



The Carillon

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - NALC

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March 2019



Ash Wednesday
Service
March 6th
6:30pm

Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion

*Remember that you are dust
and to dust you shall return.*





First Communion

**Sunday, March 24th
10:45am**

First Communion for our fifth graders will be celebrated on Sunday, March 24th at the 10:45am worship service. A special fellowship will be held in their honor in the Gathering Room prior to the service.

The Seder Meal will take place on Saturday evening, March 23rd at 7:00pm. This is an opportunity for parents and students to experience the Old Testament historic meal at which Jesus shared the First Communion with his disciples.

Those receiving First Communion are:

Own Baij	Anja Bradley
Breana Primeau	Drew Ramme
Chloe Roell	Evan Scott

We would also like to thank the instructors who helped prepare our fifth graders the past several weeks for this special moment in their faith journey. They are: Karen Baij, Jan Buckman and Molly Gustafson.



Midweek Lenten Services

Join us Wednesdays, beginning March 13th for our midweek Lenten services at 6:30pm. Our theme is "Perfect Love Casts Out Fear".



Soup Suppers

Just Around the Corner

Our first Soup Supper of the 2019 Lenten season will be held Wednesday, March 13th.

Delicious homemade soup, sandwiches, apples, cheese & ice cream will be served each Wednesday evening before our Midweek Lenten Worship Services. Serving starts at 5:30pm and continues until 6:15pm with worship beginning at 6:30pm.

To make this event happen we need your help in these areas:

- 5 people each week to bring their favorite soup and serve it.
- 2 sandwich makers each week.
- Serving & clean-up crews.

This would be a great servant event for Confirmation groups, families or Cursillo groups. Consider helping out one week during Lent and give the office a call.



Action

- Accept the resignation of Julie LaCost from the Endowment Board with regret.
- Approved Michele Johnson as Endowment Board member replacement for Julie LaCost, to expire in January 2020.
- Tabled 2018 surplus funds.
- Approved \$500 from National Benevolence for Mennonite Disaster Services to help with storm damage in Fort Myers, FL from Hurricane Irma. Chuck & Ginnie Gibson will be serving there the month of March.
- Approved the Vacation Bible School dates of July 22nd—25th.

Informational

- Insurance Policy deferred to Building & Grounds Committee
- Defibrillator training by Dr. Toby Carlson
- Security Update
- Committee Updates - none
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - March 5th, 5-6:30pm, proceeds for LWR
- Ash Wednesday Service - March 6th, 6:30pm
- Lenten Services & Soup Suppers, March 13th– April 10th.
- Light at the Inn - March 10 –16th
- First Communion - Sunday March 24th, 10:45am with a special fellowship in Gathering Room prior to the service.
- Pastoral Acts for January



Bible Study will break during Lent and resume on Thursday, May 2nd.

Light at the Inn

The week of March 10th - 16th we will host the Homeless Shelter. As of now they have 10 guests. This will take a significant amount of food to feed the guests and volunteers. If you would be willing to make a meal, supplement a meal or provide snacks, please call Terri at the church office.



Radio Broadcast is open for the next several weeks. It can be sponsored in honor or in memory of loved ones, anniversaries, birthdays, etc. Cost for radio is \$50, but any donation of \$30 or over is accepted.

NALS North American Lutheran Seminary

Dear Congregation of Our Saviour's,

On behalf of the NALS, I am writing to thank you for your gift to the Theological Education Fund of the NALC in the past year. Through your generosity and that of many other friends, our students are able to learn and train here without accumulating significant debt.

Below is a letter of thanks from a current student who has benefited from your wonderful gift and is receiving a scholarship. We hope that you will feel more connected to the students by reading one of their stories and that you will remember this student in your prayers. This year alone, we have 14 full-time students who are receiving scholarships. As you can see from the letter, it makes an enormous difference to all of our students.

Dear Friend of the NALS,

Hello. My name is Colin Neill, I am 29 years old and a second-year MDiv student. I am writing you this letter in an attempt to begin to thank you for your generous contribution to the NALS and its ability to provide scholarships to seminarians. If it was not for your personal investment, this experience of being a part of such an incredible community and period of valuable spiritual formation would not be possible. It is difficult to express the sense of gratitude I possess in mere words, but please know



that your encouragement and support of me, my fellow seminarians and the future of the Church is immensely appreciated. Thank you so much for your obedience and faithfulness to the Lord's call!

In addition I thought you might like to know a little bit about whom you are helping support. Prior to coming to the NALS I served as the Director of Youth Ministries for 5 years at my home church, Zion Lutheran, in Brentwood, PA. It is here under the leadership of the pastors, along with continued encouragement and affirmation from the church as a whole, I felt the Lord calling me to seminary. Along with my time at Zion, the Lord has used numerous missional experiences in the larger church to mold and shape me as well. It is through all this that I have come to know the Lord more deeply; especially in fellowship & service within the Body of Christ. This summer I returned to a staff position at Zion, serving part-time as the Director of Summer Ministries. My main responsibilities included leading our VBS, Youth Mission Trip to Grand Rapids, MI and helping assist in the reformation of our Youth Ministry as a whole. I commute out to Trinity from my home in the South Hills and continue to help at Zion as much as possible throughout the year. I currently am not sure where or what the Lord will have me do after graduating from Trinity. I continue to be in the process of discernment, trying my best to remain in open obedience to God's call.

Thank you so much again for your overwhelming generosity, support and prayers!
Trusting in Jesus,
Colin M. Neill



Brochures & registration forms have been mailed to all those who attended a camping week last year. If one is needed you can download off their website or pick one up in the church office.

Our Saviour's will offer to our members a \$200 scholarship for full week campers & \$100 scholarships for mini camp. We will also offer scholarships for Women & Kids Week & Family Week. Please call the church for details.

Women & Kids Week - Single women, moms, grandmothers enjoy relief from daily meal preparation, clean-up tasks and constant childcare. Guest speakers, workshops and late night saunas refresh the body, mind and soul. (June 17th - 21st)

Onsite Day Camp - Explore all the fun of camp without staying overnight. The action packed day includes games, swimming, Bible study, crafts and much more. Day camp runs from 9am - 5pm Monday thru Thursday. (July 15th - 18th)

Rocket Camp - Participate in regular camp activities and add several hours a day for rocket building and launching. (July 21st - 26th) *Additional \$30 for materials.*

Art Camp - This offers time to explore your inner artist a couple hours a day, in addition to regular camp activities. (July 21st - 26th) *Additional \$30 for materials*

Jr. High Night Owl - Campers sleep all day and play all night. Moonlit adventures include stargazing, sunrise devotions & pancakes at midnight. Campers sleep in platform tents, cook over an open fire and learn more about nature. (July 21st - 26th)

Mini Camp - This 3 nights at camp is a great opportunity for new campers who have completed grades 2nd & 3rd to get a "taste" of camp and get kids used to being away from home. (July 7th - 10th)

High School Tree House Adventure - A unique blend of off-site adventures & traditional camp activities. (June 30th - July 3rd)

Leaders in Training - For campers interested in learning what it's like to serve on camp staff. The 3 weeks is a combo of leadership training, ministry education & camp activities.

Other camps offered are Victory Camp for adults with developmental disabilities, Grandparent/grandkid camp and Family Camp - full and half week.

- Cost for mini camp is \$295 and all full weeks are \$395.
- **Register by April 1st** and receive a \$15 - \$25 discount. (*not valid on day camp*)

See the website for more details or call camp. www.fortunelake.org or 906.214.2267



Sunday School

In Sunday School we have been learning about the parable of the sower. We learned that the farmer's seeds can fall on four types of different soil and that the seeds represent God's word and the soil, our hearts, when we hear God's word. We learned that if God's word falls on fertile soil that we can help grow God's kingdom. But we need to try hard to make sure our seed continues to grow and we can do this by being in God's word, praying regularly, going to church, attending Sunday school and being kind to others.

The children learned that we can always talk to God by praying. They made invites to share with others to help spread the message that we can pray anytime, anywhere, anyplace. Also that when we RSVP with God it will help us to set aside time to pray. Next week we will plant sunflowers and learn how we need to take good care of those seeds if we want them to grow. Much like we need to take care of our relationship with God.

In Christ's Love,
Your Sunday School Ministry Team

Senior High Youth

March 6th is Ash Wednesday and all Senior High youth are invited and encouraged to join with us in worship. Our Lenten schedule will be determined on February 27th during Youth Group and notifications will be sent out on the remind. Join the remind by texting @687fc9 to 81010.



ALL confirmation students are encouraged to attend midweek services. Confirmation classes will resume Wednesday, April 24th.



The BASIC kids have enjoyed each other's company each week and I personally have been so blessed to see these kids truly care for each other as they go through these middle school years! We have had some great conversations about how each of us is unique and special, and how our first priority is learning what God wants for us. We also talked about showing God's love to those around us. Especially when someone is not nice to us, we need to love them as God does. We continue to help with the Special Needs Service each month. Some have helped with snacks and decorations, others help with skits and puppet shows. This has been a great way for the kids to use their talents to serve the Lord. BASIC Training is for students in 6th - 8th grade and meets from 9:40-10:40 in the Youth Room each Sunday between services.



March Birthdays

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|----|-------------------|----|-------------------|----|--------------------|
| 1 | John Blomquist | 12 | Julia Berglund | 23 | Peyton Lindholm |
| | Marge Sparapani | | Austin Mitchell | | Loni Rochon |
| 2 | Joy Carlson | | Meredith Johnson | | Avaree Savage |
| | Damian Taff | 13 | Mike Holmes | | Audrey Yeale |
| 3 | Ian Berglund | 14 | Brooke LaFreniere | | Troy Watt |
| | Jim Mitchell | | Scott Ohlsen | 24 | Claire Rigoni |
| | Kalyn Myllyla | 15 | Raegon Pratt | 25 | Shirley Bradley |
| | Steven Rigoni | | Mya Watkins | | Kris Cohodes |
| 4 | Fred Giachino | 16 | Macy Holmes | | Zahla Rochon |
| | Olivia Maycroft | | Bryce Plonke | | Fred Shoquist |
| 5 | Abby Berglund | | Andrew Tyrcha | | Daniel Willman |
| | Naomi Conery | 17 | Paula Forstrom | 26 | Jack LaChapelle |
| 6 | Ben VanGuilder | | John Rockefeller | | Connor White |
| | David Wadke | | Shannon Rosenthal | | Jeff Tushoski |
| 7 | Willie Erickson | 19 | Ava Erkkila | 28 | Julia Bradley |
| | Terry Reed | | Kalie Johnson | | Dayna Lacosse |
| 8 | Heidi Gareau | 20 | Gary Aman | 29 | Cody Buckner |
| | Derek Kruppstadt | | Troy French | | Tom Nemachack |
| | Matthew Marchetti | 21 | Aryana Bowers | 30 | Donna Tanguay |
| 9 | Amanda Camp | | Julie LaCost | | Deanna Michaud |
| | Kathy Johnson | | Jessica Nelson | | Nathaniel Swartout |
| | Jodie Peterson | 22 | Betty Gerhard | 31 | Cherie Cerasoli |
| 10 | Justin LaVarrway | | Noah Markell | | |
| | Paisley Raiche | | Lori Unger | | |
| 11 | Sheila Gedwick | 23 | Brandon | | |
| | Joan Swartout | | Kowalkowski | | |
| | Paula Swartout | | Doug Hill | | |

God Club

Our first February God Club lesson was entitled **LOVE GOD, LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR**, with **Mark 12:29-31** as our Bible verse...

“The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”



We talked about how it isn't easy to keep these most important commandments, so we need God's help each and every day. We made handprint snowman “neighbors” and enjoyed VeggieTales' **Are You My Neighbor?**

After having such a positive experience performing Shel Silverstein's **The Giving Tree** with the B.A.S.I.C. Kids at February's Special Needs service, Miss Joy wanted to have more fun with it in God Club. For our second February gathering, she pulled out her homemade 40+ year old puppets and acted out this beautiful story of giving and loving without return. She chose **1 John 4:11-12** to go with the story...

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one

has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

It is a story of an apple tree who shows selfless love for the “boy” at all stages of his life. We made necklaces of wood slices and red “apple” beads. We each made one to keep and a couple to give away as we pass on this story of giving, loving and God's perfect love for all.

We sang **Jesus Loves Me** with this original verse...

**He wants us to love each day,
Everyone who comes our way,
Giving, sharing, serving all,
Old, and young, and big and small.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.**

Our last February lesson was put together by Miss Joy and Clara Anderson. Every once in a while, we enjoy following numbered clues throughout the church, making our way through an original treasure hunt. Clara designed and orchestrated a hunt for us, while Miss Joy put together a lesson on the **Parable of the Lost Coin**. With a bit of noise and much commotion, we were able to find the hidden treasure. Good job, Clara! Thank you!


Please know that we always have room for more students, grades 2-5, each Wednesday in the Creation Station classroom, after school until 5:00. Come and gather together to learn about, practice, and celebrate God's love — and bring your friends too!

Miss Joy



March 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8:30 Communion Service 9:40 Sunday School/B.A.S.I.C. 9:40 First Communion Class 10:45 Communion Service 6:00 First Communion Family Nite	8:15 Preschool 4 & 5's 4:45 Girl Scouts 6:00 Support Group 6:00 PEO	Shrove Tuesday 8:30 Preschool 3 & 4's 5:00 Council Executive 5:00 Pancake Supper 7:00 Ulireya	Ash Wednesday 7:00 Men's Breakfast 8:15 Preschool 4 & 5's 8:30 Sewing Bee 3:15 God Club 5:00 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 Ash Wednesday Service	8:30 Preschool 3 & 4's 10:00 Prayer at Altar	8:15 Preschool 4 & 5's	5:00 Evening Communion Service Set your clocks ahead!
						
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<i>First Sunday in Lent</i> 8:30 Communion Service 9:15 Praise Practice 9:40 Sunday School/B.A.S.I.C. 9:40 First Communion Class 10:45 Communion Praise Service 4:00 Special Needs Service 5:30 Light at the Inn begins	8:15 Preschool 4 & 5's 5:30 Light at the Inn 6:00 Girl Scouts	8:30 Preschool 3 & 4's 2:00 ManorCare Service 5:00 Church Council 5:15 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Light at the Inn	7:00 Men's Breakfast 8:15 Preschool 4 & 5's 8:30 Sewing Bee 3:15 God Club 5:00 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 Light at the Inn 5:30 Soup Supper 6:30 Midweek Service	Women's Non-Roman Cursillo 8:30 Preschool 3 & 4's 10:00 Prayer at Altar 5:30 Light at the Inn	Women's Non-Roman Cursillo 8:15 Preschool 4 & 5's 5:30 Light at the Inn 7:00 Holy Hour 8:00 Prayer Vigil	Women's Non-Roman Cursillo 5:00 Evening Communion Service 5:30 Light at the Inn
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<i>Second Sunday in Lent</i> Women's Non-Roman Cursillo 8:30 Communion Service 9:40 Sunday School/B.A.S.I.C. 9:40 First Communion Class	8:15 Preschool 4 & 5's 4:45 Girl Scouts	Newsletter Deadline 8:30 Preschool 3 & 4's 5:15 Women's Bible Study	7:00 Men's Breakfast 8:15 Preschool 4 & 5's 8:30 Sewing Bee 3:15 God Club 5:00 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 Soup Supper	Women's Roman Cursillo 8:30 Preschool 3 & 4's 10:00 Prayer at Altar	Women's Roman Cursillo 8:15 Preschool 4 & 5's	Women's Roman Cursillo 5:00 Evening Communion Service 7:00 Seder Meal
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<i>Third Sunday in Lent</i> 8:30 Communion Service 9:15 Praise Practice 9:30 First Communion Fellowship 9:40 Sunday School/B.A.S.I.C. 10:45 First Communion Praise Service	8:15 Preschool 4 & 5's	8:30 Preschool 3 & 4's 5:15 Women's Bible Study	7:00 Men's Breakfast 8:15 Preschool 4 & 5's 8:30 Sewing Bee 3:15 God Club 5:00 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 Soup Supper 6:30 Midweek Service	8:30 Preschool 3 & 4's 10:00 Prayer at Altar	8:15 Preschool 4 & 5's	5:00 Evening Communion Service
<i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i>						
8:30 Communion Service 9:40 Sunday School/B.A.S.I.C. 10:45 Communion Service						





March Volunteer Schedule

Date	Time	Ushers	Lectors	Acolytes	Nursery
March 3	8:30 am	Adam Buchcuski Brent Buchcuski Hayley Buchcuski Larry Partanen	Chuck Vercoe	Gabe LaFreniere Geno Schindrele	Mandy Shogren Jane Vercoe
	10:45 am	Michele Johnson Kalie Johnson Sandra Edgar Fred Shoquist	Deb Jump	Sam Yake Adyson Shogren	Kayla Johnson Macy Edwards
March 6 Wed. Ash Wed.	6:30 pm	Terry Reed John Reed Eli Reed Raquel Boone	Lynne Reed	Lexi Stanley Gabe LaFreniere	-----
March 10 P&W	8:30 am	Brett Baij Karen Baij Steve Westphal Troy French	Donna Westphal	Troy Watt Hailey Greenleaf	Ali Bray Mya LaFreniere
	10:45 am	Wade Edwards Connor Edwards Bruce Buckman Jim Chartier	Blanche Walimaa	Ellie Smart Connor Watts	Mandy Shogren Abby Richer
March 13 Wed.	6:30 pm	Confirmation Group			-----
March 17	8:30 am	Steve Faust Kory Pontbriand Damian Taff Tania Taff	Kellie Klossner	Garrett Veale Audrey Veale	Ali Bray Gabe Celello
	10:45 am	Deb Jump Sandra Bale Jason Roell Marge Sparapani	Gretchen Strom	Nolan White Matthew Richer	Kayla Johnson Sophie Anderson
March 20	6:30 pm	Confirmation Group			-----
March 24 P&W	8:30 am	Todd Veale Dennis Veale Ernie Larson Pam Larson	Nancy Buchcuski	Clara Anderson Cole Baij	Ali Bray Josie Scott
	10:45 am	Bill Wagner Dodie Wagner Jon Walimaa Blanche Walimaa	Bev Wadke	Brett Ramme Madison Jungles	Mandy Shogren Ellie Smart
March 27	6:30 am	Confirmation Group			-----
March 31	8:30 pm	Steve Westphal Donna Westphal Verna Hower Everett Anderson	Joy Nasi	Eli Reed Wyatt Scott	Ali Bray Donna Tanguay
	10:45 am	Doug Luoma Julie LaCost Jim Chartier Monica Chartier	Renee Yake	Paige Janousek Eden Janousek	Kayla Johnson



Date	Time	Ushers	Lectors	Acolytes	Nursery
April 3	6:30 pm	Confirmation Group			-----
April 7	8:30 am	Terry Reed Lynne Reed John Reed Raquel Boone	Patrick Tanguay	Sophie Anderson Alyssa Englund	Ali Bray
	10:45 am	Geoff White Family	Dodie Wagner	Julie LaCost Mya Watkins	Mandy Shogren
April 10	6:30 pm	Confirmation Group			-----
April 14	8:30 am	Jason Anderson Family	Paula Swartout	Jared Johnson Cole Myllyla	Ali Bray
	10:45 am	Fred Shoquist Doreen Olson Debbie Sleik	Jason Roell	Adyson Weber Mackenzie Primeau	Kayla Johnson
April 18 Maundy Thursday	6:30 am	Steve Westphal Donna Westphal		Sophie Anderson Clara Anderson	-----
April 21 Easter	6:30 am	To volunteer for Easter services please call the church office			-----
	8:30 am				-----
	10:45 am				-----
April 28	8:30 am	Tim Hallenbeck Family Chuck Vercoe	Heidi Gareau	Elaina Bortolini Alaina Bortolini	Ali Bray
	10:45 am	Michele Johnson Kalie Johnson Sandy Edgar	Ali Bray	Marcella Martonen Evan Mendini	Mandy Shogren
May 5	8:30 am	Jaeme Kaski Mark Klossner Bennett Klossner Harrison Klossner	Joy Nasi	Lexi Stanley Mya Grunlund	Ali Bray
	10:45 am	Wade Edwards Connor Edwards Bruce Buckman	Bob Williams	James Chartier Sammy Chartier	Kayla Johnson

In Concert

Don Shire



Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Sunday, March 17th
6:00pm

More than a concert...a mission experience. Internationally known Trumpeter/Recording Artist/Missionary will be at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 900 Central Avenue, Florence. There is no admission charge. A freewill offering will be received.



When you are in the middle of a situation, it's hard to see what's happening. But, when you sit in a support group across from someone who is going through the same thing, it gives perspective. This is a group of families, friends and individuals living with someone who has a mental illness. It is important to know that you are not alone. The confidential support group will meet the first Monday of the month, beginning March 4th, from 6 – 7pm in the Gathering Room. For questions, please email Vicki at vickie-cas@gmail.com or text at 906.282.7760.

Special Needs Service
Sunday, March 10th - 4:00pm



We look forward to our next Special Needs Service with music, puppet presentation, communion & fellowship. Please invite someone that you think might benefit from this service.

Shakespeare for an Evening



Saturday, March 16
2:00pm and 7:00pm

Presented by the Dickinson County
Community Theatre

Scenes from Romeo and Juliet
Julius Caesar
Merry Wives of Windsor
Macbeth & Hamlet

Tickets are \$12 at the door and online at
thebraumart.org



40 Years - March 17
 Larry & Joan Swartout
 15 Years - March 27
 Todd & Marci Veale

Sympathy to:

- * Dave & Bev Wadke on the death of her mother, Doris Becker.
- * Bill & Dodie Wagner on the death of their sister-in-law, Judy Wagner.

THE LYDIA CIRCLE will meet on Tuesday, March 19th at 1:00pm in the Gathering Room.

Thank You from:
 Marci Veale

**God's Love Gift
 Wrapped**



The March donation for our Lutheran World Relief Health Kits will be:

**Nail Clipper with file attached
 (NO toenail clippers please)**

Don't Forget!



SET YOUR CLOCKS

Ahead!

**Sunday - March 10th
 2:00am**

Financial Report

Jan. Receipts \$26,877.60
 Jan. Expenditures \$27,782.64
 Balance (\$905.00)

Monthly Benevolence \$300.00
 Disbursed \$636.57

Attendance

Feb. 3 214
 Feb. 10 169
 Feb. 17 196
 Feb. 24 120

Alpha Omega Local
 AGAPE Fund



Our Pre Kindergarten class has been busy working on unit about measurement. During January they learned about length, height, weight, and capacity. They compared the shapes and sizes of a variety of objects to determine which are longer, shorter, taller, heavier, or lighter. They also measured objects using unifix cubes, paper clips, scales, and even marshmallows to determine height, length, and weight. For capacity they compared containers to determine which hold more or less of an object/material.

In February, we celebrated Valentine's Day with a class party on Wednesday, February 13. We also learned about our five senses: smell, taste, sight, touch, and hearing. The students participated in a variety of activities that showed them how our five senses work for us every day. We listened to and guessed sounds, had a taste test, made fruity smelling paint with Kool-Aid, and used our sense of touch to feel objects that are smooth, soft, rough, sticky, and bumpy.

We have been learning about the life of Moses as a part of our Bible lessons. As we wrapped up those lessons in February we learned about the walls of Jericho, the life of Samuel, and David and Goliath.

In Preschool our students have spent the last two months working on number recognizing and identifying the numbers 0-10. The projects and activities they did helped them learn one-to-one correspondence (*for example, the number 4 tells us we need 4 corresponding objects*), match numbers to objects in a group, and recognize numbers in print. In January all their projects had a winter theme and they made mitten, snowmen, and snowflake crafts. In February we continued with the same number unit, this time with a Valentine's Day theme. The preschoolers also had a Valentines Party and exchanged Valentines with their friends on Thursday, February 14.

We have been learning about Jesus' life on Earth and many of the miracles he performed. Our lessons have included: Jesus Feeds 5,000 People, Jesus Teaches Peter to Trust, The Good Samaritan, Jesus Heals Ten Sick Men, Jesus Teaches Mary and Martha, Jesus Blesses the Children, Jesus and Zacchaeus, and Jesus is the Good Shepherd.

Ms. Sarah



Mr. Mark after a hard morning of Snow blowing!



Thrivent Choice Dollars

Since 2010, over \$414 million has been distributed to thousands of churches, schools, and other nonprofits just like Our Saviour's through Thrivent Choice®. Through this program, eligible members can make an impact by recommending where Thrivent donates its charitable outreach dollars each year.

We are excited to share, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church received \$5,295 in charitable outreach funding in 2018. All 2018 Choice Dollars® have been made available for members to direct and 2018 Choice Dollars expire on March 31, 2019, so be sure to use them before it's too late.



Grief Support

Community Grief Luncheon is held the third Thursday of each month at Maple Creek in the Midtown Mall from 11:30 – 1:00pm.

OSF Hospice hosts

this luncheon for bereaved people to gather for informal conversation and support.

Meetings are open to the community and each attendee is responsible for purchasing their own lunch. If schools are canceled due to inclement weather, so is the luncheon.



*For God so loved
the world that he
gave his one and
only Son ...*

John 3:16



Pastor's Link

The LORD said to Moses: "Write these words; in accordance with these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel...And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments." – Exodus 34:27-28

Lent is a season of truth-telling. And truth is in short supply these days. Everything it seems is up for grabs. The data doesn't support your perspective? Keep looking and you will find some data that will. The science doesn't backup your worldview? Enlist some "alternative facts" and try again. Lent is an antidote to all this. The ashes we wear on our forehead are a no-holds-barred articulation of human origin and destiny in one sleek sentence: "REMEMBER YOU ARE DUST, AND TO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN." In Lent we tell the truth about the way things are within us: "We are in bondage to sin, and we cannot free ourselves." It is a hard truth; but it is a good truth to get in touch with, because it releases us from any notion that we can get our act together if we only try harder. In his explanation of the 1st Commandment in his Large Catechism, Martin Luther says: "Anything on which your heart relies and depends, I say, that is really your god. The intention of this commandment therefore is to require true faith and confidence of the heart, which fly straight to the one true God and cling to him alone." If we can't grasp this first commandment, what possible chance is there that we will honor the others?

The season of Lent reveals truth as paradox: on the one hand, the weakness of our wills and the limits of our abilities to do what God requires; and on the other hand, the height and depth of God's love for us in Jesus Christ and the boundless ability of the Holy Spirit to transform our lives. Contemplating this paradox is the core of our journey of Lent. The opening stanza of Brian Wren's hymn on the Trinity reads: "When minds and bodies meet as one and find their true affinity, we join the dance in God begun and move within the Trinity, so praise the good that's seen and done in loving, giving unity, revealing God, forever one, whose nature is community."

The central truth the season of Lent reveals is the constant voice of the Triune God calling us into relationship; through the Ten Commands; through Jesus' journey to the cross; through the baptismal font which gave us birth into God's family; through the Holy Communion of the table, which draws us together in community. All of these reveal the passionate longing of the Triune God to share the Divine Feast with us—to teach us the steps of the sacred Dance. This truth is more hopeful than anything the world can offer. So in a world so devoid of truth, we must confront Pontius Pilate's question of Jesus; "What is truth?" And we must hear Jesus words; "***I am the way and the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father, but by Me.***" That is our journey of lent, and may our journey to His cross be one of humble surrender and enlightenment, and may we make this journey together. Amen.

In Jesus precious Name - Pastor Paul

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Shrove Tuesday



Pancake Supper Tuesday, March 5th 5:00 - 6:30pm

Pancakes, sausage, applesauce and beverage will
be served from 5:00 – 6:30pm.

Cost is \$4 - adults, \$2 – children under twelve or \$12 per family.
Proceeds will go to Lutheran World Relief.
8th grade confirmands will be serving.



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