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CHAPEL NEWS

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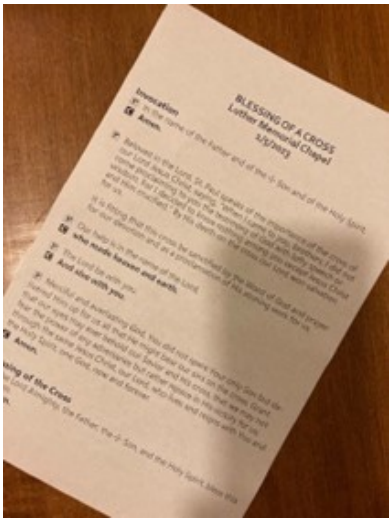
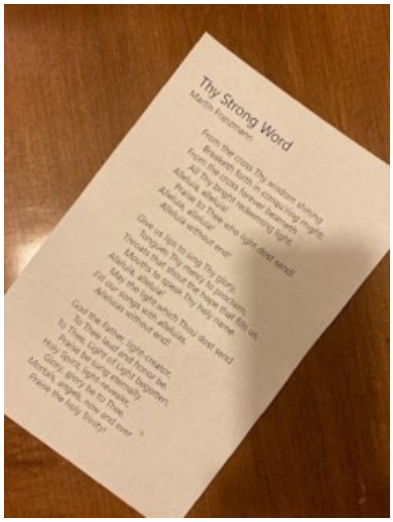
New Rooftop Cross Blessed on January 5, 2023



The new copper cross was blessed before it was installed on the morning of Thursday, Jan. 5.



Serving Us

Michael C. Larson, *Pastor*
Jason Lane & Brian German, *Assisting Pastors*
Kathryn A. Hill, *Church Secretary*
Dr. Craig Sproat, *Kantor*
Julie Wohlrabe, *IO Director*
Anna Young, *U Student Coordinator*

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IS FEBRUARY 22

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A Simple Explanation of Gesimatide *by Pastor Larson*

At Luther Memorial Chapel we observe the historic lectionary. A lectionary is a collection of readings from the Holy Scriptures. These readings are arranged according to the church's calendar and are intended to be read at the regular, weekly gathering of God's people.

One of the most distinctive features of the historic lectionary are those Sundays immediately prior to Lent. These Sundays are not part of the Epiphany season, and neither are they part of Lent (which begins on Ash Wednesday).

The Sundays we celebrate in February will even have funny-sounding names! Septuagesima, Sexagesima, and Quinquagesima. The church season is referred to as "Gesimatide." Each Sunday bears the Latin word for (roughly!) the number of days until Easter: Septuagesima (seventy), Sexagesima (sixty), and Quinquagesima (fifty).

This last month we have been meditating on the Incarnation of God in human flesh. When Epiphany climaxes with the Feast of the Transfiguration, we put away our alleluias and shift to the Passion and empty tomb of our Lord.

Gesimatide (Pre-Lent) is a gentle preparation for the rigors of our Lenten journey, which includes self-denial, spiritual discipline, and heightened reliance on the grace and mercy of God. Although Gesimatide predates the Lutheran Reformation of the 16th century, these Sundays, interestingly, hold forth some very "Lutheran" themes.

Septuagesima: Grace alone. With the parable of the workers in the vineyard (Mt. 20:1-16), we see that the Master graciously bestowed rewards not by works but by grace.

Sexagesima: Scripture alone. In the parable of the sower (Lk. 8:4-15), we see that God's Word accomplishes everything He purposes! As Lutherans we believe that the Bible is the sole infallible source of authority for Christian faith and practice.

Quinquagesima: Faith alone. A blind man cries out for mercy from our Lord, confident that He will help. Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well."

I look forward to celebrating the season of Pre-Lent with you all. When you greet your friends you can even wish them a blessed Gesimatide! And now you are equipped to explain a few things about it as well!

Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22

At Luther Memorial Chapel we begin the Season of Lent with Divine Service at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 22. Midweek Lenten Services will follow on Wednesdays through March 29. These services, which begin at 6:30 p.m., will be preceded by Lenten Suppers in the Parish Hall that begin at 5:30 p.m.

Excerpts from the Large Catechism by Martin Luther: The Sacrament of the Altar: Part 1 of 10

In the same manner as we have heard regarding Holy Baptism, we must speak also concerning the other Sacrament, namely, these three points: What is it? What are its benefits? and, Who is to receive it? And all these are established by the words by which Christ has instituted it, and which everyone who desires to be a Christian and go to the Sacrament should know. For it is not our intention to admit to it and to administer it to those who know not what they seek, or why they come. The words, however, are these*: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it, and gave it to His disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you: this do in remembrance of Me. After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.*

Here also we do not wish to enter into controversy and contend with the traducers and blasphemers of this Sacrament, but to learn first (as we did regarding Baptism) what is of the greatest importance, namely, that the chief point is the Word and ordinance or command of God. For it has not been invented nor introduced by any man, but without any one's counsel and deliberation it has been instituted by Christ. Therefore, just as the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, and the Creed retain their nature and worth although you never keep, pray, or believe them, so also does this venerable Sacrament remain undisturbed, so that nothing is detracted or taken from it, even though we employ and dispense it unworthily. What do you think God cares about what we do or believe, so that on that account He should suffer His ordinance to be changed? Why, in all worldly matters everything remains as God has created and ordered it, no matter how we employ or use it. This must always be urged, for thereby the prating of nearly all the fanatical spirits can be repelled. For they regard the Sacraments, aside from the Word of God, as something that we do.

Now, what is the Sacrament of the Altar? Answer: It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, in and under the bread and wine which we Christians are commanded by the Word of Christ to eat and to drink. And as we have said of Baptism that it is not simple water, so here also we say the Sacrament is bread and wine, but not mere bread and wine, such as are ordinarily served at the table, but bread and wine comprehended in, and connected with, the Word of God.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

God's Child	Rebirth Date
Travis Doying	Feb. 1
John Gnas V	Feb. 1
Ronan Sovitzky	Feb. 1
Carl Swanson	Feb. 5
Joel Vojta	Feb. 5
William Buelow	Feb. 6
Elswyth Kreuter	Feb. 6
Joshua Carlson	Feb. 9
Andrew Hoffman	Feb. 9
Brett Grasse	Feb. 11
Brian German	Feb. 12
Thaleia Kreuter	Feb. 12
Ceejay Hagedorn	Feb. 17
Xavier Hagedorn	Feb. 17
Ava Frusti	Feb. 19
Isabelle Carlson	Feb. 19
Hannah Gnas	Feb. 19
Selah Wieting	Feb. 23
Leylani Camacho-Sanchez	Feb. 28
Fredrik Lane	Feb. 28

BAPTISM *on Dec. 4, 2022:* Dorothy Rachel Pohlod, *daughter of Peter & Abby*

MEMBER TRANSFERRED

Transferred to Redeemer Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN on Dec. 6, 2022: Sarah Nus

February 14, 2023

Happy 88th Birthday to Marie Zimmerman

HYMN FOR SEXAGESIMA

May God Bestow on Us His Grace
***LSB* 823**

1
May God bestow on us His grace,
With blessings rich provide us;
And may the brightness of His face
To life eternal guide us,
That we His saving health may know,
His gracious will and pleasure,
And also to the nations show
Christ's riches without measure
And unto God convert them.

2
Thine over all shall be the praise
And thanks of ev'ry nation;
And all the world with joy shall raise
The voice of exultation.
For Thou shalt judge the earth, O Lord,
Nor suffer sin to flourish;
Thy people's pasture is Thy Word
Their souls to feed and nourish,
In righteous paths to keep them.

3
O let the people praise Thy worth,
In all good works increasing;
The land shall plenteous fruit bring forth,
Thy Word is rich in blessing.
May God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit bless us!
Let all the world praise Him alone,
Let solemn awe possess us.
Now let our hearts say, "Amen!"

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PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S DAY IN FEBRUARY

Date	Name of Day	Hymn of the Day	OT Reading	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
Feb. 5	Septuagesima	*LSB* 555	Ex. 17:1-7	Psalm 9	1 Cor. 9:24—10:15	Matt. 20:1-16
Feb. 12	Sexagesima	*LSB* 823	Is. 55:10–13	Psalm 83	2 Cor. 11:19—12:9 *or* Heb. 4:9–13	Luke 8:4–15
Feb. 19	Quinquagesima	*LSB* 685	1 Sam. 16:1–13 *or* Is. 35:3–7	Psalm 77	1 Cor. 13:1–13	Luke 18:31–43
Feb. 26	First Sunday in Lent	*LSB* 656	Gen. 3:1–21	Psalm 91	2 Cor. 6:1–10	Matt. 4:1-11

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2023 Alphabetical Elder Areas

Elder	***Members in his care:***
Latif Gaba:	Abram—Carlton
Jonathan Paul:	Christensen—Galvin
Adam Scott:	Genthe—Hessel
John Galvin:	Hintze—McAllister
Phil Cox:	McAuly—Peterson
Ben Wieting:	Ploetz—Swanson
Gabe Frusti:	Sylke—Zimmerman

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.

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
-The Christensen Family

Seminary Life

In August, we moved from our apartment in Cedarburg, WI to a duplex in Fort Wayne. We are very thankful to live right around the corner from the Seminary. In September, David started his first fall quarter. His favorite class was Dogmatics I with Dr. Zeigler, but he also enjoyed keeping up with his Greek and Hebrew studies.

Since moving to Fort Wayne, we have thoroughly enjoyed learning about life at the Seminary. The Seminary has a very generous clothing and food co-op for all the seminary families. The clothing co-op accepts all kinds of donations including clothes, shoes, kitchenware, decoration, and household needs. Everything is free to seminary students. Every month, seminary students can volunteer at the clothing co-op to receive points to shop at the food co-op. The food co-op is open once a week on Tuesdays for the seminary families to shop. Donors provide a lot of food including meat, milk, eggs, produce, dried goods, toilet paper, diapers, and so much more.

The Seminary also provides various family activities throughout the week. Every morning, families can attend chapel services together, and on Wednesdays they hold a Divine Service. Before the service on Wednesday morning, Amanda and Benjamin attend the children's reading hour called "Word's for the Wee". On Fridays, seminary students and families gather for Gemütlichkeit, a social hour with beer, popcorn, and good conversations. A great way to end the week!

The winter quarter started after Thanksgiving and we are currently on our Christmas break, celebrating the blessed incarnation of our Lord and Savior. In the coming months, we look forward to meeting our daughter. Amanda is due March 21st.

Classes for the Winter Quarter

- *Gospels II*
  Rev. Drs. Just and P. Scaer
- *Lutheran Confessions I*
  Rev. Dr. Grobien
- *Catechetics*
  Rev. Prof. Pless
- *Field Education I*
  Rev. Dr. Boyle
- *Church History II*
  Rev. Dr. Mackenzie

"Savior of the nations come; Virgin's Son make here Your home!"

Benjamin is 17 months old. He is such a fun and active boy. He recently started adding a lot of words to his vocabulary including ball, blueberries, shoe, and Jesus. His favorite food is cheese (a true Wisconsinite!)

Thank you so much for all the prayers and support we have already received. We love receiving letters and hearing from everyone. If you would like to contact us, here is our address and email.

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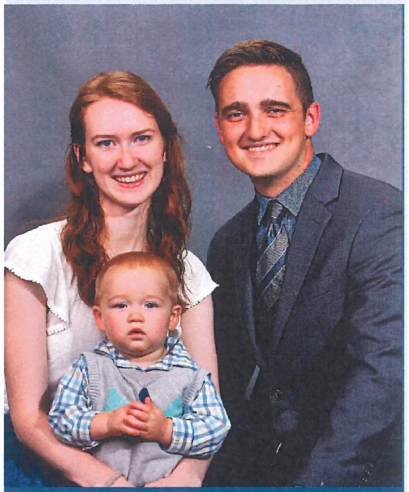

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FEBRUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:00am Divine Service 10:30am Coffee Break 10:30am Congregational Meeting	30 7:00pm Divine Service	31 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	1 8:30am Matins 6:30pm Elders	2 9:30am LEARN Home-schoolers 6:30pm Divine Service for the Presentation of Our Lord	3	4
5 9:00am Divine Service 10:30am Coffee Break by Ledic & Stevens 10:45am Bible Study, Catechism, Sunday School 5-7pm iO Friendship Potluck Dinner	6 7:00pm Divine Service	7 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	8 8:30am Matins	9 9:30am LEARN Home-schoolers	10	11
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26 9:00am Divine Service 10:30am Coffee Break by Swanson & J Galvin 10:45am Bible Study, Catechism, Sunday School	27 7:00pm Divine Service	28 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	1 8:30am Matins 5:30pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Midweek Lenten Service	2	3	4