

**LLL:** The LLL meeting will be held on Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM at the Darmstadt Inn for breakfast followed by a meeting in the Christian Fellowship Room.

**FLOWER CHART:** The Flower Chart has been posted in the Narthex. This is where you may sign up to put flowers by the altar during certain times of the year. The first person signing up for a particular date, selects the color and type of flowers. The cost is \$30.00, and the Altar Circle will take care of the ordering of the flowers and announcement in the bulletin of the significance of the flowers. When your month approaches that you selected, the members of the Altar Circle for that month will contact you for your information. Questions??? See **LINDA RAE KORFF** or call at 812/477-4078.

**FIREMEN'S APPRECIATION DINNER:** Let's serve those who serve us in our community as firemen and emergency medical responders. On Saturday, February 24 at 5:00 PM, we will host the annual Firemen's Appreciation Dinner for Scott Township. Sign up in the narthex to serve at the meal, provide babysitting, or minister to children with songs, skits, crafts, and Bible stories.

**LENT SERVICES:** Our theme for this year's Lent Services will be "Seeing Is Not Believing," the Passion of Jesus Christ according to the Gospel of Mark. Our first Lenten Service will be Ash Wednesday at 7:00 PM with imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. Our other Wednesday night services have been moved to Sunday so that the entire congregation may participate in the Lenten season and Passion of Christ.

**E-MAIL UPDATES:** If you have not been getting weekly updates via e-mail about happenings in our congregation and you would like to do so, please e-mail Pastor Temme with your preferred e-mail address at [pastor@tldarm.org](mailto:pastor@tldarm.org)

**LUTHERAN COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER FOOD PANTRY:** The LCOC Food Pantry is another opportunity for you to share God's love and gifts with your neighbors. We are open the first & third Tuesday of each month from 6:30 AM to Noon. Contact any LCMS church office for information. There are many opportunities to serve God. We ask for your daily prayer. We have about 6,000 hours of volunteer service; which, is equal to three full time employees. We paid no volunteer for any of their service. May our service always be for the glory of God.

Thank you, Martha & Jim Greenwell



Cheers to:

**RAY STEINKUHL**, celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 26<sup>th</sup>

## “CHEERS & TEARS”

Cheers to the Friends in Christ Bereavement Dinner Committee.

Cheers to everyone who provided dishes for the recent funerals



Tears to the Family and Friends of:

**CAROLYN MAASBERG**, who died January 14<sup>th</sup>.

**DENNIS CLARK**, who died January 23<sup>rd</sup>

**LILLIAN SCHLENSKER**, who died January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Happy  
Valentine's  
Day

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If anyone has a thank you of appreciation, please let Trisha know and she will put them in the next newsletter.



Formally Worship for Shut-ins  
 Can be seen at 9:00 AM Sunday WEVV-TV Fox 44.2  
 Daily 7:30 AM & 7:30 PM WOW Channel 9

**February 4, 2018 – Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

Psalm: 103:1-5; Old Testament: Isaiah 40:28-31; Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

“Like Eagles” - Sermon Text: Isaiah 40:28-31 – *Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III*

At times we are wearied by life’s challenges, and find it difficult to move forward. But there is One who never gets tired, who is almighty, who understands our situation. He loves us, and has saved us, and will renew our strength so that we can soar “like eagles.”

**February 11, 2018 – The Transfiguration of Our Lord**

Psalm: 50:1-6; Epistle: 2 Corinthians 3:12-13; 4:1-6; Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

“You Sure Look Different” - Sermon Text: Mark 9:2-9 - *Rev. Paul Shoemaker*

When a person’s appearance changes we take note. If it is for the good, we look for good news. If it is for the bad, we look for bad news. Jesus’ appearance changed for the good. What news does Jesus have for us?

**February 18, 2018 – First Sunday in Lent**

Psalm: 25:1-10; Epistle: James 1:12-18; Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

“Contrasting Adams” - Sermon Text: Mark 1:9-15 - *Rev. Dr. Daniel Brege*

Adam, God’s created son, failed in every way; he succumbed to the temptation of Satan and ate of the forbidden tree, bringing the curse upon paradise...making it into a wilderness. For us God’s beloved Son became the Second Adam; He entered the wilderness of man’s fallen world, He overcame Satan’s temptations, and by obediently going to the tree of the cross and rising from the dead, paradise is restored for mankind.

**February 25, 2018 – Second Sunday in Lent**

Psalm: 22:23-31; Epistle: Romans 5:6-11; Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

“What’s Your Final Answer?” - Sermon Text: Mark 8:29 - *Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer*

Jesus’ question to Peter is the most important question that people (including us) ever will have to answer. What are the “lifelines” you can go to for answers? What’s your final answer?

During the month of January, the following people were in the hospital, had surgery, recovering at home or our shut-ins – **ELLJEAN NICHOLS, GAYLE O’RISKY, BILL GANN, SARA VANSTONE, DORIS TURPIN, TOM TURPIN, WALT SOMERS, DONNA SENSMEIER, NEAL WATHEN, NINA THURMAN, GIL KAHRE, PAUL SCHNUTE, RUTH MANS, ALTON REININGA, MARGARET CHEANEY, LOIS KAHRE, KERRY KECK, ROBERT KRON, and WANDA MILLER.**

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

Saturday, January 6.....	7
Sunday, January 7.....	79
Saturday, January 13.....	0 Snow
Sunday, January 14.....	59
Saturday, January 20.....	4
Sunday, January 21.....	89
Saturday, January 27.....	13
Sunday, January 28.....	84

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

	<u>Jan 7</u>	<u>Jan 14</u>	<u>Jan 21</u>	<u>Jan 28</u>
Nursery – High School (plus teachers & parents)	3	7	9	9
Adult Bible Classes	29	29	23	23
Music & Office	3	0	3	3
<hr/> Total	35	36	35	35

# **WHAT’S COMING UP**

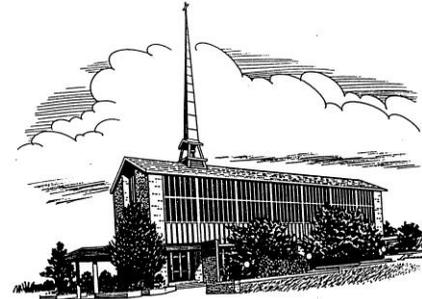
**NEWSLETTER ITEMS:** If you have an item for the monthly newsletter it must be in no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of every month! Nothing will be accepted after business hours on the 20<sup>th</sup>. You can also submit items by emailing them to: [trisha@tldarm.org](mailto:trisha@tldarm.org)

**SARAH BIBLE CLASS:** The Sarah Bible Class meets every Thursday in the Christian Fellowship Room. There is Fellowship beginning at 9:00 AM with Bible Study at 9:30 AM. All Ladies are invited to attend and bring a friend. They are currently studying 1 Samuel.

**NEW DIRECTORY:** If you or someone you know has a new address and/or phone number and email, please correct it on the attendance sheets.

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## DARMSTADT NEWSLETTER



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### Formula of Concord, Article 6 – The Third Use of the Law

A guidebook can be a handy thing, especially when we are traveling on vacation. It has maps and directions and instructions on what to see and what to avoid. It tells us where to go and where not to go. Without a guidebook our poor knowledge of geography and attractions might cause us to make some bad decisions. We might choose a road that takes us to an unsafe part of the city or leads us to the brink of a steep canyon where the bridge has collapsed. We might waste our time and money on tourist traps and get ripped off. The guidebook directs us toward the things that are good for us: fine restaurants, safe lodging, and worthwhile sites.

But there are many things a guidebook cannot do. It cannot free us from the burdens and responsibilities of our daily jobs so that we are free to rest on vacation. It does not provide the means of transportation for getting us to that beachside resort. It does not provide the car or the gasoline to power the car. The guidebook tells us *what* to do but does not give us the *power* to do it.

The guidebook functions like the *Third* use of the Law. “The word *Law* has one single *meaning*, namely, the unchanging will of God, according to which human beings are to conduct themselves in this life.” But we also recognize three *uses* or functions of the Law. The *First* use of the Law is a curb. It helps control violent outbursts of sin and keeps order in the world. It is like the concrete median which keeps oncoming traffic from crossing over into our lane and harming us. The *Second* use of the Law is like a mirror. When we look in the rearview mirror of the Law, we see our own dirty faces and the pedestrians we have just run over. It shows us our sin. But the *Third* use of the Law is like a guide. It directs us ahead on our journey. It teaches us Christians what we should and should not do to lead a God-pleasing life.

When God first created Adam and Eve, he wrote his Law on their hearts or consciences. They could truly fear and love God and do his will. But since the Fall, our hearts and consciences have been clouded. We cannot see out the windshield and we cannot remember the directions. Even though as Christians we have been born with a new spirit, the old sinful nature within us continues to grasp for the steering wheel. We do not always know what God would have us do. With our poor knowledge we might choose a road that looks appealing to us but is not what God desires. We wander down a road that is unsafe and dangerous. We could easily cause harm to ourselves and others in both body and soul. But the Law as a guide directs us toward the good things God would have us do for the benefit of ourselves and our neighbor.

But we must remember that the Law can only tell us *what* to do but does not give us the *power* to do it. This power comes through the Holy Spirit working through the Gospel. In the Gospel, the good news of our salvation in Jesus Christ, we are freed from the burden and responsibilities of the Law and are freed to enter our rest. The Law as a guide may direct us where to go, but only the Holy Spirit and the Gospel gives us the fuel and the wheels to get there. Without the power of the Holy Spirit and the means of grace to transport us on our journey, we have to hoof it on our own two feet. When we stagger along on our own power, the guidebook ain't much help.

So as Christians, born anew of the Holy Spirit working through the Gospel, we are freed from the condemnation of the Law. As new creatures in Christ we have risen to a new life and, through the Gospel, we have been given the power to live it. But we still need God's Law to guide us. The Gospel gives us the *power*. The Law tells us the *what*.

Pastor Temme

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 2-  | NORMA HARTMAN                                   |   |
| 3-  | TARA GREEN<br>LYNN MCCALLESTER<br>JERRY NICHOLS | 15- JUSTIN MABRY<br>DARLENE PRIES         |
| 4-  | COREY IVY<br>MARK PRIES                         | 18- BRADLEY HARTMAN                       |
| 5-  | LINDA BROCK<br>JOHN HEEGER<br>KAYLA SENSMEIER   | 21- MICHAEL KORFF<br>22- RYAN MCDONALD    |
| 7-  | STEVEN ENGLISH                                  | 24- CHERYL STREMMING<br>25- GLORIA ARENDT |
| 9-  | JESSIE KECK<br>ANDREA NICHOLS                   | 26- PAULA REININGA<br>KERRI WEAVER        |
| 10- | TEILA WEECH                                     | 27- RICHARD DENNIS<br>JAMES STONE         |
| 11- | JONATHAN HOFFHERR                               |   |
| 12- | LOGAN MABRY                                     |   |