



Share, Serve, Celebrate

Week of February 25, 2024

When someone has wronged us, we may often wait for them to apologize or otherwise try to make amends before we are willing to forgive them for that wrong. Sometimes, their history of wronging us over and over again makes it very difficult to forgive over and over as well.

Thanks be to God that he does not deal with us in the same way we might deal with others: “God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.... While we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son” (Romans 5:8, 10 ESV). Christ dies for us to bring us forgiveness even though we do not (and cannot) make amends for our sin.

Through his holy, precious blood and his innocent suffering and death, Jesus pays the full price for our forgiveness and eternal life. Having received this great gift of God, we recognize that the sufferings we face in this life do not compare to the glory that is ours in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:18).

~Pastor Kevin Mann

IN OUR CONGREGATION...

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Stewardship Thoughts www.lcms.org/stewardship

Mark 8:32 And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. Anytime we sin, we are acting like Peter, thinking we know better than the Lord. But as Jesus says, such acts stem from Satan. So let us repent. Let us trust our Lord Jesus and follow Him. For certainly He has earned our trust with His gracious sacrifice for us.

Peace Vision: Living Peace

Jesus said: “You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you love one another” (John 15:16-17 ESV). Having heard the Word of God (“Hearing Peace”), we, as God’s children, go forth and live our lives in accordance with it. As the Apostle Paul states, “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:16-17 ESV). As disciples of Jesus, we utilize in our daily lives the things that we have in and through the Word. We live in love for God and our neighbor. Our walk of discipleship entails so many different aspects of life. We each have different experiences and vocations within our homes and communities. The specific ways that each of us is “Living Peace” might look different, yet each of us is molded by the same Jesus, the same Word, the same Holy Spirit. Thus, as a congregation, one aspect of “Living Peace” will be practical teachings on stewardship, discipleship, service, and how live and love as God’s people.

WinGS – Save the date

Please put March 10th on your calendar to attend a baby shower for Autumn (Lehman) Brinneman after the Sunday service. This event will be sponsored by WinGS. Autumn is due on April 22 and is registered at Amazon and Target. The newest little Brinneman is a girl. Instead of bringing a card, plan to bring a book to start her library. Please sign up on the Shower RSVP sheet in the narthex.

Seminary Evangelism Partnership

On Saturday, March 16, students at Concordia Theological Seminary will be hosting an evangelism conference that includes a door-to-door experience. They are partnering with congregations to facilitate a door-to-door evangelism event for the afternoon (until about 4pm). A light lunch will be provided for participants. Students from the seminary would help prepare congregation members for door-to-door evangelism and go out into the neighborhood. A debriefing session will be held to end the event. Peace has been selected as a congregational partner. So that we can

get a good count for lunch and have the proper amount of materials ready, please sign up in the narthex or contact the church office.

Disaster Response Volunteer Survey

Are you interested in helping a community recover after a natural disaster and showing the love of Christ to people in need? Have you ever volunteered for a Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT)? Your opinion can help LCMS Disaster Response and Training improve its organization and training of LERT volunteers to be ready to deploy after a natural disaster. Please take a brief survey at lcms.org/lert-survey-congregation by March 15 to tell us how you think we can improve LERT training and provide relief more effectively to natural disasters.

Lenten series: Be Gracious to Me

Based on King David’s words in Psalm 41, our Lenten Midweek and Holy Week services will focus on God’s grace for us. In Psalm 41, David exults in divine mercy amid his own weakness, powerful enemies, and treacherous friends. In this psalm, David tracks to divine flow of grace back to its source at the cross and, with prophetic voice, finds it springing forth in the lives of all baptized believers – including you!

Our thematic schedule for the season starts with:

- February 28 – I Have Sinned (Psalm 41:4)
- March 6 – Soon and Never (Psalm 41:5)
- March 13 – Empty Words (Psalm 41:6)
- March 20 – Vindication (Psalm 41:7)

Partners in Prayer will resume April 3 in the Lounge across from the church office at 5:30pm. Until then, enjoy gathering for Lenten suppers!

Lenten Suppers

The fellowship continues with:

- 2/28 Sloppy Joes
- 3/6 Beef Stew
- 3/13 Pulled Pork
- 3/20 Chicken and noodles

All meals include sides, dessert, beverages and PBJ sandwiches available. Hope to see you there!

5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

6:30pm Church Service



LCMS Tax Tip

A good gift plan within one’s estate plan can help manage taxation. In the past, you may have created a future gift for ministry with a beneficiary designation on a life insurance policy. All the while, you have that same amount in a qualified retirement plan that will go to family. This is backwards, giving taxable things to family and non-taxable things to ministry. Just changing a couple beneficiary forms could save thousands in taxes. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Mark Muehl at 260-241-4845 or Mark.Muehl@lfind.org.

FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRY...

YAMz (Young Adult Ministry on Zoom) meets (usually) on the 3rd Sunday each month at 7:30pm. Young adults 18 and out of high school are welcome to join this great meet up where we discuss what's going on in school, jobs, finances, relationships and in the world. We also look to find God in all of it. We encourage one another and offer words of wisdom and practical advice and we pray for each other. What a blessing this group is! If you would like to be a part of the conversations, contact Rose at cafeministry@peacelutheranfw.org or 260-402-1679.

Youth Group will meet for a Movie Night on Tuesday, February 27 from 6-9pm. We're watching the live version of The Little Mermaid with some discussion after. There will be pizza and snacks too! Contact Rose Murphy if you have any questions or concerns.

IN OUR CAFÉ...

The TEMP – Live Radio Broadcast

Join us on Saturday, March 2 at 7pm for the live recording of 2 more episodes of the comedy podcast The TEMP! This is a fun, free, and family-friendly event! Come at 6:30 to purchase your favorite beverage from the Cafe. Then find a seat to enjoy the newest adventures of Bernie Pflger. Catch up on previous episodes on your favorite podcast platform! Donations are welcome.

Sharing Peace Art Gallery

The Café Gallery display for February features beautiful paintings by local artist Daniel Bourbonnais. Come admire these creative pieces! All of Daniel's artwork is available for purchase, with payments paid directly to him. See a Sharista for more details!

Cards & Games in the Café

Join in the fun and friendly competition at the Cafe on the 2nd & 4th Mondays from 1-3pm. We're playing Euchre, as well as Rummikub and a favorite game you may want to add to the mix! It's always a great time, and we enjoy some tasty snacks too! Bring a friend!

Exercise Class Schedule

Classes are held in the Wellness Room below the stairs. Enter via door #3 from the parking lot. No previous experience necessary. Everyone is welcome for fun, fitness, and fellowship. \$5 per class session, except yoga with Tara is \$10.

- Chair Yoga: Monday and Friday, 11am-12pm
- CardioTone: Monday and Thursday, 5-5:45pm
- Yoga with Tara: Tuesday, 5:30: Saturday, 11am
- Latin Fitness Dance: Wednesday, 5:30-6:15pm

IN OUR SCHOOLS...

Concordia Lutheran High School

- **CLHS Band Tour, March 5-11**
Concordia's band tour begins Tuesday, March 5, concluding with a final performance at St. Michael Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne on Monday, March 11 at 7pm.
- **Twilight Tour, March 12 and 19**
Concordia invites parents of 5th-8th grade students to attend a guided 'Twilight Tour' of our high school on March 12 and March 19 at 7pm. Expect a peek at the day in the life of a freshman, admission information and a sweet treat. Questions? Contact CLHS Director of Admissions and Retention, Dawn Schuller at (260) 483-1102, ext. 298 or dschuller@clhscadets.com. Find more information and register at <https://go.clhscadets.com/twilight>
- **CLHS Day of Giving, March 13**
The Concordia Day of Giving will take place on Wednesday, March 13th. This is an online, social media campaign for one day only to help fund multiple small projects throughout the school. Students from the class or program raising the most in donations will compete in the Students vs. Faculty basketball game. Keep an eye on CLHS social media feeds leading up to March 13 to find out more about which classes and programs are involved and their projects.
- **CLHS Hosts Middle School Musical, March 23-24**
Dear Edwina, Jr. is our middle school musical, presented March 23 and 24 at 7:00pm in the CLHS auditorium. Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased at the door. Students from eight different area middle schools are involved!

IN OTHER CONGREGATIONS...

Lutheran Laymen's League Convention

Come and celebrate with the Indiana LLL District at the annual convention hosted at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne on Saturday, March 16, 2024, 9-3:30pm. All are welcome. The registration fee of \$20 includes lunch. Find a registration form in the church office. If you have questions or need more information, contact Rick at 260-442-4550 or at rhoffmann.sphr@gmail.com. Registration deadline is March 5.

This Week at Peace February 25-March 3, 2024

Sun Feb 25	9:00am 10:30am 2:00pm	Worship Service with Communion Education Hour CLHS Winter Musical
Mon Feb 26	11:00am 1:00-3:00pm 5:00pm	Chair Yoga Cards & Games in the Café CardioTone
Tues Feb 27	3:30pm 5:30pm 6:00-9:00pm	Board of Worship Yoga with Tara Youth Group Movie Night
Wed Feb 28	10:00am 5:30pm 5:30pm 6:30pm	GriefShare in the Café Latin Fitness Dance Lenten Suppers Worship Service with Communion
Thurs Feb 29	5:00pm 7:00pm	CardioTone Choir Rehearsal
Fri Mar 1	11:00am	Chair Yoga
Sat Mar 2	11:00am	Yoga with Tara
Sun Mar 3	9:00am 10:30am	Worship Service with Communion Education Hour
Next Sunday Scripture Readings (Third Sunday in Lent)		
Exodus 20:1-17	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	John 2:13-22