



WEEKLY NEWS

Capitol Drive Lutheran Church -
A congregation
Sounding the Love of Christ
by caring for the poor
and vulnerable
in our community

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Lutheran Church
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March 17, 2019
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Welcome to Visitors

May God bless your experience in worship today! You are invited to join us as we share the Lord's Supper. If you would like to know more about us, you can chat with any member after worship. We'd also be delighted if you sign our guest register located near the church entrance. If your children need a break, they can play in the area in the back right part of the sanctuary.

Week of March 10, 2019

SUNDAY Attendance: 28

**OFFERING: \$1,549.00 (Sunday collection)
\$185.00 (Automatic deposits)
Total: \$1,734.00**

Jim Katrichis; Elmer Matter; Mary Ann Malia (friend of Robert Gee) Mike Herold; Janette Richardson (friend of Dennis and Jan Smoody); Donna Eiglmeier (friend of Liz Bollmann); Ardiss Nelson; Daniel Succa (Donna Weis' nephew); McKenzie O'Conner (granddaughter of Neva and Chris Conlon; *per* Kathy Kannass); Nicole and Danari Byrd (Marie Byrd's daughter and grandson); Sherri Holt (friend of Linda Jaeger); Donna Schmidt (friend of the quilters); Ron Shikora (friend of Kathy Kannass).



Anyone wishing to add a person to the Prayer Corner list or to remove someone with thanksgiving may do so by calling the church office (414-445-1656).

Gloria Beal sends handmade cards of comfort, condolence, or congratulations. Please call (414-282-0111) or e-mail her (glowrm64@hotmail.com) with your requests

**SIGN UP NOW TO ORDER PLANTS
FOR EASTER DECORATIONS IN OUR
CHURCH.**

Prayer for the Week

God of all people, we confess that we would like to claim your majesty and power for our exclusive benefit. We relish the good things of life and are reluctant to share with those who seem less deserving. We resist the prophets who point out our greed, even when we feel we are being generous. We resent persons in positions of authority over us who seem not to have our best interests at heart. We are angry about ones whose evil deeds seem to go unpunished. O God, how can we receive your mercy when we are so reluctant to pass it on? Help us to center our lives in your love more than on our own desires.

Self-revealing God, whom we meet in quiet retreats and on busy streets, take us now to the mountaintop. Be to us an overshadowing presence that gathers us into community so we may hear your voice and receive your Word. So empower us that we may be authentic witnesses for Jesus Christ wherever you send us. Amen.

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The Week Ahead

<u>Sunday, March 17</u>	10:30 AM	Worship
<i>Second Sunday in Lent</i>	11:30 AM	Fellowship
St. Patrick		
<u>Monday, March 18</u>		
<u>Tuesday, March 19</u>	9:30 AM	Gathering Place
St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus		
<u>Wednesday, March 20</u>	9:30 AM	Gathering Place
	10:15 AM	YMCA Exercise
	11:00 AM	SPGP Bible Study
	12:00 PM	Meal
<u>Thursday, March 21</u>	7:00 AM	Men's Breakfast
	9:00 AM	Quilters
<u>Friday, March 22</u>		
<u>Saturday, March 23</u>		
<u>Sunday, March 24</u>	10:30 AM	Worship
<i>Third Sunday in Lent</i>	11:30 AM	Fellowship

Monday, March 18 - John 4:27-42

The account of the woman at the well tells a story of unexpected abundance and harvest. After encountering Jesus, this woman leaves her water jug behind and invites the town to “come and see.” Jesus has sown the seeds of hope during their conversation and reaps the harvest of new discipleship. The woman is transformed: formerly an outsider, now she is an exuberant follower, so excited about meeting Jesus that she sows seeds of Good News among the townspeople, thus bringing them to abide with Jesus. What a harvest we have seen here! Outsiders recognizing what many insiders had not: Jesus is the Savior of the World—a world that includes even Gentiles! Praise God for unexpected sowers and reapers who can see what others have not yet seen!

Tuesday, March 19 - Jeremiah 2:1-13, 29-32

Jeremiah did the thankless task of telling his fellow Israelites they were wrong! He found no joy in it. Yet he was obedient and said to them what the Lord gave him to say. It is easier to confront people you don't know than people you do know. Jeremiah knew, lived among, and identified with those to whom he prophesied. It is a sensitive matter to confront those near and familiar to you, for often they take offense and fight back. Jeremiah was hurt and rejected for his obedience to the Lord. Respect him for what he did. Feel sympathy for his pain. Know what it feels like to be rejected by others for obeying the Lord. Jeremiah's own people had forsaken the “fountain of the living water.” Why do people turn away from what is life-giving? Why do I myself do so? Why did Jeremiah's people build “cracked cisterns that can hold no water”? Where have you replaced truth with a lie? Today, can we listen to the Jeremiahs in our lives and repent? Or will we keep living a lie, keep following “the deceitful waywardness of the human heart” (R. E. Clements)?

Wednesday, March 20 - Romans 1:28—2:11

In 1992, Carl—a young African American—got AIDS. At first, he and his family sought help within that community, but it was the openly gay white community whom God used to change Carl's heart, though Carl wasn't gay. That community quickly embraced the family unconditionally, poured out their love on them, shared resources, even invited them on retreats, which they attended. They met some of the most funny, happy, and loving people. The gay community knew they were loved and supported among themselves and countered the blame and condemnation from others. Carl began seeing them as individuals, not society's image of them, and through their acceptance of Carl God changed his heart. During this season of Lent, let us confess that we all need a change of heart. The text from Romans warns against all kinds of lifestyles that dishonor God. Too many of us excuse our sinful ways by pointing fingers at others. But let us not deny anyone the same access to God's forgiveness, love, and grace as the rest of humanity. As Christians, our witness should be to the unsaved—to those who do “not see fit to acknowledge God” (1:28). Let us not pass judgment, for in doing so we “condemn” ourselves, since we are also sinners. Let us humbly recognize today that, indeed, “God shows no partiality” (2:11).

Thursday, March 14 - John 5:19-29

In this discourse Jesus makes clear his identity with God. Whoever sees and hears Jesus sees and hears God. Whoever honors Jesus honors God. Jesus is Immanuel, God-with-us. The name does

not tell us where God is; rather, it tells us where we are—we who know Jesus are in the presence of God. It is for this reason that we can trust in the authority of Jesus to judge, and we can rejoice in the grace of Jesus to give life. Jesus both assures us of eternal life in the future resurrection and declares that “the hour ... is now here” when we who were dead in sin may have new life in Christ. “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1). As we wait and prepare to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, let us remember that we need not wait for the presence of God to bring life and hope and joy to our lives and our communities.

Friday, March 22 - Romans 2:25—3:18

The first human beings, made in the image of God, were meant to live their lives as righteous beings. But their disobedience to God brought them under the power of evil, and their sin has tainted all humanity ever since. There is no one who is righteous, not even one. When the God of mercy revealed God's righteousness and its requirements of humbled humanity by means of laws, God's people instead boasted in the Law. They misunderstood God's intentions. They could not perfectly keep God's law, so it could not make them righteous. Where, then, can we find our righteousness? In Jesus Christ, who came to the world as the righteousness of God. If we dwell in Christ, his righteousness will shine on us, and we will be instruments of reflecting his righteousness to others. Dwell in Christ!

Saturday, March 23 - John 7:1-13

“... for my time has not yet fully come.” Jesus had little doubt he would be arrested if he attended the Festival of Booths, a harvest-time event. He also knew the Jewish leaders wished to have him killed. If he had been arrested then, would the leaders' wish have been fulfilled? Or instead, would his “infractions” have been seen as “misdemeanors,” with his arrest a mere annoyance to the Roman courts? His arrest for many “minor” incidents could have weakened the impact of the final drama in Jerusalem. And instead of the people's transition from acclaiming his “Hosanna!” to calling out “Crucify!” their last response might have been “Ho-hum—this again?” Jesus knew his crucifixion could only occur with the backing of Rome. Pontius Pilate had to be put in a position to order Jesus' death. Without the additional crowds journeying to the Temple for Passover, would that necessity have transpired? Jesus perhaps understood that his death, and therefore also his resurrection, had to take place in the time of planting and renewal. Spring is that time. Would the ultimate joy be as overwhelming in another season? Jesus understood that “right-timing” his death on the cross was essential. Easter had to come when his Father had planned it. Jesus' death could not be rushed, nor could it be avoided. In the end, Christ knew when his time had come.

Dear Jesus: help us to remember the importance of not rushing to the goal. In our life with you, help us to recognize our need to step back and ponder the journey. As you did, so also help us to understand when the time has fully come to accomplish your purposes in our lives. Amen.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Palm Sunday, 4/14 at 10:30 AM; Maundy Thursday,
4/18 at 6:00 PM; Good Friday, 4/19 at 1:00 PM
Easter Sunday, 4/21 at 10:30 AM**

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<p>March 3 Transfiguration of Our Lord</p> <p>10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship</p>	4	<p>5</p> <p>9:30 Gathering Place</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP WORSHIP 12:00 GP Meal</p> <p><i>ASH WEDNESDAY</i></p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00 AM: Men's Breakfast</p>	8	9
<p>March 10 First Sunday in Lent</p> <p>10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 11:45 Council Mtg.</p>	11	<p>12</p> <p>9:30 Gathering Place</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP Bible Study 12:00 GP Meal</p>	14	15	16
<p>March 17 Second Sunday in Lent</p> <p>10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship</p>	18	<p>19</p> <p>9:30 Gathering Place</p> <p><i>St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus</i></p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP Bible Study 12:00 GP Meal</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:00 AM: Men's Breakfast</p> <p>9:00 AM: Quilters</p>	22	23
<p>March 24 Third Sunday in Lent</p> <p>10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship</p>	<p>25</p> <p><i>Annunciation of Our Lord</i></p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:30 Gathering Place</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP WORSHIP 12:00 GP Meal</p>	28	March 1	<p>March 2</p> <p>10AM : Neighborhood Watch Meeting (Lounge)</p>
<p>March 31 Fourth Sunday in Lent</p> <p>10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship</p>	April 1	<p>2</p> <p>9:30 Gathering Place</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP Bible Study 12:00 GP Meal</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00 AM: Men's Breakfast</p>	5	6