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Calendars:

*March serving us
Calendar in March*

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!

**Monday
March 30, 2026**



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A few Thoughts on Lent and Repentance

Ash Wednesday has passed and another Lenten season is upon us. I usually get overwhelmed when Lent comes so early in the year, especially when it is on the heels of the Christmas season. It seems there is almost no time to really prepare but nevertheless here it is. Both Lenten and Advent are times of preparation a spiritual preparation at that. Both are seasons looking forward to events, with Advent we look forward to the birth of our savior.

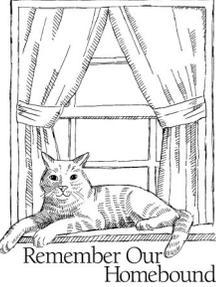
With Lent we are looking forward in anticipation of the cross and empty tomb. The Lenten season is often a time when the people of God look inwardly at themselves as part of reflection and repentance.

Lately I have been coming across articles and devotions that were highlighting what is known as “True Repentance.” But what is “true repentance”? What does it look like? Any believer in God and His Law would be truly repentant when we know our actions cause real harm or if we have done something truly regrettable in our lifetime. Yet True Repentance means looking inwardly at ourselves not just our actions. Lutherans sometimes skirt the issue of ‘depravity’ a word that is common among Presbyterian or Reformed circles. It is the idea that humans are utterly incapable of working towards any kind of righteousness, in other words people are completely depraved. We are completely dependent on God’s grace and that is where the repentant or should I say the truly repentant heart begins.



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Cards, calls and prayers are much appreciated by our Military and Homebound members:



Marion Bogle
 Marlene Cawelti
 Linda Crookes
 Diana Danforth
 Brian Henderson
 Doris Martell



Brenton Campbell
 Peter Stewart

LCoP Prayer Chain

When you have any prayer concerns, please let our prayer chain pray for you by contacting: office@lcop.org

Online Calendar!

Did you know that our event calendar is online so you can access it anytime, anywhere, from the internet? Check it out at www.lcop.org, click on resources under the church name. This will also be updated during the month as events change or are added! To update, please email info@lcop.org.

Join Our Email List!

Are you on our email list to have the newsletter and event reminders delivered to your inbox? Subscribe by sending an email to info@lcop.org.



Spring forward in faith!
 CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS and
join us on time for worship.
 On the 8th



God's blessings to everyone on your special occasion. If you don't see your name, please call the office to make corrections or additions. We want to include everyone!

♥ ANNIVERSARIES ♥

John & Diane Lunsford
 Pete & Kate Zimmermann

*** BIRTHDAYS ***

Gary Adams
 Frank Cressy
 Don Votaw
 Roy Eynaud
 Wayne Kauffman
 Rebecca
 Tim Hartnett
 Marion Bogle
 Marilyn Wilson

We honor birthdays and anniversaries on the second Sunday of every month. If you would like to help with refreshments for those who are celebrating,

Treasurer

Profit and loss from

July of 2024 to January 2026

LCOP income	expenses
\$201,903.85	\$223,290.77
WW income	expenses
\$287,899.26	\$275,018.96
Combined income	expenses
\$489,803.11	\$498,309.73

Thank you
 Terry Vergon
 Treasurer

Properties Board

The next meeting will be held on Monday March 16th 2026 at 6:30pm and the next work day will be on Saturday March 21st 2026 at 8am. Thank you to all those who were able to be there on the work day. We completed some minor maintenance projects, redid the cords holding the nets on the playground, raked and cleaned up the playground area, removed the leaves and debris from the church administration building rooftop. And a thank you to our special properties groundskeeper.

God keeps testing us with patience for the projects that take others to give us bids for. It's his time not ours.

Lets pray for our church and pastor.

Properties Board

Donald Votaw

Men of LCoP!

As we look forward to this spring, keep Saturday, May 2nd open. We will be having our annual Men's Retreat at the Campbell Ranch. You will not want to miss it as it will be a great day of teaching, fellowship, and food. More details will follow as we get closer to the event.

Thank you,

Tim

Please Save The Date!
All Ladies Retreat '26
To be Held:
May 2, 2026
@ Bethany Lutheran
10am-2pm
Guest Speaker-Amazing
Lunch Provided-Awesome
Fellowship-Aplenty
Fun-Always
Costa-A Pittance
More info to follow!

Wonder Window School Board



The Teddy Bear Parade as always, was a lot of fun. The kids decorate shoe boxes to pull their Teddy Bear or other stuffed animal around the back parking lot. Lots of parents and grandparents love to come and watch.

Thank you to those of you who bought Krispy Kreme donuts. Keep an eye out for your coupon which should come in an email.

As always please keep our Director, Teachers, Students and Families in your prayer.

Blessings,

Jann Votaw

Lenten Dinners @ 6pm and Lenten Service @7 pm
3/04 – Elders - Chili
3/11 – Campbell's Bible Study – Baked Potatoes
3/18 – SAM - Casseroles
3/25 – Choir – Taco Salad

SAM

SAM met on 2/7/26

Items for discussion:

Working on our 2026 Women's Retreat to be held 5/2/26 at Bethany Lutheran Church. Had our first meeting on 1/22/26 working on selection of our main speaker, Kristy is getting in touch with her and hopefully in Feb. we can sit down and go over what we need to have her focus on. More to follow.

Diaper drive for the Homeless Center was a big success, Linda Hartnett worked with Rebecca Smith to get it lined up.

SAM did a clean up in the library on 1/31/26 mainly getting rid of items we no longer use, took a Big load of goodies to Junkatique.

Terry is heading the Lenten Wed night dinners, SAM is doing Wed 3/18/26 casseroles.

Linda headed the first ice cream social at Rosemarys on 2/15/26 after church and there were 25 to attend.

Kristy is working on background information on the Elders the first was Tim Hartnett. There will be an article once a month.

We have been trying to get a salad luncheon with Grace Lutheran church but so far our dates are not working with their availability. We will still keep trying to make it work.

Next meeting 3/7/26 at 9:00 am.

Continued from Pastor,

The wonderful thing about this 'true repentance' is that it shows and magnifies God's grace even more. When we see ourselves as truly depraved that is completely reliant on God's grace and forgiveness, grace shines fourth ever so more in the darkness. Lent is a time to look inwardly not just our outer actions but as Jesus himself puts it, it is the heart which is the source of all things rather for good or evil.

Pastor Hendricks

Special Dates for March 2026

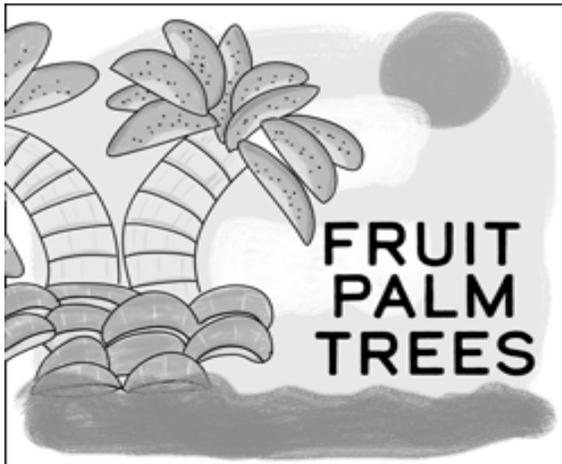
- World Day of Prayer, *March 6, 2026*
- Daylight saving time begins, *March 8, 2026*
- St. Patrick's Day, *March 17, 2026*
- First day of spring, *March 20, 2026*
- Holy Week, *March 29-April 5, 2026*
- Palm/Passion Sunday, *March 29, 2026*



Church Golfers! Come and join us!

Do you like to golf?

We golf every Friday morning!
For more information, please call
or text Roy Eynaud at
661/340-4521



These cheerful “palm trees” make a bright reminder of the celebration that greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem.

What you need:

- Bananas (for the tree trunks)
- Kiwis or green grapes (for the palm leaves)
- Mandarin oranges (for the ground)

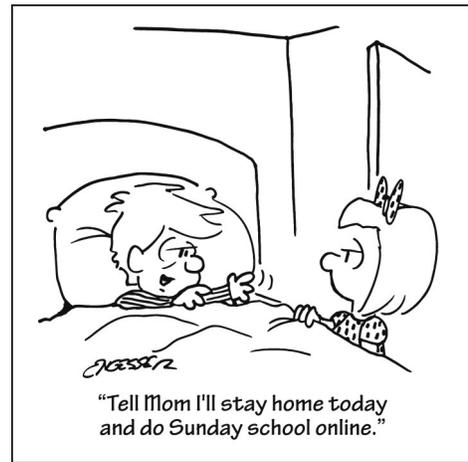


What you do:

1. Slice bananas in half lengthwise and place vertically on a plate.
2. Arrange kiwi slices or grapes at the top to form palm fronds.
3. Add oranges at the base.
4. Serve immediately or chill until ready to serve.

Scripture Tie-In:

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”
—Matthew 21:9 (NIV)



LCoP Missionaries’ Info

If you would like to pray for and learn more about them, and perhaps also support them through correspondence and/or finances, here is their infor-

Jonathan & Carrie Federwitz

Wycliffe Bible Translators/Lutheran Bible Translators Instructor position with JAARS, (Jungle Aviation and Radio Service). In Waxhaw, NC.

Contact: j-c.federwitz@gmail.com

Support: www.LBT.org

Nathan & Sarah Federwitz

nandsfederwitz@gmail.com

Campbell’s

support & contact info available at church.

Rev. Dr. Ross & Kris Shaver

Serving the Lord in the Dominican Republic

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
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You may also mail a check to:

[Payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod or LCMS. Include “Shaver - Dominican Republic” on the memo line.]

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