LUTHER MEMORIAL CHAPEL &
UNIVERSITY STUDENT CENTER

CHAPEL NEWS

1916 – 2016: A Century of God's Gifts in Jesus Christ

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The Season of Epiphany *by Pastor Wieting*

Epiphany is from a Greek word meaning to "reveal" or "make manifest" or for light to "shine forth." The season of Epiphany is our time to focus on the revelation of *who* Jesus is: both true God and true man. On the Festival of Epiphany, Jan. 6, we heard of the visit of the Wise Men (Matt. 2:1-12). These foreigners bowed down in acknowledgment that this infant was indeed the Christ, the Son of God. The Sunday after Epiphany we heard the Baptism of Jesus (Matt. 3:13-17). Here, God the Father confirms this man standing in the water is His beloved Son. On the Second Sunday after the Epiphany the wondrous proclamation of John the Baptist pierces the darkness of this world identifying Jesus: "*Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.*"

In the readings of Series A, the remaining Epiphany Gospel texts are from Matthew 4 and Matthew 5. They shine forth the light of Christ calling His disciples, proclaiming the Gospel of the kingdom, healing every disease, preaching the Beatitudes, identifying His sent ones as the light of the world, fulfilling the Law and the prophets, explicating the depth of God's Commandments to this extent – "*Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,*" and "*You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.*"

In Jesus Christ, the great light of God's forgiveness and love shines upon us; not a mere glimmer on the horizon, but the full light of His favor. Jesus the Christ is not one light among many but the light of the world (John 8:12). "*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwell in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined*" (Isaiah 9:2).

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For Your Information, from LCMS

The following question and answer are taken from the Website of the LCMS.

QUESTION: Is there Scripture or something in the Book of Concord that supports the Lutheran's belief of the empty cross reflecting the risen Lord as opposed to the Corpus Christi cross? What is the background of that belief?

ANSWER: What a great question. No, there is nothing in our confessional writings that would lead us to that conclusion.

And, in fact, that is not the universal position among Lutherans. At the time of Luther, the corpus was commonly found on the cross. The same was also true in later times. When the Lutherans who formed The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod first came to this country, it was common to find a corpus on their crosses.

One of our oldest churches, which is the original church dating from the mid-1800s, has a large cross in the front of the church with a corpus on it.

In the Lutheran Confessions one finds much more support, albeit indirect, for inclusion of a corpus. Especially in Article VIII of the Formula of Concord, which discusses in depth the person of Christ, there is a clear emphasis on the two natures in Christ and the implications that this brings to our teaching. After reading that article, one would more likely expect to find a corpus.

As to where the trend came for displaying the empty cross, we can't exactly say. No doubt we have been influenced by our Protestant brethren, many of whom would not display a corpus. In addition, some of it is probably the result of a strong anti-Roman Catholic bias that causes some to run away from any and everything that might possibly be "Catholic."

The following are the most common names of the congregations in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. As one might expect, Luther Memorial Chapel is not on the list. As a matter of fact, we are the only LCMS congregation with that name! Using your knowledge of sister congregations, you might try the little exercise of ranking them 1 through 8 (most to least common). The actual ranking with numbers of congregations so named in on page 9.

Zion Grace Trinity
St. John Immanuel
St. Paul Faith Our Savior

Mission Giving at Luther Memorial Chapel

FOR ASIAN MISSIONS

In November 2016 the congregation met its aim of gathering a gift of $1000 for the work of former vicar Roy Askins. Pastor Askins serves in Hong Kong, directing communications for LCMS mission work in the Asia Pacific and Southern Asia and Oceanic regions.

FOR EURASIAN MISSIONS

LMC member Dr. Charles Cortright will serve as chaplain of the Eurasia region of LCMS missions. Gifts to support his work there were gathered at Our Savior Lutheran Church during our joint Epiphany service on Jan. 6, 2017. His work will also be the focus of our Spring Mission Gift in April.

FOR A PLACE OF REFUGE

Life Sunday gifts for A Place of Refuge were gathered the last two weekends of January here at LMC. A Place of Refuge Ministries is a network of volunteers who are committed to life and to caring for women facing crisis pregnancy in South Wisconsin.

Confession & Absolution

by Pastor Wieting

The gift of Individual Confession and Absolution is available by request at any time. ***During these Saturdays in Lent it will also be available from 10 a.m. to noon: Feb. 20 and 27, and Mar. 5 and 12). Stop by Pastor's office, and he will go with you to the sanctuary for receiving the gift of Absolution.***

The rite of Individual Confession and Absolution used at Luther Memorial Chapel is found on pages 292 and 293 in *LSB*. The first rubric (red instruction) states, *You may prepare yourself by meditating on the Ten Commandments. You may also pray the penitential psalms (6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, or 143).*

Consider … **The First Commandment –** Do I cling to what God takes away, even though He gives me Himself? Do I love Him and fear Him and trust in Him with my whole heart?

The Second Commandment – Have I doubted whether God hears my prayers? Do I pray for the holiness of His Name as my first priority every day (Holy be Your Name)? Do I hate the evil of Satanic arts? Does my praise reflect the glory of His name?

The Third Commandment – Do I love my fellow Christians by being present with them in the Divine Liturgy to sustain them? Am I lazy about reading and studying God's Word?

The Fourth Commandment – Have I prayed for my parents, my pastor, my teachers, my government? Do I honor them by my words to others?

The Fifth Commandment – Have I hurt my neighbor with thoughts of anger or contempt or hatred? Have I hurt my own body with excess food or drink? Have I acted in defense of the living but unborn? Have I generously helped my neighbor in need?

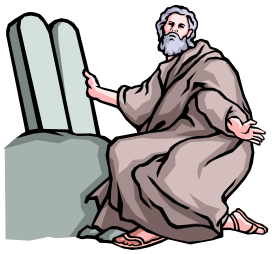
The Sixth Commandment – Have I used my ears or mouth to hear or tell immoral jokes? Have my senses been dulled by the immorality of today's entertainment? Have I used pornography? Have I honored marriage as God's gift? Have I neglected to care for and listen to and pray for my spouse?

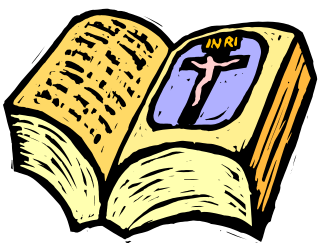
The Seventh Commandment – Have I been lazy at work or wasted time? Have I ignored corruption and waste while others take what is not theirs? Have I been stingy and fearful rather than cheerfully generous when giving to the Lord a portion of His gifts to me?

The Eighth Commandment – Have I told lies? Have I passed on information, delighting in the mistakes or difficulties of others? Have I gossiped? Have I flattered others? Do I exaggerate and slant what I say to my benefit? Have I defended my neighbor's reputation?

The Ninth Commandment – Have I craved for things that are not mine? Have I resented the blessings God has given to others? Am I content and thankful, working each day with a joyful heart? Do I take for granted and demand the blessings of work and its benefits?

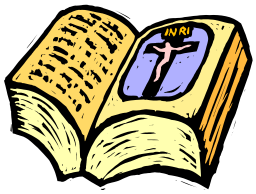
The Tenth Commandment – Do I urge friends and spouses and workers to faithfully hold to their friendships and marriages and callings? Do I encourage members in the congregation to work together in a spirit of unity as they give and serve?





EVERY PERSON A THEOLOGIAN: MEDITATION ON THE TEXT

BY VICAR JONATHAN JENNINGS



Psalm 119 reveals for Luther three rules on how theologians, or Christians, should go about the study of God's Word, that is, by Prayer (*Oratio*), Meditation on the Text (*Meditatio*), and Agonizing Struggle (*Tentatio*). Let us take a look at Luther's second rule: Meditation on the Text.

Luther uses the word *meditation* in an unusual way compared to the people of his day and also our modern-day usage of the word. The term *meditation* conveys the notion of contemplation and reflection. It is an action that usually occurs in one's heart. However, for Luther, having concern that prayer could be misunderstood in a spiritualistic and speculative way, he also turns meditation outward. He follows the Hebrew word for meditate, which includes an audible sound.

"Secondly, you should meditate, that is, not only in your heart, but also externally, by actually repeating and comparing oral speech and literal words of the book, reading and rereading them with diligent attention and reflection, so that you may see what the Holy Spirit means by them."

As we listen and meditate on God's words that we have read and heard, we do not now take them back inside for our minds to consider alone. Instead, we let those words permeate the heart, pray them out loud, and proclaim them so that others might hear God's word as well. This is what David writes, "My tongue will answer with your words …" (Psalm 119:172).

Ultimately, meditation is grounded in the external word of God. It involves not just pondering a text, but speaking it out loud and repeating the words in order to hear what is being revealed by the Holy Spirit. Yet, it is precisely this meditation on God's word that Satan opposes and that ultimately leads to the third rule, agonizing struggle.

THE LATEST USC HAPPENINGS

The University Student Center is staying busy during these winter months. Here's a quick look at what's gone on. For what's coming up, see page 5.

On Sunday, Dec. 11, university students along with several of our internationals braved the weather to go caroling at Lake Terrace Nursing Home. We greatly enjoyed singing the songs of the season and bringing the message of Christ to those who may not have had the opportunity to hear it elsewhere. Afterwards, the students warmed up and enjoyed a nice meal at the vicarage prior to heading back to campus.

THE UWM CHAPTER OF LCMS-U INVITES YOU TO ATTEND

DOES SCIENCE PRECLUDE MIRACLES? MIRACLES & THE LAWS OF NATURE

BY VICAR JONATHAN JENNINGS

Angus Menuge, professor and chair of philosophy at Concordia University Wisconsin, will be presenting at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee (UWM) the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 7. His presentation is entitled ***Does Science Preclude Miracles? Miracles & The Laws of Nature.***

What are the strongest arguments claiming miracles are excluded by science? What are the best responses? Can we show that belief in miracles does not require abandoning commitment to the laws of nature? **Dr. Menuge argues that belief in miracles is entirely compatible with an informed scientific perspective, provided the latter is not conflated with materialistic philosophy.**

UWM students attending worship at LMC would love to see you at their winter presentation. Admission is free. The presentation will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Alumni Fireside Lounge at UWM Student Union (2200 E. Kenwood Boulevard, Milwaukee, WI).

Angus Menuge is professor and chair of philosophy at Concordia University Wisconsin and President of the Evangelical Philosophical Society. Menuge is author of many journal articles and book chapters on the philosophy of mind and has broad interests in philosophical and theological anthropology. He is editor of several books, including *Reading God's World* (Concordia Academic Press, 2004) and *Legitimizing Human Rights* (Ashgate, 2013), and author of *Agents Under Fire: Materialism and the Rationality of Science* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2004).

LUTHER MEMORIAL'S MATCHING GIFT MISSIONARY

Rev. Jacob Gaugert serves the Lord as a career missionary through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in Togo. Jacob teaches courses in Lutheran theology at The Centre Luthérien d'Etudes Théologiques (CLET), or Lutheran Center for Theological Studies, in Dapaong, Togo, West Africa. He also teaches some distance learning and continuing education courses as needed. In addition to teaching, he coordinates visiting professors to CLET.

Each February LMC's budget matches the mission gifts of members up to $1000. We have supported our former member Jacob for several years in this manner, and your gifts are invited during this month of February. Simply use a designated gift envelope and indicate "Gaugert – Togo Mission" on it. Jacob's birthday is May 25.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

God's Child	Rebirth Date
Jennifer Burfeind	Feb. 1
John Gnas V	Feb. 1
Bethany Rodenhuis	Feb. 1
Ronan Sovitzky	Feb. 1
Jack Patrick Burfeind	Feb. 2
Carl Swanson	Feb. 5
William Buelow	Feb. 6
Elswyth Kreuter	Feb. 6
Sensei Larsen-Scott	Feb. 6
Una Larsen-Scott	Feb. 6
Grace Burfeind	Feb. 10
Brett Grasse	Feb. 11
Brian German	Feb. 12
Thaleia Kreuter	Feb. 12
Gwen Urquhart	Feb. 17
Hannah Gnas	Feb. 19
Fredrik Lane	Feb. 28

Daily Scripture Readings for February 2017

Feb. 1 Zech 11:4–17
2 Tim 4:1–18
Feb. 2 Presentation of Our Lord
Zech 12:1—13:9
Titus 1:1—2:6
Feb. 3 Zech 14:1–21
Titus 2:7—3:15
Feb. 4 Job 1:1–22
John 1:1–18

Feb. 5 Job 2:1—3:10
John 1:19–34
Feb. 6 Job 3:11–26
John 1:35–51
Feb. 7 Job 4:1–21
John 2:1–12
Feb. 8 Job 5:1–27
John 2:13–25
Feb. 9 Job 6:1–13
John 3:1–21
Feb. 10 Job 6:14–30
John 3:22—4:6

Feb. 11 Job 7:1–21
John 4:7–26

Feb. 12 Job 8:1–22
John 4:27–45
Feb. 13 Job 9:1–35
John 4:46–54
Feb. 14 Job 10:1–22
John 5:1–18
Feb. 15 Job 11:1–20
John 5:19–29
Feb. 16 Job 12:1–6, 12–25
John 5:30–47
Feb. 17 Job 13:1–12
John 6:1–21
Feb. 18 (Martin Luther)
Job 13:13–28
John 6:22–40

Feb. 19 Job 14:1–22
John 6:41–59

Feb. 20 Job 15:1–23, 30–35
John 6:60–71
Feb. 21 Job 16:1–21
John 7:1–13
Feb. 22 Job 17:1–16
John 7:14–31
Feb. 23 Job 18:1–21
John 7:32–53
Feb. 24 (St Matthias)
Job 19:1–12, 21–27
John 8:1–20
Feb. 25 Job 20:1–23, 29
John 8:21–38

Feb. 26 Job 21:1–21
John 8:39–59
Job 21:22—30:15
Feb. 27 Job 30:16–31
John 9:1–23
Feb. 28 Job 31:1–12, 33–40
John 9:24–41

Altar Guild in February

This year we enjoy a long Epiphany season, extending to the Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany before we celebrate the glorious Transfiguration of Our Lord on the last Sunday of this month, Feb. 26. On that day the paraments are white. For the first three Sundays of this month, the paraments are green.

We begin the solemn Season of Lent with **Ash Wednesday on Mar. 1**. On this day, the altar paraments are black, signifying the death that sinners deserve, and the deep repentance of contrite sinners who trust in their Savior Jesus Christ for forgiveness.

Gospel lessons for Sundays this month are:

Feb. 5	Matt. 5:13-20
Feb. 12	Matt. 5:21-37
Feb. 19	Matt. 5:38-48
Feb. 26	Matt. 17:1-9

LUTHER MEMORIAL'S OFFICERS & STAFF IN 2017

President:	John Burfeind
Treasurer:	Ben Latendresse
Assistant Treasurer:	Andrew Brondos
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Chair of Elders:	Mark Paterson
Vice-Chair of Elders	Don Toll
Secretary of Elders:	Jon Hagedorn
Chair of Trustees:	Aaron Siegmann
Chair, Bd. of Christian Ed.:	Deirdre Christiansen
Sun. Schl. Superintendent:	Judy Swanson
Chair of Dorcas Guild:	Marie Zimmerman
Chair of Altar Guild:	Judy Hessel

Geographical Elder Areas

Don Toll – North 53211

John Galvin – South 53211

M. Paterson – Riverwest/East Side

Jon Hagedorn – Near North

Peter Gurneau – Far North

Jeff Hagedorn – South

Joe Bratz – Wauwatosa/Near West

John Wolck – West/Far West

The members of the **Board of Trustees** give attention to the financial responsibilities of the congregation and the church's physical properties. Concerns about budgets, maintenance of the church, or similar items should be addressed to the Trustees.

The members of the **Board of Christian Education** give attention to education programs. Concerns about Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Adult Classes, or similar items should be addressed to the Board of Christian Education.

The members of the **Board of Elders** are to work closely with Pastor for the spiritual well-being of the congregation. Concerns about the Divine Service, service times, pastoral care, church membership, or similar items should be addressed to Pastor or the Elders.

Luther Memorial Chapel Staff Directory

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SCHEDULES FOR FEBRUARY 2017

USHERS
Tom Rebholz, *Head Usher*
Temish Christiansen
Jim Genthe
Paul Hessel
John Kretsch
Carl Schramm
Aaron Siegmann
Prince Solomon
Rachel Swanson
John Swanson
Aaron Viets

ALTAR GUILD
Melanie Goulee
Kathy Clark
Barbara Knetzger

COFFEE HOUR SERVERS
February 5 Kretsch/Sagert

February 12
Viets/Alvarez/Durham

February 19 ISM

February 26 German/Wieting

ELDERS ASSISTING WITH THE LORD'S SUPPER
February 5 Joe Bratz

February 12 Jon Hagedorn

February 19 Peter Gurneau

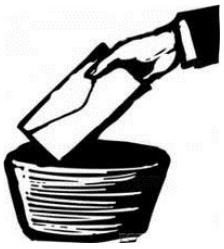
February 26 John Wolck

HYMN OF THE DAY & PSALM OF THE WEEK
February 5 Ps. 112:1-9
LSB **578** *Thy Strong Word*

February 12 Ps. 119:1-8
LSB **394** *Songs of Thankfulness & Praise*

February 19 Ps. 119:33-40
LSB **834** *O God, O Lord of Heaven & Earth*

February 26 Ps. 2:6-12
LSB **413** *O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair*



The sum of **$44,850.59** was received
after gifts were matched by an anonymous donor.
Centennial Capital Improvement Fund as of Dec. 31, 2016

The Star Proclaims the King Is Here
An Epiphany Hymn:
Lutheran Service Book 399

1
The star proclaims the King is here;
But, Herod, why this senseless fear?
For He who offers heav'nly birth
Seeks not the kingdoms of this earth.

2
The eastern sages saw from far
And followed on His guiding star;
And, led by light, to light they trod
And by their gifts confessed their God.

3
Within the Jordan's sacred flood
The heav'nly Lamb in meekness stood
That He, of whom no sin was known,
Might cleanse His people from their own.

4
And oh, what miracle divine,
When water reddened into wine!
He spoke the word, and forth it flowed
In streams that nature ne'er bestowed.

5
For this Thy glad epiphany
All glory, Jesus, be to Thee,
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Spirit evermore.

ANSWERS FROM PAGE 2

The eight most popular names for churches in the LCMS, listed from highest to lowest:

Trinity — 569
St. John — 467
St. Paul — 464
Immanuel — 325
Zion — 323
Grace — 235
Faith — 221
Our Savior — 168

FEBRUARY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Please remember the birthday of Carol Habeck *Born Feb. 16*	*PLEASE NOTE* EC = English Classes ***LTS = Lake Terrace Service***		**1** **8:30 am Matins** 7:30 pm Sports Night	**2** 8:30, 10 & 11 am EC 4:15 pm Jr Catechesis 5-6:30 pm Children's Prog & ECC & Worldview Conversations	**3**	**4**
5 *5th Sunday after Epiphany* 8 am Christ Choir **9 am Divine Service** 10:15 am Coffee Break 10:45 am Bible Study & SS 3-8 pm Feed My Lambs 5 pm Super Bowl Party in USC	**6** *8:30 am Circuit Winkel at Christ Memorial* **7 pm Divine Serv**	**7** 8:30, 9 & 10 am EC ***10:30 am LTS*** *6:30 pm Science & Miracles Presentation at UWM*	**8** **8:30 am Matins** 6 pm Crafting 7:30 pm Sports Night	**9** 8:30, 10 & 11 am EC 12:30-3 pm Dorcas 4:15 pm Jr Catechesis 5-6:30 pm Children's Prog & ECC & Worldview Conversations	**10** **Deadline for March Chapel News**	**11** *9 am Milwaukee Domes Tour for ISM*
12 *6th Sunday after Epiphany* 8 am Christ Choir **9 am Divine Service** 10:15 am Coffee Break 10:45 am Bible Study & SS	**13** **7 pm Divine Serv**	**14** 8:30, 9 & 10 am EC 6:30 pm Elders	**15** **8:30 am Matins** 7:30 pm Sports Night	**16** 8:30, 10 & 11 am EC 4:15 pm Jr Catechesis 5-6:30 pm Children's Prog & ECC & Worldview Conversations	**17**	**18**
19 *7th Sunday after Epiphany* 8 am Christ Choir **9 am Divine Service** 10:15 am Coffee Break 10:45 am Bible Study & SS	**20** **7 pm Divine Serv** *PASTOR AT CIRCUIT*	**21** 8:30, 9 & 10 am EC ***10:30 am LTS*** *VISITORS CONFERENCE*	**22** **8:30 am Matins** 6 pm Crafting 7:30 pm Sports Night	**23** 8:30, 10 & 11 am EC 12:30-3 pm Dorcas 4:15 pm Jr Catechesis 5-6:30 pm Children's Prog & ECC & Worldview Conversations	**24**	**25**
26 *Transfiguration of Our Lord* 8 am Christ Choir **9 am Divine Service** 10:15 am Coffee Break 10:45 am Bible Study & SS	**27** **7 pm Divine Serv**	**28** 8:30, 9 & 10 am EC	**MARCH 1** **6:30 pm Divine Serv for Ash Wednesday** 7:30 pm Sports Night			

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