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Worship Schedule for March

March 4 Third Sunday in Lent w/HC Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 John 2:13-22 (23-25) <i>"Tremendously Comforting"</i>
March 11 Fourth Sunday in Lent Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-9 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21 <i>"Mean? No, Merciful"</i>
March 18 Fifth Sunday in Lent w/HC Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 119:9-16 Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:(32-34) 35-45 <i>"What Would You Ask For?"</i>
March 25 Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion Zech. 9:9-12 Psalm 118:19-29 Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:1-15:47 <i>"Grace Big Enough For You"</i>
March 29 Holy (Maundy) Thursday Noon and 6:30pm Exodus 24:3-11 Psalm 116:12-19 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 Mark 14:12-26 <i>"A Living Lamb"</i>
March 30 Good Friday Noon 6:30 pm Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 John 18:1-19:42 <i>"The Way of the Cross"</i> <i>"Love So Amazing, So Divine"</i>



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Begins at 2 am on Sunday, March 11th
REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS ONE HOUR AHEAD
(It's Ok to set them ahead when you go to bed on Saturday night☺)

Fellowship Sunday is March 11th

Shirley Slagle and Sandy Westling will be hosting

SIGN UP SHEETS

If you haven't had a chance to look for the **2018 sign-up sheets** on the entryway bulletin board for **Altar Care, Flowers, Candles and our monthly Fellowship serving**, now is the time! Find a partner and sign up for a month of Altar Care and or Fellowship. Flowers can be ordered through the church (\$20 per bouquet plus \$10 delivery fee) or you can bring your own. Candles are \$6.



Many of you grew up with the Rev. Billy Graham on your radios, on your TV and probably went to one or more of his Crusades. A pastor to presidents and the nation's best-known Christian evangelist for more than 60 years, we heard this week that he died on Wednesday (Feb, 21st at his home in Montreat, N.C. Dr. Billy Graham once told TIME magazine,

**"If I were an enemy of Christianity,
I would aim right at the Resurrection, because that is the heart of Christianity."**

Well Dr. Graham knew what he was talking about because more and more theologians, those who admit to be liberal, and even some who claim to be conservative, are taking dead aim at the truth of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The founder of the infamous Jesus seminar, Dr. Robert Funk, told TIME magazine as well, *"The tales of entombment and resurrection were latter-day wishful thinking. Instead, Jesus' corpse went the way of all abandoned criminals' bodies: it was probably barely covered with dirt, vulnerable to the wild dogs that roamed the wasteland of the execution grounds."*

Thomas Jefferson totally emasculated all of the miracles from the four gospels. His bible called The Jefferson Bible, ends with the words: *"Now in the place where He was crucified, there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was never man yet laid. There laid they Jesus and rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed."* He had no problem with the crucifixion or the burial, but he stopped short at the resurrection.

I want you to imagine this headline on the front page of every major newspaper around the world: *"Body of Jesus discovered in Israel: Christianity in Chaos."* What would this mean? Just what would be the ramifications and the implications if the body of Jesus were found? Well it would mean something for the church, something for Christ, and something for the Christian.

Let's just start with me, a preacher of the gospel, I agree with St. Paul *"If Jesus is not risen, all preaching is profitless. And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is vain and your faith is also vain."* (1 Corinthians 15:14) If Jesus Christ is still in a tomb, if He is as dead now as He was when they took Him off the cross, then basically for forty years of my life I played the fool. I wasted 3 years in pre seminary prep at CSP, 4 years in seminary, I have wasted 23 years pastoring churches, and I have thousands of books in my library that need to go to the junk heap.

If Jesus Christ has not been raised from the dead, I'm wasting my time preaching and you're wasting your time listening. The truth of the matter is, if Jesus Christ is still dead, bonnets and bunnies make more sense than the cradle and the cross. Without a risen Savior no sermon, regardless of how beautiful, how oratorical, how logical, or how stimulating it might be, is really worthy hearing. That is why he calls that type of preaching "empty."

You see what gives meaning to the birth of Jesus Christ is the life of Jesus Christ. Had He not lived a sinless life, the virgin birth would have been meaningless. But what gives meaning to the life of Jesus Christ is the death of Jesus Christ. Because if He had not given His sinless life as a sacrifice for our sins, dying on the cross that He might gain our forgiveness from God, then His sinless life would have been meaningless.

What gives meaning to the death of Jesus Christ is the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Because if He has not been raised from the dead, then He could not have been who He said He was, and therefore His birth, life, and death are all meaningless. That's why Paul said that *Jesus "was*

delivered up because of our offenses and was raised because of our justification." (Romans 4:25) In other words, without an empty tomb the cross is meaningless. There is no hope for the dead and the dying, but there is also no hope for the living. *"If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable."* (1 Cor. 15:19) Paul said the most pitiful human being on this planet is a person who has put his faith in a Jesus who is dead.

I am reminded of the story of some boys who got together to play football. When they all got together they discovered that nobody had brought a football. One of the boys said, "Never mind the ball, let's just get on with the game." That makes as much sense as somebody saying, "Never mind the resurrection, let's get on with Christianity." Friend, without the resurrection you don't have Christianity.

Now I know this message sounds kind of like a downer, but the darker the dark the brighter the light. Notice the next eight words: *"But now Christ is risen from the dead. . ."* (v20) I've got great news for you today. We do have a message--Jesus is Alive. We do have a mission; we are to tell everyone we know that Jesus is alive. We do have a ministry; because Jesus is alive we can offer life to the dying and hope to the living.

As much as I marvel at the virgin birth of Jesus; as much as I wonder at the sinless life of Jesus; as much as I glory in the cross of Jesus; it is the resurrection of Jesus that makes Christianity unique among all of the world religions. Confucius died and he was buried. Lao-tzu, the father of Taoism wandered off into the wilderness and died with his water buffalo. The Buddha rotted away with food poisoning. Muhammad died in 632 and his body was cut up and spread all over the Near East. But Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. On that single statement hinges the only hope of the human race, both in this life and in the life to come.

A Buddhist in Africa was converted to Christianity. They asked this Buddhist why did you change your faith? Here's what he said: "It's like this: If you are walking along and came to a fork in the road and two men were there, and one was dead and the other was alive, which man's directions would you follow?"

That really is the question. You have the right and you have the freedom to choose a dead Muhammad, a dead Lao-tzu, a dead Buddha, a dead Confucius. But I say loudly and I say proudly I choose to follow the only One who is raised from the dead and lives forever and His name is Jesus.

2018 Poehler Lecture – Prof. Tom Hanson CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

March 13 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Professor of Management and Law Mr. Tom Hanson is the featured speaker at the 2018 Poehler Lecture, March 13, 2018, at 7 p.m., in the Buetow Auditorium. The title of his presentation is **"Labels and the death of free speech: What does this mean?"**.

The event is free and open to the public.

About the Speaker

Professor Thomas Hanson has more than 30 years of teaching experience at Concordia, helping to develop the University's first accelerated adult undergraduate and graduate business programs.

Stewardship Ministry

March 2018

Hudson Taylor, a Nineteenth Century British missionary to China, is reported to have said, "God's work, done in God's way, will not lack God's supply." To know God's way, we need to know His Holy Word. Or to say it another way: you need to know your Bible.

St. Paul, before he spends two chapters on giving, wrote that every thought is to be taken captive to the obedience of Christ (2 Cor. 10:5).

Doctrine matters. And doctrine matters because the Scriptures matter. And the Scriptures matter because this is where we learn the teaching of Christ. Our thoughts must be brought into line with the teaching of Scripture so that our work is what God wants done and so that we do this work in His way.

A good tree bears good fruit. A bad tree bears bad fruit. We have been made good trees in holy baptism. We are fertilized and pruned for bearing good fruit by constantly hearing God's Word preached and taught in sermon and Bible Class and in receiving the life-giving, faith-sustaining food of the Lord's Supper. Remember your doctrine, hold on to the Lord's teaching, and your thoughts will be taken captive to the obedience of Christ.

Bringing every thought captive to the obedience of Christ is recognizing that God does provide. The Lord's Prayer teaches us to pray for daily bread. Praying this day in and day out reminds us that the Lord is the giver of our daily bread, and that we are to give thanks for His daily provision of it.

God is rarely early and never late in His work, as Abraham learned, "on the mount of the Lord it will be provided" (Gen. 22:14). The Lord's generosity forms our generosity in return. Thus, we set aside for the work of God a generous, first-fruits, proportion of the daily bread that God has given to us. This act of trust in the Lord's provision is the working out of our faith in Him.

When budgetary discussions pop up, our natural reaction is to point fingers. But remember your doctrine, and what your mother taught about pointing fingers. Our first natural reaction is not always right. In fact, when our thoughts are brought into captivity of Christ, our first reaction should be repentance.

It should raise questions in our own lives. As good trees in Christ who are to bear good fruit, we should ask whether our thoughts are taken captive by obedience to Christ. Have we given generously? Have we given our first-fruits? You know. And God knows. "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him" (2 Chron. 16:9).

God will provide. He always has and He always will. He gives His meat in due season. He has not left you as orphans, but has grafted you into His own family. You belong to Him. Remember this, letting this thought dwell in you richly. And you will then be rich toward others.

Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.

CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS
as of January 31, 2018

January Total Income \$8,248.50
January Total Expense \$11,850.60
January Net Loss \$3,602.10

YEAR TO DATE

1st Quarter Net Loss \$3,602.10

Same Program – New Name!

“Worship for Shut-Ins”

is now named

“Worship Anew”

Broadcasting a 30-minute weekly workshop service via television, internet and a DVD subscription Visit us at WorshipAnew.org
Call toll-free 888-286-8002

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR LENT 2018

2018 Midweek Series: The Servant Songs of Isaiah

Midweek Services will be on Wednesday at 6:30 pm

March 7	Midweek 3	<i>(The Committed Servant)</i>	<i>“Learn and Live!”</i>
March 14	Midweek 4	<i>(The Suffering Servant)</i>	<i>“The Servant Suffers For You”</i>
March 21	Midweek 5	<i>(The Triumphant Servant)</i>	<i>“The Great Reversal”</i>
March 29	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	<i>“A Living Lamb”</i>	Noon & 6:30 pm
March 30	<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>“The Way of the Cross”</i>	Noon
	<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>“Love So Amazing, So Divine”</i>	6:30 pm
April 1	<i>The Resurrection of our Lord</i>		10 am

EASTER GARDEN



Easter Sunday is April 1st! If you wish to contribute to the Easter Garden this year below is a list of flowers available. We are ordering again from Bachman’s and need your order by March 18. A sign-up sheet will be on the entryway bulletin board. As always, you can bring your own too! Below is a list of the expected flowers and estimated prices.

Easter lilies	\$7.50 (6”) white
Asiatic Lily	\$5.50 (6”) pink, orange, yellow
Chrysanthemums	\$10.00 (6”) yellow, white, purple
Azaleas	\$15.50 (6”) pink, white, pink/white bi-color
Tulips	\$8.50 (6”) yellow, purple, orange, pink
Hydrangea	\$19.50 (6”) blue or pink
Pansy Bowl	\$17.50 (14”)



ANNUAL SPRING KITCHEN AND DINING ROOM CLEANING

Our kitchen and our tables and chairs need their yearly cleaning.

Tuesday, March 13 at 9:00 a.m. is the day for both men and women to put on your scrubbing clothes and help with the project. The more hands, the faster the project will go. Please bring your own rubber gloves, rags and buckets; we’ll purchase the cleaning supplies. We’ll keep a coffee pot on. Let’s make it a party!! **WE REALLY NEED YOU HELP!!**

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. THANK YOU!!



March is Minnesota FoodShare Month!

It's time for Minnesota FoodShare Month! With your help, we can feed millions of Minnesotans. Minnesota FoodShare runs an annual March Campaign to coordinate and seek to raise cash and food donations for food shelves across the state of Minnesota. The campaign is needed in March as the food shelves have run out of holiday-time donations.

How can you Help? Bring in donations! The Salvation Army Central NEED food shelf is seeking food and hygiene donations and monetary contributions to help restock their shelves. All donation collected during Minnesota FoodShare Month go directly to The Salvation Army Central Need food shelf.

Remember, donations must be received by April 6th in order to be counted.

Donations of non-perishable OR perishable food items are put to immediate use, helping to feed the hungry in our neighborhood. High demand items include 100% juice, healthy cereal, canned chicken, salmon and pork, and culturally specific items like coconut milk, bamboo shoots, jasmine rice and fish sauce. Personal hygiene items such as toilet paper and toothpaste are also highly requested items.

Are you having trouble using the telephone due to a disability?

Minnesota Relay is a free telephone service that uses specially trained communications assistants to facilitate telephone calls between people with hearing and speech disabilities and other individuals. Calls can be made to anywhere in the world, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. All calls are completely confidential. To make a relay call dial 7-1-1. Once connected to the relay service, tell the communications assistant the type of relay call you wish to make. Or, you may dial the specific toll-free number for the type of relay service. For more information on Minnesota Relay Services call 1-800-657-3775 or www.mnrelay.org.

Emergency Assistance – TTY callers should dial 9-1-1 directly in an emergency. All 9-1-1 centers are equipped to handle TTY calls. Minnesota Relay can process emergency calls, but this may delay the response to your call.

Are you interested in fresh vegetables and fruits this summer?

The community garden movement is seeing a 15% increase annually as there are over 300 community gardens in Minneapolis and nearly 600 in the metro area.

As more and more people are watching what they eat, fresh vegetables play a key role. The Waite Park Community Garden located at 36th and Johnson Street has approximately 70 raised garden beds with access to the city's water main. To obtain a 12'x12' plot for an annual fee of \$25 contact Jeff at wpcngmember@gmail.com. Registration and orientation will take place on Saturday, April 7 at 10 am at the Waite Park Community Center, 1810 34th Ave NE. Gardening is a topic at the first WPCCC Neighborhood meeting on Wednesday, March 7 at Waite Park Community Center at 7 PM. Plan to attend! The community garden is made possible by Canadian Pacific Railroad allowing Waite Park Community Council the use of its land.

University of Northwestern St. Paul Presents: ANNE OF GREEN GABLES

Based on the novel by L. M. Montgomery, Adapted by Sylvia Ashby, Directed by Jennifer Hunter

March 1 – 3 | 7:30 pm and 2:30 pm on March 3

Beverly & John Lord Knight Performance Hall

Tickets at unwtickets.com OR 651-631-5151

Healthy Life Expo

March 3- 4 | Saturday & Sunday, 10 am – 5 pm

Minneapolis Convention Center 1301 Second Ave S, Minneapolis

Visit up to 200 exhibitors offering the latest products, services and information for better health and fitness. Three stages of free speakers and tons of free food and product samples. Meet local radio personalities from KDWA and KYMN Radio and spin the prize wheel. US Strongman Competition Saturday, March 4.

Demos all weekend – martial arts, in-home fitness equipment and more!



Kids Our Age / 50+



KOA will meet on **Thursday, March 15** at **noon**. The theme will be "A Trip to Ireland." Pastor will tell us about his upcoming trip to Ireland. We will have our annual Corned Beef lunch. The cost will be \$7. If you need a ride let Verlayne know. Feel free to bring a friend! See the notice on the bulletin board and to sign up for the lunch.

CATHOLIC ELDERCARE FRIDAY LENTEN FISH DINNERS

Come for Lunch and Stay for Entertainment

River Village East, 2919 Randolph St. NE, Minneapolis

Fried fish, French fries, coleslaw, dinner roll, dessert and beverage.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED, please call 612-605-2500. \$10 per person.

12-1pm Lunch, 1-2 pm Entertainment. Questions to Robin @ 612-605-2515.

February 23rd – Rebecca Kuehl: Rebecca received her Master's degree and Performing Artist's Diploma in Flute Performance from Mannes Conservatory in New York City.

March 2nd – Tim Patrick: A world-class Sinatra-style singer. Tim sings songs by all the old crooners: Sinatra, Bennett, Darin, Martin, Cole and many others.

March 9th – Green Books: Green Books, A Read and Recycle Initiative, collects donated books, brings them to senior residences and becomes a free bookstore for a day. Over 1,000 books are brought to each event. You can take as many books as you like with no need to return the books!

The Rose Ensemble presents:

The Rose Ensemble draws upon centuries of vocal music to create imaginative and inspiring performances, connecting audiences to stories of human culture and spirituality from around the world.

March 4 | 4 PM Gregorian Vespers

Pilgrim Lutheran Church – 1935 St. Clair Ave, St Paul

FREE

March 10 | 7:30 PM Welcome the Stranger: The Promise of the St. Benedict and St. Scholastica

Holy Cross – 1621 University Ave NE, Minneapolis

March 11 | 3 PM Welcome the Stranger: The Promise of the St. Benedict and St. Scholastica
St. Paul Seminary – St. Mary's Chapel – 2115 Summit Ave, St. Paul

May 20 | 3 PM Special Event: Capella Quirina Neuss

Church of the Assumption – 51 W 7th Street, St. Paul

June 3 | 3 PM Gregorian Vespers

The Basilica of St. Mary – 1600 Hennepin Ave, Minneapolis

FREE

TICKET (online, by phone and at door) \$38/\$28/\$15 Adults, \$10 Students with ID, Children under 12 free. Additional information and tickets can be found at RoseEnsemble.org or phone 651-225-4340

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

Lutheran Hour can be heard on Sundays on:
WCCO/830 at 6:05 a.m.

The Lutheran Hour will air each of the following topics during the week beginning with the date listed.

Also check www.lhm.org and Real Audio.
Hosted by Rev. Greg Seltz (unless noted)

March 4 (Exodus 20:1-17)
"When God's Darkness Surrounds You"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer
When times are darkest, God wants you to know how close He really is. It's in those threatening times that you can especially learn and live in His love.

March 11 (John 3:19-21)
"Condemned Already"

Speaker Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus
Some things just work better in the dark. You know, things like watching for shooting stars and getting a good night's sleep or dreaming about the future. People love the darkness for a lot of reasons, and not all of them are good.

March 18 (Mark 10:32-45)
"Thrown into the Arms of God"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer
The desire to advance your own interests can alienate you from others and God. Serving others without thought of reward is God's way forward for followers of Jesus.

March 25 (Mark 14:24a)
"And They Crucified Him"

Speaker Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus
Next week The Lutheran Hour celebrates the Savior's resurrection. Today we mourn the unjust murder of the Savior by considering the text: "And they crucified Him."

OFFICIAL ACTS
In February
None



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

WEDNESDAY MARCH 18TH

TIME OF GRACE

Sundays KMSF FOX 9 6:30 am
Channel 23 Cable 8 9:00 am
DIRECTV 338 5:30 am
DISH Network 188 5:30 am
Thursdays DIRECTV 372 3:30 pm
DISH Network 260 3:30 pm

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, Wis.

File Your Taxes for Free **at Prepare + Prosper**

Prepare + Prosper (P+P) encourages low- and moderate-income individuals and families to save money this tax season by filing their taxes for free to get their maximum refund. Now through April 14, P+P's IRS-certified volunteers work one-on-one with taxpayers to help them claim all the credits they've earned. The nonprofit also provides financial services to help people save some of their refund, get connected to financial coaching, and answer money-related questions.

Info: prepareandprosper.org/free-tax-preparation.

Prepare + Prosper is located at 2610 University Ave W # 450, St Paul.

Phone: 651-287-0187

Website: prepareandprosper.org

ALUMINUM CANS

Keep them coming!
Proceeds go to the mission of
the Church Council's choosing!

*If someone asks you how are you, instead of saying
"Fine" or "Okay" try saying "I'm blessed" or "I'm hopeful."
You are a blessing and you are blessed.
Isn't God's grace wonderful!*

Special Occasions for Special People



4th Brandon Martinez
 17th Mary Schneider
 18th Shirley Holzinger
 21st Dale Raschke
 23rd Sandy Westling
 28th Millie House
 31st Eleanor Grunnes, Juliana Morelli

26th Rick & Vicki Tousignant

MARCH SERVANTS

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Altar Care: Shirley Holzinger

Fellowship: Shirley Slagle and Sandy Westling

Ushers

Counters

4th Bill Woll and Gwen Johnson
 11th Morelli Family
 18th Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer
 25th Tom and Patty Lyrenmann
 29th
 30th

4th Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer
 11th Derald and Chris Hadrath
 18th Tom and Patty Lyrenmann
 25th Verlayne Sather and Shirley Slagle
 29th Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer
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Candles

Flowers

4th
11th
18th
25th Sandy Westling – In loving memory of
 Mom's (Johanna) Birthday

4th
11th
18th Sandy Westling
25th

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



MARCH 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AA – Alcoholics Anonymous AlAnon 1 – Beginners Group AlAnon 2 – Families of Alcoholics NA – Narcotics Anonymous TLWCC – Trinity Living Word of Christ Church				1	2 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 5 pm TLWCC Music Practice 8 pm AA/AlAnon	3 10 am TLWCC Worship 6 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
4 <i>Third Sunday in Lent</i> 8:45 am Education Hour 10 am Worship w/ HC 6 pm NA	5 6:30 pm AlAnon 1 8 pm AA/AlAnon 2	6	7 10 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Lenten Midweek 3 6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Class	8	9 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 5 pm TLWCC Music Practice 8 pm AA/AlAnon	10 10 am TLWCC Worship 6 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
11 <i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i> DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS 8:45 am Education Hour 10 am Worship 11 am Fellowship 6 pm NA	12 6:30 pm AlAnon 1 8 pm AA/AlAnon 2	13 9 am Fellowship Kitchen Cleaning 6:30 pm All Boards	14 10 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Lenten Midweek 4 6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Class	15  12 Noon KOA/50+ Corned Beef & Cabbage Ireland Trip	16 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 5 pm TLWCC Music Practice 8 pm AA/AlAnon	17 St. Patrick's Day  10 am TLWCC Worship 6 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
18 <i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i> 8:45 am Education Hour 10 am Worship w/ HC 4 pm NA Pot Blessing 6 pm NA NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	19 6:30 pm AlAnon 1 8 pm AA/AlAnon 2	20  7 pm Council	21 10 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Lenten Midweek 5 6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Class	22	23 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 5 pm TLWCC Music Practice 8 pm AA/AlAnon	24 10 am TLWCC Worship 6 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
25 Palm Sunday/ Sunday of the Passion 8:45 am Education Hour 10 am Worship 6 pm NA	26 6:30 pm AlAnon 1 8 pm AA/AlAnon 2	27 	28 10 am Bible Study 6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Class	29 <i>Maundy Thurs</i> 12 pm Worship 6:30 pm Worship	30 <i>Good Friday</i> 12 pm Worship 6:30 pm Worship 8 pm AA/AlAnon	31 10 am TLWCC Worship 6 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

Pray For Us Calendar

WORLDWIDE THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION — MARCH 1-31

The LCMS provides theological education throughout the world by means of seminaries and missionaries. Scholars and leaders from foreign church bodies also come to the LCMS seminaries for advanced degrees, learning sound doctrine from the Scriptures and Lutheran Confessions.

Remember the centrality of God's Word as you pray:

1. for Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, that all there might grow in the Word and prepare for the proper proclamation of the Word and administration of the Sacraments.

2. for Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind., that the faculty might teach the Word in its truth and purity; and the students learn God's Word in preparation for ministry.

3. for Christ's work throughout the world, that the Gospel might be proclaimed to all people and the forgiveness of sins delivered through the Means of Grace.

4. for Concordia Seminary, Hong Kong, that people and

pastors might be trained there to proclaim the Gospel.

5. for Martin Luther Seminary in Lae, Papua New Guinea, that God would strengthen and preserve the seminary to prepare the pastors of the Gutnius Lutheran Church to convict people with God's law and heal them with the word of Absolution.

6. for Japan Lutheran Seminary in Tokyo, Japan, that our Lord, Jesus Christ, would make the seminary a place where the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity.

7. for Concordia Theological Seminary in Nagercoil, India, that the Lord would preserve the seminary from all evil and lead it to become a bastion of the

Gospel against the attacks of the wicked foe.

8. for Timothy Lutheran Seminary in Birip, Papua New Guinea, that the Lord would use the instructors to shine His Word upon the path of students preparing to serve His Church.

9. for students and professors of Lutheran Theological Seminary in Baguio City, Philippines, that they might serve the Lutheran Church in the Philippines faithfully.

10. for Luther Seminary in Seoul, South Korea, that the Lord would preserve those who teach and those who learn to hold fast to His Word in all circumstances.

11. for the ministry carried out through the Westfield House of Theological Studies in Cambridge, England, as this ministry trains church leaders for England and many other church bodies around the world.

12. for the Lutheran Center for Theological Studies (CLET) in Togo, that theological training for men from French-speaking countries in West Africa might continue.

13. for Concordia Reformer Seminary, Dominican Republic, that the students there might share the Gospel throughout Latin and South America.

14. for the Synod's Global Seminary Initiative (GSI), which helps to fill the need for trained church leaders who are native to the region and cultures in which they serve, that God would guide this program to strengthen the formation of pastors and deaconesses around the world.

15. for LCMS professors and pastors who travel overseas to teach seminars and intensive courses for our current and emerging church partners, that God would grant them safe travel and fruitful labors.

MARCH *Pray For Us Calendar*

16. *for the international students who come to the Synod's seminaries, that God would grant safe travels and comfort while away from family and friends.*

17. *for Lutheran pastors worldwide, that they would have access to the necessary books and resources to teach Law and Gospel.*

18. *for the health and safety of LCMS missionaries who provide theological education, thanks that they have heeded the call to serve Christ in this way.*

19. *for Lutheran church workers in Europe, that their work is fruitful.*

20. *for the seminaries of LCMS partner churches around the world, that they would faithfully educate future leaders for their churches.*

21. *for the Gospel multiplication as pastors are equipped to teach their flocks and train new leaders for the church, thank God for the growth of His Kingdom.*

22. *for the continued growth of Christ's Church on earth, that the Lord would continue to raise up missionaries according to His good and gracious will.*

23. *for Lutherans throughout the world, that they rejoice in God's gifts of His Word and Sacraments.*

24. *for the Synod's generous donors, thanks for those who make it possible for LCMS theological education around the world.*

25. *The Annunciation of our Lord, thank God for sending His Son into our flesh.*

26. *for our partner churches, that God would raise up pastors and servants to serve His people.*

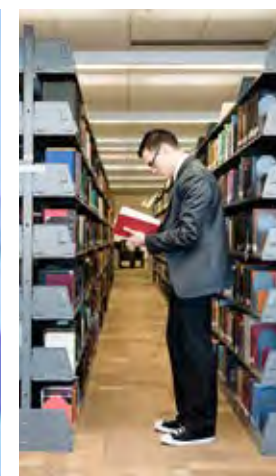
27. *for sound doctrine throughout the world, that God would preserve the truth of His Word against false teachings.*

28. *for those on vicarage from our partner seminaries, that God would bless their time in the field as part of their education.*

29. *for seminarians' wives, that they would be prepared to support their husband's call into ministry.*

30. *for seminarians' children, that they rejoice in the Gospel and in their father's calling.*

31. *for all who listen to those who receive theological education, that the Gospel might take root and produce fruit.*



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