



# WELCOME JESUS, THE LIGHT SHINING GOD'S LOVING FAVOR & TRUTH UPON OUR LIVES!

**FEBRUARY, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2020**



**Dear ones, beloved by God in our Lord Jesus Christ, blessings to you in this, the Church season of Epiphany!**

February could be nicknamed “*the month of love.*” With St. Valentine’s Day on the 14th, touches of love come in the forms of flowers, candy and those “Be mine” cards. God too voices His own love messages. Atop the Mount of Transfiguration, He says of Jesus: “***This is My Son whom I love! Listen to Him.***” After that the Church enters the season of Lent when God in effect says to us: “*Be Mine!*” Lent means *spring*; in love God calls us, the straying lovers, to spring into action, returning to Him.

***“Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding with steadfast love! (Joel 2).*** As unfaithful as we have been to God, He is always faithful. Our great Lover is eager to forgive us for straying and to welcome us back with His loving embrace.

During Lent, God both welcomes us with love and shows the great lengths to which He will go to make us “*Mine.*” Jesus combats the devilish foe who would separate us from God, withstanding temptation and brutality in His pursuit of you, pleading: “***Father, forgive them.***” God replies with a marital vow: “***I do.***” Jesus does all of this, even dying so that you might live in the full love of God.

So, return to the Lord and revel in His love. Join in the love-fest on Sunday mornings and on Wednesday evenings with others loved by God. And if you give up anything for Lent, let it not be Jesus; through Him God is faithfully saying to you: “*Be Mine!*”

**LIVING IN THE LOVE OF GOD IN JESUS,**

***Pastor Kramp***





**Brady Sand**, ninth grade son of Lynn and Tammy, having completed his studies of Luther's Small Catechism and passing the examination on the Six Chief Parts administered by Pastor Kramp, will on Sunday, February 9, publicly confirm as his own the Christian faith into which he was baptized. A cake & coffee reception will be held in Brady's honor after Service.

May God the Holy Spirit keep and guide Brady in his walk in the Lord throughout his life on earth. May Brady openly confess Jesus as His Savior and Lord for his eternal good and that of others who receive his witness and to the glory of God!



**We are truly blessed at St. John & Trinity with wonderful organists.** Thank you to Vicky Grothmann, Stacey Riemer, and Susan Lemley for your marvelous service each week to our congregations. Thanks also to Sharon Schlichtmann for her service pitching in during communion distribution at St. John and for her capable at nursing home chapel services. Ladies, we praise God for His work in you and thank Him for your devoted service for our benefit and to His glory and honor!



**The complete 2019-2020 Greeters' list** can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please check to see when you have been asked to greet. Reminders are posted in each Sunday's bulletin and we also will attempt to give you a reminder call. If you have a conflict, please talk to Sharon Schlichtmann or Kathy Hanson.

**The Church Season of Lent commences with Ash Wednesday.**

**Join us at St. John on Wednesday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m.**

**OR at Trinity, Hope on Thursday, February 27 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Worship at each church will include the Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion.**



**Midweek Lenten Services** will be on Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25 & April 1 at St. John, and on Thursdays, 5, 12, 19, 26 & April 2 at Trinity, all at 7:00 p.m. Except for Ash Wednesday observances, worship should last 35-40 minutes. Meals will be served at 6:00 p.m. **MORE INFORMATION WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN SUNDAY BULLETINS AND E-MAILS.**

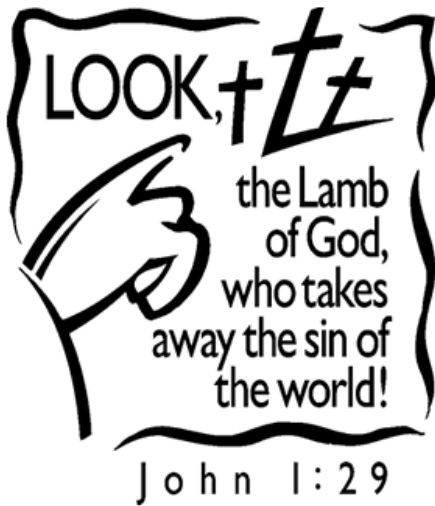
**Ten questions about Lent... Can you get all 10 right?**

- 1. *The word 'Lent' comes from the Anglo-Saxon word for:*  
Spring                      Summer                      Winter**
- 2. *The first day of Lent is called:*  
Shrove Tuesday    Ash Wednesday    Maundy Thursday**
- 3. *The last day of Lent is called:*  
Good Friday        Easter Sunday        Easter Monday**
- 4. *During Lent, we recall Satan tempting Jesus in the wilderness. Satan first tempted Jesus to turn which of these into bread:*  
a brick    a stone    a log**
- 5. *Atop the Temple, Satan tempted Jesus by challenging him to:*  
a fight    build a new temple    to jump and be saved by angels**
- 6. *Showing Jesus the world Satan said he could rule it all if he'd:*  
Bow down and worship Satan    Give Satan 30 pieces of silver**
- 7. *During Lent many Christians give up something they enjoy in order to focus more on their need for Jesus. This is called:*  
Fasting    binging    whining**
- 8. *During Lent some Christians give to charity money they did not spend on food. Giving away money is called:*  
An offering    begging    charity**
- 9. *The prayer Jesus taught his disciples is called:*  
The Lord's prayer    the Lent prayer    the long prayer**
- 10. *We usually say that Lent lasts for 40 days. If we include Sundays how long is it?*  
46 days    39 days    53 days**

**ANSWERS ON NEXT PAGE**

## GOD'S EYE WITNESS NEWS

Unscramble each word. Then use the numbered letters to reveal the last words.



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### HERE ARE SOME CLUES IN CASE YOU NEED HELP!

1. "I saw the \_\_\_\_\_ come down from heaven." John 1:32 (NIV)
2. A white or gray bird, often used as a symbol of peace.
3. A clear liquid used to baptize. John 1:33 (NIV)
4. The place where God is. John 1:32 (NIV)
5. To tell about something you have seen. John 1:34 (NIV)

### Answers to the Ten Questions about Lent:

1. Spring
2. Ash Wednesday
3. Good Friday
4. a stone
5. jump off and be saved by angels
6. bow down and worship Satan
7. fasting
8. charity
9. The Lord's Prayer
10. 46 days

# SALT AND LIGHT

*“You are the salt of the earth... you are the light of the world...  
Let your light shine before men.” See Matthew 5:14-16*

R S G D W J V P B C V N N Z D D Q  
V I S X O L A Q B S M G H E S B B  
M T K N I Q N X E Y Q P F C N F R  
A B K H E M H O Q V T A P E X R E  
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## SEARCH FOR:

Good deeds Lamp Bushel Holy Heaven Father Glorify Shine  
Stand Hidden Hill City World Earth Jesus Matthew Light Salt

**OUR LOVING GOD’S MESSAGE FOR US AND  
ALL PEOPLE IN LENT AND AT ALL TIMES –**

## A Word Search – Words from God

T A N G E R W G G F H  
S B R L E O J R N R T  
A O O U L S N A I O I  
F U D S O A R C H M W  
D N L H V Y U I S O G  
A D O U E S T O I U N  
E I R T F A E U N R I  
T N D D H I R S U N H  
S G N E V E C T P I T  
W E E P I N G R S N O  
R R E L E N T S E G L  
F A S T I N G O D M C

### Word List

ABOUNDING ALL AND ANGER CLOTHING EVEN FASTING FOR  
FROM GOD GRACIOUS HEARTS JOEL LORD LOVE MOURNING  
MERCIFUL NOT NOW PUNISHING RELENTS REND RETURN SAYS  
SLOW STEADFAST THE WEEPING WITH YET YOUR

***“Yet even now, says the LORD, return to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.” (Joel 2:12-13)***



January marked the beginning of approximately 8 weeks of quilting by the LWML. Soon you will see the fruit of our endeavors laid upon the church pews. Please watch the bulletin for quilting dates; we'd love to have you join us!

This month we also chose Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads as the 2020 recipient for our Green Stocking donations. If you don't know what the Green Stocking is all about, ask one of the LWML members. We happily accept donations to this fund even if you are not a member of LWML!

Traditionally, the LWML Prayer Service is held at our January meeting. However, due to illness, we will hold the Prayer Service at the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you are unable to attend on that date, Immanuel LWML, Fargo, has extended an invitation to participate in their Prayer Service on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 a.m. After the service a light lunch will be provided and those wishing to stay may help cut fabric for the workers' vests for the 2020 ND District LWML Convention. Contact Louise Tegtmeier ([louise@ourfarmstead.com](mailto:louise@ourfarmstead.com)) if you would like to sew a vest or two.

We welcome you to our next LWML meeting on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, beginning with coffee at 9:15 a.m. followed by the Prayer Service and business meeting.

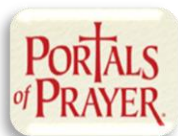
*Kathy Hanson, President*

Last month we paid for our Quarterly subscriptions. The cost went up from \$5 to \$6. Our District Financial Secretary, Audrey O'Brien, mentioned in her letter that it had been 9 years since the last price increase. Thank you to those who have paid in for their Quarterly. Donations are welcome to cover the cost.

Past Recipients of the Green Stocking Fund:

2019 - 20	Main Street Living North =	\$581
2016 - 18	Concordia Theological Seminary =	\$679
2013 - 15	Hillsboro Food Pantry =	\$1081
2011 - 12	Grace Lutheran School =	\$342
2009 - 10	Crosspointe Lutheran =	\$465

*Stacey Riemer, Treasurer*



Pick up your copy today on the table in the Narthex at St. John. Grab one to give to a friend or neighbor. We have plenty of extra copies.

St. John January Church Attendance

January 5	50
January 12	43
January 19	Church cancelled
January 26	60

**February Birthdays**

- 1 Bambi Manthey
- 2 Elaina Salander
- 3 Mara Fuglestad
- 4 Shaunna Gienger
- 5 Treyvian Johnson
- 5 Nikila McRitchie
- 7 Jerry Hashbarger
- 9 Braxton Henn
- 9 Rodney Meyer
- 10 Krisandra Shimpa
- 14 Jemma Shimpa
- 16 Stephanie Hall
- 17 Adaline Johnson
- 17 Jeffrey Johnson
- 18 Scott Rachow
- 19 McKenzie Fuglestad
- 19 Jackson Joslin
- 19 Brody Pelton
- 19 Dale Riemer
- 21 Jeffrey Andre
- 21 Delores Kvislen
- 21 Joyce Germandson
- 22 Daniel Manthey
- 23 Helen Grothmann
- 23 Trinity Erstad
- 24 Darrell Rotvold
- 29 Elaine Johnson

**February Anniversaries**

- 5 Nick & Janee Brendemuhl
- 14 Douglas & Kelly Johnson
- 26 Joel & Jane Hashbarger

**Funeral at Trinity**

Marlen Edwin Kroeplin  
 March 13, 1945 - December 30, 2019  
 January 3, 2020

St. John December Treasurer's Report

Dec. General Fund Income	\$7,380.63
Dec. General Fund Expenses:	<u>\$9,072.79</u>
	(\$1,692.16)

**NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT LCMS  
Financial Information  
December 2019**

<b>INCOME</b>	
Congregational Mission Giving	\$48,120.22
Synodical Pledge (35%)	(16,842.08)
Other Gifts	1343.83
<b>Total left for District Missions, Expenses</b>	<b>\$32,621.97</b>

<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Local Missions and Committee Activities: (Includes Wittenberg Chapel, Life Skills & Transition Center, Deaf Ministry, Youth)	\$24,276.14
Congregational Support (Includes General Operations, District President, Business Manager, Board of Directors)	36,225.59
1-1-1 Mission Giving	(3,305.62)
Current gifts given for these missions	(9,265.07)
International Missions	
Christ's Care for Children – Kenya (\$10,000)	0.00
Chile Mission (\$25,000)	0.00
(These missions were voted on by the District Convention. They will be paid quarterly as funds are available)	
<b>Net Expenses</b>	<b>\$47,931.04</b>
<b>NET OPERATING LOSS FOR NOV. 2019</b>	<b>(\$15,309.07)</b>
<b>Funds Given in the Past used for Current Expenses</b>	<b>\$1400.00</b>
<b>YTD NET LOSS</b>	<b>(\$32,716.45)</b>

Congregational giving was lowest ever for December and brings the YTD giving to about \$34,000 less than average for this time of year. If YTD giving was the same as last year, there would be no deficit. Gifts from individuals and congregations designated for our international missions are sent on at the end of each fiscal quarter. Those amounts are not included in income or expense totals. YTD designated gifts for international missions as of December 31:

Christ's Care for Children – Kenya	\$11,068.25
Chile Partnership	\$5,741.83

Please contact Tami Ulland at [lcms.nd.busman@gmail.com](mailto:lcms.nd.busman@gmail.com) or call 701-293-9001 if you have more questions.

*Start this year out with a donation to any of our missions. Mail checks to PO Box 9029, Fargo, ND 58106 and note which mission(s) you are supporting. Thank you!*

**Main Street Living February Programming**

**Feb 2:** Rev. Dan Suelzle, Wittenberg Lutheran Chapel, Grand Forks, ND, presents the message: **"The Presentation of Our Lord,"** based on Luke 2:22-32. **"This Is The Life" program is: "The Point of No Return"**. This presentation discusses God's limitless Grace.

**Feb 9:** Rev. Dave Suelzle, Grace Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND, presents the message: **"The Salty Disciples,"** based on Matthew 5:13. **"This Is The Life" program: "Mr. Big"**.

**Feb 16:** Rev. Leo Deitemeyer, First American Lutheran Church, Mayville, ND, presents the message: **"The Heart of the Matter: A Holy Heart,"** based on Matthew 5:21-37, plus I Samuel 16:7. **"This Is The Life" program is: "The Day We Lost Ella Mae"**. Social Responsibility and Christian witness are the topics of this program.



**North Dakota District LCMS  
Message in the Pew  
January 2020  
Wittenberg Chapel**

Life at Wittenberg Lutheran Chapel is in full swing as the second semester of the academic year begins. God continues his faithful presence among us as we gather for Divine Service on Sundays to receive his gifts of Word and Sacrament. Attendance this year has averaged between 25-30 people for services, while Bible study attendance averages between 5-10 people. Sunday morning Bible study has had us studying the entire book of Hebrews, while Wednesday evening Bible studies have been focused on the work of Christian apologetics and how to converse about the Christian faith with peers and family members.

One of the unique joys of serving at Wittenberg is interacting with students who have not grown up in the Lutheran church. I enjoy the instruction in the catechism that I get to do with these students, and have had the opportunity to confirm some of them.

On February 6, Pastor Chris Rosebrough will be presenting at Wittenberg on the topic of *sola scriptura*, and we have invited the student body as well as area churches to attend. If you happen to be in the area that day, you're welcome to come too!

Thank you for all of your prayers and financial support which help to keep this important ministry in place for the sake of these students and their eternal well-being. If you would like me to come to your congregation to present on Wittenberg, I'd be happy to do so. Pastor Dan Suelzle

**Congregations' Status**

St. Peter, Belfield and Redeemer, Grassy Butte: vacancy (served by Rev. Anthony Ahrendt and Rev. Michael Wolters)

Trinity, Tolley: vacancy (served by Rev. Joel Brandvold.)

Peace, Barney and Trinity, Great Bend: vacancy.

Zion, Claire City: A call with Zion, Brown Valley, MN to Rev. Paul Weisenborn, Bunceton, MO was returned.

They will seek a seminary candidate. (served by Minnesota North District.)

Your servant in Christ,  
ND District President  
Rev. Arie Bertsch

**Pastors and DCE'S**

Rev. Dr. Adam Filipek, Immanuel and Holy Cross, Lidgerwood, is considering a call to Ebenezer, Leslie, MO.

**Feb 23:** Rev. Tim Schiller, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Alexandria, MN, presents the message: **"Jesus' Transformation Is for Our Transformation"** based on Matthew 17:1-9. **"This Is The Life" program: "Out of Bondage"** examines the Christian approach to alcoholism.

Programs are broadcast at **9:00 am Central time** on the following FOX station: KVRR Fargo-Moorhead Channel 15.1, **AND at 10:00 am** on the following WDAY & affiliate Xtra Channels: WDAY Xtra Channel 6.3 Fargo-Moorhead, WDAZ Xtra Channel 8.3 Grand Forks, – as well as the cable and satellite systems carrying these stations.

Programs are also archived and can be viewed on their website [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com). Financial support is welcomed. Checks should be sent to Main Street Living North, 821 5<sup>th</sup> Ave S., Fargo, ND 58103, or donate online.



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February 2020

Join Us Sunday Morning for Worship!

Trinity, Hope

Worship at 8:30 am

Sunday School at 9:30 am

St. John, Hillsboro

Sunday School at 9:15 am

Worship at 10:30 am

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