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*A Congregation in Mission, Community and Service*

# *PILGRIM'S PROGRESS*

**MARCH 2026**

PASTOR: Rev. David Walsh

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 AM

EDITOR: Mary Werth

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY: 6:00 PM

ASSOC. EDITOR:

WORSHIP: 10:00 AM





Greetings:

This month we finish our look at the Divine service with the Thanksgiving, the Benedicamus, and the Benediction. The Thanksgiving is straight forward. We are giving thanks to the Lord for the Sacrament that we have received. The Words in the back and forth comes straight out of Psalm 107:1, in which we reverence the goodness of the Lord. Following this prayer of thanksgiving, there are two options in Divine Service 3. I normally recite the one on the left on Saturdays and the one right one I recite on Sundays. This is because of the lengths of the prayers. Both versions cause us to remember that we have received the gift of the Son and are strengthened in faith therein. We also pray that the Lord send us in that strength to live out the faith.

We then continue with another salutation, note that the salutations bookend the receiving of the Word Incarnate, the Word Christ in His Word, and Christ as received in the Lord's Supper. This feeds into the Benedicamus. The Benedicamus is another Latin word pointing us to the first word in Latin meaning "let us bless" or in this case "bless we."

We then close the service with the Benediction. Benediction means a spoken blessing. The Benediction that we end with comes from Numbers 6:24-26, the blessing of Aaron in which the Lord commanded Aaron and his sons to bless the people with these words. This blessing from the Lord reminds us that the Lord goes with us as we head back into the world in which He sends us, guarding and keeping us in the faith.

It has been a blessing to share with you the meaning and background of the Divine Service. If you have any questions about the service or if you would like help learning how to chant or sing parts of the Liturgy, please feel free to ask me.

Christ blessings

Rev. David J. Walsh



## SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE MARCH 2026

**(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

WEEKEND OF	Feb. 28/Mar. 1	Mar. 7, 8	Mar. 14, 15	Mar. 21, 22	Mar. 28, 29
READER (Sun)	Albert Ho	Albert Ho	Albert Ho	Albert Ho	Albert Ho
USHERS	Jim Hartz/ Ed Walsh	Tim McGuan/ Melody Keef	Mike & Dianne Wuerch	Tim McGuan/ Ed Walsh	Jim Hartz/ Ed Walsh
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Mike Wuerch	Ed Walsh	Jim Hartz	Jim Hartz	Mike Wuerch

**If you cannot serve on the day scheduled, please notify Ed Walsh (585) 747-1503 or Mike Wuerch (716) 481-2624. ALSO, PLEASE CALL AMBER SO SHE CAN CORRECTLY PUT THE CHANGE IN THE BULLETIN. Thank you.**



### COUNTERS

**(IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO COUNT THE DATE YOU ARE ASSIGNED, PLEASE LET JIM HARTZ KNOW.)**

Mar. 1	Mar. 8	Mar. 15	Mar. 22	Mar. 29
Dianne Wuerch Nancy Loster	Jim Hartz Donna Vogel	Dianne Wuerch Ruth Whitmer	Carolyn Alessi Janice Vogel	Mike Wuerch Kathy Farkas



**THIS MONTH'S**  
**birthdays**

Madison Porter	Mar. 1
Karen Smith	Mar. 5
Rev. David Walsh	Mar. 8
Carter Gempko	Mar. 9
Chrystal Gempko	Mar. 9
Sarah Walsh	Mar. 22
Rhonda Mohr	Mar. 23
Naomi George	Mar. 26
Tim McGuan	Mar. 30

(If you would like your birthday and/or wedding anniversary in the newsletter, please contact Mary Werth by phone at 716-534-6922 or email: [madragon99@yahoo.com](mailto:madragon99@yahoo.com). I have very few wedding anniversaries listed for the year. You can also leave a note in my mailbox. Thank you.)



**Q: What are two things you cannot have for breakfast?**

**A: Lunch and dinner.**

**Sailor: I was shipwrecked and lived on a can of sardines for a week.**

**Captain: My, weren't you afraid that you'd fall off?**



## ESTHER CIRCLE

Our March meeting will be on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 p.m. AT CHURCH. All women of Pilgrim are welcome to attend. It will be the first time we have had an in person gathering since November of 2025. We are looking forward to seeing everyone!

**REMINDERS:** Dash's receipts go to Sue Holway; mites (loose change) to Karen Smith (note the large collection box at the back of the sanctuary) and cancelled stamps go to Sharon McGuan. These all go towards mission outreach. We appreciate your support.

This is the Lenten season. A time to reflect on Jesus's journey to the cross. Use this time of meditation to recharge your Faith and strengthen your commitment in following the path of Christ. God Bless. 🙏✝️

Carol Obot



### **When Life Needs a Little Wind**

Botanists say that trees need the powerful March winds to flex their trunks and main branches, so that the sap is drawn up to nourish the budding leaves.

Perhaps we need the gales of life in the same way, though we dislike enduring them. A blustery period in our fortunes is often the prelude to a new spring of life and health, success and happiness, when we keep steadfast in faith and look to the good in spite of appearances.

—Jane Truax

# BUFFALO NORTH WEDNESDAY LENTEN WORSHIP

February 25th - St. Luke, Cheektowaga

March 4th - Holy Cross, Clarence

March 11th - Our Savior, Buffalo

March 18th - St. Paul, Clarence Center

March 25th - Pilgrim, Kenmore

DINNER AT 6 PM

WORSHIP AT 7 PM

## **We Have Tomorrow!**

During the Korean conflict, journalist Marguerite Higgins, a courageous and award-winning war correspondent, spoke with a young soldier shivering in the bitter cold. He was eating from a tin can, his face streaked with mud, when she asked, "If I could give you anything in the world you wanted, what would you ask for?"

The soldier paused for a moment, then answered quietly, "Give me tomorrow."

What a simple yet profound longing. For those living in hardship, tomorrow represents hope—the chance to see another sunrise, to experience peace, to begin again.

As Christians, we live with the blessed assurance that we not only have today, but also tomorrow—an eternal tomorrow promised through the risen Christ. Scripture reminds us, "Death has been swallowed up in victory" (1 Corinthians 15:54, NRSV). And again, "Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57, NRSV).

Because of Christ's resurrection, we no longer fear what tomorrow may bring. Our future is secure, our hope unshaken. In Him, tomorrow is already ours.



February 9, 2026

The Reverend Doctor Matthew C. Harrison  
President of the Synod

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

This afternoon at about 1:30–2:00, I visited Michael Mohr, who is in custody awaiting legal proceedings. This was my first opportunity for contact since his arrest by federal authorities on Wednesday, Jan. 28. I suspended Mr. Mohr from the LCMS roster. Were he to appeal my decision, the bylaws would have required a panel to be assembled to judge his case. Recognizing the severity of his alleged actions, Mohr immediately resigned and is now off the roster. This excludes him from any roles with Synod and district, including LCMS Central Illinois District president, regent of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and associate pastor. He will never again be eligible to serve in any future ministerial roles in the Synod. As required by LCMS bylaw, I have assigned him a chaplain for spiritual care.

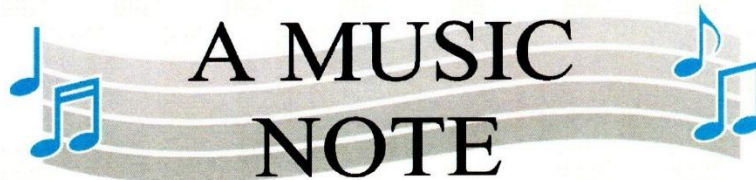
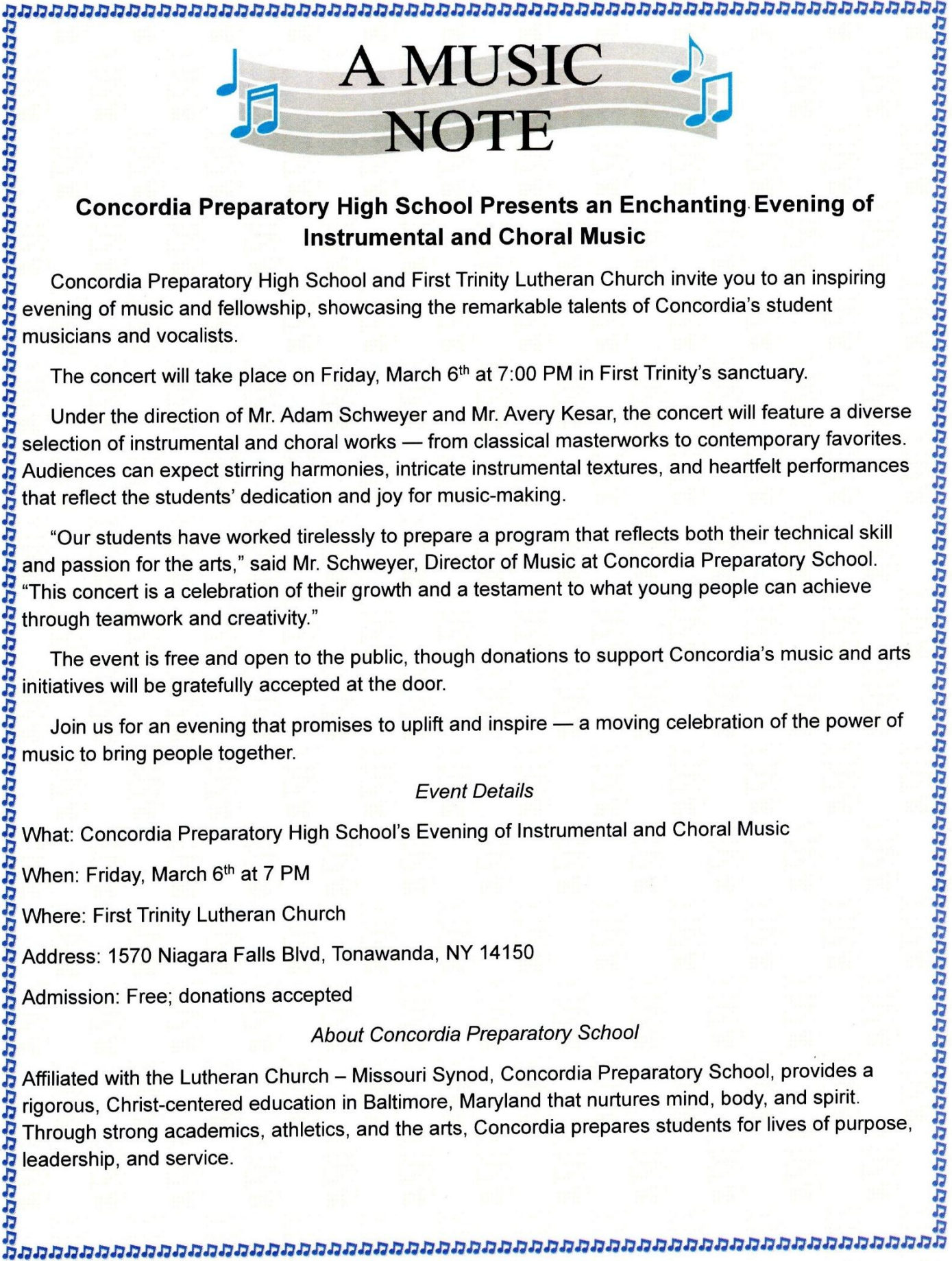
Unfortunately, we will have to revisit this matter as it wends its way through the courts. But light has now been shown on what was done in darkness.

I want to praise those who brought these reported crimes to the attention of the federal authorities. It takes courage to do so. We're sorry and devastated this happened to you. We suspect the pain may be great. We pray that the Lord, who is making all things new, comfort all the hurting, restore what has been broken, and give those sinned against so gravely hope and faith and a future unburdened by such evil acts. These sins and crimes are the opposite of what the church is here to give. We urge those who are suffering to seek spiritual help, and the Synod and its districts and congregations stand ready to give it.

The actions for which Michael is accused have no place in society and have no place in our church. I pray for those who have been harmed, for those who care for them, and I also pray for Michael. May justice be served.

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. (Heb. 13:20–21)

Pastor Matthew C. Harrison



# A MUSIC NOTE

## **Concordia Preparatory High School Presents an Enchanting Evening of Instrumental and Choral Music**

Concordia Preparatory High School and First Trinity Lutheran Church invite you to an inspiring evening of music and fellowship, showcasing the remarkable talents of Concordia's student musicians and vocalists.

The concert will take place on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in First Trinity's sanctuary.

Under the direction of Mr. Adam Schweyer and Mr. Avery Kesar, the concert will feature a diverse selection of instrumental and choral works — from classical masterworks to contemporary favorites. Audiences can expect stirring harmonies, intricate instrumental textures, and heartfelt performances that reflect the students' dedication and joy for music-making.

"Our students have worked tirelessly to prepare a program that reflects both their technical skill and passion for the arts," said Mr. Schweyer, Director of Music at Concordia Preparatory School. "This concert is a celebration of their growth and a testament to what young people can achieve through teamwork and creativity."

The event is free and open to the public, though donations to support Concordia's music and arts initiatives will be gratefully accepted at the door.

Join us for an evening that promises to uplift and inspire — a moving celebration of the power of music to bring people together.

### *Event Details*

What: Concordia Preparatory High School's Evening of Instrumental and Choral Music

When: Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM

Where: First Trinity Lutheran Church

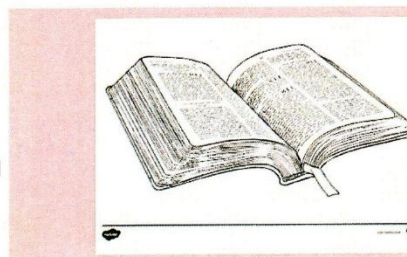
Address: 1570 Niagara Falls Blvd, Tonawanda, NY 14150

Admission: Free; donations accepted

### *About Concordia Preparatory School*

Affiliated with the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, Concordia Preparatory School, provides a rigorous, Christ-centered education in Baltimore, Maryland that nurtures mind, body, and spirit. Through strong academics, athletics, and the arts, Concordia prepares students for lives of purpose, leadership, and service.

Catechesis page: We encourage you to put this on your fridge and learn God's Word and things that help us better understand it together.



March 2026

Did you know? The fourth Sunday in Lent is Laetare Sunday. The word Laetare means rejoice. It's color is pink instead of purple. It's meant to be a hint of joy in the middle of a solemn time in the church year.

Bible verse of the month: "Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!" -Psalm 95:1

Catechism: The Third article of the Creed and it's explanation

What is the third article of the Creed?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Liturgical seasons and colors (look on the altar and pastor) for March: Lent-purple & pink Palm Sunday-red

Christian symbol of the month: The coat of many colors. On March 31<sup>st</sup> we remember Joseph the Old Testament Patriarch. He was given a coat of many colors by his father Isaac. This coat was one of many things that his brothers were jealous of. They sold him into slavery due to their jealousy. He eventually became second to only Pharaoh in Egypt and saved many people from famine, including his family. This preserved the earthly family that Jesus was born from.



Hymn of the month: (definitely check out the other verses in the hymnal, for the sake of space we have v. 1 only here) When to Our World the Savior Came #551 LSB

V 1. When to our world the Savior came

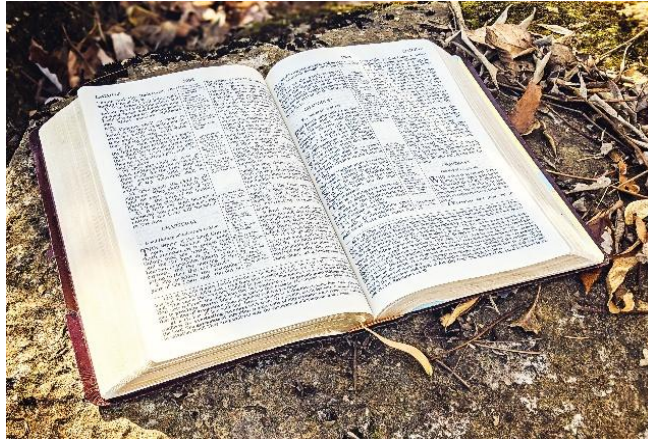
The sick and helpless heard His name,

And in their weakness longed to see

The healing Christ of Galilee

"In short, the psalm teaches and calls us to Christ and to the Word of God to true worship." - Martin Luther on Psalm 95, the Psalm that our Bible verse for the month comes from.





This month we finish Luke and start Acts. Luke not only wrote the gospel of Luke, but he wrote Acts. Acts is the continuation of Luke.

Mar. 1 – Prov. 9:13-18	Mar. 9 – Acts 2:1-13	Mar. 17 – Acts 5:1-16	Mar. 25 – Acts 8:26-40
Mar. 2 – Luke 23:1-25	Mar. 10 – Acts 2:14-26	Mar. 18 – Acts 5:17-42	Mar. 26 – Acts 9:1-25
Mar. 3 – Luke 23:26-56	Mar. 11 – Acts 2:27-47	Mar. 19 – Acts 6	Mar. 27 – Acts 9:26-43
Mar. 4 – Luke 24:1-35	Mar. 12 – Acts 3	Mar. 20 – Acts 7:1-34	Mar. 28 – Prov. 13:1-15
Mar. 5 – Luke 24:36-53	Mar. 13 – Acts 4:1-22	Mar. 21 – Prov. 12:1-14	Mar. 29 – Prov. 13:16-25
Mar. 6 – Acts 1	Mar. 14 – Prov. 11:1-15	Mar. 22 – Prov. 12:15-28	Mar. 30 – Acts 10:1-33
Mar. 7 – Prov. 10:1-16	Mar. 15 – Prov. 11:16-31	Mar. 23 – Acts 7:35-60	Mar. 31 – Acts 10:34-48
Mar. 8 – Prov. 10:17-32	Mar. 16 – Acts 4:23-37	Mar. 24 – Acts 8:1-25	



### I Believe...

I believe in the God of fruit time and harvest who makes the land to bear gifts in its time and fills our tables with the bounty of his hand;

I believe in Jesus Christ his Son, who was the first fruit of those that slept, and brings us to spiritual tables where our cups are always full;

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who causes us to remember all for which we are grateful and teaches us to see a relationship between our gifts and the giver;

I believe in the world as the arena of my spiritual life, where I am to share hospitality with the stranger;

for in so doing I shall fulfill the desires of him who has given me everything, and of his Son and the Holy Spirit.

—John Killinger in *Lost in Wonder, Love & Praise*

# March



# 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Second Sunday in Lent	2	3	4	5	6	7 Perpetua & Felicitas (martyrs)
8 Third Sunday in Lent	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Lataere Sunday Fourth Sunday in Lent	16	17 St. Patrick	18	19 Joseph (Guardian of Jesus)	20	21
22 Fifth Sunday in Lent	23	24	25 Annunciation of our Lord	26	27	28
29 Palm Sunday	30	31 Joseph (Patriarch)				

## A Lenten history lesson

Though the date of Easter varies, the majority of the Lenten season occurs during March. In fact, the word *Lent* comes from the Anglo-Saxon words *lenctentid* (meaning “March”) and *lencten* (meaning “spring”).

The first reference to Lent dates back to 325 AD, in one of the 20 canons decreed at the council of Nicaea. By the eighth century, Christians started observing Lent, and a 10th-century monk named Aelfric connected the use of ashes and “the Lenten fast” to the pre-Easter period.

Lent lasts 40 days to represent Jesus’ time in the wilderness, when he was tempted by the devil. The six Sundays that occur between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday aren’t counted as part of Lent; instead, as the traditional day of worship, they’re considered “mini-Easters.”



**Thank you to everyone who participated in and supported our Chili Cook-Off on February 1st! We had a wonderful turnout and some very tough competition. Below are the participants and winners as voted on for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.**

**Crystal Gempko - 1st Place Winner**

**Mike Wuerch - 2nd Place Winner**

**Kathy Rodgers- 3rd Place Winner**

**Runner's up:**

**Ed Walsh (took his Chili out of the voting)**

**Margaret Walsh**

**Dave Wheeler**

**Carolyn Alessi**







## Cyber Corner for March

When you think about it, it is sad how one part of our society comes up with such great technology as cell phones with email and texting capabilities that make our life much more easy and convenient than our ancestors had it, while another part of society seeks to do harm with these devices. And while you learn how to use them, you must learn how to protect yourself against the harm that they may offer due to what someone else may do to them. And because technology is constantly changing you must constantly learn new things about using the technology; and at the same time keep up with training on how to protect yourself from the same technology.

**QR code scanning/Spying:** First let me explain what a QR code is. QR (Quick Response code) is a type of barcode that can hold information such as URLs, contact details, or payment data. When scanned with a smartphone camera or QR reader, it quickly directs the user to the encoded content, such as a URL to a web site. Scammers can embed harmful URLs in QR codes that lead to phishing websites or malware downloads. Scammers will create QR codes for fake payment portals, tricking users into transferring money to the wrong account. This kind of attack is known as Quishing and is a form of Phishing. Scammers will put fakes cards in public places advertising something and telling you to scan the QR code to get more information. They have even put fake menus out in restaurants with these codes. Then when you do this, it infects your phone with malware or redirects you to a site and steals your information and maybe your credentials. Recently there was an FBI warning that a hacking group (known as Kimsuky), sponsored by another country, was using this attack to steal information from us, yes as in spying. The trick to staying safe is not to scan these with your phone at all, but if you do, make sure you know it is 100% safe. The problem here is that they can take real QR codes and alter them, so you really cannot know they are safe. If they are directing you to an URL that you know is safe, go there directly.

**Web Skimming:** If you remember, and I hope you do, I talked about how they put skimmers (either hardware or software) on machines in stores or at the gas pumps to steal your credit card information. Well, they can do this on a shopping website too. Here I feel it is important to give you a little background on how this happens and not just tell you what to do to prevent this. As developers we are trained in how to solve problems and give the user what they want through code. How to handle the security of the code is a whole other group that handles that; and that is because to do that is quite a study in itself and is not for everyone. A developer looks to give the user a functional application, but they do not have the artistic ability to make it look pretty and appealing. So, in a big company, they call in another group that handles that. The same goes for security, another team may look at it for security aspects. However, in smaller companies the security end falls to the wayside due to lack of ability and a lot of times the small companies are rushing the developer to get it out.

They give little time for planning, development and especially security. And when I say small it does not have to be that small either. And when you are talking about a website, there are a lot of different areas that must be thought of to protect in a lot of different ways. So consequently, there can be a lot of security holes that hackers discover that allow them to sneak code into the website that allows them to get your credentials when you give them your credit card. They usually use JavaScript, which is often used in websites for controls like submit buttons on forms, which allows interactive capabilities in the payment area of the form, which also makes it hard to detect. How to protect yourself here is to use what they call virtual card numbers when entering your card online. Most credit card companies offer this on their card site. Each is a little different, so you must go to the site and see how to set this up. Only shop at known reputable sites like Amazon or Walmart. I also will limit the sites I will use. If there is a breach any site can be given out your information, so I only have a hand full of places I give even my virtual card numbers too. You also should set alerts for any activity on your card with the credit card company. This way if you see a purchase you did not make, you can put a freeze on your card right away before it gets too big. As always use a strong password on the backing site and 2 factor authentication. And again, nothing is 100% safe but doing these things will help.



## **The tell-tale lie**

Scientists are getting closer to being able to tell when someone is lying. Currently, lie detectors aren't infallible. They can tell if liars are anxious because of measurable changes in skin and blood. Some people, however, may simply be so nervous that it appears they're lying when they aren't.

Scientists have discovered that people can't mask the mental processes responsible for lying. A neural network engages when someone prevaricates. At the University of Pennsylvania, volunteers each received a playing card and were then hooked up to an MRI machine. A computer screen showed various cards. When a volunteer's card appeared on the screen, he or she was told to lie and say it was a different card. The brain then became very active in ways it hadn't when other cards were shown. The most increased activity was in the anterior cingulate cortex, which is ordinarily involved in making judgments. When the volunteers lied, the neural network judged the liar as guilty.

Modern technology may make it harder to get away with a lie, but we have an even better reason to tell the truth. Centuries ago, the psalmist asked, "O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?" And then came the answer: "Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart" (Psalm 15:1-2, NRSV).

## 2025–2027 Mission Grant 7

### Light of Jesus Christ to Unwed Homeless Mothers

#### A Place of Refuge Ministries of South WI, Inc., Wisconsin

### About This Mission Grant

A Place of Refuge (APOR) is a sanctity of life ministry that positively impacts the lives of unwed, homeless pregnant women and their preborn children. Both mom and baby are equally worthy of Jesus' love, as He commands their safety and protection, which motivates APOR to offer valuable services.

Women can reside at the Refuge House for their entire pregnancy and up to a year following the birth of the child. APOR teaches life and parenting skills.

The women attend worship at a local LCMS congregation every Sunday. The current staff is teaching the Catechism to the moms. The Holy Spirit has brought many moms and babies to the baptismal font.

This grant will fund the purchase of a new van for transportation to church, Bible studies, doctors' appointments, and grocery shopping, plus a set of five parental skill books to be gifted to each new mom.



**Joann Fairchild, volunteer advocacy coordinator, is organizing the baby items to go in the baskets.** Hats off to her as she has been serving for the past 30 years! Believe it or not, Joann is 91 years old at the time of this picture. She has a heart of gold. Linda Haas is our other coordinator-in-chief. She personally delivers the layettes to the mothers. Some neighborhoods are not safe. God helps! He provides!



Providing spiritual resources for the mothers and children. Thanks to CPH for donating Self-Study Bibles, LSB Hymnals, Children Bibles and other resources for mothers. Trinity, Friestadt donated Luther's Small Catechisms (not in picture). We have two bookcases of excellent resources. In addition, CPH also gave the Concordia Organist CD's to go with the hymnals. We still need "Parental Skills" books and guides. May our Lord Jesus be our Refuge and Strength and Shield!



Pastor H Visiting Refuge House after the Renovations. Single room with bed and private bath (not in picture). All bedrooms are carpeted. Hallways are laminated. New blinds and solar shades for the windows. We have one baby room and another for the mother to keep the linens, and other necessities. Four private walk-in baths for mothers. We have a play area for the older kids and exercise station for mother. Prayers are requested for mothers!



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What Lutheran Hour Ministries calls “holistic ministry” today is aimed at loving our neighbors, and therefore loving Christ Himself, through word and deed. LHM’s ministry centers often incorporate holistic approaches to sharing the Gospel that address people’s physical and emotional needs as well as spiritual ones.

A popular holistic project for many LHM teams around the globe is hosting a variety of health clinics. During these events, attendees address their physical health while LHM staff and volunteers have an opportunity to offer spiritual medicine to them—the healing power that comes through faith in Christ. Often the recipients of these holistic efforts desire to learn more about the God who motivates these Christians to reach out in love. This opens doors for LHM staff and volunteers to share their Christ-centered resources and invite people to participate in its **Bible Correspondence Courses** and other programs.

This summer, the LHM team in **Jamaica** hosted an eye clinic over four days at its ministry center. Working alongside a team of 15 volunteers from MOST Ministries as well as a local pastor, the event provided eye exams for 565 individuals and provided free eyeglasses for people who needed them. While people registered and waited for their tests, the LHM team was able to have face-to-face conversations with attendees about their ministry resources while also sharing the Gospel message and encouraging individuals to find hope and salvation in Him.

**LHM–Mexico** held two health outreach events at a local mission as well as San Pablo Church. These health clinics bring the community closer to the church and mission by providing complimentary dental cleanings, haircuts, medicinal therapies, vital sign checks, and medical certificates. These events allow LHM–Mexico to create a safe space for sharing God’s Word and love in a service-oriented environment. Attendees feel comfortable engaging with the volunteers and congregation members and often participate in future activities at the church or mission and request LHM resources.

In September, a health promotion fair in Panama attracted healthcare professionals, as well as visitors interested in healthcare and well-being. Activities included presentations, health service exhibitions, and entertainment for children. One of the most anticipated moments was the participation of members from **LHM–Panama**, who presented a captivating puppet theater show. This performance, full of humor and lessons, strengthened the ties between the community, health organizations, and LHM–Panama by leaving a positive impression on everyone in attendance.



1 Peter 1:15-16



Psalm 90:2

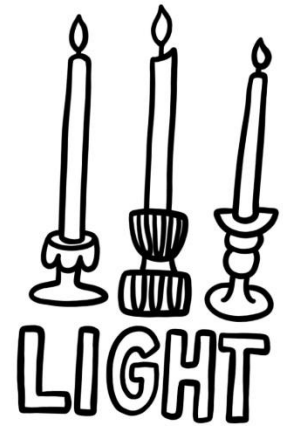


1 Cor. 1:9

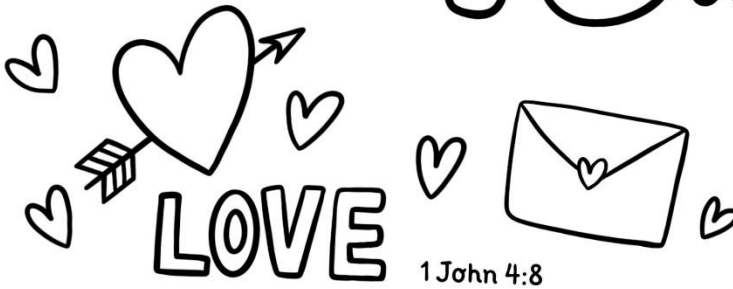


Deut. 32:4

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1 John 1:5



1 John 4:8



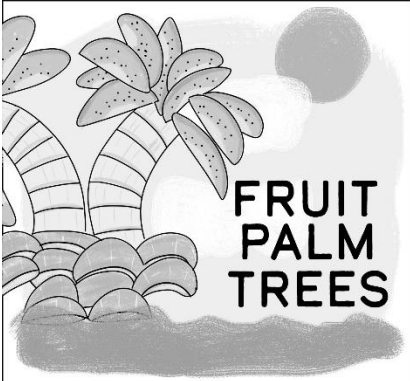
Psalm 34:8



Psalm 46:1



Psalm 116:5

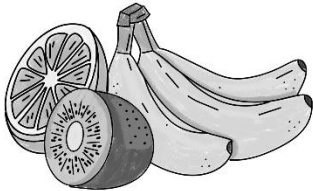


## FRUIT PALM TREES

These cheerful "palm trees" make a bright reminder of the celebration that greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem.

### What you need:

- Bananas (for the tree trunks)
- Kiwis or green grapes (for the palm leaves)
- Mandarin oranges (for the ground)



### What you do:

1. Slice bananas in half lengthwise and place vertically on a plate.
2. Arrange kiwi slices or grapes at the top to form palm fronds.
3. Add oranges at the base.
4. Serve immediately or chill until ready to serve.

### Scripture Tie-In:

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"  
—Matthew 21:9 (NIV)



## MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

It's time to tune up your Bible brain!

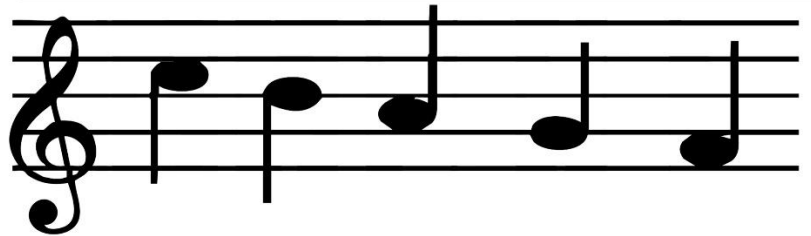
Decode the notes to discover a verse that sings with joy.

Using the musical note code, write the words of Psalm 100:2 (NIV) in the correct order below.

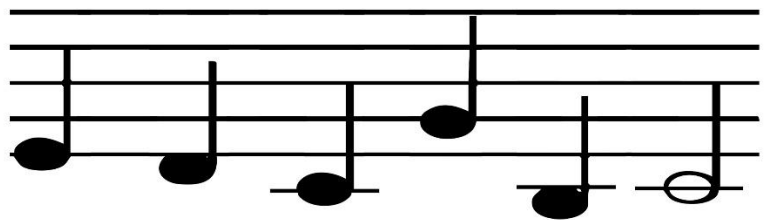
CODE: before come gladness him joyful LORD songs the with Worship



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Answer: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

**THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE APRIL NEWSLETTER IS MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>.**