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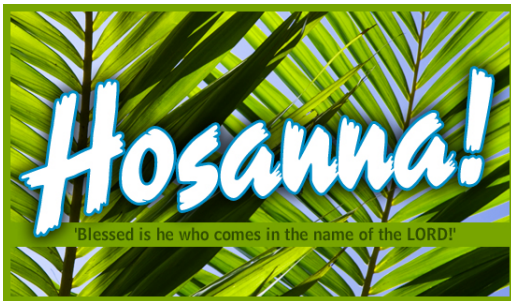
Messenger

March 2016



Beginning March 13
Sunday Worship 9:00AM
Bible Class
10:30AM

From the Pastor's Desk *God left the building!*



Friendship Sunday
March 20 9:00am
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information

I know right, such words could bring to mind a few thoughts, or have you ask a few questions, not to mention strong feelings. Our leadership was invited to see a movie at Salem Lutheran Church entitled “When God Left the Building.” The film for



better or worse took us through the painful process of a church, which after 145 years was auctioning off their kitchen plates to their pipe organ as they were closing their

doors for the last time. It is a phenomenon that is happening to thousands of churches every year. With interviews it was evident that some were sad, grieved, relieved and mad. What

He who is not angry at sin is not in love with virtue.

- James Strachan

could they do? How did it happen? For one thing the film showed America is not interested in going to church - any church. For another, the church



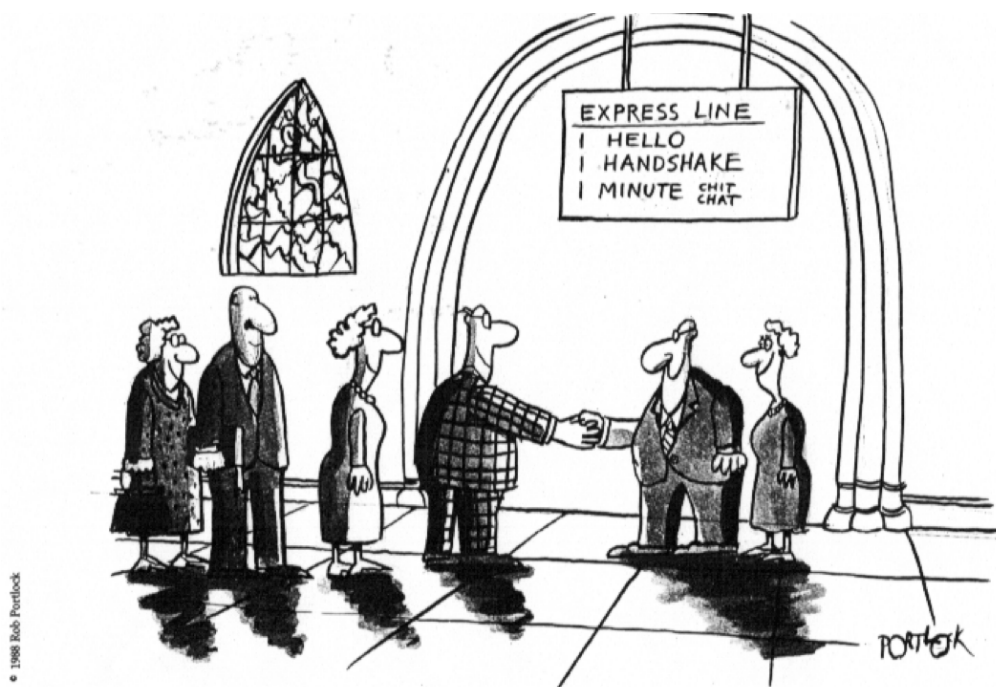
has lost sight of the needs of the community around them. All of course can be discussed even debated but what the film offered was an opportunity to ask some questions about our church. Like, how would the community describe our church? What is our reputation? What are our church's priorities? How is God calling us to be the church in our community? We did not begin to answer these questions after the film, but we thought about what issues could bring us to the same fate in the future of our church. To be honest I don't have the answers, or a clear vision on the direction. I'm hoping from the goals that each of our ministries, boards and committees are to bring to the table will help clarify the future of our church.

God has left buildings before which does bring to mind when God withdrew His presence because of the sins of his people. God's presence left Solomon's temple even Herod's temple that Jesus visited while he walked here on earth. What I do know is God is present among His people. There is evidence that His presence and promise is in the word and those who continue to hear it, live by it, and do it. (Not to mention eat it.)

But we dare not take it for granted! Every Sunday we remind ourselves that our own bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit. We beg and sing, "create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. **Cast me not away from Thy presence**, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me." The only building we should be concerned with is ours before turning to the building on Morgan Ford and Chippewa. Go ahead and ask, Has God left my Building?

He will remain faithful to be with us always. If you fear his presence is no longer with you come and hear his word in our building and the answer will become evident. Yes, He is here.

Pastor Tanney





THE CROSS BUILDER

Wednesday, March 23 6:00 pm

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Special Drama Presentation

Hear the thoughts from an angry Jewish Carpenter as he is awakened out of bed to build urgently one more cross for the Romans day activities. He builds the cross for an unusual criminal, with an unusual crime. He finds out from the Romans that his name is Jesus of Nazareth.



Join us for *The Body of Christ* a series of Lenten Services that takes the time to consider seriously our Lord's humanity, the human body in which he wrought our salvation

Holy Week Services

The Blood of Christ

Maundy Thursday
7:00pm

Tre Ore Service

12:00pm-3:00pm

Concordia Lutheran Maplewood

The Body of Christ

Good Friday
7:00pm

The Risen Christ

Easter Service
9:00am

Wednesdays

Lenten services will focus on:

March 2 The Ears of Christ,
March 9 The Eyes of Christ,
March 16 The Heart of Christ
10:00am & 7:00pm
Soup Supper 6:00pm

Parish Health Health Tips



*Psalm 139:14 – “I praise you
for I am fearfully and
wonderfully made”.*

These are some “Health Tips” I would like to share with you.

1. TODAY, I eat dinner earlier – One way to lose weight easily is to eat your main meal much earlier, 3-5 P.M. Then have a small snack in the evening if you get hungry.
2. TODAY, I go for a walk-or 2-to live longer. – Walking for a mere 10 minutes a day at a moderate level could add 1.8 years to your life according to the National Cancer Institute. Two 10-minute walks (just 20 minutes total) increased life expectancy by 3.4 years. Great payoff for minimum effort, don't you think??
3. TODAY, (and most days) I eat eggs for breakfast. – In a recent study, people on a low calorie weight loss plan who ate two scrambled eggs and unbuttered toast (with jelly!) for breakfast lost 65 percent more weight than dieters who had a bagel with cream cheese for their morning meal. How do eggs help? They may simply keep people feeling satisfied longer than carbs do—and eating less later on. No Time? Boil up some eggs, refrigerate and grab one on the go. Enjoy!
4. TODAY, my best is good enough. – For many of us, whatever we do is never good enough. Life is not about being perfect. It's about doing your best and then a little better. Consider this: You always do the best you can when you can do better, you will.

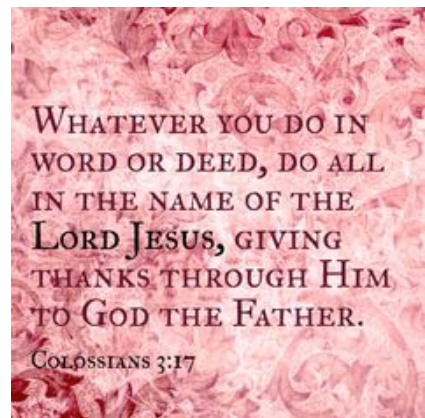
If you have any medical problems or questions call the church office or Maureen Rehmer at 352-6266.

Blood Pressures will again be taken on the third Sunday of the month at 10:15-10:30 A.M., starting in April.

Social Ministry

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the “Souper Bowl” of caring. We are very grateful for all the support you have given us to start the year in the positive. Thrivent Insurance, CCLS, and St. Paul DesPeres also donated food and money to continue our ministry.

The number of people who continue to work every Saturday to keep this ministry moving forward is gratifying. The Lord continues to bless us with faithful servants. Karl Frerichs works diligently at keeping food for us supplied from the Orphan Grain, meeting people at any time of the day who want to deliver food or clothes. THANKS KARL!! Jonathan and Debbie Schmidt continue to shop every Saturday, Karen Vineyard sort's food on Tuesdays and also shops, Irene Hurst comes every Tuesday to sort food and works endlessly with the clothes. Ethel Mae assists on sorting food on Tuesdays when she is available. The following people also work on Saturdays: Terry Hartz, Ruth Trauth, Eileen Wehrheim, Carol Cool, Ethelmae Leuther, Sandra Gerber, Sharon Sieber, Cindy Geiger and Melba Fanger. These next four weeks Cathy Tanney and Kate Hartz are willing to come in and assist where needed. Pastor Tanney comes to pray with us, when available. YOU ARE ALL SUCH A BLESSING!!!



Contact Karen Vineyard at 498-9282 or Eileen Wehrheim at 638-7735 through March 22nd for questions regarding the food pantry or Social Ministry in Maureen's absence.

Evangelism

Our Friendship Sunday will be on March 20, Palm Sunday.

We are planning a celebration to worship our Savior, who deserves our thanks and praise for sacrificing His life for our salvation. Because Jesus is our best friend and loves us unconditionally, we are encouraged to share that love with our friends and family also.



If you don't know who to invite, we suggest that you take time to pray to God to lead you to someone you can invite. And then....pray that those folks will accept your invitation; printed invitations are available in the narthex.

The celebration begins with a pre-service sing-a-long followed by worship at 9:00am with the theme: **"Hosanna – Exalt the One who comes to save us!"** – A Continental breakfast will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us!

Stewardship

Serve

Looking closely at the Old and New Testament, we see that many people served God in different ways. From Cain and Able, David, Ezra, Ruth, Persis, and Priscilla. They did God's work without complaining. It takes all of us to spread God's message. This month it's time to serve!

If you would like to volunteer at Soup Supper you can purchase the ingredients, clean up or make a dessert.

Friendship Sunday is fast approaching! Ask someone that is unchurched or looking for a new congregation to join us.

Ushers Always need help Ask if you can help on any Sunday. April 2 is the Ushers BBQ. Help is need.



There is a way of serving on Sunday mornings with coffee hour, clean up, set up, or bringing treats.

Oh and talking of serving, I am looking for people to serve with me on the Board of Stewards. Call me if you want to serve, Eunice Bain 314 306 0763.

St. Johns Ushers



Saturday, April 2, 2016

11:00AM to 4:00PM

Menu includes

Hot dogs, Bratwurst, Pork Steaks, Chicken and Ribs

Prices vary from \$3.00 to \$19.00

Delivery is Available for Four or more orders.

Any questions or advance orders call Eunice 314-306-0763 or the church office 314-773-0126 or email stjohnslcstl@gmail.com.

For a full list of the menu go to stjohnslutheranstlouis.org



If you would like to order Easter Lilies please contact the church office or Ruth Evers 314-306-5887. They are \$10 each.

March Memorized Word



If you would like to bring soup or desserts for the Wednesday Soup Suppers, please call the church office. It would be greatly appreciated!



March 2 Lydia Hampel
Don Osiek
March 5 Quentin Bohannon
March 6 Louis Meyer
March 13 Carol Cool
Brianna Dees
March 27 Joe Strickert

Upcoming Board Meetings

Voters

April 17
June 26
September 18
November 20
December 18

Executive Council

March 13
May 15
October 16
December 18

Budget

July 17

March 2016

April 2016 ►

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 2:00pm Nelapelse Bible Study 3:30pm Compass	2 8:00am Eagle Coffee & Conversation 10:00am Lenten Worship 11:30am Confirmation 3:30pm Compass 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Lenten Worship	3 10:30AM Preschool Chapel 2:00PM Home Bible Study 3:30pm Compass	4 8:00 Bible Study 1:00PM Compass	5 8:30am Food Pantry
6 Fourth Sunday in Lent 8:30am Bible Class 10:00am Worship 11:30am-4:00pm Youth-pizza, bowling, production	7 3:30pm Compass 7:00pm Elders	8 2:00pm Nelapelse Bible Study 3:30pm Compass	9 10:00am Lenten Worship 11:30am Avalon Bible Study 3:30pm Compass 6:00pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Lenten Worship	10 10:30AM Preschool Chapel 2:00PM Home Bible Study 3:30pm Compass	11 8:00 Bible Study 1:00PM Compass	12 8:30am Food Pantry
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20 Palm Sunday Friendship Sunday 9:00am Worship Continental Breakfast to follow	21 6:30pm Evangelism Eagle Spring Break	22 2:00pm Nelapelse Bible Study Eagle Spring Break	23 6:00pm The Cross Builder Eagle Spring Break	24 Maundy Thursday 2:00PM Home Bible Study 7:00pm Service Eagle Spring Break	25 Good Friday 12:00-3:00pm Tre Ore Service at Concordia Maplewood 7:00pm Service Eagle Spring Break	26 8:30am Food Pantry
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