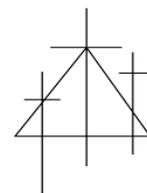
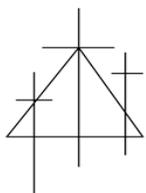


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Sheboygan, Wisconsin

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From the Pastors



Where in the World is God?

Jesus said, "I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20 ESV).

Dear Brothers and Sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ,

This Lenten season, we're going to go through the story of our Lord's Passion, the story of Jesus' last week of life on earth before His crucifixion and see where God is – where God is for you. While these may be unusual and unexpected places, they are where you need Him to be. These show that He is with you when you find yourself in just such places. Unfortunately, there are times when we become so busy or distracted in our fast-paced culture that we lose track not only of where God is, but where we are. For example, instead of taking the time to be in the presence of God in His Church or enjoying being together to talk and listen and dine with each other, we go from one thing to the next while relying on automation to stay connected. Therein lies the problem. Jenni Russell writes:

A psychotherapist tells me that when he counsels troubled 20-somethings about their agonized relationships they will report 'he said' and 'I said', only for him to realize that it's rare for anything to have been actually spoken with voice and nuance and emotion, let alone face to face presence. They are referring to written messages, with their infinite capacity for misinterpretation. His clients, seemingly longing for rewarding contacts with others, are blocking them. We're choosing this, but the new world of remote connection and automation is not making us happy. It is breeding loneliness. - From *The Australian Times* (November 22, 2019)

Too often instead of interacting face to face with each other we communicate through the screen of a machine that is a poor substitute for our flesh and blood presence. It's an idol of ourselves. Likewise, instead of entering into the incarnate presence of God, that is, the place of His name, Word, and the very body and blood of Jesus Christ, we isolate ourselves from Him and the place where He is present with us to actually bestow on us His love, forgiveness, and peace.

Lent is "a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection" (LSB Altar Book, p. 483). With that in mind we invite you to join us in spending time with the Lord in His Church both on Sundays and Wednesdays. There is also a new Sunday Bible study in-between Divine Services on Sundays entitled, "Where Is God in the Midst of the World's Loneliness Epidemic?" Pick up a coffee and refreshments in the Lounge and join us in the Gym as we celebrate our genuine fellowship with God and each other.

In Christ,

Timothy J. Mech
Senior Pastor

John M. Berg
Associate Pastor



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**Divine Services:
Sunday at 8:00 & 10:45 am
Monday at 6:30 pm
Family Education Hour
9:30 am**

**Bible Classes
(throughout the week)**

**Trinity Lutheran School
3-K thru 8th grade
2 Year Old Childcare**

March 2020 Calendar Highlights

Sundays: Weekly

- * Divine Services 8 am, 10:45 am
- * Education Hour 9:30 am



Mondays: Weekly

- * Divine Service 6:30 pm

Tuesdays: 1st & 3rd

- * Women's Bible Study/with childcare 8:45 am (MC)

Wednesday: Weekly

- * Adult Bible Study 8:15 am (MC)
- * 2:30/3:30 pm Midweek Confirmation Class

Thursdays: Weekly

- * Women's Bible Study 8:45 am (LR)
- * Handbells 6:15 pm (MR)
- * Mixed Choir 7:15pm (MR)

Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25

- * **Lent Services 10:00am/6:30pm**
Soup lunch after 10 am service & light supper before 6:30 pm service (5:30 pm)

Wednesday, March 4

- * Board of Elders 7:30 pm
- * Board of Christian Day School 7:30 pm

Monday, March 9

- * LWML 1:00 pm (Lounge)

Tuesday, March 10

- * PTL Meeting 6:30 pm

Wednesday, March 11

- * **Council Meeting 7:30 pm (FH)**

Saturday March 14

- * LWML Fellowship 9:00 am (FH)
- * German Russians 1:00 pm (MC)

Monday, March 16

- * Senior Breakfast 8:30 am

Tuesday, March 17

- * LHS Sacred Concert (Church)

Friday, March 20 - No School

- * Trinity Parent/Teacher Conferences

Saturday, March 21

- * Emmaus Meal (Salvation Army)

Thursday, March 26

- * Altar Guild 1:30 pm (FH)

Saturday March 28

- * Concordia Chamber Orchestra & Laudate 7:00 pm (Church)



Trinity Spring Break
March 23-27, 2020
School Office Closed

LWML NEWS



LWML PRAYER SERVICE
Saturday, March 7, 2020 at 10: am.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
1121 Georgia Ave, Sheboygan WI

ZONE 9 SPRING RALLY
Good Shepherd, Two Rivers
May 13th @ 6 P.M.

Men and Women are both invited; sponsored by Zone 8 of the LWML for all of the Sheboygan area. Refreshments to follow.

NEXT TRINITY LWML FELLOWSHIP: Servant Event - March 9 & 14. Bible Study leader - Rev. Robert Zick. We will be making Resurrection crosses to be delivered to shut-ins.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

"Before I retired from coaching, my team was in the Super Bowl six times," says Bill Arnsparger, who coached for 23 seasons in the NFL. "I thought nothing would ever match that. But being a Stephen Ministry Caregiver has been one of the greatest experiences of my life."

During his coaching career, Arnsparger heard about Stephen Ministry at his church several times. "I knew it was important, so I couldn't wait to get involved," he recalls. So, once he retired, he trained to become a Stephen Ministry Caregiver. "I find serving as a Caregiver very rewarding," Arnsparger says. "The hours I've invested into Stephen Ministry have brought me closer to the Lord and to others in my congregation. It's an opportunity to work with people and really help them. Each care receiver inspires me to build my faith. I always benefit from our time together."

Arnsparger's caring relationships have taught him to trust in God's healing love. "I've learned that I can't always predict and plan what each visit will be like," he says. "I work to be open to new developments, and I hang in there when new problems come up. I know I can't just make my care receiver feel better. My job is to listen and to care; God takes care of the rest."

Although Stephen Ministry and football might not seem to have much in common, Arnsparger sees similarities between the two. "Stephen Ministry builds confidence, both in the care givers and in the care receivers," he says. "Stephen Ministry takes teamwork, too. In supervision, we need to work together to provide the best care possible—to our care receivers and to one another. Each opportunity to care is a new challenge, a new experience, just as each game is."

If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Ministry Caregiver, or think you or someone you know could benefit from a Stephen Ministry Caregiver, please contact Pastor Berg.



Raising Resilient Young People

From February 20th and 21st, I had the opportunity to attend the Best Practices for Ministry conference at Christ Lutheran Church in Phoenix, Arizona. This is a free conference that serves over 2,000 church workers annually through educational sessions, free meals, and scheduled time for fellowship. It was my first time attending this conference, and I was truly astounded at the magnitude of a conference that is supported by a single congregation with a heart for Lutheran ministry. Thousands of people ate together, learned together, laughed together and lifted one another up in their vocations as church workers. I left feeling inspired and hopeful about the future of our Lutheran churches and schools.

During the conference, I attended a session entitled “Resilience in Gen Z,” which shared important information about our current generation of young people and how we can best mentor them and minister to them. The presentation started with some startling statistics. Did you know that 34% of this generation claims no religious affiliation? Or that the LCMS currently retains only 1 of every 5 children from baptism to young adulthood? These statistics reveal that the LCMS has work to do in order to reach and retain young people. One of the primary concerns is that our young people lack resilience. “Resilience” in this presentation was defined as “the quality that allows for an individual to bounce back and adapt when faced with stress, adversity, or tragedy. Resilience is a characteristic that allows a young person to meet new people, face new circumstances, ask for help when they need it, and engage in challenging situations **while maintaining their identity in Christ.**” The key for us as parents, teachers, and mentors is to build resilience in our youth, starting with resilience in their faith walk. The presenter phrased it beautifully: “Resilient young people are firmly rooted in their Baptismal identity.” A young person who understands that he/she is a unique creation of the Almighty Creator and is beloved by Him and SAVED by Him can answer the questions: Who am I and what purpose do I serve here on earth? The church/school can also offer them security (Who has my best interests a heart? My Heavenly Father and those who encourage my relationship with Him!) and confidence in the face of failure (What is true success? If we focus on heavenly things, we alleviate stress over earthly failures.).

Why is faith resilience so important? Resilient young people are able to stand firm in their beliefs regarding hot button social issues; they can “face the bombardment of information [gleaned via technology] with a faithful Christian lens...and use technology and social media in a way that helps point people to Christ rather than takes away from witness and community.” The truth is that we cannot change our current culture (a post-modern culture that does not want to ascribe to any objective truth), but we *can* train our young people in resilience so that they are ready to face the new challenges and to stand firm in their convictions. We are tasked with preparing the next generation to carry on the mission and ministry of Christ. May God bless our efforts to raise resilient, faithful young people!

Jenna Roeske, Principal

Mark your calendar...

**Concordia River Forest
Chamber Orchestra & Laudate Concert**

**Saturday, March 28
7:00 pm**

Trinity Lutheran Church



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order your Easter
Lilies!**

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the bulletin
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<p>Sun. March 1 8/10:45am 6:30pm Mon. Matthew 4:1-11 "Fix Your Eyes on Jesus"</p> <p>Wed. March 4 10am/6:30pm Matthew 21:1-11 "Where in the World is God? On a Donkey"</p> <p>Sun. March 8 8/10:45am 6:30pm Mon. John 3:1-17 "As It Was in the Beginning"</p> <p>Wed. March 11 10am/6:30pm Matthew 26:36-46 "Where in the World is God? In the Garden"</p> <p>Sun. March 15 8/10:45am 6:30pm Mon. John 4:5-26 "You Have Such Big Eyes"</p> <p>Wed. March 18 10am/6:30pm John 18:1-12 "Where in the World is God? Under Arrest"</p>	<p>LENT/EASTER SERVICES</p> <p>Sun. March 22 8/10:45am 6:30pm Mon. John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39 "The Wrong Question"</p> <p>Wed. March 25 10am/6:30pm Luke 22:66-23:25 "Where in the World is God? On Trial"</p> <p>Sun. March 29 8/10:45am 6:30pm Mon. John 11:17-27, 38-53 "Fill in the Blanks"</p> <p>Wed. April 1 10am/6:30pm Matthew 27:24-31 "Where in the World is God? Under the Whip"</p> <p>Palm Sun. April 5 8/10:45a 6:30pm Mon. Philippians 2:5-11 "What's on Your Mind?"</p>	<p>Maundy Thursday April 9 10am/6:30pm Matthew 26:17-30 "The Lord Does Not Forget"</p> <p>Good Friday April 10 1p/7p (Tenebrae Service) John 19:17-30 "Like Night and Day"</p> <p>Easter Sunday Sunrise Service April 12 6:30am John 20:1-18 "No One Believed Him"</p> <p>Easter Sunday Festival Services April 12 8:30am/10:30am Matthew 28:1-10 "Nothing More Is Needed"</p> 
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