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GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF JESUS, THE SUFFERING SERVANT!

Do your neighbors and co-workers know you're a Christian? How about the person who sells you your coffee or the person who delivers your mail? Are you attempting to develop a relationship with these people so you can share the Good News of the Gospel with them? We can give no greater service to Jesus than to be part of rescuing lost souls by sharing the life-saving Gospel. Jesus commissions us to *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit"* (Matt. 28:19). God wants *"all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth"* (1 Tim. 2:4). We are to be Jesus' hands, feet, and mouth. Jesus tells us *"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest"* (Luke 10:2). We are the laborers whom Jesus is seeking.

God's plan for His people has always been that we take responsibility for sharing the Good News. Peter wrote, *"Always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you"* (1 Peter 3:15). God blesses us with minds to learn and mouths to speak. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God will give us the words and the courage to use them. Along with most people, we're eager to talk about the weather, sports, economy, or politics, but, as Christians, we have been given the treasure of the Gospel message - something vastly more important to talk about. Our attitude should be like that of Peter and John, who, when commanded to stop speaking of Christ, said, *"We cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard"* (Acts 4:20).

For many, sharing the Gospel is uncomfortable, but people need Jesus more than we need to be comfortable. God has placed us among many people who don't know Jesus. With God's help, we can become very intentional with our witnessing. He can open our eyes to opportunities and give us the words to speak. We may want to consider developing a list of people who don't have a relationship with Jesus. The people could be in your inner circle of family and friends as well as in your outer circle of relationships. We can be empowered to witness because the Holy Spirit will guide and direct us.

God's will is that we share Jesus with people and invite them to church. Don't let your feeling of inadequacy and your excuses, as Moses had, get in your way of carrying out God's will!

Invite TODAY
Someone
to Church TODAY
Family, Friends, Neighbors, Co-workers*

Together in Christ,

Mark L. Krueger,
Pastor

What Was That Number?

This following from the New York Press Association shows what can happen when a paper tries to set something straight.

Monday: FOR SALE: R. D. James has a sewing machine for sale. Phone 555-0707 after 7 p.m. and ask for Mrs. Kelly who lives with him cheap.

Tuesday: We regret having erred in R. D. Jones' ad yesterday. It should have read: One sewing machine for sale. Cheap. Phone 555-0707 and ask for Mrs. Kelly who lives with him after 7 p.m.

Wednesday: R. D. Jones has informed us that he has received several annoying telephone calls because of the error we made in his classified ad yesterday. His ad should read as follows: SALE: R. D. Jones has a sewing machine for sale. Cheap. Phone 555-0707. Ask for Mrs. Kelly who loves him after 7 p.m.

Thursday: NOTICE: I. R. R. Jones, have no sewing machine for sale. Don't call 555-0707. The telephone has been taken out. I have not been carrying on with Mrs. Kelly. Until yesterday, she was my housekeeper. She quit.

I Am Not In Church

Compiled by Thom Rainer

I am not in church. But I really would like to know more about Christianity. Unfortunately, most of the sermons I hear seem watered down. Too many preachers tend to shy away from dealing with the biblical text straight on, but they just seem to want to please.

I am not in church. But I need help. I know I need help. There are times I hurt badly and seek answers. I was hoping to find some of those answers at church. I was hoping to meet people who cared.

I am not in church. My co-worker goes to church. I even know where he's a member. But he's never invited me. My neighbor goes to church. I see their family go to church every Sunday. But she's never invited me. I would go if she did. I would definitely go.

I am not in church. I am not anti-church. I am not anti-Christian. I am really seeking answers. I am really looking for people who care.

I am not in church. But I think I would like to be.

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS NIGHT

Saturday, April 21

Milwaukee Brewers vs. Miami Marlins

6:10 p.m.

Tickets: Loge Outfield Box \$17

Order forms are on the bulletin board.





“THY WILL BE DONE”

“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. Biblical characters give us insightful reference points as they guide us in following our Lord more nearly day by day.

GOD’S WILL AND MY IDENTITY

March 8 - Mary dutifully accepted her role to become the mother of our Savior. That Son would later accept His role to save us all.

GOD’S WILL AND MY WORLDVIEW

March 15 - On the road to Damascus, Paul had his worldview turned upside down. We follow God’s will by putting the crucified Christ at the center of our worldview.

GOD’S WILL AND MY RESPONSE

March 22 - Lydia responded in faith and hospitality when the Gospel message was preached to her. We follow God’s will by responding in love and service in return for what Christ has done for us.

GOD’S WILL WHEN WE ARE NOT WILLING

Palm Sunday – March 25 - We are not always willing to do what God asks of us. Christ reveals to us that even tough roads are worth traversing for the sake of the Kingdom.

GOD’S WILL AND JOYFUL SERVICE

Maundy Wednesday – March 28 - Christ asks His disciples to wash one another’s feet, as He

washed theirs, a sign of their love for Him. Serving one another with joy is a tribute to Him.

GOD’S WILL IS DONE

Good Friday – March 30 - On the cross Christ followed through with the will of God. This ultimate sacrifice serves as a model as we offer our lives as a holy sacrifice to Him.

GOD’S WILL FOR THE NEW CREATION

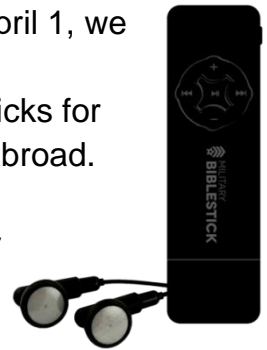
Easter – April 1 - When Christ rose from the tomb, He opened the door to a new heaven and a new earth. God’s will for us to fix our eyes on the new creation, the perfect paradise prepared for us in heaven.

Lenten Mission Project

MILITARY BIBLESTICKS

From February 14 thru April 1, we will be receiving funds to purchase Military BibleSticks for our troops at home and abroad.

\$25 sponsors one soldier and their family. The goal is to raise enough funds to supply at least 12 BibleSticks.



Your gift of \$5, \$25, \$100, or whatever amount can be put in an envelope marked “BibleStick” and placed in the offering plate or in the offering box found in the narthex. Please make checks payable to the church.

Help share the Good News with our troops!



Parish Nursing

by Judy Paulson, RN, BSN,
Parish Nurse

Relay for Life Update:

As a result of our kick-off relay meeting, we have a few more details for our upcoming Relay for Life.

To review:

- The relay will be held on June 15 from 6 PM until midnight
- Our site is changed to the Brillion Public School track (behind the elementary school, near Peters' Park)
- Registration can be accessed at www.relayforlife.org/calumetwi (or see me for a paper registration form)

Additional information:

- Our next planning meeting will be held on March 21 at The Officials Den. Everyone is encouraged to attend to help develop new relay ideas.
- The 2018 theme is Dreaming in Color. The idea behind the theme is to use the various colors connected to the different cancers to focus on specific information
- Our team will focus on Ovarian Cancer, Aqua
- Teams are asked to bring a basket for the silent auction
- We would like to have more relayers to walk
- We would encourage all survivors and their caregivers to register. There will be special acknowledgements for all survivors
- Luminaria will again be available to recognize those who have succumbed to cancer and those who are surviving.

Watch the upcoming newsletters for more information, or ask me how you can help out.

Blood Pressure Readings: Now that our worship services end so late, people are not staying for blood pressure readings. Let me know if you

would like me to take your blood pressure, and we can do it before any service or I can stop at your house.



Mission Matters

Missionaries to Israel!

Although many of our church groups, including the LCMS Parish Nurses, have made mission trips to Israel, we have not had a full time missionary serving there. As of this month, the Rev. Dr. Robert Roegner, known to many of us, has accepted a call from the Apple of His Eye Mission Society (AOHE) to serve as a missionary to the Holy Land. Apple of His Eye Mission Society is a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of LCMS. Their homepage says that they "are passionate about telling Jewish people and Gentiles that Jesus is the promised Messiah and to ask them to respond in faith".

Pastor Roegner says his call is to "Boldly share Y'shua as Messiah and to urgently equip believers in Jesus to do the same". It is both exciting and scary to send missionaries to this area of the world. In considering the call, Pastor Roegner said it was 'awesome, humbling, exciting and scary' to be called to Israel.

Let us boldly pray for Pastor Roegner and his wife, Kristi, as they undertake this new work. They also ask for prayers for their current congregation and the AOHE ministry.

Holy Week at St. Peter

- **March 25th** – Palm Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
- **March 28th** – "Maundy Wednesday" Service with Communion 6:30 p.m.
- **March 30th** – Good Friday Service 6:30 p.m.
- **April 1st** – Easter Day Service with Communion 10:30 a.m.

Steward Builders

A newsletter to help you grow as a steward.

The purpose of this newsletter is to share God's Word so that our members will better understand who we are to be and what we are to do in the light of the Scriptures. It is our hope that this monthly publication will help you grow in your relationship with the Lord and as a Christian steward.

**Keep your eyes fixed
on Jesus during this
penitential season of Lent.**

What Is Lent?

Lent is a solemn religious observance in the Christian year that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends approximately six weeks later, before Easter. The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer through prayer, repentance of sins, almsgiving, and self-denial. Holy Week, which begins on Palm Sunday and climaxes on Jesus' crucifixion, on Good Friday, ultimately culminates in the joyful celebration on Easter Sunday of the resurrection of Jesus.

In Lent, many Christians commit to fasting, as well as giving up certain luxuries or activities in order to replicate the sacrifice of Jesus Christ's journey into the desert for 40 days. Many Christians meditate on daily devotions to enable them to draw nearer to God.

Lent is traditionally described as lasting for 40 days, in commemoration of the forty days Jesus spent fasting in the desert. However, the calculation of 40 days excludes the six Sundays from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday.

The Number 40 Has many Biblical References

- Moses spent 40 days on Mount Sinai with God (Exodus 24:18)
- Elijah spent 40 days and nights walking to Mount Horeb (1 Kings 19:8)
- God sent 40 days and nights of rain in the great flood of Noah (Genesis 7:12)
- The Hebrew people wandered 40 years in the desert while traveling to the Promised Land (Numbers 14:33).
- Jonah's prophecy of judgement gave 40 days to the city of Nineveh in which to repent or be destroyed (Jonah 3:4).
- Jesus retreated into the wilderness, where He fasted for 40 days, and was tempted by the devil (Matthew 4:1-2)



“If you haven't got any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble”
(Bob Hope).

“It is not he who has little, but he who wants more who is poor” (Unknown).

Be a Barnabas!

If you look around you some Sunday morning, you might be discouraged. Fewer people and more pew space may greet your eyes. If you are one who works on the church budget or requests a portion of that budget for your particular ministry, you may be dismayed that the level of giving is down. These, plus other factors, can easily contribute to discouragement on the part of individual members, as well as the church in general.

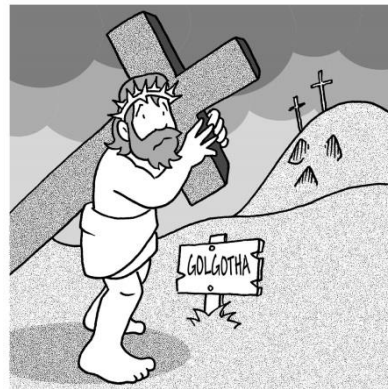
Where do we find answers for such problems and a cure for our discouragement? As always: in the Word of God! Particularly as we look at Barnabas. Do you think all was going well for the early Christians? Read your history books, and you'll find such was not the case. They had their own problems! But along comes Barnabas.

Barnabas was called the “*son of encouragement*” (Acts 4:36). It’s understandable that the apostles would give him this name. In Acts 9:26-30, we read that it was through Barnabas’ intervention that Paul came to be accepted by the disciples. Barnabas demonstrated his love for the Lord and for others as he “*sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostle’s feet*” (Acts 4:37).

Hand-wringing and blame-placing are displeasing to God and ineffective besides. Instead, let us “*abide in [Jesus’] Word*” (John 8:31). Let us “*encourage one another and build one another up...*” (1 Thessalonians 5:11). Let us “*[address] one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with [our hearts], giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ*” (Ephesians 5:19-20).

For Us Jesus Became Poor

The Apostle Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 8:9, “*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.*” We are humbled by this grace which caused our Lord to leave the glories of Heaven for the degradation of earth. His poverty bought our salvation. Perhaps if we, like Him, shared His goal that “*all people [would] be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth*” (1 Timothy 2:4), we would be eager to become poor in earthly possessions and wealth as we use our resources to spread that truth.



Jesus Paid our Penalty of Sin

Those who watched Jesus carry His cross to Golgotha saw a broken weak man, so weak, in fact, that another had to be enlisted to finish the walk with Jesus’ burden. Ridicule was heaped on Him, even as He hung there. “*...let Him save Himself, if He is the Christ of God*” (Luke 23:35), they jeered. But in His weakness, He paid the penalty for our sins. His only possessions, His clothing, were taken from Him. Yet He had everything, for He had the pleasure of His Father resting on Him. No wonder Paul wrote, “*For the sake of Christ, then, I am content...For when I am weak, then I am strong*” (2 Corinthians 12:10).

Blessings on your Stewardship Journey!

Happy Birthday

MARCH

- 5 Dale Diener
- 9 Kurt Kamps
- 11 Berd Piepenburg
- 14 Casey Manders
- 15 Charley Fochs
Sally Grimmer
- 16 Carissa Schwalenberg
- 17 James Fredrich
- 18 Marjean Plate
Patrick Hernke
Ryan Hillegas
- 22 Noah Koehler
- 23 Jonathon Ladwig
- 24 Devin Roehrig
Zachary Wittmann
- 25 Dale Mueller
- 26 Diane Roehrig
- 29 Adam Riemer



Lutheran Women in Mission

The Women in Mission meeting was cancelled on the day we had all the ice. Therefore, we will have our business meeting and our Bible study on Tuesday, February 27. We will meet at 2:30. Remember, all women are part of this group. Bring your Quarterly along.

The SWD LWML will be conducting our annual Heart to Heart event in Milwaukee at Brookfield Lutheran. This is a great opportunity to meet some of our Sisters in Christ of different cultures. It's really inspiring to have so many friends of diverse backgrounds. Part of this day is to have a multi-lingual worship service. It is always an awesome event! A poster outlining the events of the day is on the bulletin board.

Thank you notes have been received from several organizations recently: Free at Last ministries at Mission of Christ (recipients of our winter wear ingathering), Bread of Life Food Pantry (our Souper Bowl Sunday recipients) and from Lutheran Bible Translators for our gifts to the Federwitz families.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- March 11th Michael & Susan Hostettler
- March 14th Larry & Debbie Bartel
- March 24th Judd & Diane Roehrig

Our Response to His Love

	1-21-18	1-28-18	2-4-18	2-11-18
General Fund	925.00	2145.00	1630.00	1287.50
Missions			105.00	20.00
Other Offerings				39.00
Totals	925.00	2145.00	1735.00	1307.50

BAPTISM – Brecken Roehrig 2/25/18

RELEASE – Nancy Diermeier 1/19/18

Daylight Savings Begins Sunday, March 11th at 2:00 a.m. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead before bed on Saturday, March 10th.

