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PREPARING FOR LENT

What Is Lent?

Lent is a time to reflect deeply on the nature of sin and the reality of death, but most importantly Lent is a time to reflect deeply on the cross. Ash Wednesday (26 February) marks the beginning of the forty-day season of Lent, a journey that culminates in three holy days: Maundy-Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. Lent is a call to repentance, an invitation to reorder your life, and a time to focus on the events that led to the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord. Above all, Lent is a time to meditate on the great cost that your Lord has paid for you and for your salvation.

Preparing For Lent

Take your household calendar and mark the dates for Maundy-Thursday (9 April), Good Friday (10 April), and Easter (11 April). It's the gift of the Triduum (the three holy days). Once you've marked your calendar for these days, make plans to attend the midweek Lenten services which will be held at 12:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday, beginning on 4 March. These services are the heart of the Lenten season. This year our theme is "Faithful Messiah, Faithful Message," where we couple Messianic Psalms with the "trustworthy statements" of St. Paul. Gathering as a family to hear our God's holy word is an essential part of Lent.

The Lenten Journey

Lent extends from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. Some will journey through Lent without much thought, without much effort, with little risk and little gained. Others will embrace the journey, challenge themselves, and in the end find themselves renewed. Decide ahead of time how you would like your journey to go. Take the time now to prepare and plan. There is no better opportunity to re-order your life, make a new start, or deepen the good habits you've already begun.

The Christian Disciplines

- **ALMSGIVING** Jesus said: "When you do your charitable deeds ..." (Matthew 6:1-4). Lent is an opportunity to assess (and perhaps reevaluate) how you give of your time, your money, and your labor. Do you support the church as you should, so that the Gospel may continue to be preached to you and your family? What opportunities for charity have you encountered recently? Jesus gives us some ideas Himself (Matthew 25:31-46). The challenge is to pick one or two possibilities and use Lent as your opportunity to get started.
- **PRAYER** Jesus said: "When you pray ..." (Matthew 6:5-13). Make time to speak with your heavenly Father. Actually, schedule it. Write down a specific time and have in mind a specific place. Commit time in the morning and evening. Incorporate reciting the Ten Commandments, the Apostle's Creed, and the Lord's Prayer. By the time Lent is over you'll have these memorized. Confess if you need to confess; ask for forgiveness, grace, and wisdom; pray for others, name names, identify needs. He tenderly invites you to speak with Him as a dear child to a dear Father.
- **FASTING** Jesus said: "When you fast ..." (Matthew 6:16-18). This Lent, some will choose to "fast" by not using Facebook, or TV, or some other enjoyable activity, in order that they might have more time to read Scripture and pray. For the most part, however, fasting has to do with food. Consider cutting out snacks, sugar or caffeine. Make the rumblings of your stomach a call to prayer. The practice of fasting has much to teach us about the habits of our flesh: thoughtless consumption, taking abundance for granted, not giving thanks to God. Ultimately,

fasting draws us into Jesus' own experience in the desert, and into His words of truth: "Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4).

What Is Confession & Absolution?

If you have yet to experience the great blessing of Individual Confession & Absolution, then you really don't know what you're missing! Lent is your opportunity to find out. Perhaps you have gone to Confession & Absolution before, but it has been a while. Lent is your opportunity to renew. Confession & Absolution is one of the most practical and profound gifts that God gives to us (John 20:22-23). If you are nervous, or have questions about Confession & Absolution, your pastors will assist you and encourage you with God's word.

LENT IS A PENITENTIAL SEASON, a season where we address the sin in our lives. There is no better way to address sin head-on than through Confession & Absolution. Dr. Luther writes: "Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts" (Luther's Small Catechism). The devil loves nothing more than to keep you isolated in sin and guilt. Take the opportunity this Lent to go to Private Confession & Absolution. Simply call the church office and set up a time with Pr. Bruss or Pr. Kerns.

Might you have a blessed Lenten season!

(Article adapted from Faith Lutheran Church, Capistrano Beach, Cal. Used by permission)



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HYMN OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH

LSB 430 "My Song Is Love Unknown"

Catechism Introduction

In the Apostles' Creed we confess that Jesus "suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried...and rose again from the dead." All this He accomplished *for us*, as we sing about in this hymn, "My Song Is Love Unknown" (LSB 430). Jesus demonstrated true love by suffering and dying in our place, offering Himself as the sacrificial lamb for sinners. This "song" is the clear message of the Gospel that He has freed us from our sins by bearing our sins on the cross and suffering the death that we deserve.

Hymn Explanation

If you read the text for "My Song Is Love Unknown," it may remind you of a poem, such as that of George Herbert or John Donne. Samuel Crossman, who wrote the text for this hymn, certainly had these two poets in mind when he wrote this text in hopes that it would encourage the reader's meditation on a particular religious subject, specifically, God's love to us shown on the cross. In fact, one of Herbert's poems is likened to this text and contains the line, "Was ever grief like mine?" at the end of every stanza. This particular poem of Herbert reflects the Reproaches in the Catholic liturgy on Good Friday when Jesus addresses His crucifers, and it ultimately focuses on the Gospel for sinners. Crossman reverts the point of view from Christ to the third person for the reader's meditation.

This hymn is full of paradoxes between the problem of human sin and Christ's love for sinners ("my Savior's love to me"). This "love unknown" teaches us not only that God's love is for those who don't realize what Christ has done for them, but also that God alone reveals to us His love through the Gospel. This love is beyond our human reason and understanding, which is why it comes to us *extra nos* (outside of us) through God's revelation in His Word – in the person of Jesus Christ.

The first couple of stanzas in this hymn describes who the "loveless" people are: those who "made strange, and none the longed for Christ would know," who sang His praises with Hosannas yet cried "Crucify," and who rose against Him and slayed the "Prince of Life." Yet Jesus loved the very people who rejected Him and crucified Him. Although He was shown hatred, Jesus continued to love us all the way to the cross. Crossman writes, "Yet cheerful He to suffering goes / That He His foes from thence might free."

It is important to know that *our* sin put Christ on the cross. In stanza 6, Crossman focuses on himself in order to describe us as a loveless sinner. 2 Corinthians 5:21 says, “For our sake [God] made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.” Jesus became *our* substitute, endured suffering for *us*, died *our* death, was buried in *our* tomb, and then rose to life for *us*. In stanza 7 we respond with praise and thanksgiving for the love that our dear King showed to us on the cross.

MONTHLY BREAKFAST IN MARCH

The Elders will be preparing biscuits and gravy for us in March.
All you have to bring is yourself and come join in the fellowship.

TUNE IN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR IN TOPEKA

The Lutheran Hour is broadcast here in Topeka on FM 92.5 KCTV on Sundays at 8:00 a.m.
and on AM 580 WIBW on Sundays at 7:30 a.m.

2020 FLOWER CALENDAR

Please check the Flower Calendar on the bulletin board outside of the church offices. If you would like to provide flowers for a particular service this coming year, sign your name and phone number by the date of your choice. You may pick the flowers up after the late service that day, or at the latest, Thursday morning of the following week. You will be reminded the week before your date.

VOLUNTEER HELP

St. Johns is still in need of some volunteers to help clean restrooms and the church Nave. If we could get 7 volunteers to clean the restrooms and 2 more volunteers to clean the church Nave, the responsibilities would only be once per month. If you can help, contact the church office at 354-7132.

MARCH COMMUNION SCHEDULE

February 29 & March 1, 2020

Mark Bauerle
Pamela Landon
Linda Jeanneret

March 7 & 8, 2020

Joyce Magee
Rosalinda Addington
Gigi Goodpasture

March 14 & 15, 2020

Linda Dunn
Coleen Akers
Gail Hefner

March 21 & 22, 2020

Nancy Taylor
Ruth Scott
Linda Simpson

March 25, 2020

Nancy Taylor
Pamela Landon

March 28 & 29, 2020

Kerry Howell
Nancy Scheuerman
Marilyn Nance

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Clocks “Spring” ahead Saturday night, March 8

SOUND WORDS ACADEMY

Everyone

Evening Prayer (4 September – 6 May; 7:00 p.m.) The center and heart of Sound Words Academy is our congregation’s gathering together, irrespective of age, to receive the gifts of the Lord and call upon Him in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. Required for all catechumens, it is not for catechumens alone; and, in fact, the presence of the entire congregation demonstrates their support for the catechumens and their learning of the faith. Stay an extra half

hour to learn, together with your brothers and sisters in Christ, what God would have you believe and do according to His holy Word. Office switches between Evening Prayer, Vespers, and Compline according to the season of the church.

Children

Rhythm of Faith Choir (Wednesdays – 6 May, 5:00-5:40 p.m.; E. Grass, Johnson & Smith) Rhythm of Faith uses God’s gift of music to confess the truth of His Word in song. Develop life-long skills in singing, ringing, and reading

music. Participate as a choir in Wednesday Evening Offices and Sunday services. Learn the rich heritage of Lutheran hymnody and liturgy.

Jr. Lutherans (Wednesdays – 6 May, 5:55-6:50 p.m.; J. Grass) This fast-paced Bible, Catechism, and Lutheran history quiz game places Lutherans aged 4 – 12 yrs. in competition with one another and teams from other congregations—with “trivia” that is hardly *trivial*. To enroll, just show up!

Adults

(March 4, 18 and 25; Kerns) Some Youtube videos recently made a splash in the LCMS. They involve a curious non-Lutheran with a video camera who makes his way into a Lutheran church and starts asking questions of the Pastor. We will view these insightful videos together and answer the questions that pastors of our circuit have compiled.

1 & 2 Timothy (4 September – 6 May; 5:55-6:50 p.m.; Hintz) Through these words of guidance to young Pastor Timothy, St. Paul portrays the model of a Christian pastor: one prepared in season and out to proclaim the whole counsel of God and to find his sufficiency not in himself but in Christ, who has called him to his office. Filled with warnings about end-times corruption and Gospel nuggets, these letters remain a precious possession and always applicable to her life.

College Students and Young Adults

(8 January – 6 May; 7:45 – 8:40 p.m.; Bruss) are joining Adult Catechesis.

Adult Catechesis

Adult Catechesis (8 January – 6 May 7:45-8:40 p.m.; Bruss) The central teachings of the Christian faith. What does God say *about* me in His Law? What does God say *to* me in His Gospel? How am I to relate to God? And where can I find Christ and what He wants to give to me? This September through May course, with breaks scattered throughout those 8 months, weaves together the teachings of Scripture and *The Small Catechism* and shows how God encounters you in the Divine Service. For those interested in becoming members of St. John’s or those seeking a refresher in the guts of Lutheran theology.

Youth Catechesis

YCat I (Wednesdays – 6 May, 5:55-6:50 p.m.; Kinnett) Typically for 6th graders. 1 year long.

YCat II (Wednesdays – 6 May, 5:55-6:50 p.m.; Bruss & Kerns) Typically for 7th and 8th graders. 2 years long.

RHYTHM OF FAITH MUSIC CAMP

“God’s Own Child I Gladly Say It”

What? This music camp is a week-long opportunity to use your voice and hands to sing and play music, while learning more about music technique, hymnody, theology, architecture, and more. This year’s theme is Baptism. Snacks, games, and fun with friends included!

Who? Children entering grades K-8th. Whether you have been in choir or not, all are welcome!

When? Monday-Friday, June 15-19, 2019, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. We will be singing in nursing homes on Friday, June 19.

Where? St. John’s Ev. Lutheran Church (901 SW Fillmore, Topeka)

What now? Fill out the Google Form (<https://forms.gle/RugtXDELf6FsRMCq7>) by June 14 or contact Bethany Johnson for registration. Payments by cash or check can be made prior to or on the first day, June 15.

Cost? \$10 per child

Questions? Please contact Bethany Johnson at bjohnson@stjlcms.org or 469-400-4382.

HELP SPREAD THE LIGHT OF GOD’S WORD TO THE VISION-IMPAIRED

Lutheran Braille Workers #31 (housed at St. John’s) requests your prayerful consideration of giving of your time to a great cause of bring the word of our Lord to the vision impaired around the world. We do not meet every month only when we have a project to either put a book of the bible together or pull orders to send out.

ANNUAL CHURCH CLEANING

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

The Annual Church Cleaning in preparation for Holy Week and Easter has been set for Saturday, April 4, beginning at 8:00 a.m. or as close to 8:00 as you can make it. Many willing hands are needed to assist with spring cleaning throughout the building (including dusting high and low and washing down walls throughout). This is also the time we work at

preserving all the beautiful woodwork in the church and give the pews their annual treatment of a blend of Rub Cut Oil and Naphtha. For over 80 years this task has been lovingly—and annually—accomplished by hundreds of willing hands. Last year we had an excellent turnout, which helped complete our cleaning in record time, and we hope as many will join us again this year.

Help is also needed to dust the nave light fixtures and change batteries in smoke detectors (really tall ladder work). Bring a bucket and some cleaning cloths if you can. Plan to join other members for service and fellowship as we prepare our Lord's house for Holy Week and Easter.

CAN ST. JOHN'S BECOME A ZERO-WASTE FACILITY IN 2020?

Well - - maybe. Nobody's perfect.

Encouraging, though, are these member comments: "We set out on the curb more recycling than trash since we compost," and "I've been recycling since Shawnee County began the service," and "Your supermarket or Let's Help or Doorstep probably takes plastic shopping bags for recycling or reuse."

You can find online that Shawnee County landfill gladly accepts recyclables as they minimize the size of our dump, postponing the need for new landfill sites. The website claims that ALL numbered plastic containers, rinsed of food particles, are re-formed into new plastic items. Lids from all types of clean plastic containers go in the trash. Styrofoam is another issue - not recyclable locally and with 50 year+ decomposition rate, harmful to our God-given Earth. We are looking for answers.

DOORSTEP NEWS

Thank you to everyone who donated soup and crackers during our **Souper Bowl Sunday** collection! A can of soup can be a meal or two, and your generous donations helped to stock our pantry, and provide meals for your neighbors in need! Doorstep set a goal of 3 ton = 6,000 pounds for this year. The total brought in was 5,483 pounds! Thank you!

Doorstep also wants to thank everyone who contributed to their **17th Annual Operation Soup Line!** Whether you made desserts, donated or won a theme basket, bought or sold tickets, ordered delivery, worked the event or just attended, they appreciate the support! Monies raised from Soup Line will help Doorstep with agency expenses and help provide rent and utility assistance to our neighbors who are struggling and need help.

Mark your calendars for Doorstep's **3rd Annual Neighbors Helping Neighbors Walk/5K Run** at Lake Shawnee. The big day is **Sunday, October 4th at 2pm!** You can come out and support Doorstep, and get some exercise at the same time! Doorstep made over \$6,000 last year, and have set a goal of \$9,000 for their third year! Note that they have moved it to Sunday afternoon for 2020!

ST. JOHN'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

In 2024, SJELC will be celebrating our 150th anniversary, but it's not too early to get started with compiling the congregational history. Like most congregations, we will most likely put together a memento history book or booklet, but we may also create a video history. Pastor Goetz has graciously agreed to be an honorary chairperson and we have three additional volunteers, but we could use additional people to sort through our history and develop our final products. Please contact the church office if you are interested in volunteering particularly if you have some video editing skills,

writing or editing skills, photography skills, an interest in history or you just want to help in any way and be involved with this once in a lifetime opportunity.

LUKE SAVAGE MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 6th annual Luke Savage Memorial Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, April 25th, at Western Hills Golf Course. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. with a shot gun start at 9 a.m. All proceeds from the tournament will go to the Topeka Lutheran School where Luke had been a kindergartner. The tournament will be a 4-person scramble. Entry fee per person is \$80.00 or \$320 per team. A light breakfast along with a boxed lunch will be provided. Both raffle and various other prizes will be awarded. Hole sponsorships are available (and needed) for \$100.00, and any donations for raffle prizes would be kindly appreciated. To sign up, contact Kim Savage at 785-640-0092 or email Darrel and Kim at dkmsavage@yahoo.com.

COLLEGE CARE TEAM

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church is wanting to initiate a "College Care Team". The purpose of this team is for our members to care both for our own students who are away at college as well as those who come to us through Washburn and KU. Some duties of the team members will be:

- sending a card on their birthday
- mailing a card on their baptism birthday
- sending a "finals care package"
- praying for them
- serving as a "home away from home" for those at Washburn and KU.

Please contact Pam Harms in the church office if interested.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS FOR MARCH 2020

This new year we continue on our journey through the Lectionary. This has given our children a greater understanding of the Gospel reading for each Sunday. It has also helped them gain knowledge of the Church Year and what season we are in. During advent, we spent our time talking not only about when Jesus came as a baby, but also looking forward to His Second Coming.

The **Sunday School children** (PreK-5th grade) will be processing with palm branches and singing at the beginning of both services on **Sunday, April 5**, Palm Sunday. We have been practicing at the beginning of Sunday School class (after opening) at 10:00 a.m. each week.

Mark Your Calendars! **Vacation Bible School** this year is on July 6-10, 9:00 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m. Stay tuned for more details in upcoming newsletters. Please consider volunteering if you are able.

TLS NEWS

St. John's members who plan to enroll their student into Topeka Lutheran School for Kindergarten – 8th grade are invited to attend Enrollment Night on Monday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the Topeka Lutheran campus. Learn more about how St. John's can support your child with a Lutheran education. For more information, contact the TLS office at 357-0382.

Thank you for your Thrivent CHOICE gifts!

TLS was blessed to receive over \$10,000 during 2019 through the Thrivent Financial CHOICE program. All gifts were directed to the Grant-in-Aid Fund for tuition support. Thank you to those members eligible for this program who have designated TLS as recipient - your gift truly makes an impact!

WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

March 2020

Vassar LWML invites St. John's and all LWML women in our society and congregation to the Spring Meeting of the Topeka Zone LWML on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at Zion Lutheran Church, Vassar, KS. They are planning a mission program and will send more details along with the registration form/meeting flyer shortly, so, for now, **SAVE THE DATE!** It's Saturday, March 7, 2020, at Zion Lutheran Church, 23147 Topeka Street, Vassar, KS.

Please plan to attend the upcoming Women's Gathering March 22 at 2 pm. Come and enjoy an afternoon of Christian fellowship with other Lutheran women in mission working together as one to do some quilt tying. It is fairly simple, and

we are in need of many happy hearts and hands to make this happen. Hope to see many women members and friends there getting to spend a delightful afternoon together. Snacks will be provided. We will meet in the undercroft at the North Church Tower entrance.

KS District LWML 2020 convention committees are heading into the home stretch, and we hope that you are planning on attending in Topeka April 17-19, at the Capital Plaza Hotel and Convention Center! We would like to ask for your help in finding volunteers to work with our committee heads to carry out the numerous jobs involved in a successful convention. Please let me know if you or any of your society members are willing to help out in this way. Some of the committees that will need help throughout the convention are hospitality, convention store, registration, and decorating (this would just be to help put decorations on tables for Saturday night dinner and placing zone signs on Saturday). If we have enough volunteers, most jobs would not be for long periods of time, so please encourage your ladies to consider helping. Thank you!

The Women's League is still collecting Best Choice labels. Ask your friends and family to save them for you. You may put them in the box in the labeled "stamps", along with any stamps you also collect. We recommended that St. John's members sign up on Dillon's Food Store's website for their community program, Circle Chairs may remind members of the Dillon's program to help St. John's or TLS.

THANK YOU'S

The students, families and staff at TLS would like to send a huge thank you for the support at the Chili Supper and Raffle. We had a great time and hope you did as well. With your support, we were able to raise over \$4,000. Thank you for supporting Topeka Lutheran!

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Marlene Shellenberger, Director
TLS Foundation

EASTER LILIES

Members of St. John's have the opportunity to purchase an Easter lily to be placed in the church for Easter Sunday, April 12. Complete the following form and return it to Pam Harms in the church office by Sunday, March 15- with \$9.00 per lily. **You may take your lily home following the 11:00am service on Easter Sunday.**

For memorials you may list up to 2 names or you may prefer "in memory of loved ones.

Name(s) _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____

In memory of: _____

CAMPAIGN NEWSLETTER MARCH 2020



Growing God's Children
for generations to come
Topeka Lutheran School

A PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, whom we worship and look to for all our needs. We are thankful that You daily and without any merit of our own, provide for us Your children as we live our lives under Your guiding eye. We ask that You continue to bless our campaign "Grow God's Children" as we work to raise funds to ensure that Topeka Lutheran School will be able offer a Lutheran Christian education in the future. All this we pray in Your Holy Name, Amen.

TOTAL COMMITMENTS

- Total Amount Committed: \$810,643
- Total2019PledgedGiftsReceived: \$313,966 Total
- Commitment Cards Received: 118

Thank you to everyone for your support!

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

2020 marked the 68th annual TLS basketball tournament where both the boys and girls teams won 4th place! We are so thankful for all the parents, coaches, teachers, and volunteers who made this event happen! What a tradition!

TLS IN THE COMMUNITY

- Topeka Lutheran adopts Children's Park at 6th & MacVicar
 - TLS students and staff will commit, for one year, to reducing litter at the park which is just west of the school.
- TLS Billboards are popping up throughout Topeka. Drive by 20th & Gage to see our very own Mr. Taylor with two happy TLS students.

SUPPORT TOPEKA LUTHERAN TODAY! CLICK TO DONATE.

<https://www.topekalutheran.org/pledge-tracker>

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

- ◆ The ministry goals of the “Growing God’s Children for Generations to Come” capital campaign are to expand resources for scholarships and tuition assistance to current students and provide opportunities for children within the Topeka community to receive a Lutheran education at TLS.
- ◆ Over recent years, the Foundation’s resources have been significantly impacted due to providing for TLS scholarship/tuition assistance and operation needs.
- ◆ The Foundation Board has made it a priority to direct initial campaign gifts for the school’s debt repayment to the Foundation, which will in turn strengthen funding needed to support future families’ scholarship needs and provide long-term financial stability. Thanks to the generous campaign support received, we are moving forward with this goal.
- ◆ Your gift makes a difference! Thanks be to God for His continued blessings – and thank you for your prayers and support of TLS and this campaign.

March 2020

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“CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED”



THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” (Matthew 28:19–20a)
 So that we may obtain faith in Christ, God instituted the ministry of teaching the gospel and administering the sacraments. Through the gospel and sacraments, as through means, God gives the Holy Spirit who produces faith, where and when He wills, in those who hear the gospel. (*Augsburg Confession*, Article 5)