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HAVE YOU "CHOSEN WHAT IS BETTER?"

St. Luke reports for us the visit by Jesus to the home of two sisters, Mary and Martha. Both loved Jesus and welcomed him to their home. Yet they behaved in two very different ways. See Luke 10:38-42.

Martha we are told *"was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made."* Mary simply, *"sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said."* Martha was upset that Mary *"left [her] to do all the work by myself."*

And what was Jesus response? *"Martha, Martha. You are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."*

How is it with you? Have you chosen what is "better"? Or have you only settled for what you think is "good"? How important is it for you to listen to Jesus and his Word? What distracts you? What causes you to be worried and upset? Or maybe even, what gets you more excited than using your time to listen to Jesus' word? What has become so important that it leaves you little or no time to hear God's word?

Certainly, there are times and situations when people with legitimate reasons may not be in worship (and often they long for that experience of worship in the assembly of God's family!). Yet it is quite amazing how easily church members can excuse themselves (or make excuses) for being absent from regular worship and convince themselves that nothing is wrong. But there is something wrong when a Christian fails to worship regularly. Consider:

- ◆ The Third Commandment (Exodus 20:8-10) which Luther explains by writing: "We should fear and love God

that we do not despise preaching and His word, but gladly hear and learn it."

- ◆ Hebrews 10:25 *"Let us not forsake the assembling of ourselves together as is the habit of some, but let us encourage one another..."*
- ◆ the example of our Lord in Luke 4:16: *"on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom."* (Can a person really think that he/she is better than Christ and does not need to make weekly worship a custom in life?)
- ◆ When you were confirmed, you made a promise to the Lord to hear the Word of God and to receive the Lord's Supper faithfully.
- ◆ Parents, when your child was baptized you promised to bring them faithfully to worship in God's house.
- ◆ Are we being honest with God, our brothers and sisters in Christ, and ourselves when we absent ourselves from regular times of worship and listening to the word of Jesus? Have you chosen what is better?

What is it that makes worship life so important – more than a duty, obligation, an option -- to a Christian? Simply this: God has promised to be present for us with mercy and grace where His Word and Sacraments are found and properly used.

- ◆ St Paul wrote to Timothy concerning God's Word: *"From infancy you have known the holy scriptures which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ... [scripture] is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in*

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God's Text

Saturday Psalms 144-150

February 2

Monday Proverbs 1-3

Tuesday Proverbs 4:

Wednesday Proverbs 5-6

Thursday Proverbs 7

Friday Proverbs 8

Saturday Proverbs 9

February 9

Monday Proverbs 10-11

Tuesday Proverbs 12-13

Wednesday Proverbs 14-15

Thursday Proverbs 16-17

Friday Proverbs 18-19

Saturday Proverbs 20-21

February 16

Monday Proverbs 22-23

Tuesday Proverbs 24-25

Wednesday Proverbs 26-27

Thursday Proverbs 28-29

Friday Proverbs 30-31

Saturday Ecclesiastes 1-2

February 23

Monday Ecclesiastes 3-4

Tuesday Ecclesiastes 5-6

Wednesday Ecclesiastes 7-8

Thursday Ecclesiastes 9-10

Friday Ecclesiastes 11-12

Saturday Song of Songs 1-3

FEBRUARY MEMORY VERSE:

Let your heart not envy sinners,
but continue in the fear of the
Lord all the day.
Proverbs 23:17

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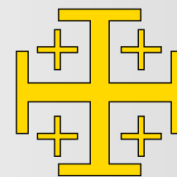
righteousness, so that they man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:15-16)

- ◆ Peter wrote: *"You have been born again... through the living and enduring word of God" (1 Peter 3:21)*
- ◆ The Lord of heaven and earth has invited you to come frequently to his meal for spiritual nourishment: *"Take eat. This is my body given for you... Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins."*
- ◆ Jesus said, *"Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it" (Luke 11:28).*

As we enter into this new season of Lent on February 26, as one of your pastors I urge to *"chose what is better"* and renew a commitment to be faithful in worship each Sunday and Wednesday, to listen to the word of Jesus, and be blessed by it. As we are attentive to God's Word, we learn how and receive power to live out our lives in self-giving Christian service.

People often ask the question: how can I support our pastors? There is nothing that encourages a pastor more in his ministry than to see people faithfully participating in worship and Bible study. Conversely, it can be a great discouragement when people are infrequent in worship and participation in Bible study. I'm not suggesting this be your motivation for faithful worship (only the Gospel provides proper motivation). With Christian candor and admonition, I am saying this is a way in which we can encourage one another.

Pastor Beck



Good Shepherd News

Shepherd Tours invites you to join us for a bus trip to see the Minnesota Twins play the Milwaukee Brewers on Wednesday, June 17th – 12 noon game. \$105.00 per person gets you great seats on the first baseline and transportation. This trip will fill up fast. Call Cheryl today to reserve your seat at 320-259-3491.



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website for the latest announce-
ments
regarding cancelled
events at Trinity this winter.



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Worship and Music Notes

From Everlasting to Everlasting

I recently finished a book entitled "The Priest" by Francine Rivers telling the account of the Exodus from Aaron's perspective. I was reminded of how disobedient the Israelites were and found it easy to wonder how they could be so repetitive in their sins against the Lord. Until I saw the parallel in my life. Day in and day out I fall prey to temptations and sins that stubbornly cling and creep into my thoughts and actions. How patient God is with me as well as the Israelites. His mercies and promises are eternal. It was Aaron's responsibility as High Priest to offer the daily sacrifices. He was humbled before the Lord and felt unequal to the task. Towards the end of the book he prayed that God would send a High Priest that would once and for all fulfill the high priestly duties perfectly to cleanse all sins forever.

Our High Priest, Jesus, has done all that was required of the Law perfectly and atoned for all our sins. How thankful I am for the love and forgiveness that I (and all of God's children) have received through the perfect sacrifice of our *Great High Priest*.

Psalm 90:1-2 is a prayer from Moses:

*Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.
Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world,
from **everlasting to everlasting** you are God.*

I find great comfort in these words. The LORD who was present in the cloud by day and pillar of fire by night is also with me through all my life. Daily struggles will still be experienced, but I know that I am cared for, loved, and forgiven through it all.

I am excited for our music programs to get under way this month. Watch for opportunities to RING and/or SING. Our Celebration Ringers and Sanctuary Choir will practice on Wednesday nights. Watch your bulletin for more details on dates and times. Ruth and I will be working together to provide leadership and organization to these choirs and we are counting on YOU to make them successful. 😊

Come, let us join our cheerful songs with angels round the throne;
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
Jesus is worthy to receive honor and power divine;
And blessings more than we can give be, Lord, **forever** Thine.

LSB 812:1 & 3

God's blessings to you as you continue in your songs of praise to Him who is *from **everlasting to everlasting***. Amen. Alleluia.

Daniel Reineke Traditional Music Director (320)248-7367

Prayer Shawl Ministry



As we “cozy” into winter spending more time indoors, it is a great time to knit or crochet a simple prayer shawl. The prayer shawl is crafted with prayer for comfort and healing for the receiver with the intent of being “Wrapped in His love.”

What if I don’t know how to knit or crochet? An introductory class can be given if there is interest. It would be wonderful to have involvement of our younger generations! Our seasoned individuals are welcomed as well. Youtube also has beginner knitting/crocheting videos.

Basic prayer shawl pattern directions are available at the info desk. We also have a large selection of donated yarns. Please contact Renee Rasmusson at (612)240-2686 or chat with me at church.

Disaster Response Training – February 29 at TLC

On Saturday, February 29, 9:00 am.--3:00 pm, Trinity is hosting an event for the Minnesota North District. Responding to a disaster is a vital part of who we are as members of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Responding to a disaster allows a congregation to confess Christ to their community, region and world in ways they may have never considered before.

Together, we will address the nature of disasters and explore what our response should be to disasters as members of the LCMS. We will explore how Christ has shown mercy to us, and how we can show our community that same Christ-like mercy. The goal is to prepare congregations and individual members to be better prepared when a disaster strikes and to help them know how to respond within their congregations, and in word and deed, within the greater communities.

The event trainer is Rev. Michael Meyer from the national office of LCMS Disaster Response in St Louis, MO. The three main sections of the training are: 1) An introduction to the LCMS Disaster Response program, 2) Congregational Preparedness and 3) Lutheran Early Response Teams (L.E.R.T.) There will be lots of free materials available for you to take home. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend the training. However, only LCMS members who are 18 years or older, receive certification as LCMS volunteers. Participants will receive a training manual and LCMS Volunteer vest.

Congregations are encouraged to send a group of people to this training so that when they return home there is a basis for a L.E.R.T. (team) to continue developing disaster response preparedness in their congregation.

Pre-registration by Monday, February 10 is required. Please register through the church office: office@trinitysr.org or (320) 252-3670. Provide your name, address, phone and email.

The cost is \$15 per person (all materials and lunch; pay at the door; make checks (\$15/ person) payable: “Trinity Lutheran Church—DR Training”

Any questions, contact Pastor Beck. He is one of two MNN District Disaster Response Coordinators.

To learn more about LCMS Disaster Response, go to:

<https://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/disaster-response/resources>



LWML

Will meet on Thursday
February 13th at 1:00pm in the
Fellowship Hall



All ladies
are welcome!

Dine to Donate

House of Pizza on
Monday 2/24 from 5:30 -8:30 pm
SARTELL ONLY
(Dine on or take out only)

Prince of Peace Mission Statement:

The mission of Prince of Peace Lutheran School Association is to establish a lifetime educational ministry for children and their families based on the Gospel of Jesus Christ, focusing on academic excellence and spiritual growth from generation to generation.

Save the Date!

The Spring Prince of Peace Scholarship Dinner and Auction will be Sunday, April 5th. Watch for details to come!

Lutheran Student Fellowship

It has been fun meeting with the returning students once again this year. A new young man "Victor" lives at the ministry house and continually thanks me for allowing him to live here. He continues to try new events (he does not know how to skate)-but planned a skating event! He asked if he would be allowed to invite a student to Bible study, because he likes our Bible studies and continues to learn new things. He even enjoys sitting at the kiosk meeting new people and inviting students to LSF. He got up at 6:30 am to shovel the sidewalks! Yes indeed God blesses the ministry in spite of myself being here! Your prayers continue to be felt each and every day! Thank you!

Thank you for your continued prayers and your willingness to help at the LSF ministry-YOUR ministry set before us by God. May God bless and keep each of you this year of 2020!

In Christ,

Barbara Hertling, DCE

Lsf.scsu@gmail.com



Bricks & Mortar in February

5th	6-7:15PM	Brick: 3rd Article of the Apostles' Creed with parents' class
12th	6-7:15pm	Brick: 3rd Article of the Apostles' Creed
19th	6-7:15pm	Brick: 3rd Article of the Apostles' Creed
26th	6:00pm	Ash Wednesday Service/ 3rd Article

John 3:16

“For God so lo**V**ed the world,
That He g**A**ve
His on**L**ly
Begott**E**n
So**N**
That whosoever
Believeth **I**n Him
Should **N**ot perish,
But have **E**verlasting life.”

God's Grub - February

Feb 5: Sloppy Joes and chips

Feb 12: Spaghetti

Feb 19: Pizza



The Lutheran Island Camp 2020 Summer brochures will soon be available. If you can't wait for the brochures, you can go to the website and review the camps for this summer. Some programs do fill up early so get your registration completed online. If you have questions, please e-mail info@islandcamp.org or give camp a call at 218-583-2905.

Prince of Peace Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, February 23rd

10:30am to 1:00pm

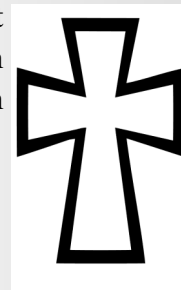
Free will offering



"The Crosses of Lent"

Ash Wednesday, February 26, marks the beginning of the Lenten season. Our theme this year is "The Crosses of Lent." Many different kinds of crosses have been fashioned over the centuries. This year you will learn about their history and significance as they point to the Lord -- His mission, life, passion, and resurrection. The theme will carry through the six Wednesdays of Lent as well as Holy Week. Worshipers will receive a different cross each week to take home. As we journey together through our Lord's passion to the joyous victory of His resurrection, you may want to have a space to display and talk about the "Crosses of Lent."

Wednesday evening services are at 6:00 p.m. Come early at 5:00 pm and enjoy a Lenten supper served in the fellowship hall.



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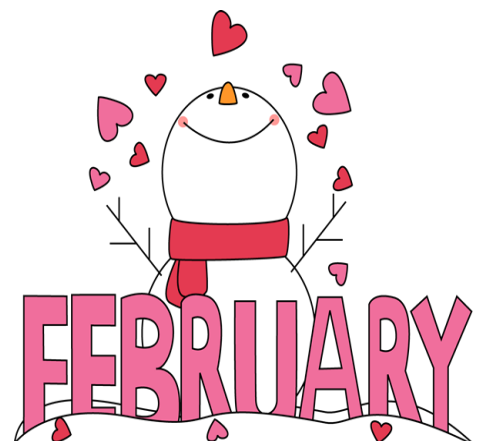
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February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:00am Altar Guild
2 8:00am Worship (HC) Z2 9:15am SS & Bible Class 10:30am Worship Z3 12:00pm Anyuak Worship	3 6:30 -7:30pm Preschool Open House at POP	4 9:00am Pastors' Circuit Mtg. 6:30pm 'Life with God' Class 7:00pm Friends in Harmony (W)	5 7:00am Men's Bible Study @ GS 5:00pm God's Grub 6:00pm Bricks & Mortar 6:00pm Celebration Ringers	6 6:30 -7:30pm Preschool Open House at Trinity	7 6:00pm Narc. Anon. (CC) 5-9pm Girl Scout Event	8 9:00am Altar Guild
9 8:00am Worship (HC) Z4 9:15am SS & Bible Class 10:30am Worship Z5 12:00pm Anyuak Worship 2:00pm Private Event 4:00pm Creative Crafts	10 6:00pm Bev's CC (CM) 6:30 -7:30pm Preschool Open House at Holy Cross	11 6:30pm 'Life with God' Class 7:00pm Friends in Harmony (W)	12 7:00am Men's Bible Study@ GS 5:00pm God's Grub 6:00pm Bricks & Mortar 6:00pm Celebration Ringers 6:45pm Sanctuary Choir	13 1:00pm LWML 5:30pm Lay Ministry Mtg. 6:00pm Worship Team 6:30 Leadership Mtg.		15 9:00am Altar Guild
16 8:00am Worship (HC) Z1 9:15am SS & Bible Class 10:30am Worship Z2 12:00pm Anyuak Worship 1-5pm Youth Roller Skating at Skatin' Place 4:00pm 4H Meeting		18 6:00pm Boy Scouts Banquet 6:30pm 'Life with God' Class 7:00pm Friends in Harmony (W)	19 7:00am Men's Bible Study @ GS 5:00pm God's Grub 6:00pm Bricks & Mortar 6:00pm Celebration Ringers 6:45pm Sanctuary Choir	20 6:00pm Worship Team 6:00pm Girl Scouts	21 6:00pm Narc. Anon. (CC)	22 9:00am Altar Guild
23 8:00am Worship Z3 10:30-1:00pm POP Pancake Breakfast 9:15am SS & Bible Class 10:30am Worship (HC) Z4 12:00pm Anyuak Worship 4:00pm Creative Crafts	24 9:00am NL Assembly 6:00pm Bev's CC 5:30-8:30pm POP Dine to Donate at House of Pizza in Sartell	25 6:30pm 'Life with God' Class 7:00pm Friends in Harmony (W)	26 ASH WEDNESDAY 7:00am Men's Bible Study@ GS 5:00pm Lenten Dinner 6:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship (HC) Z5 <div style="text-align: center;"> ASH WEDNESDAY</div>	27 6:00pm Worship Team	28 6:00pm Narc. Anon. (CC)	29 9:00am Altar Guild 9:00am – 3:00pm Disaster Relief Training
		Notes:				
Room Reservation Key	W=Worship Space	Scl=Small Class Room	M=Music Room	Lcf=Large Conf Room	CM=Care Ministry	
O=Overflow Room	F=Fellowship Hall	Lcl=Large Class Room	Y=Youth Room	Scf=Small Conf Room	K=Kitchen	
CDC=Child Development Cntr						

February Birthdays

Name	Bday
Carol Copeland	2/1
Becky Haehnel	2/2
Russell Riehm	2/2
Dan Reberg	2/3
Donald Klug	2/3
Emma Schwartz	2/3
Lynn Zormeier	2/3
Morris Reberg	2/3
Tracy Molitor	2/3
Carol Sova	2/4
Meghan Lentz	2/4
Wayne Kulzer	2/4
Lorin Besser	2/5
Kaitlin Reichel	2/7
Marie Koepf	2/7
Russel Keske	2/7
Kaden McLaughlin	2/8
Adison Peterson	2/9
Aubrey Schlueter	2/9
Rose Zwick	2/9
Brent Behrens	2/10
Thomas Schleicher	2/10
Anieno Agada	2/11
Tasha Prow	2/11
Jeff Zimmer	2/12
Spencer Buerkle	2/12
Walter Stay	2/12
Brandon Stafford	2/13
Ethan Boettcher	2/13
Garrett Feuling	2/13
Rachelle Anderson	2/13
Barbara Neske	2/14
Connie Bump	2/14
Haydn Swenson	2/14
James Weide	2/14
Jason Abfalter	2/14
Kelly Meierhofer	2/14
Lydia Hinz	2/14
Bradley Philabaum	2/15

Name	Bday
Danielle Miller	2/15
Robert Zwick	2/15
Sarah Watson	2/15
Vivian Borgerding	2/15
Jessica Raveling	2/16
Akim Oman	2/18
Kathy Schlueter	2/18
Bridget Miller	2/19
Donna Esselman	2/19
Holly Nelson	2/19
Jake Machula	2/19
Elizabeth Anderson	2/20
Laurie Gerchy	2/20
Matthew Friedrichs	2/20
Cindy Clitty	2/21
Delroy Molitor	2/21
Jayden Felchle	2/21
Judith Rogosheske	2/21
Lori Stuart	2/21
Hannah Cassen	2/22
Gary Fleahman	2/23
Samantha Roering	2/23
Brayden Jevne	2/24
Marc Cassen	2/24
Nicole Kulzer	2/24
Silas Brashear	2/24
Badyed Oman	2/25
Haley Evenson	2/25
Sydney Morin	2/25
Clara Czech	2/26
Dan Ploof	2/26
Jenny Sprengeler	2/26
Tiffany Aagard	2/26
Jason Clitty	2/27
Joyce Lanz	2/27
Stacy Abraham	2/27
Kyle Lindquist	2/28

