



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The past two months have been a chore. First Donna got sick, and then the ice storm and we all stayed home at least a week, and some of us for two weeks.

I first need to say thank you to all of you. The support and prayers you gave us while Donna was in the hospital were a tremendous help. We are not finished with her illness yet, but I pray we are on the road to recovery.

I want to share with you a passage from Matthew:

Mat 25:31-46 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all his angels are with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. (32) The people of every nation will be gathered in front of him. He will separate them as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. (33) He will put the sheep on his right but the goats on his left. (34) "Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, my Father has blessed you! Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. (35) I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger, and you took me into your home. (36) I needed clothes, and you gave me something to wear. I was sick, and you took care of me. I was in prison, and you visited me.' (37) "Then the people who have God's approval will reply to him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you or see you thirsty and give you something to drink? (38) When did we see you as a stranger and take you into our homes or see you in need of clothes and give you something to wear? (39) When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' (40) "The king will answer them, 'I can guarantee this truth: Whatever you did for one of my brothers or sisters, no matter how unimportant [they seemed], you did for me.' (41) "Then the king will say to those on his left, 'Get away from me! God has cursed you! Go into everlasting fire that was prepared for the devil and his angels! (42) I was hungry, and you gave me nothing to eat. I was thirsty, and you gave me nothing to drink. (43) I was a stranger, and you didn't take me into your homes. I needed clothes, and you didn't give me anything to wear. I was sick and in prison, and you didn't take care of me.' (44) "They, too, will ask, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or as a stranger or in need of clothes or sick or in prison and didn't help you?' (45) "He will answer them, 'I can guarantee this truth: Whatever you failed to do for one of my brothers or sisters, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you failed to do for me.' (46) "These people will go away into eternal punishment, but those with God's approval will go into eternal life."

This passage from Matthew always impressed me. For several years, I simply did not get it. We all know that Jesus is telling us to share with others.

But then I read a commentary which opened my eyes. Notice what Jesus does first? He does not see what they have done and then separates them; he separates them and tells them why he did it.

Why would he do that? Because he knows man's heart. There is always this argument about works and faith. The letter by James highlights this by making this statement. *Jas 2:14-18 My brothers and sisters, what good does it do if someone claims to have faith but doesn't do any good things? Can this kind of faith save him? (15) Suppose a believer, whether a man or a woman, needs clothes or food (16) and one of you tells that person, "God be with you! Stay warm, and make sure you eat enough." If you don't provide for that person's physical needs, what good does it do? (17) In the same way, faith by itself is dead if it doesn't cause you to do any good things. (18) Another person might say, "You have faith, but I do good things." Show me your faith apart from the good things you do. I will show you my faith by the good things I do.*

To put it in easily understood terms. Faith shows itself by the works we do. We are not saved by works, but our works come out of faith. That is what Jesus was saying in Matthew. The people were judged righteous not because of the works they did, but the faith behind those works.

Years ago, Mahatma Gandhi said this about Christians. "I like your Christ, but not your Christians". Now he was not Christian. But he made a very clear point that we do not always live up to what it means to be a Christian. Very often there is a disconnect between our beliefs and our works. This is not a criticism but a statement of fact, and I include myself in this statement. We do not always walk the walk or live the life we are supposed to. But this is where that Matthew passage comes in. Jesus looks into our hearts. He does not look at our works. He judges us by our faith. Thank the Lord for that. But I also pray that he encourages me to live my faith with others.

It is not easy, but it is the life we are called to.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Marshall

OTHER NEWS



Birthdays for the month of March

- 2 Maribeth Floyd
- 3 Arleen Parsley
- 3 Eddie Parsley
- 4 Art Kroll, Jr
- 5 Phyllis Dunger
- 7 Margaret Alexander
- 9 Dallas Cossey
- 19 Brennick Riederer
- 20 Jeffery Bunting
- 25 Don Richter
- 29 Tricia Jacobs

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 March

- Charleen Weathers
- Julie Shorts
- Pat Parsley
- Arleen Parsley
- Kaye Meins
- Charlene Kiniston

Perfect Attendance!

Sunday School Attendance for the month of January

Children:

- Ainsley Riederer
- Espen Riederer
- Oliver Floyd
- Mannix Reiderer
- Kingston Riederer
- Cormick Riederer
- Phillip Dunger

Adults:

- Don Richter
- Tricia & Harold Jacobs
- Bill & Karen Witt
- Phyllis Dunger
- Steve Lochmann
- Steve & Julie Shorts
- Susan Marshall
- Dan & Danelle Riederer
- Brennick Reiderer
- Erin Foster
- Cathy Webb



Sunday Average Attendance for January— 48

Sunday Average Attendance online for January – 5

January Offerings – \$10,829.04 (3 Sundays only)



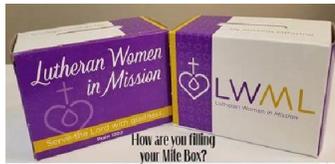
Special thank you from Waymond and Kaye.

“Thank you for all the prayers in our surgeries. God bless all of you.”

We will be having the Fellowship hall floors cleaned and buffed by Tracie's cleaning crew. This is over and above the normal monthly cleaning and will cost us \$750. We will be using the carryover from last year to cover this.

LWML NEWS

MARY GUILD



“Make room for one more.” Julie Shorts read in the book of Isaiah that we are to

share food with the hungry and provide shelter for the poor wanderer. God tells us in Isaiah to provide for the oppressed and in need. We can al. make room f or one more to help.

The Mary Guild officers gave their reports. Julie asked the members to help provide flowers for the church by signing the flower chart for 2026.

Karen Witt presented a topic on interesting facts in the Bible. She also served as the hostess. The mission project for January was a monetary donation to Trinity Hope, Haiti. We will be sending \$250 to them to help feed starving children in Haiti.

In February, Pat Baughman will open the meeting with devotion. Phyllis Dunger will present a topic. Gene Forrest is hostess. The mission project is a monetary gift got Lutheran Heritage Foundation

Closed with the League Pledge.

Submitted by Kaye Meins



Esther Guild Mailbox Member Group

In February’s Mailbox Member Group, we looked at the idea of sacrificing for Lent. The devotion provided was called “What an Opportunity”. This devotion encouraged us to do something positive for the 40 days of Lent as opposed to giving something up. The suggestions were to send 40 Thank You notes to people in our lives and tell them how much we appreciate them. Another suggestion was to set aside more time for Bible Study. We can also use a Lenten Bible Journaling, and it can be found on the here [Lenten Bible Journaling - Lutheran Women's Missionary League](https://www.lwml.org/posts/free-resources/lenten-bible-journaling). (https://www.lwml.org/posts/free-resources/lenten-bible-journaling) However, you choose to celebrate Lent is a blessing to your faith.

If you would like to receive the Esther Guild monthly Mailbox Member email, please let Erin Foster know. She can add you to the list.

Submitted by
Erin Foster





**INTERESTING FACTS
ABOUT THE
BELIZE**

- + Belize is the only Central American country that does not have Spanish as its official language.
- + the nation's capitol was moved 50 miles away because of a hurricane.
- + The country has the only jaguar reserve in the world.
- + Belize has over 400 small islands.
- + The nation got its name in 1973. Previously it was known as British Honduras.
- + Belize is 60% forested.
- + The Belize barrier reef is a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- + Belize is the size of the state of Massachusetts.
- + The average annual regional temperature is about 80 degrees Fahrenheit.

May the Lord bless You in 2026!

It is our prayer that the Lord blessed your New Year's events abundantly. Here in the Dominican republic, the missionaries, got together for a New Year's get together and when the 12 o'clock bell struck we wished each other a blessed 2026.

On the 6th of January we celebrated the epiphany of Our Lord. the prophet Isaiah proclaimed: "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you." The light of Christ continues to guide us in all circumstances. We go to the temple of the Lord where we worship the Christ child as the one who shines his light in all places of the earth.

The annual Hispanic Pastoral formation conference took place from the 5th to the 9th of January at Seminario el reformador. Delegates from 9 different Latin American countries participated in this event. We thank the many participants who gave presentations on theological education in Latin America.

After the Christmas-New Years break, the seminary's academic semester is now in full swing again. During their break from classes, the seminarians continued to assist in worship service and outreach activities. We thank them for their effort and enthusiasm.

During this week we have a visit from a group of our St. Louis seminarians. Rev. Joel Fritsche, who previously served as a missionary on the Dominican republic and presently serves as a professor at Concordia seminary, is overseeing this event. During their visit the seminarians are participating in our worship services and learning about theology. We give them a hearty welcome!



Our seminarians wish you a blessed 2026



We Pray For

- + Our daughter's upcoming surgical procedure.
- + the New Year 2026
- + the people of venezuela.
- + The new seminarians who will begin studies in September.

- + Those Christians who suffer persecution

We Give Thanks For

- + The success of the Christmas song concert.
- + Our mission donors who make our mission possible.
- + .The churches throughout the world that celebrate the coming of the Lord.

Personal Notes

Our daughter ana was diagnosed with a mass in her breast. She has her appointment with the Oncologist on the 28th of February. Please keek pur daughter in your prayers during this difficult time. Meanwhile she continues on with her medical assistant employment in Detroit.

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 Christmas!

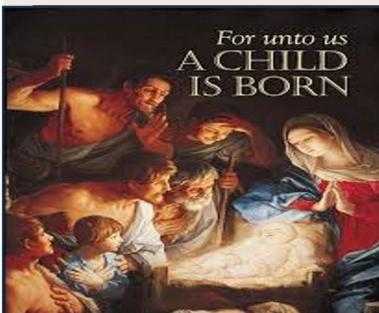


I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (Philippians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

Soli Deo Gloria
Daniel and Kathy



Missionary Sergio fritzler presenting the seminary curriculum.



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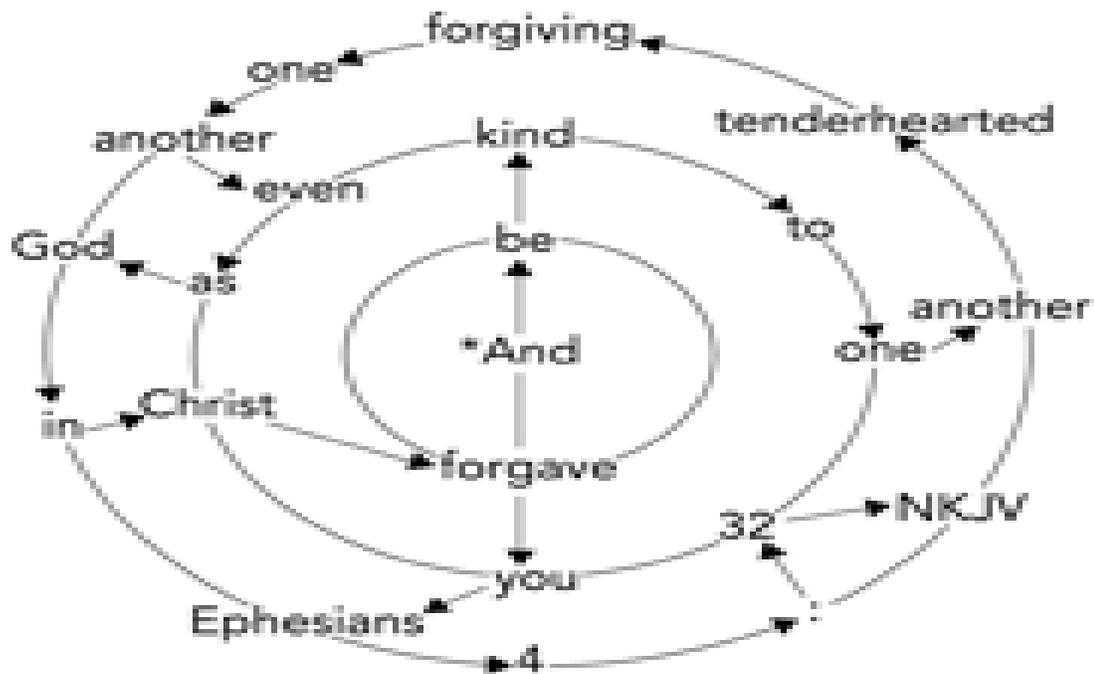
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Puzzle!

This Bible verse teaches an important lesson about how we should treat others — and why.



Start with the asterisk in the center circle and follow the arrows. Write the words in order on the blanks below.



And _____



SERVANTS OF GOD

March 2026

	Elder	Ushers	Acolyte	Lector	Flowers by...	Counters
SUN 1	Steve Shorts Steve Lochmann	Andrew Raddle Dan Reiderer	Espen Riederer	Erin Foster	Joyce Anne Green & Charleen Weathers "For Arleen Parsley's 95th Birthday"	Judy Clinton Julie Shorts Sharon Calabretta
SUN 8	Bill Witt Steve Shorts	Harold Jacob Robert Floyd	Kaleigh Frye	Steve Shorts	Steve & Julie Shorts "In Memory of Ginny DeLuca"	Phillip & Amanda Dunger
SUN 15	Phillip Dunger Bill Witt	Dan Riederer Andrew Raddle	Ainsley Riederer	Robert Floyd	Ben & Cherrie Bradley "In honor of family birthdays"	Tricia Jacobs Cherrie Bradley Lynne Russell
SUN 22	Robert Floyd Phillip Dunger	Phillip Dunger Steve Lochmann	Brennick Riederer	Cherrie Bradley	Don Richter BD 3/25	Joyce Anne Green Charleen Weathers
Sun 29	Steve Lochmann Robert Floyd	Bill Witt Harold Jacob	Espen Riederer	Erin Foster	Palms for Palm Sunday	Judy Clinton Julie Shorts Sharon Calabretta

Trinity Lutheran Church Worship Service Attendants

Altar Care: Kaye Meins, Phillis Dunger

March 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 Sunday School/Bible 10:45 Worship w/Communion 12:00 Elders Meeting Pastor traveling to Memphis for Circuit Visitors Meeting Second Sunday in Lent	2 Pastor in Memphis for Circuit Visitors Meeting	3 Pastor returning from Circuit Visitors Meeting	4 6:30 Midweek Lenten	5 10:00 Thursday morning Bible Study 1:00 Mary Guild Meeting	6	7 1:00 Craft Day Fellowship
8 Daylight Saving Begins 9:30 Sunday School/Bible 10:45 Worship w/Communion 1:30 Confirmation Class Third Sunday in Lent	9	10 9:00 a.m. Circuit Pastors Meeting First, Benton	11 6:30 Midweek Lenten	12 10:00 Thursday morning Bible Study	13	14 
15 9:30 Sunday School/Bible 10:45 Worship w/Communion 12:00 Council Meeting Fourth Sunday in Lent	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18 6:30 Midweek Lenten Newsletter Deadline	19 10:00 Thursday morning Bible Study	20 Start of Spring (Spring Equinox)	21 9:00 Church Clean up day. 
22 9:30 Sunday School/Bible 10:45 Worship w/Communion 1:30 Confirmation Class Fifth Sunday in Lent	23	24	25 10:00 Newsletter Committee 6:30 Midweek Lenten	26 10:00 Thursday morning Bible Study	27	21 9:00 Church Clean up day/Alternate.
29 9:30 Sunday School/Bible 10:45 Worship w/Communion Palm/Passion Sunday 	30	31				

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Holy Thursday
 Last Supper
 almsgiving
 Jerusalem
 penance
 Garden
 Peter

Ash Wednesday
 Good Friday
 forty days
 Holy Week
 fasting
 desert
 Ashes

Washing Feet
 Palm Sunday
 Rejection
 Betrayal
 Arrest
 prayer
 Jesus

Crucifixion
 forgiveness
 Disciples
 Example
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