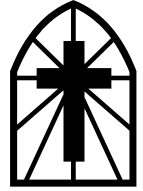


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# ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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## The Gospel in Seven Words

Imagine that a friend or family member who is unfamiliar with your Christian faith asks you to summarize the gospel. She isn't looking for a laundry list of doctrines. She has no interest in hearing you recite the Apostles' Creed. She wants to get to the heart of the matter. "In seven words or less," she says, "tell me what you believe as a Christian." What would you say? How would you put it? Are you prepared to confess your faith in Jesus?

To be a Christian is to "believe with your heart" and "confess with your mouth" the good news of God's love for us in Christ (Romans 10:9-10). Peter calls us to be prepared always to give a reason for the hope we have as Christians (1 Peter 3:15). Christians have the best news in the world to share! But are we prepared to share it?

During this season of Lent, we're going to prepare to celebrate Holy Week by sharing why Holy Week is so important. Our midweek worship services will serve as opportunities to consider the many ways in which the Scriptures proclaim Jesus. During the weeks of Lent, each of us will be working on our own summary, with the hopes that all of us are more prepared to share the good news of Jesus. Come and join us this Lent, and join us by crafting your own confession of the gospel!

In the Love of Jesus Christ, Pastor Toensing



**PLEASE HAVE ALL INFORMATION OR ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER TO CHRIS HOLLMAN BY 25TH, THANK YOU!**



Clothing for Orphan Grain Train: We can once again send used clothing to Orphan Grain Train. When leaving clothes in the drop box outside the church by the back door, please mark them for either OGT or PCM (People's City Mission).

### Ash Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion

March 2, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

### Wednesday Lenten Worship

Weekly , March 9 through April 6, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.



#### BIRTHDAYS

1 Deb Ourada  
4 Titus Scholz  
6 Jacob Meinke, Conner Slama  
8 Deb Nyhoff, Deb Walker  
10 Eric Dewey, Addilyn Brethouwer, Willa Hughes  
11 Tessa Petereit, Ryan Strufing  
13 Butch Mehl  
15 Taylor Ziemann, Chris Williams  
17 Andrew Ellingson, Marlow Meinke, Lane Wendelin  
19 Larry Pomajzl, Jolene Reetz  
20 Bradley Pomajzl, Jr.  
21 Sandra Reiss, Steven Toensing  
23 Cindy Hoesche, Isaac Meinke, Maggie Wohl

25 Jerry Ferguson, Cathy Hollman

27 Marla Musil, Alice Poole

29 Dennis Kattau, Jaxon Trautman, Rylyn Trautman

31 Cheryl Langfeldt, Kurt Reetz

#### BAPTISMS

2 Tory Dello

5 Logan Adam

6 Angie Louch

8 Shelley Toensing

9 Ryan Meinke

11 Nick Hollman, Katelyn Novak

12 Dave Eggert, Jerry Ferguson Jr., Dolyn Meinke, Allan Reetz

13 Camryn Adam, Del Reiss

14 Steve Schultz

15 Megan Korbel

16 Jace Ourada

17 Kade Nelson

19 Deb Walker

21 Peggy Bojanski

22 Titus Scholz

25 Glen Louch, Jacob Meinke, Blythe Dewey

26 Deb Ourada

29 Matt Ellingson, Ken Kahle, Willa Hughes

30 Joe Ellingson, Dan Underwood

**OUR MISSION** Share the Joy of His News by growing inward through God's Word, Sacraments and fellowship and by growing outward through words, actions, and mission outreach.



**That All May  
Know Him**

## LWML MEETING TIME CHANGE

Due to dwindling attendance, the LWML is trying a new meeting time. We will meet the same day of each month but at 10:00 am. We will trial this and see how it goes. So, the next meeting is on Tuesday, March 15, 2020, at 10:00 am in the upstairs conference room. Please give us a try!

## LAMBS OF CHRIST REQUEST...

Lambs of Christ currently does not have a St. John's representative on our committee. Please consider volunteering to join our committee. Please contact us—your willingness to serve would be greatly appreciated!

Lambs of Christ Preschool and Child Care  
402-826-4375

Website: [lambsofchristcrete.com](http://lambsofchristcrete.com)

## LADIES AID MINUTES

St. John Ladies Aid met on February 23, 2022. Diane Kahle led us in Bible study on “More Than a Glimmer of Hope” from Romans 8:32 and “His Purpose – My Purpose” from Philipians 1:21.

Roll call was taken with 8 members present. The minutes of the November 2021 meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given.

We received a donation from the family of Gerald Reetz for serving at his funeral.

There were 12 in attendance at the Christmas lunch on December 15 after the morning advent service.

Dianne Kouba will be installed soon as the Vice-President of Ladies Aid.

The items on the Narthex bulletin board will be taken down at the end of February. Thank you to Ellie Koch for decorating the bulletin board.

The cookbook committee is making progress on decisions on how to format the cookbook. We are receiving recipes and will continue to receive those until the end of April.

There was discussion on the 100th anniversary celebration on whether or not to have a speaker for this celebration and on advertising in the Crete News. We picked April 23 or April 30 of 2023 as the celebration date. We will check with Pastor Toensing to see which date works best for him.

The hostess list was passed around.

A February anniversary was celebrated by Roger and Donna Brunelle and Shelley Toensing, Bonnie Bleich and Linda Eggert celebrated birthdays. We sang the birthday song. Marvin & LaVonne Nitzel, Larry & Linda Pomajzl and David & Deanna Eggert celebrated anniversaries in January.

Deb Walker will be the hostess for March.

We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Deb Walker, Secretary

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER GROWTH

**Schedule at a Glance**

Worship Service (Sundays)	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School/LYF (Sundays)	10:30 a.m.
Bible Class (Sundays)	10:30 a.m.
Midweek Classes (Wednesdays) during Lent	6 pm to 7:15 pm
Quilting Group (March 8)	9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Ladies Morning Bible Study (March 12)	10:00 a.m.
Lutheran Women in Mission (March 15)	10:00 a.m.
Ladies Aid Meeting (March 30)	2:00 p.m.



Forms for you to use to submit recipes for the new Ladies Aid cookbook are available on the table in the narthex. Also, there you will find a drop-box for your completed recipes. Submit as many as you would like!

Or, you may email or text your recipes to Deb Walker at

walker.jamesdeb1@gmail.com

You have through the month of April to submit your recipes. Join us in making this the best church cookbook full of recipes we all can enjoy!

Thank you from the Ladies Aid!