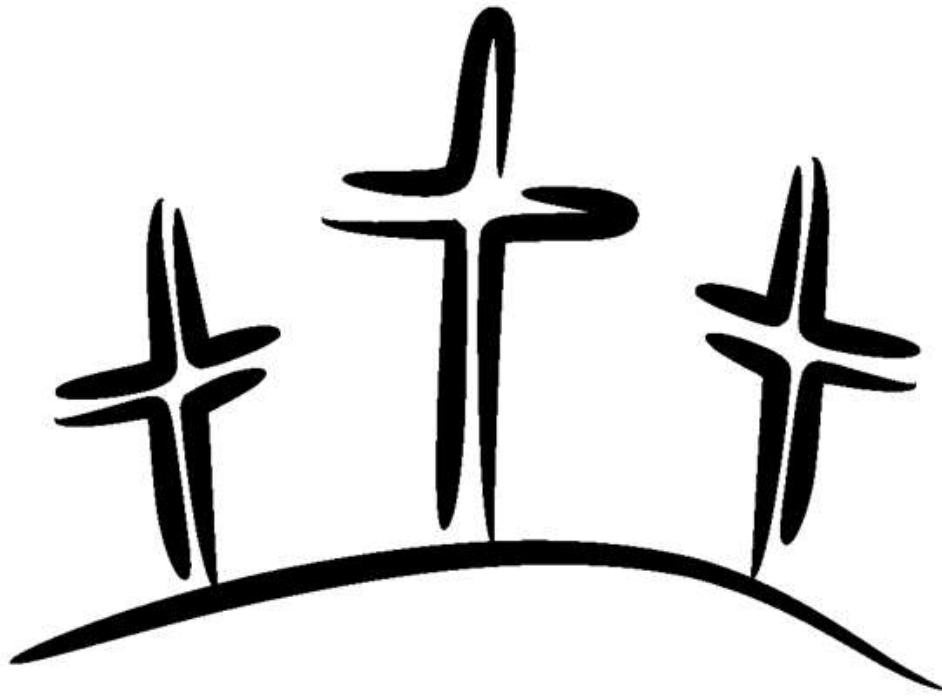


# February Newsletter 2012



*The Season of Lent*  
*Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2012*

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**From the Pastor's Desk:**

## **The Day that Changed My Life**

**The LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and the man became a living being. Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. And the LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground – trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. ... The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die. ... Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." When the woman saw that the fruit was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took**

**some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. Genesis 2:7-9, 15-17, 3:1-7**

Can you think of a time in your life that changed the way you lived or looked upon life in general? Maybe it was a birth of a child, your marriage, your change of careers, a tragic death, or a natural disaster. These things would be life-changing events.

What we are looking at in our Bible reading today, is an even bigger event. God had just created a perfect world. It was the most marvelous thing a person could ever see. And then he, in love, created those first people, Adam and Eve. He placed them into this amazing place and walked with them.

In love, he placed in that garden one tree that he commanded them not to eat from. God was showing them that he loved and trusted them. And he gave them a way to show that they loved and trusted him back. This is how relationships are built.

But Adam and Eve broke that trust. They ate from that tree. It changed their lives. It changed the lives of everyone who would ever live. It changed my life. It brought sin into the world and all its consequences, ultimately including death. It is a day that has lived in infamy.

But the Bible says that God, still loving his creation, sent a second "Adam" (I Corinthians 15:45). His name was Jesus. With his life and death, he paid for Adam's sin, the sins of the world, my sin.

It was a big day when Adam and Eve plunged the world and me into sin and death. But thanks to God we have a bigger day, the day that Jesus forgave me and gave to me eternal life. Please use these days in Lent to reflect on the life-changing events of Christ's suffering and death for our salvation.

**Prayer:**

**Lord Jesus, I thank you for the day you died for me and changed my life forever. Amen.**

**A Lenten Journey with Luther's Catechism**

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2012 with communion services at 10:00 AM and again at 7:30 PM. Every Wednesday during Lent we will have special services at 10:00 AM and 7:30 PM. The theme of the services will be "A Lenten Journey with Luther's Catechisms". We encourage everyone to attend these special services.

**February 22 Ash Wednesday**

“The Greatest of These Is Love - The Ten Commandments”

**Midweek 2 – February 29**

“This I Believe – The Apostles’ Creed

**Midweek 3 – March 7**

“Our Father Who Is in Heaven – The Lord’s Prayer”

**Midweek 4 – March 14**

“We Have Received the Washing of Regeneration - Holy Baptism”

**Midweek 5 – March 21**

“We Are Forgiven - The Office of the Keys”

**Midweek 6 – March 28**

“We Eat a Holy Supper – The Sacrament of The Altar”

**Maundy Thursday – April 5**

“On The Night When He Was Betrayed”

**Good Friday – April 6**

“Tenebrae”

## **Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Information**

The LCMS Church Information Center is just a call or click away.

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888-The-LCMS (843-5267 – This toll-free telephone number connects callers to real live people who will help you find information.

### **Click us**

[infocenter@lcms.org](mailto:infocenter@lcms.org) - You can reach us via email to ask your question and get an answer.

**Get Connected** – The LCMS Church Information Center links people with questions to people with answers.

**Our purpose** – The LCMS Information Center is here to help you – the member in the pew, the church worker in a congregation or the nonmember with questions about the church and its ministry – in any way we can. As we answer phone and email inquiries, we strive to provide timely information to:

\*Increase awareness of and provide information about all the opportunities and activities the Lord makes available to us.

\*Build and strengthen relationships within the body of Christ and connect people who can help each other in ministry.

\*Open communication paths for the unchurched in order to learn more about Lutheran beliefs and theology.

There is more information on the bulletin board near the Church office.

## **Tentative Thrivent Calendar Dates for 2012**

**February 19** – Chili Dinner. A free will offering will be taken. The recipient will be the Leslie Food Pantry.

**April 8** – Easter Breakfast. We hope to again join with the youth to prepare and serve the breakfast. A free will offering will be taken.

**May 13** – Mother's Day recognition

**June 17** – Father's Day recognition. We will be contacting people to bring goodies. If you would like to volunteer contact Karen Sprick.

**July 22** – Potluck – Watch the bulletin for details

**September 9** – Potluck – Watch the bulletin for details

**December 2** – Senior Citizen Dinner – We will be contacting ladies to bring cookies for the gentlemen and ladies to bring dishes for the meal. If you would like to volunteer to bring cookies or food for the dinner, contact Karen or Margaret. We will be working with the youth and their families to serve and help prepare the food.

## **Immanuel Lutheran School – Washington**

### ***Immanuel Lutheran School to host “Wednesdays at Immanuel”***

Every Wednesday during January and February, Immanuel Lutheran School will host a series of informal open houses. These open houses are designed for families in the community to visit the school while classes are in session. Families will also have the opportunity to tour the school campus, talk with the principal, and learn more about the many programs that ILS has to offer.

Doors are open every Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Reservations are not required – simply stop by and join us as your schedule allows! For more information or details, contact the school office at (636) 239-1636.  
Mr. Nick Hopfensperger – Principal

### **Some General Information**

We have been given a box of books – these books have been placed in the area of the Church office. Please feel free to come and look through the books and feel free to check out some to take home to read on these cold winter days. There are also some books on the shelves in that area that you might be interested in.

We also have the January issue of “Mission Glimpses” from the Rodewald family on the table near the Church entrance.

We also have a January newsletter from Light of Christ, the Chinese Mission Ministry in St. Louis, on the bulletin board near our Church entrance.

If you have not already done so, please stop by the table near the entrance to pick up your **year-end Contribution statement.**

### **Acolyte Schedule for February**

#### **February 5**

Cody Adams

Brent Thurmond

#### **February 12**

Justine Huellinghoff

Brian Nelson

#### **February 19**

Cody Adams

Brent Thurmond

#### **February 26**

Justine Huellinghoff

Brian Nelson

### **Altar Guild for February**

Judy Hubenthal

Wanda Gilbert

### **Usher Schedule**

1: Donald Hoemann

2: Andrew Kassebaum

3: Bill Pohlmann

4: Tom Anderson

5: Elmer Kellmann

Alternate: Paul Brune

Head Usher: Lee

Kassebaum

## **Our Birthdays in February**

Gilbert Brune	2-7
Dorothy Kasmann	2-7
Mary Beth Zastrow	2-12
Hugo Nething	2-14
Donna Kirschenmann	2-15
Pat Kappelmann	2-16
Katelyn Bopp	2-17
Jennifer Kasmann	2-18
Elena Roewe	2-19
Art Hohlt	2-19
Aaron Wesche	2-20
Alex Jacob Ward	2-20
Katelyn Lefmann	2-20
Don Sibole	2-21
Janet Redhage	2-22
Bridget Brune	2-23
Ava Monzyk	2-23
Wilbert Helling	2-24
Sharon Helling	2-24
Cody Adams	2-27
Don Kappelmann	2-27
Christopher Helling	2-28
Ruby Bunge	2-29

## **Our February Anniversaries**

Julie and Alan Hilkerbaumer	2-18
Brian and Jennifer Kasmann	2-24

## **Time for Renewal**

What a great time it is to renew a Christian faith and basic Christian doctrine. During the last days of the Epiphany season and the beginning of Lent we have an opportunity to study Luther's Small Catechism based on the basic teachings of the Holy Scriptures.

Beginning February 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 PM Pastor Zastrow will be leading a class on basic Christianity. The class will be located in the Church fellowship hall. The classes are informal and are for new members and older members who want to refresh themselves in basic Christian teachings. For many it has been some time since their confirmation days. This will give you renewal and appreciation for the Holy Scriptures and the meaning of worship. Materials will be provided. Please bring your favorite Bible that you use regularly. There is no cost for materials. There will be no sign up so please just reserve Thursday nights at 7:00 PM to come to Church for renewal class.

## **Altar Guild Information**

To all ladies of the Congregation – Please consider serving on our Altar Guild. We are in need of more help since some of our members have retired from the Altar Guild. Members only serve for one month during the year. Serving on the Altar Guild during the month involves placing flowers on the Altar for our Worship Services and preparing for Communion on the first and third Sundays of the month and any other times when we have Communion

during the month. Please see Mary Sprick if you are willing to help our congregation in this way! Thank you!

### **Highlights from the Quarterly Voter's Meeting**

The Quarterly Voter's Meeting was called to order by President Bob Kirschenmann on Monday, January 23, 2012. The opening devotion was given by Pastor Zastrow. Included in Pastor's report are the following items: Baptisms – none; Confirmations – 2 adult Confirmations; Marriages – 1; Funerals – 2 recent funerals; 2 transfers to Ebenezer; 1 transfer from Ebenezer to Bethlehem Lutheran Church; 2 members received by Confession of Faith.

Pastor David Rawlings from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Hermann was elected Washington Circuit Counselor.

Karen Sprick was elected to be the Delegate to the Missouri District Convention to be held in Springfield, Mo. on June 3 – 5, 2012. Judy Allmeroth is the Alternate Delegate. Pastor and Margaret will also be attending the Convention.

Sunday School attendance is showing an increase. Pastor is encouraging adult participation in evening education classes.

We have not ordered bulletin covers from CPH as we will be using our own.

There was no Elder's report.

Treasurer's report was given. There was no budget created so Roland Walkenhorst will make month to month comparisons so that we can see where we stand financially.

We were short on funds in December, we borrowed from the Thrivent FPDA annuity as interest is lower and we can write checks on the account and put the money back in the account.

Sausage dinner net income \$4,000+. We still have sausage left to sell.

Pastor mentioned the work the Trustees have been doing. The ice blocks are up on the roof. Some major plumbing repairs have been made in the parsonage, the bill is under \$1,000. We earned \$85.00 for the recycling of the copper pipes. Kevin Hoemann has repaired the basement leaking problem.

There was no Stewardship Committee report

The Sunday School/Education Committee reported that the Easter breakfast and Ascension Day dinner are scheduled. They reported there has been good Sunday School attendance.

There was no Evangelism Committee report.

New business: The picnic is scheduled for June 10, 2012

Officers elected by acclimation include:

Elder – Dave Summers; President – Paul Brune; Vice President – Bob Kirschenmann; Secretary, Pat Anderson; Treasurer – Wilbert Baumann; Trustee – Kevin Hoemann; Education Committee – Karen Scheer; Evangelism Committee – Judy Allmeroth; Stewardship Committee – Roland Walkenhorst.

It was suggested that perhaps the computer needs to be replaced. It was authorized to spend up to \$2,000 on a new one.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

## Monthly Treasurer's Summary December 2011

Beginning checking balance	\$6,537.57
Receipts	\$24,968.34
Disbursements	\$9,763.51
Ending checking balance	\$21,742.40
LCEF savings balance	\$69,049.22
Thrivent FPDA balance	\$18,677.66
Pledged to Missouri District for year	\$4,800.00
Paid to Missouri District this year-to-date	\$4,800.00
Monthly receipts needed to meet budget	\$11,798.00
Surplus or (shortfall) in actual receipts	\$13,170.34

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