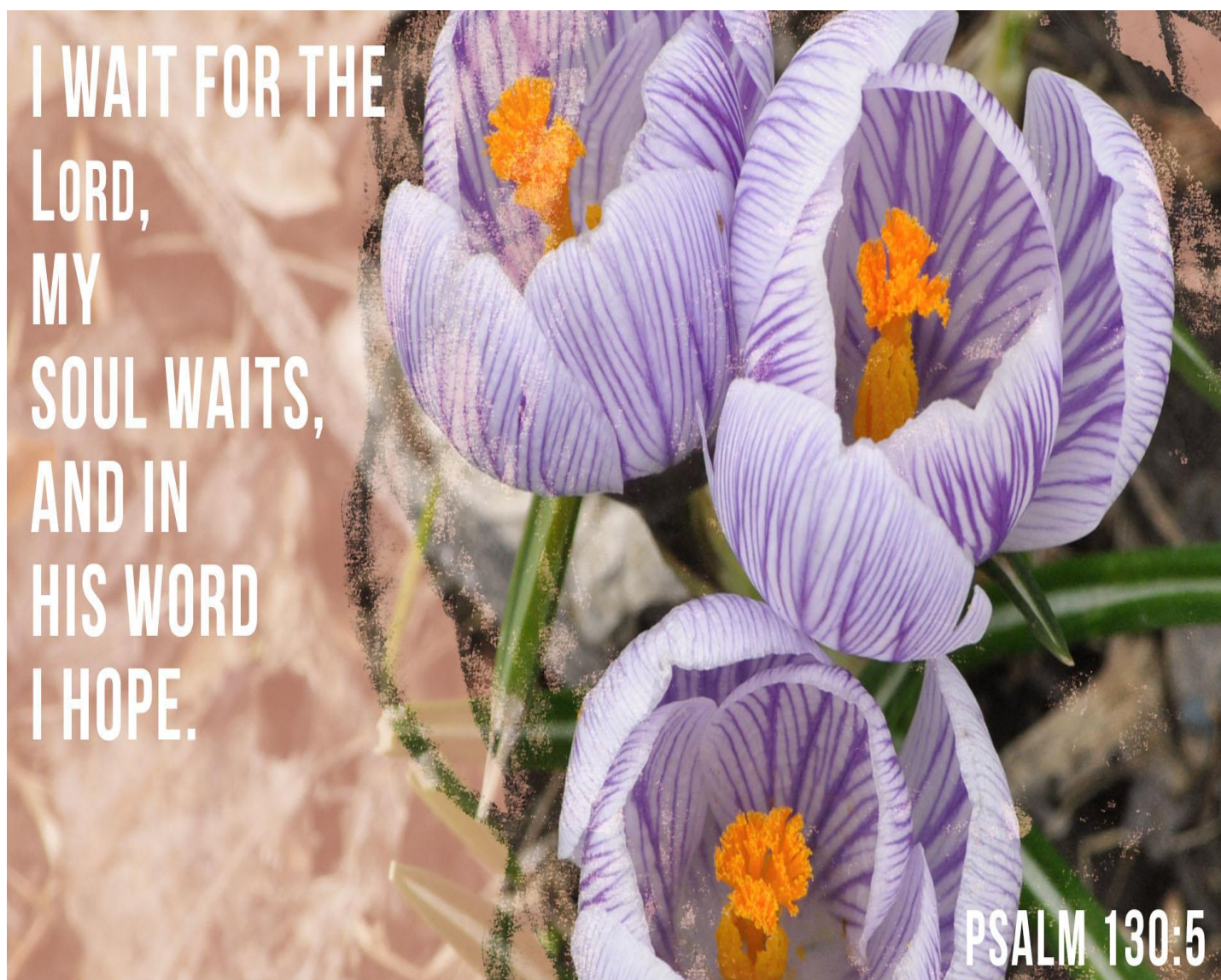


A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF BLESSED SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH — MISSOURI SYNOD



March 2020



A Letter from Pastor Sander

Jesus, I will ponder now On your holy passion
With your Spirit me endow For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish
Of your suffering, pain, and death That I may not perish.
LSB #440, v. 1

“And whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” Joel 2:32

Dear Friend:

The whole month of March 2020 will be spent in Lent. The first Sunday in April is Palm Sunday, the start of Holy Week. What an intensely blessed this time of year can be for us Christians. God pours out His spiritual blessings in special Mid-week Services!

Lent is a time for reflection, introspection, self-examination, contrition and repentance. Like in no other time in the church year, Lent calls for a special focus on a spiritual “house cleaning.” These spiritual activities are known as the “**Disciplines of Lent**”.

Lent grew out of the church earliest tradition. Its purpose is to remind us of the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ and their cause: our sin.

We ought not to think of sin as something that is inconsequential. Sin’s consequence is death. In our case, sin is forgiven because our death has already occurred in Christ’s death.

Because sin is such a serious matter, the church traditionally devoted full attention to **repentance and the confession of sins**. For that reason, the singing of the hymns of praise and “alleluias” is usually omitted during Lent.

Please come to the Midweek Lenten services. They are short, 30 minutes services. I urge every member of Blessed Savior Lutheran Church to **help us keep this wonderful tradition of added mid-week services alive!** Come and bring a friend to share a free meal in the fellowship hall and to participate in the special short liturgies of our Lenten services! Our church grows stronger as the bond of fellowship and love is shared by our members and the Word of God read and learned!

In Christ, your partner in the faith and your pastor,

Martinho Q. Sander



From DCE, Jaime Greene

"Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us."

Romans 12:4-6



The challenge had taken hours, if not days. Piece by piece, section by section, headache after headache, we painstakingly placed each puzzle piece into the spot it belonged. The right spot was never chosen the first time. We rotated pieces, put them down, tried new ones, put those down, rotated some more, took some breaks, and finally found just the right piece that fit in just the right place. 1 down...1,999 more to go. I alternate between feeling like puzzles are relaxing and fun and feeling like puzzles are a nightmare, sent to make us pull out our hair. How many of you enjoy putting together a puzzle? Do you like the easier ones, or do you find ones that challenge you give you the most joy? Overall, puzzles are truly remarkable thousands of different, little pieces come together to make one complete picture.

Our church family and the body of believers are no different than the puzzle. We're made up of a lot of different people-people who look different, act different, and who have different interests and abilities. But we're also made up of people who have one very important thing in common-we are forgiven and redeemed children of God! Instantly, the puzzle is completed. We go from a collection of different people to a family. And just like any other family, we are there to support and encourage one another, celebrate our accomplishments and milestones, and most of all, forgive as we have been forgiven, all while sharing the love of Christ.

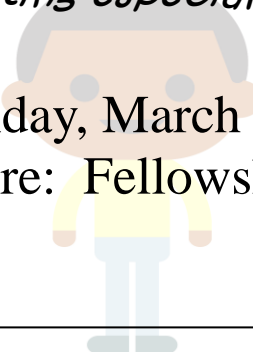
This month, we are excited have another 5th Sunday Faith Family Day! Any time we have a month that has 5 Sundays, we're going to take that last Sunday to celebrate our Blessed Savior Faith Family! We'll spend the Education Hour (9:15am-10:15am) in the Fellowship Hall, rejoicing with each other, getting to know one other better, and working on a project for Soles for Jesus. All ages are highly encouraged to join us in this celebration and participate in the activities, as both Bible Classes and the Sunday School classes will be combining that day. After all, everyone knows that the worst part about putting together a puzzle is when you realize that a piece is missing!

OUR Faith Family

Families are worth celebrating-especially our Blessed Savior Family!

When: Sunday, March 29th at 9:15am

Where: Fellowship Hall



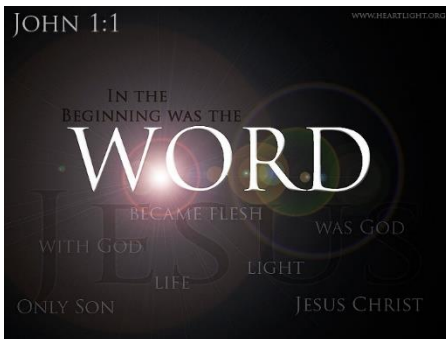
From our Director of Preschool & Children's Ministry, Jennifer Leinss



The Spirit is the One who gives life.
The flesh doesn't help at all.
The words that I have spoken to you are
Spirit and are Life.
John 6:63

Words are important. We use words to communicate. Without words we would have to rely on motions or drawings or be able to read minds in order to understand what a person is trying to communicate. Not only are words important, but the use of words is also. It is not always about the number of words that we use but rather the word itself that we use. As I was looking for a devotion to use for one of our preschool family nights, I was reminded that a well-known author, Dr. Seuss, was challenged to write a book using 50 different words or less. Are you able to recall what book was written because of this challenge? If you guessed "Green Eggs and Ham" you would be correct! "Green Eggs and Ham" is a well-known story. Almost all of us could recite some portion of this book! This book uses only 50 different words and yet is loved by all!

Now while this famous Dr. Seuss book does not relate to our Christian faith, it did get me thinking! I looked at Bible passages as well as some of the elements of our Christian faith to see how many words are used. The prayer that Jesus taught us to pray contains 70 words. It is a prayer that has important words and covers all areas of life. While we may want to get wordy and continue on, we can pray this prayer knowing that these 70 words pack a punch! They address our Father in Heaven, ask for His daily blessings, ask Him to forgive us and help us forgive others, these words recognize Him as the Almighty, all-powerful, Lord and so on. These words are important! It is not always about the amount of words used, but rather the words that ARE used.



We also find in Scripture passages that tell us about the importance of words. We see in John 1:1 that Jesus in fact is the Word of God and that He gives us the words of life. Nothing could be greater than to know that Jesus is the Word

and that since the beginning He has been with the Father. We see that in John 6:63-64, when disciples were deserting Jesus, that Jesus tells them "The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life." Our Jesus loves us and wants nothing more than to spend eternity with us. In fact, Jesus gives us this promise in Mark 13:3, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away." The promise of these words brings comfort and peace to those who believe.

Above we hear of Jesus' words, but our words can be given to Jesus as well. In Psalm 19:14 we say, "May the words of my mouth and the mediation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock, and my Redeemer." This is a praise offering to our Savior. We can use words to thank and praise our heavenly Father who gives us all things and backs everything up 100 percent! There is nothing we need to fear or nothing we lack, and we can take God at His word! Words are important my friend. I am sure that we would find ways to communicate if we could not use words, but we do have words so let's use them! Let us use important words, words that count for something, and words that lead others to Jesus! And don't forget to thank your Father in heaven because His words mean something, and we can take His words to the bank!

Preschool News

February was another busy month for the preschool students. We of course celebrated that well known holiday called Valentine's Day! Along with celebrating love last month we were yet again successful in our annual Jump Rope for Heart campaign. Stay tuned next month to find out just how much we raised for the American Heart Association. It was neat to see the love of Jesus working in us to help those with "broken" hearts around us!

Join us for Kid's Fest: Blessed Savior Preschool will have a booth at the annual Discover New Berlin Community Fair at New Berlin West High School. We will be a part of Kid's Fest on **Saturday, March 21st from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.** Plan on stopping by that day to show your Blessed Savior support!

Children's Ministry

Sunday School children will be singing in church on Sunday, March 29th at the 10:30 service. We will be changing things up a little and since this Sunday is also a 5th Sunday Family day we will be making it a family choir! Families are invited to join us to sing preservice.

Penny Challenge Time:

We are in the third trimester of Sunday and will be dedicating our Sunday school offerings by means of Penny Challenge to Lutheran World Relief. Lutheran World Relief tackles global poverty by helping people adapt to the challenges that threaten their livelihoods and well-being. LWR also provides aid in emergencies and helps families restore their lives. The money raised through our penny challenge will be used to purchase different animals that will help people all over the world. If you are interested in helping this cause please contribute by placing coins, bills, or checks in the milk jugs on the purple wall. For your information animal costs are listed below! Please also keep this organization and the people it touches in your prayers! Places that benefit from LWR include but are not limited to Latin America, Africa, and Asia!



Goat \$100 Chicken \$40 Sheep \$100 Pig \$45

Ready, Set, Gold!

2020 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The starter pistol has sounded at Blessed Savior Lutheran Church. All ages are invited to join us for some VBS Olympic fun in ---

Ready, Set, Gold! The five-day program runs from

Monday, June 15th through Friday, June 19th from 9:00-11:30 a.m. Ages 3 through 5th grade is invited to attend!

We will also be looking for volunteers to help run this wonderful week of VBS. Sign up as well as more information can be found on the Sunday School bulletin board in the hallway! If you would like to volunteer please attend an informational meeting on Monday, March 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate the victory of Jesus, learn to trust in God, and serve our neighbor!



ENDOWMENT FUND-HOMESLESS/DESTITUE

The Endowment Fund Directors have approved two grants recommended by the members of the Homeless/Destitute Endowment Fund.

Veteran Outreach of Wisconsin-Racine \$2,000

Community Project for Seniors \$500

Veteran Outreach of Wisconsin-Racine is a 501c3 non-profit service organization that provides housing for homeless veterans in lower eastern Wisconsin. In addition, they provide other essential and social services. Since the organizations 2017 inception, eleven veterans have graduated from their program and are able to provide independently for themselves.

This year the organization, besides the sixteen units currently in Racine, has purchased seven acres of land on Milwaukee's northwest side and are in the process of building forty-two units, plus a central community center. The organization does not accept any federal assistance and all funding is from private sources.

Community Project for Seniors is a 501c3 non-profit located in Milwaukee. The organization was founded in 1986 and its mission, through five hundred volunteers, is to brighten the lives of low-income senior citizens and disabled individuals over the age of 50. They deliver ready made hot meals to over 4,000 individuals on Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving. In addition, they provide care packages throughout the year and conduct social events, such as ice cream socials, picnic, bingo and music gatherings. All of the costs of the organization are funded totally by private sources.

MILITARY MINISTRY

We continue with our projects of mailing care packages to the USO in Afghanistan, collecting manufactures' coupons that are sent to an air base in England, and accepting donations of canceled stamps and helmet liners for the military in Afghanistan.

We have also received several Bibles to pass along to the soldiers serving in Afghanistan. Talking with soldiers that have served, it was learned that they really like the small Bibles that fit into a shirt pocket, but we will pass along any Bibles that are given to us.

We continue to reach out to those active military members whose names you have given us, and we welcome any new additions to our list. Contact Cheryl Taves to give her the information needed. If there is a change of duty station, Cheryl would appreciate that you inform her as quickly as possible. Even if you don't know the next address, please let her know so she can hold mailings until a new address is known.

Information on these projects can be found on the mission table in the fellowship hall or contact Beverly Krause.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with these military projects!

SERVING THE LORD IN UGANDA

NEWS FROM RACHEL MEYER

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden... In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." --

Matthew 5:14, 16

As I visited different churches, schools, and individuals in the United States during home service, over and over I smiled as it was clear that "Jesus is here." As God's Word is faithfully taught in the churches and schools, Jesus' light is shining brightly. Everywhere I went, I was humbled and encouraged to see Christians reflecting that light brightly into the world, bringing glory to God the Father in heaven. I offer here a small sample of the many bright reflections of Christ's love I witnessed among you the last few months.

Jesus' light shines...

- In the loving care of a pastor visiting shut-ins, bringing them God's Word and sacrament.
- In the selfless service of a congregation member reaching out to provide fellowship for the lonely and needy in the church.
- In the Spirit-filled ministry of a Christian, eyes always alert for whom God would have her bless that day with a prayer and a card with God's Word.
- In the loving hug of a long-time friend, assuring me with tear-filled eyes that she remembers me daily in her prayers.
- In the encouraging emails and cards from partners in ministry, reminding me of God's promises and assuring me of God's work through the body of Christ.
- In the generous hospitality of host families whose words and actions made me know I was most welcome.
- In the handwriting of young students, witnessing their faith by writing and illustrating Bible verses to share with others.
- In the faithful service of teachers, with hearts overflowing with Christ's love for their students.
- In the confident proclamation of a whole class of kindergartners, each confessing their assurance that Jesus loves them more than anything else in this world.
- In the tender prayer of a young child, asking God to help the children in Uganda to learn about Jesus.

Men's Bible Study and Breakfast

Calling men of all ages! On the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month, we hope you'll join us for a Bible Study on the book of Ephesians. Along with the study, we'll enjoy fellowship with the men of the congregation and a delicious breakfast. We meet starting at 8am in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Wartick.

Young at Heart

When: March 19

Time: 11am

We'll celebrate spring and help create shoes with our Preschool friends that will go to the children in Africa through Soles for Jesus. A spaghetti lunch will follow. Please sign up on the bulletin board and indicate if you are staying for lunch.

LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 26- 11:00am
& 7:00pm

Midweek Lent Services

Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18 & 25
and
April 1

11:00am & 6:30pm

*(Lunch at 11:30am, Dinner at
5:30pm)*

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 5 – 8:00am &
10:30am

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 9 – 11:00am &
7:00pm

Good Friday

Friday, April 10 – 1:00pm & :00pm

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Sunday, April 12 – 6:00, 8:00, &
10:30am

(Breakfast at 7:00am)



Blessed Savior Women's Ministries

Salad Supper

Mark your calendars for the Annual Women's Ministries Salad Supper on Tuesday, April 7th at 6:30 pm in the Church Fellowship Hall.

Advance tickets will be available beginning March 8th between Church services by the Women's Ministries Bulletin Board for \$15.

Enjoy Christian fellowship, delicious salads and desserts, Gift Basket Silent Auction, and musical program by the Waukesha Civic Broadway Singers.

Treat relatives and friends to this special event. All women are invited!

Also, please sign up on the WM Bulletin Board as an event volunteer, to donate a Gift Basket, and/or to bring a salad and/or dessert on that evening. Event proceeds will benefit a variety of mission projects. Thank you in advance for your participation!



Friday, March 6

6pm until you drop (or 11pm)

- Mr. Jim Reigles was inducted into the Martin Luther High School "Hall of Honor" for his work as a teacher there for many years.
- Ms. Emily O'Connor was awarded the Martino Merit Award at her Middle School, in recognition of her peer leadership.
- Several of our Preschool students have completed the Library's "1,000 Books before Kindergarten" program.

Do you have something to celebrate? Let us know!

Meet us in the Fellowship Hall with whatever craft you're working on and a snack to share! We'll craft, visit, snack away until we're too tired to work any longer! Please make sure to bring any supplies you may need, as none are provided.

Join Us at the Good 'Ol Hockey Game!

The Milwaukee Admirals take on the Rockford Icehogs, and we'll be there to cheer them on to victory and wish Roscoe a Happy Birthday! He turns 22, and we'll celebrate by being a part of the birthday parade and eating cake. AND... we will have the opportunity to sing "God Bless America" while the kids play their handbells. Please sign up on the bulletin board, and indicate how many adult tickets and youth or senior tickets you need. We also ask that you indicate if you would like to sing God Bless America or play the bells. Family and friends are invited to be a part of the fun, we just ask that you sign up by March 12. Contact Jaime Greene with any questions.

When: Sunday, March 22

Time: Puck drops at 3pm

Cost: Adults-\$15

Kids (2-14yrs)/Senior (62 and up)-\$7.50

Easter Egg Hunt Donations

We would appreciate your donations of small toys, stickers and candy for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Please place all donations in the box located near the Coffee Fellowship table in the Narthex.

And save the date! The Easter Egg Hunt is on Saturday, April 11 at 10am! Those who are ages 2-4th grade are welcome to hunt with us! If you are in 5th grade and older, please help us stuff the eggs on April 10th at 10am and "hide" them on the morning of the 11th. Service hours are given for the time you help.



Youth Summer Camp at Camp LuWiSoMo

Registration is now open for Summer Camp at Camp LuWiSoMo in Wild Rose, WI! They offer different camps for kids in Kindergarten-High School, all depending on what works for your schedule and your family.

Camp LuWiSoMo is an outdoor ministry program that lets kids explore God's creation in a faith based setting. For more information on camp and the programs they offer, please see luwisomo.org

The Board of Education is pleased to offer a scholarship for all students who attend camp at LuWiSoMo. If you are interested in more information, please contact the Board via Kristy Eutsler or Jaime Greene.



Save the Date!
Saturday – May 30,
2020
“ROCK OF AGES”
Classic Car and Bike Show

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
						
1 Anastasia Hoeg Beverly Krause	2 Jace De Baere Paul Hopp Edward & Darlene Kutz 22 years	3 Amy Carey	4 Lisa Boettcher Michelle Ma Susan Stoltenburg	5 Richard Sellers	6 Aimie Rognsvoog Donna Johnson Marc Monreal Andrew & Jayne Rosenberg 21 years	7 Nolan Wendorf
8 Fran Petta Kristen Fell Patrick Schmitz	9 Deborah Marx Sophia Boettcher	10 Jacob Sellers	11 Arliss Reiner Carol Weber Dawn O'Connor Elise Stehling Mary DeGueme	12 LaVerne O'Connor	13	14 Emilie Kassa
15 Kevin Ma James & Nancy Bernier 40 years Justin & Maria Kreier 6 years	16	17	18	19 Lori Filter	20	21 Jessica Butzlaff Matthew Olsen
22 Michael Malone	23 Debbie Volden Robert King	24 Alicia Bade Makayla Butzlaff Sydney Tonn Richard & Judith Hels 13 years	25 Brayden Tonn Claudine Seefeld	26 Linda Blotz Scott Borchardt	27 Dane Seefeld Katie Cataldo Richard Hels	28 Donald Werry Laura Schmitz
29	30 Mara Raymond Robert Taves	31 Jonathan Giera Pamela Lusia				

Bible Class Schedule

Sunday

9:15AM - Adult Bible Study
Led by Pastor Sander in Fellowship Hall
1 Kings

Tuesday

6:30AM - Adult Bible Study
Led by Pastor Sander in Fellowship Hall
The Gospel of Luke

9:15AM - Ladies' Bible Study
Led by Jaime Greene in Fellowship Hall
Joy: A Study of Philippians

7:00PM - Ladies' Bible Study
Led by Jaime Greene in Fellowship Hall
Joy: A Study of Philippians

Wednesday

7:00PM - Adult Bible Study
Led by Duane Graf in Fellowship Hall
*What scriptures say about
"forgiveness" and "suffering"*

Thursday

9:30AM - Morning Bible Study
Led by Pastor Sander in Fellowship Hall
Gospel of Matthew

Saturday

2nd & 4th Saturdays at 8:00AM – Men's Bible Study
Led by Tom Wartick in Fellowship Hall
Ephesians

Membership Updates

Baptisms:

Seth Carey
Evan Carey

New Members:

Jennifer and Walker Bachmann
Mitchell and Cindy Visintainer

Membership Loss Due to Death:

Phyllis Kirschenlore
Shirley Robertson

**Total Membership
at the End of February: 596**

**Average Weekly
January Attendance: 282**

Financial Report

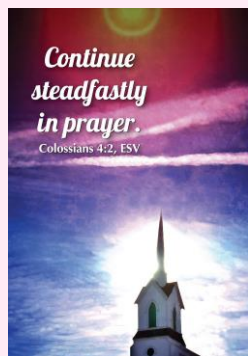
YTD Offerings as of 01/31/2020

General Offerings: \$36,237.67
General Expenses: \$(50,113.53)
\$(13,875.86)

Preschool Income: \$24,284.36
Preschool Expenses: \$(15,114.87)
\$9,169.49

Other Offerings: \$6,617.00
Other Expenses: \$(15,821.55)
\$(9,204.55)

**Total Offerings Less Expenses
\$(13,910.92)**



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The Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod



Worship Services

Sunday Mornings
8:00AM & 10:30AM

Thursday Evenings
7:00PM

Holy Communion
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays at 8:00AM
2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays at 10:30AM
1st, 3rd & 5th Thursdays at 7:00PM