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The Spirit of OUR LORD'S NEWS

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Pastor's Epiphany Message

Called to – Joy, Thankfulness, and Adoration

*Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing.
Unto God the Savior thankful hearts we bring.
Unto God the Spirit bow we and adore.*

Text: John S. B. Monsell

Music: Frances R. Havergal

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And More!

During this Epiphany Season we continue to explore the multitude of ways in which the earthy Jesus is manifested / revealed / made known as the eternal Christ. Once we have experienced the power of Christ in our lives, the question becomes, how do we respond to the blessing of that gift?

There are of course a myriad of ways, but the gifted hymnist John S. B. Monsell proclaims three primary ways in his profound hymn: *On Our Way Rejoicing*. In the second verse he calls us to joy, thankfulness, and adoration. What is perhaps even more intriguing is that he does it in the context of the Holy Trinity. He declares that we are called to sing joyfully to God the Father, be ever thankful to God the Son for our salvation, and be people of adoration through the gift of God the Holy Spirit in our lives. Having experienced the manifestation / revelation of Jesus as the eternal Christ we then go forth to lead lives of joy, thankfulness, and adoration.

My only sibling Claudia (lives in Colorado), and I have the same work ethic. For better or worse it comes from our mother.

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The famous biblical worker Martha would not have been able to keep up with Mother Park. Mother Park left nothing to chance. For many years she was the book keeper at a Ford dealership, and the owners knew full well that whatever Ruth's records showed was indeed the correct data for a particular sale. As a result, I was not surprised when I recently received from my sister the outline of her funeral. She sent it not because she thinks her death is imminent, but because it is how we were raised.

As I have indicated in some of my sermons, my sister has a deep faith, and then lives out that faith on a daily basis. The recessional hymn at her funeral is to be: *On Our Way Rejoicing*. She has chosen the hymn not only because of the assurance in the first verse, that *Christ our Lord has conquered, vanquished is the foe*; but also, because of our call to lead lives of joy, thankfulness, and adoration.

As we continue to be blessed by the revelations / manifestations of this Epiphany Season, let us respond to those epiphany moments with lives of joy, thankfulness, and adoration. Let us join with the dynamic hymnist John S. B. Monsell, my sister Claudia, and all of God's children; to sing joyfully to God the Father, be ever thankful to God the Son for our salvation, and be people of adoration through the gift of God the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Peace!
Pastor Park

REGULAR WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Contemporary Worship: Saturdays at 5 pm with Fellowship after Worship

Traditional Worship: Regular schedule of two services:
Sunday: 8 am and 10:45 am.

Fellowship will be at 9:15 am in the Commons Area.

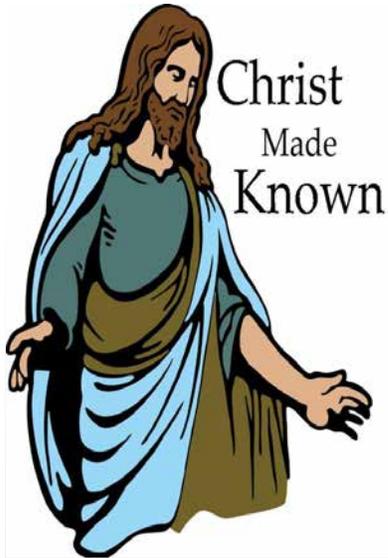
CHANCEL CHOIR rehearsals
Wednesday's in February
at **6:30** in the Worship Center Sanctuary.



BELL CHOIR rehearsals
Thursdays in February
at **6:30** in the Worship Center Sanctuary.

Both Choirs
would
love more
participants.

WEEKEND WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY



The Season of Epiphany Continues

In 2019, the Epiphany Season does not conclude until the Transfiguration of Our Lord on the weekend of March 2 /3.

The Gospel Reading for each of the four weekends in February will have a story indicating that Jesus is indeed the promised Messiah. Each weekend the earthly Jesus will be revealed / manifested / made known as the Christ. Below are the four weekends, the Gospel Reading for that weekend, and the epiphany / revealing that takes place.



Saturday, February 2, and Sunday, February 3

The Presentation of Our Lord: Luke 2:22-38
Jesus is revealed / manifested as the Christ as he is worshipped by Simeon and Anna.



Saturday, February 9, and Sunday, February 10

Fifth Weekend after Epiphany: Luke 5:1-11
Jesus is revealed / manifested as the Christ when he enables Peter, James, and John to catch so many fish that their boat begins to sink.



Saturday, February 16, and Sunday, February 17

Sixth Weekend after Epiphany: Luke 6:17-23
Jesus is revealed / manifested as the Christ as he heals those with unclean spirits.

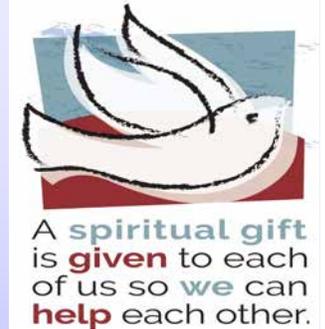


Saturday, February 23, and Sunday, February 24

Seventh Weekend after Epiphany: Luke 6:32-36
Jesus is revealed / manifested as the Christ as he describes what it means to be a child of God.

WORSHIP HELPERS MINISTRY!*(Of course, we can still use your help!)*

Volunteers are needed every week to help with worship! These servant spots include: acolytes, assisting ministers, lectors, assisting minister/lectors (Saturdays), greeters, ushers, greeter/ushers (Saturdays), altar guild, projectionist, ride givers, and fellowship.

**Two Ways to Sign Up:**

People Power on the www.ourlords.org website. Go to People Power, find the date you want to volunteer & sign up! **OR**

People Power Sign Up Sheets: will still be available for those electronically challenged.

UN-LIGHTING OF THE CHURCH**Saturday, March 2, 9 am**

The Star will remain lit and shining through the season of the Weekends after Epiphany. So, the Star will be lit through February and taken down before March 2-3, The Transfiguration of Our Lord – the last Weekend after Epiphany.

THANK YOU NOTES TO OUR LORD'S

Thank you to Our Lord's and Church Council for the Visa Gift Card for Christmas. I will enjoy figuring out on what to use it! Thank you also for the support through out the past year. Without it, I would not be able to do my job, which as many know, I consider a ministry to our Lord as well as the people of Our Lord's. You have been a blessing to me.

Loretta Williams, Administrative Assistant



2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The new 2019 Offering Envelopes are available in the Worship Center hallway mailboxes. If you haven't already picked up yours, please do so as soon as you are able so that you may use them in the year 2019! Envelope numbers may be different from 2018 to 2019 due to members being added or removed. Please use only 2019 envelopes for the new year's 2019 contributions. Envelopes for confirmed children may be in a box in the Commons Area, due to lack of mailbox space. Please make sure you check for all your confirmed family members to ensure you get all the 2019 offering envelopes for your family. They will be cleared from mailboxes after the first of February. So, picking them up and taking them home saves the church over \$2 each in postage per envelope pack. Please help Our Lord's keep our postage costs down. Thank you.

ADMINISTRATION

WHEN YOU HAVE CHANGES

Please let the church office know of changes to e-mail address, mail/resident addresses, telephone numbers, job, college, etc.

SYNOD WEB SITE: www.csis-elca.org

ELCA WEB SITE: www.elca.org

PRAYER VENTURES

Two pages of monthly prayer support for ELCA ministries, are available in printed copy in our Worship Center and Life Center or accessed at www.elca.org/prayerventures.

VET CENTER

The VA has a community-based, free and confidential counseling center specializing in combat veterans. It is located at Hwy 157 & Church Lane in Belleville. For more information, call 618.397.6602.



FAIR TRADE

With the church fiscal year coming to a close Fair Trade winds up with another banner year. The Christmas Store was a much bigger success than I could have hoped for with the addition of the SERRV items. Over two weekends we raised over \$2000 for Small Farmers and Artisans around the world. A reminder that for 2017 Our Lord's was in the Top 5% in funds raised to assist Small Farmers. With our Fair Trade ministry's fiscal year running through the 23rd of May, I look forward to seeing another successful year along with the enhancement of our ministry.

One final note. It has been seven (7) years since Equal Exchange FAIR TRADE has had a Price Increase that they weren't able to absorb themselves. They recently had to pass along a cost increase to the Ministries. There is good news and bad. Only a few of our Coffees experienced a change as well as some Baking Goods. I continue to thank you so much for your support.

Yours in Christ,

Mike Williams & Fair Trade

TREASURER'S REPORT

as of December 31st, 2018

**For where your
treasure is,**



**there your heart
will be also.**

Matthew 6:21, NRSV

Monthly receipts exceeded expenditures by	9,989.39
YTD receipts exceeded expenditures by	55,312.60

Cash - Unrestricted	47,695
Cash - Replacement Reserve	18,657
Cash - Designated for specific purposes	21,569

Venturing In Faith contributions	24,684
Cumulative since campaign inception	802,561

Total Principal Paid on Mortgage	23,389
Remaining Principal balance on Mortgage	167,699

Submitted by **Alan Kramer** 01/06/18

BIBLE CRUNCHERS STUDY

Wednesdays, 5:15 pm in the Worship Center Conference Room. Topic continues to be the New Testament book "Hebrews". All are welcome. Leader: **Pastor Park.**

MORNING GLORIES BIBLE STUDY

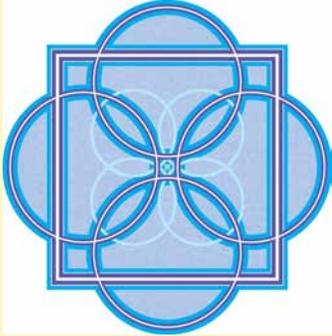
Thursdays, February 14 and 28, (2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month) 10 am in the Life Center Conference Room. The new 2019 Winter study is from the Gather magazine – The "Gospel of John: Meetings with Jesus" by the **Rev. Julie A. Kanarr.** Rev. Kanarr is the pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Belfair, Washington and is an avid outdoorsperson, enjoying sea kayaking, bicycling, hiking and camping. All through John's Gospel, Jesus engages people in honest and sometimes difficult conversations that lead to faith, renewal and transformation. You will meet Jesus through his interactions with various characters within the gospel. The February Session is "By night and day: Coming to faith in Jesus" where we meet Nicodemus, who comes to Jesus at night with questions of faith; meet the Samaritan woman who talks with Jesus in the middle of the day about religious practice; meet a royal official who seeks healing for his dying son; and meet a paralyzed man who has waited 38 years for healing. Sit with the crowd that is fed by Jesus and struggles to understand his teaching and the words "I am the bread of life." All women welcome. Leader: **Debby Gunderson.**

QUESTIONS BIBLE STUDY

Mondays, 10 am in the Life Center Conference Room. The DVD Course from The Great Courses Series: "Death, Dying, and the Afterlife-Lessons from World Cultures" is by Professor Mark Berkson of Hamline University. All are welcome. Leader: **Dona Racich.**

(For more information and details, see our "Adult Education Opportunities" and "Children & Youth" brochures or visit our website: www.ourlords.org)

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY



Sundays, 9:15 am in the Worship Center Conference Room. The DVD Course from The Great Courses Series: "Jesus and the Gospels" is by Professor Luke Timothy Johnson of Emory University. The series covers the Four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke & John). All are welcome. Leader: **Dona Racich**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES for ages 3 – 5th GRADE

Sundays, 9:30 am in the Worship Center Fellowship Hall

We are using the Whirl curriculum.

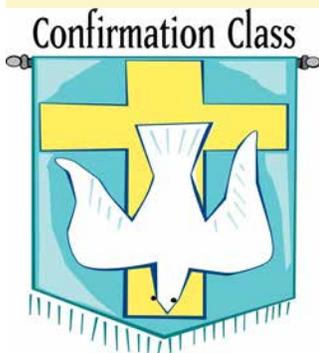
February 3 - Jeremiah's Call, Jeremiah 1:4-10

February 10 - Jesus Calls Disciples, Luke 5:1-11

February 17 - Trust in the Lord, Jeremiah 17:5-10

February 24 - Jesus Feed His Brothers, Genesis 45:3-11, 15

CONFIRMATION (Grades 6, 7 & 8)



Sundays, 9:15 am (usually) using the "Faith Inkubators" curriculum. Lead Teacher: **Ed Foppe**.

February Lessons:

Feb. 3 - Hard Sayings of Jesus & Souper Bowl of Caring;

Feb. 10 - The Passion;

Feb. 17 - The Resurrection;

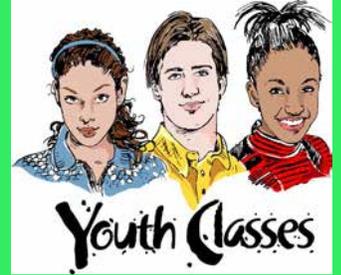
Feb. 24 - New Testament Overview.

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HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

(Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12)

Sundays, 9:30 am in the Youth Room in the
Worship Center



NEW Curriculum: re:form from Augsburg Fortress.

This new curriculum for teens is intended to engage them to explore their faith. Each session has a three-part sequence to encounter, engage and respond. Youth will watch an animated video, join in creative activities, and share thoughts and ideas about the session's questions.

Teachers: **Debby Gunderson & Scott Comrie.**



HIGH SCHOOL OUR LORD'S YOUTH (OLY) NEWS

The High School Youth will meet on **Sunday, February 3**, Noon at the church to rehearse the Valentine's Dinner Entertainment.

Saturday, February 9, 6:30 pm – Valentine's Spaghetti Dinner.

**Annual Valentine's Day
Spaghetti Dinner & Theater
Saturday, February 9, 2019
6:15 p.m.**

Life Center Fellowship Hall following Worship

Tickets: Adults = \$9

Children 5 - 11 years = \$6

Children under 5 years = Free

**Menu Includes: Spaghetti (Sauce by Ginger Trucano) - Garlic Bread
- Salad – Dessert - Coffee - Tea - Lemonade**

Entertainment by the OLY Players!

Funds to be used to defray the cost of activities & The National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 2021.

LATE BOOMERS IN FEBRUARY

It's Valentine's.

Sunday **February 17th at 3 pm** at the Lang's home. They will provide a pasta dish. Bring sides/desserts. RSVP by Thursday **February 13th.**

SERENDIPITY BOOK CLUB

The Book Club meets on **Monday, February 18 at 11:30 am.** In February, you are invited to read Broken Angels by Gemma Liviero. Bring a drink and a brown bag lunch to enjoy as the book is discussed. The book club meets in the Life Center Conference Room. All welcome!

MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, February 16, 8 am at the St. Louis Bread Company in Collinsville on Hwy. 157. Come out to discuss how to handle today's life challenges in a more Christ-like manner. All men welcome. Leaders: **Steve Hoelscher & Pastor Park**



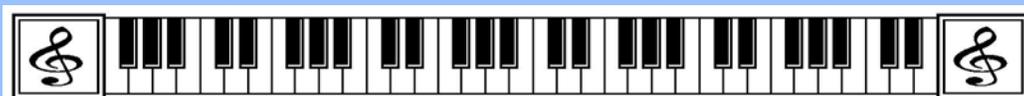
MEN'S CLUB

Our Lord's Men's Club meets on Saturday, **February 2, 7 am.** February's chefs are **Brian Hartke** and **Mike Hester!** Come out for food, fellowship & chores around the inside and outside of the church, including working on the replacing toilets in the Life Center, etc.



PIANO FOR SALE!

Anyone interested in an Aeolian Upright Small Piano in excellent condition for \$125.00 (or best Offer). Contact **Grant or Lynn Lang, or Church Office.**





S.O.S.
SOUP KITCHEN

SOS SOUP KITCHEN

Tuesday, February 12th, 3:30 - 7 pm

1st Presbyterian Church, Collinsville

Menu: Tacos!

Sign-ups in the Narthex for food and volunteers.
Need all hands-on deck since we are the only church involved
at First Presbyterian!

Questions: **Gail Jorgenson**

CASSEROLE TEAM

Provides meals for members experiencing an illness, a birth or other circumstance when meals would be helpful. Volunteers are needed. If interested in volunteering, as a meal preparer or deliverer, or have questions, please contact Team Leader:

Debby Gunderson



OFFICE ANGELS

Thursdays at 10:30 am in the
Life Center Conference Room

Purpose: to help assemble bulletins
& visit with church friends.

Questions: **Contact Church Office.**



NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY ANGELS

Once a month at **9:30 am in the Life Center Conference Room**
towards the end of each month. In February, we move it to **Wednesday,**
February 27.

Purpose: to help assemble printed newsletters & visit with church friends.

Questions: **Contact Church Office.**

Just a side note: **February's Newsletter Deadline (to submit articles for March's Newsletter) is Friday, February 15!**

MARYVILLE OUTREACH CENTER



Open to residents of Maryville, and members of Maryville churches or schools.

Ministries Include:

Resident Assistance Program (RAP): to help people in difficult financial situations. Office Hours: Tuesday from 5:30-7 pm

Food Pantry: helps families in food deficiencies twice a month. All food items, toiletries, paper products & cleaning supplies are needed. Also, food items easy for homeless people to eat, which does not require cooking and is easily opened.

Pantry Hours: Tuesdays 5:30-7 pm; Thursdays 10 am – noon; Saturdays 10 am – noon.

Grandma's Attic: Store offers super cheap clothing, shoes, accessories, household goods, small appliances. Donations accepted when Attic is open or can be placed in tubs under Worship Center mailboxes.

Attic Hours: Tuesdays 10 am-noon & 5:30 -7:30 pm;
Wednesdays 10 am – 1 pm,
Thursdays 10 am – 1 pm; and Saturdays 10 am – noon.

Our Lord's Liaison to Maryville Outreach Board: **Carol Orr**

CARING MINISTRY TEAM

Being God's Presence in Someone's Life

Provides care to church family as needed. Tasks Include: Visit people in hospital or homes, take previously consecrated Communion to our homebound or sick, called on those experiencing a personal crisis, provide transportation to doctor appointments or grocery shopping.

If you need assistance, or can help provide needs, call **Mary Olsen** or the church office.

Current team members include **Mary Olsen, Carol Gocken, Kathie & Terry Brady,** and **Carol & Rod Orr.**



(For more information and details, see our "Service Ministries" brochure or visit our website: www.ourlords.org)



Mind the Gap is a ministry to the homeless in St Louis and a community of homeless on the Illinois side of the Mississippi River. Every **Thursday night** we meet at 15th and Locust in St Louis for a time to review the past week and discuss issues that may have come up the week before. It is also a time of lighthearted fellowship with other volunteers.

After this, we make five to six stops where we are sure to find homeless. We provide them a hot meal, desert, soda, snack bags, clothes, blankets, wipes, socks, propane for heaters for tent dwellers and other items. The main focus is to visit the people who have found themselves living on the streets, letting them know Mind the Gap is there for them and allow them to share their personal struggles with the volunteers who listen and offer encouragement. Sometimes volunteers have a prayer time with them and give them a handshake or a hug if they need one.

Some of the more recent things that have happened are that Angel has gone into rehab for 30 days. She was seeing a young man who was also homeless but after he was arrested, she decided to go into rehab, realizing he was a bad influence for her.

Anthony and Pria, a married couple, have been living at Tent City on the Illinois side. The property owner allows homeless people to put up tents on her property of several wooded acres. Pria is five months pregnant. She and Anthony had both found jobs and Mind the Gap was working with them to find housing for them. Unfortunately, they have lost their jobs and the hopes for an apartment are on hold.

Mind the Gap has helped Denise over the last couple of years. She was living in an abandoned building. Recently she overdosed and died. This has been very hard for the homeless to learn of this. It is also difficult for the volunteers to process. Many homeless have so much pain in their lives that they turn to drugs to try to deal with their day to day lives.

Please pray that Angel will stay in rehab and stay sober afterwards, that Anthony and Pria will find jobs and an apartment before their baby is born, and for all the homeless as they deal with the harshness in their lives.

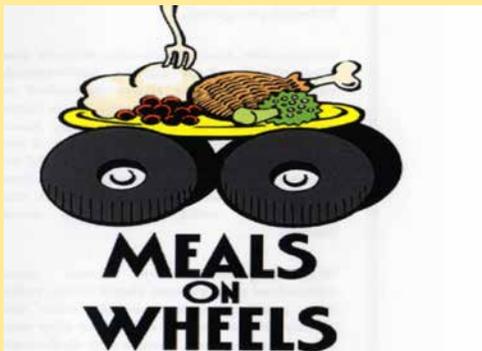
Thank-you to all who have generously donated coats, hats, blankets, wipes, tents, financial gifts and prayers for this ministry. Thank-you too to Grandma's Attic for allowing Mind the Gap to take clothing that would have been put in the gray box and the Food Pantry for giving us food such as excess desserts and bread that their clients were unable to use.

For more information you can call **Rod** (618-551-0029) or **Dave** (618-670-0007).

(For more information and details, see our "Service Ministries" brochure or visit our website: www.ourlords.org)

MIF CELEBRATION

At the three worship services on the weekend of February 9 and 10, we will celebrate our special relationship with the Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA. We have three accounts with MIF: our \$168,000 mortgage, a \$25,000 Certificate of Deposit, and the \$18,000 set aside for the moving expenses for our new Pastor. We welcome as our guest Homilist for the weekend Pastor Richard Wehrs, our Regional Manager for the ELCA Mission Investment Fund (MIF). In addition to serving as parish pastor in Minnesota, Missouri, and Illinois over the last 32 years, Pastor Dick has worked as a professional ministry consultant in church stewardship, strategic planning, church design and construction, and now MIF project financing and investments. In his current call to the ELCA, he represents MIF to synods and congregations in Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska. His first love, however, is helping Christians explore how we all can respond generously to God's amazing love in Jesus. We welcome you to worship on this special weekend in the life of Our Lord's.

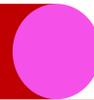


Collinsville Area Meals on Wheels

Collinsville Area Meals on Wheels is a non-profit organization made up of volunteers from our community. Our mission is to deliver nutritious meals and provide daily wellness check to those in need. We are hoping your congregation can help us with this mission! We have two immediate needs:

1. We need more volunteers to deliver meals. We currently have 11 participating churches and are in need of a 12th. Teams deliver meals for one week a quarter. We send out five teams of 1 or 2 deliverers, so we need 5-10 volunteers from a church. Except for the team leader who picks up the meals, total time required is about an hour Mon-Fri beginning at 10:30.
2. We have Board of Director Openings. We have an urgent need for additional members on the Meals on Wheels Board of Directors. Meetings are quarterly the 2nd Wednesday of January, April, July, and October usually at noon.

Questions call Mary Smith at (618) 345-7779 or email camow@att.net.



If *Faith in Action* Asks, Will Results Follow?

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened."

(Matthew 7:7-8)

If you don't ask, you won't get what you need and want. *Faith in Action* needs volunteer drivers. Lots of volunteer drivers! So we're asking; we're seeking; and we're knocking on your door.

Faith in Action needs volunteer drivers to provide rides for our care receivers during weekdays to medical appointments, drugstores, supermarkets, banks or credit unions, and barbers and beauticians. During weekends, CFIA needs volunteer drivers for transportation and companionship for our care receivers on Elder Connection social outings to restaurants on both sides of the river.

Volunteering as a driver offers you the opportunity to act on your beliefs and give of yourself. If you're seeking such an opportunity, open the door to *Faith in Action*. Just giving two or three hours once a week or once a month makes a difference in the lives of our care receivers who need rides and friendly listeners. You'll help our care receivers to maintain their dignity and independence. Volunteering makes a difference in your life too. Just ask any of our volunteers – they all respond that they receive more than they give.

Will you join *Faith in Action* as a volunteer driver? We're asking. Will you give us the results we need?

Call 344-8080 and ask to sign up as a volunteer driver.

(For more information and details, see our "Service Ministries" brochure or visit our website: www.ourlords.org)



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Happy Holiday's to you all!

On behalf of the Residents and Staff at Elmwood Nursing and Rehabilitation we want to thank you for all you do for the Resident especially during the holidays. The Residents had a very nice Christmas through your kindness and generosity; the gifts are needed and appreciated.

Sincerely,

The Residents and Staff at Elmwood

Charnele Smith

Ruth
Christine
Tom

Luce Kistner

Bart M. Smith

Steven Gibson

Jay Milton

Barbara
Lorel Sykes

Rita
Carolyn M. Lickers
Mary Prager

John Bienvenue

Sharon L.

Beth McPherson

Kathy Bennett
Aocemarie Aom
Bob A. Schum

Dale Burnett

Our Lords Lutheran Church
148 Wilma Dr.
Maryville, IL 62062

December 18, 2018

Dear Our Lords Lutheran Church,



Thank you for your gift to Collinsville in Action your donation to our programs. We are truly blessed to have your support and partnership, and honored to be able to provide such needed services to so many in our community.

It is because of donors like you that Collinsville Faith in Action is able offer services to seniors and adults with disabilities at no charge. This is what makes our organization unique. There is such a need for these services that our organization is conducting a feasibility study to expand our services to another local community. It is important to our staff and Board of Directors that we reach as many individuals as possible to help prevent isolation and loneliness. We are grateful for donors like you that allow us to make this a reality for our care receivers and the communities that we serve.

We wish you a wonderful holiday season!

Warm Regards,

Kristi Hofferber
Executive Director

January 11, 2019

Dear Our Lord's Lutheran Church,
Thank you so much for your continued willingness to let us hold our monthly meetings at your church. We appreciate the large bright meeting space for our breastfeeding families.

Please excuse the lateness of our annual gift. I was sick through most of December and did not get everything done in a timely manner.

Sincerely,
Dee Kassing, Leader
Metro East La Leche League

(For more information and details, see our "Service Ministries" brochure or visit our website: www.ourlords.org)



Central States Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

December 17, 2018

Our Lords Lutheran Church
148 Wilma Drive
Maryville, IL 62062

Dear members of Our Lords Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your recent contribution of \$3,000.00 in support of the Lutheran School of Theology in St. Louis. Your contribution is a wonderful encouragement to people of faith and the ministry.

Thank you for your generosity. We continue to step out in faith, confident that the God who calls us and shapes us, continues to guide our way more deeply into God's life-giving mission in our communities and our world. It is a privilege to be in ministry with you.

May God richly bless you this day.

In peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Candea".

Rev. Susan Candea
Bishop's Associate
Central States Synod, ELCA

(For more information and details, see our "Service Ministries" brochure or visit our website: www.ourlords.org)

Greetings to all!

The LOMC (Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center) is sponsoring several upcoming Spring Retreats.

A Retreat for Youth Leaders and Pastors!

When: Monday, February 11th—Tuesday, February 12th, 2019

Cost: \$35.00 Includes lodging at Freedom Tree Village, 3 meals, and program

Monday One Day Cost= \$18.00 includes program and dinner

Time: Begins at 1:00 pm on Monday and ends by 1:00pm on Tuesday

Program includes:

- ♦ Practicing being "still" with God— includes bible study & worship
- ♦ Discussing how LOMC can improve their partnerships with you in regards to faith formation for your kids. Invite new ideas of programming available for all ages.
- ♦ Enjoying fellowship and networking with fellow colleagues
- ♦ Surprise Field Trip!

Register with Audrey at registrations@lomc.org by January 21

For questions: Contact Michelle, Program Director at michelle@lomc.org

Bring Your 3rd-6th Grade Youth!

This is a retreat designed to build and strengthen the relationships in your youth group. The idea is to keep your youth group strong and growing by laying a foundation for future members. Bring your third through sixth graders to this fun community building experience!



When: March 22 & 23, Friday-Saturday (2019)

Times: Arrive Friday at 7:00 pm, Depart Saturday at 4:00 pm

Where: Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center, Oregon, IL

Cost: \$65/*person includes lodging, snack, 2 meals (on Saturday), and activities

*Bring 10 youth, one adult is free! Bring 20 youth, two adults are free!!

Activities include: Bible study, worship, games, campfire, teambuilding, hiking, and the prayer labyrinth. *weather permitting on outdoor activities

Register with Audrey by March 1st, 2019 at: 815-732-2220 or by email registrations@lomc.org

Contact Michelle for more info: michelle@lomc.org



Our BYG Theme for the Weekend is:

Who: 6th-9th Graders

Cost: \$130.00/*person

*For every 10 youth the adult leader is free

Includes: Lodging, 5 meals, 2 snacks, and camp activities

Times: Arrive Friday evening at 7:00 pm
Depart Sunday afternoon at 1:00 pm

Registration: Call Audrey at 815-732-2220 or
Email: registrations@lomc.org

Register by: April 1st

Questions: Contact Michelle at michelle@lomc.org

Activities include: Bible study, worship, teambuilding, hiking, games, prayer labyrinth, archery and campfires (weather permitting)

Theme: **It Only Takes A Spark....**to pass on God's love for others! **It only takes a spark** to ignite our passions to serve others! **It only takes a spark** to start changing the world! **It only takes a spark** to get the fire burning!

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. ~1 Timothy 4:12



(For more information and details, see our "Service Ministries" brochure or visit our website: www.ourlords.org)

PREVIEWS OF COMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events and special observances.

MARCH

- Men's Club Breakfast, Mar 2
- Transfiguration of Our Lord Weekend, Mar 2-3
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Mar 5
- Ash Wednesday, Mar 6
- Girl Scout Recognition Weekend, Mission Investment Fund Weekend Mar 9-10
- Daylight Savings-Spring Forward, Mar 10
- Soup Suppers, Mar 13, 20, 27
- Wednesday Lenten Holden Evening Prayer, Mar 13, 20, 27
- S.O.S. Soup Kitchen, (St. John), Mar 14
- St. Patrick's Day, Mar 17
- Spring Begins, Mar 20
- Newsletter Assembly, Mar 28

APRIL

- Soup Suppers, Apr 3, 10
- Wednesday Lenten Holden Evening Prayer, Apr 3, 10
- Men's Club Breakfast, Apr 6
- S.O.S. Soup Kitchen (1st Preby) Apr 9
- Palm Weekend, Apr 13-14
- Tax Day, Apr 15
- Maundy Thursday, Apr 18
- Good Friday, Apr 19
- Easter Vigil, Apr 20
- Easter Sunday, Apr 21
- Easter Monday-Church Office Closed Apr 22
- Earth Day, Apr 22
- Newsletter Assembly, Apr 25

MAY

- National Day of Prayer & Maryville Mayor's Prayer Dinner, May 2
- Men's Club Breakfast, May 4
- Worship in Music Celebration, May 5
- Day of Ascension, May 9
- S.O.S. Soup Kitchen (St. John's Evan. UCC), May 9
- Mother's Day, May 12
- Sunday School Celebration & Last Day of Sunday School, May 19
- Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation, May 19
- Confirmation Reception, May 19
- Memorial Day Observed, Office Closed, May 27





Prayer List for Military Personnel

Lance Cpl. Clayton Campbell
 Major James Carmichael
 Capt. Blake Crosby
 Airborne Ranger Keegan Crosby
 Staff Sgt. Tyson Crosby
 SPC Bill Homes
 Charles Homes
 Zach Huff
 AB Luke Maue
 John Meyer
 Zachary Neubauer
 Amador Ochoa
 Josh Pace
 Scott Prengel
 Jack Scoles
 Staff Sgt. Skipper Smith
 Sgt. Matthew Spencer (Ret.)
 Staff Sgt. Stephan Spencer



Prayers for Church Members

Kathie Brady
Barb Erickson
Greg Fremder
Sue & Jim Green
Dave Geiler
Luke Huster
Lia Kampwerth
Rudy Kantola
Don Klingsick
Erick Larson
Claire Maue
Rosy Park
John Puricelli
Jeff Scheiter
Max Sullivan
Harry & Lynn Thiel
Emily Callahan Thompson
Zach Tiemann
Joan Vail
Jean Weishaupt
Elizabeth White
Lisa White



Thank You

To members of Our Lord's,

We would like to thank you for your thoughtful generosity.

Every resident at Elmwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center received a personalized gift on Christmas morning. Those of you who were able to help distribute the gifts have experienced the joy and appreciation for this ministry to our neighbors. We want everyone who participated to know that your gift(s) and time helped make Christmas extra special. Thank you!

Carol Gocken
Karen Tilashalski

IN SYMPATHY

Brian & Doug Lotz-Manns (at the death of Brian's sister **Janice Lotz** on Dec. 22)

Kathleen Byrd-Reinhardt Family (at her death on Dec. 28/**Loretta Williams'** aunt)

Kampwerth Family (at the death of Lyn's mother Vera Vogel on Jan. 4)

Caryl Kassing Family (at the death of Caryl's Cousin Adam Pixley)





Ron Blotevogel
 Lexington Saul
 David Kassing
 Lynn Kempf
 Sean Rimar
 Heather Scheiter
 Mari Short
 Lindsey Strong
 Lainey Strong
 Greg Fremder
 Lisa Micnheimer
 Georgeann Smithies
 Annette Faerber
 Claire Maue
 Kendyll Pugh
 Kennedi Pugh
 Emily Truckenbrod
 Sawyer Blotevogel
 Tim Schoenecker
 Fred Tatjenhorst
 Terry Menz
 Bev Jackson

Maren Noga
 Megan Waterman-Kolosieke
 Carole Callahan
 Marian Steinmann
 Chris Comrie
 Carli Jo Orr
 Randall Hauch
 Brooke Wieser
 Alex Runyon
 Darrell Bruhn
 Barb Sparks
 Joyce Tatjenhorst
 Dan Sanders*
 Erin Morris
 Blake Runyon
 Cliff Holshouser
 Samuel Huster
 Vicki Schorr
 Kathy Hoelscher
 Anita Steinmann



Chuck & Cindy Pugh
 Eric Sutton & Peggy Pick-Sutton



Congratulations to **Megan Waterman** and **Rion Kolosieke** who were joined in marriage on Friday, December 28 at 5 pm at Our Lord's. May God's abundant blessings be showered on their new life together.

Prayers for Family and Friends of Church Members

Gladys Adams (Nicole Williams' friend)
Pam Ames (Klingsick's friend)
Steve Anderson (Beth Giese's brother)
Timmy Axton (Rod & Carol Orr's friend)
Jeff Bombal (Comrie's nephew)
Billy
Jeff Callahan
Journey Campton (Erick Larson's Friend's granddaughter)
Linda Carter
Claire (Holshouser's friend)
Lucian Cojucaru
Pam Conner
Bill Cross (Mike Williams' friend's uncle)
Timmie David (Mike Williams' friend)
Kristen Cummings (Karen & Erick Larson's daughter-in-law)
Jeff Davitz (Carole Callahan's friend)
Priscilla Donals
Vickie Finan (Kassing's niece)
Paul & Carol Gendron (Lori Messina's parents)
Louise Gibbons (Rhonda Comrie's Friend)
Miranda Goes (Kassing's friend)
Shayna Hadley (Gocken's daughter)
Robert Hardy (Sue Green's friend)

Sue Harris (Linda Spencer's close friend)
Ron Harrison
Jane Hogg
Jean Huster (Dora Clawges' sister-in-law)
Immigrant Families
Sharon Janda
Ann Joyce
Julane Kuy Kendall (Robin Wellner's great nephew)
Pr. Tim Kennedy (Loretta Williams' brother-in-law)
Brenda Kilgore (Carol Gocken's friend)
Laren, Shane & Aria (Messinia's Niece)
Allison Lemke (Jim & Marcine Lemke's daughter)
David Lydick (Deanne Holshouser's cousin)
Jerry McBride
Charlie McCord
Ruth Ann McGrory (Erick Larson's friend)
Michael Meyer (Barb Erickson's grandson)
Dan Miner (Linda Spencer's cousin)
Nancy Miner (Linda Spencer's mother)
Monica (Don Simonson's friend)
Don Muller (Terry Menz' brother)
Margaret Neubauer (White's sister-in-law)
Bob Palme

Peggy (Caryl Kassing's friend)
Aaron Peters (Carol Gocken's nephew)
Todd Raukman (Jeff Waterman's friend)
Rhonda Reuter (Sue Green's H.S. friend)
Donna Ruddis (Carole Callahan's friend)
Alex Spadich
Gordon Strong (Carole Callahan's brother)
George Stickssel (Karen Cummings-Larson uncle)
Rod & Sharon Summer (Williams' neighbors)
Steve Tatjenhorst (Fred & Joyce Tatjenhorst's son)
Chris Tiemann
Brenda Turner (Mike Williams' friend)
Sergio Vieira
Doug Wannan
Peggy Wells
Jean Wheeland (Beth Giese's mother)
Robert White (David White's father)
Diane Wooden
Kalene Young (Mike Williams' Friend)





PUZZLE

WITH LOVE FROM ABOVE

The Bible is full of special words from our loving God.

Directions: Using the messages on the candy hearts, complete the Bible verses (all NIV) below.



God is our _____ and _____,
an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

“Surely I am with you _____.” Matthew 28:20

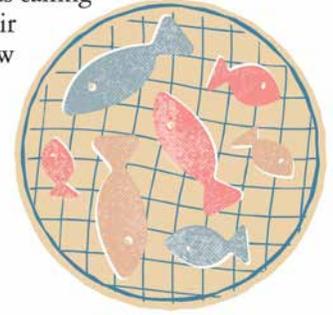
And the _____ of God ... will guard
your hearts and your minds in
_____. Philippians 4:7

Whoever lives in _____ lives in God,
and God in them. 1 John 4:16

_____ love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18

Bible Quiz

In Luke’s account of Jesus calling the first disciples from their work as fishermen to follow him and “fish for people” (NIV), which disciple is not named?



- A. James
- B. John
- C. Simon
- D. Andrew

Answer: D (See Luke 5:1-11.)

Puzzle!

Love is a fruit of the Spirit listed in Galatians 5:22-23. Identify another fruit that can make Valentine’s Day — and every day — special. First, write a word that fits each clue below. Then unscramble the letters from the bold, vertical column to find another fruit of the Spirit.

Write it on the blanks below.

LEAVE

CHAPEAU

TRANQUILITY

BECOME MATURE

RESPOND

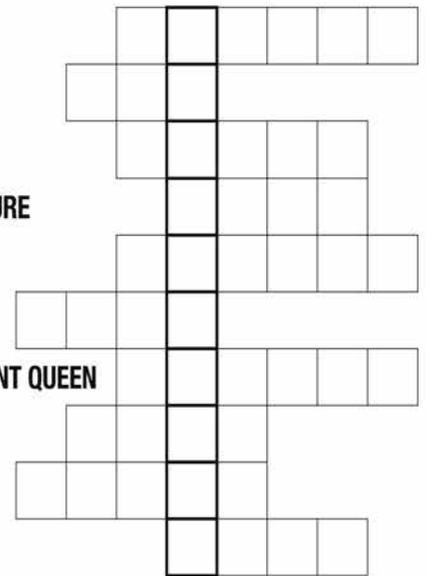
SPHERE

OLD TESTAMENT QUEEN

DISCOVER

CONFIDENCE

ALWAYS



Answer: depart, hat, peace, grow, answer, ball, Esther, find, trust, ever, gentleness

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Epiphany 4 7 - Men's Club Breakfast 3:30 - Praise Band 5 - Worship; Souper Bowl of Caring; Council Installation 6:30 - 1st of the Month Dinner Out; LCM Trivia Night
						
3 Epiphany 4 Souper Bowl of Caring; Council Installation; Boy Scout Recognition 8 - Worship 9:15 - Confirmation; Adult Bible Study; Hospitality 9:30 - Sunday School; High School Class 10:45 - Worship 12 - H.S. Youth Meeting	4 10 - Questions Bible Study 3 - 8 - Kairos Academy 6:30 - Education Summit	5 7 - Narcotics Anonymous, Nar-Anon, Praise Band	6 5:15 - Bible Crunchers Study Choir 6:30 - Chancel Choir	7 10:30 - Office Angels 2 - Amicidi Martino Studenti Italiani 6:30 - Bell Choir	8	9 Epiphany 5 3:30 - Praise Band 5 - Worship 6:30 - Valentine's Spaghetti Dinner
10 Epiphany 5 8 - Worship 9:15 - Adult Bible Study; Hospitality; Confirmation 9:30 - Sunday School; High School Class 10:45 - Worship 3 - Late Boomers @ Langs	11 10 - Questions Bible Study 3 - 8 - Kairos Academy 6:30 - Steering Team Mtg	12 3:30 - 7-S.O.S. Soup Kitchen (1st Presbyterian) 7 - Narcotics Anonymous, Nar-Anon	13 5:15 - Bible Crunchers Study Choir 6:30 - Chancel Choir	14 Valentine's Day 10 - Morning Glories Bible Study 10:30 - Office Angels 2 - Amicidi Martino Studenti Italiani 6:30 - Bell Choir	15 Newsletter Deadline	16 Epiphany 6 8 - Men's Breakfast Fellowship 9 - Le Leche League 3:30 - Praise Band 5 - Worship 6:15 - Fellowship
17 Epiphany 6 8 - Worship 9:15 - Adult Bible Study; Hospitality; Confirmation 9:30 - Sunday School; High School Class 10:45 - Worship	18 President's Day Church Office Closed 10 - Questions Bible Study 11:30 - Serendipity Book Club 3 - 8 - Kairos Academy 6:30 - Church Council	19 7 - Narcotics Anonymous, Nar-Anon, Praise Band	20 5:15 - Bible Crunchers Study Choir 6:30 - Chancel Choir	21 10:30 - Office Angels 2 - Amicidi Martino Studenti Italiani 6:30 - Bell Choir 6:30 - Recovery 360-Family Support	22	23 Epiphany 7 3:30 - Praise Band 5 - Worship 6:16 - Fellowship
24 Epiphany 7 8 - Worship 9:15 - Adult Bible Study; Hospitality; Confirmation 9:30 - Sunday School; High School Class 10:45 - Worship	25 10 - Questions Bible Study 3 - 8 - Kairos Academy	26 7 - Narcotics Anonymous, Nar-Anon	27 Newsletter Assembly 5:15 - Bible Crunchers Study Choir 6:30 - Chancel Choir	28 10 - Morning Glories 10:30 - Office Angels 2 - Amicidi Martino Studenti Italiani 6:30 - Bell Choir 6:30 - MEHCCA		

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Dr. Harvey Chiles, Director of Traditional Music
Dr. Rhonda Comrie, Organist
Beth Giese, Nursery Attendant
Brian Gunderson, Director of Contemporary Music
Chery Sides, Organist
Linda Spencer, Office Assistant
Loretta Williams, Administrative Assistant

Church Council

Tom Steinmann, President
Kathy Hoelscher, Vice President
Jaime Henderson, Secretary
Max Eakin, Treasurer
Alan Kramer, At Large

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[Worship, Education, Fellowship, Service]
Ed and Laura Foppe, Steering Team Coordinators
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