

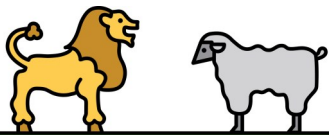


We are already quite into Lent, as we approach Easter, April 1, 2018. For centuries the church has thought of Lent as a penitential season. Somber, quiet and respectfully joyless. I learned all the why's and wherefore's in seminary. But honestly, I'm filled with joy that God would send His Son our Savior to Save us (me). How much more merciful could God be? How much more forgiving than to take all the sins of the whole world for all time and pay the price so they are not held against anyone who believes in Christ as their Savior? I'm joyful that I did not have to die for my sins, and I'm thankful I do not have to go to hell because of the price my sins would have cost me. I cannot be sad and somber because Jesus Christ paid the price for my sins and your sins. Satan has been defeated for me and all believers.

Having said all this, we the believers should take the time to acknowledge all that Christ did. Everything for our salvation has been accomplished for us, not through any effort or works we do but solely and only through Christ on the cross and His resurrection from the grave. In faith, all Christ's works are counted to us as righteousness. Maybe we should re-read Hebrews chapter 11. You and I are righteous in God's sight, and no more payment is needed for our salvation. What could be a more thrilling, joyous reality than to know that Heaven is our home and we truly are just strangers here through this pilgrimage to our final non-resting place, but the place where joys never end and worshipping the Lamb will exceed all we can imagine or desire? Plus, we will be re-united with all the faithful, all those who have gone before us in faith. I know what and who that means for me, and you know who that means for you. I'm excited about life everlasting.

Now we celebrate Lent a little differently. A little lighter, less dark, less foreboding. Come to our Lenten mid week meals, no one is crying, no one is all sad. It's a time of joy and togetherness. Christ dies that we might live and live to the full. Lent is a time to remember all that has been done for us and that we are forgiven of the sins we daily commit because of Christ as the sole and final payment for our salvation. But Lent should also open our eyes to see Jesus Christ as He really is. Full of compassion and love and healing for all. Maybe Lent should be a time of each and every Christian trying to live 6 weeks like Christ. Loving without condition, not gossiping (really), saying only the truth and leaving hearsay alone. Treating each other better than we treat ourselves. And talking, teaching and living the Gospel of salvation through Christ, as He did. The reality will be that, if we try and do that for 6 weeks, we will probably continue living that way (because it takes three weeks to form a habit). And at 6 weeks, living that way will be part of you. Maybe we should all try to live like Christ for 6 weeks and see if we could find a better way to live.

I propose that we, Christ Lutheran Church, Brooksville, FL live as Easter people. People who continue to celebrate the resurrection of Christ each and every Sunday. The day we worship is to honor the day Christ rose from the dead for us. So let's worship with joy, sing with gusto, yes, even the hymns we might not like or are "difficult". They are all in thanks and praise to God. We come to be in the presence of God and He graciously feeds us. With true Christian joy we worship and praise with Alleluia and Amen in our hearts. Our loving worship is to our Savior, Jesus the Christ, the Holy Spirit who brings us to faith and is in us keeping us in that faith, and the Father, who with the Son and the Spirit is worshiped and glorified. My joy is Easter, I pray it will be your joy now and forever.



MARCH

At HIS Service for March 2018

	Elders	Acolytes	Ushers	Greeters	Readers	Sound Room
Mar 4th	Rick Henry David Benschneider	Hayley Leschner	Phil Huntwork Carol Huntwork Janice Beamer Kathy Colvin	Arlene Denner Brad Colvin	Daryl Schaller	Phil Huntwork
Mar 7th			Alan Halladay Terry Halladay			
Mar 11th	Rick Henry Rick Bruner	Grace Meseke	Karl Kinzer Janet Kinzer Ken Eustice Margaret Eustice	Bob Love Janet Sowinski	Alan Halladay	Tom Knoll
Mar 14th			Ken Eustice Margaret Eustice			
Feb 18th	Rick Henry Karl Kinzer	Melanie Knoll	David Benschneider Angela Benschneider Claudette Talvan Inge Malone	Phyllis Smith Gerald Smith	Betty Dunstan	Brad Colvin
Mar 21st			David Benschneider Angela Benschneider			
Mar 25th	Rick Henry David Benschneider	Conor Knoll	Jeff Werner Bruce Timm Alan Halladay Ed Possin	Ernie Ohff Nell Ohff	Rick Henry	Phil Huntwork
Mar 29th	Rick Henry Rick Bruner	Kaylyn Hady	Phil Huntwork Carol Huntwork Alan Halladay Terry Halladay			
Mar 30th			Ken Eustice Margaret Eustice			

Altar Guild: Josh & Brooke Hady

Coffee Duty:

March—49er's
April— LWML Mary Martha
May—Mission Board



March

BIRTHDAYS

Celebrate

We praise God
for another year of
blessings!

Happy Birthday to:

- 03/01 Beth Landon
- 03/03 Kaylyn Hady
- 03/08 Betty Ellinghuysen
- 03/13 Skip Erickson
- 03/14 Alan Young
- 03/17 Sharon Lowe
- 03/18 Jeanine Keating
- 03/22 Theresa Hilton
- 03/25 Glen Lowe
- 03/28 Alan Halladay



March

ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Anniversary to:

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| 03/01 Franz & Robin Walter | 43 years |
| 03/05 Thomas & Cody Gray | 7 years |
| 03/19 Kenneth & Lois Winters-Goldy | 15 years |
| 03/24 William & Janet Yungmann Barkalow | 22 years |
| 03/25 Phil & Carol Huntwork | 57 years |



Group NEWS

Game Night

Game Night is here at Christ Lutheran Church March 2nd and is on the 1st Friday night of each month @ 7 pm. Domino's, Pinochle, or what would you like to play with others here at church? Come and enjoy a fun evening of fellowship.

Dartball Group

Dartball will be here on Saturday March 10th at 9am. No experience required. You will be shown how to throw a dart, and learn that "experience" players still have trouble getting on bases. Come and enjoy a fun morning in the Fellowship Hall and join the group afterwards for lunch.

LWML / Mary Martha

The LWML/Mary Martha group will meet Friday, March 9th 1pm. If you always wanted to attend our meetings but did not like driving at night, now is the time to join us! The Spring Rally will be on Saturday March 10th. Registration starts at 8:15 am.

49er's

The 49er's are meeting @ 5 pm on Friday March 16th. Chicken is being served. Bring a dish to share and plan to enjoy an evening of fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.

The Happy Sew N' Sews

If I come to Sew 'N Sews on March 1st and March 15th in the Fellowship Hall...

- Do I have to bring a sewing machine? No
- Do I have to bring scissors, thread, etc? No
- Would there be any fees to pay? No
- Do I have to provide fabric or yarn? No (Not unless you want to)
- Do I have to know how to sew? No
- Can I bring a friend or a neighbor that isn't a member of Christ Lutheran Church?
YES!

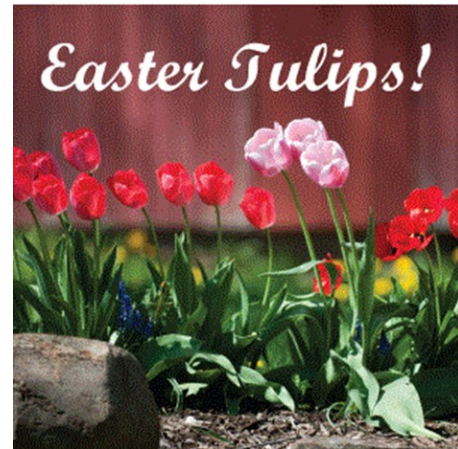
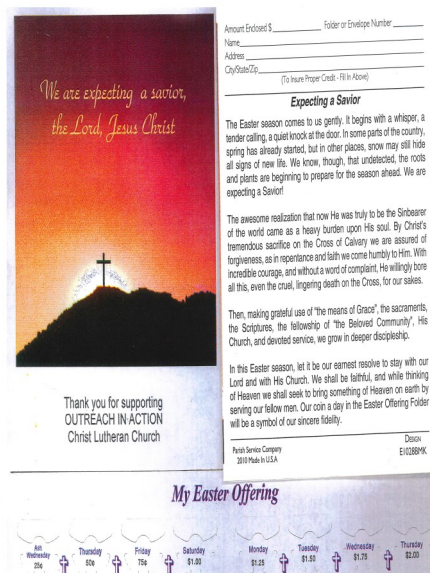
This is a group that is a local mission arm of Christ Lutheran Church. We provide items in our local area where there is a need. We'd love to have you join us!



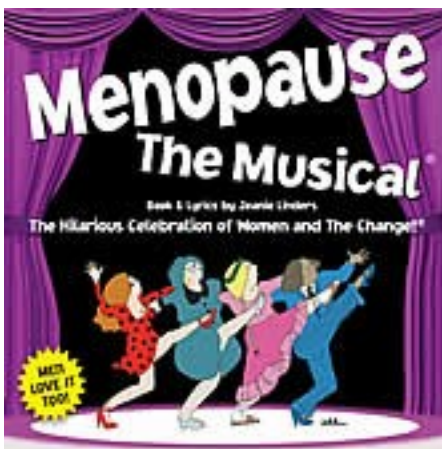
Breakfast served family style at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall on Easter Sunday, April 1st. A free will offering will take place. The LWML/ Mary Martha group will be your Hostesses

Lenten Offering Folders

Are available in the Narthex. The money given in these folders is given to OiA. OiA supports the mission work of the Wasmund family in South Korea and the Miller family in Southeast Asia.



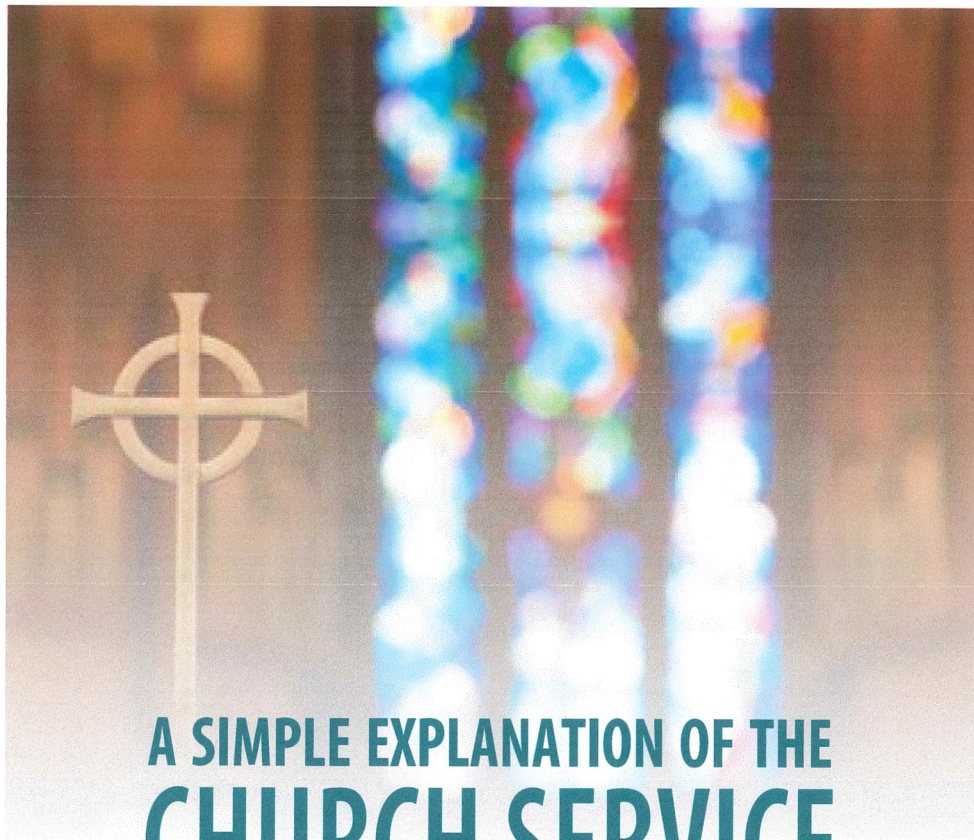
A sign up sheet is in the Narthex for Tulips to go on our Easter cross in church on Easter Sunday. Plants are \$8.00 each.



At The Show Palace in Hudson

Thu May 3, 2018 (DOORS AT 11:30, LUNCH AT 12:00, show at 1pm). The LWML Mary Martha Group has reserved 16 seats for this show. Those interested in going, please sign up in the Narthex.

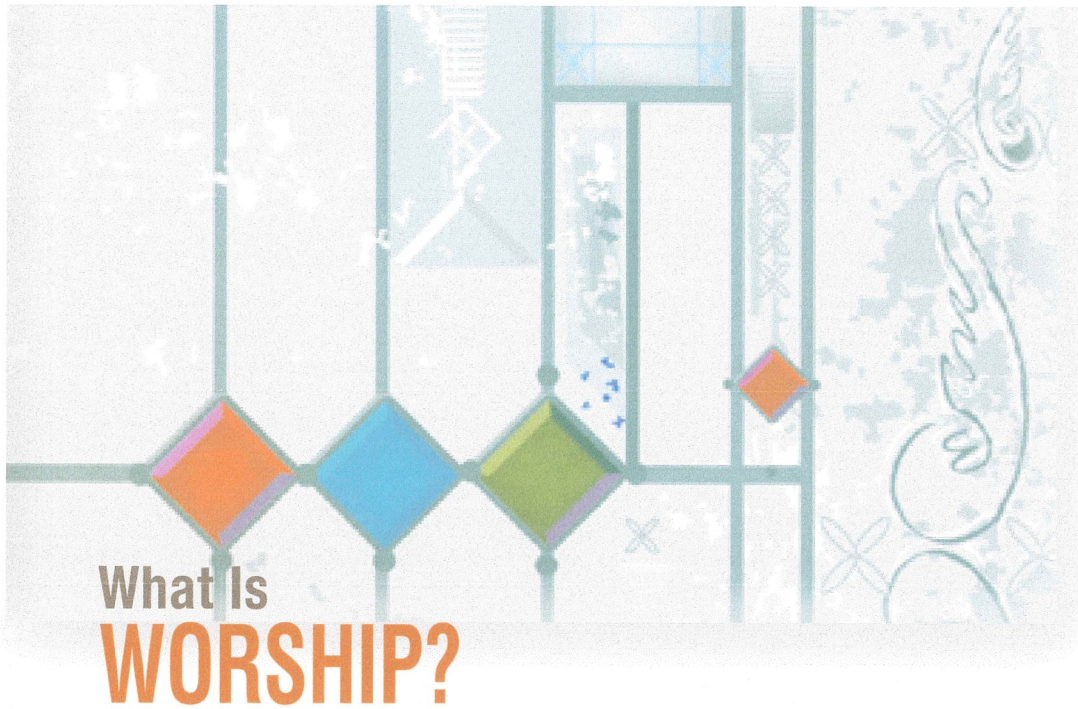
Tickets are normally \$50.50, but the group is offering them for \$40.00.



A SIMPLE EXPLANATION OF THE CHURCH SERVICE

Welcome to church!

As you participate in the church service, we've provided this small guide to help you understand more of what is happening, why it is happening, and some of the special language used in church. May the Lord bless your worship this day!



People often think **worship** in the **Church Service** is about what we do for or toward God. The reality is quite different.

In the **Divine Service**, God provides His service for us. God comes to us in the reading, preaching, and proclamation of His Word and in His Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. In **worship**, God gives **His grace**, and we respond with thanks and praise.

What Is The DIVINE SERVICE?

The Lutheran understanding of worship is expressed in the **Divine Service**. We follow this order not because we believe it is the only right way but because we believe this ancient pattern of worship most clearly and beautifully serves the purpose of worship, to deliver the gracious gifts of God.

The **Divine Service** uses two distinct elements to create a framework for our worship. Those parts of the liturgy that do not change each week are called the **Ordinary** because they are ordinarily present each week. The Ordinary reflects the changeless and timeless texts of the liturgy, some used continuously for more than 1,500 years.

The second element consists of the changeable texts, known as the **Propers**. The Propers follow the seasons of the **Church Year** and the associated Scripture readings. The Propers carry the message or theme for the day, often taken from the Gospel reading.



Section 1: **PREPARATION**

The **Preparation** has not always been part of the Divine Service. **Confession** and **Absolution** have always been seen as preparation for those who desire to participate in Holy Communion. The Preparation may be omitted entirely when we celebrate Holy Baptism immediately after the Hymn of Invocation.

Invocation

[. . . comes from the
Latin for “call upon.”]

The **Invocation** begins the Divine Service with the name of God. Invoking His name orders our worship, making it clear that this is His service to us, not our service or someone else’s. We call upon God to bless that which will be done in His name.

**In the name of the Father and
of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

Matthew 28:19

Confession

[. . . the act by which one
admits or confesses sin
and the guilt of sin.]

In the **Confession**, we are saying “Amen,” or “Yes, yes, this is true” to God’s righteous judgment against our sin. In the **Divine Service**, the Lord is present with us and ready to give us His mercy and grace.

**If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins,
He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and
to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

1 John 1:8–9

Absolution

... the announcement
of forgiveness to the
penitent sinner.

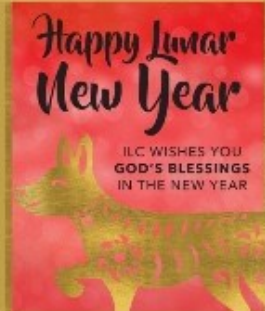
Our Lord declares through the mouth of His servant, the pastor, that by His grace and mercy our sins are forgiven. The **Absolution** speaks the Gospel into our ears in a personal way. Through these Gospel words we receive the salvation earned by Christ upon the cross of Calvary; every sin is covered by His blessed death.

Jesus] breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

John 20:22–23

CHANGING PATHS

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left - a poster from our local church denoting this year as the Year of the Dog, one of the 12 animals used in one traditional calendar system; center - Lily and Olivia pose with a statue of the Winter Olympics mascot outside the train station near our house; right - one of hundreds of giant paper lanterns on display during the Lantern Festival which takes place 15 days after the Lunar New Year (it is an orange crab)

The Lunar New Year in certain Asian countries (such as Taiwan and Korea), though celebrated by most in the manner of traditional folk religion with strong Buddhist overtones, evokes connections to light and all things new - meaningful analogies to our life in Christ. Other symbols are significant this time of year in these cultures, such as the animal that corresponds to a 12-year Chinese zodiac calendar. Popular animals you may have heard of are the dragon, tiger, and monkey. This year marks the Year of the Dog. According to this belief system, people born during this year are honest, just and faithful. (These themes, interestingly, also are evident in depictions of canines in later Medieval and Renaissance art.)

Looking ahead in the midst of the Lunar New Year, we are reminded of the newness we have in Christ, particularly a new, restored relationship with God through faith in what Jesus has done for the forgiveness of our sins. We always seek new relationships and opportunities to share this beautiful gospel message. And even so, it isn't solely about something 'new' - it is about being faithful in the work we have now, even if our callings in life may not always seem so novel or fresh. Furthermore, it is good to remember that though the Lord doesn't call us all to the same vocation, no matter the location we are called to be faithful to Him, to the faith He has given us, and in our service to others.

As the girls start up a new school semester, as Dee Dee steps into some new opportunities with expanded service at local orphanages, and as Matt learns about a new addition to his responsibilities, we ask for your continued support. You show that support through cards, notes, messages, gifts, concern and prayers and this partnership goes forth by God's grace into the new year. The Christmas and birthday cards and gifts you sent were humbly and joyfully received and we are working our way through our responses of thanksgiving. May the Lord of Lights bless and keep us all in the true knowledge of His Word revealed in the person of Jesus Christ.



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To support the LCMS through the work of the Wasmund family, you may send a tax-deductible gift to:
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Mission Central; 40718 Highway E 16; Mapleton, IA 51034.

Make checks payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod or LCMS. Include 'Wasmund - Korea' in the memo line.
Gifts can also be given securely online through the LCMS website at www.lcms.org/wasmund.



We pray for our “Church that is a Family”:

Gerald Wilcox is in Oak Hill Hospital. We pray for his health and strength. 9 Coconut Ct Homosassa FL 34446

Lois Erickson has AFIB but at this time does not require surgery. We pray for her health and strength. 7116 Oxley Rd Brooksville FL 34601

Shirley Scuhnecht is in iForest Oaks of Spring Hill Assisted Living. We pray for her health and strength.

Miriam Dunkerley is home now. We pray for her health and strength. 806333 Morelli Ave Brooksville FL 34613



**Remember Those
in the Military**

We pray for our relatives or friends serving our country:

Breanna Crouse (Granddaughter of Henrietta Rice) is a nurse in the army and is waiting for her deployment orders. We pray for comfort.

We pray for family and friends of the congregation

Janet Guth (Sister of Dick Henk) Found a cancerous lump and is having surgery to remove it in this month. We pray for a successful surgery and a quick recovery.

Carol Dathe ((Alan Krasemann's sister) Had surgery for cancer. We pray for her health and recovery.

Christine Lamphere (Sister of Fred Fuller) suffered a stroke this week resulting in partial paralysis. We pray for her recovery.

Tom Fuller (Brother of Fred Fuller) Is recovering from carotid artery surgery that had complications resulting in him going into a coma from which he has emerged. We pray for his recovery.

We pray for family and friends of the congregation (con't):

Leanne Agle (Friend of Betty Dunstan) is going blind. We pray that she can have her sight as long as possible.
Yolanda Williams (Friend of Elina Davis' son) needs two kidney transplants. We pray for her health as she awaits for her surgery.

Chailah (Shala) (Twenty one year old granddaughter of Henrietta Rice's cousin) has meningitis bacterial that cause her to lose vision in one eye. We pray for her health and recovery.

Teri Young (Sarah McGinnis' sister) has bone density problems. We pray for her health and strength.

Jim Long (Sharon Lowe's brother) had a cyst removed from his abdomen that test results came back cancerous. We pray for his health and healing.

Ralph Croff (Friend of Alan & Tammy Young) has brain cancer. We pray for his recovery after having surgery.

Elaine Mitchell (Mother of Jaci Dible) Has health issues. We pray for her health.

John Digges (former member and elder) has high blood pressure causing kidney failure. He is prepared for home dialysis. 217 Opal Ct. Martinsburg, WV 25404

Lonny Staylor (Nell Ohff's cousin) was diagnosed with bone marrow problems. We pray for God's will on him and his family.

Amanda Florio (Bert Florio's niece) recovering from brain tumor surgery. We pray for her health.

Ethan Nodine (3 year old grandson of Dave and Angela Benschneider) will be having surgery on his foot. We pray for a successful surgery and quick recovery and peace and comfort for his family.

Laurie Driscoll (Daughter-in-law of Pearl Stippich) was in a car accident with injuries. She will be in a wheel chair for three months. We pray for her recovery.

Dawn Finkler (daughter of Ken Eustice) had a brain tumor removed and was told it was stage 3 cancer. Dawn will be going through chemo and radiation. We pray for Your divine intervention and strengthening of faith for the family.

Timothy Driscoll (Son of Pearl Stippich) Has been diagnosed with colon cancer we pray for proper treatment and a quick recuperation

Trevor Clark (great grandson of Pearl Stippich) At 12 years of age he has been diagnosed with Juvenile Diabetes. We pray for Your help throughout his life as he lives with diabetes.

La Ray Nagele (Friend of Fran Folsom) Has cancer in both of her breasts and is spreading. We pray for her health and comfort.

Robert Hilton (son of Theresa Hilton) had a stroke. We pray for his health and a full recovery.

Jim Polsenberg (Kathy Colvin's brother) Please pray for his strength, blessings and answers he needs regarding his son's death.

Larry Moore (Friend's husband of Sandy Kaliscak) is going through stem cell therapy to fight returned cancer. We pray for his health and comfort.

Pattie (Welder) Christensen (Daughter-in-law of Garry & Shirley Welder) was diagnosed with colon cancer. We pray for her health and comfort.

Jodie Blanchard (Friend of Cody Gray) broke her right leg and left wrist. We pray for her healing.

Ross Snider (Friend of Tom Reutenauer) had surgery for hernia postponed due to Polymyalgia Rheumatitis. We pray for his comfort.

Ron M. (Friend of Sandy Kaliscak) is beginning treatments for stomach cancer. We pray for his health and comfort.

Scott Fuller (Son of Fred & Susan Fuller) has stomach disorder. We pray for his health and comfort.

Lissy Martinez-Monfort (friend of Bonnie Yungmann) has recurrence of colon cancer. We pray for her health along with comfort and peace.

Ryan Monaghan (Friend of Nell & Ernie Ohff) will be having a heart valve replacement surgery. We pray for a successful surgery.

Bob Karre (Brother-in-law of Ernie and Nell Ohff) has kidney cancer. We pray for healing, comfort and peace.

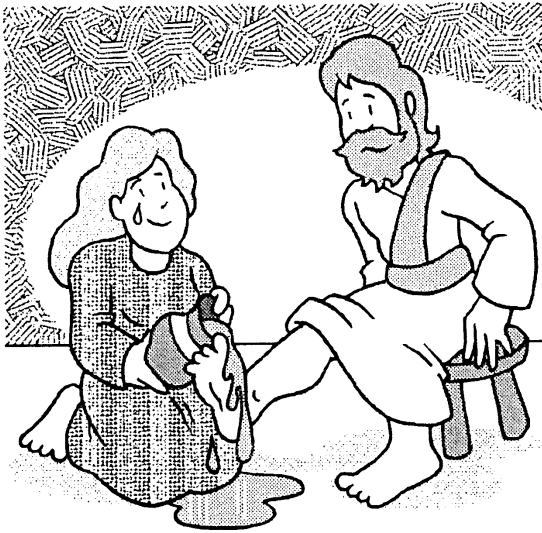
Ronald Unga (Brother-in-law of Garry & Shirley Welder) was diagnosed with cancer. We pray for comfort and healing.

Laura Hoff (friend of Kathleen Barnes) has recurring cancer and needs prayers. We pray for comfort and health.



The Gift of Love

"Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped His feet with her hair" (John 12:3). Matthew's Gospel adds that Jesus remarked, "She has done a beautiful thing to Me. I tell you the truth, wherever this Gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her" (Matthew 26:10, 13).



Whose heart is not softened by the mental image these words produce – and the conscience pricked as well, for which of us is willing to sacrifice as much as Mary did? Her gift was a gift of pure love. She didn't understand Christ's sacrifice on Calvary. How could she, for it had not yet occurred!

She loved her Lord even before she knew He would give His life for her.

We, on the other hand, have as much or even greater reason to offer gifts – extravagant gifts – to our Savior. Sadly, at times we are instead too much like Judas, holding back from the Lord, even stealing from the Lord, as we attempt to hide our greed and selfishness behind reasonable excuses for not giving our all to our Savior Who gave His all for us.

Let us pray with the psalmist, *"Show me Your ways, O Lord, teach me Your paths; guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Savior, and my hope is in You all day long"* (Psalm 25:4-5). Then, without reservation, we will with thanks give our gifts, ordinary and extravagant, in worship of our Savior.



March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Happy Sew N' Sews 9am Hand bell Choir 7 pm	2 Game Night 7 pm	3
4  THIRD SUNDAY in Lent	5	6 Bible Study 7 pm	7 God's Clothes Closet 9:30-1pm 5:30 pm Pizza Supper 7pm Lent Svc Choir after svc	8 Elders & Trustees 6:30 pm Council Meeting 7:30 pm	9 LWML Mary Martha 1pm	10 Dartball 9 am
11  4 th Sunday in Lent	12	13 NO Bible Study	14 God's Clothes Closet 9:30-1pm 5:30 pm Soup Supper 7pm Lent Svc Choir after svc	15 Happy Sew N' Sews 9am Hand bell Choir 7 pm	16 49er's 5 pm	17  St. Patrick's Day
18  FIFTH SUNDAY in Lent	19	20  Bible Study 7 pm	21 God's Clothes Closet 9:30-1pm 5:30 pm Soup Supper 7pm Lent Svc Choir after svc	22 Hand bell Choir 7 pm	23	24 9 am  Altar Guild meeting
25  PALM SUNDAY	26	27 NO Bible Study	28 God's Clothes Closet 9:30-1pm Choir 7 pm	29  7 pm	30  7 pm	31