

## Note from Pastor Heidle

### “Jesus Christ the Apple Tree”

We received a larger than normal number of positive responses concerning the song discussed in last month’s newsletter lead page from people who engaged the topic and found the song both intriguing and inspirational. I appreciate that; and I hope that you will indulge me in yet another song that may be unfamiliar to you; please read the song lyrics below now...

#### Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

The tree of life my soul hath seen  
Laden with fruit and always green  
The tree of life my soul hath seen  
Laden with fruit and always green  
The trees of nature fruitless be  
Compared with Christ the apple tree

His beauty doth all things excel  
By faith I know but ne’er can tell  
His beauty doth all things excel  
By faith I know but ne’er can tell  
The glory which I now can see  
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought  
And pleasure dearly I have bought  
For happiness I long have sought  
And pleasure dearly I have bought  
I missed of all but now I see  
‘Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I’m weary with my former toil  
Here I will sit and rest a while  
I’m weary with my former toil  
Here I will sit and rest a while  
Under the shadow I will be  
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit does make my soul to thrive  
It keeps my dying faith alive  
This fruit does make my soul to thrive  
It keeps my dying faith alive  
Which makes my soul in haste to be  
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

Since there is reference to an apple tree in the Song of Solomon 2:3, the metaphor of a person as a tree (even an apple tree) goes back pretty far.

It all began with the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. It was eating from this tree (in the Garden of Eden) that caused humans to fall into sin and total depravity – to be in need of divine rescue from the eternal punishment such sin merits.

I ran across this song this past Christmas season – it’s a song that has traditionally been considered a Christmas hymn (even though there is scant little in it that is particular to the Christmas story). The song, based on an anonymous poem, first appeared in a New England hymn collection by a New Hampshire preacher in 1784. The tune most often used is hauntingly beautiful (one commentator said *it will make the hairs on the back of your neck stand on end*). But WHY is Christ an apple tree???

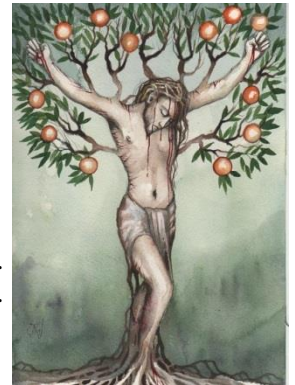
The Latin noun *malum* means ‘apple’. (the scientific name is *Malus domestica*) The adjective *malus, mala, malum* means evil. This word family in Latin is presumed to answer the question ‘*what was the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil?*’ ... to the detriment of the apple’s reputation! (Other candidates have included the fig and the tomato. ‘*Jesus Christ the tomato vine*’ doesn’t have much of a ring to it.)

Apples, of course, are nutritious and good-tasting. To North Americans, they were also life-saving. The horrendous death toll at the first English-speaking colony, Jamestown, went down sharply as soon as the apple trees they planted had borne fruit. The reason? Cider. The moral of this story is: don’t build your settlement (complete with outhouses) on a tidal river and then drink the water!! You get typhus. If you must drink bad water, throw some alcohol in to kill the germs. The life-giving apple served its purpose as a *cider ingredient* until the late 19th Century, when encroaching teetotalers made it unpopular. Apple-growers were forced to hire an advertising company to convince consumers that apples were not just for drinking. ‘*An apple a day keeps the doctor away*’ helped save the trees and improve health. In England, there was the autumn custom of wassailing (serenading) the apple trees.

Before the days of cider-drinking tree wassailers, Christians looked to the cross on which Jesus died as the saving tree. Helena, the mother of the emperor Constantine, claimed to have found the true cross back in 326 AD. Of course, the object had healing powers – which explains its being broken up into so many pieces and sent to so many places.

This explains, in a way, why Jesus could come to be identified as an apple tree. The Cross – an instrument of torture and death – was made holy, and given a healing function, by its association with a sacred person. If the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil – the cause of Adam’s Fall – could be associated with the Cross, then we begin to understand the apostle Paul: *For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.* (I Corinthians 15:22)

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Thus: by the first tree, all fell; by the second, all are made alive. The apple tree becomes a symbol of Christ. But there is a third tree in this, in addition to the Tree of Knowledge and the Cross: the Tree of Life. This tree was mentioned in the first stanza of the song. In addition to Genesis 3:22, where the Tree of Life is placed out of reach of humankind, there is this passage in the Book of Enoch: *And as for this fragrant tree no mortal is permitted to touch it till the great judgement... It shall then be given to the righteous. Its fruit shall be for food to the elect: it shall be transplanted to the holy place... Then blessed be the God of Glory, the Eternal King, who hath prepared such things for the righteous, and hath created them and promised to give life to them.* (25:4-7)

*'For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive'* – Jesus Christ was an apple tree. The hymn-writer saw a connection. I do too.

But this would not be complete without mention of the Lenten Proper Preface for Communion, words that have always struck me as most profound: *It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome.*

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus, our Apple Tree.

*Pastor Michael K. Heidle*

**HELP US CARE FOR YOU...** When you or a family member enters the hospital; please let the hospital know during the admission process that you are a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Danville. The best option for us to serve you with prayers and visits is for you to call the church office when you or a family member enter the hospital or have any medical/surgical procedure. Your well-being is important to us and we want to pray for you! For any time of spiritual need, please call the church office: 217-442-5675 or Pastor Heidle's cell phone: 217-516-0085.

**SCHOOLA...** DLS now collects gently used clothes for a new *ongoing* fundraiser that *turns quality clothing into money for our school!!* **Donate** your gently used clothing in the "Schoola" collection box in our hallway and we mail it to Schoola (free shipping). You can also shop at *Schoola.com* registered with DLS; we get a percentage of those purchases too. See Sue Heidle for more info. *Thank you!*

## SPECIAL DATES IN FEBRUARY...

- Transfiguration of our Lord, Feb. 7
- Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10
- First Sunday in Lent, Feb. 14
- Valentine's Day, Feb. 14
- President's Day, Feb. 15
- Second Sunday in Lent, Feb. 21
- Third Sunday in Lent, Feb. 28



## LUTHERAN EARLY RESPONSE TEAM...

This training will help you respond to disaster as a volunteer in our community *or beyond*. Training is at St. Paul's in Havana on **Feb. 20**, or at Trinity in Bloomington on **Feb. 27** from 8 am - 4:30 pm. \$35 fee includes training manual, volunteer vest, & lunch. For *more info or to register:* 217-793-1802 or [www.cidlcms.org](http://www.cidlcms.org).

**ACCREDITATION...** Soon, DLS will begin working on the Accreditation process. We need your help! The process requires a self-study in seven areas; we need a committee of volunteers for each area and we need YOU to volunteer; this is not a permanent position; it's temporary. Previous experience with teaching or accreditation helps but is not necessary; just willingness to help. You can talk to Pastor, Kim, or any school board member if you are interested or if you have questions. *Thank you!!*

**WOMEN'S GUILD...** Women's Guild will meet this month on **Feb. 9** at 7 pm. Because our January meeting was cancelled, Sue Heidle is again scheduled to speak to us about our mission at Danville Lutheran School. Thank you for your generous gifts in January for the *Feed the Children Backpack* program. Our February in-gathering is art supplies such as crayons, markers and water colors for the *Vermilion County Rape Crisis Center*.

**INTERNET MASTERS... Spring 2016 Classes:** in the DLS Trinity Campus Lab from 9 to Noon.

**The Incredible iPad:** Mar. 7 & 8 Cost \$45.

**MAC Computer Basics:** Mar. 10 Cost \$30.

**Windows 10:** Apr. 30 cost \$30.

*Please bring your iPads or laptops.* Immanuel & Trinity members will receive a \$5 fee reduction for class. Seating is limited to 12, so sign up quickly. *Class fee is nonrefundable.* To register or for more information: call Larry Pasquale at 217-497-1205 or email: [internetmastersdanville@gmail.com](mailto:internetmastersdanville@gmail.com).

**CRAFTERS...** Our Craft Group will start up again on Wednesdays at 9:00 am starting **Feb. 17**. *All are welcome!*

**GERMAN DINNER...** Our 20<sup>th</sup> Annual "A Taste of Deutschland" German Dinner hosted by our Men's Club will be **Feb. 20**. **Tickets are now available** from Men's Club members after church; or from the church office during the week. Tickets are \$9 for adult; \$5 for children under 12. Our menu includes Brats, potatoes, green beans, sauerkraut, pumpernickel bread, and cake. Carry-outs will be available. We'll have a live German band. **We need volunteers** for dining room helpers and to donate German chocolate and Black Forrest cakes; sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board. Your support for this event is truly appreciated!



**VOTERS' ASSEMBLY...** Our next congregational Voters' Assembly meeting will be after the Divine Service on **Feb. 28**. The main item on the agenda: the DLS budget. *Your participation is important!*

**A MESSAGE FROM PROPERTIES...** "I want to give a special thank you to Denny Hilton, Jerry Kennett, Scott Huckstadt, Ray Wittmann, Ted Mann, John Albers, Mike Ferris, Gary Stuhr, Pete Rudolph, Jerry Connolly, Bob Wakeley, Allen Julian, Andy Sanders, Howard Ohl, Butch Buesing, Dave Creek, and Glen Natschke for all the many projects they have helped us complete here at Immanuel. Your willingness and cooperation has made my job much easier. God's blessings!"  
- Wayne Mann, Properties Director

**We need volunteers** to help with shoveling the sidewalks and entryways when it snows on a school day or before a church service. If you can help, please talk to Kim in the church office or Wayne Mann. *Thank you!*



**GOD LOVES MARRIAGE!** Spend time with the one you love on a **Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend!** God gave you each other; what have you done with this gift? The next weekend is scheduled in Peoria **Apr. 1-3**. Apply now at [godlovesmarriage.org](http://godlovesmarriage.org) or contact Norm & Deb Lopez at [ndlopez@frontier.net](mailto:ndlopez@frontier.net) or call 815-796-2248 for more info. Register in advance.

**PINK! PINK! PINK!** Immanuel members, lets go pink again! To show support for our members, families and friends who have been touched by cancer, lets all wear something pink on Sunday, **Feb. 21!** Even more importantly, let us all pray (everyday!) to our loving, heavenly Father for healing, hope, and strength for all, according to His will. Think *Pink!*

# LENT Lent LENT Lent

**LENT** will begin this year on **Feb. 10** with **Ash Wednesday** (which will include *the imposition of ashes*). Groups can sign-up to host a soup supper; just call the church office. Soup suppers will be served Wednesdays during Lent 5:30 – 6:45 pm to help foster fellowship and to make it convenient for all to come to our services! **Plan now to attend our midweek Lenten services: Revelation for Lent!** The letters to the seven churches (Rev. 2:1-3:22) with calls to repentance and faith are central to our Lenten message.



## HERE'S WHATS HAPPENING IN SUNDAY SCHOOL!



*"The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil."*

1 John 3:8

During the month of February, our theme will be love: the love of Jesus, who suffered and died to pay for our sins, and the love we have for one another in His name. Our lessons will focus on Valentine's Day, Transfiguration, and Lent. Sunday School children will sing in church on **Feb 28**. Join us each Sunday at 8:30 am to hear the wonderful message that never grows old!

**PARISH EDUCATION NEWS...** *Cookies are coming!!* Parish Education members will be taking orders for Icebox cookies on **Feb. 14, 21 & 28**. We will prepare baked cookies and unbaked rolls on **Mar. 5**. Cookies will be available on **Mar. 6** and funds will be used to support our summer VBS program.

Mark your calendars: our **Barnyard Roundup VBS** will take place **June 13-17**. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this fun week!

Parish Education will meet again on **Feb 15**.

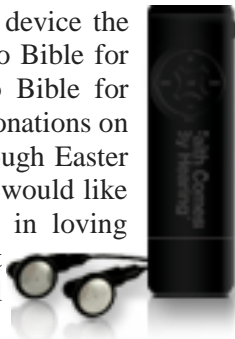
## FLOWER & BULLETIN SPONSORS NEEDED!

Sign up to sponsor the altar flowers or the Sunday bulletin. This year, we will offer two families the opportunity to sponsor flowers for our altar for any Sunday. Both are great ways to celebrate your special occasions and remembrances!

**CAMP CILCA...** Summer Camp Counselors Needed! What are you doing this summer? Have you considered serving the Lord as a summer camp counselor? Camp CILCA is now accepting applications for summer 2016! Find out how to apply at [www.cilca.org](http://www.cilca.org).

## MISSION: MILITARY BIBLE STICK...

Again, we are partnering with *Faith Comes By Hearing* to provide *Military Bible Sticks* for the men and women of our nation's military and their families. Our goal is to support one entire company of 100 soldiers and their families! For a gift of just \$25 you can provide a soldier with a military Bible Stick (digital audio of the New Testament and selected Psalms on a device the size of a stick of gum!); and an audio Bible for their spouse and a Children's audio Bible for their children. We will begin taking donations on Sunday, **Feb. 14** and will collect through Easter Sunday (*as a Lenten mission*). If you would like to make your donation in honor or in loving memory of a loved one, please write it down on your donation and we will display a certificate on a tribute wall.



## MISSION OPPORTUNITY...

Pastor Terry Strom of Trinity Lutheran Church in Bloomington is coordinating a short term mission trip to Kenya in June. If you are interested in attending, or would like to support someone who is going, please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the hallway. *More info in the office.*



## NEW FROM CONCORDIA PUBLISHING HOUSE...

***Know the Bible Now!*** is a confidence booster book that helps you embrace a fuller understanding of the biblical narrative. This unique resource strengthens your faith while quickly increasing your Bible literacy skills. ***The Big Book of New Testament Q & A*** dives deeper into God's grand story, uncovering 2,000+ questions you've probably heard or asked. *Why did Jesus use parables? Are there levels of heaven? What does it mean to have the mind of Christ?* It's a Q&A collection with vast insight into the entire New Testament, guaranteed to spark those "Hey, I've always wondered that!" moments. Both books are available at great introductory prices! Signup to get your copy during February on the table in the hall.



*On Valentine's Day, we remember that God is the source of all love in the world. His perfect love for us has made all human love possible.*

## PARISH NURSE NEWS

Faith, health, and healing have been intertwined since ancient times. Today the message of health and hope is as powerful and important as ever.

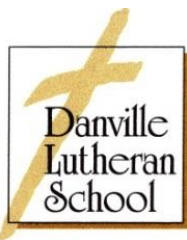
February is "**National Heart Month**" and Friday, **Feb. 5** is observed as "**National Wear Red Day**" as a way of raising awareness of heart disease in women.

Most women don't know their biggest health threat. It's not breast cancer. It's not AIDS. It's heart disease. Yet many women still think heart disease is a man's disease. A slogan says it well: "*Heart Disease Doesn't Care What You Wear—It's the #1 Killer of Women.*" According to the American Heart Association, heart disease and stroke cause 1 in 3 deaths among women each year, that's 1 woman dying every 80 seconds! 80% of cardiac and stroke events may be prevented.

God has given us the job of keeping ourselves healthy. For women the caretakers in our lives-this means taking time to care for themselves. We all have the power to prevent or control heart disease, and we can do this by taking simple steps. Let's start with the "*Ten Commandments for a Healthy Heart*":

1. Know your risk factors for heart disease:
  - ♥ High blood pressure
  - ♥ High cholesterol
  - ♥ Diabetes
  - ♥ Smoking
  - ♥ Being overweight
  - ♥ Physically Inactive
  - ♥ Having a family history
  - ♥ Having a history of preeclampsia
  - ♥ Unhealthy diet
  - ♥ Age (55 +for women)
2. Talk to your doctor about how to lower your risk.
3. Have your blood pressure checked regularly. (Blood pressure checks offered by the Parish Nurses every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the service.)
4. Know your cholesterol numbers. (This includes the HDL or "good" cholesterol, the LDL or "bad" cholesterol, and the triglycerides.)
5. Have your blood sugar level checked for diabetes.
6. Do not smoke cigarettes or other tobacco products.
7. Have a healthy diet, eat to protect your heart health
8. Get regular physical activity.
9. Aim for a healthy weight and maintain it.
10. Know the signs and symptoms of a heart attack and the importance of calling 9-1-1 immediately:
  - ♥ Uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain in the center of your chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or goes away and comes back.
  - ♥ Pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw, or stomach.
  - ♥ Shortness of breath, with or without chest discomfort.
  - ♥ Other signs such as breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea, or light-headedness.

Making the changes that lead to heart health is not always easy, but with God's help, we can find the courage and strength to take action. And we ask all of you to look around at the women in our congregation and offer them your prayers and your hand to help support them in achieving healthy hearts and longer life.



## FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK

The month of January is almost over and February is knocking on the door. What comes to mind when you think of the month of February? Do you think of Ground Hog's Day and how many more weeks of winter we will have? Do you think of Valentine's Day and the gifts you are going to give to your loved ones? Do you think of the church season of Lent and the suffering that our Savior endured for us? Do you think of Presidents' Day and the great men who have provided leadership for our country?

Only one of the above events has an impact on our life after death. We know the Gospel message of Jesus living on earth as one of us and experiencing life's ups and downs. We know that Christ resisted the world's temptations and lived a perfect life. But yet He suffered unimaginable pain and death for US! God loved us so much that He sent His Son to take our place. **Lent** is the time we remember the pain and suffering of our Lord. **Lent** is the time to ponder the reason He suffered for us. **Lent** is the time to realize that **MY sins** caused His pain and death.

During this coming **Lenten** season, take time to reflect on the life of Jesus from birth until death. Focus on the last weeks of His life taking in all of His pain, suffering, and ultimate death. Then when everything seems to be hopeless and lost, look to the open tomb and His **glorious resurrection** at Easter.

This month the teachers' articles center on the subject of **math**. From preschool through the eighth grade, our students work with numbers at various levels – from simply recognizing individual numbers to algebraic equations.

## PRESCHOOL – MRS. MARXMAN

Math skills in preschool strengthen a child's ability to use manipulatives, symbols, and signs. As early as age three, children can hold up fingers to indicate a quantity. The child is sometimes incorrect, but it is a mathematics behavior. They can usually count to 5 or 10, and can tell you what number comes next in a series. For example, if you counted 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and asked what comes next, the child could say, "6!" In geometric thinking, children begin to recognize and name shapes that have different sizes and orientations and use directional words such as "up," "down," "over," "under," and many others. We love being able to count, sort, distinguish between sizes or colors. We typically do this in a game setting where they think they are playing, but are actually learning and advancing in their development.

## PREKINDERGARTEN – MRS. HEIDLE

In preschool there are many math skills that are introduced to prepare them for kindergarten. Some concepts are more difficult than others, but if you begin to introduce these objectives in preschool, it will be much easier for the students to master them in kindergarten. Some of the skills we practice during circle time. The students work with numbers while they count the days of the month and learn patterns through the calendar numbers and the weather cards. Our class sorts objects by size, color, and shape and creates patterns with the objects. We sequence items by size and work on positional words like over, under, on, between, etc. Math is all around us.

## PREKINDERGARTEN – MRS. ROBINSON

Starting each day with a 'morning meeting', the children practice patterning (AB, ABC, AABB), numeracy, number recognition and number sequence. Our *Adventure in Space* created opportunities to use a balance scale to compare the weights of moon rocks verses Milky Ways and Starbursts. Using astronaut math mats, the class practiced 1 to 1 correspondence. Crescent, quarter, half and full were shape concepts used to describe the moon. Count down to blast off provided opportunities to count backwards. God made the moon on the 4<sup>th</sup> day. It was good!

## KINDERGARTEN – MISS MULL

This year in Math we have learned many new and exciting things! We have learned patterning, sorting by 3 attributes, telling time to the hour, counting pennies and dimes, covering designs with pattern blocks, and working with geoboards just to name a few! There are so many new things yet to come. Our day always begins with our Math Meeting where we review important skills using our calendar. We enjoy using manipulatives to help understand and use Math in the world around us!



## GRADE 1 – MRS. LINDA BOYER

We begin each morning in first grade with our “math meeting” where we work on a calendar and weather and a chart called “How Many Days Have We Been in School?”

How exciting to reach 100 Days of School. Each student

brought 100 of something for show and tell. We sang songs and read stories all about 100. Check out the 100 heart projects in the cafeteria! We did lots of fun stuff that day and the students learned a lot! In first grade we do a hands-on approach so the students really understand what math means. We use counters to illustrate stories. We make congruent shapes on our geoboards. We make patterns with pattern blocks. Sometimes we add with dice. Of course we also have to work on memorizing facts and doing our flashcards. We like math!

## GRADE 2 – MISS DRESSLER

We have been working hard in math this year. We are currently working on adding two digit numbers together. We are also working on fractions and graphing. The second graders love getting a math page with 100 math facts. During National Lutheran Schools Week we celebrate our 100th day of school and looked at different ways to make 100. We are also working on measuring using inches and centimeters. We continue to work on temperature and time. The class is having lots of fun adding numbers and trying to get the biggest number.

## GRADES 3 & 4 – MRS. TIBBEN

In Math, fourth graders have just finished a chapter on multi digit multiplication. We have found it is difficult to learn to switch from multiplying to adding just in time to add a new operation—long division! After watching the fourth graders, the third graders are working **hard** to memorize their 0-12 multiplication facts. With two grades in the same room, that is one of the ‘perks!’ Both classes are finding that math problems require a good work ethic—true in life as well!

## GRADE 5 MATH – MISS BALLANTYNE

Fifth grade math just started a unit on fractions. We will be learning how to add, subtract and reduce fractions. The students are especially looking forward to the end of the chapter when we will have an activity with fractions and food.

## GRADE 6 MATH – MISS BALLANTYNE

In sixth grade we are about to begin a new chapter on lines and angles. This will give the students a chance to do something new as we use our compasses and protractors to create lines and measure angles.

## GRADE 7 MATH – MISS BALLANTYNE

The seventh grade math class is diving into a unit on geometry and shapes. We will be finding the area and perimeter of parallelograms, circles, squares, triangles and many other shapes.

## GRADE 8 MATH – MISS BALLANTYNE

Pre-Algebra and Algebra have combined to do a chapter on graphing linear equations. Looking at various forms of equations they will learn to find the slope and y-intercept as well as graph a nice straight line. Algebra will be taking it a step farther and learn to graph exponential functions as well.

## MUSIC – MRS. WELLS

Whether the band/choir members count to 4 over and over again, whether the drummers multiply the 8 bars of rest by 4 to see how many beats to wait before playing (32), or the clarinets dividing the beat into fractions for 8<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> notes ( $\frac{1}{2}$  of the beat;  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the beat), or the trombones figuring out a dotted half note is 3 counts because the dot adds  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the original note value to the note, there is always math involved when making music.

In Kindergarten-3<sup>rd</sup> grade, we are studying the pattern ABACA. In music, this is called a Rondo form. The music of the A section keeps repeating, interrupted by new sections of melody (B and C sections.) The students drew pictures to represent this Rondo pattern of ABACA. Then they designated instruments for each section and played a simple rondo. We listened to a Rondo form piece played by the pipe organ and the trumpet. The trumpet played the A section and the pipe organ played the B and C sections. The piece we listened to was Rondeau by French composer Jean-Joseph Mouret (otherwise known as the theme to “Masterpiece Theater”).

4<sup>th</sup> grade recorders are working on composing a piece in Rondo form. They must use notes they know how to play on their recorders and write 8 measures for the A sections and 4 measures for the B and C sections. Once they are done writing, they will play their Rondo form composition for the class.





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**February 2016**

**February 7** (Luke 9:28-36)

#### **“Jesus Changes Everything”**

*By Rev. Dr. Lawrence R. Rast, Jr., Concordia Theological Seminary~Fort Wayne, IN*

There's more to celebrate today than the Big Game – Christ's Transfiguration changes our entire reality.

**February 14** (Psalm 91:1-16)

#### **“Total Security”**

*By Rev. Dr. Walter A. Maier, III, Concordia Theological Seminary~Fort Wayne, IN*

In Psalm 91 God promises total security. To whom is this total security promised? What is this total security, this complete deliverance, which is promised?

**February 21** (Luke 13:31-35)

#### **“Die With A Purpose”**

*By Rev. Paul E. Shoemaker, Emanuel Lutheran Church~New Haven, IN*

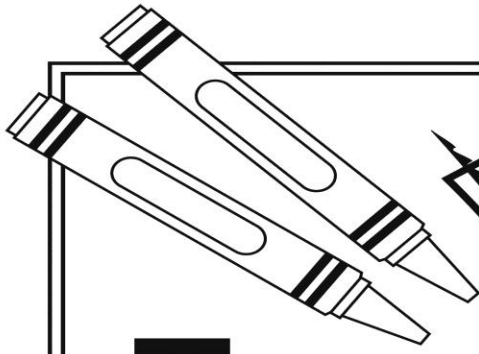
In our world, Christians are dying for their faith. It is that important to them. Jeremiah was willing to die for his faith. Jesus was willing to die for us. What about you? Our faith in Christ is the foundation of all that is truly important.

**February 28** (Luke 13:1-9)

#### **“Cut It Down?”**

*By Rev. William Mueller, Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran Church~Fort Wayne, IN*

When disease and disaster strike us we are tempted to hang our heads and conclude God must be punishing us. But dig into God's Word and see His amazing mercy in His Son, Jesus.



# PUZZLE

## True Friendship

What makes someone a good friend?  
The Bible offers lots of advice about true friendship.

*Directions: Starting at the \*, connect the dots clockwise and complete the words using the word bank. Then fill in Proverbs 27:9, NIV.*

**WORD BANK:**

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27:9, NIV •

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27:9, NIV

Answer: The pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice.  
Proverbs 27:9, NIV



## Serving in

# February



### Elders

Feb.	7	Scott Burgess
	14	John Albers
	21	David Ammermann
	28	Bruce Huff

### Communion Assistants

Feb.	7	Scott Burgess, Kurt Thornsborough
Ash Wed.	10	Don DeMoss, Jerry Connolly
	21	Pastor Callahan, David Ammermann

### Ushers

Feb.		<b>Team "B"</b>
		Capt. Ray Wittmann, Scott Huckstadt, Wayne Mann, Ted Mann, Larry Fredericks, and Stuart Barnes

<i>Note: Ash Wednesday</i>	February 10	7:00 pm	Team "C"
<i>Lent</i>	February 17	7:00 pm	Team "D"
<i>Lent</i>	February 24	7:00 pm	Team "E"

### Lay Readers

Feb.	7	Janet Terry
Ash Wed. 7pm	10	John and Terri Albers
	14	Kathy Kyle
Lent 7pm	17	Martha Rediehs
	21	Jan Mann
Lent 7pm	24	David and Tina Ammermann
	28	Bob and Kathy Wakeley

### Greeters

Feb.	7	Narthex	Joe & Jeanne Hoitenga John & Marcy Heeren
		Chapel	Kitty Lee
	14	Narthex	Charles Vollmer family
		Chapel	Charlotte Schendel
	21	Narthex	Bill & Joyce Martin
		Chapel	Marlon & Marian Heideman
	28	Narthex	Gary & Sarah Stuhr
		Chapel	Carol Johnston

### Acolytes

Feb.	7	Molly Buesing
Ash Wed.	10	Ashleigh Acree
	14	Chris DeMoss
Lent	17	Quentin Ablinger
	21	Shamiah Cope
Lent	24	Josey Clem
	28	Noah Christensen

### Altar Guild

Feb.	Sue DeMoss, Kimberly Davis
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### Money Counters

Feb.	Team "B" Nancy Purviance, Martha Elliott
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## Official Acts

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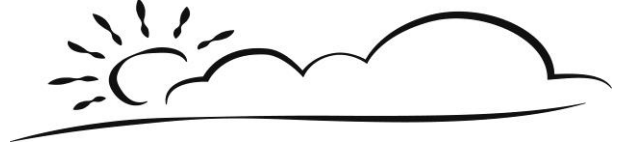
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## BIBLE QUIZ

At a time of deep struggle in Elijah's life, God made His presence known to him. How?

- A. In a strong and destructive wind
- B. In an earthquake
- C. Through fire
- D. Through silence



*Answer: See 1 Kings 19:9-12*



*"To err is human, to forgive, divine,  
and well, I've done my part."*

# Immanuel Messenger

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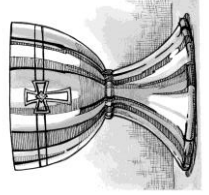
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For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way ... that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.

HEBREWS 2:17, NIV

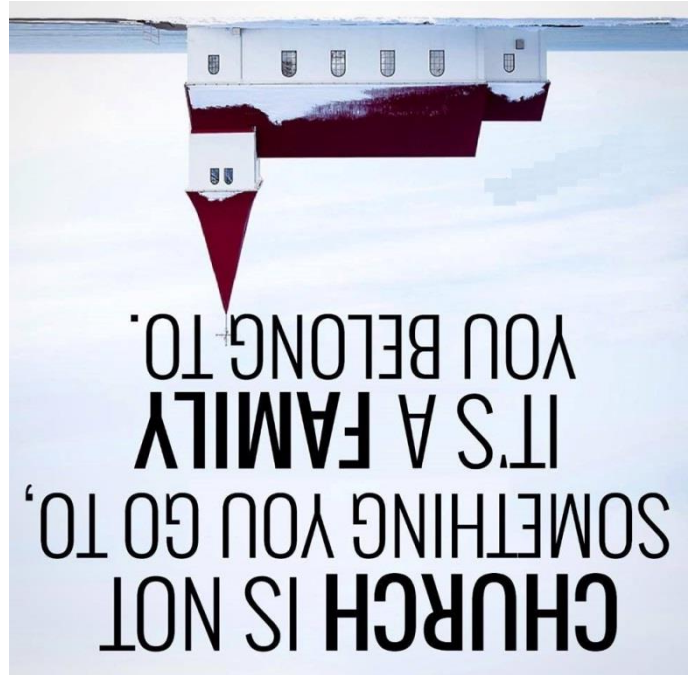
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Schedule  
Feb. 7 & 21  
9:30 am  
Feb. 10  
7:00 pm



Worship Schedule  
Feb. 7, 14, 21 & 28  
9:30 am  
Wednesday Evenings  
Feb. 3, 10, 17 & 24  
7:00 pm

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