



# The JEWELS

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## Spring Voter's Meeting

April 22 – 9:15 AM  
(Between Services)

All communicant members are urged to attend!

Items on the agenda:

- State of the church
- Financial Review
- Council Reports

Copies of Council reports will be made available to you in writing on the weekend of April 14 & 15. Additional copies will be available in the church office.



## The Month After by Pastor Phill, Senior Pastor

For me, one of the saddest moments in a very sad Good Friday is Peter's denial of the Christ, even as he is recognized, by his accent, as one of the Galileans accompanying Jesus. Imagine the guilt and shame Peter felt as he skulked away from the warming fire burning in the courtyard of the high priest. Sad, indeed.

And – what of us? Do we ever deny the Christ, outwardly or in our own hearts? We do. Is that any less sad? More so, maybe. Because as we choose to live away from the warming presence of the example of Jesus we know we're simply taking advantage of His good grace... We continue in whatever sin we refuse to acknowledge, smug in the certainty that even as the resurrected Jesus absolved Peter on the shores of the Sea of Tiberius (John 21:1), in the month after His ordeal, He will welcome us home every time. Over and over. For the Bible tells us so...

The very resilience and certainty of His forgiveness means we tread on His good nature and grace. Talk about trespass! Do we even try to reconcile our behavior, our language, our broken relationships against His call to healthy and graceful living? Not so much; quite the opposite.

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## Planning ahead ... Summer Worship Begins in May

Our Summer Worship Schedule begins on the first weekend of May. Service times are as follows:

Saturday Worship – 4:00 PM  
Sunday Worship – 9:00 AM  
Sunday Bible Class – 10:15 AM

## From Your President

### What is a Snowbird?

A snowbird is a person. "Winter visitor" is the politically correct term for snowbird. The term "snowbird" was first used in 1923. The majority of international snowbirds come from Canada. Many snowbirds eventually become permanent "sunbirds." Baby boomers are taking over the snowbird population. Snowbirds flock together in RV Parks and 55+ communities. Snowbirds come to play pickleball and golf rather than shovel snow at home.

A prayer for our traveling snowbirds...

*O god, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation and whose presence we find wherever we go; preserve those who travel, surround them with your loving care, protect them from every danger, and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Crown of Life snowbirds, enjoy your summer. We will be waiting for your return.

May the peace of the Lord travel with you,

*Jay Nelson*

## Treasurer's Report

*by Arlin Bates, Treasurer*

The February financial statement shows budgeted year-to-date income of \$143,916 and actual income of \$145,069. Year-to-date budgeted expenditures were \$133,333 with actual expenses of \$138,465. Here's where we stand at the end of February:

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
Receipts	\$ 67,839	\$ 70,840
Expenses	\$ 66,666	\$ 65,719

## Stephen Ministry *by Ken Grover, Publicity Coordinator*

*"He is not here; for He has risen, just as He said..."*

*Matthew 28:6*

Alleluia, He is Risen! He is Risen, indeed! Alleluia! Three days after paying the penalty for our sins on the cross, the sinless Jesus conquered death by rising from the grave thus breaking the power of sin. It was this sacrifice of His blood for our sins that opened the only way for us to have a relationship with God and a home, an eternal home with Him. Yes, Christ's resurrection is cause for our celebration.

Hope is a wonderful gift from God. Hope is a source of strength and courage in the face of life's harshest trials. When life hurts and dreams fade, nothing helps like hope. Hope isn't merely a nice option that helps us clear a hurdle, it is essential for our survival. To hope, is to believe in the possibility of a favorable future. It is the opposite of worry, fear, and despair. Hopeful people live positive and fruitful lives. Hope implies a certain discontentment with the way things are and propels people to work for a more desirable God-pleasing future. People who hear and believe the good news about Jesus' resurrection will hope in God, even when all human reasoning for hope is gone. Our hope is infinitely bound up with God. Christian hope

comes from and rests securely with God. God is the originator of hope. As Christian caregivers, Stephen Ministers are facilitators of God's hope.

*"May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13

For more information about Stephen Ministry, contact Pastor Gary at 623-546-6228 or Gloria Michel at 623-544-4569. May God continue to bless, guide, protect you and keep you in His grace. "Instead of telling God how big your problems are, tell your problems how big your God is!"

*Kerri Miller- Guidepost Reader*

**"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."**

Psalm 118:24

Happy and Joyful Easter everyone!



## LWML – Lutheran Women in Mission *by Barbie Aden*

You are invited to reach out to little girls in our mission field by helping us make dresses from pillowcases. No experience required. LWML will have a hands-on training session (with refreshments) on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 1 PM in the Parish Hall. Girls love getting these little dresses from Lutheran World Relief and the Orphan Grain Train. If you would like to donate a new (or gently used) pillowcase, trim and/or buttons, a box is set up at the Information Center to collect your donations. Everyone is welcome to join the fun and fellowship of this "pillowcase dresses" mission service project.

Questions? Call Barbie Aden 623-544-9831.

## COL Safety and Security Committee Update

by Joel Block, Chairman

We continue our Safety and Security Committee meetings. At our last meeting we again talked about the task we want to accomplish. The Church Council had a number of items they wanted the committee to investigate, and the committee had some additional items we feel need to be addressed. These areas include, security during church services, along with security during other events at church, plus security for staff and property. We will also address medical emergencies, and fire safety. Our committee plans to give an update at the congregational meeting on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, so please plan to attend.

Speaking of Fire Safety, during an emergency, don't forget there are 3 emergency exits at the front of the church. One on either side of the Altar, and one in the Sacristy. Next time you're in church look for the "Exit" signs above the doors.

If anyone has questions or suggestions regarding the "Safety and Security" of our congregation please contact me at 720-837-6692.

## Crown of Life Prayer Ministry by Lisa Safago

We believe in the power of prayer. Therefore, we gladly pray for those in need and for those who request God's help in the time of trouble. We also cheerfully send up prayers of thanks to God. Thanks for providing us with every good thing in our lives and for His answers to our prayers. God tells us to pray...

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."*

Philippians 4:6

How do I ask for prayers for myself, my family or friends? or How can I pray for others? More information about this exciting new prayer ministry will be shared at church services on the weekend of April 7 & 8. During these services you will also have the opportunity to sign up to join the Crown of Life Email Prayer Ministry.

Watch for more information about this exciting new program!



## odds & ends!

"Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime." (Martin Luther)

"When you talk, choose the very same words that you would use if Jesus were looking over your shoulder. Because He is!" (Marie T. Freeman)

## Too Many Vitamins Can Cause Side Effects by Carol Stefcicek, Parish Nurse

When you are picking out a multi-vitamin it is important to review the label to see the percent of each vitamin/mineral content. Some vitamins are water soluble so the extra not needed will be flushed out through the kidneys. So you are wasting your money buying high doses. Some which are fat soluble will be stored and an excess accumulation can cause problems. Try to find a vitamin supplement where each one is as close to 100% as possible – forget high percentages all together! Here are some of the reasons for being careful: Vitamin B6 is crucial for metabolic processes. Requirements for adults is 1.7 milligrams per day. If you eat a balanced diet you should be able to get this from the foods you eat. Niacin can cause liver and muscle inflammation when taken at greater than 3,000 milligrams. Vitamin C in high doses can increase the risk of kidney stones. Vitamin D, important for bone health, can actually lead to loss of bone density if taken above 10,000 units daily. Vitamin A is necessary for visual health but if taken in more than 30,000 units per day can lead to liver toxicity and muscle and bone pain. This is just a starter list. But you can see the problems with overdosing on vitamins. So be wise and be warned!

## We Need Your Help! by Judith Axelson, Assimilation Committee Chairperson

Are you willing to be a greeter or monitor the guest book? Please sign up at the Information Center.

## Women's Out to Lunch

The ladies will gather at The Olive Garden restaurant on April 17 at 11:30 for the next Out to Lunch outing. Sign up at the Information Center.

## The Healing Power of Prayer

by Christine Escobar,  
GriefCare Coordinator

God created us in His image and for His purpose. He knows what we need to heal from the trials and tribulations of life in the world. He is the God of the impossible and He wants us to fulfill the purpose for which He created us. When we call out to Our Father in prayer, we access His power, love, strength and wisdom at a time when we may feel powerless, vulnerable and filled with fear. Throughout God's Word he calls on us to pray to Him unceasingly.

We can pray silently, we can pray with each other, we can pray in church, we can write out our prayers in our prayer journal. We can use the *Lutheran Book of Prayer* to assist in giving our prayers words and expression. We can also use the *Book of Psalms* to put words to our thoughts and emotions. It is comforting to know that the Holy Spirit will also intercede for us if we don't know the right words or if we are in confusion as to what we want to express.

Martin Luther states, "The highest and foremost work we can do is to speak with Him through prayer and receive from Him what He gives us. We have this great need of prayer, for by it we are truly able to keep what we have and to defend it against our enemies – the devil and the world. Therefore prayer becomes our comfort, strength and consolation, as well as our protection against all enemies and our victory over them." (Exposition of John 16:23, 1537) God promises us, "Call upon Me in the day of trouble, I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me." (Psalm 50:15) We are also told, "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation be constant in prayer." (*Romans 12:12*)

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, please join us in the Chapel Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. Our next GriefCare group starts on April 4. We come together to strengthen each other in Our Father's power, love and comfort in order to heal and move forward in a way that honors our Father, fulfills His purpose for us and at the same time honors our loved one.

## Thoughts by Pastor Gary

Visitors in Rome are shown the Pantheon, a temple built about 2000 years ago by Agrippa, the son-in-law of Caesar Augustus. As the name implies, it was a temple dedicated to all the gods. It is now a Christian church.

The God who has revealed Himself in Holy Scripture and who is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ is the one true God; there is none beside Him. When we worship Him, we need not be concerned as to whether we have overlooked any deity. This seems to have worried the heathen from time to time. As said, Agrippa built a temple to all the gods; and in Athens, St. Paul saw an altar dedicated to the unknown god. People then tried to make sure that no supposed god or goddess was slighted.

The problem of many people today is not serving too many gods but serving none at all – neglecting the one true God who made them, redeemed them, and gave them everything they have.

There is another aspect to the problem. Although most people do not formally worship the gods once honored in the Pantheon, they in effect do have idols with whom they populate their secular temples. These little gods are things or ideas which they regard as their highest good – things like money and ideas or purposes such as self-love or self-fulfillment at the expense of everything else.

Who is your God? Whom do you really love and serve? Surely it can be none other than He who speaks to you in the Bible – the heavenly Father who has revealed His love in Jesus Christ. To believe in Him is to bring life and happiness, as our Lord prayed the night before His death, "This is eternal life: that they know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent" (John 17:3).

Ask God today and each day to draw you closer to Him with His everlasting arms of love in Jesus, His Son.



## In Our Mailbag!

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way to make our fourth annual Health Fair a success. This is such a beneficial event for our parish and community. We all look forward to it! Thanks again!!!

*Carol Steficek, Parish Nurse*

A Blessed Eastertide to All!!! The Sanctuary was amazingly beautiful for Easter services again thanks to you, the members! You are the best!

*Florella Denzin, Altar Flower Chairperson*

## Cancer Companions Begins New Session

by Carol Steficek, Parish Nurse

The next session of Cancer Companions starts on Wednesday, April 11 at 1:00 PM in the Chapel. If you are dealing in any way with cancer (yourself, relative, or friend) or know someone who is, then this class will help get you through the trying times. God has provided a unique way for support which will bring you closer to Him as He enfolds His arms around you and builds you up in your faith. Please join me for this 9-week class.

## Covered Parking *by Rollie Mann, Board of Trustees Chairman*

As the weather begins to warm up we want to remind you that covered parking is designated as "Staff Only". Staff members come and go and often find their space has been taken by an unauthorized car. Spaces are assigned to staff members and we ask that you refrain from parking under covered parking. Thank you.

## Worship Service DVDs

Please note there is a notebook on the counter at the Information Center for ordering the service on DVD. Copies will be available in the Church office by Tuesday morning of each week. The cost of these DVDs is \$2.00 which can be put in the basket on the table in the Church Office.

## COL Book Club *by Judith Brodzeller*

The next Book Club will meet on Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM in the Conference Room. This will be our last meeting before summer break. All are invited to join us for a lively discussion on our monthly selection. Bring a friend who likes to read. They do not have to be a member of our church.

### 2018 BOOK LIST

April 9 *The Address* by Fiona Davis

— Summer Break —

September 10 *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain

Also bring another book you read over the summer to share with the group.

## Christian Cards for Sale *by Pat Petersen*

Christian greeting cards are for sale in the Chapel. Cards include birthday, anniversary, sympathy, graduation, confirmation, and many others. Prices are marked on the boxes and individual cards are \$.50 each. Checks should be made payable to Crown of Life Lutheran Church, or you may pay cash. We still have a few 2018 wall calendar remaining at a cost of \$5.00 each.

If you have any questions, call me (Pat Petersen) at (623)546-4440 or Gail Lindley at (623)374-7705.

## Altar Flowers for April

- 7 & 8 Paul & Kathy Beilstein, 22<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary
- 7 & 8 Alberta Rodriguez, In loving memory of husband R.J. Rodriguez
- 7 & 8 Harold & Wilma Schwandt, 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary
- 28 & 29 Gaille Holliday, In loving memory of Roger's 1<sup>st</sup> birthday in Heaven
- 28 & 29 Bill & Susie Venohr, In celebration of Mom's (Sally Hemmerling) 81<sup>st</sup> birthday

## Saying Goodbye for the Summer

Does the office have your summer address and the dates of your departure? We want to make sure you continue receiving issues of the *Jewels*. Please be sure to call the office before you leave. Many thanks. Have a great summer ... we look forward to your return in fall!

## COL Prayers

Please remember to call the Church office when you wish to have your name removed from the weekly Prayer & Praises list found in the Church bulletin.

## 2018 Church Directories Now Available

The 2018 Directories are available! Copies are available on the counter in the Church office. (One per household, please)

## April Servants

Senior Pastor Rev. Phill Robbins  
 Assisting Pastor Rev. Gary Smith  
 Pastoral Assistants  
 Rev. Vern Ermeling, Rev. Roland Kroll,  
 Rev. Ron Luedemann, Rev. Ray Mirly

### ELDERS

(4:00) Paul Brown, Ron Christ,  
 Marty Irwin  
 (8:00) Ed Kristof, Duane Rawson,  
 Harry Bernardt  
 (10:30) Joel Block, Marty Irwin

### TRUSTEES

(4:00) Merv Tvinnereim  
 (8:00) Myron Holen  
 (10:30) Bob Hammann

### ALTAR GUILD

(4:00) Nada Workman, Doris Van  
 Peeren, Helper Joyce Hassan  
 (8:00) Gail Lindley, Sue Woodward  
 (10:30) Pat Petersen, Carolyn Ziegler

### GREETERS

(4:00) Jan Knutsen, Alberta Rodriguez,  
 Frances Sprietzer,  
 Doris Van Peeren  
 (8:00) Joyce Lundquist,  
 Phyllis Naumann, Sue Schaffer  
 (10:30) Altha Clay, Margaret Irwin,  
 David & Judy Koelsch,  
 Karen Stine

### GUEST BOOK

(4:00) (from greeters)  
 (8:00) Lee Gregoire  
 (10:30) Joyce Rieck

### FLOWERS

Florella Denzin, Jan Drake, Pat Fronk,  
 Vicki Jolin, Sheila Mecham, Karen  
 Murphy, Darlene McAfee, Denise  
 Tevarrow, Jan Tvinnereim, Cora Weiss

### SOUND TECHNICIANS

Paul Stuempfig, Coordinator  
 (Sa) Joe Jellison, Dave Sawyer  
 (Sun) Bruce Borchert, Dave Brodzeller,  
 Gerry Harpt, Tom Mertins,  
 Ron Schumann, Paul Stuempfig

SCREENS - Tom Mertins, Coordinator

### VIDEO TECHNICIANS

Bob Murray, Darlene & Wiley McAfee

## Happy Birthday

3 Colleen Doede  
 3 Dorothy Statton  
 4 Mark Brauer  
 6 Arlin Bates  
 6 Sandra Zimburean  
 7 Betty Landercasper  
 7 Rev. John Pope  
 7 Cookie Rawson  
 9 David Koelsch  
 9 Chuck Wasem  
 10 Annamarie Hartge  
 10 Marlena Meyer  
 10 Kathe Schmidt  
 11 Lou Burgess  
 11 Colleen Lekawa  
 11 Mary Matakoto  
 12 Cheri Kuchta  
 12 Bob Weber  
 13 Howard Ludden  
 13 Barbara Williams  
 14 Clar Hansen  
 14 Trudy Piontek  
 16 Al Waldron  
 18 Rachel Horton  
 18 Elaine Treftz  
 19 Paul Beilstein  
 20 Ken Hagemann  
 21 Irene Ellwein  
 22 Leonard Gaden  
 22 Trish Heinzmann  
 22 Sharon Smith  
 22 Irene Taplin  
 25 Gloria DeCaen  
 25 Judy Vogel  
 26 Marlie Abrahamson  
 26 Eugene Renico  
 26 Madeline Renico  
 27 Roger Ferch  
 27 Becky Stinar  
 27 June Wilde  
 29 Shirley Parks  
 30 Sally Hemmerling

## Happy Anniversary

3 Joel & Karen Block  
 3 Clar & Marilyn Hansen  
 3 Bill & Stacey Smaltz  
 4 Al & Jan Knutsen  
 5 Arthur & Frances Spreitzer  
 6 Paul & Kathy Beilstein  
 6 Larry & Sandra Hoecker  
 10 Al & Lori Bronner  
 10 George & Paula Duffey  
 10 Harold & Wilma Schwandt  
 12 Larry & Marlene Brown  
 17 Ken & Sandy Warren  
 18 Jerry & Florella Denzin  
 22 Otto & Phyllis Kelly  
 22 Wiley & Darlene McAfee  
 22 Bob & Karen Swinko  
 27 Don & Barbara Williams  
 28 Ron & Deb Christ  
 28 John & Sandra Zimburean  
 29 Hank & Mary Striewing

## Ushers

(4:00) Jim & Donna Giles,  
 Reg & Sue Trevison,  
 Ralph & Carole Reinke  
  
 (8:00) Bob Turk, Captain  
 Marsh Froland, Willie  
 Lundquist, Ed Michel,  
 Paul Naumann,  
 Dorian Pfeifer, Dave Roberts,  
 Al Stoudemire, Bob Turk,  
 Charles Wasem  
  
 (10:30) Ron Schumann, Captain  
 Byron Brown, Larry Hieb,  
 Marty Irwin, Carol  
 Kleinschmidt, Bob Larson,  
 Frank Lohr, Duane Neal,  
 Gordy Rieck, Ron Schumann

## In God's Hands

"We are not the masters of our own destinies. We are called to plan and strategize, to work and live active lives, to attempt things that are beyond us and tackle challenges that stretch us to the limit. Yet the outcome of our efforts, even our ability to exert ourselves, is always in God's hands."

## April 2018

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### The Jewels

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#### The Month After *continued from front*

The Lenten season is about an assessment of our lives compared to His sinless life, with an eye perhaps to a reformation, a repentance of those most grievous behaviors which separate us from Him. The Easter we've just experienced is about our recognition that His promises are true, that His hand is open to grasp ours to help us in our condition called sin. The month after Easter is a time not to forget what has gone before, but to bask in His restoration of us, as dramatic and purposeful as His restoration of Peter, and like Peter, to move forward in our lives with a renewed appreciation of His grace. Let us, in this month, appreciate the forgiveness we receive from Him, and the strength He makes available to us to continue to walk more closely with Him.

May the Lord continue to bless and keep us all!

Pastor Phill