

February 2019

THOUGHTS FOR THE JOURNEY

"Caught in the Act"

"As Jesus was walking along, he saw Matthew sitting at the tax booth and said to him, 'Follow me.' Matthew got up and followed him." -Matthew 9:9

Tax collectors in Biblical times were more despised than drug dealers are today. At least some people actually want to do business with drug dealers.

Tax collectors were local Jews hired to extract money from other Jews to fund the horribly oppressive activities of their Roman rulers. These tax men collected hard-earned money to support people no one wanted around.

Worse than that, tax collectors demanded payments in excess of what Rome required, making themselves stinking rich. Next to a tax collector, most anyone could feel better about themselves.

And yet, Jesus hung out with them, ate with them, and invited one of them to be his disciple. When Jesus called Matthew to follow him, Matthew was sitting at his tax booth, caught in the act of his dishonorable dealings, with no time to "get right with God" first.

In the same way, Jesus isn't going to wait for you to be perfect before calling you to follow Him. Not even Jesus has that much time. In fact, it would be just like Jesus to call you when you are caught red-handed, when you are doing your worst, when you don't have time to clean up your act, or when you feel totally unfit and undeserving.

That's when grace prefers to make Her move.

Peace,

Pastor Joel



Volunteers Needed!

Beautification work is being done at Advent in the beds in the front of the property. On Saturday, February 9th starting at 9A we will need volunteers to assist with the project. This is a work day for all to come out and help, make sure you wear your work attire! And bring shovels, gloves and wheelbarrows if you have them.

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Preschool—5th graders start in room 2/4 of the CGC building from 9:45-10:45am on Sunday mornings. After a 15 min opening, children rotate each week to a different workshop. Workshops include Arts & Crafts, Games, Creative Cooking, Movies, Science, Drama, and more.



For children in Preschool – 2nd grade. This group meets in the CGC building on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday evenings of most months from 6:30-8 pm. Feb. 6th & 13th, March 20th, April 3rd, & May 1st (Arlington Skatium)



For children in 3rd-5th grade. This group meets in the gym on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday evenings of most months from 6:30-8 pm. - Feb. 6th & 13th, March 20th, April 3rd, & May 1st (Arlington Skatium)

Date: **February 10th (please note corrected date)**

Time: 2-2:45pm

Place: Arbrook Plaza Nursing Home (401 W Arbrook)

Join Janet Wheeler, Nina Veach and Gail Schwebke as they pass out Valentines that the children will make at JAM / FLASH / RIOT to the residents of Arbrook Plaza Nursing home. No drop offs! Parents can wait in the front lobby or join us in passing out the valentines and visiting with the seniors.



Sign-up on the bulletin board in the CGC building if you would like to brighten a seniors life in this very simple way.



Summer & Confirmation Camp 2019 July 28th – Aug 2nd

All money must be given directly to Greta with checks made out to Advent Lutheran Church (DO NOT PUT IN OFFERING PLATE & DO NOT PAY BRIARWOOD.)

FAMILY FUN - Sunday 2/24/19 - 3-5pm

Get out that swimsuit and let's pretend its Summer!

Epic Waters is a 80,000 square-foot indoor waterpark with eleven waterslides, the longest indoor lazy river in TX, and an activity pool/play area for small children.

Cost: \$15 each (children 3 years and younger are free)

Our group event is from 3-5pm.

However, you may stay until the park closes at 9pm.

Parents must accompany children (NO drop-offs.)

Your ticket does NOT include food or game tokens.

We will be charged less for non-swimmers after all.

So the pricing will be \$15 for swimmers, \$10 for non-swimmers, and free for 3 and under.

The sign-up will start this Sunday.
You must signup by 2/17.



PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

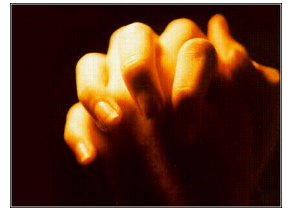
MEMBERS REQUESTING PRAYERS

HEALING: Boyd Tolles, Dianna Thibault, Keith Hutchins, Rita Beck, Louise Julius, Don Geist, Phil Howard, Jack Davis, Kathy Clay, Gottfried Weber, Earl Horn, Dee & Tom Riggelman, Dave Lindell, Maddie Johnson, Cambri Collins, John Staehle, Gil Ginn

WISDOM/STRENGTH/GUIDANCE: Gloria Cramer, Gwen Oller

LONG-TERM CARE: Doris Heikkinen, Dolores Trokey, Allen Sowle, JoAnn Kelley, Vivian Jacobson

MILITARY: Cpt. Jeff Horn Jr., Ben Bailey



Prayers requested for Non-Member Friends, Relatives

MOURNING FAMILY & FRIENDS OF: Winifred Mann, Judy Thomas, LaJuan Rice, Joan Dales, Dora Martinez's father

PENDING SURGERY: John Streyle

HOSPITALIZED: Lan, Erin Anderson

AWAITING BIRTH: Kelly, Paul & Katrina, Erin Anderson

HEALING: Nidia Veloz, Karen Gabrielson, Mark Knappenberger, Vivian McCallum, Janie McCarty, Dee Bosch, Reggie, Addison Dennis, Ethan Levins, Brenda Storey, Leon Warren, Peggy Haase, family of James Hawthorne, Richard Brass, Cindy Woodland, Barbara Guidry, Betty Lightle, Leo Smith, Brian Peaslee, Mary Lou Geist, Carlos Randol Jr., Evelyn Lawvere, Don Burgess, Linda Boyd, Milt & Barbara Sage, Dave VanBuskirk, Christine Thompson, Lawrence, Mary West, Remi Sier, Shawn Finer, Louisa Youree, Donna Brown, Melissa Freeman, Laurence Lowe, Shiela, Cynthia Ebert's grandson, Jessica Dawson, Cyndie, Leon, Keith Wyrick, Lisa Dunwiddy, A. C., Janet, Nick, Maureen Burgess, Marianne Rugely

COMFORT/WISDOM/STRENGTH/GUIDANCE/SAFETY: Walter Daniel, Paul Brown, Kent Brown, Pam Burgrass, Shane Eaton, John & Dixie Brown, Don & Brenda Storey, Darlene & family, Kirk, Paul Brown, Jean Schroeder, areas of disaster, Syria, Indonesia, Yemen, Pam Hall & her mother, Craig Cook

MILITARY: Dylan Hoog, Mike Kelly, Avery Shaw, Ben Reswick, Andrew Musfeldt, Travis Guidry, Matt Dennis, Brandon Ivey

PRAYER PARTNER: Green Oaks School, Malaika Children's Orphanage Foundation, UTA Lutheran Center, APD Officer Darren Vercruysse, Kairos Prison Ministry

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YOUTH INFO

"Top of Texas" Parent Information Meeting Sunday, February 3rd, in the Gathering Room @ 12:15pm
If your Youth (6th-12th Grade) is interested in attending the hiking and camping trip to Guadalupe Mountains National Park, during Spring Break, please attend for more information.

Youth Second Sunday in February: **Pizza & Game Day**
Sunday, February 10th 12:30 - 2:30pm Meet in Luther Hall

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MEN OF ADVENT



Come join us for an evening of food, fellowship and spirits on Wednesday, February 6th @ 6:30 pm at B. Louie Restaurant 4001 Bagpiper Way, Arlington (in the Highlands). Contact Tom Ness or Dick Wentzel with questions.



SENIOR-LED ACTIVE MINISTRY

February 6, 10:30, Tour and Lunch

Dan Dipert Career & Technical Center (AISD)

2101 Browning Street, Arlington, TX 76010

Carpool will leave at 10:00 from Advent.

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We will tour the fabulous AISD facility and learn about the multiple career path offerings. It is important that the group be there at 10:30 in order to sign in through their security. Joyce and Chuck Rearick will be there early to help with the sign in process. There is parking in the front lot on 303. Wear comfortable walking shoes.

The lunch will be prepared by the students in the Culinary Track. We must have a dining headcount and each person will need to RSVP individually for the lunch at their website between February 1 and February 4 for the February 6 visit.. The dining website will not be live until 2019 hence the later RSVP date. Each person has to place their order online but will pay at the Bistro. The food cost will be in the \$8.00 - \$10.00 range, payable by cash or check, no credit cards yet.



Please RSVP individually between February 1 and February 4 for the February 6 Bistro lunch at this website: <http://bit.ly/CTCBistroRSVP>



Please note that the link is not live at this time because we are not offering Bistro lunches for the remainder of 2018. When we return in January, the link will go live prior to the first Bistro date. You and your guests can make your menu selections on the form and your lunch will be reserved for you (the menu shows pricing for each item). You will pay at the Bistro counter, either by cash or check.

Save the Date!



Join us on February 10th between the 11:00am and 1:00pm services as we welcome our new Director of Worship & Music, Eric Bellah.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner: March 5th , 6:00pm - 8:00 PM in Luther Hall

Free Will Offering will go toward reducing the cost of camp & trip expenses
Bring your family & friends to enjoy a dinner of pancakes, eggs, bacon & sausage all prepared by the Youth Members.

Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper

