## Zion Lutheran Monthly March 2020

#### **Pastor's Corner**

"He breaks the pow 'r of cancelled sin; He set the pris'ner free, His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood avails for me."

#### Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

(LSB, #528 st. 4)

As Christians, we confess our sins every week. As Christians, we know that Jesus forgives our sins. And yet, as Christians, we still wrestle with our sins. As Christians we are still plagued by our sins, even ones we have confessed and have been absolved of doing, but why? Why does this happen to us? As Christians, why can't we just confess our sins, be forgiven of those sins, and then go on with our daily lives never remembering them again?

Some Christians think they are being punished by God over sins that have been forgiven, but still linger around a bit. Other Christian denominations will teach that you are indeed forgiven, BUT there is still something YOU must do to atone for your sins or make up for your sins. When Christians listen to this teaching, they just keep beating themselves up over and over again trying anything they can do to be "free" from those past sins, to break the hold those past sins have over them. What happens though is this: They are never able to free themselves from the grip those past sins have over them.

So, what are we to do when our past sins, still cling to us? Where do we go for some release from these past sins? The verse from our hymn above has a good suggestion. We go where we should always go for freedom from sins – Christ. The above stanza begins by saying this, "He breaks the pow'r of cancelled sin." As Christians, we know our sins are forgiven, we believe our sins are forgiven because of Christ. Our sins are now "cancelled sin" as the stanza says. But those sins, even though they are forgiven, appear to still have "pow'r" over us. We are reminded of our sins and think they are still holding some grip on us, but they are not. They are merely memories, vague mists of what we used to be before those sins were forgiven in Christ. They no longer have any power over you . . . so don't let them! You are forgiven in Christ and nothing, absolutely nothing, can steal that forgiveness away from you or away from Christ.

The season of Lent continually reminds us to take our gaze off of ourselves and rest our gaze upon Christ. Don't remind yourself of what you've done in the past, and instead remind yourself of what Christ has done for you on the cross. Don't allow your sinful nature to have you believe your sins still hold some power over you, and instead allow Christ to strengthen your belief that through His death He truly has destroyed the power of sin over all people – including you. During this season of Lent may all our hearts and minds be continually turned to gaze upon our Lord Jesus Christ who truly "breaks the pow'r of cancelled sin."

#### **Mission Moment:**

# Promoting Zion's Internal, Local, and International Missionary Efforts

#### To God Alone Glory Be! Amen.

Dear Beloved Supporters,

Your efforts are not in vain. Rarely do the supporters of missionaries get to see the fruit of their contributions in such fullness. On Sunday, January 26th, three of the students from Africa who have come to Concordia Theological Seminary

— Fort Wayne, IN for graduate studies were ordained at Peace Lutheran Church in Sussex, Wisconsin.

The normal ordination date for JEM Lutheran Seminary graduates takes place during the annual LCN Convention held the first part of January, but by this time these students were already in the States, and so they missed out on being ordained with their colleagues. Fortunately, arrangements were made to ordain these three men in the United States at Peace Lutheran Church in Sussex, Wisconsin.



Archbishop Ekong and the three graduates

It was a very emotional day with tears of joy for the candidates, the members of Peace Lutheran, and even myself, having seen the realization of a long and tedi-

ous journey. There were times when the going seemed rough, and things seemed bleak, especially two years prior when my NSM account was financially in deep red and I was required to leave the mission field. But God knows best, and "He has planned all things for the good of those ..." (Romans 8:28).



Wokoma & student before graduation

This is just the beginning. The mission / goal within the next five years is to send a good number of qualified, confessional pastors to CTSFW for STM and further studies to equip them to become faculty members at JEM Lutheran Seminary, and also to catechize the laity throughout the Diocese to have a proper understanding of the Lutheran faith, vis-à-vis Biblical Christianity. This is the picture.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you, without whose sacrificial financial support I could not have returned to the mission field, and none of this could have taken place.

Sincerely in-Christ, Fr. Wokoma. 1 Timothy 1:15

#### Pastor Grimenstein

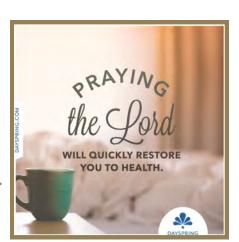


... will be away from the church office the week of March 9<sup>th</sup> until the week of March 23<sup>rd</sup>. He will undergo hip surgery on March 9<sup>th</sup>, and will be recovering over the two weeks following. God willing, he will be able to return to the church office the week of March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Should you or a family member need pastoral care during this time, feel free to contact the church office at 412-221-4776 or secretary@zlcb.org. In the event of an emergency requiring pastoral care, please

contact Pastor Bob McCanless, Concordia Lutheran Church in Brentwood, at 412-523-6741 (mobile) or 412-881-1131 (home).

Please include Pastor Grimenstein and his family in your prayers. May the Lord grant a full and speedy recovery to Pastor, peace and comfort to the Grimenstein family, and wisdom to the doctors and surgeons who are caring for him.





# Join us Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> for Worship & Study Hour

On 3/15, while Pastor Grimenstein is recovering from surgery, our worship services will be conducted by Guest Pastor, Chaplain Ron Cox from Concordia Lutheran Ministries.

During the Bible Study hour on this Sunday, we will have a special breakfast and presentation by Shirley Freyer, Director of Church Relations from Concordia Lutheran Ministries. Shirley will talk about CLM, its outreach into our community, and how Zion members can play a role.

Did you know??? CLM is the largest "Recognized Service Organization" by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and the 22<sup>nd</sup> largest senior living organization in the US!

# Join us Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> for Worship & Bible Study

.... as Rev. Dr. Chris Wicher, President of the Eastern District of the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, is our guest pastor while Pastor Grimenstein recovers from surgery.



## **Chairman's Report**

#### **Marching Onward Christian Stewards**

Lent and Easter are upon us. Hopefully, you'll all be able to get to the Wednesday Lenten services prior to Holy Week. Easter is who we are, really. Salvation created and justification through faith alone, not works.

A huge Thank You to everyone who was able to attend the Special Voter's Meeting on Feb. 23d. In case you didn't have a chance to get to that meeting to approve moving forward with the kitchen remodeling project, let me inform you of what is happening! The current kitchen is very much the same as it was when the church was built over 50 years ago, so it's past time to make some changes and bring it into the 21st century. A dedicated team of your fellow members have been wrestling with this project for quite some time. After scores of meetings and discussions with contractors and designers, we have a rendering that is very close to what the vision will be for our kitchen.

A wonderful presentation took place at the meeting last month and after discussion we all agreed to proceed with finalizing the specifications of the project and also agreed to launch a formal fund-raising effort. The final rendering will be shown at the Regular Voter's Meeting on April 26th, so, please save the date to attend that meeting. A lot of work is going into this effort and your presence is appreciated stewardship.

The budget for this remodeling effort is \$75,000 and we're going to need a really concerted effort to make this project a success by all pulling on the rope in the same direction. Susie Bishop and Tom Carthy are heading up the fundraising effort so please participate as your heart moves you and stay tuned to the fundraising news. We need this fundraiser to be complete by April 30th because we need to be able to sign contract(s) and schedule the extensive work in a particular window during the summer after VBS and before the new school year impacts the facility. So, time is an issue and we're praying for a good outcome that only all of our membership can provide with the help of our Lord.

Remodeling our kitchen is long overdue and we're not gold-plating or doing unnecessary work. We're not remodeling to boast about our kitchen, rather we're making it more functional in ways that will enable us to better serve the ministries here at your church. We're grateful, thankful and blessed that we have a kitchen to remodel so that our ministries can flourish. It will be more functional, cleaner and easier to utilize by our membership so that our fellowship is more robust. Let's give thanks for the blessings we've been given and try to make this effort a success.

2 Cor 9:7-8 reads: "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work."

The Lenten season is here.	Spring blossoms this month.	Easter beckons
Let's get this done.		

- Paul Klemash

#### Welcome to our Newest Members

On Sunday, February 16th, Harry and Eileen Davis, and Esther and Dennis Finney, became members of our church family. If you haven't had an opportunity to meet them yet, be sure to welcome them to our fellowship!

Harry and Eileen Davis moved back to the South Hills to be near their grandchildren after spending seven years in Texas. They attended Cross of Christ Lutheran in DeSoto, TX. They have three children, seven grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. Harry and Eileen both grew up on farms in Washington, PA.



Harry & Eileen Davis



Esther Finney



**Dennis Finney** 

Esther Finney and her son
Dennis Finney have lived in
Houston, PA most of their
lives. They are happy to join
their life-long friends —
Bernice DeBoe and Jacque
Oelschlager — here at Zion and
are looking forward to being
part of our fellowship!

Esther was a homemaker for her three children and for her dear niece.

Dennis has worked as a construction millwright for many years. He and his wife, Melanie, have three children.



### Zion Lutheran Preschool Program



Registration for the 2020/2021 school year is well under way

If you would like to register your child, or know someone looking for a

Christian Preschool, please come and talk to me. I'm always happy to give a

tour of our facility and answer any, and all questions.

We will be offering 12 classes next year:

- 3 two-year-old classes (Small Steps)
- 4 three-year-old classes (Preschool)
- 3 four-year-old classes (2 PreK, and 1 PreK Plus)
- 2 five-year-old classes (Stepping Stones)

Please check out our new website at <u>www.zlcbpreschool.org</u> for information on all of our classes, staff and other programs that we offer.

Blessings, Tracey Harris Director



www.lutheransforlife.org 888.364.LIFE

#### Tips for Instilling Life Values in Children

By Stephenie Hovland, December 9, 2019

So many people want to raise a family that supports life. Let's explore ways we can help our children and grandchildren, students and neighbors, grow up with life-affirming values. The following is a practical guide to each age level, from toddlers through middle-school-age children.

#### **Toddlers**

Because they love to imitate the grown-ups, encourage them to practice living in a family. Watch as they care for their baby dolls and take on "grown-up responsibilities." Consider play-acting that you are Great-Grandma and need them to help take care of you. If they don't have good models for certain life-affirming behaviors, you can show them as you play.

"Why?" is a favorite question of toddlers and preschoolers. If they ask why a baby is in Mommy's tummy, for example, realize that they are not asking for all details of conception. You can find out what they already know and what they actually expect by first asking them, "What do you think?" Use their answer to give them a bit more information.

Find reading materials that support life issues. There are plenty of picture books that talk about family and unborn babies. Be sure to include these in your reading time to give them an easy, solid foundation for learning about families. In fact, you will find that many storybooks have some values in them. As you read, notice them and repeat them. You can even point to pictures and help the toddler notice the babies, the moms, the grandpas, etc. Play a game of "see all the people God made" or "find all the people God loves."



#### Preschool/Kindergarten

Children this age may show more interest in the opposite-sex parent. This is your chance to model positive relationships with them. It will give them clues as to what to expect from a future spouse. They will also be watching the same-sex parent for cues about their own identity.

Although some may have noticed it before, they become more aware of double standards. "That's not fair" may pop up over any perceived inequities, so use this stage to show how God values life at all ages. For example, you can notice, together, that it's not fair to say a grown-up person is more valuable than a tiny baby or an older person. They continue to be curious. "Why?" and "What?" can drive conversations, as well as be annoying. Try to have patience and help them satisfy curiosity, especially in regard to God, life, and faith. Children this age like to categorize and sort, so help them to define and categorize people. Who is a person? What makes someone a living person? Some children may not be quite ready for this abstract thinking, but you can keep it simple and elaborate more as they grow older.

#### **Elementary-School Age**

Play is still important to learning and development, so encourage children to be sensitive to others' needs as they play. Be cautious of media input (video games, internet, TV, etc.) since it is also helping form their values. If something happens during play or entertainment, this is the perfect time to stop and discuss it. *Often children consume media as neutral or positive, not realizing that they may go against the family's (and God's) values. It's up to you to point these things out and reinforce what is right.* 

#### Tips for Instilling Life Values in Children ... Cont'd

Children are developing an even deeper sense of identity at this age. Give them examples (through real people, books, and media) of the wonderful variety of people God has made and loves. For example, girls can love playing rough and boys can be sensitive—that does not make them something different. God's creation includes people of many different personalities and talents.

Family togetherness is important at this age, so do devotions together. Read and watch movies together. It's a great time to bond and to discuss how it all fits into God's world. This is a crucial time to establish family values. Whatever you choose to spend time doing will be perceived as a family value. If it's truly important to be together, be sure to set time aside for that—intentionally. It becomes harder and harder as children get older.

#### **Middle-School Ages**

A natural time of challenge, this is when preteens and teens may actually ask, "Did God really say that?" They may seem argumentative, but they genuinely want answers. They're thinking more abstractly and understanding more deeply, so go as deep as you are able with your answers. They may seem to resist your guidance and authority, so leave books sitting around the house that they can discover and read on their own. Sometimes children are more open to listening at this age, so take advantage of that opportunity.

Many middle schoolers struggle with feeling compelled to grow up while resisting growth at the same time. You may see them sleeping with an old stuffed animal but experimenting with too-mature or too-risky behavior at the same time. It's a struggle that frustrates them as well. Remind them of your family values. Invite them to join you in Bible study, devotions, etc., to keep those biblical communication lines open. Talk about your vulnerabilities and your faith.

With an advanced tech culture, your middle schooler could be seeing and doing things you never imagined. Keep tabs on their online activity. Be ready to insist on boundaries. Even better, talk about boundaries before they are needed. If the middle schooler can help set boundaries, it is empowering to them; they take ownership.

Children this age often like to join clubs and groups. Encourage them to join groups that are life-affirming. As they become teens, their desire for social justice can be used to help support suicide prevention and elder abuse, for example. If they like to lead, you could suggest they start a group that makes baby hats, visits nursing homes, or throws baby showers for teen moms. Use this time of extra energy and creativity to serve God and serve others.







Bethesda Lutheran Communities is a national organization providing homes and other services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and is celebrating its 115<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2019. Headquartered in Watertown, Wis, Bethesda strives to become a central point of connection that unites people who have disabilities with communities and provides essential resources to help them live their lives to the fullest. The organization offers more than 300 programs across the country, and is guided by Christian faith. For more information, go to http://www.bethesdalc.org.

Did you know that 84% of people with disabilities say their faith is important to them, while only 1 in 10 faith communities actively support disability awareness?

March is <u>Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month</u>. It is the perfect time to focus on those who may be longing for a church home. It is the perfect time to begin the journey toward purposeful inclusion of people with all abilities into the Body of Christ. It is the perfect time to foster places of belonging, especially for those who may be marginalized.

As a parent/guardian of someone with a disability, you may need to be the one who reminds others about the importance of respecting and including the disabled community. You may have to be the go-to when churches or organizations need to understand how to better include people with disabilities through basic ministry. You may need to be the one who advocates for people with developmental disabilities, *especially* those going through transitions to adulthood. Bethesda is here to help.

#### Face 2 Face

Bethesda has created <u>Face 2 Face</u>, a resource for informational and discussion materials designed to support disability awareness and inclusion in churches, Christian schools and Christian organizations. Face 2 Face is intended as a first step towards building relationships and strengthening places of belonging. The free, downloadable materials are found <u>here</u> and include:

- Sermon notes
- Bible studies for all ages
- Litanies
- Devotions
- and more

Additional resources include a video that shows how a young man named Chase overcame anxiety and a fear of leadership. Stories such as this can serve as interactive examples and discussion starters.

We are hoping these materials will help our Bethesda families who may need resources when advocating for others. If you need other resource help, contact <u>ReligiousLife@BethesdaLC.org</u>.

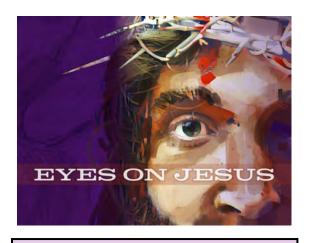
In March and beyond, Bethesda has a goal to spread the message of "Include All Abilities." It is an opportunity to inspire the community and focus on disability awareness, taking the first steps toward belonging. Visit <a href="IncludeAllAbilities.com">IncludeAllAbilities.com</a> to learn more about how to take that first step.

## Zion Youth News and Events

Our Youth Group will gather on Sunday, March 22 at noon for lunch, a game, and a brief meeting to discuss future plans.

All youth in grades 6-12 are cordially invited to join us!





Join us throughout Lent as we explore this new theme

Wed 3/4 - 7:00 Worship

Theme "Betraying Eyes" (6:00 Lenten dinner)

Wed 3/11 - 7:00 Worship

Theme "Sleepy Eyes" (6:00 Lenten dinner)

Wed 3/18 - 7:00 Worship

Theme "Denying Eyes" (6:00 Lenten dinner)

Wed 3/25 - 7:00 Worship

Theme "Murderous Eyes"

(6:00 Lenten dinner)

Wed 4/1 - 7:00 Worship

Theme "Worldly Eyes" (6:00 Lenten dinner)

This Lenten Season, let us fix our

#### **EYES ON JESUS**

When the characters in the Passion narrative look at Jesus, what do they see? In most cases, people misunderstood who He is and what He was doing. In some cases, by faith, people recognized Him aright. Our Lenten series this year, based on the Gospel according to St. Mark, will examine how the various people around Jesus viewed Him — and how we should view Him. We will "fix our eyes" on what Jesus has done to save us from our sins by His holy, precious blood and innocent sufferings and death, and celebrate what God sees on account of His work: our justification for His sake.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday school begins at 9:15 am in classroom #205. Students from Preschool (age 3) through 6<sup>th</sup> grade meet for devotions before going to their classes. Parents with children in Preschool -4<sup>th</sup> grade should pick their children up at the classrooms by 10:20 am.

#### **March** — April Teachers and Helpers

Session 7 Dates	Session 7 Lessons	Preschool	K - 1	2 - 4	5 - 6
March 1	Hezekiah Prays				
March 8	Jeremiah and God's New Covenant	Megan Glasser	Carrie Lemonovich	Andy Weldon	Mike Wallace
March 15	The Three Men in the Fiery Furnace	Christine Chilcott	Lementovich		

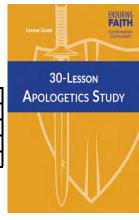
Session 8 Dates	Session 8 Lessons	Preschool	K - 1	2 - 4	5 - 6
March 22	Daniel in the Lion's Den	Barb Oechslein	Megan Meyer		
March 29	God's People Go Home	Megan Glasser	Megan Meyer	Connie Canale	Susie Bishop
April 5	Palm Sunday/Easter Lesson	Barb Oechslein	TBD		
April 12	EASTER SUNDAY – NO CLASSES				
April 19	Esther	Barb Oechslein	Megan Meyer	Connie Canale	Susie Bishop

#### **Upcoming Events**

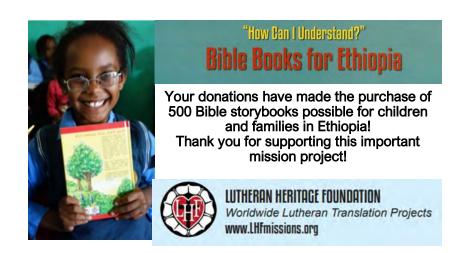
April 12 – Easter Sunday – No sunday school classes

#### **March Apologetics Topics for Post-Confirmation Students**

March 1	Is the God of the Old Testament the same God of the New Testament?
March 8	What is my identity?
March 15	Does human life matter? When does it begin? When does it end?
March 22	As a Christian, can I like science?
March 29	Why do bad things happen?









#### What About...



#### **Creation and Evolution**

Evolution: fact or theory? Many people assume it is simply a fact. Christians who by faith accept the truth of God's Word about Creation, as it is recorded for us in Genesis and elsewhere in the Scriptures, sometimes wonder how they can help others consider the possibility that there is a Creator. The purpose of this pamphlet is to provide a starting point from which to evaluate the claims made by advocates of Evolution.

#### What is the point of Evolution?

In 1859, Charles Darwin, in his book, On The Origin of Species, proposed a theory that the various species of animals resulted from a process of "natural selection," with the "favored races" being preserved in the "struggle for life." Is this merely a scientific theory, or is there more? "Darwin was fully aware that his idea was a frontal assault on the very notion of an intelligent Designer behind the world. In fact, he might very well have formulated it precisely for that purpose. The idea of a spiritual realm apart from matter seems to have been anathema to him as a young man already. The primary inspiration for his theory of natural selection did not come from observation ofnature. Perhaps not incidentally, his writings also reveal glimpses of specific antipathy to the God of the Bible, especially concerning His right to judge unbelievers in eternity." (Wieland).

#### What challenge to Darwin is found in the details of life?

Evolutionary theory proposes that life forms start out at a very simple level and then, by natural selection, eventually become more and more complex as changes occur. However, biochemical and molecular biological research continues to gather convincing evidence that the living cell is totally useless unless, and until, it reaches its final form, and then, having reached that form, any change at all actually destroys, not enhances, its function. Darwin's greatest challenge comes from the question of how the individual cell developed. Scientists studying this issue have described the living cell as "irreducibly complex." More and more scientists are reaching the conclusion that living organisms, even the most "simple," show clear evidence of a creator because of their incredible complexity at even the most fundamental levels. The scientific literature is strangely silent when it comes to the question of how these molecular structures, the basis of life, developed. How could all this have evolved?

#### Has science accepted Intelligent Design?

Proponents of Intelligent Design have made great headway in recent years. Their findings have added muscle to the long-held Creationist arguments on the Second Law of Thermodynamics, which, simply put, says that the way of all things, both living and non-living, is to go from a state of order to various states of increasing disorder, not the other way around. Other arguments being put forward are based on dubious dating-methods used by evolutionists, and on the fossil record—the latter still showing no conclusive transitional stages in types or kinds (one would think every fossil would show a transitional stage). Together, these evidences, along with many others, form a convincing case for the idea of Creation and Intelligent Design.

#### What stands in the way of Intelligent Design?

Evolutionists appear unwilling to address the findings of biochemistry and other related fields. They are quick to say they are defending science, yet when confronted by an Intelligent Design paradigm that explains the data better than their own (such as on the human eye, a bird's wing or the processes of blood-clotting), they offer no scientific defense at all. Instead, they lash out, ridiculing the Intelligent Design paradigm as nothing more than "religious."

#### What is happening in the scientific community?

Those who prefer the Creation and Intelligent Design explanation for life cannot be conveniently stereotyped as backward, ignorant, flat-earth fanatics. To the contrary, believers in special Creation and Intelligent Design are discerning, rational people—tens of millions of them—who, upon weighing the evidence, have dismissed evolutionary theory as untenable. And these millions are being joined by growing numbers of biologists, geologists, paleontologists, physicists, medical doctors, mathematicians and other professionals in the pure and applied sciences. A molecular biologist explains that evolutionary theory has an influence "far removed from biology" and is one of the "most spectacular examples in history of how a highly speculative idea for which there is no really hard scientific evidence can

#### What About...



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come to fashion the thinking of a whole society and dominate the outlook of an age" (Denton,p.358). As one biochemist puts it, "To a person who does not feel obligated to restrict his search to unintelligent causes, the straightforward conclusion is that many biochemical systems were designed. They were designed not by the law of nature, not by chance and necessity; rather, they were planned. Their designer knew what the systems would look like when they were completed, then took steps to bring the systems about. Life on earth at its most fundamental level, in its most critical components, is the product of intelligent activity" (Behe, p.193).

#### Is there room for Intelligent Design?

As much compelling evidence as there is for a young earth and a worldwide hydraulic cataclysm (the Noahic Flood, which explains much about our planet's geology and paleontology), Intelligent Design, on its own merits, can be argued effectively without a single reference to the Scriptures. This natural knowledge of a Creator is not the same as advancing a set of specific theological and doctrinal beliefs about that Creator. If evolutionists persist in saying that creation cannot be divorced from religion, then they themselves must be prepared to admit that their orthodoxy—that life in all its beauty, organization and complexity arose from random mutations and other Darwinian speculations—is just as dogmatic, just as much a religion, really, as what they scorn. If Creation is theistic, calling for an intelligent, purposeful Author of Life, then naturalistic Evolution is atheistic, denying the existence of that Author and any supernatural acts wrought by His hand. For generations, Evolution, with all its weaknesses and unexplained gaps, has reigned unchallenged in American public life in our zoos, science centers, museums and mass media, and yes, perhaps most clearly in our schools. The theory of Evolution is simply handed down as fact. Only now, finally, is Evolution being contested on its own terms: objective science. On the blackboards of America's public-school science classrooms, and in the pages and on the screens of the media, the time has come for the words "Evolution," "naturalism" and "neo-Darwinism" to make room for "Intelligent Design." Anything less, based on the evidence, would be intellectually dishonest.

#### Can we "baptize" evolutionary theory?

It would be a mistake on our part to think that simply by presenting the evidence for Intelligent Design, a person will become a Christian. Believing that God is our loving heavenly Father who created the heavens and the earth is an article of faith. Believing that there is an intelligent designer is a far cry from believing that we are sinful human beings in need of a Savior and then trusting in the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who is our Savior from sin, death and the power of Satan. Such a living hope is a gift of God, given by the Holy Spirit. It is not a matter of scientific study or analysis. Faith is as miraculous an event in our life as is God's work of Creation in the world. In fact, it is no accident that those who are in Christ are called "new creations" (2 Cor.5:17). The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod believes, teaches and confesses that Adam and Eve were real historic individuals and that the Genesis account of Creation is true and factual, not merely a "myth" or a "story" made up to explain the origin of all things. We would also be making a very serious error simply to accept the theories of science without question. Many aspects of evolutionary theory are directly contradictory to God's Word. Evolution cannot be "baptized" to make it compatible with the Christian faith. Those who attempt inevitably wind up watering down the teachings of the Bible. Christians have no need to fear the findings of science, nor do they have any reason to give "science" more credence than they give the Word of God. As scientists continue to study and explore the wonders of God's creation we join the ancient Psalmist in saying, "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well" (Psalm 139:14).

Dr. A.L. Barry Past President, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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## March Service Participants

Date	Time	Greeters	Acolytes	Nursery	
March 1	8:00 AM	Brent & Marianne Miller	Noah Wallace	Tess Carter	
	10:30 AM	Mike & Deb Sterba	Sam Bishop	Nell Wilson	
March 8	8:00 AM	Brian & Megan Pasquini	Will Schrag	Brittany Dill	
	10:30 AM	John & Katie Gielarowski	Carly Garrubba	Susie Bishop	
March 22	8:00 AM	Bob & Diana Schmidt	Joshua Grimenstein	Carrie Lemonovich	
	10:30 AM	Jim & Mary Lou Neill	Luke Lemonovich	Stephanie Eckels	
March 29	8:00 AM	Sandy & Shane Bryant	Noah Wallace	Sharon Bogdan	
	10:30 AM	Jane & Mike Kozak	Sam Bishop	Christine Chilcott	

Month	Elders	Altar Guild	8:00 AM Ushers	10:30 AM Ushers
March	Bill Bishop Mike Kroeger	Janet & Marian Oelschlager	Brian Pasquini & Megan Pasquini, Wayne & Barb Oechslein	John & Kari Gresh, Andy & Dwight Weldon
April	Mike Sterba Mike Wallace	Debra LaJeunesse, Carrie Lemonovich & Carolyn Wible	Bill & Ken Schrag, Tim Sheldon, Shane Bryant	Mike Kozak, Susie Bishop, Vince Kimberland, John Lemonovich

If you are unable to participate on the assigned date, please find your own substitute and notify the church office of the change at (412) 221-4776 or secretary@zlcb.org.

## **Bridgeville Area Food Bank**



This month's collection for the Bridgeville Area Food Bank is Sunday, March 8. The "item of the month" is fruit (canned and dried).

You are also welcome to help at the food bank every third Saturday of the month between 7:45 am and 12:00 pm at Bethany Presbyterian Church.



# March Birthdays

5th — Jared Fitzgerald

5th — Sandy Hervert

5th — Deborah Sterba

8th — Leeann Golish

8th — John Reihner

9th — Lee Glasser

11th — Michael Sterba

13th — Tanner Wilson

14th — Susan Bishop

15th — Braeden Boyle

16th — Claire Schrag

17th — Greg Howcroft

17th — Max Ma

18th — Kara Garrubba

18th — Joe Gielarowski

21th — Faye Conner

21th — Tracy Yellig

23th — Mia Case

23th — Peter Fisher

23th — Mark Killinger

24th — Bonnie Lewis

26th — Katie Gielarowski



## March Anniversaries



4th — Bill & Carol Schrag

26th — Tim & Rita Sheldon

29th — Brian & Megan Pasquini



## March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8:00 am Worship w/ Communion	6:00 pm 1st Year Confirmation		6:00 pm Lenten Dinner (Soup & Salad)	7:30 pm Elders Meeting		8:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast
9:15 am Sunday School & Bible Class	7:00 pm Trustees Meeting		7:00 pm Lenten			
10:30 am Worship w/ Communion			Worship Service			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8:00 am Worship w/ Communion	6:15 pm Grace Bell Choir		6:00 pm Lenten Dinner (Pasta)	7:00 pm Council Meeting		8:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast
9:15 am Sunday School & Bible Class	7:15 pm Adult Choir 8:15 pm Faith Bell Choir		7:00 pm Lenten Worship Service			
10:30 am Worship w/ Communion	Chon					
FOOD BANK COLLECTION						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8:00 am Worship w/ Communion	6:00 pm 1st Year Confirmation		6:00 pm Lenten Dinner (BBQ			8:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast
9:15 am Sunday School &	6:15 pm Grace Bell		sandwiches)			
Concordia Lutheran Ministries presentation	7:00 pm 2nd Year Confirmation		7:00 pm Lenten Worship Service			
•	7:15 pm Adult Choir					
10:30 am Worship w/ Communion	8:15 pm Faith Bell					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
8:00 am Worship w/ Communion	6:00 pm 1st Year Confirmation		6:00 pm Lenten Dinner (Tacos)	10:00 am Bible Study		8:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast
9:15 am Sunday School & Bible	6:15 pm Grace Bell		7:00 pm Lenten			
Class	7:00 pm 2nd Year		Worship Service			
10:30 am Worship w/ Communion	Confirmation				(m	
12:00 Youth Group Meeting &	7:15 pm Adult Choir 8:15 pm Faith Bell			*	14 55	**
Lunch					@ (P. )	-
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8:00 am Worship w/ Communion	6:00 pm 1st Year Confirmation	7:00 pm VBS meeting				U
9:15 am Sunday School & Fifth	6:15 pm Grace Bell			10	MADE	H ***
Sunday Food Fellowship	7:00 pm 2nd Year Confirmation					
10:30 am Worship w/ Communion	7:15 pm Adult Choir			*	*	30
	8:15 pm Faith Bell			<u> </u>	8	_

## Sunday morning worship at 8:00am and 10:30am



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