



# Zion Lutheran Monthly

March 2024

## Pastor's Corner

*Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more." (John 8:7-11)*

The passage above is a comfort for many. For those who wrestle with their sin, or for those burdened by their past, we can hear Christ's words and know that because of Christ, the Great Judge, not even He will condemn us. For others, though, they may try to use the above passage as an excuse to continue in their sin. They might say, "*Remember, even Jesus said, 'Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone.'* So, don't tell me I'm wrong. Let me live my life however I want. Quit judging me!"

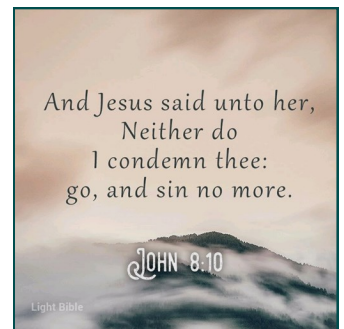
The question of how to deal with sin in the church can be a confusing one. We find passages like the one above that seem to say, "we shouldn't judge anyone." And yet we will find multiple passages that speak about repenting of our private sins and of stopping public sins from spreading like yeast throughout the church. In fact, most of Paul's letters have mandates commanding the church to prevent sexual immorality and other public sins within her and expel those who say they are Christian and yet choose to remain unrepentant in their sin (Rom. 1 & 2; 1 Cor. 5).

So, what is the church to do, and how are we as Lutherans to hear Christ's words in the world in which we live? In the passage above the last verse is crucial. Jesus told the woman to "*go, and from now on sin no more.*" The woman was called to live a new life now, not of openly sinning, but of openly repenting. She was called by Christ to live a life of faith in Him and turn away from her sins. During this season of Lent, we are also called into an identical life of repentance as that woman. Luther's *Fourth Part of Baptism* in the Small Catechism speaks to this when it says,

### **What does such baptizing with water indicate?**

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

We are all sinners. And we are all called by Christ to daily repent (which means to turn away from sin) and to look more and more to Christ as our Savior. Seeing Christ as our Savior truly is what the season of Lent is all about.





# President's Perspective

## GO ... TEACH

Welcome to March, the month that ushers springtime into our blessed lives and this year due to the lunar actions will be the month in which our most holy holiday, Easter, is celebrated. I hope you are all doing well and looking forward to our services as we continue through Lent and into Holy Week and can soon declare, "He is risen!" ---"He is risen indeed, Hallelujah!!!"

God has been very gracious to our church. Let's give thanks for each other here at Zion. Let's all give thanks that we're practicing our faith within a doctrine that is firmly rooted in scripture and truth. Thankfully our church is built upon a rock. Zion is a beacon of light and hope -- as long as we keep that light lit.

There seem to be a lot of people looking for perfection. They seem to want to create a perfection of sorts in our world and our country. They want to create a utopian society and some of them, for some reason, even want to worship nature and the earth as their mother. They're going to be disappointed. We know that perfection only lived once here and that perfection was sacrificed so that we might know eternal salvation and our eyes behold that perfection some day.

Let's enjoy being Christians during this month of Easter. Let's pray for the Christians on this earth. Pray for our Synod, our District and Circuit. Especially, pray for each other here at Zion, that we might always live and act in a manner that is pleasing to our Lord and Savior who willingly paid the price for our salvation!

At the end of Matthew, after the resurrection, our Lord met with His brothers in Galilee and told them that "all authority in heaven and earth has been given to me, Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." GO, and TEACH. That is what our evangelism effort should be. Reach outward. Baptizing and teaching. Each day we should remember we're baptized and confirmed in our Christian faith, stand upon that fact and reach out to those who need help to climb upon the rock with us. We're actively looking to call a "Deaconess-Director of Family Life" to help us in such an effort at Zion. So pray that our efforts are successful and our intentions are blessed by our Lord and Savior.

Have a wonderful Easter Season. Praise the Lord! Amen

-- Paul Klemash

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THEREFORE AND MAKE  
DISCIPLES OF ALL  
nations...

MATTHEW 28:19, NRSV





Our Lenten theme is "Be Gracious to Me" from Concordia Publishing House. We will explore how God's grace wells up in Psalm 41, where David exults in divine mercy amid his own weakness, powerful enemies, and treacherous friends. In this psalm, David tracks the flow of divine grace back to its source at the cross and, with prophetic vision, finds it springing forth in the lives of all baptized believers — including you.



We will have two Lenten services each week ... an afternoon 2 pm service and an evening 7 pm service.

**Wed. 3/6 -- 2 & 7 pm**

**Wed. 3/13 -- 2 & 7 pm**

**Wed. 3/20 -- 2 & 7 pm**

*Join Us!*



**2024 Altar Flower & Eternal Light Sponsorships** are still available for certain dates in the back of the sanctuary! Members may sponsor in memory of a loved one, in honor of a special person in their lives, or in celebration of a joyous occasion.

**"Return to the Lord" Lenten calendars ...** We are a little late this year, but calendars are available to be sent home with parents and/or children beginning on March 3rd. If your family did not get one last year, or would like another one, please let us know and one will be provided. Parents, please help your children proceed through the daily activities shown in the calendar.

Date	Lesson (Unit 8)	Description
3/3/2024	1	A Welcome Truth-Mary and Martha
3/10/2024	2	Lost-and-Found Wonders-Jesus Seeks the Lost
3/17/2024	3	The Seeing Sign-Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind
3/24/2024	4	A Resurrection Sign-Jesus Raises Lazarus



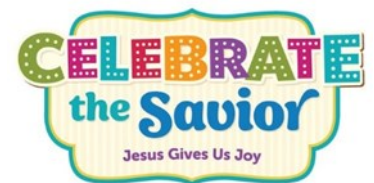
**Easter Sunday, March 31st ...** we will NOT have Sunday School, but the children are encouraged to partake in the Easter Breakfast where they all will receive a "He Lives" sticker craft to work on during breakfast.

**Adult Bible/Teen Bible Study ...** Adults and youth 7th grade and older are invited to the Fellowship Hall for Pastor's fascinating study on the book of Numbers! All are welcome ... bagels, donuts and coffee provided. Sunday School and Adult/Teen Bible Study are from 9:15 - 10:15 AM.

**"...man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord." Deuteronomy 8:3 NIV**

**VBS week is set for July 22<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>**  
please mark your calendars!

We thank Karen Kress for again volunteering to lead Vacation Bible School this year. The date for VBS week has been selected as July 22-26, from 9:00am to 11:30am (time-tentative). Our program will be Concordia Publishing House's "Celebrate the Savior" [VBS Promo Video](#).



Volunteers are needed!!! If you are interested in helping, please contact Karen at [kkress5@gmail.com](mailto:kkress5@gmail.com). There are lots of opportunities to help in hands-on roles with children, and with behind-the-scenes tasks!!





## **Women's Brunch & Book Club**

**\*\* New Date & Time \*\***

### **There's still time to read!!**

Based on historical fact, this novel, written by a beloved LCMS author, portrays Pilate's rise to power, his politicking with national and religious leaders, and his pronouncement of a verdict that changed the world.

Saturday, April 20th  
10:30 a.m.

Zion Fellowship Hall

Available at Amazon or CPH.



### **SAVE THE DATES**

**Zion LWML Kick-Off Rally**  
**Sunday, May 5th, 12:00 p.m.**

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**LWML Pittsburgh Zone Rally**  
**Saturday, April 13th @ Bethel Glenshaw**

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**Eastern District LWML 40th Convention**  
**June 14-16 in Cranberry**

*Registration forms for the Eastern District Convention are available in the back of the sanctuary and on the table in the Fellowship Hall. You may also visit the Eastern District website at [www.lwml.org/eastern-district](http://www.lwml.org/eastern-district) to access the form.*



## Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> — 8:00 & 10:30 am

## Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> — 2:00 & 7:00 pm

## Good Friday

March 29<sup>th</sup> — 2:00 & 7:00 pm  
(Prelude Music begins at 1:30 & 6:30)

## Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> — 8:00 & 10:30 am

*Buffet breakfast btwn services -- see flyer on opposite page*



Ye who think of sin but lightly  
Nor suppose the evil great  
Here may view its nature rightly,  
Here its guilt may estimate.  
Mark the sacrifice appointed,  
See who bears the awful load;  
'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed,  
Son of Man and Son of God.

*-- Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted  
verse 3, LSB 451*



*Join us for the ...*

# **Zion Easter Breakfast!**

**Easter Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup>**

*Join us in the Fellowship Hall in between services*

*Where do you fit? **Volunteers are needed:***  
make egg casseroles (recipe & pan provided),  
make fruit salad (bowl provided), help set up,  
help clean up, help serve

**RSVP on the sign up at the back of the church  
or email [events@zicb.org](mailto:events@zicb.org)**





## Community in Worship, Part II:

### *Worship Nurtures a Community That Is Alien to This World*

*By Phillip Magness*

In the first installment of this series, I highlighted the unique character of the Christian community as one created by God. While other communities are based on common human activities, desires, persuasions and identities, the Christian community is based upon — and created by — divine activity. This is seen most clearly when Christians gather for worship, as the Divine Service is a manifestation of the fellowship created for us in Christ Jesus, and a chief venue for the Holy Spirit to perform His work of enlightening and sanctifying us in the Christian faith.



**As the Lord has His way with us in worship, a culture alien to this world is formed.** In this culture of Christian community, we are nurtured in faith. We grow not only in our own sanctification but are built up with the whole church into the people God intends us to be. Indeed, worship and culture are intrinsically linked. One sees this readily in Romantic languages, where the word for “worship” is a form of the Latin *cultus*, rather than the Old English worth-ship. In worship, the true and the good are grown — literally cultivated. We are His workmanship (Eph. 2:10), souls in which He works His good and perfect will and accomplishes His purposes (Phil. 1:6).

**The Divine Service and all the daily prayer offices (Matins, Vespers, Compline) form us into a unique community. No other community is so tethered to the Lord of heaven and earth.** The peace we receive from God through the proclamation of the Gospel for the forgiveness of sins passes all human understanding, as it is an alien peace (Phil. 4:7). It is an extraordinary peace from Jesus Himself, bestowed upon us by the Holy Spirit (John 14:23).

We receive this peace with the whole Christian church on earth as the Spirit sanctifies us and keeps us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith (Luther’s Small Catechism, Third Article). In this way, worship manifests a community that is in the world, but not of it (John 17:16–27). We are not of the world because we have received an alien righteousness — that is, a righteousness



not of our doing, but of God's. **Possessing an alien righteousness, we form a community that is alien to this world.**

In this alien community, we are not static. We are nurtured in faith as we grow in righteousness. The activities of Christian worship grow our faith and strengthen the bonds we share as the Body of Christ. As this happens, our ways and patterns of worship take on a richness all their own. Just as a man-made community develops art, music, sculpture and ceremonies that enrich and magnify the community's activities, so does the culture of the church.

As the church, we enjoy the fruits of holy culture as our participation in the Means of Grace entails actually doing things. While we passively receive an alien righteousness, we are active participants in the Lord's work. Our mouths sing, proclaim and confess. We eat and drink the Lord's Supper, which requires movement and vessels. Our sanctuaries are adorned with liturgical art that evokes Scripture and reinforces the Gospel message. Candles are lit, and pastors move as the action of the liturgy takes us from font to lectern to pulpit to altar.

Many congregations reinforce our reception of this alien righteousness by processing a cross, reminding worshipers that salvation comes to us *extra nos*, from "outside ourselves." The ways in which all this is done vary according to the local context but are all rooted in the common ways in which Christian culture has been formed since ancient times: the proclamation of the Word, the preaching of the Gospel, and the administration of the Sacraments. **The rich and varied ways in which we participate in these tasks nurture a holy culture among us** as we look forward to the ultimate *cultus* at the throne of the Lamb (Rev. 22:3).

The habits of being in Christian culture allow for the Word to dwell in us richly (Eph. 5:18; Col. 3:16; Heb. 10:25) and keep us growing in our faith. Yet, precisely because this is such a blessing, it also carries a risk. While the way in which a congregation goes about its holy tasks can rightly be cherished as they bring us Gospel gifts, **traditions can also become idols for us.** Indeed, the medieval church's elevation of traditions was a chief reason the church needed the Reformation! So it is important — vitally important — that we always keep such things in perspective.

It is good, right and natural to love special hymns, a certain architecture, the way your pastor conducts the service, or the way in which the Lord's song is led in your congregation. You are being nurtured in the culture of the church through these wonderful things. But we must always fix our hearts on the gifts they deliver; for as important as it is to have a packaging that reflects what is inside, **the real seed that is sown in us through the culture of the church is the Gospel.** May we always cherish the culture of the church — and of our own congregations within that church — but may we do so only for the sake of what God does for us in that alien culture through His Word and Spirit.

Enjoy a free, local concert by the Mendelssohn Choir  
and our own Tevia Grimenstein!



**TWO FREE PERFORMANCES**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024**

**7:00 PM**

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, UPPER ST. CLAIR

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024**

**3:00 PM**

EAST LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, EAST LIBERTY

**DANIEL SINGER, MUSIC DIRECTOR**

Includes works by  
Felix Mendelssohn,  
Eric Whitacre, Stacy Garrop,  
Pärt Uusberg, Reena Esmail,  
Johannes Brahms, and  
Leonard Bernstein.

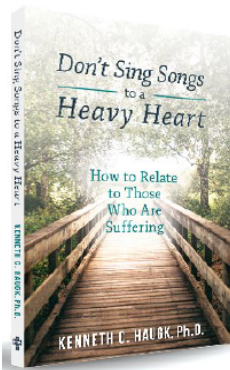
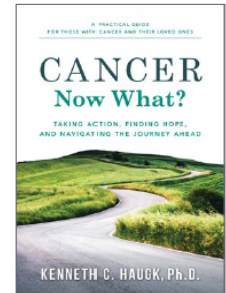


To reserve tickets or  
get more information:  
[themendelssohn.org](http://themendelssohn.org)

## Encouragement for those Facing Difficult Times

Two Books from Stephen Ministries provide Help and Hope for Christians  
Dealing with Hardship

**Cancer: Now What?** is a practical guide for those with cancer and their loved ones. It is a comprehensive, easy-to-read tool for navigating the medical, emotional, relational and spiritual challenges that cancer brings.



**Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart** offers real-world advice on how to relate to those who are suffering. The reader will learn what to say and do -- and what NOT to say or do -- when people are hurting. The book is a valuable resource for those who work in a caregiving field, as well as for volunteers or anyone who wants to relate to people who are suffering in ways that ease their pain, instead of adding to their burden.

**Both books are available for loan in Zion's library** (located in our large conference room downstairs), **or for purchase at**

**[www.stephenministries.org](http://www.stephenministries.org).**

## Bridgeville Area Food Bank

The March collection for the Bridgeville Area Food Bank is Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. The "item of the month" is FRUIT (canned and dried). Items may be placed in the wicker receptacle in the narthex near the coat rack. You are welcome to help at the food bank every third Saturday of the month between 7:45 am and noon at Bethany Presbyterian Church (contact Barb Oechslein for more information).





*What About...*

## Being a Lutheran

### What really is a Lutheran?

While there are a variety of ways one could answer this question, one very important answer is simply this, "A Lutheran is a person who believes, teaches and confesses the truths of God's Word as they are summarized and confessed in the Book of Concord." The Book of Concord contains the Lutheran confessions of faith. Perhaps you have attended an ordination of a pastor and heard him promise that he will perform the duties of his office in accord with the Lutheran Confessions. When people are confirmed they are asked if they confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as they have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true.

These solemn promises indicate to us just how important the Lutheran Confessions are for our church. Let's take a look at the various items contained in the Book of Concord and then we'll look at why the Lutheran Confessions are so important for being a Lutheran.

#### \* **What are the Ecumenical Creeds?**

The three ecumenical creeds in the Book of Concord are the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed and the Athanasian Creed. They are called "ecumenical" [universal] because they are accepted by Christians worldwide as correct expressions of what God's Word teaches.



#### \* **What is the Augsburg Confession and Apology of the Augsburg Confession?**

In the year 1530, the Lutherans were required to present their confession of faith before the emperor in Augsburg, Germany. Philip Melancthon wrote the Augsburg Confession and it was read before the imperial court on June 30, 1530. One year later, the Lutherans presented their defense of the Augsburg Confession, which is what "apology" here means. It too was written by Melancthon. The largest document in the Book of Concord, its longest chapter, is devoted to the most important truth of the Christian faith: the doctrine of justification by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.

#### \* **What are the Small and Large Catechisms?**

Martin Luther realized early on how desperately ignorant the laity and clergy of his day were when it came to even the most basic truths of the Christian faith. Around 1530, he produced two small handbooks to help pastors

and the heads of families teach the faith.

The Small Catechism and the Large Catechism are organized around six topics: the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, Holy Baptism, Confession, and the Sacrament of the Altar. So universally accepted were these magnificent doctrinal summaries by Luther, that they were included as part of the Book of Concord.

#### \* **What are the Smalcald Articles and the Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope?**

In 1537, Martin Luther was asked to prepare a statement of Lutheran belief for use at a church council, if it was called. Luther's bold and vigorous confession of faith was later incorporated into the Book of Concord. It was presented to a group of Lutheran rulers meeting in the town of Smalcald. Melancthon was asked to expand on the subject of the Roman pope and did so in his treatise, which also was included in the Book of Concord.

#### \* **What is the Formula of Concord?**

After Luther's death in 1546, significant controversies broke out in the Lutheran Church. After much debate and struggle, the Formula of Concord in 1577 put an end to these doctrinal controversies and the Lutheran Church was able to move ahead united in what it believed, taught and confessed. In 1580, all the confessional writings mentioned here were gathered into a single volume, the Book of Concord. Concord is a word that means, "harmony".

#### **What is the connection between the Bible and the Confessions?**

We confess that, "The Word of God is and should remain the sole rule and norm of all doctrine" (FC SD, Rule and Norm, 9). What the bible asserts, God asserts. What the Bible commands, God commands. The authority of the Scriptures is complete, certain and final. The Scriptures are accepted by the Lutheran Confessions as the actual Word of God. The Lutheran Confessions urge us to believe the Scripture for "they will not lie to you" (LC, V, 76) and cannot be "false and deceitful" (FC SD, VII, 96). The Bible is God's "pure,





What About...

## Being a Lutheran *Cont'd*

infallible, and unalterable Word" (Preface to the BOC).

The Lutheran Confessions are the "basis, rule and norm indicating how all doctrines should be judged in conformity with the Word of God" (FC SD RN). Because the Confessions are in complete doctrinal agreement with the written Word of God, they serve as the standard in the Lutheran Church to determine what is faithful Biblical teaching, insofar as that teaching is addressed in the Confessions.

### What is the main point of the Lutheran Confessions?

The Lutheran Reformation was not a "revolt", but rather began as a sincere expression of concern with the false and misleading teachings, which, unfortunately, even to this very day, obscure the glory and merit of Jesus Christ. What motivated Luther was a zealous concern about the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Here is how the Lutheran Confessions explain what the Gospel is all about:

"Human beings have not kept the law of God but have transgressed it. Their corrupted human nature, thoughts, words, and deed battle against the law. For this reason they are subject to God's wrath, to death and all temporal afflictions, and to the punishment of the fires of hell. As a result, the Gospel, in its strict sense, teaches what people should believe, namely, that they receive from God the forgiveness of sins; that is, the Son of God, our Lord Christ, has taken upon Himself the curse of the law and borne it, atoned and paid for all our sins; that through Him alone we are restored to God's grace, obtain the forgiveness of sins through faith and are delivered from death and all the punishments of our sins and are saved eternally. ... It is good news, joyous news, that God does not want to punish sin but to forgive it for Christ's sake" (FC SD,V,20).

### What is a "confessional" Lutheran?

The word "confession" is used in a variety of ways, but when we speak of a "confessional" Lutheran we mean a Lutheran who declares to the world his faith and most deeply held belief and conviction, in harmony with the documents contained in the Book of Concord. You will catch the spirit of confessional Lutheranism in these, the last words written in the Book of Concord:

"Therefore, it is our intent to give witness before God and all Christendom, among those who are alive today and those who will come after us, that

the explanation here set forth regarding all the controversial articles of faith which we have addressed and explained -- and no other explanation -- is our teaching, faith, and confession. In it we shall appear before the judgment throne of Jesus Christ, by God's grace, with fearless hearts and thus give account of our faith, and we will neither secretly nor publicly speak or write anything contrary to it. Instead, on the strength of God's grace, we intend to abide by this confession" (FC SD, XII, 40).

### What is "unconditional subscription" to the Confessions?

Confessional Lutheran pastors are required to "subscribe" unconditionally to the Lutheran Confessions because they are a pure exposition of the Word of God. This is the way our pastor, and every layman who confesses his belief in the Small Catechism, is able with great joy and without reservation or qualification to say what it is that he believes to be the truth of God's Word.



### So what is it to be a Lutheran?

Being a Lutheran is being a person who believes the truths of God's Word as they are correctly explained in the Book of Concord. To do so is to confess the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Genuine Lutherans, confessional Lutherans, dare to insist that "All doctrines should conform to the standards [the Lutheran Confessions] set forth above. Whatever is contrary to them should be rejected and condemned as opposed to the unanimous declaration of our faith" (FC Ep. RN, 6).

Such a statement may strike some as boastful, but it is not. Rather, it is an expression of the Spirit-led confidence that moves us to speak of our faith before the world.

Hand-in-hand with our commitment to pure teaching and confession is our equally strong commitment to reaching out boldly with the Gospel and speaking God's truth to the world. That is what "confession" of the faith is all about, in the final analysis. Indeed, "It is written: 'I believed; therefore I have spoken.' With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak (2 Cor. 4:13). This is what it means to be a Lutheran.

-Dr. A. L. Barry  
Past President

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod



**LUTHERANS  
FOR LIFE**

Equipping Lutherans and their neighbors  
to be Gospel motivated  
voices For Life!

**Our Mission** ... Equipping Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life

**Our Vision** ... Every Lutheran, both individually and in community, upholding the God-given value of human life and influencing society to do the same

**Our Philosophy** ... Lutherans For Life believes that the Church is compelled by God's Word to speak and act on behalf of those who are vulnerable and defenseless. The crisis of our times is the repudiation of biblical truth manifested in the wanton destruction of innocent human life through legalized abortion-on-demand and the growing threat to the lives of others through legalized assisted suicide and euthanasia. Therefore, as Lutherans For Life, we will strive to give a Gospel-motivated witness to the Church and society on these and other related issues, such as chastity, post-abortion healing, and family living. We will call God's people to compassionate action and foster life-affirming

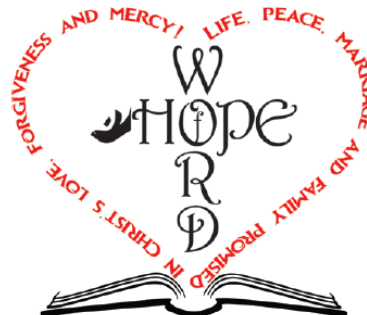
## Life Thoughts in the Church Year



**March 24 – Palm Sunday/Passion of Our Lord** – Sinful nature prizes popularity, property, and power. It despises dependence and discards aging or gestating neighbors because of it. But Jesus proves that God has designed humankind to rely on Him and each other. His salvation comes about by humbly and happily entrusting oneself to an Almighty Father (Philippians 2:6-8). We need not take life and death into our own hands when we can rest upon His.

**March 31 – Resurrection of Our Lord** – The Scriptures do not limit the sanctity of human life to a few isolated passages. Almighty God has made survival and salvation, abundant and everlasting, the point of the whole story. He intends His resurrection to encompass and affect every member of our race and every moment of our existence, from fertilization to forever. This is nothing less than the Gospel of the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)!

**For those who have had an  
abortion, a Word of Hope ...**  
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*"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." (Psalm 147:3)*

# March Service Participants

	Elders	Acolytes	Time
Mar 3	Mike Wallace, Mike Kroeger Jim Neill, Tom Erbrecht	Emily Trentini Pippa Carter	8:00 am 10:30 am
Mar 10	Mike Wallace, Mike Kroeger Jim Neill, Tom Erbrecht	Elder Pippa Carter	8:00 am 10:30 am
Mar 17	Bob Schmidt, Mike Kroeger Jim Neill, Tom Erbrecht	Elder Madison Killinger	8:00 am 10:30 am
Mar 24	Bob Schmidt, Mike Kroeger Jim Neill, Tom Erbrecht	Claire Schrag Madison Killinger	8:00 am 10:30 am
Mar 28 Maundy Thurs	Jim Neill Bob Schmidt, Mike Kroeger	Elder Callista Chilcott	2:00 pm 7:00 pm
Mar 29 Good Friday	Jim Neill Roger Diederich, Tom Erbrecht	Elder Callista Chilcott	2:00 pm 7:00 pm
Mar 31 Easter	Bob Schmidt, Mike Kroeger Jim Neill, Tom Erbrecht	Emily Trentini Claire Schrag	8:00 am 10:30 am

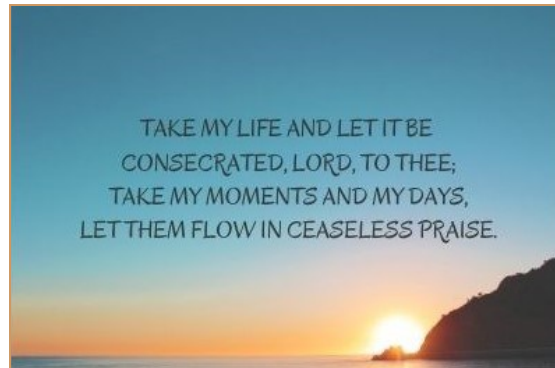


	Altar Guild	8:00 am Ushers	10:30 am Ushers
Mar	Barb Oechslein, Megan Pasquini, Diana Schmidt	Megan & Decklan Pasquini, Wayne & Barb Oechslein	Bob & Christian Bonacci, Dwight & Andy Weldon
Apr	Tracey Johnson, Sharon Bogdan	Ken, Bill & Will Schrag, Jason Trentini	John, Luke, Liz & Claire Lemonovich

# MARCH

## Birthdays

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 4 <sup>th</sup> -- Nyomin Hatok    | 15 <sup>th</sup> – Braeden Boyle     |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> -- Cheryl Arter    | 16 <sup>th</sup> – Claire Schrag     |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> – Jared Fitzgerald | 17 <sup>th</sup> – Max Ma            |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> – Sandy Hervert    | 18 <sup>th</sup> – Joe Gielarowski   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> – Deborah Sterba   | 21 <sup>st</sup> – Tracy Yellig      |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> -- Rhys Wilson     | 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Mark Killinger    |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> – John Reihner     | 24 <sup>th</sup> – Bonnie Lewis      |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> – Lee Glasser      | 26 <sup>th</sup> – Katie Gielarowski |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> – Prue Wilson      |                                      |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> – Michael Sterba  |                                      |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> -- Ryan Cicioni   |                                      |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> – Tanner Wilson   |                                      |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> – Susan Bishop    |                                      |



# MARCH

## Anniversaries




- 3<sup>rd</sup> – John & Robyn Reihner
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Bill & Carol Schrag
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Charles & Kathy Kacvinsky
- 25<sup>th</sup> -- Tim & Kami Fitzgerald
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Tim & Rita Sheldon
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Brian & Megan Pasquini







# March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 6:15 pm Bingo Night/Potluck	2 8:00 am Organ Cmte. Mtg
3 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Adult/Teen Bible Study & SS 10:30 am Worship	4 6:00 pm Confirm. 6:30 pm Faith Bells 7:00 pm Trustees' Mtg. 7:00 pm Confirm. 7:15 pm BoE Mtg	5 6:15 pm Grace Bells 7:15 Choir	6 2:00 pm Lent 3 Worship 7:00 pm Lent 3 Worship	7 6:30 pm Events Mtg	8	9 10:00 am Call Cmte. Mtg
10 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Adult/Teen Bible Study & SS 10:30 am Worship <b>FOOD BANK</b>	11 6:00 pm Confirm. 6:30 pm Faith Bells 7:00 pm Confirm.	12 6:15 pm Grace Bells 7:15 Choir	13 2:00 pm Lent 4 Worship 7:00 pm Lent 4 Worship	14 7:00 pm Council Mtg.	15 	
17 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Adult/Teen Bible Study & SS 10:30 am Worship 6:00 pm Youth Group Bowling	18 6:00 pm Confirm. 6:30 pm Faith Bells 7:00 pm Confirm.	19 6:15 pm Grace Bells 7:15 Choir	20 2:00 pm Lent 5 Worship 7:00 pm Lent 5 Worship	21	22 5:00 pm Preschool Ice Cream Social	23
24 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 8:00 am Worship 9:15 am Adult/Teen Bible Study & SS 10:30 am Worship	25 6:00 pm Confirm. 6:30 pm Faith Bells 7:00 pm Confirm.	26 6:15 pm Grace Bells 7:15 Choir	27 	28 <b>MAUNDY THURS</b> 2:00 pm Worship 7:00 pm Worship	29 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> 2:00 pm Worship 7:00 pm Worship (6:30 prelude)	30
31 <b>EASTER</b> 8:00 am Worship Easter Breakfast 10:30 am Worship 