



The Parish Beacon

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February 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The new month is upon us and a new month of activities and challenges approach. Let us pray, “Thy will be done.” As we pray and reflect on those words, we remember that Jesus gave us those words to help us boldly and confidently approach our heavenly father. As we look to God and pray the Lord’s prayer time after time, we need to remember that each time we are asking “the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth” (Is 40:28) :

To remember us in His will.

To remember us in His divine providence and protection.

To remind us that we need His healing and health.

To remind us that without His Son we would be lonely and lost.

To remind us that His will is that we have the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.

“Not as I will, but as You will,” Jesus prayed to His Father the night before He went to the cross for our salvation. And that is our prayer as well this Lent as we seek to do God’s will in our lives, as we draw near to the observance of Christ’s suffering, death and resurrection during Holy Week.

As we enter the Lenten season this February remember, “Thy will be done.” Remember, because Christ has remembered you. He has remembered you and gives His steadfast love to you in His Word and Sacraments. “The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His steadfast love” (Ps 147:11). Our hope and trust are in God’s will. Our hope and trust is in Jesus.

“Not as I will, but as you will.” A new month is upon us and new challenges are coming. The Narthex renovations continue moving forward bringing with them the joys and challenges of a live-in renovation. Plus, many activities are scheduled for February including Basics of the Faith, Trivia Challenge, Ash Wednesday, and Theology 101. I am sure many challenges are coming in your own personal life as well—challenges with family and friends, challenges with time and schedules, challenges with keeping up with life. So, pray, “Thy will be done” and trust in the God who renews your strength. Trust and wait on the God who lifts you up to soar on the wings of eagles.

Your Servant in Christ,
Vicar Scheele

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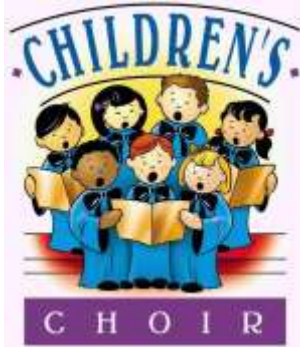
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FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

- 1 Board of Elders 7:00pm
- 2 Basics of the Faith 7:00pm
- 3 Basics of the Faith 8:30am
- 4 Sunday School 9:15am/Adult Bible Class 9:30am
Super Bowl Party 4:30pm
- 5 Youth Committee 6:00pm
Stephen Ministry Training 6:45pm
Children's Ministry Committee 7:00pm
Mission Committee 7:00pm
- 6 Women's Beth Moore Study 9:30am
Human Care 6:30pm
- 7 Bible Study 11:00am
Lunch Bunch 12:00pm
Midweek Meal 6:00pm
Midweek Classes 6:45pm
Praise Band Rehearsal 8:00pm
- 8 Board of Directors 7:00pm
- 10 Men's Bible Study 8:00am
- 11 Sunday School 9:15am/Adult Bible Class 9:30am
Trivia Challenge 12:00pm
Health Ministry Meeting 2:30pm
- 12 Worship Committee 3:30pm
Outreach Committee 6:30pm
Stephen Ministry Training 6:45pm
- 14 Ash Wednesday Services 1:00 & 7:00pm
Properties Committee 6:00pm
- 15 Women's Beth Moore Study 7:00pm
Theology 101 7:00pm
- 18 Sunday School 9:15am/Adult Bible Class 9:30am
Voters' Meeting 11:45pm
Education Enrichment 1:00pm
- 19 Stephen Ministry Training 6:45pm
LWML (Speaker Scott Kibby) 7:00pm
- 20 Women's Beth Moore 9:30am
Assimilation 7:00pm

- 21 Bible Study 11:00am
Lunch Bunch 12:00pm
Lenten Services 1:00 & 6:10 pm
Lenten Meal 5:10pm
Midweek Classes 7:00 pm
Praise Band Rehearsal 8:00 pm
- 24 Men's Bible Study 8:00am
- 25 Sunday School 9:15am/Adult Bible Class 9:30am
New Member Brunch 12:00pm
- 26 Stephen Ministry Training 6:45pm
- 28 Lenten Services 1:00 & 6:10 pm
Lenten Meal 5:10pm
Midweek Classes 7:00 pm



Children's Choir will begin practicing next Sunday, February 4th at 10:15-10:30 in the music room.

For children Kindergarten-8th grade.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30pm Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am
Communion on February 3, 4, 14, 17, 18

Comfort-Tiers meet Thursdays at 9:00am
Need more tiers anytime between 9:00 am to noon
No expertise or materials required-Coffee provided

Choir rehearsal Wednesdays
6:45 pm February 7
6:00 pm February 14
7:00 pm February 21 through Lent

Praise Team Practice schedule varies—
Contact Myrl Holida myrl-holida@uiowa.edu or
Louise Klopp choirdirector@ourredeemer.org



Watch *Reflections* for information on:

Basics of the Faith
February 2,
7-9pm
February 3,
8:30am-2:30pm



CHALLENGE
February 11
12:00pm
Fellowship Hall



Ash Wednesday Service
February 14
1:00pm & 7:00pm



Everyone welcome!
March 4 at Noon



New Member Brunch
February 25
11:45am



For Crisis Center
Saturday, March 3



High School Super
Bowl Party
Sunday, February 4
4:30pm



Voters' Meeting
February 18 after 10:30 service
Fellowship Hall



Lenten Schedule
Starts February 21
Services 1:00 & 6:10pm
Midweek Meal 5:10pm
Midweek Classes 7:00pm
Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm



February 15
7:00pm
Room 208/210



Education Enrichment
February 18
Following Voters' Meeting



LENTEN SCHEDULE

February 14

Ash Wednesday

Services 1:00 & 7:00 pm

February 21
to March 14

Lent

Services 1:00 & 6:10 pm

Midweek Meal 5:10 pm

Midweek Class 7:00 pm (No Class March 14)

Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm

March 21

Lent



Services 1:00 & 6:10 pm

Midweek Meal 5:10 pm

Midweek Class 7:00 pm

Spiritual Growth Event 7:00 pm

March 25 **PALM SUNDAY**
Confirmation at 10:30 am

HOLY WEEK

March 28 **SILENT WEDNESDAY**
Prayer Walk 11:00 am - 8:00 pm

March 29 **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
Services 1:00 & 7:00 pm

March 30 **GOOD FRIDAY**
Kiwanis Prayer Breakfast 6:30 am
Services 1:00 & 7:00 pm

March 31
Easter Worship 5:30 pm

April 1 **EASTER**
Easter Worship 8:00 & 10:30 am
Easter Breakfast 9:00 am
Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 am

THY WILL BE DONE—LENTEN SERIES

Ash Wednesday - Abraham and Isaac

God's Will and God's Promise

By faith, Abraham trusted the will of God when He promised that a son would be born to him. God's will was done when that son, Isaac, was born, and God's will was done when His Son Jesus came into the world to redeem His people.

February 25 - David

God's Will and My Dreams

Anointed by God to rule in Israel, King David was called by God to shepherd His people, but often failed to live up to God's will for him. We welcome the Good Shepherd into our lives who fulfills God's will perfectly to gather His wandering sheep into the sheepfold of heaven.

March 11 - Paul

God's Will and My Worldview

On the road to Damascus, Paul had his worldview turned upside down when God called him to preach the name of the Christ he had been persecuting. We follow God's will by putting the crucified Christ at the center of our worldview.

February 18 - Moses

God's Will and My Inadequacy

At first, Moses did not think he could free the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. But God worked through him to set his people free. In Lent we remember that God sent His Son to do His will and set all people free from the slavery of sin.

March 4 - Mary

God's Will and My Dreams

In humility, Mary dutifully accepted the role God had given her to become the mother of our Savior. That Son would later accept His role, faithfully following the path His Father had in mind for Him to save us all.

March 11 - Lydia

God's Will and My Response

Lydia followed the will of God by responding in faith and hospitality when the Gospel message of Christ's sacrifice was preached to her. We follow the will of God by responding in love and service to one another in return for what Christ has done for us.



MISSION	JANUARY
Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca	\$625.00
Iowa District East	\$4,166.67
UIHC Chaplain Endowment Fund	\$416.67
Mission Bishkek	\$250.00
Lutheran Family Service	\$625.00
Military Bible Stick	\$250.00
Orphan Grain Train	\$250.00
St. Paul's Chapel	\$375.00
TOTAL	\$6,958.34
MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS	
Crisis Center	\$115.00
Lutherans for Life	\$240.00

9:15 am Music Preschool B—4th Grade
5th-8th Grade Sunday School

9:30 am Sunday School Preschool A-
4th Grade

10:00 am Music 5th-8th Grades

10:15 am Sunday School/Music Ends

January 28—*Philip & the Ethiopian* Acts 8:26-40

As He came to the Ethiopian, our Lord comes to us in our weakness, for we cannot by our own reason or strength come to Him. Through the Means of Grace, the Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies us, keeping us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.



January 15



Pictures
by Kara
Hartwig
& Sarah
Ghabel





Heart Disease in Women

Although heart disease is often thought of as a problem for men, more women than men die of heart disease each year. One challenge is that some heart disease symptoms in women may be different from those in men. Fortunately, women can take steps to understand their unique symptoms of heart disease and to begin to reduce their risk of heart disease.

Women's heart attack symptoms may occur more often when women are resting, or even when they are asleep. The most common heart attack symptom in women is some type of pain, pressure or discomfort in the chest. But it is not always severe or even the most prominent symptom, particularly in women. And, sometimes, women may have a heart attack without chest pain. Women are more likely than men to have heart attack symptoms unrelated to chest pain, such as:

- Neck, jaw, shoulder, upper back or abdominal discomfort
- Shortness of breath
- Right arm pain
- Nausea or vomiting
- Sweating
- Lightheadedness or dizziness
- Unusual fatigue

These symptoms can be more subtle than the obvious crushing chest pain often associated with heart attacks. Women may describe chest pain as pressure or a tightness. This may be because women tend to have blockages not only in their main arteries but also in the smaller arteries that supply blood to the heart — a condition called small vessel heart disease or microvascular disease.

Women tend to show up in emergency rooms after heart damage has already occurred because their symptoms are not those typically associated with a heart attack. If you experience these symptoms or think you are having a heart attack, call 911 immediately. Do not drive yourself to the emergency room unless you have no other option.

There are several lifestyle changes you can make to reduce your risk of heart disease:

- Quit smoking.
- Exercise 30 to 60 minutes a day on most days of the week, or 60 to 90 minutes if you need to lose weight.
- Maintain a healthy weight.
- Eat a diet that is low in saturated fat, cholesterol and salt.

You will also need to take prescribed medications appropriately, such as blood pressure medications, blood thinners and aspirin. Lastly, you will need to better manage other conditions that are risk factors for heart disease, such as high blood pressure, high cholesterol and diabetes.

Mayo Clinic Staff. (2014). *Heart disease in women: Understand symptoms and risk factors*. Retrieved from <http://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/heart-disease/in-depth/heart-disease/art-20046167>.



VISION
20/20
Eye on the Future
RENOVATIONS
CONTINUE

What's happening?



DANGER
ASBESTOS
MAY CAUSE CANCER
CAUSES DAMAGE TO LUNGS
AUTHORIZED
PERSONNEL ONLY



TARGET: Turn this ↑ **to that** ↓ **by April 1**



Lord willing—"Thy will be done"



Stephen Ministry

We care, Christ cures.

The act of thinking about what to write did give me a trip down memory lane that was in itself helpful for cutting through the noise and remembering the promises God has made.

Don't get me wrong; I love my family (lots), but frequent communication is just not my love language. The launch procedure from my boyhood home to college and beyond was executed without a hitch and required little contact with ground control. Sure, my mom would have liked to hear from me more, but a short call home once a month from college, just to let her know I was still breathing, came to be our natural rhythm. No news, for my family, was generally considered good news. Independence, I thought, was my secret super power.

It was a pleasant fiction, of course. And it took an unexpected phone call during one of the darkest periods of my life to start to relieve me of this fiction. A darkness had snuck up on me during my third year of college and, short of a clinical description, I can only say that I felt that both my mind and my soul were under siege. For days, my prayers had been bouncing off the ceiling of my darkened dorm room. And then came the call. It was my older brother . . . calling to remind me that I had an older brother. We didn't call each other often, but he somehow sensed that it was time for that call. My initial silence in responding gave it away. What ensued was both like floodgates opening and like coming up for air after almost drowning. He had been through his long night of the soul a year earlier and knew that God most effectively reminds us of His promises through the family (by birth and by spirit) who He has placed around us, even if we hadn't before noticed them. I was graced with having in one person both a brother by birth who cared for me and a brother in Christ who prayed for me. I will always remember that night he called and how I went from deep despair (pretty much forgetting that I even had a brother), to a sobbing mess, to praising God for reminding me, through my brother, that the darkness shall not overcome the light.

Whether we like it or not, we are born into a family (no matter how dysfunctional), and as followers of Christ we are adopted into a spiritual family of eternal significance. Solitary membership in this family does not work - it wasn't meant to. Learning this truth, I have found out (often the hard way), is core to what it means to follow Christ. Being part of a family means letting brothers and sisters come alongside us to bear some of our burdens, to pray for specific needs, to speak truth to us, and to help us cut through the noise that often tempts us to forget that we are a family, one whose Father is actively engaged right now in redeeming this world.

I'm older now, of course, and the challenges I face are different. Just as my brother walked alongside me years ago, a Stephen Minister has been walking alongside me this past year. I am grateful to God for it. If you don't have someone to hold in confidence your burdens, or someone who is committed to praying specifically about them, then a Stephen Minister may be the reminder you need that you are part of the family.

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OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH – 2018

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Board of Directors Committee Oversight

<u>Group</u>	<u>Reports to</u>
Board of Directors	Congregation
Board of Elders	Congregation
Church Properties	Board of Directors
Assimilation	At Large-Barb Schanbacher
Auditing	Chair, Board of Directors
Christian Outreach	At Large-Jeff Kucera
Contributions	Treasurer
Education/Family Life	At Large-Kevin Roiseland
Health Ministries	At Large-Barb Schanbacher
Human Care	At Large-Barb Schanbacher
Missions Committee	At Large-Jeff Kucera
Nominating Committee	Pastor
Preschool Committee	At Large-Kevin Roiseland
Small Groups	At Large-Jeff Kucera
Technology	At Large-Barb Schanbacher
Youth Activities	At Large-Kevin Roiseland
Worship Committee	Pastor



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

February is now upon us and the year is moving forward. I just finished up a two-week intensive class that highlighted the writings of Flannery O'Connor. It was nice to get a class done and have one less class to do later this Spring. This coming Spring Semester, I will have two classes that go the entire 14 weeks. Those classes are *Religious Bodies* and *Pastoral Leadership and Theology*. I am also taking a 7-week course called *The Gospel in C.S. Lewis' Novels* starting next week that will go the first half of the semester. Throughout the entire 14 weeks I will also have a *Hebrew Lab* and a *Greek Lab*. These are to help us stay on top of our language skill when we are not taking a class that utilizes each language. Cassie is enjoying teaching her 3-year-old class. The end is on the horizon when it comes to my academic career here at Concordia Seminary. We are now within 100 days of Call Day and it seems to be approaching faster and faster. I am enjoying this short break between my Winterim class and when Spring Semester starts to get ahead on readings once I receive the books I need for class. Thank you for all your support and prayers as we finish our time here in the next months leading up to Call Day, graduation, Ordination and Installation. Blessings.

In Christ,
Andrew Wolfgram



**129 Pledges for
\$626,897.52**

**Cash in hand
\$379,771.65**

The family of Steve Faga extends our heartfelt appreciation to all that showered us with love and support since the good Lord took Steve home. The memories you shared with us showed how he touched so many lives whether it be with his church family or the outside world.

Thank you to Pastor Hartwig for the beautiful service that captured Steve's faith. Thank you to Marilyn Paetz for playing the organ with songs that told of God's love. Thank you to the LWML for a fantastic meal that was enjoyed by all.

Our hearts are saddened by Steve's passing but joyous knowing he is home with his Lord.

God blessings to all of you.
Sincerely, Marla Faga and family



Board of Directors Meeting - September

TREASURER'S REPORT

- December ended with total income of \$91,088 with expenses of \$70,497 giving a net income of \$20,591.
- Year-end income \$707,515 with expenses of \$679,047 for a net income \$28,468.
- Total Immeasurably More income through December \$356,289. Have sent LCEF \$100,000 for contractor's bills (all bills go through LCEF for payment). Paperwork will be ready Friday for signatures on LCEF construction loan.

AT LARGE REPORT—Barb Schanbacher

- Health Ministries will be meeting to determine how to meet health care needs of congregation without a parish nurse.
- Angel Tree had fewer than normal amount of recipients (62 gifts), but should go back up next year
- Mitten Tree collected seven dozen mittens/gloves plus hats and scarves. Next year will collect boots and snow pants as well.

STAFF REPORTS

Pastor Hartwig

- Asbestos has cost more than budgeted (\$60K vs \$30K). Taking care of problem now instead of in future flooring replacement for long term savings.

Vicar Scheele

- Starting Stephen Ministry Training (Class of three)
- Continuing nursing home visits, Bible studies, and sermons.

Kara Hartwig

- Live nativity had 130 people stop outside.
- Youth served December Advent meal.
- Ski Trip on January 15th had 20 skiers and 3 adult non-skiers.
- UKANDU has 25 people signed up.

Denise Holida

- Five going on Panama mission trip in March.
- Marriage Retreat cancelled due to low sign-ups.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- An ad hoc committee to address Safety and Security Guidelines for church will be created.
- An ad hoc committee to address Sunday morning snack and coffee guidelines in new facilities will be created.

Bylaws approved at November Voters' Meeting sent to District and approved.



KUDOS



Our Redeemer's Board of Directors

wishes to thank all those involved with special programs during Christmas Season. Many used their time and talents leading or **participating in the Live Nativity, Children's Christmas Program, and Christmas & Carols.** We are grateful to have such an active and willing people within the Our Redeemer family. It made for an even more joyful December!

Thank you all!



LENTEN MEAL ASSISTANCE

During Lent meals are served by various groups at 5:10 pm in the fellowship hall. Two Wednesdays need groups to serve. Let Pastor or the church office know if you can cover February 21 or March 14.

February 21	Help needed
February 28	High School Families
March 7	Human Care
March 14	Help Needed
March 21	LWML



HELP SUPPORT THE TEAM!

The Panama Mission Team is busily preparing to travel in March. We will be assisting the LCMS missionary family of Rev. Brian Gauthier who has visited Our Redeemer. We have been asked to teach Vacation Bible School and help prepare a new church site. Your help is needed through your prayers as well as financial support.

Donations can be left at the church office or given to a team member by February 11th: Myrl & Denise Holida, Miriam Meyer, and Jeff & Anita Nicholson. Thank you.

Gauthier newsletter is on page 17.

Welcome, Don & Donna Reddel!

Retired teachers, Don and Donna Reddel have recently joined Our Redeemer. They have grown children-daughter Shelley Haganman of Iowa City and son Dave Reddel of Omaha, NE. They have lived in Denver, Colorado; Ackley, IA; Mesa, AZ; Denison, IA; Omaha, NE; and Coralville, IA. They have seven grandchildren, including triplet granddaughters.

They have travelled and spent time in all 50 states, except Alaska. Don enjoys gardening, fishing, hiking, reading and cooking. Donna likes reading hiking, oil painting, piano, knitting, writing letters.

Their interests at Our Redeemer include ushering for Don and both are interested in Bible studies and missions.



Membership Changes and Official Acts

<u>Death</u>	
Jason Caylor	1-6-2018
Steve Faga	1-12-2018



2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR ENROLLMENT

To register for the 2018-19 school year, please fill out our registration form and submit it to our office with the registration fee. Please note that current families and church family enrollment will open January 25th. New family enrollment will open February 8th.



BIBLEWORDGAMES

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Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 263

Matt 13:31-43

H	D	E	W	O	S	I	W	T	S	D	R	I	B	F
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A Mustard Seed

- ANGELS
- BIRDS
- CROWD
- DOUGH
- ENEMY
- FIELD
- FLOUR
- HIDDEN
- JESUS
- PERCH
- PLANTS
- PULLED
- SEEDS
- SHINE
- TEETH
- WEEDS
- WOMAN
- WORLD
- BURNED
- CAUSES
- CREATION
- FATHER
- FULFILLED
- FURNACE
- GARDEN
- GROWS
- HEAVEN
- KINGDOM
- MUSTARD
- PARABLES
- PROPHET
- SOWED
- SPOKEN
- STANDS
- WEEPING
- HARVEST
- YEAST

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

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26 College Care packages were prepared by Kids Club and High School midweek classes on January 24.

Photo by Kara Hartwig



What do Our Redeemer and the Crisis Center have in common? PANCAKE DAY!

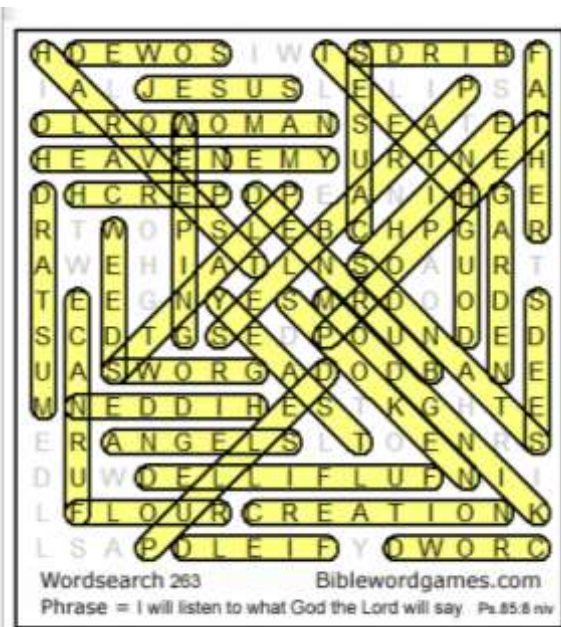
Each year on the first Saturday of March Our Redeemer holds a pancake breakfast and it serves as a primary fundraiser for the Crisis Center of Johnson County. The Mission Committee, particularly Bob Powers, spearheads the drive within Our Redeemer to help with Crisis Center funding with assistance from the Crisis Center. This year Joe Robinson is learning the ins and outs of the program.

This is the 45th annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser. This Our Redeemer project originated with the Lutheran Laymen's League in support of 511 Melrose, a property purchased by Our Redeemer and used by Alcoholics Anonymous. In 2009, the Mission Committee took over Pancake Day and decided to bless the Crisis Center.



The Crisis Center provides immediate support through Crisis Intervention, Food Bank & Emergency Assistance, and Community Intervention Programs. They provide these services:

- **24-Hour Crisis Line** – emotional support, information, referrals by phone
- **Crisis Chat** – online emotional support, information, and referrals
- **Mobile Crisis Outreach Program** – dispatches mental health counselors to homes, schools, ER's or public places where a mental health crisis is occurring
- **Food Bank** – weekly supplemental food
- **Emergency Assistance** – limited financial assistance to avoid eviction or loss of utilities
- **Mobile Food Pantry** – monthly supplemental food to select sites across Johnson County
- **Community Programs** – support, training, and services for individuals, groups, and businesses
- **Disaster Recovery** – from natural disasters that affect the community



The Crisis Center, a volunteer-driven organization, is fueled by gifts of time, talent, and treasure from local people and organizations. These contributors are inspired by the tangible results achieved by the Crisis Center.

Please help Our Redeemer with this fundraiser. Offer to help set up, serve, make pancakes or sausage, or cleanup. The signup sheet is in the office. Sell the tickets that will soon appear in your communication box or find a spot to display the poster that appears there and, of course, come eat pancakes!



SERVING THE LORD IN PANAMA



NEWS FROM THE GAUTHIER FAMILY



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The Gauthiers are back in Panamá after a short vacation and some FORO work in the United States. With the new year comes new challenges, new joys, and new projects, but the same gracious and loving Lord through whom we have forgiveness, life, and identity. Thanks be to God!

A New Year and New Challenges, but the same Lord

Happy New Year and a blessed Epiphany to you all! This is the time of year for setting goals and making resolutions. If you are anything like me, the resolutions and goals can quickly fall by the wayside if you do not see any results. Often times work in the church and on the mission field can be the same. When little fruit is seen, there is a tendency to want to change plans or give up. However, I included the photo below as a reminder that we may not see the fruits of our labor immediately, especially in the church. Twenty-five years ago a vicar started meeting with a few families in Loma Cova in hopes of planting a church. These little girls are now the third generation of Lutherans in this small village outside of Panama City. They attend weekly Sunday School and worship twice a week at Dios Es Grande, the Lutheran Church in that community.

This photo is greatly encouraging as the Lutheran Church of Panamá embarks on planting a new church in Sabanitas. I may not see the fruits of this work in my time in Panamá, but my job, along with the national church is to plant and water- to preach the Word of God in its fullest and baptize and teach. The Lord by and through the Holy Spirit will create faith and build His Church. How comforting to know that the Church does not depend on me or the efforts of a national church, but on the Lord and His promises through His Son Jesus Christ.

The Lord has been more than faithful already. We have a building, Pastor Carlos Mario Marion has accepted the call, and we have mission teams and organizations ready to work in the community bringing pastor to the community and the community to the pastor. So our 2018 begins with planting. Please remember us in your prayers. Pray for Pastor Carlos as he moves to Panamá on March 1. Pray for the national church as we volunteer to paint and make ready pastor's apartment and the church building. Pray for Sabanitas and the people, that the Spirit would soften their hearts to receive the Gospel of Jesus with repentance and joy. And pray that the Lord opens your eyes and hearts to the opportunities in your own lives to share your faith and give a reason for the hope you have in Christ Jesus!



The 3rd generation of a church plant in Loma Cova.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- IELPA's work to get the property in Sabanitas ready for the church plant.
- Pastor Carlos as he prepares to move to Panamá (March 1) to plant a church.
- Good health for our family and all the leaders of the Lutheran Church in Panamá.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Pastor Carlos' acceptance of the call to serve as church planter in Sabanitas.
- A restful vacation for our family.
- Brian's passing his PhD comprehensive exam.



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Youth

6th - 12th Graders

February

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			



High School Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 4

4:30 pm

Pastor Hartwig's House

We'll play a few games, eat snacks, have fun and watch the Super Bowl commercials!

What to bring? An appetizer or snack to share with the group.
Drinks will be provided.

DATE	EVENT	TIME
4	Super Bowl Party <i>High School</i>	4:30 pm
7	Midweek Meal <i>Meal Crew: 6th Grade Families (5:40 pm)</i>	6:00 pm Meal
7	Confirmation / Midweek Classes <i>Confirmation & High School</i> 8th Grade Confirmation <i>Rough draft of Paper DUE</i>	6:45 pm Class
11	Coffee & Treats <i>7th Grade Confirmation (Alt-Faudel)</i>	
14	ASH WEDNESDAY <i>Worship</i>	7:00 pm
28	Youth Lenten Meal <i>Hosted by High School Families</i>	5:10 pm Meal
28	Card Night (make cards for 8 th grade Confirmands) <i>High School</i>	6:45 pm
28	8th Grade Confirmation <i>Paper & ALL Sermon Summaries DUE</i>	



College Care Packages are packed, now what?

The boxes have been packed and are ready to mail. Let's pray for our college students.

Dear Lord,

Life is full of challenges and decisions. **Our college students** are confronted with choices every day, some as simple as what they are going to have for lunch and some as important as whether they will use drugs or have sex. **Lord**, our college students need **your discerning Spirit, Your wisdom** and **Your guidance** in their lives. Help them make wise and God-pleasing choices. Strengthen their **faith in You** and keep them always in Your care.

Thy Will Be Done.

Amen.

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DEADLINES

Reflections (printed weekly): Information must be submitted (written, typed, emailed or faxed) each Wednesday by 5:00 pm

Beacon Newsletter & Church Activities Calendar (printed monthly): Information must be submitted (written, typed, emailed or faxed) by noon on the 20th of each month.

TELEVISION ~ RADIO

Our Redeemer Worship Service on Public Access TV Channel 18 every Wednesday at 4:00 pm.

The Lutheran Hour Television Ministries talk show "On Main Street" is shown on **Public Access Television Channel 18** on Thursdays at 1:30 pm and Sundays at 10:00 pm.

Lutheran Hour Ministries on Radio—**WMT 600 AM Radio** on Sunday mornings at 6:30 am, and **KXEL 1540 AM Radio** on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. For more information on Lutheran Hour Ministries go to www.LHM.org.

VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND SCREENING

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church has been in ministry with children and youth for almost 55 years. Our insurance carrier, Church Mutual, strongly encourages us to promote the safest and most secure environment possible by screening all employees and volunteers, both new and existing, especially those who interact with children. Performing background checks will provide safeguards and peace of mind to our staff, volunteers, parents, youth and children. Additional details will be forthcoming as we put this screening process in motion.

Gifted

James 1:22



Reach out and try to touch someone--
Really nervous? Don't be afraid.
Our Christ has been there before you;
You know He will come to your aid.
I had to do what you're trying
When I was so quiet and shy.
("A nurse *needs* to touch her patient!"
Was one of our instructor's cry!)

So I'd pretend each one I'd meet
Was ill, and really needed me.
I'd swallow hard, smile and then start
To ask questions, and then, with glee,
I'd find my self had forgotten
My feelings, and instead I'd find
I was immersed in their problems--
Concern for them was on my mind.

Each person can be an adventure
Someone to explore, help and love.
Each one has been a gift from heaven
To us from our Father above.
Some people need help to unwrap,
Some have a knot to be untied.
Others have creases in their paper,
Smooth them out, then see what's inside!



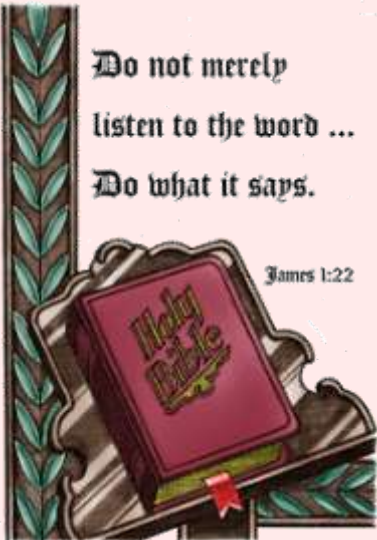
Some people are reached by a letter.
Write them and say, "How do you do?"
But mean it, and ask them some questions
To show they mean something to you.
Some people are called on the phone.
Reach out and say "How have you been?"
Mean it, and listen to their words
Then figure out just what they mean

People are reached by a mite box
With the strength of prayer alongside.
To see what can be done with cents
Gives one the sense of awe, not pride.
So reach out, however you are able,
Follow in His footsteps closely,
For He trod the road before us
To 'break the ground' for you and me.



Do not merely
listen to the word ...
Do what it says.

James 1:22



~ ~ Carol Schuldt