

“CHEERS & TEARS”



Cheers to the **ALTAR CIRCLE LADIES** for the Easter decorations. And to all the families who donated flowers.

Cheers to the **ADULT CHOIR, YOUTH HANDBELLS, ADULT HANDBELL CHOIR & ALL THE MUSICIANS** for all the beautiful music that was sung and played during the Sunday and Easter Services.

Cheers to the **LUTHERAN LAYMAN'S LEAGUE** for hosting the Easter breakfast.

Cheers to **PROJECT COMPASSION** for hosting their annual Over 65 Luncheon. We all had a great time.

Cheers to **DANA MEYER & HER CLARINET QUARTET** for providing the entertainment during the Over 65 Luncheon.

Cheers to **IVAN WORTMANN**, who celebrated his 91st birthday on April 28th.

Cheers to **JERRY & ELLJEAN NICHOLS**, who celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary on April 18th.

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

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.

JONAH'S FISH FRY: Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1925 Volkman Road, 812-867-5088

Friday, May 11, 2018, serving time 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM

(Fish, Potato Salad, Slaw, Beans, Dessert and Drink)

Adult Carry-Outs Available

Adults: \$10.00 in advance / \$11.00 at door

Children 3-10 years: \$5.00

Chinese Auction to be held in the Lounge.

Tickets available from Trisha in the office

Any questions please call Bev Racine at 867-2306 or email at jsbracine1@att.net

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for all the prayers, cards and words of encouragement during my surgeries and recovery. A special thank you to Pastor for his home and hospital visits and prayers.
Love to all Karol Robbins

The Scott Township Fire Department thanks Trinity for the use of the parish house for training exercises before it is razed.

I want to thank Pastor Temme for his visits at the hospital, his phone calls and especially his prayers. Thanks to the Prayer Chain for their get-well cards, phone call and offers of help. Also to Project Compassion for the Easter basket and visit from Carol Kahre. I hope to be back in Church, Sunday school and Choir very soon. God Bless, Karon Wathen

The LWML would like to thank everyone who donated eyeglasses, toothpaste, toothbrushes and hair brushes to be given to Most Ministries and CASA of Knox County. We collected 26 toothpaste – 23 toothbrushes – 11 eyeglasses – 18 hair brushes.

Thank you for all the prayers, cards and visits during our recent stay in the hospital. They were greatly appreciated.
Kenny & Wilma Fehd

DARMSTADT DAY: Our congregation will be hosting Darmstadt Day as a community outreach event on Saturday, June 2, from 3-6pm. We hope to reach our mission target of families with children and those working toward retirement by offering free food, fellowship, and fun with inflatables, games, car display, polka band, and a country store. In order to make this festival a free event for our community, please sign up in the narthex to make donations or volunteer your time. Especially needed are donations of food and supplies, donations of baked goods and crafts for the country store, homemade carnival games, and workers for setup, registration, food service, and games. Please join us in bringing our “Life Together” to our community.

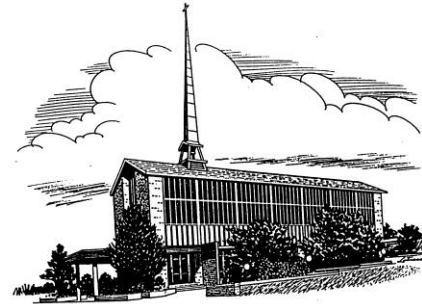
BOX RETREAT: Lutheran Youth from the Evansville Area are invited to grow in faith and Christian discipleship during the weekend of June 8-10. The cost of \$100 per person includes an overnight stay at the Ark Encounter, housing at Camp Lakeview Villages, Saturday dinner, Sunday lunch, and a T-shirt. Contact Sarah Prentice, DCE, of Our Redeemer at sarah@redeemerchurch.org

ORGAN DECOMMISSIONING: After our celebration of Pentecost on May 20, our existing pipe organ will be decommissioned and removed from the balcony to make preparations for our new digital organ. This summer we will be using the piano for our worship services until the new organ is installed in the fall.

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Formula of Concord, Article 8 – The Person of Christ

It seems like Theologians are always arguing. They argue about doctrine. They argue about practice. They argue about things that you have never even considered, usually in theological terminology and jargon that you don't understand. Sometimes you wonder, "What's the big deal? Does this petty argument have any effect on me?" So it may seem when theologians argue about the person of Christ, specifically His human and divine natures and how these two natures interact together. But the personal union of God and man in Christ Jesus has a great impact on our salvation.

Let's review briefly what we believe about the second person of the Trinity, Jesus Christ, the Son of God. We believe that the Son of God has always existed from eternity. He is true God with the Father and the Holy Spirit, three distinct persons in one divine being, the Holy Trinity. In the fullness of time the Son of God also received the human nature into His divine person when He was conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the virgin Mary. As Jesus Christ, He remained one person, but now with two natures, the divine and human. He is both God and man. In the one person of Christ, these two natures are never separated from one another, nor are they mixed together into a different substance, nor are they changed into one another. They both retain their essential attributes. The Divine nature is almighty, eternal, infinite, present everywhere, and all knowing. The human nature has flesh and blood, is finite and located in one place. It hungers, thirsts, suffers, and dies. However, the works and attributes of each nature are ascribed to the whole person of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. *These two natures, the divine and human, have a true and real communion with one another in the one person of Jesus Christ.*

It is this last statement that was the primary point of contention between the Reformed and Lutheran theologians at the time of the writing the Formula of Concord and even today. The Reformed contend that Christ's two natures have no real communion with one another.

The divine and human natures come together in the same way that two boards are glued together but can be ripped apart. They divide the one person of Christ really into two people. They say when Christ ascended into heaven to fill all things (Eph 4:10), only His divine nature is present everywhere. His human nature, like a mortal body, is destined to remain circumscribed within six feet of space in heaven. When Christ promises He will be present with us to the end of the age, it is only His divine nature that is present with us because His human nature must remain behind in heaven. Therefore, Christ's body could never be present with us as He said in the Lord's Supper. Christ's body has the same physical limitations as ours. Therefore, when Christ came through the locked doors to appear to His disciples, He must have crawled through a window. And when He disappeared in front of the Emmaus disciples, He must have crawled under the table when they weren't looking. The Reformed also reason that only Christ's human nature died for us upon the cross since God cannot die.

But the Lutheran understanding of the communion of Christ's two natures is more like the way we understand a superhero. A superhero has a human body, but he also has a super part of him that allows his body to fly, perform great feats, be on fire, walk through walls, or be invisible. But he can still feel pain and bleed. And yet the superhero is not two persons but one person. Jesus Christ, because of His divine nature, can also do things with his body that we cannot. He can levitate across water, disappear or be invisible, and walk through walls. His divine nature communicated to His whole person not only omniscience, knowing people's thoughts, and omnipotence, performing miracles, but also omnipresence, being present everywhere in His body. Christ can also be present with us, though invisible, in His body and blood in His supper. But Christ's human nature also communicated to His whole person the ability to suffer and die. Though His divine nature could not die, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, suffered and died for you. It was not just His human nature that died for you, but by the communion of His two natures, God died for you. In this way Christ did not die simply as any other man, but in His death He conquered sin, death, devil, hell, and eternal damnation. Luther writes, "If only the human nature suffered for me, then Christ would be a poor Savior for me, in fact, He Himself would need a Savior. But the person of Christ, who is truly God, suffers and dies. Therefore the Son of God suffers and dies. . . If God is not in the scale to give it weight, we, on our side, sink to the ground. If it cannot be said that God died for us, but only a man, we are lost; but if God's death and a dead God lie in the balance, His side goes down and ours goes up like a light and empty scale. But He could not sit on the scale unless He become a man like us, so that it could be called God's dying, God's martyrdom, God's blood, and God's death."

And so by this important communion between the divine and human natures, the full person of Christ, God and man, is present with us. With confidence we know that not just a man, but God died for us. And every Communion Sunday we take into our mouths not only bread and wine but also the body and blood of Christ, the body and blood of God, for our eternal salvation.
Pastor Temme

GREETINGS FROM LUTHERANS FOR HABITAT: According to the calendar, Spring is here, although the weather is not yet cooperating. At the April 2018 Lutherans for Habitat meeting, plans continue to be developed for this year's build. The Partner family has been identified, and we hope to start building in Mid-May.

We are looking forward to your participation again this year. Workers are always needed, and you may help in the construction on Saturdays from 7:30a to about 2p, working as your time permits. This is a rewarding project and it is a joy to fellowship with other members of our community.

Please watch for additional announcements in upcoming Church bulletins.

If you have any questions about Lutherans for Habitat, please feel free to contact one of the following:

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1- RONALD MAASBERG | 21- VALERIE PAINTER |
| 4- PAT DENNIS | 22- MELODY GANN |
| 5- TIFFANY SCHULTZ | 23- SUSAN LAUGHBAUM JANICE STONE |
| 6- HELEN MARIE WORTMANN | 24- VALERIE EBERHART NEAL WATHEN |
| 7- CRYSTAL KAHRE | 25- MARY DENNIS |
| 11- JARROD SIGHTS | 26- MIKE WATHEN |
| 12- CHRISTA CASHEN | 28- JANELLE CRADDOCK |
| 14- KENDRA CONNER | 30- CHRISTOPHER DOEHRMANN |
| 17- WANDA MILLER | |
| 18- RONALD KORFF | |