



FEBRUARY, THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2021



Brothers and sisters in Christ, redeemed of God by His Son to live the new life in and by His Spirit, with Jesus you as your Savior and Lord!

This year, two observances overlap on Sunday, February 14th, each emphasizing love. One, St. Valentine’s Day, focuses on loving our neighbor, with shows of affection like giving flowers, candy, and “*Be mine*” cards. That same day, the Church hears God voicing His love atop the Mount of Transfiguration. God the Father there says of Jesus: “*This is My Son whom I love! Listen to Him.*” With Ash Wednesday days later, the Church enters the season of Lent throughout which God shows His love in action as His Son pursues a course of selfless love leading Him to a cross. The word *Lent* means *spring*; in love God by Jesus *springs* into action to return us to Him, we who have not loved God as we ought, steadfastly calling to us, saying: “*Be Mine!*”

During Lent, we hear God welcome us with love and see the great lengths to which Jesus will go to make us “*Mine.*” He combats sin, death and Satan, each which would separate us from God; He endures temptation and brutality pursuing us with love. On the Cross He pleads: “*Father, forgive them.*” The Father replies with a vow: “*I do.*” Jesus suffers all, even death, in order to win us life as recipients of God’s fullest love.

So, return to the Lord and revel in His love. “*Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding with steadfast love!* (Joel 2). We have been unfaithful to God, yet He remains ever faithful. With great love He is eager to forgive us for straying and to welcome us back with His loving embrace. Join in His lovefest on Sunday mornings and on Wednesday evenings (Thursdays at Trinity) together with fellow sinners 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



St. John and Trinity on acebook

Check out our Parish Facebook page. Posts include church news, event listings, worship services from St. John, announcements, and occasional photos from church events. Spread the word and *like* St. John/Trinity Lutheran Parish's Facebook Page.



VALENTINE'S DAY GATHERING SUNDAY, FEB. 14, after Service

meet in SJLC Fellowship Hall (11:45- 12:45)

Invite Your Friends and Family to Join Us !!!

All Youth (grades 7-12) & Parents . . . we restart St. John Lutheran Youth Fellowship activities with this event. Lunch (*pizza*) will be followed by a few activities designed to recall God's love for us in Christ plus His call to love one another as fellow members of the body of Christ. **For this event, we encourage and INVITE the siblings, parents, and friends of our youth to participate.**

LWML NEWS –

St. John LWML meets on Saturday, February 13, at 9:30 a.m. Ladies, join us.

LOOKING AHEAD: Our ND LWML Eastern Zone Spring Event will be held at Immanuel in Fargo on Saturday, April 17, 2021. Mark your calendars.

The 2021 LWML National Convention is in Lexington, KY in July. If going and wish to ride a bus with MN North, contact Ruth Walsh at: (701) 232-1516.

The Church Season of Lent commences with Ash Wednesday.

**Join us at St. John on Wednesday, February 17 at 7:00 p.m.
OR at Trinity, Hope on Thursday, February 18 at 7:00 p.m.**



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

Midweek Lenten Services will be at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, February 24, March 3, 10, 17, & 24 at St. John, and on Thursdays, February 25, March 4, 11, 18, & 25 at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity. Except for Ash Wednesday, worship should last 35-40 minutes. **Meals will be served at 6:00 p.m. More details will be forthcoming in Sunday bulletins and e-mails.**

St. John and Trinity Lutheran Parish Early Lenten Worship Schedule:

St. John Lutheran Church, Hillsboro

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| 2/17, 7:00 p.m. | Ash Wednesday Service with Holy Communion |
| 2/21, 10:30 a.m. | First Sunday in Lent Divine Service / Matins |
| 2/24, 7:00 p.m. | Wednesday Lenten Service |
| 2/28, 10:30 a.m. | Second Sunday in Lent Divine Service, Communion |
| 3/03, 7:00 p.m. | Wednesday Lenten Service |
| 3/07, 10:30 a.m. | Third Sunday in Lent Divine Service, Setting One |

Trinity Lutheran Church, Hope

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| 2/18, 7:00 p.m. | Ash Wednes. Service (<i>observed Thurs.</i>) w/Communion |
| 2/21, 8:30 a.m. | First Sunday in Lent Divine Service |
| 2/25, 7:00 p.m. | Thursday Lenten Service |
| 2/28, 8:30 a.m. | Second Sunday in Lent Divine Service, Communion |
| 3/04, 7:00 p.m. | Thursday Lenten Service |
| 3/07, 8:30 a.m. | Third Sunday in Lent Divine Service |

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)

WORD SEARCH – GOD'S GOOD NEWS TO ABRAHAM AND ISAAC

Abraham Is Tested

Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." Genesis 22:8a (NIV)

Based on Genesis 22:1-14 (NIV)



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

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| RAM | THICKET | SERVANTS | ALTAR | BURNT |
| ISAAC | OFFERING | KNIFE | LOVE | SON |
| HORNS | HAND | WOOD | FEAR | LAMB |
| SACRIFICE | ABRAHAM | WORSHIP | FIRE | DONKEY |

See how many of the words you can find.



Pick up your copy today on the Narthex table at St. John or rear table at Trinity. Grab one to give to a neighbor.

February Birthdays

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

February Anniversaries

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

St. John January Attendance

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| January 3 | 40 |
| January 10 | 42 |
| January 17 | 30 |
| January 24 | 42 |

St. John Treasurer's Report – Dec. 2020

| General Fund | Dec. | YTD |
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| Receipts | \$8,785.42 | \$101,359.39 |
| Expenses | \$8,879.22 | \$103,305.84 |
| Surplus/(Shortfall) | (\$93.80) | (\$1,946.45) |

Main Street Living Feb. Programming

Feb 7: Rev. Daniel Suelzle, Wittenberg Lutheran Chapel, Grand Forks, ND, gives the message: **“The Everlasting God,”** based on Isaiah 40:21-31. *“This is the Life”* episode: **“The Point of No Return”** is a color presentation discussing God’s limitless Grace.

Feb 14: Rev. Jeffrey Lee, MN North District - LCMS, Brainerd, MN, gives the message: **“Boldly Proclaiming Jesus,”** based on 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:6. *“This is the Life”* episode: **“Mr. Big.”**

Feb 21: Rev. David Suelzle, Grace Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND, shares the message: **“It Just Doesn’t Make Any Sense,”** based on Genesis 22:1-3. In *“This is the Life,”* social responsibility and Christian witness are the topics in **“The Day We Lost Ella Mae.”**

Feb. 28: Rev. Don Fondow, President, MN North District – LCMS, presents the message: **“A Life Worth Living ... A Savior Worth Believing,”** based on Mark 8:27-38. *“This is the Life”* episode: **“Out of Bondage”** examines the Christian approach to alcoholism.



Programs are broadcast at **9:00 am CT** on FOX station: KVRR Fargo-Moorhead.

Programs are also archived for viewing on their website www.mainstreetliving.com. Financial support is welcomed. You may mail checks to Main Street Living North, 821 5th Ave S., Fargo, ND 58103, or you can donate online

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♡ February 2021

Join Us Sunday Morning for Worship!

Trinity, Hope: Sunday Worship, 8:30 am
Sunday School at 9:30 am

St. John, Hillsboro: Worship at 10:30 am
Sunday School at 9:15 am

Sunday Services live-streamed at 10:30 a.m.

<https://www.facebook.com/stjohnhillsboro>

Special Services also live-streamed from St. John.

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