

## A Note from Pastor Tyson

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Many Christians believe that the purpose of Christ was to remove all hardships and challenges - RIGHT? WRONG! And, maybe, like me, you occasionally attempt to wish or pray away those pains or hurts in our hearts, bodies, and minds. Scripture is consistent that Jesus did NOT come to remove all challenges and hardships - but to give us the strength to not only endure them, but to be transformed by God through them. Yep, **God Himself uses the challenges and difficulties that He gives us to shape us, guide us, and correct us.** Here is what He says in the Book of James, chapter 1, verses 1 to 4: "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing."

This March, during this season of Lent, let us take this opportunity to ask something of God, which may be new for you. **Let us prayerfully ask of God that our trials would not be removed, but that Jesus would show Himself as present in the midst of our trials and that through them, Jesus would produce steadfastness.** Whatever challenges or trials you are going through, know that God is there with you and that by turning your eyes to Jesus, God will work to form you and change you!

Thankfully, God has also given us a church family to support us and to walk with us. I invite you to join us in worship on Wednesdays at 7pm this month, with dinner beforehand at 6pm, as we look to the Cross of Jesus Christ. On the Cross, Jesus suffered and died so that we would never be alone in our own suffering. Come, join your family of faith, and let us together reflect on the blessing of the Cross of Jesus Christ!

Pastor Tyson



When I worked with public schools' choirs, I took note of how much of the music literature was sacred music as opposed to secular. So much of the history of music is from the church--you simply can't teach music without sacred music examples. And because of our long history, we as Lutherans celebrate that rich history nearly every Sunday! As we enter into the season of Lent, I'm reminded of the hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross", which was first published in 1707 (the song is also a major part of Chris Tomlin's contemporary song, "The Wonderful Cross"). The text was written by Isaac Watts and was intended for celebration of the Lord's Supper. The melody is actually based on two different Gregorian Chants—which date back to the 9th century. Rich history indeed!

Dave

### Finance

<b>Feb. Giving:</b>	<b>2/2/20</b>	<b>2/9/20</b>	<b>2/16/20</b>	<b>2/23/20</b>
General Fund:	\$7,479.00	\$5,847.00	\$4,879.00	\$3,442.35
Maintenance:	\$30.00	\$45.00	\$20.00	\$30.00
Online Giving:	\$1,863.33	\$626.00	\$838.00	\$635.00
Attendance:	149	140	141	124

<b>Year to Date Snapshot 2/23</b>
Weekly Budget: \$6,883.46
Yearly Budget to Date: \$55,067.68
Given to Date 2/23/20: \$49,970.74
<b>-\$5,096.94</b>

## March News Flyer

### Baptism Birthdays

3/1 Anette Croyle  
 3/6 Logan Horky  
 3/12 Fred Miller, Chet Chetkovich  
 3/15 Kristl Bradley, Nathan Horky  
 3/16 Savannah Brighton  
 3/19 Harry Dickerson, Liam Murray  
 3/24 Molly & Olivia Schmitz  
 3/26 Ellen Jodway  
 3/28 Susie Bauer  
 3/29 David Rohrback

### March Birthdays

3/1 Chris Morningstar, Dick Rose  
 3/3 Nancy Reynolds  
 3/4 Doris Brink, Pam Guthrie, Linda Neitzel  
 3/5 Paula Daum, Fred Miller, Dennis Pickford  
 3/7 Jack Matteson, Tim Thomsen  
 3/11 Jerry Dart  
 3/13 Filipe Siimes  
 3/14 Haden Bennett, Cheri Knight, Flo Witte  
 3/16 Heidi Bentz, Ally Kope, Caleb Stone  
 3/18 Raquel Reiter  
 3/19 Cheryl Perry, Norm Yassay  
 3/23 Joel Grimm, Vicki Jacobs  
 3/24 Jim Pfister  
 3/24 Heidi Bennett  
 3/25 Brenda Kania, Karen Rose, Carey Schaeffer  
 3/27 Alberta Pendley  
 3/28 Pastor Tyson, Larry Warncke  
 3/29 David Rohrback  
 3/30 Ida Snyder  
 3/31 Angie Riley

### March Anniversaries

3/4 Dave & Nancy Reynolds  
 3/10 Brent & Leslie McMordie, Tim & Karrie Thomsen  
 3/11 Rex & Paula Engle  
 3/20 Richard & Carol Moran  
 3/30 Larry & Neva Warncke  
 3/31 James & Molly Schmitz

## LCOL MINISTRY BOARD INFORMATION

### Christian Care Board

"The Sweet Tooth Auction was a huge success with Tom Fenstemacher auctioneering. Generous bidders bought very tasty desserts and snacks and/or purchased items. Gifts of Love profited over \$2,300. Thank you!!"

Christian Care Leader~ Cheryl Perry

The Blessing Cupboard is in the room next to the kitchen for anyone who needs food, cleaning products and personal care items.

Easter Dinner Baskets are being planned for April. More information will be available later in the month.

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### Christian Education

Sunday School is off to a great start! The kids are enjoying their time with Dave learning songs each Sunday. The children will join the Palm Sunday processional along with the cantata choir. I very much appreciate every one of you who volunteer to teach class.

Youth night at church is the second Friday of the month from 5-8 pm.

Last month the youth decided to make Valentines for our members who have a mailbox in the copy room. Fat Tuesday has come and gone already— wow! Thank you to everyone who supported us at the pancake dinner we raised over \$800. for future trips and events.

Stations of the Cross is up and running now through Easter. We hope you take time to go through this very moving display. Thank you to my youth team for your support and help to lead people through the display and setting it up.

The upstairs youth room is almost complete! We are so excited to have such a cool place to hang out! If you haven't seen it yet, I urge you to please check it out. I have "caught" a few adults hanging out up there reading or lounging. I've been told it's comfy, relaxing and quiet. I wholeheartedly agree! Thank you to our very talented carpenters and decorators. I couldn't have done it without you!

Christian Education Leader ~ Erika Kope



# March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 Blood Pressure</b> 8:15am Divine Service 9:30 Bible Study, Youth Group & Sunday School 10:30 Praise Service	<b>2</b> 10am Weekly Staff  7pm Elder Mtg.	<b>3</b> 10am Bible Study  12pm Prayer Shawl	<b>4</b> 10:30am PHD Group 6pm Choir 6pm Lent Supper & Service	<b>5</b> 9:30am Bible Babes  6pm Praise	<b>6</b> Office Closed	<b>7</b> 9:30am Choir 10am Cantata Rehearsal
<b>8 Daylight Savings</b> 8:15am Divine Service 9:30 Bible Study, Youth Group & Sunday School 10:30 Praise Service 11:30 am Crockpot Challenge	<b>9</b> 8am Men's Break- fast @ Big Boy 10am Weekly Staff	<b>10</b> 10am Bible Study  12pm Prayer Shawl	<b>11</b> 10:30am PHD Group 6 pm Choir 6pm Lent Supper & Service	<b>12</b> 9:30am Bible Babes  6pm Praise	<b>13</b> Office Closed  5:30pm Youth	<b>14</b> 9am KAH  10am Cantata Rehearsal
<b>15</b> 8:15am Divine Service 9:30 Bible Study, Youth Group & Sunday School 10:30 Praise Service	<b>16</b> 10am Weekly Staff 6pm Finance	<b>17 St. Patrick's</b> 10am Bible Study  12pm Prayer Shawl	<b>18</b> 10:30am PHD Group 6pm Choir 6pm Lent Supper & Service	<b>19</b> 9:30am Bible Babes  6pm Praise  7pm Schmidt Group	<b>20</b> Office Closed	<b>21</b> 10am Cantata Rehearsal
<b>22 Charity Sunday</b> 8:15am Divine Service 9:30 Bible Study, Youth Group & Sunday School 10:30 Praise Service	<b>23</b> 8am Men's Break- fast @ Big Boy 10am Weekly Staff  6:30pm Council	<b>24</b> 10am Bible Study  12pm Prayer Shawl	<b>25</b> 10:30am PHD Group 6pm Choir 6pm Lent Supper & Service	<b>26</b> 9:30am Bible Babes  6pm Praise	<b>27</b> Office Closed	<b>28</b> 10am Cantata Rehearsal
<b>29</b> 8:15am Divine Service 9:30 Bible Study, Youth Group & Sunday School 10:30 Praise Service	<b>30</b> 10am Weekly Staff	<b>31</b> 10am Bible Study  12pm Prayer Shawl				

# Serving in God's House

## March 2020

**Elders:** 8:15 Steve Bauer & Hal Schmidt 10:30 Doug Morningstar

**Ushers:** 8:15: Tom Mrakitsch, Dick Covell, Gordon Stites, Andi Langenderfer, Karl Kellk

10:30: Mark Arledge, Clif Weber, Gordon Brighton, Jay Fernamberg

Date	Altar	Greeters	Readers	Kid's Message
March 1 8:15am	Helen Hunt	TBA	Richard Moran	
10:30 am		Wendy Chetkovich	Wendy Chetkovich	Ken Pollack
March 8 8:15am	Linda Krueger	Betty Kipke	Donna Haas	
10:30am	Connie Barth	Doug Morningstar	Mary Lou Wyman	Linda Grimm
March 15 8:15am	Kathy Schmidt	Hal & Kathy Schmidt	Kathy Schmidt	
10:30am		Ron & M.L Wyman	Dennis Pickford	Laurie Connin
March 22 8:15am		Rick & Donna Gray	Donna Shoup	
10:30am	M. L. Wyman	Rick & Angie Riley	Clif Weber	Linda Grimm
March 29 8:15	Julie Bauer	Steve & Julie Bauer	Richard Covell	
10:30 am	Connie Barth	Terry Bias	Michelle Fernamberg	Ken Pollack