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February

2017

Worship Schedule for February



- Feb 5 Epiphany 5 HC Guest Pastor – Rev. David Hinck
Isaiah 58:3-9a Psalm 112:1-9 1 Corinthians 2:1-16 Matthew 5:13-20
- Feb 12 Epiphany 6 “Your True Love” *Matthew 5:21-37*
Deut. 30:15-20 Psalm 119:1-8 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Matthew 5:21-37
- Feb 19 Epiphany 7 HC “The Holiness Difference” *Matthew 5:38-42*
Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 Psalm 119:33-40 1 Cor. 3:10-23 Matthew 5:38-48
- Feb 26 Transfiguration Sunday “It’s Never Just Jesus” *Matt. 17:1-9*
Exodus 24:8-18 Psalm 2:6-12 2 Peter 1:16-21 Matthew 17:1-9

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, Wednesday March 1st,**
with Divine Service at noon and 6:30 pm

2017 Midweek Series:

The Little (or Big!) Peter in Each of Us

Midweek Services will be at 4:30 pm

March 1 Ash Wednesday Noon and 6:30 pm

March 8 Midweek 1 **Pride**

March 15 Midweek 2 **Complacency**

March 22 Midweek 3 **Misunderstanding**

March 29 Midweek 4 **Keeping Your Distance**

April 5 Midweek 5 **Denial**

April 13 *Maundy Thursday* Noon & 6:30 pm

April 14 *Good Friday* Noon & 6:30 pm

April 16 **The Resurrection of our Lord** 10 am "



Can You Make An Apology?

We all know what an apology is, right? When you do something wrong and get caught, you have to make an apology which goes something like this, "I'm sorry for what I did. I apologize." While none of us like having to make an apology like that, we all know how to do it and likely have done it many times in our lives.

The Bible uses the word, apology, in a different way. The Greek word, apologia, means "a defense." The verbal form of that word means "to defend, to make a defense." The Bible calls us to "make a defense" of our faith. St. Peter writes in his first epistle, *"But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect."* (1 Peter 3:15)

Some would say that the Word of God and our faith in Christ need no defense. We should simply accept the Bible as the inerrant Word of God and proclaim Christ and Him crucified and that should be enough. Ultimately, that is true. Not only do we not have to defend God and His Word, we can't. People will come to faith only by the working of the Holy Spirit. However, there are many roadblocks that get in the way of people even hearing the Word of God.

You've heard the criticisms that have kept people from even considering Christ. "The Bible is unreliable." "Jesus never rose from the dead!" "Jesus never claimed to be God." How can you say Jesus is the only way to heaven?" "If there is a loving God, why is there evil in the world." I'm sure you've heard others.

What should we, as Christians, do? Shall we ignore these criticisms of our faith and pretend they don't exist? That wouldn't be helpful to anyone asking us about our faith. Shall we simply quote Bible passages as proof for our position? That may not be listened to by those inquiring about Christ. St. Peter tells us to *"make a defense"* when anybody asks us for the reason for our hope. We can defend the Christian faith against untrue and unjust criticism. In other words, we can remove some of the roadblocks that impede the work of the Holy Spirit. Then people can hear the true Gospel without bias or prejudice.

Apologetics is the branch of theology which deals with the defense of the faith. It is not arguing people into the faith. Indeed, St. Peter tells us we should make our defense *"with gentleness and respect."* Rather, we are to make a loving and reasoned defense – an apology – for the criticisms which our faith receives.

Apologetics is an important skill all Christians should utilize as the people that God puts in contact with us question and attempt to refute the truth of God, Jesus, God's laws and the Good News. Apologetic exposes the weakness of other worldviews and creates a foundation so that Christianity can at least gain a hearing, which is all the Word of God needs to create faith (Romans 10:17).

Are you able to make that kind of an apology?

Stewardship Newsletter Article

We've all heard that stewardship is giving to the church of our time, talents, and treasure. This alliterative trinity helps us see that giving is not just about money, but about our whole lives. For God has given us everything we have and enjoy as we confess in the meaning to the First Article of the Apostle's Creed. And what we confess first among those is that God gives us "our body and soul, our eyes, ears, and all our members, our reason and all our senses." Only then do we confess that he gives us material things. Thus the time, talents, and treasure trinity places before our eyes the fact that we are to give something of all of these things toward the mission of the church in thanksgiving for what God has provided. For everything we have and indeed everything we are comes from God's fatherly divine goodness and mercy.

The problem with this alliterative trinity comes when we replace one little word with another little word—when we replace the word and with the word or. It is always written with the and, but when we read it, we read it with the or. Thus this quite helpful trinity, which extolled that everything that we have and are is a gift from God and which is to be pressed into the service of God in His church, turns into a trinity that we can pick and choose which of the trinity we use into the service of God. The giving of our time, talents, and treasure turns into the giving of our time, talents, or treasure.

Then the question arises: Can we give of our time and talents instead of our treasures? Or perhaps it is the other way round: Can we give our treasure and not of our time and our talents? But these are the wrong questions. The right question is, can we give of our time and our talents in addition to our treasure? Yes, indeed, we are called to give of all three. The things that God gives us are not to be pitted against one another. They are given to us and we are to press them all into God's service for benefit of His church and our neighbors in need.

Thus we give all three. We give our treasure in the form of a generous, first-fruits, proportion of our income. We give of our time in generosity for the benefit of Christ's holy church. We give of our talents in the same manner. Since God gave us all these things, we are called to give generously of all these things in faith toward Him and in fervent love to our neighbors.

For God has provided all these things to us. Out of His fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, He gives us each time, talents, AND treasures as a means to bless those around us. We serve our neighbors with these things, blessing them with the blessings in which God has blessed us. We give of our time, talents, and treasures to our families, our society, and to our church, our local congregations. And we do this because we know that we are not our own. Rather, we belong to God. We have been bought with a price—with the holy precious blood and innocent suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. He gave everything—His time, His talents, and His treasure,—to have us as His own and to live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness. We have these things as gifts and blessings from God. Let us then press them all into service for the sake of His love—time, talents, and treasures together.

Applying Biblical Teachings

(1 Thess. 4:11). *"Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you ."*

Peace and harmony are the last things Satan wants in a Christian's life. He constantly tries to stir up our sinful hearts to cause adversity and dissension. He appeals to our sinful human reason to entangle and unsettle us. Satan wants us to follow our own sinful human reason and hearts and not devote ourselves to our duty and calling. He wants us to become involved in much foolishness and to have disturbances surround us.

When we allow strife, contention and division of our own making to surround us, we endanger our faith and are a hindrance to the work of the church. We become meddlers, busy-bodies and roadblocks to the work of the Gospel. We may even show our dissatisfaction with our Lord and our church by withholding our first-fruits offerings.

In his first letter to the Thessalonians, the Apostle Paul told us to strive to live Christian lives of godliness and honesty. We mind our own affairs and work diligently at our calling and in fulfilling our duties. By the working of the Holy Spirit through the Gospel message, we study to be quiet toward others, to be of a calm and quiet temper, and to be of a peaceable disposition. We do not withhold from our Lord what rightfully belongs to Him and His work here at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

We must always remember that Christ's suffering and death did not discharge us from our duties and calling in life. Rather, the Holy Spirit guides us to carry out God's will with great diligence. And through His power, in Christ, our hearts and minds are quieted. In Christ, we also live this Christian life of quiet diligence as God's Word tell us to do: So that our daily life may win the respect of outsiders (1 Thess. 4:12) and that they may see our good deeds and praise our Father in heaven (Matt. 5:15).

PORTALS OF PRAYER

You might have noticed in your envelope box an envelope for Portals of Prayer. The cost for a years' subscription for regular print Portals of Prayer is \$3.40, and \$11 for the large print Portals of Prayer. Please use the envelopes designated when you make your payment.

FLOWERS AND CANDLES –

When you order flowers,
the secretary will send you an invoice.
When you request a candle, the cost is \$6.
No invoice will be sent.

Kids Our Age 50+

February 16th at 11:30 am, we will meet at Church to carpool for lunch at the Red Lobster Restaurant in Roseville.

GOING INTO THE HOSPITAL?

PLEASE REMEMBER TO LET US KNOW IN THE CHURCH OFFICE. THAT IS THE ONLY WAY WE KNOW AS THE HOSPITALS DO NOT CONTACT THE CHURCHES ANYMORE. PASTOR WOULD LIKE TO VISIT BUT CAN ONLY DO SO IF YOU LET HIM KNOW. THANK YOU!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

WCCO 830 AM Radio

Heard each Sunday morning at 6:05 am

Hosted by Rev. Greg Seltz
(unless otherwise noted)

February 5 "Nothing But Jesus!"

Amid life's commotion and clamor, what will give us peace? Nothing but Jesus! (1 Cor. 2:1-16)

February 12 "Here's to Life!"

Even as the world becomes a meaner, angrier place, God calls us to share His life with others.
(Deuteronomy 30:15-20)

February 19 "Love Your Enemies- Jesus Does!"

God calls us to love and forgive our enemies the way He loves and forgives us. (Matthew 5:38-48)

February 26 "Guilt's Gone"

Speaker Emeritus Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus
A guilty conscience accuses; a forgiving Savior brings peace to troubled hearts. (1 Cor. 6:9-11)

LWML LUTHER RALLY

Come and join us at Mt. Calvary in Richfield (6541 16th Avenue South) for a day in the life of Martin Luther.

The event will be held on **Saturday,**

February 18 from 8:30am-2:15pm.

The Luther movie will be shown along with four pastors presenting breakout sessions:

Luther and his music

by Rev. Matthew Johnson;

Luther and the Small Catechism

by Rev. Donavon Riley;

Luther and Vocation

by Rev. Dean Gade;

Luther and the family

by Rev. Mark Johnson.

The cost is \$20 which includes bread and coffee at registration, lunch and selecting two of the four sessions. Please contact the church office 612-866-5405 to register or if you have questions. Or via email:

info@mtcalvaryrichfield.org

The registration deadline is February 12.

TIME OF GRACE

Sundays

KMSP FOX 9 6:30 am

Channel 23, Cable 8, 9 am

www.timeofgrace.org

Straight talk about God's Word and real hope for this life. A strong gospel message delivered in an informal Bible study style.

Pastor Mark Jeske

St. Marcus Lutheran Church,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

By Now You Should Have Your Updated Church Directory. Please Take A Moment To Look Through It And Let The Office Know If There Are Any Corrections That Need To Be Made. Also, If You Move Or Get A New Phone Number, Please Let The Office Know So We Can Keep The Records As Updated As Possible. **Thank You!!**

CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS,

as of December 30, 2016

December Total Income	\$13,107.95
December Total Expense	\$18,843.33
December Net Loss	\$ 5,735.38

YEAR TO DATE

1 st Quarter Net Loss	\$ 6,958.90
2 nd Quarter Net Loss	\$ 9,511.26
3 rd Quarter Net Loss	\$ 2,271.43
4 th Quarter Net Loss	\$ 9,174.10
2016 TOTAL NET LOSS	\$27,915.69

FREE RESOURCE: Do you have a Japanese friend you'd like to share the Gospel with? The Lutheran Heritage Foundation has a new, free resource that can help: a pocket-sized edition of *Luther's Small Catechism*, translated into the Japanese language. To order your copy, email info@LHFmissions.org or call LHF at (800)554-0723. LHF has translated good Lutheran books into more than 90 languages; to search their database of free resources, go to www.LHFmissions.org/publications

Special Occasions for Special People

Happy Birthday

- 1st Joseph Volner
- 4th Debra Panning
- 5th Derald Hadrath
- 8th Jean Brede
- 11th Lillian Troiden
Brandon Betterman
- 14th Mildred Eckhardt
Victor Martinez
- 16th Thomas Harris
Timothy Harris
- 21st Hailey Gade
- 28th Brian Morelli



Martin Luther

FLOWERS

- (5th) OPEN
- (12th) OPEN
- (19th) OPEN
- (26th) OPEN

FEBRUARY SERVANTS

Elders: Karmon Christopherson

Counters:(5th) Jean Brede & Tom Harris
 (12th) Derald & Chris Hadrath
 (19th) Tom & Patty Lyrenmann
 (26th) Al, Pam & Aaron Morelli

Altar Care: Verlayne Sather

Ushers: (5th) Pam & Tom Lyrenmann
 (12th) Al, Pam & Aaron Morelli
 (19th) TBA
 (26th) TBA

CANDLES



- (5th) Shirley & Rudy
Holzinger in honor of brother Larry's birthday
- (12th) OPEN
- (19th) OPEN
- (26th) OPEN

If you sign up for flowers or candles after the newsletter is published, be sure and let Jeannie know. We want to make sure that flowers are ordered and you are properly acknowledged in the bulletin notes.

I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess.

Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree.

Let the wife make the husband glad to come home, and let him make her sorry to see him leave.

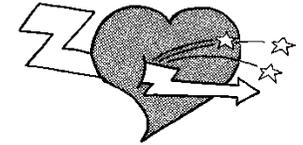
Judging others makes us blind, whereas love is illuminating. By judging others we blind ourselves to our own evil and to the grace which others are just as entitled to as we are.”

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer, The Cost of Discipleship

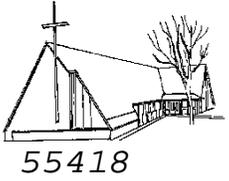


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"Where guests become friends and friends become family"



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 3014 McKinley St. NE Minneapolis, MN 55418 612-781-1989 www.gloriadeilcms.org info@gloriadeilcms.org			1 NO Bible Class 6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Class	2	3 5 pm TLWCC Music Practice 8 pm AA <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	4 10 am TLWCC Worship 6 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
5 Epiphany 5 8:45 am Education Hour 10 am Worship w/HC 6 pm NA	6 6:30 pm AlAnon 1 8 pm AA/AlAnon2	7	8 10 am Bible Class 6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Class	9	10 5 pm TLWCC Music Practice 8 pm AA <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	11 10 am TLWCC Worship 1:30 pm Stewardship Bd. 6 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
12 Epiphany 6 8:45 am Education Hour 10 am Worship 11:15 am Fellowship/ 6 pm NA Newsletter Deadline	13 6:30 pm AlAnon 1 8 pm AA/AlAnon2	14  Valentine's Day 7 pm All Boards	15 10 am Bible Class 6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Class	16 KOA/50+ 11:30 am carpool Red Lobster Roseville	17 5 pm TLWCC Music Practice 8 pm AA <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	18 10 am TLWCC Worship 6 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
19 Epiphany 7 8:45 am Education Hour 10 am Worship w/HC 6 pm NA	20 6:30 pm AlAnon 1 8 pm AA/AlAnon2	21 7 pm Church Council	22 10 am Bible Class 6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Class	23 	24 5 pm TLWCC Music Practice 8 pm AA <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	25 10 am TLWCC Worship 6 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
26 Transfiguration of our Lord 8:45 am Education Hour 10 am Worship 6 pm NA	27 6:30 pm AlAnon 1 8 pm AA/AlAnon2	28		AA – Alcoholics Anonymous AlAnon – Families of Alcoholics NA – Narcotics Anonymous TLWCC – Trinity Living Word of Christ Church		



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Sunday Worship 10:00 AM

Education Hour 8:45 AM



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Pray For Us Calendar

These prayer requests were submitted by coworkers in the Lord's mission.

Congregations and individuals are invited to copy these pages for newsletters or other distribution. Download at lcms.org/prayforus or call 888-843-5267 to request a copy.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES — FEBRUARY 1-28 “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God,” Jesus says in Luke 18:16. God wants all His children to have faith in Him, yet sin and brokenness permeate the lives of His people. Children are orphaned, and families are ripped apart. Over the years, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) has reached out to care for God's precious children through the mercy ministries of congregations, missionaries and Recognized Service Organizations (RSOs).

Remember God's work to support children and families as you pray:

- 1.** for all Christians, that they would help and defend the orphan and widow, the poor and lonely, the homeless and oppressed.
- 2.** for all children, that they might be brought to the waters of Baptism and guided in Your truth from an early age.
- 3.** for Christian families, that they would open up their homes and lives so that all children might live in safe dwellings and loving homes.
- 4.** for adoption and foster-care agency workers, that they would make good and right decisions concerning what is best for all involved — enabling them to find proper families and resources to meet the needs of the children they serve.
- 5.** for orphanages around the world, that they might receive proper funding, food, resources and godly caregivers so that they can provide the best care possible to the children entrusted to them.
- 6.** for orphanage workers, that they might be refreshed by Your Word and become good role models and teachers as they provide loving care to the kids in their charge.
- 7.** for all orphans, that they might find Christian families who will nurture them with the love and knowledge of Christ.
- 8.** for all foster children, that they might find peace amongst the chaos as they wait for a proper family to be established.
- 9.** for all people who suffer from domestic violence, that the Lord would deliver them from danger and comfort them with His peace and forgiveness.
- 10.** for all caregivers, that they might raise children in the way they should go so that they would use their time and talents to glorify God and to serve their neighbor throughout their lives.
- 11.** for all children who receive new families, that they would learn to love and respect their new family just as that family loves and provides for their physical, emotional, intellectual, educational and spiritual needs.



The Rev. Gary Schuschke baptizes Londynn Levin as her mother holds her at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Oviedo, Fla.



Children sing during Bible study at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya's Project 24 boys' boarding-school facility in Kisumu, Kenya.

INVOLVEMENT IDEAS

- The LCMS offers many free resources on topics like domestic violence, child abuse and ministry to those with disabilities. Visit lcms.org/social-issues to learn more.
- Visit lcms.org/rso to learn about the Synod's Recognized Service Organizations and find ones working near you.
- Want to learn how to be more welcoming of people of all abilities? Find straightforward and inexpensive ideas for your next church event at blogs.lcms.org/2016/the-church-is-for-everyone.

12. *that the parents of adopted and foster children would learn to deal patiently with these children as they experience the grief of losing all that they knew and loved.*

13. *for children in distress, that God would be their source of strength and hope. Pray that He would defend them from all danger and guard and protect them from every evil of body and soul.*

14. *for those children and parents who are deaf, that they might know Your voice and be filled with Your praise.*

15. *for disabled family members, that they would look to You, their Great Physician, for healing of body and soul.*

16. *for the parents of children with special needs. Ask the Lord to fill them with joy and patience as they care for His beloved children.*

17. *for those who suffer from addiction, that You would release them from their dependence on the lifeless stuff of this world so they can find their fulfillment in You, the Lord of life and the giver of all good things.*

18. *for all Lutheran social-service agencies that care for abused, neglected, misguided and abandoned children and youth. Ask the Lord to bless their ministry and help them stay grounded in His Word.*

19. *for all members of the family, that they might deal patiently, respectfully and lovingly with one another, exemplifying Christ in their words and actions.*



Mark 10:14 Program student Madison Hinskey works with her mentor, Sarah Paglini, during an art class at Faith Lutheran Middle School & High School in Las Vegas.

20. *for widows, that they might know You as their faithful bridegroom who will supply for their needs as they live out their lives in purity and prayer — being generous in word and deed.*

21. *for the homeless, that they might find a warm and safe place to lay their heads, food for their bellies, hope for the future and rest in Your truth.*

22. *for the lonely, that they might find comfort in Your promises, fellowship in Your people and fulfillment as they love You and their neighbor.*

23. *for the unemployed, that they might find suitable and fulfilling employment, fair wages, encouraging support and the opportunity to share their time, talent and treasure with those in need.*

24. *for the poor, that they might find true riches in Your Word and be blessed by the generosity of others.*

25. *for children who are missing. Keep them from danger, restore them to their families and give them Your peace and protection.*

26. *for husbands and fathers, that they would love and serve their families just as Christ loved and served His Bride, the Church.*

27. *for peace among siblings. Pray that the Lord would help them love and support each other throughout their lives, instead of being divided by bickering or jealousy.*

28. *for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities around the world, that they might be treated with respect and love as beloved children of their heavenly Father.*

MISSIONARY & PERSONNEL BIRTHDAYS

Download the prayer cards of missionaries and other personnel from lcms.org/prayercards.

Feb. 4 Shara Cunningham, Kenya; Melissa Hosch, Peru; Peggy Krikava, Eurasia; David Preus, Dominican Republic

Feb. 6 Mary Aadland, Kenya; Marie Dicke, Papua New Guinea; Matthew Wasmund, South Korea

Feb. 7 Jordan Tomesch, Germany

Feb. 8 Christel Neuendorf, Dominican Republic

Feb. 9 Danelle Putnam, Dominican Republic

Feb. 10 Eric Semler, Asia

Feb. 11 Paul Flo, Dominican Republic

Feb. 13 Tyler McMiller, Dominican Republic

Feb. 15 Johanna Stinnett, Ethiopia

Feb. 19 Debra Freese, Burkina Faso

Feb. 22 Leif Hasskarl, Cayman Islands

Feb. 26 Adam DeGroot, Philadelphia, Pa.

Feb. 28 Mark Mantey, Uganda

MILITARY CHAPLAINS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY:

Chaplain Charles Mallie, Virginia Beach, Va.; Chaplain Lynn Christensen, Camp Lejeune, S.C.; Chaplain Matthew Christensen, Fort Jackson, S.C.; Chaplain Dann Ettner, Moffett Army Air Base, Calif.