https://www.lwml.org/convention>.

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If you are not on the Esther Guild mailing list and would like to be, please let Erin Foster know and she will add you to the group.

NEW ADDRESSES

Pete Smykla relocated to Bedford Estates, an assisted living facility five minutes from Sally and fifteen minutes from Carolyn Sue, in Bedford, TX.

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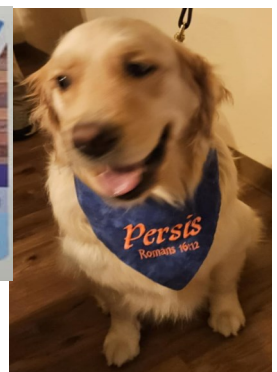


EVENTS HAPPENING IN APRIL

LWML ZONE RALLY

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Delta Blooms & Bees Home & Garden Show, April 5, 2025, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



We will be having our sand art booth here but also we will have Persis comfort dog joining us at the Home & Garden Show. Persis will also join us on Sunday for Sunday School & worship. Please come join us.

BABY SHOWER

On Sunday April 6th we will be having a baby shower for Megan Raddle. Megan is expecting a baby boy in May.

EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thursday Worship at 6:30

Good Friday Worship at 6:30

On Easter Sunday we will begin with an Easter Breakfast beginning at 9:00 a.m. followed by Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 and Easter worship celebration at 10:45. We hope you will join us.





INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT GUATEMALA

- + There are 21 dialects spoken in Guatemala.
- + Blue denim flourishes in Guatemala.
- + Guatemala invented the first ever chocolate bar.
- + There are more than 20 volcanoes in Guatemala.
- + Tikal national park is the first mixed UNESCO world heritage site.
- + Coffee is Guatemala's biggest export business.
- + 250 bird species call the island home.
- + A hurricane unveiled a "Rhode Island sized" jade mine.
- + Old American school buses get a second life in Guatemala as buse for public transport.
- + Guatemala's Lake Atlan is the deepest lake in Central America

HAVE A BLESSED LENTEN SEASON!

As we witness the Lord's journey toward Jerusalem, let us reflect on the idea of sacrifice. The Lord tells us, "If anyone wants to be my disciple let him take up his cross and follow me." The cross that we carry is very heavy and we cannot carry it with our own strength. We never carry the weight of the cross on our own however. The Lord lifts us up when we stumble under its weight.

During the first week of this month, a group of our Fort Wayne seminarians visited the Dominican Republic. During their visit they attended worship services, met the seminarians from the seminary in the Dominican Republic, and learned about the mission outreach in the Latin American context. We thank them for their visit and their interest in world mission!

The academic semester continues to go forward and all of the seminarians are putting forth a great effort. They continue to serve in the congregations as liturgists, Bible study leaders, and evangelists. Our seminary puts a great emphasis on evangelism and church planting as many of our seminarians will return to their countries as missionaries at large who will be planting churches in new areas.

Here in the Dominican Republic, the people celebrate a festival known as 'carnaval.' This event lasts for the four days preceding Ash Wednesday. During this time, certain streets are closed and the people celebrate with food and dancing in the streets.

All of our congregations celebrated Ash Wednesday with the imposition of ashes. These ashes remind us of our mortality and the need of repentance in our daily lives. May the Lord bless our churches throughout all of the world as they worship during this Lenten season.



Our seminarians leading a song at a worship service.



We Pray For

- + The Lutheran Church of Panama..
- + Those affected by the misery of war.
- + The new missionary families who have recently arrived to the mission field.
- + Our seminarians as they continue their studies.

- + Those Christians who suffer persecution.

We Give Thanks For

- + The Lenten season..
- + Our mission donors who make our mission possible.
- + The seminarians in all parts of the world who are in formation.



Personal Notes

The Lenten season as always is a busy time for all of the churches. It is our prayer that the church continues to proclaim the sacrifice, death, and the resurrection of the Lord to all nations. May the Lord bless your Lenten worship abundantly!

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 deaconesses will be formed and mentored that they may spread the Gospel throughout Latin America. 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. God's richest blessings! Have a blessed Lenten 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 and Kathy



The faculty of Seminario El Reformador in the Dominican Republic.

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<https://missioncentral.us/conrad/>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

APRIL 2025

	Elder	Ushers	Acolyte	Lector	Flowers by...	Counters
SUN 6	Steve Lochmann Phillip Dunger	Dan Riederer Bill Witt	Ainsley Riederer	Erin Foster	Lynne Russel in Loving memory of James J. Russell"	Judy Clinton Julie Shorts Sharon Calabretta
SUN 13	Steve Shorts Steve Lochmann	Andrew Raddle John Alexander	Brennick Riederer	Steve Lochmann	Palms for Palm Sunday"	Phillip & Amanda Dunger
SUN 20	Bill Witt Steve Shorts	Robert Floyd Phillip Dunger	Espen Riederer	Robert Floyd	Easter Lilies"	Tricia Jacobs Cherrie Bradley Lynne Russell
SUN 27	Phillip Dunger Bill Witt	Harold Jacobs Andrew Raddle	Kaleigh Frye	Cherrie Bradley	Bill & Karen Witt in celebration of birthdays"	Joyce Anne Green Charleen Weathers

Trinity Lutheran Church Worship Service Attendants

Altar Care: Kaye Meins & Phyllis Dunger

APRIL 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>The Promise of Easter</i></p> 		1	2	3	4	5
<p>6 9:30 SS/Adult Bible Study 11:45 Worship w/Communion Persis Comfort Dog 12:00 Elder's Meeting 2:00 Baby Shower for Megan Raddle 5:00 Worship in Hamburg Fifth Sunday in Lent</p>		8	9	10	11	12
<p>13 9:30 SS/Adult Bible Study 11:45 Worship w/Communion 12:00 Council Meeting 1:00 Confirmation Class Palm Sunday</p>		15	16	17	18	19
<p>20 Easter 9:00 Easter Breakfast 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt 10:45 Easter Celebration Service Easter Sunday</p>	21	22	23	24	25	26
<p>27 9:30 SS/Adult Bible Study 11:45 Worship w/Communion 1:00 Confirmation Class Second Sunday of Easter</p>	28	29	30			
						

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