

Light of Christ Lutheran Church




MARCH NEWSLETTER

Sunday School at 10 am (During school year)
Coffee Hour at 10 am - Services at 11 am

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Prayers for this country, our leaders, law enforcement, fire departments, and

EMT's around the country. Prayers for our family, friends, and community. Pray for persecuted Christians in all places.

Prayers for nursing home and assisted living residents as well as shut-ins. Prayers for Ukraine.

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MEMBERSHIP – Talk to Pastor Kevin if you are interested in becoming a member of our church. Remember to invite your friends and neighbors to “come and see”.



ONLINE OFFERING now available!



We now offer ONLINE OFFERING on our church website. Just go to www.locw.org and look at the bottom of any page. Click the button to securely give to the general fund of Light of Christ. Thank you!



There will be no Bible studies during Lent.

Worship Services, Bible Studies, and Newsletters are online!



Meet
for
Breakfast

LOC MONTHLY CHURCH BREAKFAST
March 11th at 9 am in the LOC Fellowship Hall. Please come and enjoy a good breakfast and . Thank you to the volunteers who prepare the food!



LENTEN SCHEDULE:
Soup and Sandwiches at 6 pm,
Services at 7pm.

Trinity Lutheran - March 1st, 15th, and 29th
Light of Christ - Mar 8th, 22nd, and Apr 5th

Please consider attending Lenten Services at Trinity!

WOMEN OF L.I.F.E. GROUP meets the 1st Wednesday of each month for Bible Study and prayers. Please consider attending! **March 1st at 7 pm. No meeting in April!**



PASTOR SCOTT YOUNT

Joy 4 Ukraine's mission is to bring the joy of the Gospel into the lives of orphans and children with special needs in Ukraine through compassion, care and community. Joy 4 Ukraine is the ministry of Pastor Scott Yount and his wife Lena in Billa Tserkva, Ukraine. Joy 4 Ukraine is all about rightly dividing law and gospel, proclaiming the cross and making known the good news that we

are freely justified by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ. This good news is shared at our camps, at Night to Shine and in the ministry we do throughout the year. If you would like to support Pastor Scott and Lena and their ministry in Ukraine, you can give online by going to the following link. <https://SONetwork.org/give/>



JOY 4 UKRAINE

1st COMMUNION CLASS – Please talk to Pr. Kevin if you know of a child in 5th grade or older who would like to take Communion Class.

Campus Life

Pr. Kevin is volunteering and working with high school students.



Middle School at the Innovation Academy, Mondays - 3:30 to 5:30 pm.

High School "Campus Life" meetings Mondays - 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

Open Youth Center: Fridays 1-5 pm at the Campus Center. Gr. 7-12

SEMINARY SUPPORT - American Lutheran Theological Seminary (ALTS) is the seminary for the AALC. They have begun a fundraising campaign, **SOLA 500**, to financially support their work of training up future pastors for the AALC.

You can support them at www.alts.edu/sola_500



EASTER SERVICES on April 9th, 2023

Feel free to bring an Easter Lily to church on that day.



SOUPER-BOWL FOOD DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who brought food to the church. Pastor will bring it to the local food shelf.

| MARCH 2023 — READINGS | | | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------|------------|------------------------|--------------|
| DATE | 1 ST LESSON | PSALM | 2 ND LESSON | GOSPEL |
| Mar 5 | Gen 12:1-9 | Psa 121 | Rom 4:1-8,13-17 | John 3:1-17 |
| Mar 12 | Exo 17:1-7 | Psa 95:1-9 | Rom 5:1-8 | John 4:5-26 |
| Mar 19 | Isa 42:14-21 | Psa 142 | Eph 5:8-14 | John 9:1-41 |
| Mar 26 | Ezk 37:1-14 | Psa 130 | Rom 8:1-11 | John 11:1-45 |

“FISHERS OF MEN (AND FISH)” MEN’S RETREAT

Thank you to those who braved the frozen tundra and joined us out on the ice.

EASTER FESTIVAL

Everyone is invited to LOC on **APRIL 1st**, 9:30 am to Noon for an Easter Festival. Food, Cakewalk, fun and games. Anybody who would like to volunteer to help is encouraged to sign up on the sheet located in the Fellowship Hall. We also are needing donations of bags of candy in March to fill the Easter eggs. Thank you!



BIBLE BLOCKS is changing to **FAMILY NITE!**

On **MARCH 9th** from 6:30 to 8 pm, parents and their children are invited to come to LOC for supper, a Bible Lesson, and games. Church is where families come to be renewed and inspired in their faith, and Family Nite’s are about just that: having fun and learning together! We will meet in March, April, and May on the second Thursday of the month.



2ND GRADER BIBLES will be distributed on **Palm Sunday, April 2nd**. If you know of any 2nd graders or any child that needs a Bible, let the pastor know.



There will be no Women of L.I.F.E. in April. They will meet again May 3rd at 7pm at the church for Bible Study.

LOC COUNCIL MEETING is on March 14th.
Light supper followed by our meeting.

BLUEGRASS SERVICE!

The **Annual Bluegrass Worship Service** will be held on **March 26th**. Phil and C’dale Jore will be playing some good Ol-timey gospel music for us. Please come, tap your feet, and invite a neighbor or two. A free-will offering will be taken to thank the Jore family.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS ON MARCH 11TH!

*Spring
is coming*



BLUE SERVICE GROUP
(Mar, Jun, Sept, Dec)

Darrin Baker & Jolyssa Marquart
 Ted and Peggy Bearce
 Dick and Coreen Beard
 Kelsey Ginther
 Steve and Renee Ginther
 Tommie and Amy Giordano
 Scott and Melissa Heller
 Coleen Johnson
 Gary and Bev Quale
 Nick and Jessica Quale
 Stan and Amy Reep
 Jed and Melissa Rider

Thank you for serving!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Jody Bearce.....03/04
 Breanna Ginther.....03/15
 Faye Horn.....03/18
 Savonne Messer.....03/21
 Rylee Quale.....03/22
 Amy Reep.....03/23
 Dwight Ebel.....03/23
 Brie Olson.....03/27
 Garrett Oyløe.....03/27
 Roger Bearce.....03/28
 David Oyløe.....03/30
 Luane Ebel.....03/30

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Gary and Bev Quale.....03/27

If we don't have your birthday or anniversary,
 let the pastor know.



STEPHEN'S MINISTRY:

Renee G. and Pastor are about half way through their Stephen Leader's training and are excited about what they are learning. We will soon begin looking for possible Stephen Ministers who are willing to commit to 50 hours of training before meeting with care receivers on a bi-monthly basis. It won't be an easy task that lies ahead for our S.M.'s but a worthy task...



LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

DEVOTION from LHM.ORG



Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. [And he] said to Him, "If You are the Son of God ..." (Matt 4:1, 3b)

How terrible it must've been for Jesus. Though He is the Son of God, He is also truly Man—and in all of these temptations, the devil was offering Jesus a way to avoid His suffering and death.

It would be easy to convince people to follow you if you were willing to do miracles to meet their every need, like turning stones into bread. Or if you commanded angels to protect you from every disaster. No need for repentance, no trust or faith—just an easy life for everyone. No cross.

And then the last, most direct temptation—where the devil offers to turn over all the kingdoms of the world to Jesus for such a tiny price—just a little kneeling, a single lie—an act of idolatry. No wonder Jesus drove him off! Better to suffer and die—better to be crucified naked between two thieves, than to betray God the Father, whom Jesus loves. Jesus will give that worship to no one else. And that is our salvation. The devil's shortcuts lead only to death. But Jesus' own freely chosen suffering and death on the cross lead to life not only for Jesus, who will rise from the dead, but for all of us as well, who trust in Him as our Savior.



WE PRAY: Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for standing firm for our sakes. Amen.

Reflection Questions:

- * Why did the devil take aim at Jesus so early in His ministry?
- * Which of these temptations—safety from need, from danger, or the whole world on a silver platter—would be the hardest for you? Why?
- * What do you think helped Jesus stand strong under attack?

Lenten Devotions were written by Dr. Kari Vo.

Have you ever wondered what people are talking about when they say they're giving something up for Lent? Do you want to understand what Lent is and how it relates to Easter?

Lent is the 40 days (not including Sundays) from Ash Wednesday to the Saturday before Easter. Lent is often described as a time of preparation and an opportunity to go deeper with God. This means that it's a time for personal reflection that prepares people's hearts and minds for Good Friday and Easter.



Bible Trivia & Game page

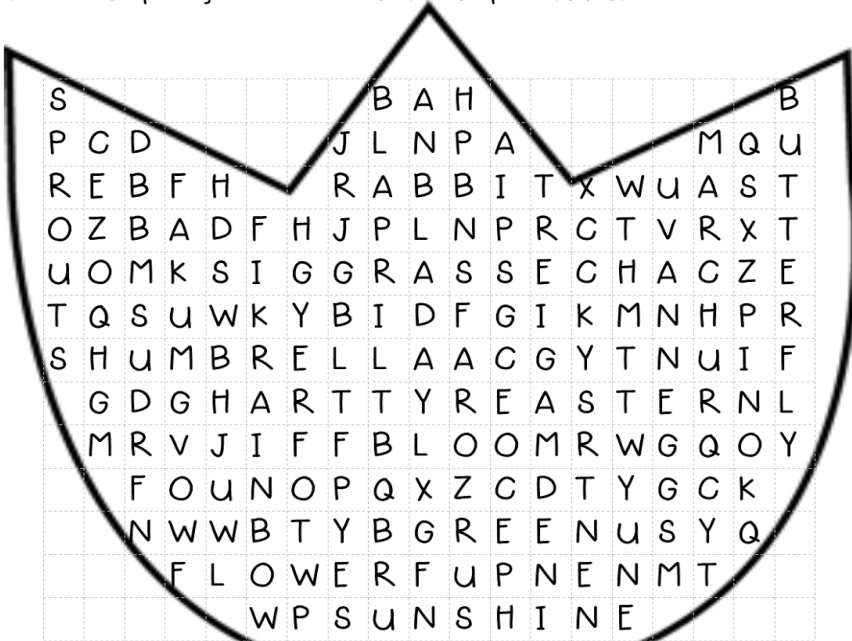
How many times did Peter deny he knew Jesus?

- A. 2 B. 3 C. 0 D. 1

Name _____ Date _____

Spring Word Search

Find the spring words in the flower puzzle below.



- green
- March
- grow
- rainbow
- April
- Easter
- sunshine
- basket

- butterfly
- sprout
- umbrella
- hatch
- grass
- rabbit
- flower
- bloom
- eggs

SPRING

1. A spring month.
2. A spring flower.
3. The young of a chicken.
4. A colour of spring.
5. A young rabbit.
6. A flower especially of a fruit tree.
7. Plants that have narrow green leaves, that are eaten by cows, sheep, horses etc.
8. The fifth month of the year.
9. To come out of an egg.
10. See picture.
11. A rounded part of a plant that is under the ground and that grows into a new plant during the growing season.
12. A baby goat.
13. The place where a bird lays its eggs.
14. See picture.
15. Spring, winter, summer, fall!
16. What snow does in spring.
17. When the sun shines.
18. A long, thin animal that has a soft body with no legs or bones. It lives in the ground.
19. An indoor or outdoor spring activity.
20. To stop being frozen.
21. A baby sheep.
22. A small part that grows on a plant and develops into a flower, leaf, or new branch.
23. A baby horse.

March 2023

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 7pm Women of LIFE meet | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 10am Sunday school. 11am Worship Communion. | 6 | 7 | 8 3:30pm Confirmation 7pm LOC Lenten service | 9 6:30pm Family Nite | 10 Set your clocks- back! | 11 9am Church Breakfast Fellow- ship Hall |
| 12 10am Sunday school. 11am Worship | 13 | 14 5:30pm LOC Council Mtg | 15 7pm TLC Lenten service | 16 | 17 | 18 |
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| 26 Bluegrass! 10am Sunday school. 11am Worship | 27 | 28 | 29 7pm TLC Lenten service | 30 | 31 | Trivia answer B. 3 April 1st Easter Festv |

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