



Lake George Lutheran Chapel

February 2019 Newsletter

Proclaiming Jesus, the Living Water



From Your Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

On our way home from Chicago this past weekend, we stopped at Indiana Dunes State Park. This is one of our favorite places, especially during the winter months. As expected, Lake Michigan was frozen over and we saw some very interesting ice formations on the lake. But even more impressive was the quietness of the lake with ice on it. It is so different than the rest of the year when the sound of the waves hitting the beach can create quite a bit of noise.



Some of the ice formations on Lake Michigan.

Many of the people in Steuben County understand the change in the noise level that winter brings. The sound of waves is quieted

when lakes are frozen. There is a wonderful calmness that comes with ice on the lakes.

God desires that same calmness in our hearts and lives. The turbulence of difficulties in life is vividly described in Psalm 46:

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. (verses 1-3)

Just as we cannot make the lakes freeze over to bring the quiet of winter, so we also cannot always fix the noise of trials and tribulations.

The Psalmist reminds us of where quietness comes from.

“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!” The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. (verses 10-11)

Quietness comes from trusting in God to protect us in turbulent times. God desires our trust in him alone when the noise of our troubles is so loud. He especially desires that trust when we struggle with the noise of our sinfulness that brings chaos and confusion to our hearts. This quietness comes simply from standing in the presence of Jesus on the cross, so that we might hear His declaration that the power of sin is gone, declaring, “It is finished!” Just as Jesus calmed the storms for the disciples, He calms the storms of sin in our lives and gives us quietness in our souls.

As you consider the quietness of the frozen lakes, remember the quietness that comes from Jesus!
Pastor Easterday

Upcoming Surgery

As many of you already know, I am having foot surgery on February 4. This will require me to keep my foot elevated above my heart for four weeks. During this time, I will not be able to be with you to lead worship. I have arranged for Rev. Chad Hoover and Rev. Art Klausmeier to lead worship during the month of February and also the first Sunday in March. Hopefully, I will be able to resume my normal work on behalf of the congregation at that time.

During my time of recovery, I will not be able to make any hospital or shut-in visits. I have talked to several area pastors who will assist when there is need. I can still be contacted by phone or e-mail. Please let me know what you need and I will make contact with one of the area pastors to assist you.

This will be the longest I have been away from preaching in all the years of my ministry. Thank you for understanding, and especially thank you for your prayers for healing, for controllable pain, and for continued trust in Jesus during this time!

Pastor Easterday

Worship Schedule- Feb./March

February 3 4th Sunday After The Epiphany

Jeremiah was called as a young boy to speak words of authority. Later, Jesus would come and not only speak words of authority in casting out demons and healing the sick, but would live out those words of authority in loving us enough to give His life for us on the cross. (Jeremiah 1:4-10, 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13, Luke 4:31-44)

February 10 5th Sunday After The Epiphany

Both Isaiah and Simon Peter realized they were in the presence of God, and were greatly troubled. God draws us near so that we may be cleansed and then sent out into the world to tell others. (Isaiah 6:1-8, 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20, Luke 5:1-11)

February 17 6th Sunday After The Epiphany

On the surface, it should be an easy choice. Do we look for blessings or curses? Blessings or woes? God reminds us again

and again that he desires to bless us and has made that possible through the curse of Jesus' crucifixion. (Jeremiah 17:5-8, 1 Corinthians 15:12-20, Luke 6:17-26)

February 24 7th Sunday After The Epiphany

What is your attitude in your relationship with others? What is your attitude in your relationship with God? Today we see the blessing in coming humbly before our God to receive the blessing of his yoke which is easy, and his burden which is light. (Isaiah 66:1-2, Acts 1:15-26, Matthew 11:25-30)

March 3 Transfiguration

This is a day to consider the radiance of God. Moses' face glowed after his face-to-face contact with God. In a far greater way, the appearance of Jesus dramatically changed, reflecting His true glory. At the conclusion of the service, we will adjourn outside for the burning of the palms from last year's Palm Sunday service to prepare the ashes for Ash Wednesday. (Deuteronomy 34:1-12, Hebrews 3:1-6, Luke 9:28-36).

**March 6 Ash Wednesday

Soup Supper at 5:30 p.m. with worship at 6:00 p.m.

We begin our Lenten focus based on the theme, "Amazing Grace." This week the focus is, "Amazing Grace For The Repentant." (Jonah 3:1-10, Matthew 6:1-6).

March 10 1st Sunday in Lent

We begin our 40 days of Lent (not counting Sundays) focusing on the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness tempted by Satan. His temptations were the same as ours, yet He was without sin. As we address our own struggles, we give thanks for the sinless sacrifice of Jesus for our sins. (Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Romans 10b-13, Luke 4:1-13).

**March 13 Midweek Lent Service

Soup Supper at 5:30 p.m. with worship at 6:00 p.m.

The focus for this service is, "Amazing Grace For The Tempted." (Genesis 3:1-15, Hebrews 4:14-16, Matthew 4:1-11).

March 17 2nd Sunday in Lent

Multiple times in the days of the Old Testament, God relented of the judgment he had planned. Jesus would weep over Jerusalem, for there would be no relenting of the final judgment for sin. God's judgment would ultimately be placed upon Jesus. We worship Him for this great gift! (Jeremiah 26:8-15, Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35).

**March 20 Midweek Lent Service

Soup Supper at 5:30 p.m. with worship at 6:00 p.m.

The focus for this service is "Amazing Grace For The Healed." (Genesis 32:22-30, Romans 5:1-5, Matthew 15:21-28).

March 24 3rd Sunday in Lent

God calls us to "heed the warning!" The prophets shared God's warnings. Jesus also spoke a message of warning, "...but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." Jesus gave his life to rescue the perishing! (Ezekiel 33:7-20, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9).

**March 27 Midweek Lent Service

Soup Supper at 5:30 p.m. with worship at 6:00 p.m.

The focus for this service is "Amazing Grace For The Free." (Isaiah 61:1-3, Luke 11:14-28).

March 31 4th Sunday in Lent

Each Sunday when we gather in worship is a time of rejoicing. The father of the prodigal son rejoiced at the return of his wayward son. Our father in heaven also rejoices in the return of his wayward children. As we are welcomed back, we also rejoice in God alone! (Isaiah 12:1-6, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3a, 11-32).

Looking Ahead

**April 3 Midweek Lent Service

Soup Supper at 5:30 p.m. with worship at 6:00 p.m.

The focus for this service is "Amazing Grace For The Filled." (Exodus 16:2-15, Acts 2:41-47, John 6:1-15)

**April 10 Midweek Lent Service

Soup Supper at 5:30 p.m. with worship at 6:00 p.m.

Note: This is the last of the soup suppers.

The focus for this service is "Amazing Grace For The Faithful." (Genesis 22:1-14, John 1:29-34).

**April 18 Maundy Thursday

This service will be at 11:00 a.m., will include Holy Communion, and will conclude with stripping the altar in preparation for Good Friday.

This service concludes the Amazing Grace Lenten Series with a focus on, "Amazing Grace For The Servant." (Exodus 24:3-11, 1 Corinthians 11:23-32)

**April 19 Good Friday

12:00 p.m.

We remember the seven last words of Jesus spoken from the cross as the light gradually darkens in the church.

Birthdays- February/March

02-05	Robin Bertram
02-08	Chris Bacon
02-11	Mike Gepfert
02-15	Rene Scheimann
02-15	Jeri Threlkeld
*02-15	Barb Krauter
02-18	Lincoln Schreiber
03-02	Jim Bertram
03-14	Cory Hull
03-18	Joyce Easterday
03-26	Bob Beebe

Anniversaries- February/March

*02-27	Charol & Bob Klepper
03-17	Holly & Ron May
03-28	Shannah & Terry Messmann



WORSHIP ANEW

(Formerly known as Worship For Shutins)

February 3, 2019 – Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm 71:1-12; Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13; Gospel: Luke 4:31-44

“Christ Is the Real Thing!” - Sermon Text: Luke 4:32 - Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

The words and actions of Jesus Christ communicated astonishing authority to people accustomed to timid and contrived religious teaching. Can He do the same to us in 2019? Listen to His words. Consider His actions. Christ Is the Real Thing!

February 10, 2019 – Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm 138; Old Testament: Isaiah 6:1-8; Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

“A Great Fishing Story” - Sermon Text: Luke 5:1-11 - Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

Jesus is the best fishing partner. He knows where the fish are! The Gospel of Luke relates a great fishing story, which, however, is about so much more than just catching fish.

February 17, 2019 – Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm 1:1-6; Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

“Blessed Are You” - Sermon Text: Luke 6:17-26 - Rev. Thomas Eggold

The Beatitudes are not a moral roadmap designed to lead us to heaven. They do not constitute a list of demands promising blessings in return. No, the Beatitudes bring blessings because they come to us as requirements of righteousness already met in

Jesus. He is the one who has fulfilled every demand of the Law. He is the one who has taken away our sin and come to give us the Kingdom.

February 24, 2019 – Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm 103:1-13; Old Testament: Genesis 43:3-5; Gospel: Luke 6:27-31

“Love, Bless, Pray” - Sermon Text: Luke 6:27-31 - Rev. Paul Shoemaker

Jesus tells us to love your enemies, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. All of that happened to Jesus who continues to love, bless and pray for us so we may spend our eternity with Him.

Shutins

Remember our shut-ins with cards of encouragement!

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