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from the Pastor...

Rev. Donald Jordan

LUTHERANS ASK A LOT OF QUESTIONS

The Lutheran Church is known as a questioning church for very good reasons and it is very evident.

Listen to a sermon and count how many times the pastor asks a question. Attend a Bible class and note how many questions are asked by the pastor or in the questions posed in the workbook. Take a great example as in the book of Romans and count how many question marks are written. Or, go through the Small Catechism of Dr. Martin Luther, written in 1529, and note the numerous questions.

“Was ist das?” is the typical question posed after the teachings in the six chief parts of the catechism that explain The Ten Commandments, The Creed, The Lord’s Prayer, Baptism, Office of Keys and Confession, and The Sacrament of the Altar.

Take a quick glance at your catechism and note this profound question, “What does this mean?” It is utilized all through the catechism numerous times.

Why?

For Luther, the question in German was “Was ist das?” Translated into English we would say, “What is that?” or “What does this mean?” Literally, “what is that” or “what is this” clearly indicates that Luther wants us to ask God what this is or what it means for us.

So, go ahead and ask all the questions you want about the Bible, about God, and the Christian faith. Question your pastor in class, via email or text. Ask away and pose the questions just like people in the Bible did with our Lord.

As you question you will learn. This is the methodology of the catechism. Ask a question. Get



an answer. Stick with the fundamentals of the faith and learn them well. Be an inquisitive student and disciple of Jesus.

Turn the question and you will find the answer comes from Holy Scripture. Lutherans are confessional. That is, we confess and agree with the teachings of God’s Word, and confess them before all.

And just like the elder in the Book of Revelation, asked, “Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” (Rev. 7:13).

Then, the Apostle John, under inspiration of the Holy Spirit, confesses, “Sir, you know. And he said, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.” (Rev. 7:14).

This is remarkable and profound. The elder already knew the answer but still asked the question. The catechism was already in use in heaven!

Today, you ask the questions. You get the answers from God’s Word. This is catechesis, the life-long learning of the disciples of Jesus who love to ask questions, especially “What is this?”

And you know what this is from God’s Word of Scripture. Ask the questions and get the clear, objective Word of God as your answer. We love questions at our church and our pastor loves the questions. Keep asking and know that the question “What does mean?” or “What is this?” will always be that which God has given us in His Word and in the incarnate Word, the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ.

A blessed Lent to you.

Pastor Jordan

REDEEMER FINANCIAL SUMMARY

January 1, 2017 – February 28, 2017

INCOME/EXPENSE – ACTUAL:

TOTAL INCOME:	\$31,082.45
EXPENSES:	
Administration	\$22,942.90
Christian Education	245.59
Evangelism	167.98
Fellowship (surplus balance)	5.99
Stewardship	0.00
Trustees	<u>\$3,375.93</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	<u>\$26,738.39</u>
NET ORDINARY INCOME:	4,344.06
CHURCH FAC. RENT INCOME	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	4,344.06
RETAINED EARNINGS	<u>\$34,374.57</u>
FINAL INC./EXP. BALANCE	\$38,718.63
ASSETS/LIABILITIES:	
CHURCH	
Directed Funds (TCB)	\$86,129.59
Operating Funds (TCB)	\$38,718.63
Mission Trust Fund (Thornburg)	\$244,600.62
Scholarship Fund (Stifel Nicolaus)	<u>\$293,866.33</u>
TOTAL CHURCH ASSETS/LIAB.:	\$663,315.17
TOTAL SCHOOL ASSETS:	<u>\$23,143.58</u>
TOTAL ASSETS/LIABILITIES:	\$686,458.75
SCHOOL INCOME	\$5,700.00
35% to Miss. Trust Inc. 3,000 Miss.	\$1,995.00
30% to Scholarship Fund	\$1,710.00
20% to Facilities Reserve Fund	\$1,140.00
10% to School Reserve Fund	\$570.00
5% to Musician & Concert	\$285.00

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

for the April Redeemer Review is
Tuesday, April 25, 4:00 p.m.

Your articles and photos are welcome and encouraged!

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS

Each Thursday, 9:30 – 11:00, in the Fireside Room, we are learning from I John. This epistle, written about 85-95 A.D. was authored by John, apostle and evangelist, sometimes called “the elder.”

The believers are called children, fathers, and young men and the opponents of the church are called antichrists, false teachers, spirits, and deceivers.

The purpose of this Scripture is to establish and encourage faithfulness to Christ in the wake of false teachers, especially the Gnostics.

Come and learn as we apply this Word of God to our troubled situation today in our churches and world, taking hope, truth, and security from the true Gospel of Jesus. Find the study guide at www.whatdoesthismean.org Pastor Jordan, teacher.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The monthly men’s Bible study meets on Saturday, April 1, 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Our new study is “The Spirituality of the Cross – The Way of the First Evangelicals” by Gene Edward Veith, Jr. Chapter One is “The First Evangelicals.” Pick up your book in the narthex and look forward to reading and learning from God’s Word and our Lutheran confessions. Pastor Jordan, teacher.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS

Each Sunday, 8:45 – 9:45 a.m., Parish Hall, we are learning “The Penitential Psalms.” These seven Psalms are Psalm 6, Psalm 32, Psalm 38, Psalm 51, Psalm 102, Psalm 130, and Psalm 143. Come and learn of your sin and the great mercy of God in the Messiah, Jesus, who forgives our sins and heals us. The study is from www.whatdoesthismean.org. Pastor Jordan, teacher.

COLLEGE STUDENTS/YOUNG ADULTS

Sunday, April 2, 5:00 is our next dinner and Bible study meeting. All college students at Chico State/ Butte College and young adults are most welcome for a time of eating, conversation, and a lesson from God’s Word. Our video series by Dr. Paul Maier is “Christianity and the Competition.” We are learning about various religions and beliefs, comparing them to the truths of Christianity. Come, bring a friend. Contact Pastor Jordan

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Higher Things Youth Conference "Here I Stand" in Bozeman, Montana, July 18-21. www.higherthings.org

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- 13 ALICE DE GARMO
- 13 NICOLE MARSHALL
- 15 MARSHA HOFFMAN
- 15 BARBARA THOMAS
- 16 HAL HERMES
- 16 ELAINE LANG
- 17 THOMAS HOFFMAN
- 19 JOHN THOMASON
- 21 JAKE HALL
- 21 CAROL WHIPPLE
- 22 PAUL DE GARMO
- 23 DUSTIN LOFINK
- 23 MARIAN MAY
- 23 MEGAN REES
- 24 LESTER BODI
- 26 CYNDIE HOLDERBEIN
- 27 JOHN DURFEE
- 30 NEALE SIVESIND



APRIL BAPTISMAL DATES

- 02 LUCILE HECHT
- 03 XIAO WENSLAFF
- 11 DON THURMAN
- 13 RYAN YOUNG
- 14 ANITA WEINREICH
- 15 MARSHA HOFFMAN
- 16 KARL JORDAN
- 17 THOMAS HOFFMAN
- 18 ROBERT THOMAS
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More Than Just Apps

As you look around you it seems like “*everybody*” has a smartphone. However, in reality not everybody does. Some have phones that are mobile but really only send or receive calls, as your grandchildren might call them a dumbphone. That may be all you need or care to have and there is nothing wrong with that. Technology should be useful to you and not overwhelming. Our use of technology should be God honoring in how we make use of it.

Some, who have very basic cell phone devices that match your needs, may have a computer at home. It may be a laptop or a desktop but you use email, internet, pay your bills online or even secretly write great poetry or novels. The intention is to not make you feel left out with all the apps for smartphones and tablets. While there has been mention made of going to this link or that link it may not have seemed very encouraging or inviting for those of you who mainly use a computer.

This month, while there is still going to be mention of a couple of apps for mobile devices, there will also be pdf files that you can utilize with as much aplomb as mobile device users call up their latest app.

First, if you don’t know what a pdf file is, here is a very brief description. PDF stands for Portable Document Format and it means that a file composed in a highly sophisticated graphic program or complex spreadsheet can be saved in pdf and then seen by others without having to have all of the same computer programs, graphics or fonts. For example, this article is done in a word processing program and often contains graphics, but is rendered into pdf so you can see it either in print or on your computer in the same style as it was written.

Now you do need to have a program on your computer that will “read” pdf. While there are various programs that can do this, most generally people speak about having Adobe Reader, or Adobe Acrobat Reader. Adobe is the name of a software company that early on brought this technology to those with computers in a form called freeware. There are also premium versions that allow you to do all kinds of wonderful things, but for many the free “Reader” is still all you will need. The more current versions of “Reader” do have some great tools that let you highlight, make notes, etc. so if you have not upgraded your Adobe Reader for several years you might want to do that now.

Recently while looking at some of the things Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller has in his blog called “World Wide Wolfmueller” he made a comment

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about making the writings of Luther accessible to the church at large. Many of Luther’s writings are available as free eBooks, but not everybody wants to read eBooks. He has however put a couple of things with download links for pdf files or print books from Lulu.com. The link to Wolfmueller’s blog is: <http://www.wolfmueller.co/everyonesluther/>



There is a short YouTube clip on his blog about what he is calling *Everyone’s Luther*, what he is doing and why. Right now he has made Luther’s Large Catechism and the Smalcald Articles available through Lulu or as a downloadable pdf file. Take a look at the video clip.

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Not to leave out those of you who want the convenience of an app, the Smalcald Articles is available as a Google App. iTunes does have it listed as a book. While you can perform a copy of text from the app it does not give you as many editing features as the pdf file does. Let the circumstances you are in dictate the format you use. Both are probably good to have if you have enough memory on your mobile device. By the way, the current version of Acrobat for your smartphone is cloud based.

The Augsburg Confession is also available as an app and the icon is the same as the Smalcald Articles. Note that this does not contain the Apology.

Next month, we will explore some more free sources of Luther’s writings and maybe some not free.



LWML NOTES

On Saturday, March 4th, we met and watched, *The First Rosa*, the story of Rosa Young, church planter and teacher. Members from the congregation joined us for the viewing. The DVD can be found in the church library. The LWML helped to get this movie distributed to the churches. After the movie, we conducted the business portion of our meeting.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 11th in the Fireside room. It will begin at 7:00 p.m. and be done by 8:30 p.m. This will be a business meeting with devotion and prayer.

The first Sunday of each month is Mite Box Sunday. A box will be in the narthex.

The fourth Sunday of each month is Diakonia Compassionate Ministry's Kenyan Orphan Student Support Day. A basket will be available in the Narthex, or place an envelope with "Orphan Student" written on it in the offering.

All loose coins in the offering every service go to Coins for Christ to help support a seminarian. The current one is Joshua DeYoung.

Your Sister in Christ, Kathy Sweet

MERCY IN KENYA

A big thank you to all who helped make the St. Patrick's Day luncheon such a blessing.

St. Patrick is a huge influence as I prepare to make these journeys to Kenya, Africa to provide assistance to our missionaries. One's heart can be at home in your place of birth and in a new home as the Lord leads you to another family of believers that He has connected for His purposes.

The heart of the church reaches both near and far with sharing Jesus Christ's life, sacrifice, and rising with His Father and the Holy Spirit.

You will receive updates as the time gets closer. May we continue to pray and support the hands and feet of those who have been called to serve in these mission fields.

Blessings and joy, Kathy Sweet

2017 WALK FOR LIFE

The Women's Resource Clinic is having their annual Walk For Life fundraiser on Saturday, April 29th. There will be a table with information and forms in the parish hall.

The clinic provides services before, during, and after pregnancy. They educate and help people with a Christian perspective. They use the talents of many volunteers to help keep it going.

Your Sister in Christ, Kathy Sweet

LENTEN, HOLY WEEK, EASTER SCHEDULE 2017

LENT

Wednesday, April 5
Evening Prayer - 7:00 p.m.

Soup Supper - 6:00 p.m.

HOLY WEEK

Sunday, April 9

Palm Sunday Divine Service - 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 13

Holy Thursday Divine Service - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 14

Good Friday

Chief Service - 12:00 p.m.

Tenebrae Service - 7:00 p.m.

EASTER

Sunday, April 16

Resurrection of Our Lord - Easter
Day

Easter Breakfast/Flowering of the Cross
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Divine Service - 10:00 a.m.

ASLEEP IN CHRIST



DONALD SMITH

October 9, 1939 - March 5, 2017

HYMNS THAT SING OF CHRIST: LSB 470 & 471
"O SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE KING"

470

O sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

That Easter morn, at break of the day,
The faithful women went their way
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

An angel clad in white they see,
Who sits and speaks unto the three,
"Your Lord will go to Galilee."
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

That night the apostles met in fear;
Among them came their master dear
And said, "My peace be with you here."
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

When Thomas first the tidings heard
That they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

"My pierced side, O Thomas, see,
And look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be."
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

How blest are they who have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

On this most holy day of days
Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

471

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
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And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
On this most holy day of days
Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise. Alleluia!

The text to this resurrection hymn was written by Jean Tisserand (d.1494). Tisserand was a preaching friar of the Minorite Order who became rather well known in Paris. Besides writing several Latin hymns, he founded an order for penitent women and wrote an office and history in commemoration of members of his order that were martyred in Morocco in 1220.

This hymn is set to two different tunes. Hymn 470 to *Gelobt Sei Got*, also known as *Vulpus*. An excellent tune, this shout of joy, which in the three-fold alleluia, amounts to a sort of holy laughter and is hardly outdone by any other Easter tune. We have another hymn set to this tune in our hymnal. *Good Christian friends, Rejoice and Sing*.

The tune in hymn 471 is *O Fillii Et Filiae* and is undoubtedly an adaptation of the traditional tune for these words. Probably French in origin. Varied forms of the tune as well as harmonizations are contained in present day hymnals.

THE GRAVE MARKER OF MARTIN LUTHER



Pastor Roberts standing next to the grave marker of Martin Luther at Castle Church, Wittenberg, Germany during his recent Reformation Tour.

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WOMEN'S KAFFEEKLATSCH

Monday, April 20, 2017
10:00 A.M. - 12:00 NOON

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Dear God’s people at Redeemer,

Greetings in Christ from Addis Ababa! Thank you so very much for your gift through the LCMS! Your support means so much to us—we are truly grateful! Redeemer has always been such a great support of us as we serve in East Africa so please know that you are greatly appreciated!

We are now in the third week of the Spring semester at Mekane Yesus Seminary. It follows a break during the whole month of January. It was a nice time of rest and preparation for the coming spring semester. We were blessed to do some continuing education with our fellow East Africa Missionaries and learn about Islam. We learned a lot and were encouraged by the speaker who taught us so much about Islam. This will truly help us in our East Africa context as we speak the Gospel of Peace and Forgiveness through Christ Jesus alone.

Again we are so grateful for your partnership in the Gospel that allows us to train and equip the next generation of leaders in the Mekane Yesus Church. You allow us to walk alongside this fast growing church in equipping their pastors, teachers and leaders with the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ. Because of you we are able to serve here in Ethiopia—

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Your partners in the Gospel,

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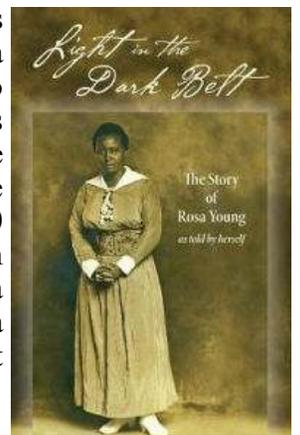


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THE STORY OF ROSA YOUNG

Light in the Dark Belt tells the inspiring story of Rosa Young, who labored tirelessly to establish LCMS Lutheran schools throughout the Deep South in the first half of the 20th century. She influenced the founding of 30 Lutheran schools, 35 Lutheran congregations, and Concordia College Alabama. To read Rosa Young’s inspiring story, contact Dianne Wilkinson, 345-1019.



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Holy Week

Palm Sunday through Holy Saturday

The Theme

The theme of Holy Week is Christ's march to victory on the cross. It begins with His triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the shouts of "Hosanna to the Son of David; Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" It ends with Christ resting in the grave on Holy Saturday, thus fulfilling the type of the Sabbath day, and abolishing forever all the ceremonial law of the Jews, freeing us from observance of those ordinances which were only a type of Christ and His work.

The Mood

The mood of repentance deepens during Holy Week, even as the anticipation and expectation of the victory over sin heightens.

The Palm Sunday liturgy begins with the blessing of the palms and the procession to the strains of "All Glory, Laud and Honor." We are among the joyful pilgrims and citizens of Jerusalem who are ecstatic that our hero, the Son of David, has come to claim His throne in His capital city. The scene is depicted in the reading from the Holy Gospel at the blessing of the palms and then enacted by us.

But immediately after the procession, the scene changes to the passion of Good Friday. We see ourselves among those shouting "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" Our sins, indeed, crucify Christ anew. They are nails, whips, and thorns in His flesh. Our sinful nature rejects Him as our Savior.

But in the reception of His body, given for us, and His blood shed for us, in the blessed sacrament, that sacrifice is applied to our sins, our old nature dies, and new life is given us.

Holy (Maundy) Thursday evening, the mass of the Institution is celebrated. It is the participation with the apostles in the Last Supper, at which our Lord instituted the sacrament of holy communion. Every mass is a continuation of that first mass. There is only one holy communion in which we all partake. It is a solemn occasion. Frivolity is entirely out of place.

After the mass on Holy Thursday, the altar may be stripped, and everything movable removed from the chancel, in preparation for Good Friday. During the stripping (which symbolizes Jesus being stripped of His garments prior to being crucified). Psalm 22 "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken me!," is recited by a reader and the congregation. After all is done, the lights are turned out, all leave the church silently, or stay and meditate if they wish.

Good Friday is the most somber day of the whole church year. It is the custom to observe the "Tre Ore (three hour) Devotion," from noon until 3:00 p.m. It revolves around the passion according to St. John, and corresponds to the three hours in which Jesus hung on the cross. Every effort should be made to obtain a release from work to attend this reenactment of the Passion of Christ.

Those unable to be present during the afternoon may have the opportunity to attend the stations of the cross in the evening. In this devotion, we move from one "station" to the next, along the way which Christ followed from the Praetorium, where He was condemned by Pilate, until He is laid in the Tomb. At each station we pause to meditate on the scene, and to apply Christ's act of redemption to our particular sins.

Holy Saturday should be a day of quiet contemplation, of reading of Scripture, and resting from work and refraining from entertainment such as TV. We also review the 10 Commandments in preparation for the celebration of the Resurrection Mass. There is no mass on Holy Saturday. The evening may be given over to the paschal vigil, followed by the first mass of the resurrection.

The Color

The traditional usage is violet for Palm Sunday through Holy Thursday up to the mass of the Institution. However, the new liturgical books suggest scarlet, which is a very dark red, indicative of royalty and the of the blood of Christ. A red cape may be worn for the blessing of the palms and the procession, in keeping with the idea of the king coming to claim His throne.

For the mass of the institution on Holy Thursday evening, the color is white, for the holiness of Christ. The colors for Good Friday are black or violet. There are no paraments used; the altar is bare.

Paschaltide

from Easter Sunday to Pentecost

The Theme

The long season of Lent, so somber and penitential, is over. Like the caterpillar, we burst from the prison of our sins, and soar like the butterfly to the very heights of heaven on the wings of faith.

This is Easter! This is life! This is joy that knows no bounds! Such great things cannot be celebrated in just one day. The feast goes on for a full fifty days, a week of weeks, a “jubilee.” It celebrates the freedom Christ has won for us. God created the world in six days and rested the seventh day. Christ re-created the world which has been ruined by sin, beginning on the first day of the week (Palm Sunday), and ending His work on the sixth day (Good Friday), resting on the seventh day, in the grave.

Easter Day, then is the day after the Sabbath, the first day of the new creation. Easter is the type, now, of the eternal rest which we will enter when Christ comes again. So it is fitting that we should celebrate the resurrection for forty-nine days, and culminate it with the Feast of Pentecost, the fiftieth day, the eighth day (that is, the eighth Sunday) of the week of weeks.

Holy baptism, by which we are born anew to eternal life, is the theme of the Easter Vigil, which may be celebrated in the evening of Holy Saturday or in the early hours before the dawn of Easter Sunday. The original purpose for the long vigil, with its many Old Testament readings concerning types of baptism, was to cover the time when dozens and even hundreds of converts were being baptized in buildings separate from the church building. The newly-baptized then returned to the church, dressed in white robes, and the first mass of Easter was celebrated at which they received their first communion. As time went on, more children were baptized than adults, and so the baptismal rite was included in the vigil itself, in the presence of the congregation, and the congregation renewed their vows as well, and received a splashing of baptismal water with a palm branch.

The blessing and lighting of the Paschal Candle is indicative of Christ rising from the grave. With great joy we greet the risen Christ. The cry rings out, “The Light of Christ!” to which we reply, “Thanks be to God!” The congregation’s hand candles are lit, and the procession wends its way into the church. The glorious singing of the Exultant or Easter Proclamation concludes this stirring ceremony.

After the vigil, which is conducted in the dark by candle light, all the lights in the church are turned on, and we view for the first time the glorious display of Easter lilies, the gold or white paraments adorning the altar, and the splendid vestments of the celebrant and the assistants in the chancel. The mass is fittingly chanted, incense may be used in profusion, the organ swells to heights of beauty, the “Alleluia” sounds forth once again, and the bells peal forth the glad news to the world that Christ is risen and is present among His people, as He appeared to the amazed disciples that first Easter Day. He is our host as well as the banquet as we commune at His festive table.

The Mood

The mood and the theme are inextricably bound up together, and what has been said above practically covers the subject. Unrestrained joy is enhanced with all the ceremonial aids possible by which it can be expressed. Easter is rightly called the queen of feasts, the high point of the church year, around which all the rest of the days revolve as planets around the sun. Every Sunday is a little Easter, and reflects some of this joy, even in the penitential season.

The Color

The color for Paschaltide is white. This may be enhanced by using gold, a glorified white, for Easter Day through to the Octave Day, the following Sunday.

White is the color for purity, holiness, and light, thus appropriate for Christ, the Light of the World, and the eternal God. It is a joyful color, helping to express the exhilaration which the risen Christ imparts to those who partake of His life-giving Word and Sacraments.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mar 26	27	28	29	30	31	Apr 1
2 5th Sunday in Lent-Mite Box 8:45am SS/Adult Bible Class 10:00am Divine Service 11:15am Fellowship (Parish) 5:00pm College/Young Adult	3 Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	4 9:30am Matins (Sanctuary) 10:00am Circuit Pastors Meeting (Fireside Room)	5 6:00pm Soup Supper (Parish Hall) 7:00pm Lenten Evening Prayer (Sanctuary)	6 [C] Lucas Cranach and Albrecht Durer, Artists 9:30am Bible Class (Fireside) 4:00pm Youth Catechism 6:30pm Bell Choir Practice	7 Office Manager's Day Off	8 9:00am Council Meeting 1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour
9 Palm/Passion Sunday (SM) 8:45am SS/Adult Bible Class 10:00am Divine Service 10:00am Rite of Confirmation 11:15am Fellowship (Parish)	10 Holy Monday (SM) Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	11 Holy Tuesday (SM) 9:00am Quilters (Parish Hall) 7:00pm LWML Mary/Martha Meeting	12 Holy Wednesday (SM)	13 Holy (Maundy) Thursday (W/SM) 7:00pm Divine Service (Sanctuary)	14 Good Friday (Bk) Office Manager's Day Off 12:00pm Chief Service (Sanctuary) 7:00pm Tenebrae Service	15 Holy Saturday (Bk) No Vigil 1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour
16 The Resurrection of Our Lord - Easter (W/Go) 10:00am Divine Service 1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour	17 Easter Evening/Monday (W/Go) Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off 10:00am Women's	18 Easter Tuesday (W/Go)	19 Easter Wednesday (W/Go)	20 [C] Johannes Bugenhagen, Pastor 9:30am Bible Class (Fireside Room) 6:30pm Bell Choir Practice	21 [C] Anselm of Canterbury, Theologian Office Manager's Day Off 7:00pm Game Night (Parish Hall)	22 1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour
23 2nd Sunday of Easter (W) 8:45am SS/Adult Bible Class 10:00am Divine Service 11:15am Fellowship (Parish) 1:00pm KXXX Sermon	24 [C] Johann Walter, Kantor Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	25 [E] St. Mark, Evangelist (R) 9:00am Quilters (Parish Hall) 4:00pm Newsletter, Summer Edition Deadline	26 [Other] Missouri Synod organized (1847)	27 9:30am Bible Class (Fireside Room) 6:30pm Bell Choir Practice (Choir Loft)	28 Office Manager's Day Off	29 1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour
30 3rd Sunday of Easter (W) 8:45am SS/Adult Bible Class 10:00am Divine Service 11:15am Fellowship (Parish) 1:00pm KXXX Sermon	May 1	2	3	4	5	6

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