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## THE ILLUMINATOR

### The Holy Cross Lutheran Church Newsletter

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#### *Pastor's Newsletter Article for March 2025*

#### **What Happens When We Die?**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus:

This is a question that weighs heavily on all of our hearts. We yearn to know what lies beyond the veil of death. The guesses are all over the place. Some people think that we will reincarnate as a new life after we die. Others think we continue as a ghost over a favorite spot or maybe as an angel over a favorite friend.

True comfort can only be found in God's inspired and inerrant Word. The Bible, our sure and steadfast guide, reveals the glorious truth for believers. In 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, the apostle Paul paints a picture of hope that banishes fear:



*“Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord’s own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud*

*command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words.” (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)*

We no longer have to grieve like everyone else who may still be guessing about what happens to us when we die. The question has been answered for us. By his death, Jesus paid for our sins. By his resurrection, Jesus guarantees that those who believe in him will have life with him after death. We will spend eternity with him in glory!

When Jesus returns, those who have died in faith will rise first, and we who remain will be caught up to meet Him in the air. We will then spend eternity with our Savior, experiencing the fullness of His love and joy.

This promise, grounded in the atoning sacrifice of Christ on the cross (Romans 5:8) and the power of His resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:20), frees us from the anxieties of the unknown. We can face death with confidence, knowing that it is not an end, but a glorious beginning!

Now, since we know that those who fall asleep in Jesus will enter life in heaven, **Let's dedicate ourselves to sharing this good news with others. Let us make sure that all our loved ones know the truth about God's love for them and the hope of eternal life in Christ.** God grant that we all find confidence in knowing that, through faith in Jesus Christ, we will be together forever with the Lord in heaven—reunited with Him and with all those who have gone before us in faith forever with the Lord in heaven.

**I LOVE BEING YOUR VACANCY PASTOR!**



Pastor Wright

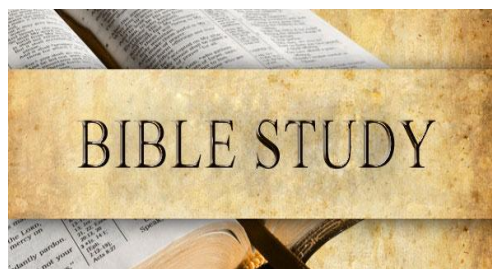


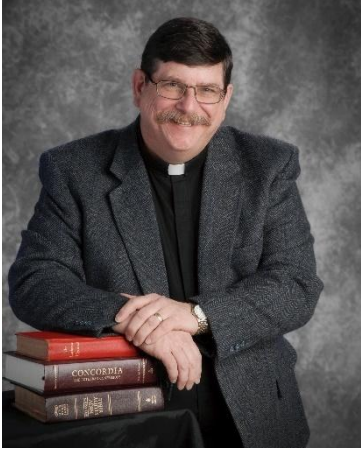
**(Next month:** How is Jesus the Savior of the world?)

**You are always welcome to any of our Bible classes!**

Wednesday's at 9 am. Or Sunday's at 9:30 am. Held in the fellowship hall. You do not need to start at the beginning of a unit or topic. Please come whenever you can.

For those who have been attending church for decades, it may seem that the historic liturgy is boring or vain repetition. In this Bible study, however, we will note how much of the liturgy is actually God's Word as it first appeared in the lives God's people. In a practical and vibrant way, these sessions will help enrich and deepen our worship life and appreciation for Word and Sacrament in a way that has proven tried-and-true over the centuries.





*Rev. Joel A. Brondos*

**Rev. Brondos** served as a parish pastor and as a parochial headmaster of classical Lutheran schools for over 30 years in urban, suburban, and rural settings (retiring 2019).

He has lectured around the country and has published numerous devotions and Bible studies for CPH and other synodical publications. In 2008, he received the middle school teacher of the year award in the Northern Illinois District. He currently serves on the Board of Regents for Concordia Seminary - St. Louis.

His wife of 43 years, Marilyn, has served as a teacher in the primary grades, and they currently live in Geneseo. Benjamin and Melissa Brondos, son and daughter-in-law, are members of Holy Cross.

### **Celebrating 25 Years of Faithful Service**

Holy Cross Lutheran Church recently joined in recognizing a significant milestone in the ministry of Rev. Cecil Murdock. On January 26th, Rev. Murdock was presented with a certificate from the Central Illinois District President, recognizing his 25th anniversary in the Office of the Holy Ministry marking a quarter-century of dedicated service to the Lord and His people.

Rev. Murdock's journey in ministry began with his graduation from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 1999. Following his studies, he was called to shepherd the flock at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Stover, Missouri, where he faithfully served for many years. It's a wonderful point of connection for our congregation that Rev. Murdock was ordained at one of our own circuit congregations, Zion Lutheran Church in Hampton. He and his dear wife, Phyllis are a true blessing to the members of Holy Cross.

His time at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Stover, and his continued presence here at Holy Cross, have touched countless lives. Pastor and Phyllis have become an integral part of our Holy Cross family, enriching our lives with their unwavering faith and genuine care. Their presence among us has been a source of strength and inspiration, and we are deeply grateful for their contributions and the positive impact they have had on so many. Congratulations, Rev. Murdock! May God continue to bless you and Phyllis in the years to come.



### **From the Deaconess**

Lent is upon us. It begins with Ash Wednesday Service on March 5<sup>th</sup>. This Season can get busy with the extra services, all leading up to Holy Week. Take the time to absorb what this Season is for. Jesus came down in Human form, to die the death we so deserved and defeated it with His Resurrection on Easter.



On that note – we do have Wednesday services, outside of Ash Wednesday, will have meals, and a couple of them will be with the Youth and raising funds to go to Higher Things. We have 4 Youth and an adult that will be attending the one in Michigan in late July.

1. **LWML** is serving March 12<sup>th</sup> with proceeds supporting Cristo Rey
2. **Youth** is serving March 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> with proceeds supporting our youth attending Higher Things
3. **Evangelism** is serving April 2<sup>nd</sup> (allocation of proceeds TBD)
4. **Mutual Encouragement** is serving spaghetti April 9<sup>th</sup> (allocation of proceeds TBD)

Also – I would like to get a choir to sing for Maunday Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. If you are interested, I would like to try to have a quick practice on Wednesday March 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:40pm will try to go for about 30 min. I will assess from there how many practices we may need.

We cannot do it without you, Holy Cross. Please feel free to ask any questions or suggestions!

In Christ,

***Amanda Hahn***

**Amanda Hahn** accepted a non-tenured eighteen month call to serve Holy Cross as Deaconess. She will be installed during the worship service Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Youth Report:** After discussion with Amanda and Penny, the Youth Group will be joining with the Rock Island Circuit Wide Youth Group. August had a friend invite him to the movie night last month and he had a great time! We'll plan on shouldering some of the load for planning and hosting events.

1. Circuit Bible Bowl will be in March with location and time still TBD. The topic is Life of David with a focus on 1 Samuel 16 – 1 Kings 2:12. District Bible Bowl will be in April with location and time still TBD.
2. Spring Circuit Wide Event – May 18<sup>th</sup> – Maquoketa Caves @ 1:00 p.m.

The Elders approved the purchase of two systems to upgrade our digital security.



**Firewall acts as a security barrier**, a network security device designed to monitor, filter and control incoming and outgoing network traffic based on predetermined security rules. Cost is \$1,480.00 \*plus labor.



**Network-attached storage (NAS)** is dedicated file storage that enables multiple users and assorted devices to retrieve data from centralized storage. Our office staff via the local area network (LAN) is able to access the shared storage. It is also a backup for our files. Cost is \$1,030.00 \*plus labor.

The Elders approved a Special Voter's Assembly to extend a Call, for our next Pastor, when the Call Committee is prepared to recommend new names. The meeting day, date and time will be widely publicized. God willing it will be in March.



Holy Cross has competent and faithful representation to the Central Illinois District Convention, July 2025. The Voter's elected Mr. William Serre as Lay Delegate and Mr. Rich Kraft as the alternate Lay Delegate. Thanks be to God.



Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 was Bob Hellstrom's final service as an Usher. Bob served faithfully for over 30 years. It will be different seeing Bob in the pews vs. at his post in the narthex. Nonetheless, we are thankful for either circumstance. ***Thank you Sir!***



**Dedication** of new Lent Vestments and Paraments gifted to Holy Cross and the Glory of God by the family of Mary Alice and Eugene (Gene) Beckman was during service on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. **Sarah Gratton, their daughter, was notified so the family could watch the livestream.**

Our brother in Christ Henry A. Setton 100, of Silvis, Illinois, went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Memorial services were at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 22, in the Horizon Room at Trimble Funeral Home at Trimble Pointe, 701 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Moline, with visitation prior to services. The family greeted friends at a funeral. A luncheon immediately followed services at CityView Celebrations at Trimble Pointe. Private burial was in Bethania Cemetery, Justice, Illinois. Memorials may be made to Holy Cross Lutheran Church.



*“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.” Revelation 3:20*

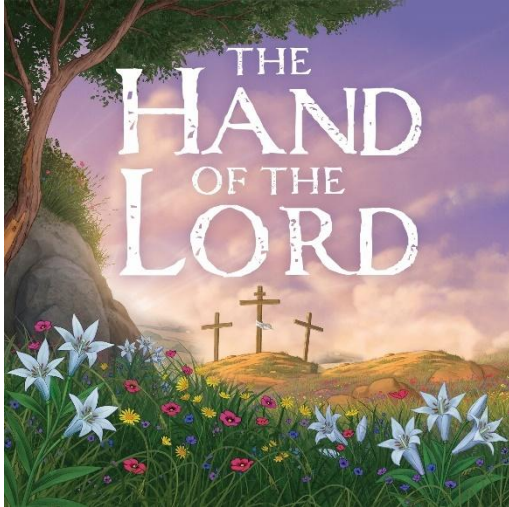


Our brother in Christ Robert H. Koehler 90, of Andover Illinois, went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at Mercer Manor, Aledo, Illinois. Funeral services were at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Moline, IL with visitation from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday prior to services at the church. Interment with military honors was at the National Cemetery, Arsenal Island. Memorials may be made to a favorite Charity.

*“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful” Hebrews 10:23*

## LENT 2025 – HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

3/5	Ash Wednesday	6:30 PM	Pr. S. Anderson	The Hand of the Lord Who Heals the Sick	Imposition of Ashes - Communion	No Dinner
3/9	Lent 1	10:45 AM	Pr. G. Wright	T.B.A.	Holy Communion	
3/12	Midweek 2	6:30 PM	Pr. R. Hagen	The Hand of the Lord Who Creates and Saves		Dinner @ 5:00 PM
3/16	Lent 2	10:45 AM	Pr. G. Wright	T.B.A.	Holy Communion	
3/19	Midweek 3	6:30 PM	Pr. M. Eddy	The Hand of the Lord Who Freely Gives		Dinner @ 5:00 PM
3/23	Lent 3	10:45 AM	Pr. G. Wright	T.B.A.	Holy Communion	
3/26	Midweek 4	6:30 PM	Pr. L. Astrowski	The Hand of the Lord Who Casts Out Demons		Dinner @ 5:00 PM
3/30	Lent 4	10:45 AM	Pr. G. Wright	T.B.A.	Holy Communion	
4/2	Midweek 5	6:30 PM	Pr. S. Sommerer	The Hand of the Lord Who Raises the Dead		Dinner @ 5:00 PM
4/6	Lent 5	10:45 AM	Pr. G. Wright	T.B.A.	Holy Communion	
4/9	Midweek 6	6:30 PM	Pr. G. Wright	The Hand of the Lord Who Holds All Things		Dinner @ 5:00 PM
4/13	Palm Sun.	10:45 AM	Pr. G. Wright	T.B.A.	Holy Communion	
4/17	Maundy Th.	6:30 PM	Pr. G. Wright	The Hand of the Lord Who Serves and Feeds Us	Holy Communion	
4/18	G. F. Tre Ore	12:00-3:00 PM	R. I. Circuit Pastors	T.B.A.		
4/18	G. F. Tenebrae	7:30 PM	Pr. G. Wright	The Hand of the Lord Who Was Pierced for Us		
4/19	Easter Vigil	7:30 PM	Pr. G. Wright	The Hand of the Lord Who Made Us		
4/20	Easter Sun.	7:00 AM	Pr. G. Wright	The Hand of the Lord Who Is Risen	Holy Communion	Breakfast @ 8:30 AM



**HAND OF THE LORD** is the theme of our Lent/Holy Week/Easter Worship this year! Think about it. Our hands are incredibly versatile tools, capable of both creation and destruction. They are symbols of power, control, and craftsmanship. In the Bible, "**the Hand of the Lord**" signifies God's active presence in creation, judgment, and salvation.

The New Testament emphasizes the literal hands of Jesus. He used His hands to heal, feed, and bless, demonstrating God's mercy and personal touch. While human hands can be instruments of sin, Jesus, through His crucifixion and resurrection, has redeemed them. He now holds us in His hands and uses us for His purposes.

Once again we'll have the opportunity to hear various pastors of our circuit each Wednesday evening in Lent, and enjoy some delicious meals prepared for us by the various organizations within our Holy Cross congregation (*with the exception of Ash Wednesday*). We hope that you'll make it a priority to join us for these services in God's House this holy season.

*Please bring a friend!*

## Volunteering to Serve:

**Volunteers are needed to watch the security monitor during our services!**



If you can help in this way, please sign the sheet in the church entryway. If you have any questions, please talk to a member of the Board of Elders.

### Exercise Class and Fellowship Hour:

**Exercise Class begins at 10:15 A.M. Immediately following the 9 A.M. - 10 A.M. Bible Class** led by Pastor Gary Wright. Come and join us for Fellowship Hour following the Exercise Class!

***Newsletter and Calendar Announcements for the month of April MUST be submitted to the office by Monday, March 24, 2025!!!***

**Just a Reminder...** There will be **NO** Peace Quilters in the month of March.



**The January – March 2025 Edition of Portals of Prayer is here!** Please help yourself to this devotional resource and share with others!!

**Note... If you would like to receive a printout of your weekly contributions for 2024,** they are available upon request. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

### **The Mutual Encouragement Committee**

Serves a meal the second Monday of every month following a worship service at Christian Care in Rock Island. In this way we serve both body and soul of those in our community who find themselves in need. Our next date of service is Monday, March 10, 2025. Monetary donations are always welcome and are used to purchase spaghetti ingredients, salads and garlic bread. A sign-up sheet is in the entryway for those interested in providing desserts or fresh fruit. These items, clearly marked for Christian Care, can be left in the Holy Cross kitchen on Monday or Sunday immediately preceding. Space is limited in the Christian Care kitchen, so those signing up to serve must be limited to four. The Mutual Encouragement Committee thanks you in advance for your kind and generous cooperation.



The current Dollar for Missions project is \$25,000 for masonry work and repointing at University Lutheran Church in Champaign. The church and student center building serves as an outpost of the Gospel to the 60,000 students annually at the University of Illinois. Portions of the brick and concrete structure are showing their age and are in need of repair. This project will fund targeted work at repairing and repointing sections of the building exterior, so that the Lord's Word and Sacraments can continue to be given out for many decades to come!

**The Mission of the LCMS Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund** is to aid The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregations, schools, and agencies of the LCMS Central Illinois District (CID) in building and expanding their facilities and ministries for the growth of God's Kingdom.





## CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT

*of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*

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We learn valuable lessons in life, sometimes in the most unexpected places.

One of the great life lessons I learned was in the Chicago Bus Terminal one Friday night after midnight. While there, I began conversing with an old-order Amish man. He said he was a farmer. I asked how big a farm he farmed and he said it was “big enough.” I asked how much land he farmed. He said “enough”. I asked him how many acres he farmed and he said “enough.” I saw that he was a wise man, content with what he had. For him, it was “enough.”

It became apparent to me that I wasn’t as content as this man but prayed that God would change my heart, so like this gentleman and the apostle Paul, I would be content in any and every situation. Contentment is about faith, knowing that God created and sustains every atom and molecule of this world, believing that He loves us so much that God sent Jesus to suffer and die for our sins, and understanding that He will never leave us or forsake us. Therefore, we can trust that, whether living or dying, He will always give each and every believer “enough.”

Rev. Charles Olander

**Pray For Our Central Illinois District Missions supported by your church’s contributions to the District. “Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored.”** Please remember in your prayers all our CID campus ministries, especially Immanuel Lutheran Church in Charleston, serving students, faculty, and staff at Eastern Illinois University. And pray for the “Keeping Christ on Campus campaign,” building endowments to help CID support our campus ministries.

### **CID Convention Reminders:**

- **Convention Date July 13-15, 2025- Springfield, IL**
- **Overtures and Reports due date: February 26<sup>th</sup>**
- **Floor Committee meeting date: March 15<sup>th</sup>**

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## **2025 LCMS YOUTH GATHERING**

Looking for information: Ways to Connect:

- CID Lutheran Youth Facebook Group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/249327678480252>) – Find the latest district updates and information LCMS Youth Ministry Facebook Group
- End Goals: LCMS Youth Ministry Podcast <https://www.kfuo.org/category/lcms-youth-ministry-end-goals/> All things youth ministry and some great episodes on the Gathering! Be sure to check out [www.lcmsgathering.com](http://www.lcmsgathering.com) under the Resources tab for tons of information, worksheets, budgeting sheets, etc.

### **Announcing 2025 Central Illinois District Youth Bible Bowl:**

TOPIC: The Life of David (1 Samuel 16 – 1 Kings 2:12) DATE: April 6 (PLACE: a centrally-located venue (usually a church, school, or Camp CILCA, near Springfield) large enough for all the registered teams. AGES: youth involved in their church. If you would like more information, you may contact Pastor Mark Eddy at Zion Lutheran Church, Taylor Ridge, Illinois ([zionlcms@juno.com](mailto:zionlcms@juno.com)) or 309-795-1063.

**Free Ukrainian resources for sharing the Gospel:** Great news! The Lutheran Heritage Foundation (a recognized service organization of the LCMS) has just gotten a huge shipment of books carrying two FREE new resources available in Ukrainian, including the classic children's Bible storybook *A Child's Garden of Bible Stories* and *Best of Portals of Prayer*. These materials are available to any LCMS church, mission or individual who wants to share the Good News with their Ukrainian-speaking neighbors. To order, send an email to [info@LHFmissions.org](mailto:info@LHFmissions.org) or call the LHF office at (800)554-0723.

### **Next Small Church Summit in CID: Feb. 22 in Pekin**

Trinity Lutheran Church, Pekin, will host the Small Church Summit (SCS) meeting on February 22. The bad weather date is March 1.

Sign-in starts at 9:30 a.m. Opening devotion will commence at 10:00. Adjournment will be at 2:30 that afternoon.

Before lunch, a presentation on Witnessing Helps (that can be found online at <https://www.cidlcms.org/outreach-witness-ministry.html>). Copies of the four Witnessing Helps sheets on 1) beginning an evangelistic conversation, 2) listening discerningly to a nonchurched person, 3) making a simple statement of the Gospel, and 4) defending the resurrection will be provided at the SCS.

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Lunch will be provided. In the afternoon, interest sessions will include:

SCS is free and available to all congregations of not only CID but also the Southern Illinois District. You need not be from a small church to attend. It works best to bring three or four others from your church. Talk in the car on the way to and from.

Trinity Lutheran Church is at 700 S 4th St., Pekin, IL, 61554-4504. The deadline to register is Tuesday, February 11.

REGISTER NOW for the winter Small Church Summit at <https://forms.gle/iwHhyL2kXhnAAsHV8>



**Our Pantry Sunday recipient for the month of March is YouthHope**  
Please keep them in your thoughts while you're out shopping!

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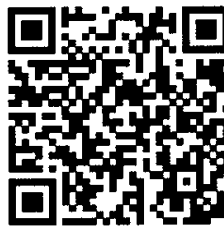
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Rev. Pablo G. Domínguez

MARCH 2025

A long time ago, a close Christian friend of mine told me this true story: His church had a choir with many singers. Before each practice, the choral director invited a choir member to pray. Everybody was given the opportunity. Once he pointed to a lady who was active in the church, and asked her to pray. Everyone bowed their heads and closed their eyes waiting for her to pray. To everyone’s surprise, she started to cry. The director asked if she was okay. The lady responded, “I don’t know how to pray”. This is not an isolated case, because it’s true that many Christians do not pray regularly. They do not understand that taking the time to pray to the Lord is one of the best ways to show our devotion, our trust and our dependability on God. Sadly, there are many Christians who say they are too busy to find the time to pray and show respect and gratitude to their Lord. On the other hand, I’m sure that you have many stories of Christians who are grateful to the Lord for their many blessings. They find the time to pray, and you may even discover that they have been praying for you. When I worshiped at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in McAllen, TX., an old man approached me and said, “Pastor, my family prays for you and your ministry once a week”.

When I was doing my hospital chaplain duties a few years ago, I visited a patient, and while having a nice visit with him, he asked me to pray for me. It’s very gratifying to hear that other people pray for you. Even Jesus prayed for us: **“I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message”**. (John 17:1) The Apostle Paul exhorts us to pray: **“I urge, then, first, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people.”**(1 Timothy 2:1)

Please start to pray; find the time and make prayer a regular part of your daily routine.



**Choice Dollars.** Christ the King Lutheran Church (Cristo Rey) participates in Thrivent Choice which is a charitable grant program of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Did you know you are now able to direct your Choice Dollars to our Hispanic mission?

*We continue to thank God for your faithful prayers and loving support of this Hispanic ministry!*

*Please help to keep this list current by calling the church office when a name can be added or removed. This list is also printed in the Sunday bulletin.*

## Prayer List

**Members in Facilities:** **Heritage Woods of Moline**-Susan Wyant; **Park Vista**- Ron & Caroline Luecke; **Woodridge Supportive Living, Galesburg**- Dick Ristau; **Silvis Center for Nursing Rehab & Care** - Sieg Paulsen; **Friendship Manor** - Dick Hochstetler, Phyllis Thorngren; **Charter Memory Care of Moline** - Jan Phillips; **Hope Creek, East Moline**-Elizabeth Cobb

**Serving in the Military:** Alexa Ellis (daughter of Tera Elliott, granddaughter of Mike and Cheryl McLaughlin), Logan Noard (son of Kyle and Marilyn Noard), Stephen Waugaman (grandson of Donna Knudtson), Cameron Moore (grandson of Lew & Maria Steinbrecher), Matthew Glider (grandson of Doris Glider), Andrew Tolley (son of Carole Tolley), David Revel (son of Craig & Laurie Revel), Jeffrey Teuscher (nephew of Willie Swain), Austin Cox (grandson-in-law of Sieg Paulsen) Leith Masri (son of Peggy Jones), Jakob Ryckeghem (grandson of Connie McKean) Brett Kramer (grandson of Terry Kramer).

### **Members of the congregation receiving treatment for cancer:**

Rev. Murdock, Kathrine Hopkins.

### **Friends & family of the congregation receiving treatment for cancer:**

Cathy Morgan (friend of Geri Stolze), Steven Bell (nephew of Pastor & Phyllis Murdock), Dan Schmidt  
(brother of Sarah Paller) Tom Leahey (son-in-law of Bob Hellstrom)  
Gail Stuenkel, Lisa Crawford, Joanne Lyons, Dave Patterson,  
Harold Foster, Judy Knudsen, Peggy Arkland  
(friend of the McLaughlin's), Kim Trask (sister of Robbie Garrison),  
Corey Dombrowski (neighbor of Dan & Melissa Thorngren).

**Serious Health Concerns:** Ken Phillips (brother-in-law of Jokie Bretl), Rev. Murdock, Ladd Poell (friend of Donna Knudtson), Tracy Bennet (friend of Sieg Paulsen), Sandy Lohse, Bob Trueblood (brother of Joyce Spidle), Tony Loritz, friend of Jennifer Swanburg, Dennis Rusk, Richard Geisler, Heidi Sias, Maureen DeLassus, Kelly Teuscher, Kenny Lackey, Gwen Shrake, Pam and Bill, friends of Gwen Shrake, Monroe 'Chip' Kemerling (cousin of Don Freeman).

**Recovering/Ongoing Health Concerns:** Monica (daughter of Brian & Bev Gustafson), Anita Ingold-Kroll (daughter of Martha Kroll), Levi Koopmas (relative of Patricia Erickson), Penny Dawson, Donald Dawson, Scarlet Durbin, Phyllis Murdock, Sherri Lohse, Helen White, Gary Johnson, Fred Poe, Carol Ferrell, Susan Jamieson, Joshua Duburg, Sieg Paulsen, Cindy Davenport.



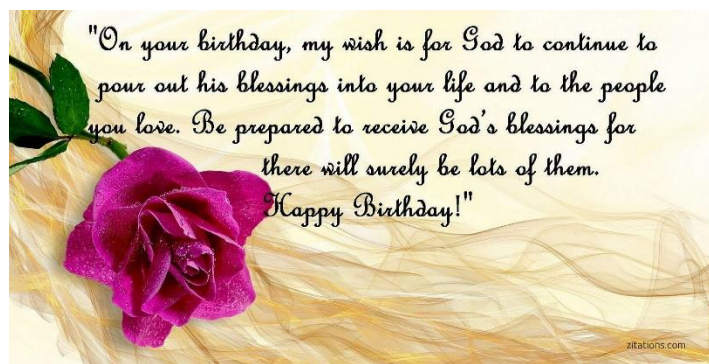
## March Bible Reading Guide


03/01 *Isaiah 64:1-9/Numbers 16-18*  
03/02 *Psalm 85/Numbers 19-21*  
03/03 *Psalm 86/Numbers 22-24*  
03/04 *Psalm 87/Numbers 25-27*  
03/05 *Psalm 88/Numbers 28-30*  
03/06 *Psalm 89/Numbers 31-33*  
03/07 *Psalm 90/Numbers 34-36*  
03/08 *Psalm 91/Deuteronomy 1-3*  
03/09 *Psalm 92/Deuteronomy 4-6*  
03/10 *Psalm 93/Deuteronomy 7-9*  
03/11 *Psalm 94/Deuteronomy 10-12*  
03/12 *Psalm 95/Deuteronomy 13-15*  
03/13 *Psalm 96/Deuteronomy 16-18*  
03/14 *Psalm 97/Deuteronomy 19-21*  
03/15 *Psalm 98/Deuteronomy 22-24*  
03/16 *Psalm 99/Deuteronomy 25-27*

03/17 *Psalm 100/Deuteronomy 28-30*  
03/18 *Psalm 101/Deuteronomy 31-34*  
03/19 *Psalm 102/Luke 1*  
03/20 *Psalm 103/Luke 2-3*  
03/21 *Psalm 104/Luke 4-5*  
03/22 *Psalm 105/Luke 6-7*  
03/23 *Psalm 106/Luke 8-9*  
03/24 *Psalm 107/Luke 10-11*  
03/25 *Psalm 108/Luke 12-13*  
03/26 *Psalm 109/Luke 14-15*  
03/27 *Psalm 110/Luke 16-17*  
03/28 *Psalm 111/Luke 18-19*  
03/29 *Psalm 112/Luke 20-21*  
03/30 *Psalm 113/Luke 22*  
03/31 *Isaiah 64:1-9/Luke 23-24*

## March Birthdays

*Ali Gauley ~ Kyle Noard ~ Doris Stegemann ~ Kent Countryman ~ Joyce O'Neal ~ Isabella Dawson ~ Audrey Elliot ~ Skye Byers ~ Terry Kramer ~ Susan Serre ~ Don Freeman ~ Roxanne Kubatzke ~ Larry Bopes ~ Tera Elliott ~ Sarah Kretschmar ~ Rose Mahlburg ~ Phyllis Murdock ~ Elizabeth Schmidt ~ Susan Eckert ~ Jenna Fender ~ Linda Johnson ~ Nancy Stewart ~ Brian Rauh*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00am – 3:30pm The office is closed on Fridays!	1
2 <i>Transfiguration of Our Lord</i>  9:30 Bible Class ~SS 10:45 Divine Service	3	4  5:30 Confirmation Class	5 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 9:00 Bible Class 10:15 Fitness Class 10:40 Fellowship Hour 6:30 Ash Wednesday Service	6	7	8
9 <i>1st Sunday in Lent</i> <i>Daylight Savings Time</i>  9:30 Bible Class 10:45 Divine Service	10  6:00 Christian Care Devotion & Dinner	11  5:30 Confirmation Class	12 <i>Lenten Midweek II</i> 9:00 Bible Class 10:15 Fitness Class 10:40 Fellowship Hour 5:00 Dinner ~ LWML 5:00 BOE Meeting 6:30 Lenten Service	13  12:30 LWML	14	15
16 <i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i>  9:30 Bible Class ~ SS 10:45 Divine Service	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>  	18  5:30 Confirmation Class	19 <i>Lenten Midweek III</i> 9:00 Bible Class 10:15 Fitness Class 10:40 Fellowship Hour 5:00 Dinner ~ Youth 6:30 Lenten Service	20 <i>1st Day of Spring</i>  10:45 <b>NO Peace Quilters</b>	21	22
23 <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i>  9:30 Bible Class ~ SS 10:45 Divine Service	24  <i>April Calendar &amp; Newsletter Items Due!!!</i>	25  5:30 Confirmation Class	26 <i>Lenten Midweek IV</i> 9:00 Bible Class 10:15 Fitness Class 10:40 Fellowship Hour 5:00 Dinner ~ Youth 6:30 Lenten Service	27	28	29
30 <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i> 9:30 Bible Class ~ SS 10:45 Divine Service	31	1	2	3	4	5