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Share God's Love and Salvation with All People



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Worship Service Schedule

Sunday Morning

Sunday School Hour
9:00am

Divine Worship Service
10:00am

Wednesday Evening

Divine Worship Service
7:00pm



Holy Communion celebrated every Divine Service

Church Office Hours

Tuesday – Friday
8:30am to Noon

He Gets Us vs. He Saves Us

Dear Saints of Redeemer,

This Superbowl a group called “He Gets Us” again aired two commercials (last year they aired two others). The first dealt with the topic of foot washing, and the second with the question of who is my neighbor. According to the group, the two were intentionally related. In the first they cycled a number of images of different people washing another’s feet, a reference to the events on Maundy Thursday wherein our Lord Jesus washed the feet of the disciples. The ad then concludes with the statement: “Jesus didn’t teach hate. He washed feet”

In the event in the scriptures, our Lord says to the disciples: ““Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.” This is significant because it frames the washing of the disciples feet in the context of the Lord’s sacrificial death for the sins of humanity. His washing the feet of the disciples as an example to them of sacrificial humility is then reflected in the call to act in sacrificial humility toward one another. Washing feet is a symbol of the actual command: do to others as I have done to you.

The next ad follows up in this vein by showing a number of different people with the question: “Who is my neighbor?” and then answering in this way: “The one you don’t notice, value, welcome.” Again, this is an obvious reference to the parable of the Good Samaritan wherein Jesus is answering the question of the lawyer: “Who is my neighbor.” In the parable, a couple of things are important. First, the question of the Lawyer is asked with the context of having been instructed in the nature of the commandments to love the Lord with all one’s heart, soul, mind, etc., and to love one’s neighbor as one’s self. The lawyer, then, seeking to justify himself, asks the question which prompts the parable. Second, the conclusion of the parable provides the answer: “Who then proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers? The one who showed him mercy. You go and do likewise.” So, again, the point of the text is that there is a sacrificial nature of us toward our neighbor which mirrors that of our Lord (the Good Samaritan in the parable is clearly a picture of Christ).

While it might seem at first glance that these commercials, and the organization behind them, are pointing us toward Christ and the scriptures, when you look a bit closer you realize this isn’t the case. They are pointing to a guy named Jesus, and to some of the same concepts or same language of the scriptures, but there’s an aspect of all their ads and articles which is noticeably missing: the cross.

There are a myriad of issues with the theology, background, and claims of the He Gets Us ad campaigns and with the organization itself, but the primary issue is that it presents a Jesus and a Christianity which has no need or use for the cross. The forgiveness of sins and eternal life in the blessed resurrection are almost nowhere to be found. The changing of the Christian’s life from one of darkness and sin to one of light and righteousness is unneeded. This is what makes the group and its theology so dangerous and something to be avoided.

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Jesus doesn't just get us, he saves us from our sins, redeems us from eternal condemnation, restores us to the Father, moves us from darkness to light, makes and keeps us holy and righteous, creates in us new and clean hearts, and so much more. And all of this flows out of the cross.

¹⁷ Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ...¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. ...¹¹ But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹² he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. ¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. (Heb. 2:17; 4:14-16; 9:11-14)

✠✠✠ Soli Deo Gloria ✠✠✠

In Christ,
Pastor Sean Kilgo



Weekly Bible Studies

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class

Join us Sunday mornings at 9 am. This class is studying Genesis

Crimson & Blue Lutheran Crew (Young Adult Bible Study)

The "Crew" is studying the book of John on Sunday Evenings at 5:30pm.

Sons & Daughters of the King

This class is Tuesday night at 6 pm. This class is studying
"Thank, Praise, Serve & Obey" by William Weedon.

Wednesday in the Word

This class begins right after the 7:30 Matins service
and is studying the Gospel of Matthew.

**Spring
Forward!**

Daylight Savings
Begins Sunday,
March 10th.



First Day of
Spring!

Tuesday,
March 19th



BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Pastor's Report: Jaimie Normore was confirmed and has joined the church as a member.

Treasurer's Report:

- A Budget vs. Actuals Report for January 2024 was distributed to members of the Council.
- Jerry Manweiler stated that he is becoming acquainted with the duties of co-treasurer and will be meeting with Glenda Redding, the accountant. Once he has been brought up-to-date, he will be sharing duties with Kevin.
- A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was passed.

Reports from the Boards

Board of Communications and Social Concerns: Social Concerns is planning to assist the Board of Ed. with the Easter Egg Hunt again this year.

Board of Education: The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday March 30.

Board of Evangelism:

- Thanks were expressed to the Board of Trustees for providing treats for Friendship Sunday/Wednesday in February. Social Concerns has signed up for treats in March.
- Valentine cards were provided for our shut-ins thanks to the Sunday School students.
- Thanks go to those who brought in items for our Veteran's Supply Drive.
- The deadline for the March newsletter is Tuesday February 20th.
- A discussion was held on how many lilies to order for Easter as only four poinsettias were purchased. Placement of the lilies and poinsettias was also discussed. It was recommended to place the flowers on the stands available and at the sides of the altar, rather than between the openings under the altar rail, as has been done previously.

Board of Stewardship: No Report

Board of Trustees:

- The ADA doors will be installed the second week of March.
- Don Greenfield will take care of fertilizing and spraying weeds on the property, and will check the back flow on the water line.

Board of Elders:

The Pastor has asked to attend the "Institute on Worship" with organist Annika. The conference is presented by the synod and is to be held July 9 through July 12 in Seward, NE. The motion was made to approve attendance at the conference, with Pastor to cover the cost of milage and all expenses for any other conferences he wishes to attend during the rest of the budget year. The motion carried.

Old business:

New business:

- Darron thanked Jerry Manweiler for accepting the position of co-treasurer.
- Janice Carter asked for permission for the LWML to purchase and provide an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) device for placement in the church. The Douglas County Fire and Medical will present training on its use. The Council expressed thanks on behalf of the congregation for the donation of this item.

- *The full Council Minutes are posted next to the Secretary's office.*



Alternate New Year's Resolution Suggestions *(for each month of the year)*

March: Begin Volunteering!

Help with Sunday school or VBS. Volunteer to mow or water the landscaping. Bake for the Bake sale.

Visit a homebound member. Volunteer in the community too!

"In the same way, let your light shine before people, so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16



Lenten Meals

Lenten Meals through March 20th at 6:00pm



Easter Lilies & Palm Branches

There's a sign up sheet on the back bulletin board. Lilies are \$12 and Palm Branches are \$15 a bunch.



Indoor Work Day!

**Saturday,
March 9th
9am to Noon**

Cleaning supplies provided.

Valentines for Veterans supply collection



Thank you to everyone that brought supplies!

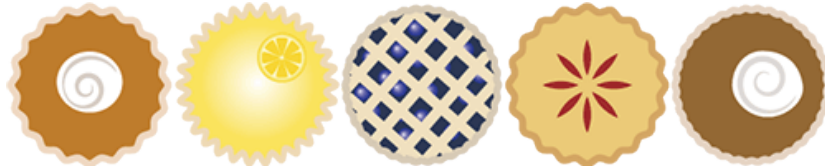
We collected:

51 toothbrushes, 24 tubes of toothpaste, 35 razors, 13 cans of shaving cream, 2 bottles of body washes, 5 bars of soap, 3 hand soaps, 1 lotion, 6 bottles of shampoo and conditioner, 1 deodorant, 5 containers of bathroom cleaner, 6 sponges, 3 bottles of dishwashing soap and 2 bottles of laundry soap.

Lutheran Women in Mission

We will meet on Monday, March 4th at 7pm.

Last month we put together 30 Hygiene kits for the Orphan Grain Train. We will also be planning for our Spring Bake sale which will be Saturday, March 23rd.



*Our meetings are open to all women in the congregation 18 and over.
We start all our meetings with a member-led devotion.*

Making a difference in our Community

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do. - *Ephesians 2:10*



March Food Barrels

Peanut Butter & Jelly, Cereal

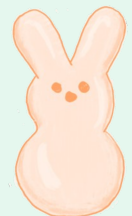
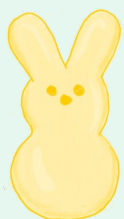
Proverbs 19:17

*Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord,
and he will reward them for what they have done.*

Candy Donations for the Easter Egg Hunt

Are being collected from March 3rd until March 21st
in the Sunday School wing.

Thank you—the Board of Education





Membership Changes



Lance & Kelly Leipold,
Lindsey & Landon

Pola Farve
to
Immanuel Lutheran Church,
Lawrence, KS



**Tuesday, Mar. 19th
at 11:30am**

Sign up on the sheet on the back bulletin board and be sure to come even if you can't provide food. We'll have a run-off vote for the new name of our group.

Quote of the Month:

"The great thing about getting older is that you get a chance to tell the people in your life who matter what they mean to you"
— Mike Love



Holy Week Schedule

March 24th, *Palm Sunday* at 10 am

March 25th, *Holy Monday* at 7pm

March 26th, *Holy Tuesday* at 7pm

March 27th, *Holy Wednesday* at 7pm

March 28th, *Maundy Thursday* at 7pm

March 29th, *Tre Ore* at Noon

Good Friday at 7pm

March 30th, *Holy Saturday* at 11 am

Easter Vigil at 7pm

March 31st, *Easter Sunrise* at 7am

Easter Breakfast, after service

Easter Worship Service at 10am



**Alleluia!
He is Risen!**

Indoor
Work day
March 9
@9am

Daylight
Savings
Time
March 10

St. Patrick's
Day
Sunday,
March 17th

First day
of Spring
Tuesday,
March 19th

Lutheran Women in Missions

Spring Bake Sale

Saturday, March 23rd
from 8am to Noon

Donations of Baked goods and crafts are appreciated!






REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30, 2024
at 10:00am

FREE FOR CHILDREN UP TO AGE 10  BRING YOUR OWN BASKET

2700 LAWRENCE AVE.
LAWRENCE, KS 66047



Special Dates in March





Please pray for these missionaries in March.

March 3— Rev. Dr. Thomas Aadland, Kenya

March 10 — Mark & Megan Mantey, Kenya

March 17 — Shara & Michael Osiro, Kenya

March 24 — Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump, Kenya

March 31 — Rev. Dr. Walter & Robyn Steele, Kenya

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod: Stewardship Ministry “Cherish What God Has Given ” —March 2024

In the Small Catechism, Luther follows a pattern when explaining the Ten Commandments. With each commandment, there is something prohibited, and something commanded. There is something wrong which must be avoided, and there is something right which must be done.

The one time this pattern is not followed is with the Sixth Commandment.

“You shall not commit adultery. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other” (SC I).

Here, the catechism focuses solely on the positive: we should live in a chaste and decent manner in both word and deed, and husbands and wives should cherish and honor one another.

Keeping this commandment, and all of the commandments, is a lot easier if you see your chastity and your spouse as a gift from God that is to be protected and cherished. In the same way, you will find keeping the Fourth Commandment easier if you see your parents and other authorities as a gift from God, given to you for your blessing.

This is the key stewardship insight that runs through all of the Christian life: Everything that we have has been given to us by God. We deserve none of it. All of it comes to us by God’s fatherly kindness and open-handed generosity. If I know that everything I have — every possession, every relationship, every ability — is a gift from God, then my perspective changes. All of these things are both gifts to be cherished, and things that I should direct towards God’s purposes. My possessions should be shared generously according to how God has called me in my family, church and community. My spouse should be cherished, loved and encouraged in faith. My children are on loan from my own Heavenly Father, and I have but a brief time to show them the path of righteousness. My neighbor is a gift from God so that I can imitate His kindness toward me.

No matter the gift, everything has been given to me by God so that I may participate in His own goodness and open-handed generosity. - lcms.org/stewardship

