

**POP TABS COLLECTION FOR THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE:** The youth group is collecting pop tabs. Drop them in the little cardboard house box in the cafeteria. 1 Pound of pop tabs = approx. 50¢. Over **\$32,000** has been raised since the House opened in 2010.

**THE VISUAL CHURCH YEAR** Adult sermon note sheets (with a margin to color) and children's bulletins (which encourage engagement during worship) are on the table in the narthex. These follow the Gospel readings, except during Lent. For more information, go to <https://www.visualfaithmin.org/>

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** Take a stand for life! From February 14 to March 25, our community is taking part in 40 Days for Life, a coordinated, international mobilization. We pray that, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city and beyond. If you would like to participate for 1 hour, contact Linda Temme. Vigil location: Public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood. (125 North Weinbach Ave.)

**SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING:** We will have a special voters meeting on Sunday, March 11, to make decisions about our new addition, parking lot and organ.

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES:** Our theme for this year's Lent Services has been "Seeing Is Not Believing," the Passion of Jesus Christ according to the Gospel of Mark. Please join us for our holy week services, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday at 7:00 PM and Easter Sunday at 6am and 9:45 AM with breakfast between the services hosted by the LLL at 7:30 AM.

**YOUTH GROUP:** March 11 after church (and during the voters' meeting). Kids meet in the cafeteria for nerf gun war fun. There will be hot dogs, veggies, & ice cream for lunch.

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



## “CHEERS & TEARS”

Cheers to: **DON & ALICE KECK**, who celebrated their 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on February 28<sup>th</sup>.

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

## THANK YOU

We thank the Board of Social Ministry and all those who helped at the Firemen's Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. We served over 100 adults and their children.

Thank you all for the outpouring of love and support during the very sudden death of Dennis. Thank you for all the cards, home visits, phone calls, food, gifts and monetary donations in his memory. A very special thank you to Rev. Temme for his visits and words of love and encouragement. All this has helped to make a very difficult situation a little more bearable. Gloria Clark

Many thanks to Pastor and my Sarah Bible study sisters for all the prayers, phone calls, and cards. All was very much appreciated and helpful in getting better. Gayle O'Risky

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, phone calls and visits during my recent stay in the hospital and at rehab. Thank you to the Pastor for his visits. They were greatly appreciated. Bill Gann



Formally Worship for Shut-ins  
 Can be seen Daily 7:30 AM & 7:30 PM WOW Channel 9  
 Direct TV Channel 377 Sunday Mornings at 11:30 AM

**March 4, 2018 – Third Sunday in Lent**

Psalm: 69; Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; Gospel: John 2:13-22  
 “The Son of the Father” - Sermon Text: John 2:13-22 - *Rev. James Elsner*  
 Children so often live up to their parents’ expectations. Jesus, the Son of the Father, had the zeal of the Lord! Are you being shaped and formed anew into a Son of God in Christ Jesus?

**March 11, 2018 – Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Psalm: 107:1-9; Old Testament: Numbers 21:4-9; Gospel: John 3:14-21  
 “When Snakebit, Do What?” - Sermon Text: Numbers 21:4-9 - *Rev. William Mueller*  
 Numbers 21 records a rather unsavory episode from God’s Old Testament people. They grumble and complain – yet again! In order to refine their faith, and to point the way to the ultimate Savior, God sends fiery serpents among them. Their method of salvation is much the same as the method of our salvation. Look to the cross! Look to Christ!

**March 18, 2018 – Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Psalm: 57:1-3; Old Testament: Hebrews 5:5-10; Gospel: Mark 10:32-45  
 “Jesus Foretold His Death” - Sermon Text: Mark 10:32-34 - *Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III*  
 Jesus foretold his death. He knew exactly what would happen to him in Jerusalem. This has great meaning for our life and brings us much comfort.

**March 25, 2018 – Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion**

Psalm: 118:19-29; Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11; Gospel: John 12:20-43  
 “A Terrifying Task” - Sermon Text: John 12:20-43 - *Rev. Paul Shoemaker*  
 Have you ever been confronted with a task that was terrifying? Jesus was. On Palm Sunday He entered Jerusalem knowing His fate was death on a cross. Please join us on Worship Anew as we consider A Terrifying Task.

This ministry will no longer be airing on WEVV-TV 44.2 Fox on Sunday morning at 9:00 AM. However, this will be continuing on the Stations listed below the heading.

During the month of February, the following people were in the hospital, had surgery, recovering at home or our shut-ins – **ELLJEAN NICHOLS, GAYLE O’RISKY, BILL GANN, MARY DENNIS, MARTY KOCH, MICKIE ISAACS, 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, February 3.....	11
Sunday, February 4.....	75
Saturday, February 10.....	10
Sunday, February 11.....	47
ASH WEDNESDAY.....	47
Saturday, February 17.....	13
Sunday, February 18.....	83
Saturday, February 24.....	9
Sunday, February 25.....	82

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

	<u>Feb 4</u>	<u>Feb 11</u>	<u>Feb 18</u>	<u>Feb 25</u>
Nursery – High School (plus teachers & parents)	9	6	9	7
Adult Bible Classes	20	15	23	30
Music & Office	3	1	3	3
<hr/> Total	<hr/> 32	<hr/> 22	<hr/> 35	<hr/> 40

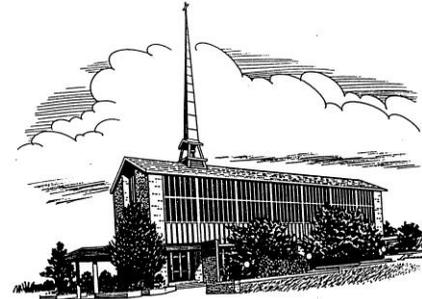
# WHAT'S COMING UP

**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 is engaged in the study of the First Book of Samuel, within whose pages can be found the stories of David, David and his family (both blood-kin and married-ins), David and his friends, David and his associates, David and his rivals, David and his enemies. Studies begin at 9:30 AM on Thursdays in the Christian Fellowship Room. All ladies of the church are most cordially invited to bring their Bibles and join in. Coffee, treats and fellowship available at 9:00 AM.

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## DARMSTADT NEWSLETTER



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### Formula of Concord: Article VII - Concerning the Holy Supper

Multiple choice: As a Lutheran, what do you believe about the Lord's Supper?

- 1) The bread and wine symbolize Christ's body and blood. It is a memorial meal.
- 2) Christ's body and blood are present spiritually and received by faith.
- 3) The bread and wine change into Christ's body and blood and are re-sacrificed at each mass.
- 4) Christ's body and blood are present in the bread and wine and received through the mouth.

During the Reformation these beliefs divided many Christians and still exist today. Let's briefly examine each one.

The first belief is that the bread and wine only symbolize Christ's body and blood. It reasons that Christ must be speaking figuratively when he says, "This is my body. This is my blood." This belief is held by the Baptist, Church of Christ, and Pentecostal churches. In the Lord's Supper they remember Christ's death like you would remember a veteran by going to the cemetery and looking on his tombstone. The Lord's Supper is only a memorial meal. But Jesus was not speaking figuratively. In John 6, to the disdain of many disciples, Jesus said, "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you." And the apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 11, "Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord . . . For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself." If we take the Lord's Supper unworthily, not believing and not recognizing that his body is present, we sin not against bread and wine but against the body and blood of the Lord. How could we sin against his body and blood if they are not present in the Sacrament?

The second belief is that Christ's body and blood are only present spiritually and received by faith. Christ is present in His supper only spiritually according to his divine nature, while his body or human nature perpetually remain in heaven. This belief is held by the Methodist, Presbyterian, and, to some extent, the Episcopal churches. The communicant eats of Jesus' body by believing in him or by ascending spiritually to heaven and partaking of him there through faith. But this divides the two natures of Christ. His divine nature leaves heaven to roam the earth while his human nature is left behind saying, "Can I come along too?" Saint Paul also writes in 1 Corinthians 10, "The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?" The Lord's Supper is not a participation in the spirit of Christ or his divine nature only, but a participation in his body and blood.

The third belief is that the bread and wine change into the body and blood of Christ. This belief is held by the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches. The priest, by his ordination, has the power to change the visible elements of bread and wine into Christ's body and blood. This is called transubstantiation. The Lord's Supper or Mass is a re-sacrifice of Christ's body and blood offered up to God. But the Bible repeatedly refers to the Lord's Supper as eating and drinking both bread and wine and the body and blood of the Lord. The priest has no magic powers, but the bread and wine become also the body and blood of Christ by the power of His Word. And the Lord's Supper is not a re-sacrifice of Christ. Christ sacrificed himself once and for all time upon the cross. Nor is it our work offered up to God, but God's blessing given to us.

The fourth belief is that the Lord's Supper is the true body and blood of our Lord in, with, and under the bread and wine for us Christians to eat and to drink. This belief is held by the Lutheran churches. Jesus said, "Take eat. This is my body. Take drink. This is my blood." The bread and wine is the body and blood of the Lord which we eat and drink with our mouths. We receive his body and blood orally, not through faith. And our faith does not make the bread and wine his body and blood but the Words of Christ when he instituted His supper. In this way even an unbeliever also receives the Lord's body and blood into his mouth, but, as the apostle Paul writes, he receives it to his judgment. But as believers in our Lord Jesus and in His Word, we also receive the chief benefit of the Sacrament, the forgiveness of sins. Christ's body and blood we receive through our mouths and, as always, we receive His forgiveness through faith in Him.

Pastor Temme

## **TRINITY WORK DAY**

SATURDAY MARCH 17  
 8:30 AM – COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS  
 8:45 AM SAFETY MEETING  
 CLEAN OUT THE PARISH HOUSE  
 OTHER MINOR MAINTENANCE  
 CLEANING WHERE NECESSARY

## **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

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|-----|---|-----|---|
| 2-  | CHANDA RAMSEY                                       | 18- | NATHAN BYERS  |
| 3-  | DEBBIE BEASLEY                                      | 19- | DOTTIE KAHRE  |
| 4-  | LOIS KAHRE(90)                                      | 21- | DONALD FEAGLEY  |
| 5-  | LINDA FELLWOCK<br>CAMERON IVY<br>WALTER SOMERS (92) | 22- | ALAN BITTNER<br>MARJENETT DAVID                               |
| 6-  | KENNETH STONE                                       | 23- | IAN BENFORD<br>RUTH CARRIER                                   |
| 8-  | CHASE GANN  | 26- | JAMI PANTAGES<br>CAROL SCHLUMPF                               |
| 9-  | HEATHER BENFORD                                     | 27- | GIL KAHRE (96)<br>KANDI KORFF<br>ED MCCOY SR<br>GAYLE O'RISKY |
| 13- | SARA KNEA   |     |   |
| 14- | EVERETT BROCK                                       |     |   |
| 16- | STEVE CRAVEN  | 28- | ROGER DENNIS  |
| 17- | AUDRA KORFF   | 29- | KEITH KAHRE   |