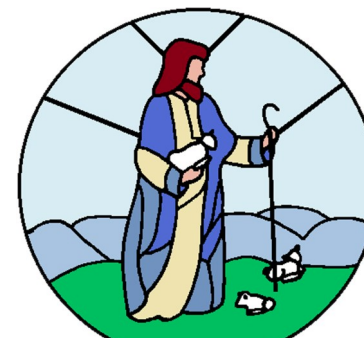


MARCH



Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

*"A church family that shares, nurtures,
and lives our faith in Christ"*

March 2021 Newsletter

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	1 9:30am: Circuit Pastors@ SOTV 3:30pm: Evangelism 4:30pm: Human Care 5:30pm:	2	3 6:45pm: Cat. Ins. @ Bethel 7:00pm: Worship w/ Walla	4	5	6 8:00am: Christ Care 8:30am: Board of Ed.
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Blessed to Be a Blessing

And they made His grave with the wicked and with a rich man in His death, although He had done no violence, and there was no deceit in His mouth.

(IS 53:9)

We all pray for daily bread as the Lord commands us. Why does God give more daily bread to some people and less to others? Does God show favoritism?

God gives more to one and less to another for the sake of love. Suppose He gave the exact same material wealth to every single person. How, then would we demonstrate love? In His mercy and grace, God uses income inequality as a gift so that we would demonstrate toward one another the same sacrificial love that God in Christ has demonstrated toward us. We were not given our material blessings so we could lord it over! We were given our materials so that we may love and be loved, just as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself up for her. (Ephesians 5:25). Joseph of Arimathea served the crucified Christ by providing Him with a decent burial. The rich are called to serve the poor. "You always have the poor with you" (Matthew 26:11) so that you always have someone to love.

Lord, help me use my material blessings to show love to others in response to Your great love for me in Christ. AMEN.



National Lutheran Schools Week 2021

The first week in March Martin Luther School will join with the 1000's of other Lutheran Schools across the country as we celebrate Lutheran Schools Week!

Our theme for this is "Sent to Serve," based on Matthew 20:28 which says:

The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.

We will include opportunities for our students to serve others, as well as participating in fun activities with a "homecoming" sort of feel. We truly get to celebrate the fellowship of Lutheran education around the world!

JEREMIAH
Surviving Disasters

Free Conference | Lunch Provided | Register by March 14
March 20, 2021 | 9am-3pm | Dr. Reed Lessing
Participate with others via Zoom
at Bethel Lutheran Church, 615 East Turnpike, Bismarck
Register at secretary@bethelbismarck.com or 701-255-1433

The Center for Biblical Studies at Concordia University, St. Paul is offering an excellent and timely seminar to churches and individuals on March 20 with Dr. Reed Lessing entitled "Jeremiah: Surviving Life's Disasters". Bethel Lutheran Church is hosting a watch party for the seminar that will run from 9:00-3:00. Lunch will be served and there is no cost.

Please register by March 14 at 701-255-1433. This Bible Seminar is designed to restore hope for anyone and everyone who has experienced brokenness through personal disaster.



SHEPHERD'S HILL AT THE CROSSROADS

ST. JOHN, NORTH DAKOTA

Be Strong In The Lord

Registrations are open for summer camp at Shepherd's Hill At The Crossroads. There are camps for children K-12 including various horse and fishing camps. Be sure to look at the camp offerings on the brochure on the youth bulletin board. Early bird discount of \$25.00 applies if registration is received prior to April 30, or \$15.00 discount applies if registration is received before May 14, 2021.



We continue to support the benevolence fund as our human care focus for the first quarter of 2021. Thank you for your support as we care for those in need in our congregation and community.

Helping Others



We have scheduled a High School Event for Sunday, MARCH 21 at Bethel from 1:00 to 3:00PM. All 6th to 12th grade students from Bethel and Shepherd of the Valley are invited. Lunch will be provided and Pastor Woodside will lead a Bible Study followed by a showing of The Princess Bride.

RSVP to:
Pastor Woodside



We knew that things would have its challenges as we needed to take the necessary precautions to address COVID. Even amid the Covid concerns we decided to move forward with our transition to classical education.

Classical Education

The education system called “classical education” was developed over two millennia with the goal of developing young minds to be wise and instill a love of learning. At the core of classical education is the trivium. The trivium’s three phases are adapted to three phases of development in children.

Grammar (Grades K-5) Logic (Grades 6-8) Rhetoric (Grade 9-12)

Students in the grammar stage typically are excited about learning, enjoy stories, chants, songs and repetition. Memorization is especially easy at this stage and is the optimum time for help students become storehouses of information that they can refer back to as they grow into the logic and rhetoric stages.

Activities that help students learn in the grammar stage involve hands-on activities, field trips, collections integration of subjects, drama, displays, and explaining what they’ve learned.

Subjects are not necessarily taught in exclusion. Students will learn about music and science while learning more about a period in history as all these factors play a part in our history. Math, science, and music intersect. To truly understand something, we need to look at all factors that have made an impact on it.

We appreciate the wonder and beauty in all that God has created and view all content areas through a Biblical perspective. We treasure the absolute Truth that we have in God’s Word.

In the our transition to classical education, we have updated the basis for our history curriculum and are using “The Mystery of History.” We have found that it is helpful for students to learn about history in chronological order while also incorporating the biblical history, as well. Latin is one of the foundations for language acquisitions, as well as understanding our own language. We have introduced everyone in K-5 to Latin which has been very well received. We look to add this more formally starting in 3rd grade next year.

Our science curriculum will also be updated to fit the classical model in the upcoming school, and we will introduce different elements of classical education to our reading program, as well.

We look forward to all that the future holds for MLS and are excited about this new venture! The classical model has had a rebirth across our nation in the past two decades, and we are eager to join the ranks of those institutions who have embraced this classical education. We hope to partner with parents as they help their child grow in wisdom, become life long learners, and always seek God’s Truth.



Mar 7: Rev. Rick Jones, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, Minot, ND, presents the message “**A Fool For You,**” based on 1 Corinthians 1:18-31. *“This is the Life”* episode: **“Man Adrift”** is a Fisher Family episode that discusses the relationship of Faith and Works.

Mar 14: Rev. Larry Harvala, Grace Lutheran Church, Sebeka, MN, Zion Lutheran Church, North Germany Township, MN, and Nimrod Lutheran Church, Nimrod, MN, presents the message: **“Behold and Live,”** based on Numbers 21:9. *“This is the Life”* episode: **“This is the Life-What is proper when Christians face adversity is discussed in this episode “Time Out for Bill”.**

Mar 21: Rev. Kent Borglum, St. John’s Lutheran Church, Montevideo, MN, presents the message: **“God Has Prepared a New Covenant For Us,”** based on Jeremiah 31:31-34. *“This is the Life”* episode: -**“A Gift for Grandpa”** depicts how Freddie goes to great lengths to get a gift for Grandpa Fisher and learns valuable lessons along the way.

Mar 28: **PALM SUNDAY SPECIAL: The Holy Land-The Eternal Rock Tour** / The entire one-hour MSLN broadcast will feature a tour of the Holy Land. It will displace both the regular MSL worship service and the *This Is The Life* program. This tour features many places where Jesus walked and talked. The tour features your Lutheran brothers and sisters as they discover many of these sacred sites. It is guided by Rev. Nabil Nour of Trinity Lutheran Church in Hartford, South Dakota, who was raised in Galilee.


“MAIN STREET LIVING” is a locally produced TV program that includes a 30-minute worship service led by participating pastors of the Minnesota North and North Dakota Districts of our LCMS, along with a 30-minute Lutheran Hour program (normally **“This Is The Life,”** along with occasional church-season specials).

Programs are broadcast starting **at 10:00 am Central Time on the following WDAY XTRA Channels:** Bismarck/Dickinson KBMY Xtra Channel 17.3 Cable access channel 594

MSLN programs are also archived for one year and can be viewed at any time on www.mainstreetliving.com then click on **“North (Fargo)”**.



AS A CHURCH FAMILY, OUR
MISSION IS TO SHARE, NURTURE,
AND LIVE OUR FAITH IN CHRIST.



**WORSHIP
SCHEDULE
for
LENT**
7:00pm

	Shepherd of the Valley	Confirmation
March 3	Walla – Romans 5:1-11	Wolfgram
March 10	Wolfgram – 1 Cor. 1:18-31	Woodside
March 17	Woodside – Eph. 2:1-10	Walla
March 24	Walla – Heb. 5:1-10	Wolfgram
April 1	Wolfgram (Maundy Thursday)	



Reagan Dever
Henry Harling
Justin Dever
Rob Burkhardsmeyer
Kallen Hintz
Leland Miller
Ronda Nottestad
Miranda Albrecht
Lucas Bornemann



Lowell & Corrin Fahrni



*Mar 7	Shaylee C. Reese D.	815am 1045am
Mar 14	Jason C. Makenna B.	815am 1045am
*Mar 21	Kallen H. Brekken Z.	815am 1045am
Mar 28	Zeva B. Gavin V.	815am 1045am

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1-15 Dick Dever
16-30 Rob Burkhardsmeyer



Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Jesus' journey to the cross. During the Lenten season we can reflect on what it means to us that Christ endured so much out of His love for us. When I was young, I always hoped that Jesus would not have had to endure all the suffering and die on the cross. But every year we went through Lent with Good Friday before us. It had to happen, Jesus told His disciples it was going to happen, and there was nothing they could do about it. Taking our sins to the cross is what saves each and everyone of us. His resurrection shows us that even in death we will live again because of His love.

The Elders have served a soup and sandwich meal before the Ash Wednesday service for many years, sort of a tradition at SOTV. We had a great turnout for the meal and for the service, even with the Covid virus still around. It was a cold night and the soup really helped warm a person. In fact, I had to sample all of the soups, and there were 4 this year. I was told that I had to give a review/rate them for the newsletter. They were all great, the chili had just a little bite the way I like it. There were two knoephla soups, one with ham and one with chicken and I liked them both. And then there was the tomato soup, no, not out of a can, which was homemade and made it hard to go back to the red and white can. I couldn't decide which of the soups was the best, but I think I was the winner, finally warming up on a cold night. (A special thank you to Brad Christianson for volunteering to bring chili to add to the Ash Wednesday meal.)

During the Lenten season, remember to follow Jesus on His journey to the cross, carrying all of our sins which indeed were a much greater burden than the piece of wood He had to carry. Jesus knew full well before He humbled Himself as a baby, the suffering He would endure for sinful mankind, yet He did this out of Love for us all.

Hope to see all of you soon.

Kevin Olson, Elder



Birthday Blessings

Justin Dever
Sam Nelson
Brent Purdy
Rob Burkhardsmeyer
Cheryl Purdy
Kari Kramer
Norman Mohl
Leon Lippert
Ariana Kapla
Dan Houfek
Doug Hintz
Ronda Nottestad
Lindsey Watson
Denise Ensz
Charlotte Schields
Linda Houfek
Michael Nelson
Marlin Entze

