

During the month of February, the following people were in the hospital, had surgery, recovering at home or our shut-ins – **YVONNE MANS, CRYSTAL KAHRE, JIM RUFF, VIVIAN RUFF, RICHARD DENNIS, KARON WATHEN, GARY GANN, CLYDE BRODERHAUSEN, HELEN MARIE WORTMANN, IVAN WORTMANN, MARTY KOCH, GAYLE O’RISKY, WALT SOMERS, DONNA SENSMEIER, NEAL WATHEN, NINA THURMAN, GIL KAHRE, PAUL SCHNUTE, MARGARET CHEANEY, LOIS KAHRE, ROBERT KRON, and WANDA KAHRE.**

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Saturday, February 1.....	11
Sunday, February 2.....	80
Saturday, February 8.....	8
Sunday, February 9.....	75
Saturday, February 15.....	13
Sunday, February 16.....	77
Saturday, February 22.....	10
Sunday, February 23.....	76

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

	<u>Feb 2</u>	<u>Feb 16</u>
Nursery – High School (plus teachers & parents)	6	5
Adult Bible Classes	27	27
Music & Office	1	2
<hr/> Total	<hr/> 34	<hr/> 34



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
Sunday DirectTV Channel 377

March 1, 2020 – First Sunday in Lent

Psalm 32:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11
“Tempting Lies” - Sermon Text: Matthew 4:1-11 - Rev. Paul Shoemaker

March 8, 2020 – Second Sunday in Lent

Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-8, 13-17; John 3:1-17
“Good News for *You!*” - Sermon Text: John 3:1-17 - Rev. William Mueller

March 15, 2020 – Third Sunday in Lent

Psalm 95:1-9; Romans 5:1-8; John 4:5-15
“Under Construction” - Sermon Text: Romans 5:1-8 - Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

March 22, 2020 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Psalm 142; Ephesians 5:8-11; John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39
“Displaying God’s Works” - Sermon Text: John 9:3 - Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

March 29, 2020 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Psalm 130; Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 11:17-27, 38-53
“Now What?” - Sermon Text: John 11:25-26 - Rev. Thomas Eggold

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

SARAH BIBLE CLASS: Class sessions begin at 9:30 AM. All ladies are most welcome, bearing whatever translation of the Bible you find most helpful. Coffee, treats and fellowship available beginning at 9:00 AM.

BIBLE CLASS: Please join us for refreshments and the study of God’s Word after worship. This month’s topics include “How Christianity Changed the World: Christianity Elevates Sexual Morality; Women Receive Freedom and Dignity; Charity and Compassion and Their Christian Connection.”

DARMSTADT CLEANUP DAY: Please join our community on Saturday, April 4, 7:00 AM to noon, as we clean up the roadsides in Darmstadt. Sign up in the narthex if you would like to work a shift or help grill a noon lunch for the volunteers. Wear boots and gloves and bring a 5-gallon bucket. Meet at the town center, American Honey. Lunch at church.

MEN'S GATHERING: Camp Lakeview will be hosting a men's retreat on the weekend of April 17-19, entitled "Lost Things." Guest speaker will be pastor and author Rev. Jonathan Fisk, who will teach how to rediscover the First Article. Come learn about time, information, and life management. You'll leave with the tools to redesign your lifestyle with The First Article as the foundation and understand how to keep all three articles in the right place to sustain your faith. Cost is \$110 per person which includes meals and lodging. Contact **PASTOR TEMME** for more information or go to mensgathering.us.

FLOWER CHART: The Flower Chart has been posted in the Narthex of the church. 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 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 member of the Altar Circle for that month will contact you for your information. Questions?? See **LINDA RAE KORFF** or call at (812) 477-4078.

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION: Eventually the Box Tops program will become digital-only. Participating brands are starting to change their packaging from a traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Top label.

If you see this Trisha in the office still worth 10¢



label, Bring your receipt, not this label to and she can scan your receipt. **Box Tops are each for your school.**

DIRECTORY 2020: Do you have a new address or phone number or email address? If you do, please let the office know.

DON'T FORGET TO DIRECT CHOICE DOLLARS: Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program can help support organizations you care about. Don't let Choice Dollars expire. Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have Choice Dollars available have until **March 31**, to direct any remaining 2019 Choice Dollars. Help support Trinity Lutheran Church. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

LENT AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES: Our Lenten theme for this year is *The Crucified King* according to the Gospel of St. Matthew, who paints with words the portrait of a royal figure—our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of kings. But Jesus is not presented in a way most kings would want to be remembered. He is not presented as "Jesus the Great" or "Jesus the Mighty." Instead, St. Matthew presents to us a lowly king who is rejected and betrayed. A king who is denied and condemned. A king who is mocked, forsaken, crucified and buried. Jesus is *The Crucified King*. Below is the theme for each service, which begins at 7:00 PM, except for the Saturday Easter Vigil at 6:30 PM and Easter Sunday at 9:30 AM.

February 26 – Ash Wednesday – The King's Wisdom
March 4 – Midweek Lent 1 – The King Betrayed
March 11 – Midweek Lent 2 – The King Denied
March 18 – Midweek Lent 3 – The King Condemned
March 25 – Midweek Lent 4 – The King Mocked
April 1 – Midweek Lent 5 – The King on the Cross
April 9 – Maundy Thursday – The King's Feast
April 10 – Good Friday – The King Forsaken
April 11 – Easter Vigil – The King's Empty Tomb
April 12 – Easter – The King Raised

THANK YOU

Dear Fellow Members,

Thank you for all the prayers and thoughts sent to the Korff Family during Jerry's illness and passing. Especially Pastor Temme for all his visits and help during these trying times. Also thank you for the cards, phone calls, notes of caring and all the memorials to the Legacy/Maintenance Fund, they meant a lot to us.

The Jerry Korff Family

Our hearts are humbled for the love and compassion our Trinity family has shown us throughout Kerry's illness and his recent passing. Thank you to everyone involved in the funeral. Pastor Temme, a special thank you for your always faithful visits, your presence at the hospital, the day Kerry passed and your beautiful words at the funeral.

God Bless, Lisa, Easton and Jessie

I want to Thank God for guiding the Doctor's hands and to give him the knowledge for my 91/2 hour surgery on my heart. Also many thanks to Pastor Temme for his visits at the hospital and at home. And for his many prayers. Also thanks to the prayer chain. Thanks for the phone calls and for my friends checking on me. Also a big thank you to Barb Fendrich for stay with Neal and for bring and making a lot of food for us. Thanks to the many friends offering any help with transportation. I thank God for bringing me thru the long surgery. Our church family is so wonderful in offering their time and help. God has made our church so wonderful in so many ways with so many caring people. Thank you again for all that you did for me and my family.

God is Great, Karon Wathen

“CHEERS & TEARS”



Cheers to our newest members: **CHARLIE JACKSON** and his daughter **CHELSEA**, who are transferring from Christ the King Lutheran Church in Salina, Kansas.

Cheers to: **DON & ALICE KECK**, who celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary on February 28th.

Cheers to the **BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE** who helped with the Funeral Dinners and to all who donated food. Thanks so much!

Cheers to the **BOARD OF PARISH FELLOWSHIP** for hosting a Fun and Fellowship Luncheon after church on February 9th. It was a great day and everyone had fun.



Tears to the Family and Friends of:

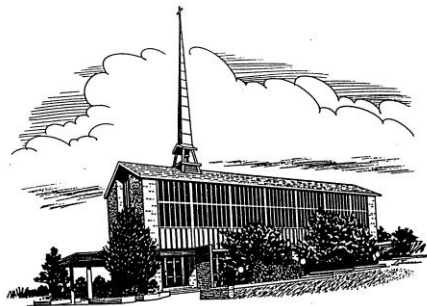
JERRY KORFF – who died on January 28th.

KERRY KECK – who died on February 6th.

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The Triune God - Not!

In our last newsletter we looked at the doctrine of the Trinity and how God reveals himself in the Bible as Triune, 3 distinct persons in 1 divine being. We closed with the caution that we cannot understand this teaching by our own reasoning but must receive it by faith in God's Word. We do our best to describe the Trinity with diagrams of triangles and intersecting circles and comparisons with things in nature, but they usually have some weakness and fall short of satisfying our understanding. We simply say, "I believe . . ." However, God's Word is not always satisfactory for some men and so they develop their own ideas about God which their finite minds can fathom. But when we depend on human reason, rather than God's Word in the Bible, we will usually develop a false teaching. This has been true about the Trinity. Over the ages, men have put forth their own ideas to explain this mystery. We will examine a few of these false doctrines so that 1) we do not fall into the same false doctrine ourselves, and 2) so that we might have a better grasp of the doctrine of the Trinity by understanding what the Trinity is not.

One of the early false teachings about the Trinity arose in the fourth century by a man named Arius. He could understand that 1=1 but not that 3 could equal 1. The Bible says that "the Lord is one" so God could not be "three." Therefore, the Father is God, but not the Son or Holy Spirit. From his own interpretation of the Bible he began to teach that Jesus Christ was not fully and truly God. He was the Son of God, but he was not eternal. The Son was a created being, not of the same substance as the Father, and therefore, not co-equal with the Father. Arius also wrote popular hymns which professed this false doctrine and which Christians began to sing.

Below is one of his verses.

*We praise him (God the Father) as without beginning,
Because of him (Christ) who has a beginning.
And adore him as everlasting, because of him
Who in time has come to be.
He that is without beginning made the Son a
beginning of things originated; and advanced
him as a Son to himself by adoption.
He has nothing proper to God in proper subsistence.
For he is not equal, no, nor one in essence with him.
Wise is God, for he is the teacher of wisdom.*

In response to the Arian heresy the Church gathered for the first ecumenical council, the council of Nicaea, and wrote a CREED. We confess it today as the Nicene Creed. It reflects the true doctrine of who Christ is according to the Bible, "begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made."

Arius was a modern day *Jehovah's Witness*. They refer to Jesus as the son of God but do not believe He is true God. They also see the Holy Spirit as only the power or energy of God but not as a distinct person who is God.

In the early third century a man named Sabellius developed the false teaching of Modalism. According to Sabellius, God appears in three different modes. Sometimes he appears as the Father, sometimes as the Son, and sometimes as the Holy Spirit. There is one God who has three different faces. Mathematically you could understand this as $1/3 \text{ Father} + 1/3 \text{ Son} + 1/3 \text{ Holy Spirit} = 1 \text{ God}$. You might also liken it to a theatrical play where one actor has three different masks to play three different persons. Since there is only one actor, though, his characters cannot appear on stage together. However, this false teaching is easily refuted from the Bible at Jesus' baptism where the Holy Spirit descends upon the Son and the Father speaks from heaven. All three persons, fully God, appear on stage at the same time.

The ancient false teaching of polytheism, that there are many gods, is still alive and well today in the form of Mormonism. They believe that Jesus was a spirit child of God the Father who is one of many gods. The heavenly Father, also called *Eloheem*, physically impregnated the virgin Mary who then gave birth to Jesus. Jesus was a true man but by living a perfect life he was also able to become a god. His main purpose was to show us how we could also become gods ourselves and populate a different planet with our own spirit children. The Mormoms have a saying, "As I am, so God once was, and as God is, I will be." Today, especially in the public eye, Mormoms are trying to recast themselves as being Christian. However, any religious group that cannot confess our Trinitarian Creeds is only a cult and cannot be considered Christian.

We might summarize the teachings about the Trinity mathematically.

1 person = 1 God	(Arianism)
$1/3 \text{ person} + 1/3 \text{ person} + 1/3 \text{ person} = 1 \text{ God}$	(Modalism)
$1 \text{ god} + 1 \text{ god} + 1 \text{ god} = 3 \text{ gods}$	(Mormonism)
$1 \text{ person} + 1 \text{ person} + 1 \text{ person} = 1 \text{ God}$	(Christianity)

Though the first three may be true mathematically, they are not true theologically. The Christian view of the Trinity, however, may not make mathematical sense, but it does reflect what the Triune God reveals about himself in the Bible. Perhaps we could write

$1 \text{ person} \times 1 \text{ person} \times 1 \text{ person} = 1 \text{ God}$.

Or scrap the math and simply confess how God reveals himself in the Bible, "I believe in one God – the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."

Pastor Temme