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Come Back to Your True Self

THOUGHTS ON ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT

Lenten discipline. The words hang over my head like a dark purple storm cloud, about to rain a new round of stress into my life. What new task will I have to add to my already busy daily schedule? What comfort will I have to give up even during a time that I need comfort the most? And just like that, I've missed the point of Lent.

This year, we begin Lent with the Ash Wednesday theme, "Come back to your true self." My hope is that the renewed attention to our faith lives and practices in the upcoming season of Lent will not add to our hectic lives, but rather return us to the faith that God has given us to free us from our stress, guilt, and other burdens. My hope is that our faith practices will return us to our true selves.

Christians have typically used the season of Lent, leading up towards Easter, as a time for more intentional reflection. It's a time for more prayers, for fasting (refraining from a particular food, drink, or habit), and for reminding ourselves of our mortality. On Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, we will, with many others, use ashes in worship to make a visible reminder to ourselves that "we are dust, and to dust we shall return." Sometimes we need to be reminded of how precious our gift of life is. And how fragile.

Our Christian faith also proclaims that we don't simply return to dust, but we return to the Lord, our God. For God is merciful, patient, and full of unconditional love for us. On Ash Wednesday, you will be invited to join the congregation in some kind of Lenten faith practice. Maybe it's daily intentional prayer. Maybe it's more regular reading of scripture. Maybe it's fasting from TV or shopping. Whatever you discern, I hope that it feeds your faith rather than saps your energy. I hope that it builds you up rather than wears you down. I hope that even as we are reminded of our mortality, we are assured of the Easter morning that is surely coming.

Pastor Keith Walbolt

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“Encounters Before the Dawn”

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AN INVITATION TO LENTEN SERIES

Each Lenten Season (the five weeks leading to Holy Week and Easter), our congregation offers a series of mid-week Lenten Services to encourage one another as we focus on the events of the Passion of Christ as well as our own personal Lenten journey of Faith.

The beautiful and much-loved vespers liturgy, Holden Evening Prayer will once again provide a foundation for our weekly shared devotion.

During this year’s Lenten dramatic series we will discover an encounter between two biblical characters. Each of these encounters occur before the reality of Easter and its enormous power and promise dawns on the speakers. Their exploration of the meaning of the Cross will bring us to a place where we can explore a new perspective and hear the call for each of us to be a part of God’s plan for redemption. Be with us each Wednesday between February 29 and March 28, as we encounter Christ in a new and fresh manner. Come early and join us for ever-popular “Soup and Fellowship.” *(see page 4 for details)*



"The Powers That Be"

(Joseph of Arimathea and the Centurion at the Cross)

"Payment Must Be Made"

(Peter and Judas)

"Through a Mother’s Eyes"

(Mary the Mother of Jesus and the Mother of Judas)

"Right There in Front of Me"

(Pilate and His Wife)

"When We Had No Hope"

(sisters Mary and Martha)

Mid-Week Lenten Services

6:30 pm — Soup and Fellowship

7:30 pm — Holden Evening Prayer & “Encounters Before the Dawn”

Lent, White Wine, and the Piscina

By Pastor Keith Walbolt

As we enter the Season of Lent, the prophet Joel's words, "Return to the Lord, your God" encourage us to take a step back and reflect on our Christian practices. A practice that is central to Lutherans is the Meal -- Holy Communion, the Lord's Supper, Eucharist. We have many names to describe what is a simple act with great significance. As we share bread and wine, we participate in Christ's promise to us, that we receive the body and blood of Jesus, through the bread, wine, and the words that accompany them.

Leading up to Martin Luther's time, some of the world's best philosophers developed a fancy Latin word called transubstantiation to describe what happens in the mystery of the Holy Communion. It drew upon many other fancy Latin words in an intricate and scientific explanation of how simple bread and wine is transformed into the real body and blood of Jesus. Sounds OK...so why did Martin Luther reject it? Luther recognized that this idea was harmful to the faith of ordinary folks who were being asked to put their faith into the actions of a philosophical process rather than the actions of a loving God. God promises to be present in the bread and wine through faith, not through an intricate process. Philosophies come and go through human history, but God's promises remain the same.

Throughout Christian history, there have been many different traditions and practices that surround the central gift of Holy Communion. While some churches celebrate with a loaf of bread, other churches use wafers or unleavened bread. Likewise, the type and distribution of wine is varied across history and cultures. This is a good thing. It might be surprising to some that the common practice among early Lutheran churches during the Reformation preferred white wine instead of red. This likely reminded early Lutherans that the wine did not merely symbolize Christ's blood (since red wine sort of looks like blood), but in fact was Christ's blood by faith, if not by appearance. In practice, white wine is also easier to clean, and if you don't think this is an issue, ask a member of Altar Care.

This season of Lenten reflection offers us a great time to refocus our practices by doing something different, and in that spirit, LMIC will begin communing together using white wine. Fear not! Jesus is present in white wine just as with red wine.

Speaking of traditions, one practice related to Holy Communion is built right into the architecture of the sacristy (the small room in the Worship Center used to prepare the bread and wine, among other things.) What looks like a typical sink in the sacristy is not actually. The basin drains to a piscina which is simply a vessel that respectfully carries the left-over wine directly back to the earth. You could also say it's just a pipe that goes underground and then stops. The first explanation is a little nicer, though. The wine is returned to the ground not out of some kind of heavenly mandate, but out of respect. An important thing to remember, though, is that nothing else should ever be poured into the sink in the sacristy. When the piscina is used for more than small amounts of sacramental wine, it is overwhelmed and gets backed up. Again, see Altar Care for the gritty details.

In Lent, as in all times, we can continue some relevant traditions, and renew other aging ones. But most importantly, we can reflect on how our practices center us in the presence of the Risen Christ.



The graphic features the word "Lenten" in a large, purple, cursive font. Below it, the word "Worship" is written in a smaller, red, sans-serif font. Underneath "Worship", the word "Schedule" is written in a white, sans-serif font on a red background. The entire graphic is set against a light blue grid background.

Ash Wednesday
February 22, 7:30 PM

**"Encounters Before the Dawn"
& Holden Evening Prayer**
Wednesdays, 7:30 PM
(February 29 – March 28)

Lenten Soup Suppers
Wednesdays, 6:30 PM
(February 29 – March 28)



SOUP Suppers

On Wednesdays during Lent (February 29-March 28), we will gather in the Centrum for Lenten Soup Supper and Fellowship at 6:30 PM, followed by Holden Evening Prayer & “Encounters Before the Dawn” at 7:30 PM in the Worship Center.

Come and share your favorite soup recipe with us, bring some bread or cookies, help in the kitchen or sit, relax and enjoy meeting someone new. This is a low-key, casual sharing of a meal before worship. The soups are delicious and the companionship welcoming – and after all, “ya gotta eat”!

Volunteers are needed (individuals or groups) to make soup, desserts, bread, set-up, serve the meal, and clean-up. If you can help, please sign up on the bulletin board.

Lenten Coin Folders

SECOND MILE GIVING

During the Season of Lent, Lutheran Ministry in Christ follows the tradition of making unselfish daily gestures to remind us of Christ’s enormous sacrifice (the Cross) for our benefit. The Lenten Coin Folder is one way of assisting you in your Lenten disciplines.

Beginning Ash Wednesday, February 22, place two quarters each day (*excluding Sundays*) in your folder. By following the daily suggested offering amount during the 40 days of Lent, the total will be \$20 by Easter, April 8. (*Some people prefer to simply write a check for the whole amount; others like to add a few extra dollars to increase their gift—in any case, your gift will help LMIC serve others*). You may bring your Lenten Coin Folder to worship anytime during Holy Week or Easter Sunday morning. In order to insure you receive credit on your annual contributions statement for your tax-deduction, be certain to add your name to the back of the coin folder. The folders will be mailed out in mid-February. If you do not receive yours, please contact the church office.

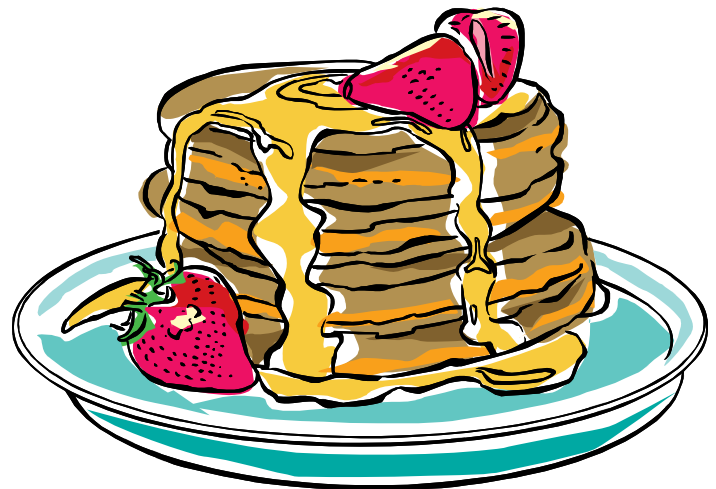
Shrove Tuesday

THEN

The day before Ash Wednesday is Shrove Tuesday, sometimes called “Fat Tuesday.” Centuries ago Christians often stuffed themselves with food before beginning 40 days of fasting for Lent. In those days, many Christians used up all the food containing fat, including dairy products. Because so many foods, including pancakes, used those fat products, many churches had huge feasts. A lot of people ate until they could hold no more — the beginnings of all-you-can-eat dinners. Today many congregations still keep at least a semblance of the tradition. In communities around the world, churches serve pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. But today the purpose is to have Christian fellowship, not to devour everything in sight; however, we invite you to join us on Tuesday, February 21 for a delicious pancake supper brought to you by the youth attending the National Gathering.

NOW

The day before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday has traditionally been a celebration called Shrove Tuesday, Fat Tuesday, or (especially in New Orleans) Mardi Gras. In a great mix of Lutheran tradition and New Orleans tradition, the youth attending this summer's Gathering will be hosting a Pancake Dinner on Tuesday, February 21st from 6:00-8:00 PM. Come and see what happens when these traditions collide! A free-will offering will be taken to benefit the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering Fund.





Children, Youth & Family

Children's Corner

by Gail Skipper, Director of Children's Ministry

Early Childhood Ministries (Infants – VPK) will have Registration information for the school year 2012-2013 available on Monday February 20, 2012. This includes information about “VPK”, Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten as well. Call or come by the school office for a tour. We have an “Open Door” policy; stop by at your convenience. General information and teacher bios are available on our Website: www.ECM4kids@aol.com.

Sunday School will have a new look as Libby Keller and Laura Carafiello become co-leaders. Libby has been a volunteer in Sunday School for years. She has been an asset to this ministry as she and her family is very active in the life of LMIC. Laura Carafiello is new to Sunday School, but not to LMIC. Laura grew up at LMIC and is now teaching 1st grade at Pinecrest. She loves children and is excited about being a part of this ministry.

It's great to have volunteers teaching the children of LMIC. Being a Sunday School teacher brings joy to those who are involved. We'd love to have more volunteers. Pastor Keith will be looking for you, so make it easy on him and let him know you might like to find out a little more about how you can be a part of this ministry.

ECM celebrates fathers each year in February with our “Bring Daddy to School” Day. This will take place on February 28 and 29, 2012. Our Dad's come and visits the classroom, has a light breakfast treat and then attend chapel. It's always so nice to see all those men. If a daddy can't make it, we encourage a grandfather, uncle or family friend to attend. Men are important role models in the life of a child.

ECM children will be baking heart shaped cookies again this year to serve as dessert when LMIC goes to feed the Homeless at First Lutheran on February 15th. The children love knowing that they aren't too young to minister to people! It is a great lesson for us all to learn.

Have some fun before the Tax Man Comes! Mark your calendars for this year's Annual Picnic on April 15!

OUR YOUNGEST “MINISTERS”

LMIC is teaching social ministries to even the youngest “ministers” of our congregation. Our congregation participates monthly in “Feeding the Homeless” at First Lutheran Church in downtown Fort Lauderdale. The 3rd Wednesday of January was ECM's turn. The VPK children helped to make sandwiches that would go along with a hot bowl of chili and soup. We said a prayer for the food before making the sandwiches for others that didn't have a home or food, truly a precious site!



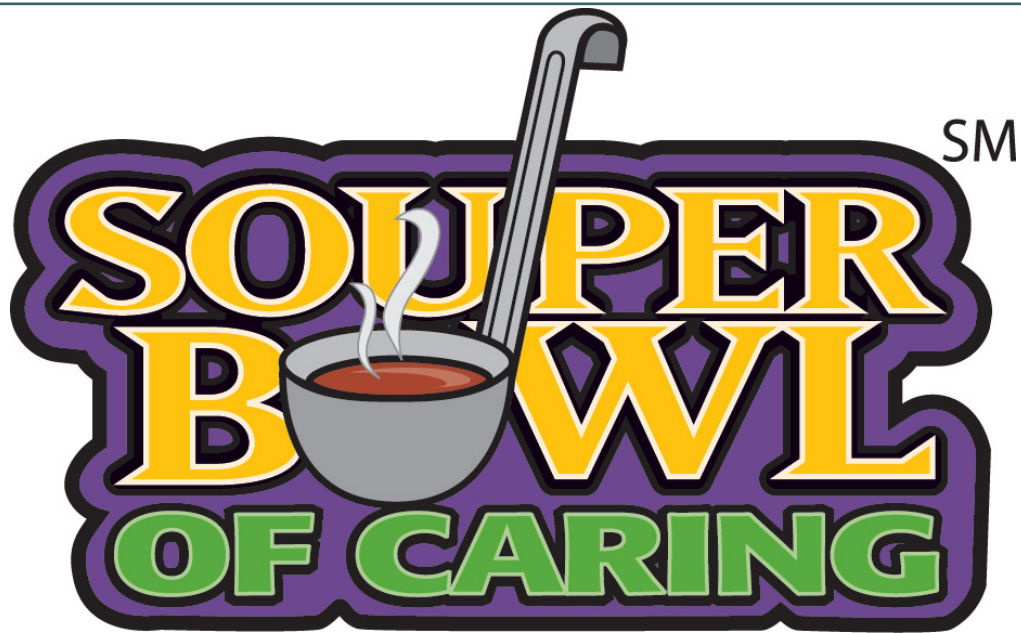
Miss Dalu leads the children in prayer

Getting ready to go is time consuming and it's a long drive there, but when you walk into the side door of the building and you see the people lining up out front, your focus becomes on them. Your role becomes that of a servant, feeding them, serving them, talking to them and hearing their stories if they choose to share.

A young woman, there with her husband and two children, needed shoes. The shoes she was wearing had worn through to her socks and her socks had worn through to her feet. Her size was my size, so I kicked off my shoes hoping they would fit her feet. They didn't. We tried to find some to fit her, but I know I will be taking shoes with me the next time I go.

The other story that touched me was a little older lady who took the last two cookies from the dessert tray saying, “I'll have these for breakfast in the morning.” The drive home was a thought process of how can I give food to these people for the next day. Thus, our drive for next month, to give these people a “brown bag” for the next day, something they can have to eat “for breakfast.”

If you have never been involved in one our groups that goes to feed the homeless at this location, I personally invite you to get involved. “God's Work Our Hands” will warm your heart as you serve others.



tacklehunger.org

During Super Bowl weekend,

February 4 & 5,

**look for the soup pots in the breezeway
and fill-em up with your donations of
canned foods and/or \$1.**

**Our 3rd & 4th grade Sunday School
Class will be collecting your donations.**

**The food will benefit The Pantry of
Broward and the money will be used to
feed the homeless at First Lutheran.**

Social Ministry Opportunities

By Mimi Milton

GOD'S LOVE, TODAY AND TOMORROW

Reaching out to help feed the hungry – Please remember to add an extra can of soup, cereal, veggies, spaghetti and sauce, etc. to your shopping cart this month. Children and the elderly are the most vulnerable when they do not eat properly. Use those store coupons and the BOGO's (Buy One, Get One) to help feed those in need. Please leave your donations in the social ministry cabinets in the Centrum.

On Wednesday, February 15, our Early Childhood Ministry Preschool families will be helping to provide the desserts for the monthly Feeding of the Homeless at First Lutheran Church in Fort Lauderdale. We would like to be able to feed the hungry that night (God's Love Today) and to give each person a 'brown bag' to take with them – (God's Love Tomorrow!)

WISH LIST: chips, cookies, dried fruit, crackers and cheese, juice boxes, applesauce, fruit cups, (individual sizes will work really well)
gallon sized zip lock bags

KEEPING THE COMMUNITY ON THEIR FEET

During the month of February, please consider donating warm, new (or very clean) folded blankets or fleece throws, new or barely used adult shoes & clean, white (preferably new) socks for the homeless.

The homeless and needy are susceptible to foot ailments. Access to shoes and socks is often limited for the men and women living in shelters and on the streets. Rain-soaked feet, ill-fitting shoes, constant standing and diseases like diabetes take their toll on their feet. Our goal is to provide a much needed supply of footwear for the homeless and underprivileged by collecting shoes and socks in good condition. The homeless typically don't have transportation, so they walk to where they need to go. When it's cold in the winter and you are outside in a pair of leaky shoes that have holes, your feet get wet. It opens up an avenue for a multitude of medical problems. Having a good pair of shoes is a necessity for their good health. New or barely used shoes, flip-flops, sneakers or flat shoes in adult sizes are needed.



Dinner Time

FEBRUARY FEEDING AT FIRST LUTHERAN

This month, the Ladies of LMIC will prepare, deliver and serve the meal for the hungry and homeless at First Lutheran Church in downtown Fort Lauderdale on Wednesday, February 15. This month's menu is "Tasty Hamburger Stew," dinner rolls, salad, and Valentine Cookies made by our preschool students.

Cooks and servers are needed. Donations of food items listed below are also needed. If you can help or make a donation, please contact Sandi Pontious in the church office (spontious@lmic.org or 954-752-6566) or sign up on the bulletin board.

20 lb. potatoes
25 lb. hamburger (90/10 or 93/7)
12 lb. carrots, 3 lbs. pearl onions
6 cans green beans, 6 cans sweet corn
2 bunches celery, 1 gallon milk
13 dozen dinner rolls
Bagged salads & dressings

Prep work (peeling carrots, dicing celery, scrubbing potatoes, and browning the hamburger) will be done on Sunday, February 12 at 1:00 PM. The veggies will be cooked on Tuesday, February 14 during the day. The stew will be put together the morning of February 15 beginning at 9:00 AM so it has the chance to simmer all day and be extra yummy!

We invite you to join us as we serve our brothers and sisters in Christ either by donating your time or some of the ingredients. It just may fill your heart with joy. As the song goes, "Oh, what a feeling!"



Voices from Outside the Church

MYSTERY VISITOR

(A 20-something male reports on an unannounced visit to a 370-attende church in Texas.)

Overall grade: B

What was it like when you entered the church building?

The pre-service atmosphere was warm and welcoming. Soft, alternative praise rock played, and it was uplifting and inspiring. Anyone who walked by greeted me lovingly. **Grade: A-**

Was it obvious where the children's ministry was located and that it was clean, secure and well-staffed?

I looked around and ended up finding it, but even then, it took me a moment because it was not labeled anywhere as being the children's area. I did not go into the room, but I must say it looked a little boring though the door.

Grade: F

Describe the service.

I am not familiar with Christian music, but if traditional mean organ music, than this service was definitely contemporary. While the musicians were talented, it seemed like they were maybe not into it was much as they could have been. Almost nobody in the congregation was singing. However, I really enjoyed the selection of songs.

I really, *really* loved the message. The topic was primarily showing the true love of God by going out of our comfort zones to be with people who truly need help. At some points, it felt like she was reading what was on the PowerPoint. I loved everything that was said, though, and I was very inspired to be more giving. I felt like it was just what I needed to hear to reacquaint myself with Jesus Christ. **Grade: B**

Overall, how friendly would you say the church was to you during your visit?

I cannot possibly emphasis enough how welcoming and friendly this church was. I was wearing a Hindu "OM" necklace, and saw many people look at it and then double take, but nobody showed any type of resistance to it. It's important to me that a church I attend has a respect for other beliefs. **Grade: A**

Would you return to this church?

I most definitely, without a doubt, will return to church here! I feel like this church has much positive, loving energy, and truly a sense of Christ-like giving that radiates from all its members. It is something I want to be a part of, and see myself growing as a person from it. I'm going to try to bring my friends and family when I come back. This experience literally changed my life.

Grade: A

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So, people of LMIC: what can we learn from this description? What would a "Mystery Visitor" say about any one of our three services? What are our greatest strengths as a worshipping community? Where could we improve? What part could YOU play in raising our grade average? Want to talk about it? E-mail: rgrimm@lmic.org



A PRAYER FOR OUR CONGREGATION

Lord Jesus, we pray that you will somehow give us ears to hear, hearts to love and wills devoted to serve; that in the days to come this congregation may be known not for our glory but for yours alone - a congregation of people who know you; that this place may be an oasis, a place where people come to find out about you, where lives are straightened out and made whole, where people find the peace that passes understanding.

Give us, we pray, a heart to desire these things above all else. We pray through your Holy and healing Name.

Amen

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Let's Get Together

SMALL GROUPS

LOVING.

LEARNING.

SERVING.

DADS' SMALL GROUPS

What makes a "good dad" in this world today? Dads are invited to join us as together we try to answer this question. Currently, LMIC has 3 separate Dads' Small Groups that meet at varying times and locations. For information on how to plug into one of the Dads' Groups, please contact the church Office.

BUSINESS SMALL GROUP

This Small Group brings business owners together in prayer and fellowship one morning a month to discuss running our businesses with Christian principles and ideals. Experts from a variety of relevant fields often lead informative and timely discussions (tax, insurance, health care specialists, etc.). The Business Small Group also hosts periodic seminars that are open to the community at large. The Business Group meets in the Church Office Conference Room on the last Thursday of the month (February 23) beginning at 8:15 AM. For further information, please contact Chris Miller at cmusaf1@comcast.net or 954-253-9912.

JOY—WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP & STUDY

Women of all ages gather at 9:00 AM on Thursdays in the LMIC Youth Lounge for a light breakfast, study & fellowship. They serve the congregation through a greeting card ministry and assisting with special events. For more information, please contact Susan Karneth (scrappingbee@gmail.com or 954-914-1726).

MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

Men are invited to join us in the Centrum Tuesdays at 7:30 AM for coffee, philosophy, politics, investment advice and religion. Stop by for the stimulating conversation before you begin your Tuesday!

WOMEN2WOMEN BOOK CLUB

The Book Club meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month (February 28) at a book lover's home to discuss the book they've read that month and have some snacks. This is an open group meaning that there is no long term commitment. Participants are free to come and go as their schedules permit. For further details, please contact Mary Grimm (mag48@bellsouth.net) or call the church office (954-752-6566).

Upcoming Schedule Reading & Discussion Schedule

February 28, 7:00 PM

Invisible Thread by Laura Schroff and Alex Tresniowski at the home of Sandy Betlach

March 27, 7:00 PM

Before I go to Sleep by S.J. Watson at the home of Sue Koch

"HEALTHY HABITS"

This group meets on Wednesdays from 6:30—7:30 PM and provides information and support for living a healthier lifestyle. They recently began "10 Weeks of Walking," a series of devotions and Scripture readings to enhance overall healthy by including God in your walking/exercise time. Please contact Nicole Spear via email at nspear9@gmail.com or call the church office at 954-752-6566 for further details on "Healthy Habits."



“The Greatest Story”

NEW THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES

You are invited to join in the conversation and explore “The Greatest Story,” our next chapter in the Book of Faith. This 16-session study is an introduction to the Bible, designed for anyone who wants to get a big-picture overview of the Bible, its story, and how that story connects with our personal stories. It has been developed especially for adults and young adults, particularly those who are new to Bible study.

Through this study you will embark on a journey that starts at the very beginning of God’s good creation. The stories of the Bible are very human stories. We see the most heroic and important ancestors in the faith struggle with sin and evil. We also see God’s persistent efforts to be reconciled with his broken people. These efforts explode into God’s greatest venture of all—the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, His only Son. Still, God is not done. We are part of the story too!

Please register now to assure that a book will be available for you the first evening of our study. We will meet Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM. Pastor Robb will be your host for most sessions.

The Greatest Story
A 16-session introduction to the Bible
Thursdays at 7:00 PM — All are welcome!



"I'd like to say to all of you who prayed for me....sent cards and texts and emails and thoughts, kind and caring words and Care meals.....during my surgery time, recovery and subsequent illness from September thru Decemberyou have no idea how much it meant to me! Until it happened to me, I didn't really 'get it.' Now I do."

Love, Trish Chiaverini

Congregational Meetings

Notice to All Members of Lutheran Ministry in Christ Special Congregational Meeting Sunday, February 5, 2012 at 12:30 PM

With your generous support of the AC Challenge, which has raised \$9,000 to date, plus a generous gift to the Memorial Fund, we are now ready to complete the necessary repairs to Air Conditioning System in the Centrum.

According to our Congregation Constitution, Council has the authority to contract for expenditures outside of the budget up to \$10,000. For expenditures that exceed that amount, a Special Congregation Meeting must be called. Please join us for just such a meeting on February 5, 2012 at 12:30 PM. The only agenda item will be the authorization to replace the Air Conditioning in the Centrum building. Council has secured three competitive bids, and will make a recommendation. Please join us for this important meeting.

Notice to All Members of Lutheran Ministry in Christ Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, February 26 2012 at 12:30 PM

Since LMIC has moved to a Fiscal Year (August 1 – July 31) for budgeting purposes, the agendas for our two Semi-Annual Congregation Meetings have been adjusted. In accordance with our Constitution, a formal notice of this meeting was mailed to all Confirmed Members earlier this month. The mailing, sent via first-class mail to the current address on file in the church office, included the complete agenda along with the Proposed Changes to the Lutheran Ministry in Christ Constitution and By-Laws. *To help us conserve resources, please bring the sheet containing the agenda and Proposed Changes to the Lutheran Ministry in Christ Constitution and By-Laws with you to the meeting on Sunday, February 26 at 12:30 PM.*

All are welcome to join in the discussion(s) that will occur during the meeting; however, in accordance with our Constitution, only Confirmed Members may vote.

Here's what's happening!

Weekly Events

Saturday	5:30 PM	Traditional Worship	Tuesday	7:30 AM	Men's Morning Fellowship
Sunday	8:30 AM	Blended Worship		6:30 PM	Boy Scout Troop #246
	9:45 AM	Sunday Education Hour	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Healthy Habits Group
	11:00 AM	Contemporary Worship	Thursday	9:00 AM	Women's Fellowship & Study
	12:30 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal		6:30 PM	Vocal Choir Rehearsal
Monday	4:30 PM	Girl Scout Troop #581		7:00 PM	"Greatest Story" Bible Study
				7:30 PM	Boy Scout Troop #339

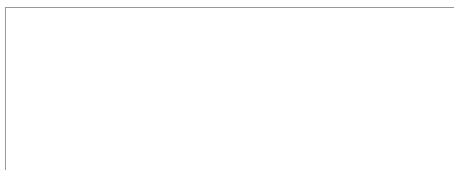
Monthly Meetings & Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
February 1	Wednesday	5-8 PM	Youth Group Chik-Fil-A Fundraiser
February 2	Thursday	7:00 PM	"The Greatest Story" Bible Introduction Study Begins
February 4	Saturday	8:30 AM	LifeNet4Families (aka Cooperative Feeding Program)
February 5	Sunday	9:30 AM	Youth Group Coffee Shop
		12:30 PM	Special Congregational Meeting
February 13, 20	Monday	6:30 PM	Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision
February 15	Wednesday	4:00 PM	Feeding at First Lutheran (<i>see page 7 for how you can help</i>)
February 20	Monday	All day	Church office closed for Presidents' Day Holiday
February 21	Tuesday	6:00 PM	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
		7:00 PM	Congregation Council Meeting
February 22	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Service
February 23	Thursday	8:30 AM	Business Small Group
February 26	Sunday	12:30 PM	Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting
February 28	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Dads' Group #3
		7:00 PM	Women2Women Book Club (home of Sandy Betlach)
February 29	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Soup & Fellowship
		7:30 PM	Lent 1: "Encounters Before the Dawn" & Holden Evening Prayer

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As a community of faith,
inspired and empowered
by the Holy Spirit, we live out
our calling to celebrate
God's presence in our lives by
sharing with all people God's
unconditional and healing love.



Worship Opportunities

Saturday
Traditional—5:30 PM
Sunday
Blended—8:30 AM
Contemporary—11:00 AM
Sunday School: 9:45 AM
Adult Café: The Wired Word
Sunday—9:45 AM

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