



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 3, 2019 – Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm 71:1-12; Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13; Gospel: Luke 4:31-44
 “Christ Is the Real Thing!” - Sermon Text: Luke 4:32 - Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

February 10, 2019 – Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm 138; Old Testament: Isaiah 6:1-8; Gospel: Luke 5:1-11
 “A Great Fishing Story” - Sermon Text: Luke 5:1-11 - Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

February 17, 2019 – Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm 1:1-6; Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Gospel: Luke 6:17-26
 “Blessed Are You” - Sermon Text: Luke 6:17-26 - Rev. Thomas Eggold

February 24, 2019 – Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm 103:1-13; Old Testament: Genesis 43:3-5; Gospel: Luke 6:27-31
 “Love, Bless, Pray” - Sermon Text: Luke 6:27-31 - Rev. Paul Shoemaker



During the month of January, the following people were in the hospital, had surgery, recovering at home or our shut-ins – **RAY LAUGHBAUM, STEVE ENGLISH, CLYDE BRODERHAUSEN, SARA VANSTONE, MICKIE ISAACS, ELLJEAN NICHOLS, GLORIA CLARK, MARY DENNIS, DAVE COOMER, LIZ KRIETEMEYER, CHARLIE VANSTONE, GAYLE O’RISKY, WALT SOMERS, DONNA SENSMEIER, NEAL WATHEN, NINA THURMAN, GIL KAHRE, PAUL SCHNUTE, ALTON REININGA, MARGARET CHEANEY, LOIS KAHRE, KERRY KECK, ROBERT KRON, and WANDA MILLER.**

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Saturday, January 5.....	18
Sunday, January 6.....	89
Saturday, January 12.....	6
Sunday, January 13.....	68
Saturday, January 19	Bad Weather
Sunday, January 20.....	32
Saturday, January 26.....	11
Sunday, January 27.....	85

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

	<u>Jan 6</u>	<u>Jan 13</u>	<u>Jan 20</u>	<u>Jan 27</u>
Nursery – High School (plus teachers & parents)	7	6	6	9
Adult Bible Classes	33	27	12	34
Music & Office	0	0	0	1
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Total	40	33	18	44

WHAT'S COMING UP

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

LENT SERVICES: Our Lenten Services this year begin on Ash Wednesday on March 6. Theme for this Lenten season will be “Words of Life from the Cross.” We will ponder the Seven Words which Christ spoke from the cross.

SARAH BIBLE CLASS: The Sarah Bible Class continues its study of the reign of King Solomon over Israel, as it is recorded in I Kings. Classes begin at 9:30 AM on Thursdays; coffee, treats and fellowship available in the CFR beginning at 9:00 AM. All ladies of the church are most cordially invited to bring their Bibles – and a friend – to join in this study.

YOUTH GROUP - SUNDAY, FEB 10, 4:00 PM come to the parish hall with ideas to plan events for upcoming months and decide on leadership roles. Afterwards we'll have a snack and divide into teams for a scavenger hunt.

YOUTH CONFERENCE: Registration is open for the Higher Things youth conference next summer. The conference runs from July 16-19 at Concordia University Wisconsin in Mequon with the theme "Concordia." Cost per individual is \$375 for registration, room, and meals. Contact **LINDA TEMME** at 297-1231 to register before the conference fills up in January.

SILVER SNEAKERS has a new time – **1:00 to 1:45 PM**. We can all use a little more exercise! Join us **Tuesdays** and/or **Thursdays** in the gym and meet some folks in our community.

ACADEMY OF ARTS performances are in the gym **March 8, 7:00 PM** "A Day in the Country" and **March 9, 2:00 PM** "Joseph of Arimathea." One ticket at \$8/adult and \$4/student K-12 gives you admission to both performances.

MOPS: Our group is beginning with 6 young moms and 2 mom mentors. Thank you to all the Trinity ladies who will be babysitting their precious children! There is still time to invite your friends and relatives who are mothers of pre-born babies up to preschoolers.

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**.

THANK YOU

I want to give a BIG Thank You to Dr. Eric Cure for all of his help, as well as Keith Kahre, Pastor Temme for his prayer and also to all of the people that help in some way on the Sunday when I needed it. Also thank you to Pastor Temme and Linda for the food they made us and to Barb Fendrich for all her help. God is good!
Wayne Wathen

I would like to thank my church family for the phone calls and prayers during my glaucoma surgery. Everything is on track but I have 4 to 5 more weeks of recuperation and 2 more weeks of 14 eye drops daily. Pastor and Linda's prayers and concern were a great comfort. A special thank you to Linda Rae Korff who stayed with me over four hours at the Surgery Center and for driving me to the doctor's office the following day. I appreciate the help since my entire family lives on the East Coast and unable to be here.

God's Blessings, Gloria Clark

We thank the worship committee for organizing the community hymn festival and DeAndre Wilson of *Turn Table* for hosting the reception. Special thanks to the choir, instrumentalists, and Jeff and Randy Sensmeier for sharing their musical talents.

“CHEERS & TEARS”



Cheers to **EVERYONE** who helped out on the school work days.

Cheers to **EVERYONE** who had anything to do with the Hymn Festival.

Cheers to **RAY STEINKUHL**, celebrated his 91st birthday on January 26th

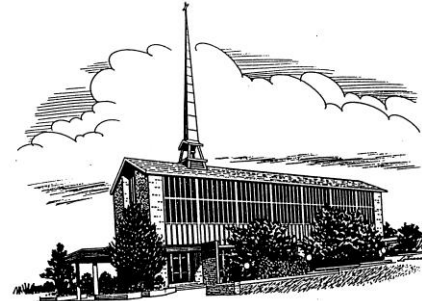
If anyone has a thank you of appreciation, please let Trisha know and she will put them in the next newsletter.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 2- | NORMA HARTMAN | 11- | JONATHAN HOFFHERR |
| 3- | JERRY NICHOLS | 15- | DARLENE PRIES |
| 4- | MARK PRIES | 18- | BRADLEY HARTMAN |
| 5- | LINDA BROCK
JOHN HEEGER
KAYLA SENSMEIER
ROBBIE SMITH | 25- | GLORIA ARENDT |
| 7- | STEVEN ENGLISH | 26- | PAULA REININGA |
| 9- | JESSIE KECK | 27- | RICHARD DENNIS
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The Third Commandment

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

Johnny's mother woke him up early on Sunday morning. They usually didn't go to church. His father had told him that he could worship God just as well on Sunday morning in his bass boat. But his aunt and uncle were staying with them for the weekend, and his folks felt obligated to go for their sake. Johnny noticed that during the sermon his father again had his eyes closed so he could concentrate on the message. At least that's what his mother told him. After the sermon, the ushers took up the offering. Johnny saw his father flip through his wallet. It was full of bills, but he couldn't find any ones, so he let the plate pass by. During Communion, Johnny's parents didn't go up to the altar. His mother whispered that they would go on Easter. After church his mother escorted him to the Sunday school classroom while his dad pulled the car around to take the rest of the family out for brunch. During Sunday school, Johnny's teacher read a devotion and looked up a passage from the Bible. Johnny remembered that they had a family Bible at home with a children's devotion book, but they only appeared on the coffee table before the pastor came to visit. Johnny thought to himself, "I'll sure be glad when I'm confirmed. Then I can go to brunch with the rest of the family."

Martin Luther gives the meaning of the Third Commandment by first stating that we are not to despise preaching and God's Word. How is this done? Well, an obvious answer is when we don't regularly attend public worship. Yes, we can pray to God on the lake and adore His creation, but public worship is where God speaks to us and we adore the Creator. Public worship (wherever two or three are gathered in God's name) is where God promises to be with us in His grace to give us His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation through His Word and Sacraments. We despise that Word when we don't regularly attend church. We also despise it when we attend but don't pay attention to the readings, the sermon, or the words of the hymns we sing or creeds we speak. We despise the Sacrament when we use it negligently or carelessly. We only go through the motions but don't come with repentant hearts, believing what we are receiving. We also despise the Word of God when we neglect it at home. We would never neglect our bodies in denying them food everyday, but we often neglect our souls when we fast all week away from the Word of God.

But what *are* we to do? Luther says, second, that we are to hold the Word of God sacred and gladly here and learn it. We do this when we regularly set apart time to attend public worship, Bible class, and Sunday school. We do this when we daily meditate on His Word through personal or family devotions. We also support the preaching and teaching of the Word of God through our tithes. And then we diligently spread the Word of God as we teach our children at home and witness to our neighbor. We do this gladly because through His Word and Sacraments God gives us all good things for our salvation.

But what about the Sabbath day? Why don't we worship on Saturday anymore like God commanded the Israelites? Well, the Third Commandment is the only Commandment of the Moral Law that also has a part of the Ceremonial Law within it. The Ceremonial Law pointed ahead to Christ. But since Christ has come, we are no longer required to keep the Ceremonial Law, just like we no longer sacrifice sheep and goats on the church altar. "Sabbath" means "rest." On the seventh day, or Sabbath, God *rested* from his work of creating. The Sabbath day was a required day of rest and worship for the *Israelites*. But Jesus is *our* rest. "Come to me all you who are weary and heavy burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matt. 11:28) Jesus gives us rest from the burden of our sins and gives us eternal rest in heaven. Since Jesus has come as our Savior and Lord, we are no longer required to keep the ceremonial portion of the Third Commandment (i.e. worship only on Saturday). But we do continue the moral portion of worshipping God together. We are free to worship on any day, but the Christian Church worships primarily on Sunday because Christ rose from the dead on Sunday, the day of the new creation.

Pastor Temme

PRESCHOOL UPDATE

Trinity Lutheran Preschool is now enrolling!! New school flyers and registration forms are available in the church and school office. We will be having our first Open House on February 12th from 5-7 PM. We already have several families interested and even 1 student already enrolled. Keep praying for our growth and keep spreading the word as much as you can!

Along with our facebook page- @tlpreschool, we have a brand new website. You can visit our website at www.trinitylutheranpreschooldarmstadt.com.

As we are getting ready for new little faces in the building, we also are looking for toys to fill our classrooms. If you or anyone you know have any preschool appropriate toys we will happily take them. Examples of age appropriate toys include: trains and track, duplos, art supplies, magna tiles, or dolls to name a few. We are also looking for playskool/little tikes houses, slides, or kitchens in good condition.

A big thank you to those that helped with cleaning, carpet removal, painting, and lighting. The upgrades are much easier to do with all your help.