



Capitol Drive
Lutheran Church
Sounding the Love of Christ

WEEKLY NEWS

February 21, 2021
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*Capitol Drive Lutheran Church -
A congregation
Sounding the Love of Christ
by caring for the poor
and vulnerable
in our community*

ELISABETH SCHMIELEWSKI (1933-2021)

We mourn the death of Elisabeth, a member of CDLC since 1965. Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Elisabeth. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

Week of February 14, 2021

SUNDAY Attendance: 0 (Worship on Website)

OFFERING: \$ 0.00 (Sunday offering)
Total: \$ 500.00 (Automatic deposits)

Celebrate

BLACK HISTORY

Unlearn

RACISM

africanamericanhistorymonth.gov

Bill Meier (friend of Brian Luttamus); Betty Hjerstedt; O B Beal; Karen Bartel (David's wife); Everyone affected by Covid-19; Garland Iseler and Laura Iseler (Karla's father and sister-in-law, both diagnosed with cancer); Patricia Rice (friend of Robert Gee); Earnestine Ruffin; Donna Weis; Doris Thomas; William Weis (son of Donna and Cyril); Jan Smoody; Cynthia Lange, Vianna Lynn Grady, Allan Thompson, Jackie Price (friends of Deb Pipkorn); Patricia Loth; Eva Lotz; Ardiss Nelson; Nicole and Danari Byrd (Marie Byrd's daughter and grandson); Sherri Holt (friend of Linda Jaeger); Donna Schmidt (friend of the quilters).



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 to send a card.

Prayer for the Week

God of saving acts in human history, and lively promises for future fulfillment, equip us to live fully in the present. Make your ways known to us and teach us your truth. Lead your humble servants in the way you would have us go. Be patient with us, we pray, for we are trying to be faithful.

Have mercy on your church, O God, for we forget the covenant into which you call us. We muddle along in our self-serving schemes rather than waiting on your word. We follow the path of least resistance without seeking your higher way. We forget our baptism into a faith community built on trust and forgiveness. We turn from the vision of heaven to the treacherous hell of competing egos. O God, we turn to you to lead us to a new day. According to your steadfast love, forgive us, we pray. May our faithfulness draw others into your covenant community, where mutual trust and joyous service unite us in Christ.

*Instructing God, teach us to see the face of your Son on every person we meet. Instruct us to see Jesus in every one of our encounters, knowing that **every person** is your daughter or son, your creation. Amen.*

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The Week Ahead

Sunday, February 21 * No In-person Worship
First Sunday in Lent Sanctuary Open for Prayer

Monday, February 22

Tuesday, February 23

Wednesday, February 24 Gathering Place Cancelled

Thursday, February 25

Friday, February 26

Saturday, February 27

Sunday, February 28 * No In-person Worship
Second Sunday in Lent Sanctuary Open for Prayer

*** Of Special Note:**

Listen to or watch our Sunday worship service of the Word, including an inspiring sermon, on our website or YouTube channel. In years past, the Postlude has taken a well-deserved Silent Retreat during the Lenten season. Due to travel restrictions this year, the Postlude will remain in place with reflective musings on seasonal hymn tunes.

Sunday, February 21, 2021 - First Sunday in Lent

Listen to Pr. Bill Mains' sermon, *Holy Helmets*, on our website:
www.capitoldrivellutheran.net.

Monday, February 22 - Mark 1:9-15

Jane barely slept at night. When she awakened, she wondered if it was a dream, or if her husband had truly asked for a divorce. When reality dawned on her, tears came to her eyes. She had no words for this situation she never believed would happen in her life. We all have laments at some point—things that keep us awake at night, which make us constantly commune with our hearts, as the psalmist put it. We might wonder if God's love and promises have ended for us. But the good news is that God can change our grief. As God turned chaos into creation and saved God's people over and over again, God will be with us and lead us through our trials. God can work wonders in our lives, no matter what befalls us. *Loving God, give me strength and faith in hard times. Amen.*

Tuesday, February 23 - 1 Peter 3:8-18a

The pastor watched the protestor out the office window. The person was marching up and down the sidewalk in front of the church with a sign, upset that the church supported an issue that she did not. The pastor decided to go outside to the protestor, but not to argue or try to convince her to leave. The pastor gave the woman a cup of hot coffee on a cold winter's day. We may not always have unity on issues, but we can all have unity in the spirit of our Lord Jesus. We have the capability to love one another with a tender heart and to repay others, even those who oppose us, with a blessing. It is for this that we were all called. *Lord, help me to love and bless all people, no matter our differences. Amen.*

Wednesday, February 24 - Ezekiel 28:1-10

In *Mere Christianity*, C. S. Lewis recommended asking ourselves some questions to find out if we're proud: "How much do I dislike it when other people snub me, or refuse to take any notice of me, . . . or patronize me, or show off?" Lewis saw pride as a vice of the "utmost evil" and the chief cause of misery in homes and nations. He called it a "spiritual cancer" that eats up the very possibility of love, contentment, and even common sense. Pride has been a problem throughout the ages. Through the prophet Ezekiel, God warned the leader of the powerful coastal city of Tyre against his pride. He said the king's pride would result in his downfall: "Because you think you are . . . as wise as a god, I am going to bring foreigners against you" (vv. 6-7). Then he would know he wasn't a god, but a mortal (v. 9). In contrast to pride is humility, which Lewis named as a virtue we receive through knowing God. Lewis said that as we get in touch with God, we become "delightedly humble," feeling relieved to be rid of the silly nonsense about our own dignity that previously made us restless and unhappy. The more we worship God, the more we'll know God and the more we can humble ourselves before God. May we be those who love and serve with joy and humility. *Almighty God, help me to revel in my identity as one you created, knowing you are great and mighty and yet you love me. Amen.*

Thursday, February 25 - Ecclesiastes 4:8-12

"It can be an affliction more harrowing than homelessness, hunger or disease," wrote Maggie Fergusson in *The Economist's 1843* magazine. Her subject? Loneliness. Fergusson chronicled the increasing rates of loneliness, irrespective of one's social or economic status, using heart-wrenching examples of what it feels like to be lonely. The hurt of feeling alone isn't new to our day. Indeed, the pain of isolation echoes off the pages of the ancient book of Ecclesiastes. Often attributed to King Solomon, the book captures the sorrow of those who seem to lack any meaningful relationships (4:7-8). The speaker lamented that it's possible to acquire significant wealth and yet experience no value from it

because there's no one to share it with. But the speaker also recognized the beauty of companionship, writing that friends help you accomplish more than you could achieve on your own (v. 9); companions help in times of need (v. 10); partners bring comfort (v. 11); and friends can provide protection in difficult situations (v. 12). Loneliness is a significant struggle—God created us to offer and receive the benefits of friendship and community. If you're feeling alone, pray that God would help you form meaningful connections with others. In the meantime, find encouragement in the reality that the believer is never truly alone because Jesus' Spirit is always with us (Matthew 28:20). *Heavenly Father, when I feel lonely, give me courage to reach out to others with an offer of friendship. Amen.*

Friday, February 26 - Genesis 16:1-6

Just a chapter earlier in Genesis, God promised Abram and Sarai that their descendants would be as many as the stars. This was wonderful news to this long-time childless couple. Sarai believed one way to begin building their family was to offer her servant, Hagar, as a second wife to Abram—one who could more readily conceive a child. Abram agreed to the plan. Sarai was right, and Hagar bore a child. But afterward, unexpected feelings emerged. Sarai felt slighted and unseen, and Hagar felt contempt for Sarai. In response, Sarai dealt so harshly with Hagar that Hagar ran away. Hopes and dreams seemed temporarily dashed. We know that God's promise was kept, but we often know what it feels like to wait in desperation to see our future hopes secured. In times like those, we reach out to God with pleas and prayers, trusting in God's deliverance. *Lord, hear my cries and fill me with hope and peace. Amen.*

Saturday, February 27 - Mark 8:27-30

Jesus and his disciples were passing through Roman territory, most likely surrounded by idols of the many gods the Romans worshiped. In the midst of them, Jesus asked those who had been following him and watching him teach, heal, and do miracles, "who do people say that I am?" Then the main, most important question came—"but who do you say that I am?" And Peter made his heartfelt confession. So how about us? Surrounded by the many gods we human beings worship—money, power, work, and accomplishment—who do you say Jesus is? Peter's confession is good news for you: Jesus is the Messiah. The one who comes to heal the sick and cast out demons is crucified and risen and is bringing the kingdom of God to the world. *Christ Jesus, give me courage to trust in you. Amen.*

Sunday, February 28 - Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1-7; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

Most of us have said something we regret, something we wish we could take back. The pain of hastily spoken words can linger for a long time—even years. Why do we say such things? Perhaps we reacted out of ignorance, anger, or fear. Perhaps when Peter heard Jesus talk about his upcoming suffering and death, each of those may have been factors. Perhaps Peter was thinking, *This wasn't what I signed up for! I dropped everything for Jesus. I trusted and believed in Jesus—even confessed him as the Messiah—and now he says things will end badly.* Peter couldn't bear to think of it. So Peter rebuked Jesus, and Jesus rebuked him right back. They were temporarily at cross-purposes. Yet Peter still continued to follow Jesus, and Jesus continued to love Peter. Peter would experience future moments of weakness, but he served in Jesus' name for years to come, even when it became difficult and dangerous. *Holy Jesus, give me strength as I continue to follow you. Amen.*



The schedule will be completed ONLY when it is safe to resume in-person worship.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP	February 7, 2021 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	February 14, 2021 Transfiguration of Our Lord	February 21, 2021 First Sunday in Lent	February 28, 2021 Second Sunday in Lent	March 7, 2021 Third Sunday in Lent
Presiding Minister & Preacher	Pr. Bill Mains	Pr. Bill Mains	Pr. Bill Mains	Pr. Bill Mains	Pr. Bill Mains
Assisting Minister					
Lector	Linda Jaeger	Linda Jaeger	Linda Jaeger	Linda Jaeger	Linda Jaeger
Musician	Robert Gee	Robert Gee	Robert Gee	Robert Gee	Robert Gee
Communion Assistant					
Videographer	Brian Luttamus	Brian Luttamus	Brian Luttamus	Brian Luttamus	Brian Luttamus
Altar Guild					
Council Members	Linda Jaeger, Deb Pipkorn, Brian Luttamus, Chris Kosma, Dan Lehenbauer, Bonnie Lund, Rose Sorrls				

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**Worship services continue to be "virtual."
Most Sundays they can be found on our
website (audio only) or our YouTube page
(video).**



February Birthdays at CDLC

February 1	Brian Luttamus
February 4	Alice Cooper
February 5	Gail May
February 7	Roosevelt Morgan
February 14	Evan Jaeger, <i>In Memoriam</i>
February 28	Bernadette Peters

Please help to replenish the supplies for the Blessing Box. The Box is being emptied quite often, especially at this time of year. If you have any questions about what items are needed, please do not hesitate to contact Steve O'Connell (his phone number is listed above). God bless you and thank you very much for your kind generosity.

FEBRUARY 2021

Until further notice, ALL activities listed are cancelled except the Sunday morning Meditation and Prayer sessions.

<p>January 31 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p><u>Sanctuary Open for Prayer @ 9AM</u></p>	<p><u>February 1</u></p>	<p>2</p> <p><u>Presentation of Our Lord</u></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>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>February 7 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p><u>Sanctuary Open for Prayer @ 9AM</u></p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP Bible Study 12:00 GP Meal</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>February 14 <i>Transfiguration of Our Lord</i> Last Sunday after Epiphany</p> <p><u>Sanctuary Open for Prayer @ 9AM</u></p>	<p>15</p> <p>Presidents' Day</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP Bible Study 12:00 GP Meal</p> <p>ASH WEDNESDAY</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:00 AM: Quilters</p> <p><i>Martin Luther, d. 1546</i></p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>February 21 First Sunday in Lent</p> <p><u>Sanctuary Open for Prayer @ 9AM</u></p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP WORSHIP 12:00 GP Meal</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10AM : Watch Meeting (Lounge)</p>
<p>February 28 Second Sunday in Lent</p> <p><u>Sanctuary Open for Prayer @ 9AM</u></p>	<p>March 1</p>	<p>March 2</p>	<p>March 3</p> <p>9:30 Gathering Place 10:15 YMCA Exercise 11:00 GP Bible Study 12:00 GP Meal</p>	<p>March 4</p>	<p>March 5</p>	<p>March 6</p>