



MARCH, ANNO DOMINI 2023

Beloved in Christ, blessings to you in this, the Church season of Lent!

We in the Church are currently observing a forty-day period of preparation (*excluding Sundays*) for Easter called Lent. During Lent we recite the history of Jesus' suffering and death for us ... (*there'd be no resurrection without death first*). Lent is also a time to consider our great need for Jesus and what His suffering to the death was for: to reconcile holy God with us unholy sinners.

As sinners we do not always put God first and foremost in our lives. What do we deserve for this? Everlasting punishment and separation from God. From the start of His ministry, Jesus proclaimed: "***Repent and believe the Gospel!***" To repent is to acknowledge our failure to love God above all, and to undergo a change of mind that seeks to be whole in God and His mercy in Jesus. The Gospel is God's Word that His Son lived the perfect life of obedience to God in our place, also suffering full punishment for our sins and those of the world. Believing is taking God at His word, and receiving the Good News that Christ has won us pardon and new life from God!

This Lent, in our midweek Services we hear segments of our Lord Jesus' Passion. Under the theme: ***Jesus Came to Serve You***, we will focus on Jesus suffering in our place, bearing all the way to death what we ourselves could not bear: our sin, it's guilt and shame, and rightful penalty: death. God seeks our return to Him through this same Jesus! Come before God; hear His Word of Christ the Crucified.

In Holy Baptism God laid claim to you as His loved child through Jesus' saving work, adopting you into His family, cleansed and forgiven, led with His Son through death to life. In Lent and all of life, God calls you to live as His child in active relationship with Him. This includes an active worship life, where you receive His wise counsel for living the full life found only in Jesus. Anything less is a denial of the relationship He pursues with you. If that describes your life at present, return to God. He promises to bless all who do with full forgiveness for taking Him for granted among all sins. Come to God; be Spirit-filled with faith and repentance this Lent, eagerly awaiting the sure joys of Jesus' Easter victory over evil, sin and death shared with us! By a Cross and emptied tomb, God in Christ puts our past sin to death, yielding in us new life.

Living in the grace and love of God in Jesus, Pastor Kramp

ST. JOHN / TRINITY LUTHERAN PARISH WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

St. John Lutheran Church, Hillsboro – Sunday Services at 10:30 a.m.

- 03/01 First Wednesday in Lent, Vespers, **7:00 p.m.**
03/05 Second Sunday in Lent, Divine Service 3
03/08 Second Wednesday in Lent, Vespers, **7:00 p.m.**
03/12 Third Sunday in Lent, Divine Service 4, Holy Communion
03/15 Third Wednesday in Lent, Vespers, **7:00 p.m.**
03/19 Fourth Sunday in Lent, Service of Prayer and Preaching
03/22 Fourth Wednesday in Lent, Vespers, **7:00 p.m.**
03/26 Fifth Sunday in Lent, Divine Service 1, Holy Communion
03/29 Fifth Wednesday in Lent, Vespers, **7:00 p.m.**

Trinity Lutheran Church, Hope – Sunday Services at 8:30 a.m.

- 03/02 First Thursday in Lent, Vespers, **7:00 p.m.**
03/05 Second Sunday in Lent, Divine Service 3
03/09 Second Thursday in Lent, Vespers, **7:00 p.m.**
03/12 Third Sunday in Lent, Divine Service 3, Holy Communion
03/16 Third Thursday in Lent, Vespers, **7:00 p.m.**
03/19 Fourth Sunday in Lent, Divine Service 3
03/23 Fourth Thursday in Lent, Vespers, **7:00 p.m.**
03/26 Fifth Sunday in Lent, Divine Service 3, Holy Communion
03/30 Fifth Thursday in Lent, Vespers, **7:00 p.m.**

St. John and Trinity on Facebook and You Tube.

Tune in for Weekly Worship Services live-streamed, aired on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. from St. John sanctuary at: www.facebook.com/stjohnhillsboro/ and YouTube Channel - St. John and Trinity Lutheran Parish.

Our LENTEN WEEKDAY SERIES is entitled: “*Jesus Came to Serve You.*” Join us at **St. John Wednesdays** at **7:00 p.m.**, followed by a social hour with refreshments, or at **Trinity Thursdays** at **7:00 p.m.**, preceded by supper at 6:15.



SUNDAY SCHOOL at St. John: 9:15 a.m. & at Trinity: 9:30 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES for all up thro' 8th Graders;

Spring Forward ~ Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 12th.
Set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to sleep that Saturday.



Lenten Discipline: Denying the Self

LCMS Stewardship Ministry Newsletter Article – March 2023

During the Lenten season, the church calls to our attention the sufficiency of what God gives, like the sufficiency of God's grace in the atoning work of Jesus. It shows us the sufficiency of faith in Jesus' work for us. It makes known the sufficiency of God's Word in faith and life.

Lent reminds us of the sufficiency of God's spiritual gifts that pertain to our redemption and salvation as well as His sufficiency of physical, temporal gifts which pertain to this body and life. God teaches the importance of godly contentment and of outward discipline and training of the body. This outward training teaches us not to give in to every desire of our flesh, but to learn to say no to them. It is a way to practice not putting oneself into compromising situations.

Fasting is a good example of this outward training. When you fast, you practice saying no to the desires of your body. If you break your fast, you have not sinned, but have learned how your flesh works, how difficult it is to fight against it, and how you need help from above to discipline the desires of your body.

Another example is almsgiving. An increase in giving to the church and its mission during Lent is also a form of outward training. We all know that our flesh finds security in money and stuff. By committing to give more to the church, you are training your flesh and training yourself to be content with what God gives, practicing saying "no" to your desires. Again, if you fail, you have not sinned. But you've learned just how powerful your flesh is, leading you instead of you leading it. You've learned how you need help from above to be content with what God gives.

It's why St. Paul instructs Timothy in this way: *But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.* (1 Timothy 6:6–10)

Our sufficiency is not of ourselves; it is in God. Let us learn this without sin by training our flesh this Lenten season.



LWML MITES –Mite Box donations total millions of dollars to fund district and national mission grants. Contribute to missions by placing monies in the LWML Mite Box at the back of St. John’s sanctuary.

LWML is gathering these items to aid the needy: tabs from cans

- eyeglasses & cases UPC codes from Our Family products
- trial size shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, toothpaste Coke rewards points

St. John’s members: drop off items in the library, using the white plastic drawers near the west end wall. Trinity members: give items to Pastor to take to St. John.

Hillsboro Kiwanis Food Pantry is in need of donations.

St. John is collecting the following items in MARCH:

Ramen noodles, Olives and pickles, Vegetable oil, Fruit cups, and Mayonaisse. Please bring your food items and place them in the boxes provided in St John’s narthex.

Respectfully submitted, Janice Funches



The Lutheran Hour®, airs each Sunday at 7:30 on KFGO, 790 AM AND 94.1 FM radio or on SIRIUS-XM Family Talk 131 at 10:00 a.m.

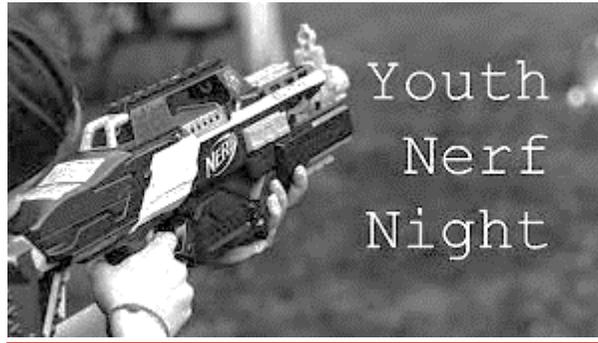
HELP ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN get shipments to Ukraine to aid millions currently without food, water and power. To support, send checks to:

**North Dakota Orphan Grain Train
P.O. Box 1546, Jamestown, ND 58402-1546**



Adults at St. John meet after Worship Service on Sundays in the fellowship hall. Pastor is leading our study of Isaiah, whose prophecy points us to Jesus, our Savior from sin, death and the devil. In Isaiah, God also shows how He cares for the people of God throughout life.

Catechism classes meet at **St. John on Wednesdays in March at 6:00 p.m.** and on **Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.** Keep our seven catechumens in prayer.



Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fargo
Friday, March 24th, 7:00–10:00 p.m.

What: An evening of games, Bible study, snacks, and Nerf games.

When: **Friday, March 24th from 7:00 pm—10:00 pm.**

Where: Immanuel Lutheran—1258 Broadway N, Fargo

Who: Youth in 6th-12th grades from our LCMS churches; friends welcome!

Cost: **\$3 per person**—or bring a friend and you both get in for \$5 total.

Bring your own Nerf Gun. Darts will be provided. You may bring your own, but you may not get them back.

Additional Info.: Any youth not respecting other attendees or the facilities at Immanuel will be removed from the activity and their parents will be called to pick them up immediately.

You must register by Sunday, March 19th. Turn in to Pastor with monies.

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YOUTH’S NAME: _____ **GRADE** __ **CHURCH** _____

ALLERGIES / HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS _____

PARENT’S NAME: _____ **CONTACT PHONE #:** _____

PARENT SIGNATURE (Permission for student to attend event):

If you would like a ride, please inform Pastor Kramp. A group will leave from St. John at 6:10 p.m. that evening.



Main Street Living March 2023



One of our viewers: Harriet writes: *"I enjoy and appreciate the Main Street Living Program. To have a LCMS program televised in our area is great. It is so nice to hear the different Pastors present their messages, and the choirs singing each Sunday. I am in an assisted living and am unable to attend our home church. I am also enclosing a memorial in honor of my late husband."* Thanks so much Harriet. It is a joy to be able to bring these worship services and "This Is the Life" programs into your home each week! *Ken Koehler, / MSL North Volunteer Coordinator*

"Main Street Living" is broadcast Sundays at 9 am on Fox Station KVRR, Fargo, ND, or visit their website: www.mainstreetliving.com to watch past episodes.

Mar. 5: Rev. Mark Chepulis, Our Savior, Cavalier, St. Paul, St. Thomas, and Redeemer Lutheran Church, Langdon, ND, shares the message: **"The Canaanite Woman,"** based on Matthew 15:21-28. *"This is the Life"* program: **"Prescription TLC"** - Injuries after a plane crash cause a couple to seek God for comfort and healing.

Mar. 12: Rev. Steven Schulz, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND, presents the message: **"Jesus Has Mercy on Sinners"** based on John 4:5-26. *"This is the Life"* program: **"Dangerous Moment"** – An affair on a business trip leads to tension at home.

Mar. 19: Rev. Karl Weber, St. John, Ottertail, and St. Paul Lutheran Church, Richville, MN, presents the message: **"The Work of the Messiah"** based on John 9:1-41. *"This is the Life"* program: **"Who will tell Lauria?"** – A family struggles with what to do after their daughter loses her sight in an accident.

Mar. 26: Rev. Christopher Durham, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Lisbon, ND, presents a message **The Lord Provides for our Eternal Need** based on Genesis 22:1-14. *"This is the Life"* program: **Holy Land Tour, Part 1** - A video tour of locations in Jesus' earthly ministry, led by SD pastor Nabil Nour who grew up in Israel.

March Birthdays

- 3 Alice McDonald
- 4 Naomi Manthey
- 5 Gage Oelrich
- 6 Amanda Meyer
- 9 John Rust
- 10 Mark Buethner
- 10 Vernon Riemer, Jr.
- 13 Katrina Fligge
- 15 Libby Hanson
- 16 Jill Miller
- 17 Mike Steinke
- 18 Olivia Rage
- 19 Jeff Hashbarger
- 21 Shauna Buethner
- 26 Jack Germundson
- 26 Tristan Manthey
- 27 Brayden Bolstad
- 27 Ginger Kramp
- 27 Norma Schultz
- 27 Rylee Sherod
- 28 Thomas Meyer
- 28 McKenzie Fuglestad

March Anniversaries

- 1 Chad & Shannon Elbert
- 10 Jack & Joyce Germundson
- 15 Thomas & Naomi Manthey
- 24 Dale & Doris Bakken



A sign-up sheet will be out later in March at St. John. Cost will be \$10.

St. John & Trinity Lutheran Churches
PO Box 99
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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

All Services are live-streamed from St. John at:

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

YouTube: St. John and Trinity Lutheran Parish

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March 2023

**Fix Your
Eyes On
JESUS**

**The Pioneer And
Perfector of Faith**

Hebrews 12:2