## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

## Dear Disciples of Jesus,

During the Lenten season and Holy Week, be sure to bring your children to the special services. You will not realize until later the important spiritual impact these services have on your children. We are shaped and formed by the Word of God and prayer as they come to us in readings, lessons, hymns, psalms and liturgy. These affect your children in ways we often don't see until they are adults. May your whole family be present with us as you make it a priority in your home!

I remember how much I enjoyed going to the Lenten and Holy Week services when I was a child. The first evening Lenten services usually started in the dark of winter. Gradually, as we came closer to Holy Week, the days led us into the spring season. The services focused, as they still do today, on the sufferings and passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. This left a big impression on me as a child.

The 40 days of Lent are a time for prayer, fasting and repentance over the sin of taking God's gifts for granted. Instead, do not neglect your holy obligation to be present among the saints in receiving God's gifts to us and offering your bodies as living sacrifices to God, holy and pleasing in His sight! Be with us for all of our Lenten services! Read about these services in this newsletter.

The Holy Week services will then begin with Palm Sunday on March $\underline{\mathbf{2 4}}^{\text {th }}$ with both 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Divine Services of Holy Communion. Special hymns and music with the choir and the children will prepare for us the events of Holy Week.

We encourage you to attend the worship services taking us to the Cross of Calvary and the Empty Tomb.

The ancient tradition of these Passiontide services draws us into the wondrous love of God in the Divine Drama by which He intervened in human history. And Divine Drama it is indeed!

In our Lord Jesus Christ, Pastor Nehrenz

## LCMS COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS REGIONAL MEETING <br> March 18-20 (Mon. - Wed.) <br> Council of Presidents Regional Meeting - Lexington, Kentucky

Pastor Nehrenz will attend along with 5 other district presidents from Kansas, Texas, Missouri, South and Southeast districts. Vicar will handle the parish responsibilities.

## BOWLING

Please join us for some Sunday afternoon fun April $7^{\text {th }}$ ! From 1 to 3 p.m., we will be striking the lanes at Sooner Bowling Center! Further updates will be announced closer to the event.
-TLC Fellowship Committee

## BOARDS AND COUNCIL <br> We THANK YOU all for <br> serving in our congregation!

Council meets on
March 10 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ at 6:30 p.m.
Board Meetings:
*Elders - Sun. Mar 10 ${ }^{\text {th }}$...................... 1:30 p.m.
*Education - Wed. Mar $6^{\text {th }}$ 6:00 p.m.
*Evangelism - Wed. Mar 13 ${ }^{\text {th }}$....... .... 6:00 p.m.
*School Board - Wed. Mar 13 ${ }^{\text {th }} \ldots . . . . . . . .2: 00$ p.m.
*Stewardship - Not meeting in March
*Trustees - Wed. Mar $6^{\text {th }}$ 9:00 a.m.

## CHURCH \& EARLY LEARNING CENTER ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF MEETING

Thurs. March 14-8:30 a.m.

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT CHURCH WORKERS CONFERENCE
Monday and Tuesday - March 11 and 12
in OKC for Pastor and Vicar

## BELL CHOIR PRACTICES BEGIN MARCH 14

The Bell Choir will meet on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. Let Timothy Schmidt know that you'd like to join and help ring bells to the glory of God!

## COOKIE DECORATING WORKSHOP

Just in time for Easter
Join us in the Fellowship Hall on
Saturday, March $2^{\text {nd }}$ from 2-4 p.m.
Recommended - 12 years - adults

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(due by $10^{\text {th }}$ of the month)

## LENTEN VESPERS SERVICES

Theme: "Jesus I Will Ponder Now"


## Wednesday Lenten Vespers Schedule:

6:30 p.m. - Soup and Salad Supper
(hosted by different boards, free-will
donation-to benefit Madisen Lemke)
7:30 p.m. - Vespers Service

## Lenten Vespers 4 - March 6

"Grant That I Your Passion View" (vv. 1,4)
Lenten Vespers 5 - March 13
"Let Your Cross My Fear Disarm" (vv. 1,5)
Lenten Vespers 6 - March 20
"Graciously My Faith Renew" (vv. 1,6)


## Confirmation Easter Breakfast Schedule of Events

Youth/Parent Planning Meeting
Sunday, March $10^{\text {th }}$ immediately following second service.
Location: Triangle Room

## Easter Breakfast Prep

Saturday, March $30^{\text {th }}$
Set-up, Decorate \& Food Prep

## Easter Breakfast

Sunday, March $31^{\text {st }} 8: 30-10: 00$ a.m.

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

1. PALM SUNDAY - March 24

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Communion at both services_
Procession of Palms and the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem

## 2. MAUNDY THURSDAY -March 28

7:30 p.m. Confessional Service and Holy Communion Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane and in the Upper Room institutes the Lord's Supper


## 3. GOOD FRIDAY - March 29

9:00 a.m. Litany and Readings
12:00 noon Litany and Readings
3:00 p.m. Good Friday Chief Service
This special service features: hymns, scripture lessons, prayers
7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service of Tenebrae and Chorales
"The 7 Last Words of Christ" from the Cross
Anthems by the choir and darkened Sanctuary

## 4. HOLY SATURDAY - March 30

7:30 p.m. "The Great Vigil of Easter with Holy Communion" "A Service of Baptism Remembrance, Holy Communion and the Resurrection of Christ"
Candle-light procession into darkened church- a very ancient

service in the Church!! Gather around the Baptismal Font

## 5. EASTER SUNDAY - March 31

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion
Bell Choir and Special Music- The Resurrection Gospel lessons

## The Schedule:

8:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast by the Confirmands
9:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class
(in the Sanctuary - The Evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ ")
10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion

## SENIORS

## SENIOR LUNCH DEVOTIONAL

Thursday, March $7^{\text {th }}$ at 11:15 a.m. Our guest speaker is Jerry Jerman. His presentation will be about the movie "Citizen Kane."

## SENIORS TRIP

THURSDAY, March 21, 9:00 a.m. The seniors will tour the Governor's Mansion in OKC. After the tour, they will have lunch at "Harvey's Bakery". Harvey's has a great assortment of sandwiches, soups and salads. Note: the seniors' trip will be on a Thursday not a Friday this month.

## LUTHERAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Frontier City Family<br>Ride for Christ<br>April 21 ${ }^{\text {st }}$<br>$7^{\text {th }}$ - 12 grade<br>Cost: \$24.99

Fun for everyone, not limited to
LYF youth
The day will be filled with
Christian entertainment
See Susan to reserve your ticket.

## Attention High School-College Age <br> FIRST District Y4Life Apologetics Retreat <br> at Camp Lutherhoma <br> April 26-28, 2024

See the youth page in the bulletin for details.
Space is limited, so please let Susan
know ASAP if you would like to attend.
Cost: \$50
Registration closes April 1st
Attention High School Teen Girls
You are invited to the LWML OK.
Dist. Convention
April 12-13, 2024
Friday after school -
Saturday, 12 noon
Hilton Garden Inn - Edmond, OK

## SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES

 9:15 a.m.Join us for a Sunday morning Bible study at 9:15 a.m. while your children and teens are in Sunday School. Come and learn with us and grow in grace and the knowledge of Jesus Christ

## WITH PASTOR:

"Prioritize Our Lives - The Book of Haggai"
WITH BOB LEE:

"Disordered"
Written by Pastor Christopher Esget
WITH VICAR:
"1 Peter"

## LWML NEWS

Pam's Pearls: Stop whatever you're doing! Get out your calendar, your daily planner, or your phone and reserve April 12-13, 2024 to attend the $58^{\text {th }}$ convention of the LWML Oklahoma District! Hilton Garden Inn, 2833 Conference Drive, Edmond, OK

You will have the opportunity to Rejoice! with LWMLers from around Oklahoma. You will worship, and commune, and pray! together. There will also be opportunities to serve by taking part in the servant activities. In addition, there will be Bible study led by past LWML National President Janice Wendorf, mission speakers, interest sessions and time for shopping at the LWML store. And, you won't want to miss meeting our newly elected National LWML President Eden Keefe!

So, have you marked April 12-13 on your calendar? Start making plans to attend. Invite your friends or maybe someone who's never attended. Let's Rejoice! Pray! and Serve! our risen Savior together!

Check out the Spring 2024 copy of the Voice of Service for all the information about the conference. Go to OKlwml.org and check out "News and Events" and you will find registration forms; you can register online or by mail. Avoid a late registration fee by registering before March $12^{\text {th }}$. Hard copies of the Spring Voice of Service can be found on the LWML Bulletin Board behind the Welcome Center in the Narthex.

## TLC EARLY LEARNING CENTER NEWS



Enrollment time is here again!


We have officially started enrollment for our Sonshine Station Summer Camp and our fall Early
Learning Center program. This will be our $22^{\text {nd }}$ summer. We offer a very unique summer camp where parents can choose 2 to 5 days for their children to attend. Our summer camp is open for ages 1 yr olds all the way up to $5^{\text {th }}$ graders. Each week is full of funfilled activities centered around a theme. Our Campers (Kind. - $5^{\text {th }}$ graders) will be going on field trips every day. Our fall program is for lyr olds through Pre-K 4. We specialize in part-time schedules. 1yr olds - Pre-K 3 can choose 2 to 5 days a week 9:00-3:00, with before \& after care available. Pre-K 4 can choose 3 to 5 days a week 9:00-3:00, with before \& after care available. Church members receive a $\mathbf{2 5 \%}$ discount!

We have been serving the Norman families for 33 years. As the years pass, we have been able to make a wonderful impact in our Norman community. We take every opportunity to share our faith with our children. We pray with the children, the parents, and the staff whenever possible. Our ministry has been a success because you as members support it with your prayers, your financial donations, and your beautiful building. We are God inspired, congregation supported, every day we open our doors. Many of you have experienced the positive feedback from the community when you mention our church name.


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## FROM THE VICAR

From Vicar James Bruss No. 34
Oh, blest the parents who give heed, Unto their children's foremost need, And weary not of care or cost. May none to them and heav'n be lost! ~ LSB 862

St. Joseph, the guardian of our Lord, does not get the same attention in Scripture as do his wife Mary or even some of Jesus' disciples. But we should not for that reason overlook him. This March 19 (his feast day) we have an opportunity to honor him and the work he did.

Briefly, Joseph stood in the line between David and Jesus (Mt 1, Lk 3) and was a carpenter by trade (Mt 13:55). He married Jesus' mother who had become pregnant without him (Mt 1:24) and fled with her and Jesus from Herod's murderous plotting (Mt 2:14-15).

There are also the parallels with the Joseph of Genesis. Both sons of men named Jacob, these Josephs saw their futures foretold in dreams (Gen 37:1-11, Mt 1:20-23) and protected their families in Egypt (Gen 42-50, Mt 2:14-15). Old Testament Joseph oversaw storehouses of grain to be used in times of famine (Gen 41-42) and his New Testament namesake oversaw the upbringing of the Bread of Life. Joseph saw to it that Jesus was raised in pious devotion to His Father in heaven (Lk 2:41-51).

Because of its placement on March 19, St. Joseph's feast day will always fall during Lent. Lent's ancient origins focused
more on training in the faith than on repentance. Catechumens (students) made their final preparations for their baptisms, often conducted on Holy Saturday.

This teaching character has been retained in the Lutheran church with catechetical (instructive) preaching during the season and even sometimes with the rite of confirmation held on Palm Sunday. Today, the emphasis of Lent may be on repentance, but catechesis is right there under the surface.

So St. Joseph fits nicely in the middle of this season given his selfless assumption of fatherly duties and raising of Jesus and his other children in the fear of God. Luke tells us Joseph and Mary took Jesus to Jerusalem every year for Passover (Lk 2:41). From Nazareth to Jerusalem and back would be a relatively quick trip today. By foot or even on the back of a donkey, the journey 2,000 years ago came at a cost in time and perhaps loss of business to Joseph the builder.

But for Joseph, the sacrifice was well worth it. He did not despise preaching and God's Word but held it sacred and gladly heard and learned it. And as Luther counsels in the Small Catechism, he took his role as head of the household seriously and taught his family the importance of devoting oneself to worship.

One way or another, we are always being catechized for good or ill. Joseph provides a timely example for us today that it is far better to be catechized-and to catechize-in the doctrines of Holy Scripture than the corrupt teaching of this world.

|  | MARCH 2024 |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  | 1 | $\|$2 <br> 9:30 am ESL <br> 10:00 $\mathrm{am}-2: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ <br> LWML Workday <br> 2:00-4:00 pm Cookie <br> Workshop |
| $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 3 \text { 3 } 3^{\text {rd }} \text { Sunday in Lent } \\ \text { 8:00 /10:30 am } \\ \text { Communion } \\ 9: 15 \mathrm{am} \text { SS/BC } \\ 5: 30 \mathrm{pm} \text { LYF } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | Pastor's / Vicar's Day Off | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \\ & 6: 30 \mathrm{pm} \text { LCMSU } \end{aligned}$ | 6 9:00 am Trustees 6:00 pm Brd of Educ. 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Soup \& Salad 7:30 Lent Vespers | $\begin{aligned} & 7 \\ & \text { 11:15 am Seniors } \\ & 7: 30 \mathrm{pm} \text { AIC } \end{aligned}$ | 8 | 9 <br> 9:30 am ESL <br> Set Clocks Ahead - <br> Daylight Saving Time <br> Begins |
| $104^{\text {th }}$ Sunday in <br> Sent <br> 8:00/10:30 am <br> Communion <br> 9:15 am Joint Opening <br> 12:00pm Easter Planning <br> 1:30 pm Elders Mtg <br> 6:30 pm Council Mtg | 11 <br> Pastor's / Vicar's Day Off | 6:30 pm LCMSU s Conf 3/12-3/12 | 13 <br> 2:00 pm School Brd. 6:00 pm Evangelism 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 Dinner 7:30 Lent Vespers | 14 <br> 8:30 am Admin Mtg 6:00 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Choir 7:30 pm AIC | 15 | $\begin{aligned} & 16 \\ & 9: 30 \mathrm{am} \text { ESL } \end{aligned}$ |
| $175^{\text {th }}$ Sunday in Lent <br> 8:00 am Communion <br> 9:15 am SS \& BC <br> 10:30 am Communion <br> 5:30 pm LYF | 18 <br> Pastor's / Vicar's Day Off <br> Council of Preside | $\|$19 $10: 00$ am Women's <br> Bible Study <br> s 3/18-3/20 | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline 20 \\ \text { 6:30 Dinnner } \\ \text { 7:30 Lent Vespers } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l} \hline 219: 00 \text { am Seniors Trip } \\ \text { 6:00 pm Bell Choir } \\ \text { 7:00 pm Choir } \\ \text { 7:30 pm AIC } \\ \hline \text { ELC CLOSED } \end{array}$ | 22 | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 23 \\ 9: 30 \mathrm{am} \text { ESL } \end{array}$ |
| 24 PALM <br> SUNDAY <br> 8:00 am Communion <br> 9:15 am SS \& BC <br> 10:30 am Communion <br> I | 25 <br> Pastor's /Vicar's Day Off | $\begin{array}{\|c} \hline 26 \text { 6:00pm Bell Choir } \\ \text { 6:30 pm LCMSU } \\ \text { 7:00 pm Choir } \\ \hline \text { HOLY WEEK } \end{array}$ | $27$ <br> 6:30 pm Confirmation | 28 <br> 7:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service with Communion | 29 Good Friday <br> 9:00am/12:00pm Litany 3:00 pm Chief Service 7:30 pm Tenebrae | 30 9:30 am ESL <br> 10:00 am Decorating <br> 7:30 pm Easter Vigil <br> with Communion |
| $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline 31 \text { EASTER } \\ \text { 8:00 } \mathrm{am} \text { Communion } \\ \text { 8:30-10:00 am } \\ \text { Breakfast } \\ \text { 10:30 } \mathrm{am} \text { Communion } \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## MARCH

## Birthdays

Caty Brinkoetter ..... 3/1
Sarah Lemke ..... 3/1
Richard Conner ..... 3/3
Channing Gobble ..... 3/4
Derek Hartman ..... 3/4
Ben Fasgold ..... 3/5
Calihan Rohde ..... 3/6
Steven Amendt ..... 3/7
June Wendte ..... 3/8
Leilani Beachem ..... 3/10
Paul Bushore ..... 3/10
Maeva Ullman ..... 3/11
Suzanne Venk ..... 3/11
Shandell Nash ..... 3/14
Kelly Greene ..... 3/17
Tom Anderson ..... 3/18
Jerri Hedrick ..... 3/19
Susie Brown ..... 3/20
Doranne Beavers ..... 3/21
Weston Weber ..... 3/21
Collin Mullen ..... 3/22
Ed Spence ..... 3/22
Trey Hines ..... 3/25
Michelle Nehrenz ..... 3/25
Rick Grieshaber ..... 3/26
Lupe Sepulveda ..... 3/26
Hadley Jerman ..... 3/27
Jan Merchant ..... 3/27
Emily Schuster ..... 3/27
Lawrence Brown-Rytlewski ..... 3/28
Cadence Gobble ..... 3/28
Kathy Nehrenz ..... 3/28
Kennedy Ohliger ..... 3/30

## Anniversaries

| Cliff \& Beth Brown | $3 / 9 / 2002$ | 22 |
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| Vern \& Susi Ramsey | $3 / 11 / 2014$ | 10 |
| David \& Sheryl McDonald | $3 / 17 / 1978$ | 46 |
| Gerry \& Bo Hughes | $3 / 19 / 1977$ | 47 |
| Frank \& Maria Richartz | $3 / 26 / 1988$ | 36 |
| Stan \& Misty Sendelbach | $3 / 29 / 2003$ | 21 |

## PLEASE MAKE THESE CHANGES / ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO YOUR CHURCH DIRECTORY

Matt Geurin transferred his membership to Memorial Lutheran Church in Houston, Texas.

New Members
(Adult Instruction Class)
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(Transfer)
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559-375-5061 Peggy's C\#

## THE LUTHERAN HOUR" RADIO BROADCAST

Can't make it to Church? Listen to the Lutheran Hour! The Lutheran Hour broadcasts in the Oklahoma City area Sunday mornings at 8:00 am on BOTT radio station KQCV (800 AM).

## The Trinity Trumpeter

## God's Servants Trinity Staff

## ELDER OF THE DAY

## 8:00 a.m.

Nils Gransberg
10:30 a.m.
Derek Hartman

## ACOLYTE

8:00 a.m.
NA
10:30 a.m.
Channing Gobble

## ALTAR CARE

8:00 a.m.
Cindy Schemm
10:30 a.m.
3/3/24 Mary Cheatwood
Tammy Lemke

## LENT VESPERS 4

March 6, 7:30 p.m.
Elder: Darin Davis
Acolyte: None

## LENT VESPERS 5

March 13, 7:30 p.m.
Elder: Nils Gransberg
Acolyte: None
LENT VESPERS 6
March $20 \quad$ 7:30 p.m.
Elder: Derek Hartman Acolyte: NA

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Maundy Thursday
March 28, $7: 30$ p.m.
Elder: Darin Davis
Altar Care: Tammy Lemke

Good Friday, March 29:
Chief Service 3:00 p.m.
Elder: Dan Schemm
Tenebrae $\quad$ 7:30 p.m.
Elder: Greg Burge
Acolyte: Channing Gobble

## Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

March $30 \quad$ 7:30 p.m.
Elder: Kurt Schweiger
Altar Care: Elizabeth Amendt

