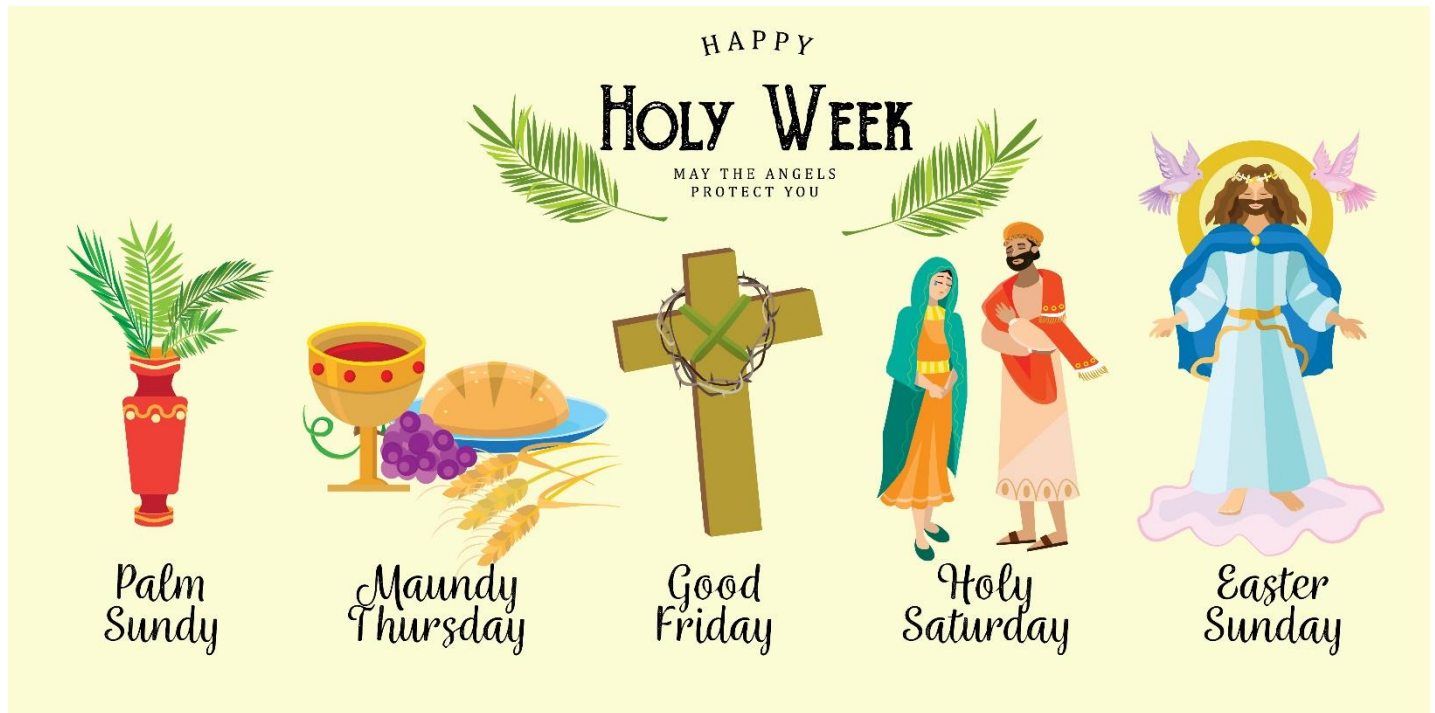


March 2021 Newsletter



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Our Mission Statement:

**"Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;
make known among the nations what he has done."**

Psalm 105:1



Mental Health in the Church

Mental health is a hot topic of our day. You can hear about it on the radio, see it on television, and read about it in magazines and newspapers but one place we don't talk about mental health a lot is the church. It is not that the church has nothing to say about the topic it is just hard for us to talk about. It is hard for many Christians to think that they or someone they know in the church is suffering from mental health issues. There is a stigma around the church and mental health issues that must be addressed.

Many believe that Christians should not or cannot struggle from mental health issues if they have saving faith. There is a belief that with enough faith our mental health issues will simply go away or we will never have them to begin with. When a Christian does suffer from mental health issues we want to hide them in shame, as if, it is a sign of a lack of faith on our part or maybe that we have some sin we are suffering for. We need to change the way we see mental health in the church. The way we start this change is to talk about it. To realize it is in the church and people are sitting in the pews with you who is struggling with mental health issues today.

If you want to check this do a quick internet search for Christianity and depression and you will come up with plenty of information that points to this. And it gets worse in the clergy wherein 2013 they found in a study of pastors that depression and anxiety were twice the national average (<https://today.duke.edu/2013/08/clergydepressionnewsrelease>). If the clergy are dealing with it you can expect other people are dealing with it. It is time for us, the church, to recognize the presence of depression, anxiety, and all other mental illnesses are present in the church.

There is nothing shameful about having a mental illness. Being depressed or anxious is not a sign of unbelief. The causes of these mental health issues vary greatly from person to person. For some mental health is due to trauma they have been through, or imbalance of chemicals and hormones in their bodies, or it could be due to other physical illnesses which also lead to mental health issues. All of these are part of living in this world. They all happen to people every day and the church is not surprised by this or shocked by it or horrified by it. The church expects nothing less than to be in a world with sin.

The great news is the church has good news for these people. These people are still loved by God. Christ still died for these people. God can still bring healing to these people. This healing comes with the mental health professionals and doctors people work with. It comes with the medications they take to help balance their hormones and other chemicals in their bodies. The healing comes also in the blood of Christ. There, Christ, will one day remove this illness from them as well. It might come in this life but even if it does not it will come in the next life. Christ will strengthen them and give them comfort in this life through His Word and His body and blood.

The church does not need to change what we are teaching to help those with mental health issues. We need only to proclaim what we have always proclaimed the death and resurrection of Christ. We need not be ashamed or afraid of these people. They are wonderful blessed children of God, whom Christ died for and will bring them into eternal life with the rest of us. What we can do as Christians is to come alongside those suffering from mental health issues and walk beside them reminding them ever that God is their refuge and strength an ever-present help in trouble.

Your Servant in Christ,
Pastor Welton



Supper will be served before ALL Wednesday services from 5:30 – 6:30 pm (except for Ash Wednesday)

**Let Us Pray
As Our Lord Jesus Has Taught Us
2021 Lenten Series**

Over the last two years we have looked at the Law, the Ten Commandments, and the Gospel, The Apostle's Creed, and now we come to the beginning of the Christian life. The Christian life after having been forgiven comes with speaking with our Heavenly Father. We speak to God through prayer. Here we are called by God to call on Him in every prayer, praise, and give thanks. As we prepare to celebrate to the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ we learn from Him how we are to pray. We will be looking at the Lord's Prayer taught to the disciples and given to us in Matthew's Gospel and Luke's Gospel. Here we will learn how to talk to God, how to beseech God for all that we need, how to trust God will provide for us.

Wednesday, March 03 ~ Lent 2: 1st & 2nd Petitions

Text: Isaiah 6:1-7; Col 1:8-14

Wednesday, March 10 ~ Lent 3: 3rd & 4th Petitions

Text: Exodus 16:9-12; Matthew 26:36-56;

Wednesday, March 17 ~ Lent 4: 5th & 6th Petitions

Text: Ephesians 4:25-32; James 1:2-4

Wednesday, March 24 ~ Lent 5: 7th & Close Petitions

Text: Daniel 3

Thursday, April 01 ~ Maundy Thursday w/Holy Communion

Text: Exodus 12:1-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-32; John 13:1-15, 34-35

Friday, April 02 ~ Good Friday Service

Text: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; 2 Corinthians 5:14-2; John 18:1-19:42

Sunday, April 04 ~ 6:30 am Easter Sunrise Service w/Holy Communion

7:30 am - 8:30 am Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 04 ~ 9:00 am Easter Sunday Service w/Holy Communion

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Newsletter article – March 2021

Hudson Taylor, a Nineteenth Century British missionary to China, is reported to have said, “God’s work, done in God’s way, will not lack God’s supply.” To know God’s way, we need to know His Holy Word. Or to say it another way: you need to know your Bible.

St. Paul, before he spends two chapters on giving, wrote that every thought is to be taken captive to the obedience of Christ (2 Cor 10:5). Doctrine matters. And doctrine matters because the Scriptures matter. And the Scriptures matter because this is where we learn the teaching of Christ. Our thoughts must be brought into line with the teaching of Scripture so that our work is what God wants done and so that we do this work in His way.

A good tree bears good fruit. A bad tree bears bad fruit. We have been made good trees in holy baptism. We are fertilized and pruned for bearing good fruit by constantly hearing God’s Word preached and taught in sermon and Bible Class and in receiving the life-giving, faith-sustaining food of the Lord’s Supper. Remember your doctrine, hold on to the Lord’s teaching, and your thoughts will be taken captive to the obedience of Christ.

Bringing every thought captive to the obedience of Christ is recognizing that God does provide. The Lord’s Prayer teaches us to pray for daily bread. Praying this day in and day out reminds us that the Lord is the giver of our daily bread, and that we are to give thanks for His daily provision of it. God is rarely early and never late in His work, as Abraham learned on the mount of the Lord it will be provided. The Lord’s generosity forms our generosity in return.

Thus, we set aside for the work of God a generous, first-fruits, proportion of the daily bread that God has given to us. This act of trust in the Lord’s provision is the working out of our faith in Him. When budgetary discussions pop up our natural reaction is to point fingers. But remember your doctrine, and what your mother taught about pointing fingers. Our first natural reaction is not always right. In fact, when our thoughts are brought into captivity of Christ, our first reaction should be repentance. It should raise questions in our own lives. As good trees in Christ who are to bear good fruit, we should ask whether our thoughts have been taken captive by obedience to Christ. Have we given generously? Have we given our first-fruits? You know. And God knows. “For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him” (2 Chron 16:9).

God will provide. He always has and He always will. He gives His meat in due season. He has not left you as orphans but has grafted you into His own family. You belong to Him. Remember this, letting this thought dwell in you richly. And you will then be rich toward others.

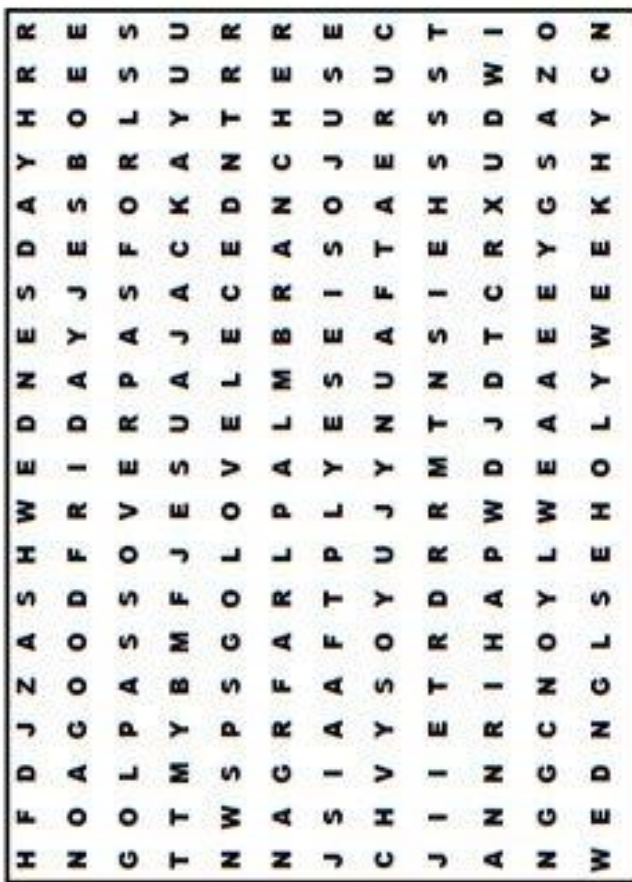


ATTENTION Parents & Bell Choir students
It's time to start making beautiful music
 Bell choir will resume on Wednesday, March 03, 2021 at 4:00 pm.



ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH

Name: _____



Ash	Holy Week	Palm Branch
Wednesday	Holy Thursday	Forty Days
Sacrifice	Good Friday	Jesus
Almsgiving	Holy Saturday	Passover
Prayer	Easter	Foot Washing
Fasting	Palm Sunday	Resurrection
Lent	Purple	Love

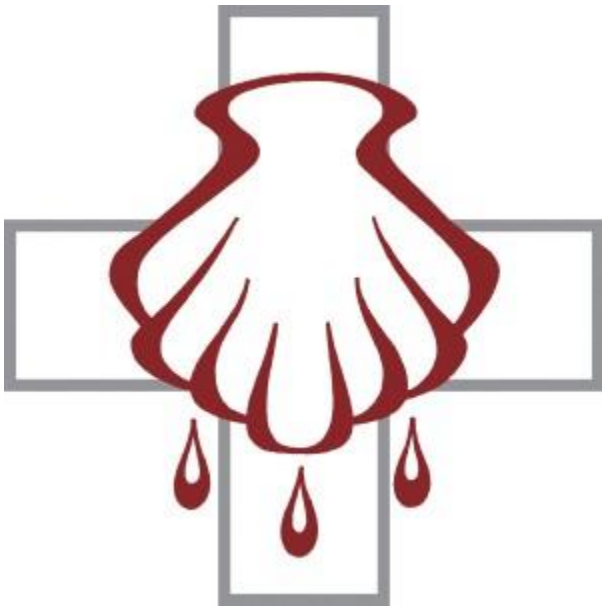
To read the Bible in one year:

SUGGESTED BIBLE READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

DATE	FIRST READING	SECOND READING
March 1	Isaiah 64:1-9	Numbers 16-18
March 2	Psalms 85	Numbers 19-21
March 3	Psalms 86	Numbers 22-24
March 4	Psalms 87	Numbers 25-27
March 5	Psalms 88	Numbers 28-30
March 6	Psalms 89	Numbers 31-33
March 7	Psalms 90	Numbers 34-36
March 8	Psalms 91	Deuteronomy 1-3
March 9	Psalms 92	Deuteronomy 4-6
March 10	Psalms 93	Deuteronomy 7-9
March 11	Psalms 94	Deuteronomy 10-12
March 12	Psalms 95	Deuteronomy 13-15
March 13	Psalms 96	Deuteronomy 16-18
March 14	Psalms 97	Deuteronomy 19-21
March 15	Psalms 98	Deuteronomy 22-24
March 16	Psalms 99	Deuteronomy 25-27
March 17	Psalms 100	Deuteronomy 28-30
March 18	Psalms 101	Deuteronomy 31-34
March 19	Psalms 102	Luke 1
March 20	Psalms 103	Luke 2-3
March 21	Psalms 104	Luke 4-5
March 22	Psalms 105	Luke 6-7
March 23	Psalms 106	Luke 8-9
March 24	Psalms 107	Luke 10-11
March 25	Psalms 108	Luke 12-13
March 26	Psalms 109	Luke 14-15
March 27	Psalms 110	Luke 16-17
March 28	Psalms 111	Luke 18-19
March 29	Psalms 112	Luke 20-21
March 30	Psalms 113	Luke 22
March 31	Isaiah 64:1-9	Luke 23-24

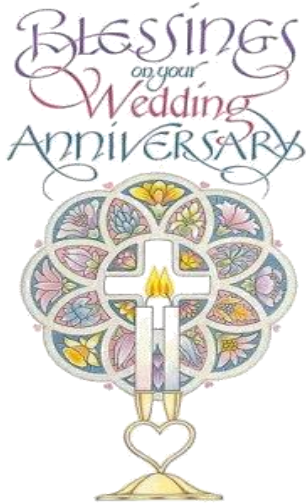
March Baptismal Birthdays

March 1, 1946	Elizabeth Ann Tammen 46569 238th St. Colman, SD 57017
March 3, 2003	Myranda Marie Moad PO Box 21 Colman, SD 57017
March 5, 1989	Stacy Phyllis Lindholm PO Box 134 Wentworth, SD 57075
March 6, 2011	Landen James McManus 202 N. Dakota Ave. Wentworth, SD 57075
March 9, 2003	Nathaniel Luke Gerry 46520 237th St. Wentworth, SD 57075
March 11, 1982	Tara Marie McManus 202 N. Dakota Ave. Wentworth, SD 57075
March 11, 2018	Nora Mae Baumberger 927 Jennifer St. Madison, SD 57042
March 14, 1943	Carrol John Olson 46115 233rd St. Wentworth, SD 57075
March 14, 1985	Lori D. Hansen 23057 469th Ave. Colman, SD 57017
March 17, 1946	Ted Lyman Lindholm PO Box 133 Wentworth, SD 57075
March 17, 2013	Joslyn Marie Baumberger 45796 234th St. Wentworth, SD 57075
March 17, 2019	Paisley Joanne Olinger 614 SE 3 rd St. Madison, SD 57042
March 19, 1967	Amy Jo Lindholm 46038 234th St. Wentworth, SD 57075
March 23, 1986	Kayla Marie Welton 420 NE 6 th St. Madison, SD 57042
March 24, 2019	Brennex Lee Feige 45955 230 th St. Wentworth, SD 57075
March 27, 1952	Debra Ann Graff 46074 232nd St. Wentworth, SD 57075
March 29, 1985	Kasey Thomas Gehrels 46446 230th St. Wentworth, SD 57075
March 30, 2014	Kolter Jerome Gehrels 46446 230th St. Wentworth, SD 57075
March 31, 2019	Jackson Armin Heidelberger PO Box 141 Chester, SD 57016



*Happy Baptismal Birthday!!
From your brothers and sisters in Christ*

“Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved” Mark 16:16a



MARCH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES
 Mr. & Mrs. Terry & Carol Feldmann March 14, 1969
 (Celebrating 52 years of marriage)

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 2, 1986	Kayla Welton	March 10, 1991	Kayla Dean
March 3, 1968	Julie Delfs	March 10, 2013	Joslyn Baumberger
March 3, 1990	Louis Lindholm	March 14, 2019	Paisley Olinger
March 3, 2001	Myranda Moad	March 15, 1987	Kasey Gehrels
March 4, 1989	Ashes Dean	March 16, 1943	Shirley Zimmer
March 6, 1938	Verl Uthe	March 17, 1940	Jane Rentz
March 6, 2019	Brennex Feige	March 18, 1992	Mindy Olinger
March 8, 1952	Deb Graff	March 20, 2014	Kolter Gehrels
March 8, 2004	Kayla Dean & Lizzy Reck	March 26, 1952	James DeVaney
	Adoption b-day	March 29, 1993	Brett Martin
March 10, 1949	Virginia Heidelberg	March 31, 2015	Janessa Baumberger
March 10, 1951	Lee Limmer		

