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from the Pastor...

Rev. Donald Jordan

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE CROSS?

Surveying the landscape of many Evangelical churches in America leads one to a discovery that many have stopped displaying crosses, for fear of offending visitors and pagans. There are many Christian leaders who don't want to have a cross prominently displayed, lest it leave one the impression that the cross is the heart, core, and center of Christianity. Many mega-churches have ditched their crosses and Christian symbols, in favor of something more generic.



It is true that the world likes a Jesus who is a moralist or a nice teacher. Who wants a Jesus who is the Lamb of God who suffered and died for the sins of the world? That message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and him crucified doesn't seem to go over too well with most people.

For seekers to the Christian Church the marketing purveyors will tell us to eliminate terms like these: damnation, hell, rebellion, sin, blood, cross, death, grace, mercy, redemption, and salvation. Those terms just don't seem to resonate with people today and church marketers indicate such vocabulary be eliminated.

With a decided emphasis upon consumer-driven churches, one will hear about such things as "relevant, large numbers, felt-needs, and fulfilling" as ways to describe the work of the church.

But, in the Lutheran Church we have the gift of the Good News, the Gospel, the Evangel of Jesus Christ, for this is our

evangelism as we preach Christ and him crucified. This Gospel is the free forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and salvation that has been purchased and won by Jesus Christ upon the cross for us and our salvation.

It is God who does the saving work by the power of the Holy Spirit through the means of grace whereby he works saving faith and creates new life in

dead sinners. The Gospel is this treasured good news that our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit has accomplished all for us and has revealed all this in his Gospel.

However, so often in our lives and churches, the cross is missing. The sermons and teaching will be all about how to live a better life or how to engage in social justice to make the world a better place. Some teachers erroneously will tell you what a good person you are and how you can make a difference in the world.

But, what is absolutely necessary for the Christian church is to get the cross right. Here is where the Lutheran Church and its theology is right. "We preach Christ crucified" is the proclamation of I Corinthians 1 where the Apostle Paul indicates clearly the essence of our belief and practice.

Your anchor in life and in death is in Christ and his cross. Display the cross. Proclaim the cross. Preach the cross. Teach the cross. And, never let it be lost in your life and church.

A blessed Lent. Pastor Jordan

REDEEMER FINANCIAL SUMMARY

CHURCH STAFF

REDEEMER FINANCIAL SUMMARY
January 1, 2018 - January 31, 2018

INCOME/EXPENSE – ACTUAL:

ORDINARY INCOME: \$16,761.16

EXPENSES:

Administration	\$11,710.65
Christian Education	100.00
Evangelism	64.95
Fellowship	154.77
Stewardship	00.00
Trustees	<u>\$2,529.10</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	<u>\$14,559.47</u>
NET ORDINARY INCOME	\$2,201.69
CHURCH FACILITY RENT INCOME	00.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,201.69
RETAINED EARNINGS	<u>\$23,8679.03</u>
BALANCE (Total Equity)	\$26,068.72

ASSETS/LIABILITIES:

CHURCH

Directed Funds (TCB)	\$130,391.62
Operating Funds (TCB)	\$26,068.72
Mission Trust Fund (Thornburg)	\$265,922.78
Scholarship Fund (Stifel Nicolaus)	<u>\$335,650.87</u>
TOTAL CHURCH ASSETS/LIAB.:	\$758,033.99
TOTAL SCHOOL ASSETS:	<u>\$23,153.17</u>
TOTAL ASSETS/LIABILITIES:	\$781,187.16
PARSONAGE INCOME	\$1,500.00
Minus Renting Expenses	00.00
Parsonage Deposit	\$1,000.00
Disbursed to Pastor Jordan	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
Net Parsonage Income	00.00

SCHOOL INCOME \$6,602.50

35% to Mission Trust Fund (Thornburg)	\$2,310.88
30% to Scholarship Fund (Stifel Nicolaus)	\$1,980.75
20% to Facilities Reserve Fund (Thrivent)	\$1,320.50
10% to School Reserve Fund	\$660.25
5% to Musician & Concert Fund (TCB)	\$330.12

For more details or an explanation,
see the office manager.

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09 ANN CARNEY
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25 LACEY DeGARMO
25 JILL WILLIAMS
26 BELLA THORSON
29 LEO CARNEY
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MARCH BAPTISMAL DATES

01 LINDA ALLEN
01 ALLEN THOMPSON
09 CAROLYN MARTIN
20 DAVID SWEET
24 MARNE' SIVESIND
31 NICOLE MARSHALL
31 ALEX WOOLERY

WOMEN'S KAFFEEKLATSCH

Monday, March 19

10:00 A.M. - 12:00 NOON

at Sharon Schaffert's, 627 Larch St
343-1596

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REFERRAL REWARD

If you or others are considering moving into an independent or assisted living facility, be sure to contact the church first for a referral. Many facilities will give a \$1,000 referral reward to the church, but you must obtain the referral first before contacting the facility. (can't be done afterward) Contact Pastor Jordan.

PASTOR JORDAN'S SERMONS

KKXX.net - Tunein.com KKXX 930 AM, 104.5 FM
Saturday 1:00 PM, Sunday 1:00 & 5:00 PM

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

KKXX.net - Tunein.com KKXX 930 AM, 104.5 FM
Saturday 1:30 PM, Sunday 1:30 PM

CAMPUS MINISTRY



The next meeting is Sunday, March 4, 5:00 p.m. with dinner and Bible study on "Christianity and the Competition."

MONTHLY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

MEN'S monthly Bible study is Saturday, March 3, 8:00. We will study Christian apologetics from the book "The Defense Never Rests" by Craig Parton (First Edition). Pick up your copy in the narthex or order on smile.amazon.com. Read chapters one and two in preparation.



SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS

Lutheran Doctrine and Practice Today is Sunday Bible Study at 8:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

Unjustifiable Faiths: Four Common - and Wrong - Beliefs about Justification is the new study beginning on Sunday, April 8.

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS

Thursday Bible Class is studying the *Penitential Psalms*. Join us each Thursday from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Praying Luther's Small Catechism is the new study beginning on Thursday, April 5.

Easter Lilies

Altar Guild requests that lilies to beautify the sanctuary on Easter Sunday be brought to the sacristy by Saturday, March 31, 9:00 a.m.

Orders will not be taken by Altar Guild, but if you need assistance in purchasing a lily, please speak to Lori Jordan and an Altar Guild member will be happy to help.

LENTEN HOLY WEEK, EASTER SCHEDULE



2018



LENT

WEDNESDAYS

March 7, 14, 21

Lenten Evening Prayer - 7:00 p.m.

Suppers, 6:00 p.m.

March 7, Soup Supper

March 21, Chili Supper

HOLY WEEK

Sunday, March 25

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

Thursday, March 29

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

Friday, March 30

Good Friday

Chief Service - 12:00 p.m.

Tenebrae Service - 7:00 p.m.

EASTER

Sunday, April 1

Resurrection of Our Lord - Easter Day

Easter Breakfast/Flowering of the Cross

8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Divine Service - 10:00 a.m.

QUILTING AT REDEEMER

MARCH 12 & 26

9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

(2nd & 4th Mondays)

We invite all ladies of the congregation to check out quilting. No special skills required.

Coffee and friendship always served.

The Quilters

HYMNS THAT SING OF CHRIST: LSB 439

“O DEAREST JESUS, WHAT LAW HAST THOU BROKEN”

O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession,
What dark transgression?

They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge
Thee;
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee;
They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee;
They crucify Thee.

Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?
It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish;
Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit,
This I do merit.

What punishment so strange is suffered yonder!
The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander;
The Master pays the debt His servants owe Him,
Who would not know Him.

The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;
Man forfeited his life and is acquitted;
God is committed.

There was no spot in me by sin untainted;
Sick with sin's poison, all my heart had fainted;
My heavy guilt to hell had well-nigh brought me,
Such woe it wrought me.

O wondrous love, whose depth no heart hath sounded,
That brought Thee here, by foes and thieves surrounded!
All worldly pleasures, heedless, I was trying
While Thou wert dying.

O mighty King, no time can dim Thy glory!
How shall I spread abroad Thy wondrous story?
How shall I find some worthy gifts to proffer?
What dare I offer?

For vainly doth our human wisdom ponder--
Thy woes, Thy mercy, still transcend our wonder.
Oh, how should I do aught that could delight Thee!
Can I requite Thee?

Yet unrequited, Lord, I would not leave Thee;
I will renounce whate'er doth vex or grieve Thee
And quench with thoughts of Thee and prayers most lowly
All fires unholy.

But since my strength will nevermore suffice me
To crucify desires that still entice me,
To all good deeds O let Thy spirit win me
And reign within me!

I'll think upon Thy mercy without ceasing,
That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleasing;
To do Thy will shall be my sole endeavor
Henceforth forever.

Whate'er of earthly good this life may grant me,
I'll risk for Thee; no shame, no cross, shall daunt me.
I shall not fear what foes can do to harm me
Nor death alarm me.

But worthless is my sacrifice, I own it;
Yet, Lord, for love's sake Thou wilt not disown it;
Thou wilt accept my gift in thy great meekness
Nor shame my weakness.

And when, dear Lord, before Thy throne in heaven
To me the crown of joy at last is given,
Where sweetest hymns Thy saints forever raise Thee,
I, too, shall praise Thee.

Fifteen stanzas long, this hymn is the cry of a redeemed soul, praising the Redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ, for all the tender and wondrous gifts he freely gives to a lost and needy soul. This hymn's original name is revealing. "The cause of the bitter sufferings of Jesus Christ and consolation from His love and grace. From Augustine's *Meditations*, Chapter v11." To this we say amen.

Taking his cue from Martin Moller (1547-1606) who published *Meditations Sanctorum Patrum* in two volumes in 1584, 1591, and attributed the work to St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430) the great Latin church father, Heermann thought he was putting the words of the latter into rhyme. Actually, the *Meditation* was a medieval compilation from various church fathers, including Augustine, Gregory the Great, and Anselm of Canterbury. It is more likely Chapter VII to which Heermann refers and on which he based this hymn text, was written by Anselm (1033-1109) who was the archbishop of Canterbury.

The tune is *Herzliebster Jesu* and was composed by Johann Cruger for Heermann's text and first published in his news *Vollkomliches Gesangbuch Augsbургische Confession* in Berlin in 1640.

Johan Cruger (1598-1662) was the son of an innkeeper. He was born in Gross-Breesen, Brandenburg. He enrolled at the University of Wittenberg studying not only theology but music. He was appointed cantor of St. Nicholas Church in Berlin and teacher in the Gymnasium of the Gray Cloister, the two positions he held until his death.

In 1657 the famous poet Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676) became a deacon at St. Nicholas and a lifelong friendship developed between he and Cruger. Next to Luther, Cruger is perhaps the most important musician and composer of hymn tunes of the Lutheran Church. We have many of his tunes in our hymnal.

FROM THE RABE FAMILY IN ETHIOPIA



Dear God's People at Redeemer,

Greetings in Christ from Addis Ababa! We are grateful for your ongoing support, prayers and generosity! We are very much looking forward to our visit with you all in June.

It continues to be a real joy to serve the students as their teacher at the Seminary in Addis Ababa. This last week we were encouraged as the results of the Summer Witnessing program were shared with us during the Committee of Mutual Christian Responsibility. During last year's witnessing program the Gospel was shared with 1.8 million people and 98,000 came to faith with about another 50,000 people returning to the Church. It is truly a blessing to be a part of a church that has such a drive to tell the Good News of Jesus with others.

Please continue to pray for the EECMY as they share the Good News and equip God's People, the students at Mekane Yesus Seminary as they prepare for further service in the Church, and for the people of Ethiopia. Thank you again for your partnership in the Gospel!

Your servants and partners in the Gospel,

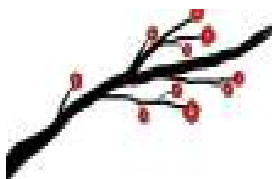
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LWML ZONE 12 SPRING RALLY

Created and Prepared = Let's Go

For we are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10



Saturday, March 17

Registration starts at 9:30 a.m.

Our Savior Lutheran Church
6404 Pentz Road
Paradise

Susan Smith - "Continuing the Journey"

\$10.00/person includes breakfast & lunch

RSVP by Sunday, March 11 to 530-877-7321

50/50 to Susan Smith and CNH Mission Grants

All ladies are invited to join us for a time of Bible Study, fellowship and hearing about the mission field from our guest speaker.

Also, at the rally there will be a special Bites For Mites table. Each Society should bring some items/treats to put out on the table and attendees are encouraged to bring money to put in the mite boxes in exchange for the treats.

BAPTISM

AURORA SUSAN PONCI - FEBRUARY 11, 2018





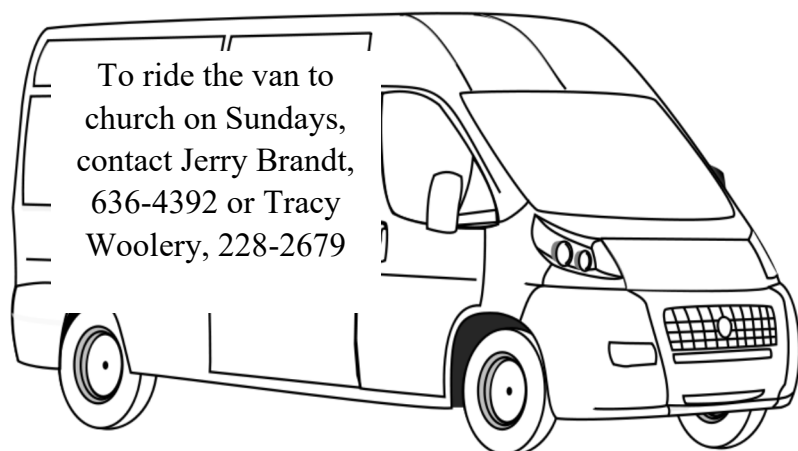
Place your CRV plastic and aluminum beverage containers in the bins located in the Parish Hall. Proceeds support the Youth Group.



2018 MISSION SUPPORT

- 1Q YOUTH/CAMPUS MINISTRY
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Memorization and Technology

“There is nothing new under the sun.” (Eccl. 1:9) How many of us have said that, studied it and know it to be true. However, there are ways of doing things not addressed in scripture and technology seems to be bursting at the seams with “new” things. We can find ourselves caught in the same traps and those have been since the beginning and are not new.

As we continue looking at technology where do we go with the allure of “new” and not get ourselves off track? We have been taught to hide God’s word in our hearts that we might not sin against Him. Another truth we have studied and know to be true, but...How many times have you said, “This year I am really going to be serious about memorizing scripture!”?

Recently Pastor Jordan uncovered and shared a blog that speaks to this issue:

<https://www.concordiatechnology.org/blog/2017/12/catechesis-memorization-and-technolog>

You may not be in the habit of reading or researching blogs but as we work together it is helpful when we share things we find. Take a look at this site from Concordia Technology Solutions. There are several suggestions about using technology for memorization. From the blog:

Although technology has changed how we use our memory, it can also be leveraged in building a memory library for a variety of learning styles.

One of the suggestions from this blog is using a Bible memorization app on your smartphone or tablet. They reference the app *Verses*. The free version of this app is KJV though there are other versions you can purchase. If you do a search for either Android or iPhone/iPad you will find many other apps, some of which include at least 8-10 versions from which you can select. Some of the apps have pre-selected verses, topical collections or the ability to add your own verses. In most of the apps looked at you can hear the verse, type the verse, record yourself saying the verse, utilize various techniques such as building the verse a



phrase at a time, supplying missing words, etc. Most of these also have a function that reminds you to review the verse once memorized.

If the first app you download doesn’t seem to fit the way you work don’t give up. Try another app until you find one that seems to fit for you. Wouldn’t you like to be able to say next year, “I’m going to memorize a new verse each week!” and then do it?

One more thought, how much have you been reading or hearing about the concern of spending too much time looking at screens that emit blue light especially right before going to bed? Newer smartphone can be set to automatically adjust to a night viewing mode using less blue light. The newer computer operating systems also have this feature.

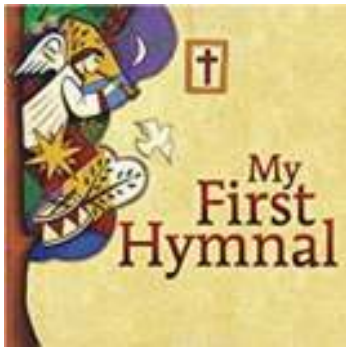
Older phone, there is an app for that! Enter “blue light filter” in the search box and you can find several apps for the Android platform (did not find for older iPhones). Some will work cross-platform; others may only work on your phone or your tablet. There are some that will work on your computer if you are still using older technology on your desktop. Some of these applications will have settings that you can enter that will then automatically filter blue light at a set time.

Make sure to read the January issue of Lutheran Witness—“Digital Technology and the Church.”





How many times have you said or heard said, “I wish I’d had that when...” The resource highlighted for this article certainly falls into that category. Show this to members of your family who might have raised children prior to 2000 and I’m sure you will hear variations on this response.



Copyright in 2011 this book contains 52 hymns that follow the church calendar. And, there is an illustrated Church Year diagram at the beginning of the book. This diagram is a great way to start teaching your children

about the cycle of the church. There is rich symbolism and pictures shown in the diagram pointing to the central focus of the season. Since children love to “find things” you can use this to not only find the pictures/symbols in the book but also in your own church.

The beginning of the hymnal (as in the *Lutheran Service Book*) is a treasure of resources to use as the basis of family devotions: Psalms, Prayers, Confession and Absolution, Apostles’ Creed and Lord’s Prayer. The Psalms are shown in a way that teaches responsive reading and also serves to begin planting God’s Word into young hearts.

Delightful illustrations fill every page with borders that reflect the season. This helps to make this book valuable on many levels and to extend the age span of the book which some recommend up to age 10.

There is a 3-CD companion product that has tracks of both vocals and instrumentals. This is also available on iTunes. For those who have Amazon Prime, you can access either as purchase or part of your Prime subscription and download many of the hymns to your phone or tablet.

Recommendations to merge technology and print media:

- Check out the bulletin at the church website before Sunday and see if any of the hymns are included in *My First Hymnal* and practice the hymn(s) with your children.
- Use the vocal downloads from iTunes or Prime Music to sing the hymns at home. Once your children grasp the melody by singing along with the vocal track, use the accompaniment track only and sing during family devotions.
- Create a playlist of accompaniment only tracks to use for quiet times, naps or going to bed at night. This can be started at infancy.
- Playlists are also great for family sing along during road trips.
- These are only suggestions, so be creative and come up with your own unique ways to use the hymnal and technology.

The “Family Room” at church will have a copy of *My First Hymnal* so check it out. It will be a great addition to your home library.

You can purchase *My First Hymnal* from Concordia Publishing or Amazon (using Smile.Amazon can benefit the church) as well as other online resources. Great gift suggestion for grandparents, aunts/uncles and friends!

Women's Resource Clinic

Walk for Life

Saturday, May 19

Bidwell Park
One Mile Recreation Area

Check-In 9:30 a.m.
Walk 10:00 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m.

Lent

Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday

The Theme

The term “Lent” comes from the old English word for “spring” because it always occurs in the spring time.

Lent’s overarching theme is the battle waged by Christ against Satan, in which we are not spectators but participants. There are forty days in Lent, excluding Sundays, recalling Jesus’ forty days in the wilderness as he was tempted by the Devil. The weekdays concentrate on the suffering of Christ, while the Sundays show various victories along the way to the final victory over Satan at Christ’s resurrection.

Each Sunday is not a “Sunday of Lent” but a “Sunday in Lent,” reminding us that though there is a certain emphasis on repentance, meditation, and confession of sins, there is still joy and gladness in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus that is always believed and celebrated.

In past centuries, the purpose of Lent was obscured by over-emphasis on penitential exercises, some often very severe. Lent is about what Christ did and does for us, and then, secondarily, as we receive the forgiveness of our sins, we strive, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to overcome the sins which beset us.

The Mood

The mood of Lent is deep penitence. While our eyes are fixed upon Christ and His suffering for us, we must at the same time see how we have been the cause of that suffering. Lent can be seen as divine drama, in which we are on the stage, both as the sinful members of the crowd shouting to “Crucify Him!” and as the disciples who were weak of faith and despaired at His death. At the same time, we see the cross as victory, not defeat.

To emphasize the penitential mood, certain changes are made in the liturgy. The Gloria in Excelsis and Alleluias are eliminated. It is customary that flowers not be placed at the altar. In addition, the *Gloria Patri* is omitted from the 5th Sunday until Easter.

All crucifixes in the church may be veiled in violet or unbleached linen. The veils indicate that Jesus hid His divinity behind the veil of His flesh in order to suffer and die for us. They also serve to dim any glitter of metal or gems, if any, to deepen the penitential mood.

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. It began as the day that penitents who had been excommunicated from the church came to be enrolled for reinstatement, which would take place on Holy Thursday. They would lie on the ground, wearing sack-cloth garments, and after an exhortation from the bishop, ashes would be sprinkled upon them. This Biblical gesture came to be embraced by all Christians as a sign of repentance. It is now administered by applying a cross on the forehead with ashes accompanied by the sober reminder “Remember, O man, that dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return!”

Seeing, then, that Christ has taken our sin upon Himself, how are we to live? During Lent we look to Christ also for guidance and help to overcome our vices. The three Lenten disciplines recommended by our Lord are given in the 6th chapter of St. Matthew: almsgiving, praying, and fasting. These three address the major sins of greed, spiritual apathy, and fleshly indulgence. The change in our lives is meant to be permanent, and not just a “giving up something for Lent.” The “something” we give up is the vice which besets us. It may well be represented by some particular food or past-time. The object is to bring our glees under control of our spirit. By saying “no” to those things which in themselves may not be sinful, we are strengthened to say “no” to those which are.

As St. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 9:25-27: “Every athlete exercises self control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. Well, I do not run aimlessly, I do not box as one beating the air; but I pommel my body and subdue it, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.”

Lent is God’s gift to us and helps us to depend upon Christ for all things and not to trust in ourselves. In this season we consider our frailty and mortality, as we look to Jesus for forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and salvation from hell.

Although certain disciples are part of our forty days of Lent, the emphasis is upon what Christ has done for us and our salvation. In our congregation we will emphasize the benefits and blessings of the Lord’s Supper, as we esteem this blessed sacrament by offering it each Lord’s Day during the season of Lent.

The Color

The color for Lent is purple, suggesting penitence, royalty of Jesus, and reminiscent of the purple robe he wore as the soldiers mocked him.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 25	26	27	28	Mar 1 9:30am Bible Study (Fireside Room) 6:30pm Bell Choir Practice (Choir Loft)	2 Office Manager's Day Off	3 8:00am Men's Bible Study (Fireside Room) 12:30pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour
4 Third Sunday in Lent 8:45am SS/ABS - PH 10:00am DS - Sanctuary 11:15am Fellowship PH 5:00pm College/Young Adult Dinner/Study (Parish Hall)	5 Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	6 9:30am Mains (Sanctuary) 10:00am Circuit Pastor's Meeting (Fireside Room)	7 [C] Perpetua and Felicitas Martyrs 6:00pm Soup Supper (PH) 7:00pm Lenten Evening Prayer (Sanctuary)	8 9:30am Bible Study (Fireside Room) 6:30pm Bell Choir Practice (Choir Loft)	9 Office Manager's Day Off	10 1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour
11 Fourth Sunday in Lent 8:45am SS/ABS - PH 10:00am DS - Sanctuary 11:15am Fellowship PH	12 Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	13	14 7:00pm Lenten Evening Prayer (Sanctuary)	15 9:30am Bible Study (Fireside Room) 6:30pm Bell Choir Practice (Choir Loft)	16 Office Manager's Day Off	17 [C] Patrick, Missionary to Ireland 1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour
18 Fifth Sunday in Lent 8:45am SS/ABS - PH 10:00am DS - Sanctuary 11:15am Fellowship PH	19 Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus 10:00am Women's KaffeeKatsch (Sharon Schaffer's)	20 4:00pm Newsletter Deadline	21 6:00pm Chili Supper (PH) 7:00pm Lenten Evening Prayer (Sanctuary)	22 9:30am Bible Study (Fireside Room) 6:30pm Bell Choir Practice (Choir Loft)	23 Office Manager's Day Off	24 1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour
25 [F] The Annunciation of Our Kenya Orphan Student Palm Sunday 8:45am SS/ABS - PH 10:00am DS - Sanctuary 11:15am Fellowship PH	26 Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	27	28	29 Holy (Maundy) Thursday 9:30am Bible Study (Fireside Room) 7:00pm Divine Service (Sanctuary)	30 Good Friday Office Manager's Day Off 12:00pm Chief Service (Sanctuary) 7:00pm Tenetbrae Service (Sanctuary)	31 [C] Joseph, Patriarch 1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour

OFFICE MANAGER'S HOURS TUE - THU 9:00AM - 4:00PM*

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