

From The Pastor

If anyone knows anything still about Lent, maybe it is the tone of repentance. Certainly, there is nothing “fun” in repenting. It means to face the truthfulness of the Law. It is the Law that leads us to repentance not the Gospel. When Lent begins it cuts to the heart of all for we hear the words on Ash Wednesday, “Dust you are and to dust you shall return.” In other words, we are sinners not because of the sins we do, but because we each are born sinners. This original sin is what ties every one of us together. It means going back to the Garden of Eden and the Fall that darkened all of humanity.

Of course, what the Law cannot do is save, justify, or bring comfort that alone remains with the Gospel. God creates clean hearts by faith in the grace He gives. This good news more than spares from judgment, but is how God delights to welcome us. Israel saw this grace even at Mount Sinai for, “the Lord did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.” (Exodus 24:11) This is the trustworthiness John The Baptizer preached in all fullness of forgiveness declaring, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29) It is what Jesus told Nicodemus, “For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” (John 3:17)

Since this year we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, it is fitting during our Lent mid-week services to take up the penitential psalms (6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 120, 143). The Psalms to Luther were a “little Bible” that spoke much about the promises given in Christ for us. Likewise, the Psalms were also universal applying to all the saints and take up all kinds of situations we face in life. When Luther wrote the 95 Thesis, his first thesis sets revealed the Christian life saying, “When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, ‘Repent’ (Mt 4:17), he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance.” The penitential psalms will help to consider this Christian life of both Law and Gospel, repentance and faith, knowledge of self as a sinner and knowledge of God who saves sinners.

Easter set the tone for the Christian church right from the start. Lent soon came after in order to help prepare for such good news of Jesus’ death and resurrection. The 40 days of Lent was not just between “God and me,” but took on a much more inclusive aspect. It was a time to finish instruction with those preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil service. It was an event looking to call back the lost and to promote reconciliation within the body of Christ. It was to be for all the people of God a suspenseful longing to celebrate the mystery of Easter.

Blessed Lent for the love of God goes to cross!

Pastor



March Birthdays

Jay Place	March 1st
Brody Sohn	March 2nd
Kamryn Camacho	March 3rd
David Reimers	March 3rd
Myron Wiese	March 3rd
Cindy Meyer	March 4th
Pat Ruehle	March 4th
Cheryl Voss	March 5th
Betty Jane Brandt	March 6th
Daniel Hamann	March 6th
Alexis Stahly	March 6th
Gene Meyer	March 9th
Bobby Oakley	March 9th
Scott Palmer	March 9th
Josh Majerus	March 10th
David Mayou	March 11th
Bailey Gilmore	March 15th
Ali Muftah	March 15th
Glen Grussing	March 16th
Kainan Otten	March 16th
Arlen Voss	March 16th
Roman Voss	March 18th
Randy Rost	March 18th
Kirk Glienke	March 18th
Tom Gillespie	March 19th
Mike Reimers	March 19th
Vi Ihnen	March 20th
Mike Ross	March 20th
Harold Jacobsen	March 21st
Cindy Place	March 21st
Cole Ihnen	March 22nd
Molly Detlefsen	March 23rd
Joel Gillespie	March 25th
Reese Hamre	March 27th
Tim Ahrenstorff	March 29th
Lucas Ahrenstorff	March 29th
Milton Consoer	March 30th
Dolly Bahde	March 31st

Trinity Officers/Boards

Chairman:	Doug Pohlman
Vice Chairman:	Randy Finnern
Secretary:	Adam Wolff
Treasurer:	David Untiedt
Trustee:	Bruce Ihnen
Elders:	Tim Ahrenstorff
	Don Majerus
Finance:	Dennis Voehl
	Dan Reimers
	Richard Voss
	Dale Knips
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	Adam Wolff
	Rod Voss
	Wade Wacker
LWML President:	Vicki Place
Vice President:	Leyla Fischer
Secretary:	Arlys Schuett
Treasurer:	Shirley Finnern
Delegates:	Janet Majerus
	Wanda Untiedt
Education Super:	Tricia Voss
Youth Group:	Janet Majerus

March Anniversaries

Jim & Kellie Jones	March 10th
John & Sharlene Engel	March 11th
Robert & Joann Stahly	March 21st
Richard & Nancy Wulf	March 22nd

Upcoming Events/Announcements

Updates Needed: Please help us update our records and return the postcards to the church office. We would like to have an up-to-date listing for all our members. If you have moved, gotten married, had a child, changed your phone number, cell phone, and/or e-mail address we would like to know so that our records can be accurate. Thank you!

Birthdays and Anniversaries: If you would like your birthday or anniversary printed in The Lutheran Witness to commemorate a birthday of 90 years of more or an anniversary of 50 years or more please contact the church office two months in advance, so that notification can be sent to the district office.

Newsletter deadline: Thursday, March 16 will be the deadline for the April newsletter. Please call or e-mail with any announcements. Thank you!

Prescription drug coverage: Thrivent Members benefits are available. Express Access prescription drug discount card may help. It provides an average of 30% off all prescription drugs. For more information and to apply go to thrivent.com/community/membership/benefits or call 800-847-4836.

Contending For Truth In An Age Of Anti-Truth... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Topics include: Is Islam a Religion of Peace?, "Angels & Demons" by Dan Brown, Adoption, Decision Theology, Handel's Messiah and more. You can listen to what you want when you want at www.issuesetc.org.

Thrivent Choice: Remember to enroll as Thrivent members your Choice Dollars. Trinity & Concordia Lutheran Church is eligible to receive Choice Dollars. Please consider us a your choice. To learn more about Thrivent Choice, visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or call 1-800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent choice" when prompted.

Text Message Scripture/Devotionals: Sometimes it is nice to receive something during the week, if you would like to have a scripture/devotionals sent to your cell phone. To sign up please contact the church office.

Electronic Newsletters: If you are interested in receiving the monthly newsletter electronically please send me an e-mail making the request.

ConnectPlus: LCEF is now offering a new investment option called ConnectPlus. Please go our website lcef.org or call (800)843-5233 for more information.

Sacred Music For The World... You can listen to the best of the Church's music 24/7 at www.lutheranpublicradio.org. You'll hear hymns like "Thy Strong Word," "The Church's One Foundation," "Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart," "God's Own Child I Gladly Say It," "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" and more. You can also listen on mobile devices like an iPhone, iPad and an Android phone. If you have any questions, please call (618) 223-8385. Christian Music: Music for Members sections on thrivent.com/music is available to discover original Christian music by amateur and professional musicians is now easier than ever. You can find and download an array of free music.

Church Information: The town's congregations have gotten together a published an informational card in regards to locations and times. Please feel free to pick up and share with others.

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Items for sale: LWML has cards for sale including birthday, get-well, and sympathy. Cards can be pur-

What is Happening At Your Camp?

Camp Okoboji
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e-mail: camp.okoboji@lidwlcms.org
Web site: www.campokoboji.org

2017 Camp Theme

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief corner stone. In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in Him, you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit.

Under Construction Ephesians 2:19-22

Calendar:

April 22: Annual Meeting & Basket Auction State of the Camp Camp Board Elections Time for Congregation Delegate Sign-up

April 27-29: Wittenberg Home School Retreat

For more information on any of these topics please feel free to contact Camp Okoboji.

FACEBOOK! "LIKE" us on Facebook - www.facebook.com/CampOkoboji-LCMS and refer to the Camp Okoboji News flier hanging in the narthex.





498 4th Ave. NE
Sioux Center, IA 51250

March 5

"A Savior Who Fights for You!"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

Satan is a bully, but Jesus is the Savior Who fights for you.

(Matthew 4:1-11)

March 12

"The Power of a New Beginning"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

Real help comes to us from the outside. In Christ, new beginnings and greater endings are still possible.

(John 3:1-17)

March 19

"A Well That Runs Deep Because You Need It"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz

Jesus is determined to meet you today with the water of grace only He can give.

(John 4:5-26)

March 26

"God's Got It In For Me"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

God can use our troubles and crosses for a higher purpose that we may not understand until we reach heaven.

(John 9:1-41)

Thank you for sharing with your parishioners that Lutheran Hour is broadcast at 1:00 pm each Sunday

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chased individually for \$0.60 apiece or by the box. The amount is written on the box. Thank you.

Cancellation & Reminder: Since it is becoming more challenging to get radio announcements out. A system have been set up. Please subscribe by using the following directions. Mrs. Shannon Stone would like you to join Concordia & Trinity! *To receive messages via text, text @c83311 to 81010.* *Standard text message rates apply. Recipients Subject c83311@mail.remind.com. These instructions are also available in the narthex and on the church's website. Please contact the church office if you have any questions. Trouble using 81010? Try texting @c83311 to (712) 264-5343 instead. To unsubscribe, reply with 'unsubscribe' in the subject line.

MN Relay: If you or a family member living in MN needs help hearing when answering the phone there is help available at no cost to you. Please contact the consumer relations office (800)657-3775, e-mail: mn.relay@state.mn.us or visit www.mnrelay.org for more information. There is also a brochure in the narthex hanging on the bulletin board.

Pictorial Directories: The directories are still available. If you would like to purchase a copy please see the church office.

Member Visits: The elders with pastor have finished working through a book entitled, "Pastors and Elders: Caring For The Church And One Another." Our desire now is to try to make contact and visit with all members in the churches. Rather than visits being seen only in times of trouble or concern, the hope is for them to be more heartening with a life together we share as the body of Christ beyond Sunday mornings. This will be a gradual and slow process, but one that will at least start "officially" in September. The tone for all of this comes from Jesus who sending out the Seventy-Two said, "Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!'" (Luke 10:5)

Caregiver Discussion Group: This group discussion will be held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. at the Bethlehem Lutheran, 401 7th Ave N, Lakefield in the Fireside room. For more information see the flier in the narthex.

The Large Catechism: During the Bible Study at Trinity at 4:00 p.m. We will be discussing the Large Catechism. All are welcome to grow and learn what God gives to us. A short audio summary by Pastor is available on-line on the church website.

PORTALS OF PRAYER: The Trinity LWML has a box in the narthex for gathering USED Portals of Prayers. We will distribute them to various locations for others to read. God bless you for your support.

Storm Cancellations: Listen to these radio stations if church could be canceled during the winter months. You can also check the church website and if you have signed up to receive the text notifications, one will be sent to you.

KUSQ 95.1 FM - KWOA 730 AM Worthington
KUOO 103.9 FM Spirit Lake
KICD 1240 AM 107.7 FM Spencer
KKOJ 1190 AM KRAQ 105.7 FM Jackson

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Music Event: The St. Paul Lutheran High concert choir from Concordia, Missouri will present a concert of sacred music at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 604 Bush St., Lakefield, Minnesota on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 7:00 PM. There will also be a light supper served prior to the concert from 5:30-6:30 PM. Everyone is invited! A freewill offering will be accepted for the choir.



SPECIAL GUESTS FROM HONG KONG ARRIVE AT MISSION CENTRAL

What a blessing to welcome two very special guests from Hong Kong to Mission Central. Our dear Missionary Judy Newhouse, director of International Student Ministry at Memorial Lutheran at Ames, Iowa, brought these two guests for a brief visit at the world famous Mission Central. Rev. Anthony Huang and Teacher Jax Leung came to visit Mission Central with Judy Newhouse as their special driver. Both of these dear missionaries were here in 2011, and they wanted to come back to visit this MIRACLE PLACE. What a JOY it was to share with them what the Lord Jesus is doing at this place in the middle of nowhere. We had the opportunity to discuss what the Lord is doing at HIS Mission Central, and how a farmer's son in China became a pastor for the Lord Jesus in Hong Kong. Teacher Missionary Jax teaches young people in the 7th and 8th grade and also the students in the 12th grade in a Lutheran School in Hong Kong. What a blessing it was to visit with them one more time, and to hear how the Lord is using them in the Hong Kong Synod. Pictured are Pastor Huang, Judy Newhouse and Teacher Jax Leung in front of our Boss in Gary's office at the Lord's Mission Central. It was a special afternoon that ended with a final prayer in the little wayside prayer chapel. It was an afternoon that old Missionary Gary will never forget.



LABORERS FOR CHRIST GROUP VISITS MISSION CENTRAL

What a blessing to welcome these special folks who have been working so hard on the new building at the Camp at Spirit Lake, Iowa. On Saturday, January 14, this group of NOT NORMAL people came to see what Mission Central is all about. These workers are providing Camp Okobojo with a new building. They visited Mission Central for a tour and to pray together. Pictured is the group gathered in the barn in front of the altar. It was such a great group of folks! We thank God for the Laborers For Christ...and how they are serving HIM.



TEACHERS COME FROM ASIA, THE BAKER FAMILY!

Friday, January 27, was such a special and wonderful day! Our teachers came from deep in the heart of Asia to tell us of their work in this part of the world. Rev. David and Rachel Baker and their dear children all came for a special program...and what a program it was! They showed pictures of the people they are teaching in this remote part of the world where there is so much darkness. These are the first teachers that we have placed in this country, and what a wonderful blessing to see what our Boss is doing in this area of the world. Rev. Baker is pictured presenting to the large group of people who came from Nebraska, Iowa, and Minnesota. Yes, only the NOT NORMAL people came to hear and see what our Boss is doing. We had the privilege and honor to pray for them and send them off. It was one of those days that we will never forget. We recorded a video interview with the entire family. If you would like a copy, please let us know! These are some of the BEST teachers that we have in the whole world!



Mission Central – LCMS World Mission
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11 Day In the Steps of Martin Luther Germany Tour: October 31, 1517 was a date that changed Christianity forever! Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on the Wittenberg church door and the Reformation began. Now, you have a once in a lifetime chance to celebrate the 500th anniversary of that memorable event by being in the places that influenced this much needed reformation. Join Pastor Michael & Suzy Awe in traveling to Germany *In the Steps of Martin Luther* tour. The dates of this historic and memorable trip is July 10-20, 2017. We will begin in Mainz where Johannes Gutenberg invented the moveable-type printing press. We will enjoy other famous and important Luther sites: Eisenach, Erfurt, Eisleben, and Wittenberg. We will also visit Berlin, Leipzig, Nuremberg, Augsburg, and Munich. The cost of this tour is \$3799, departing from Omaha, and is based on double occupancy. The price includes flights, bus, portage, most meals, all admission fees, all taxes. There is a limited number that can go, so act quickly. For more information and a brochure, please contact me preferably via either e-mail or by phone: Pastor Michael Awe, 3018 Julia Circle, South Sioux City, NE 68776. 402.368.9929 (cell) The1Rev@cableone.net or the1revma@gmail.com

Church Doors: With recent reports of break-ins of churches in Jackson County, Trinity will be locking all doors when pastor is not present at church. If you would like a key to be able to get into church, please speak with the Shannon, the chairman, or trustee.

Open House Bridal Shower: Tara Tischer, bride-elect of Curtis Kazemba on Saturday, April 1st at 9am, at Trinity. The couple is registered at Bed, Bath, and Beyond and Target.

Hymn Festival: Paul Soulek is planning to visit Bethel at Round Lake with his junior high choir from St. John Lutheran Church and School in SING BOLDLY with choirs, organ, and instruments at a hymn festival held at Bethel Lutheran Church in Round Lake on Thursday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m. You're invited to join your voice with the 40-member youth choir from St. John Lutheran in Seward, Nebraska and organist/director Paul Soulek. Visit www.SingBoldly.org/tour for more information! (Hear music from their past tours at Singboldly.com. Click tour under the events drop-down at top of page.)

Lent Devotionals: We have several options this season. The first one is entitled, "Lenten Reading Plan 2017" you will need a hymnal and your bible for this one. Second, is CPH's edition, "A Living Hope" and your third option is "From the cradle to the empty grave" from LHM. So grab a copy in the narthex and if all copies have been taken please let the church office know and we can more or order more.

InFaith Scholarship: Online application are available for students interested in careers in the professional ministry or professional lay ministries. More information can be found on www.infaithfound.org/scholarships. Application deadline is April 30, 2017.

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KFOU.ORG: Worldwide KFUO debuts a new program March 3 titled "Let's Talk! The Pastor Is In." This program is for lay people with no special religious education who, while they believe, still have questions and seek guidance. They need answers in language they can understand. Imagine sitting on your front porch and having a casual discussion with your pastor. The conversation might be explaining parts of doctrine, like the nature of original sin, or it might be more personal, such as coping with a gay child. Each program features a guest pastor and is

March 1st Readings

JUDGES 15:1-16:31
 JOHN 2:1-25
 PSALM 103:1-22
 PROVERBS 14:17-19

March 2nd Readings

JUDGES 17:1-18:31
 JOHN 3:1-21
 PSALM 104:1-23
 PROVERBS 14:20-21

March 3rd Readings

JUDGES 19:1-20:48
 JOHN 3:22-4:3
 PSALM 104:24-35
 PROVERBS 14:22-24

March 4th Readings

JUDGES 21:1-25
 RUTH 1:1-22
 JOHN 4:4-42
 PSALM 105:1-15
 PROVERBS 14:25

March 5th Readings

RUTH 2:1-4:22
 JOHN 4:43-54
 PSALM 105:16-36
 PROVERBS 14:26-27

March 6th Readings

1 SAMUEL 1:1-2:21
 JOHN 5:1-23
 PSALM 105:37-45
 PROVERBS 14:28-29

March 7th Readings

1 SAMUEL 2:22-4:22
 JOHN 5:24-47

PSALM 106:1-12
 PROVERBS 14:30-31

March 8th Readings

1 SAMUEL 5:1-7:17
 JOHN 6:1-21
 PSALM 106:13-31
 PROVERBS 14:32-33

March 9th Readings

1 SAMUEL 8:1-9:27
 JOHN 6:22-42
 PSALM 106:32-48
 PROVERBS 14:34-35

March 10th Readings

1 SAMUEL 10:1-11:15
 JOHN 6:43-71
 PSALM 107:1-43
 PROVERBS 15:1-3

March 11th Readings

1 SAMUEL 12:1-13:23
 JOHN 7:1-30
 PSALM 108:1-13
 PROVERBS 15:4

March 12th Readings

1 SAMUEL 14:1-52
 JOHN 7:31-53
 PSALM 109:1-31
 PROVERBS 15:5-7

March 13th Readings

1 SAMUEL 15:1-16:23
 JOHN 8:1-20
 PSALM 110:1-7
 PROVERBS 15:8-10

March 14th Readings

1 SAMUEL 17:1-18:4
 JOHN 8:21-30
 PSALM 111:1-10
 PROVERBS 15:11

March 15th Readings

1 SAMUEL 18:5-19:24
 JOHN 8:31-59
 PSALM 112:1-10
 PROVERBS 15:12-14

March 16th Readings

1 SAMUEL 20:1-21:15
 JOHN 9:1-41
 PSALM 113:1-114:8
 PROVERBS 15:15-17

March 17th Readings

1 SAMUEL 22:1-23:29
 JOHN 10:1-21
 PSALM 115:1-18
 PROVERBS 15:18-19

March 18th Readings

1 SAMUEL 24:1-25:44
 JOHN 10:22-42
 PSALM 116:1-19
 PROVERBS 15:20-21

March 19th Readings

1 SAMUEL 26:1-28:25
 JOHN 11:1-54



PSALM 117:1-2
PROVERBS 15:22-23

March 20th Readings

1 SAMUEL 29:1-31:13
JOHN 11:55-12:19
PSALM 118:1-18
PROVERBS 15:24-26

March 21st Readings

2 SAMUEL 1:1-2:11
JOHN 12:20-50
PSALM 118:19-29
PROVERBS 15:27-28

March 22nd Readings

2 SAMUEL 2:12-3:39
JOHN 13:1-30
PSALM 119:1-16
PROVERBS 15:29-30

March 23rd Readings

2 SAMUEL 4:1-6:23
JOHN 13:31-14:14
PSALM 119:17-32
PROVERBS 15:31-32

March 24th Readings

2 SAMUEL 7:1-8:18
JOHN 14:15-31
PSALM 119:33-48
PROVERBS 15:33

March 25th Readings

2 SAMUEL 9:1-11:27
JOHN 15:1-27
PSALM 119:49-64
PROVERBS 16:1-3

March 26th Readings

2 SAMUEL 12:1-31
JOHN 16:1-33
PSALM 119:65-80
PROVERBS 16:4-5

March 27th Readings

2 SAMUEL 13:1-39

JOHN 17:1-26
PSALM 119:81-96
PROVERBS 16:6-7

March 28th Readings

2 SAMUEL 14:1-15:22
JOHN 18:1-24
PSALM 119:97-112
PROVERBS 16:8-9

March 29th Readings

2 SAMUEL 15:23-16:23
JOHN 18:25-19:22
PSALM 119:113-128
PROVERBS 16:10-11

March 30th Readings

2 SAMUEL 17:1-29
JOHN 19:23-42
PSALM 119:129-152
PROVERBS 16:12-13

March 31st Readings

2 SAMUEL 18:1-19:10
JOHN 20:1-31
PSALM 119:153-176
PROVERBS 16:14-15

2017 Lent/Holy Week
Schedule

Mid-week Lent services 7pm

March 1st Concordia (Ash
Wednesday)

March 8th Trinity

March 15th Concordia

March 22nd Trinity

March 29th Concordia

April 5th Trinity

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday, April 13th
Trinity 7pm

Good Friday, April 14th
Concordia 8:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 16th
Concordia 7am,
Trinity 9:30am



LENT



Voter's Meeting 2-5-2017

Attendance: Doug P., Pastor, Rod V., Adam W., Dave U., Tim A., Don M., and Janet M.

Pastor's Report:

Lenten Dates are in the newsletter
Midweek service will be at 7:00
Private confirmation
Elder's workshop over 40 in attendance
New Constitutions are done
Highlights of the changes to constitution
Revitality project was held here – good info
Youth group to go to the Thrivent Camp
Down to one organist
Welcome room - card shelf still broken – trustee check

Treasurer's Report:

Discussed passing budget on the congregation
Rod V motioned to accept the 3rd & 4th qtr financial report. Don M. 2nd motion – Motion carried
Stewardship giving – committee to meet to distribute 2016 amount \$3000.00

Elder's Report:

Vitality Meeting – good things out of that meeting
Calling project going forward

Unfinished Business:

Pastor's flooring – carpet one to bid

New Business:

MN South meeting – lay person can go
Feb. 18th
Church cleaning – service masters – no longer cleans
Vicky Cleaning Provider or ladies discretion

Youth Update:

Numbers are down
Voted will not go to higher things
(7-16 to 7-19 – camping)
(1,711.89 need 2500)
Looking for other fundraiser
Will probably serve during joint services

Don M. motion to adjourn, Rod 2nd – meeting adjourned

**Trinity Lutheran Church - Sioux Valley
Budget**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
<u>Mission Commitment</u>				
Synod Convention		\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
District & Synod	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00
Christian Education (25% up to \$500/student)	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Immanuel Lutheran School, Lakefield, MN	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Higher Christian Education (seminaries)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Missions (qtrs)	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Total	\$12,800.00	Total \$13,600.00	Total \$13,100.00	Total \$13,100.00
<u>Employees</u>				
Pastor's Compensation				
Salary	\$33,452.34			33452.34
CRSP (403b) 2% match/max.	\$1,045.46			\$1,045.46
Concordia Plan Services	\$9,276.05			\$13,798.00
Book Allowance	\$500.00			\$500.00
Cell Allowance	\$864.00			\$914.00
Total Compensation	\$44,947.24	46311.07	\$45,137.85	\$49,709.80
Reimbursable Expense				
Mileage	\$3,400.00			
Expense	\$500.00			
Continuing Ed..	\$1,000.00			
Total Expenses	\$5,000.00	\$5,650.00	\$4,900.00	\$4,900.00
Custodian (\$15.00/hr.)	\$2,150.00	\$2,150.00	\$2,150.00	\$2,150.00
Secretary (\$14.00/hr.)	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,950.00	\$4,950.00
Secretarial Help				
Organist (\$75.00/service)	\$4,500.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00
Groundskeeper	\$1,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Social Security (all workers)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Total	\$63,097.24	Total \$66,411.07	Total \$65,437.85	Total \$70,009.80
<u>Christian Education</u>				
Sunday School	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Youth Chaperone (TTC)	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Confirmation Class	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Vacation Bible School	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Total	\$3,200.00	Total \$3,200.00	Total \$3,200.00	Total \$3,200.00
<u>Maintenance</u>				
Utilities	\$13,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Elevator	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Insurance	\$5,700.00	\$5,700.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Office Copier/Supplies	\$2,400.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00
Building	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Improvement Project - Rural Water	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Church Cleaning	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Total	\$33,600.00	Total \$35,200.00	Total \$36,200.00	Total \$36,200.00
<u>Evangelism</u>				
Concordia Publishing House	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
Vine & Branches	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Total	\$5,000.00	Total \$5,000.00	Total \$5,000.00	Total \$5,000.00
<u>Special Services</u>				
Communion Supplies	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Guest Speakers- (\$100.00/service, \$30.00/ Bible Class + Mileage)	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
Funeral Sub.- (\$100.00/service, \$30.00/ Visitation + Mileage)				
Total	\$800.00	Total \$800.00	Total \$950.00	Total \$950.00
Grand Total	\$118,497.24	\$124,211.07	\$123,887.85	\$128,459.80
<u>Receipts</u>				

hosted by Kip Allen, himself a layman with many of the same questions. We welcome listeners to submit questions via email at letstalk@kfuo.org. “Let’s Talk!” isn’t about preaching; it’s about conversation, just you and your pastor on the front porch. So, pull up a chair, grab your favorite Lutheran beverage and join us every Friday from 2-3 p.m. on Worldwide KFUE. Listen online at KFUE.org and “Let’s Talk!” with guest pastors answering a variety of listener questions. Also this week, we talk about creating hymnals for churches around the world (Faith & Family 2/28), begin 2 Corinthians on Thy Strong Word (3/2), and dig into Lutheran doctrine on Cross Defense (2/27). Listen to Worldwide KFUE.org, your radio station for news, talk, and sacred music with a cross-focused, Christ-centered Lutheran worldview. All programs are archived at KFUE.org for 24/7 on-demand listening. Have a question or comment? Find us at [@KFUEradio](https://www.facebook.com/KFUEradio) on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

LifeDate: Each quarter a new edition will be placed in your bulletin boxes. This is coming to our congregation with only the shipping costs. So if you would no longer like to receive this publication please contact the church office.

Worthington Zone LWML “Gifts from the Heart”: We will have an ingathering of Gifts from the Heart for the Worthington Zone Spring LWML Rally to be held at St. Paul’s – Rost, rural Lakefield, MN. on Sat., April 1st. The items will be donated to Immanuel Lutheran School in Lakefield. We will gather items until Sunday, March 26th. Items needed are:

Lots of Crayola Washable Markers
Glue sticks
Ticonderoga #2 pencils
Googly Eyes for art projects
Sharpie Markers
Dry Erase Markers
Coloring books for before school care
Legos

A box for the items will be in the narthex. Anyone in the church is welcome to donate. Thank you for your support.

Church Governance Updated...

The Voters of Trinity has received approval from the Minnesota South District for our church constitution. This process took a couple of years starting with a research committee, examining Synod guidelines, and at last submission to District for review. It was longer than expected, but the time has arrived. Below is a sketch of what is now the new structure for governance of our church. These changes recognize both the need for better efficiency (too many boards, positions, etc.) as well as broadening involvement in church governance.

Voters Assembly

- Is now open to all adults 18 years and older.
- Positions needed: President/Vice-President (*see "Board of Elders" below*), Recording Secretary (*any voter*), and Treasurer (*any voter*).
- The only board is now that of Elders & Finance.
- Committees are formed on a case-by-case basis.
- Meetings quarterly

Board of Elders

- Will be made up now of four men.
- Positions filled: head elder, president, vice-president, and trustee.
- Meetings monthly

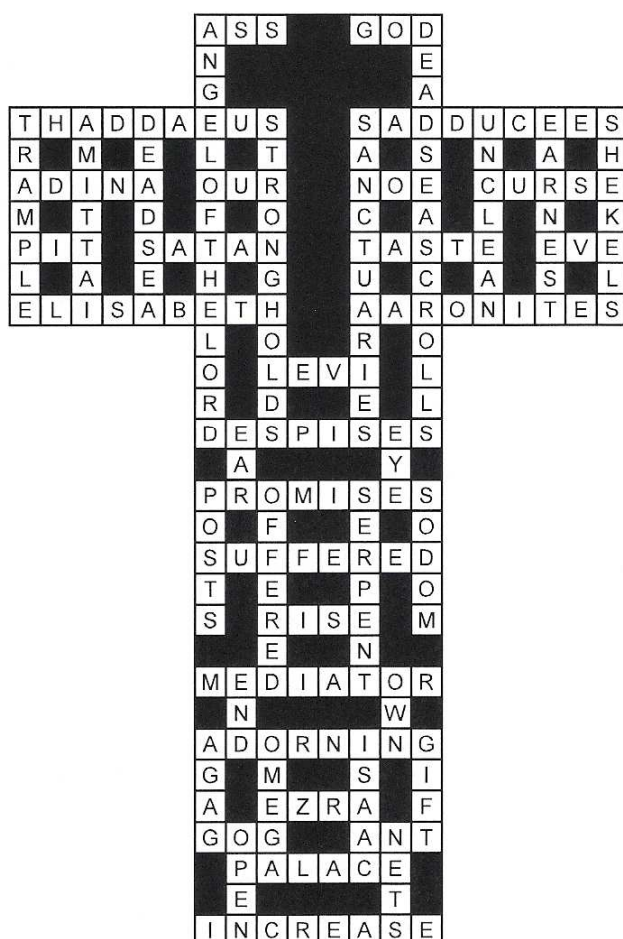
Board of Finance

- No changes were made

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Please consider these changes made by the voters and being part of the new church governance. Governance surely does not make the church what it is. Strictly speaking, that belongs to Christ as He works by Word and Sacraments to make believing Christians. However, the place of governance for us as Lutherans falls into the category of what St. Paul praised as, “good order” (1 Corinthians 14:40, Colossians 2:5). May the Lord continue to bless us at Trinity so that the whole body of Christ may be built up in faith to God and love for one another.

CROSS-SHAPED BIBLE CROSSWORD - SOLUTION



Across: 1 Ass, 2 God, 4 Thaddaeus, 8 Sadducees, 12 Adina, 13 Our, 14 Noe, 15 Curse, 16 Pit, 17 Satan, 18 Taste, 19 Eve, 20 Elisabeth, 21 Aaronites, 22 Levi, 23 Despises, 26 Promises, 30 Suffered, 31 Rise, 32 Mediator, 35 Adorning, 39 Ezra, 40 Gog, 42 Ant, 44 Palace, 45 Increase.

Down: 1 Angel Of The Lord, 3 Dead Sea Scrolls, 4 Trample, 5 Amittai, 6 Dead Sea, 7 Strongholds, 8 Sanctuaries, 9 Unclean, 10 Earnest, 11 Shekels, 24 Ear, 25 Eye, 26 Posts, 27 Offered, 28 Serpent, 29 Sodom, 33 End, 34 Own, 35 Agag, 36 Omega, 37 Isaac, 38 Gift, 41 Open, 43 Nets.

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2017 Vine & Branches Conference

SPIRITUAL WARFARE



"Lutheranism on Combating the Devil"

I. Exorcism in the history of Lutheranism

Dr. Robert H. Bennett; Professor of Missiology and International Missions Specialist at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

II. Lutheran Theology And Practice Regarding Exorcism, spiritual temptation and struggle

Rev. John Dreyer; Professor at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana

When: Saturday, April 22nd, 2017

9:00 am – 4:00 pm (Registration 8:30 am)

Location: Lutheran Church of Our Savior, 1157 Third Avenue
Windom, MN. 56101

Please register by April 17, 2017:

Rev. Jerry Gauthier
Phone: 507-839-3086

Email: info@vineandbranchesconference.org

Trinity Lutheran Church, 38559 730th St., Lakefield, MN 56150

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A freewill offering will be received to help support future conferences.

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‘Life 360°’ conference addresses current life issues

By Paula Ross on February 7, 2017 in News, Reporter

ARLINGTON, Va. — Lutherans talked and prayed about life at every stage and from every vantage point Jan. 27-29 during the 2017 LCMS Life Conference, dubbed “Life 360°.” Speakers addressed both the legal realities and the spiritual truths surrounding life.

Divine Service, which began the first and last days of the conference, framed discussions pertaining to science, society, trends and policies. Participants also joined the Jan. 27 national March for Life in nearby Washington, D.C.

“The best thing about the conference was ... the great sermons,” said Emma Ledford, a student at Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon, Wis.

Plenary sessions included presentations on “It May Not Be Too Late: Abortion Pill Reversal,” led by Dr. George Delgado, medical director of Culture of Life Family Health Care in San Diego County, Calif.; “Life Together in the LCMS” by LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison; and “The War on Women” by Mollie Hemingway, senior editor at *The Federalist*, of Alexandria, Va.

“If we as the Church cease to confess [Jesus], we cease to have a reason to exist,” Harrison said. “That’s why it was wonderful yesterday publicly, before the world, with other Christians ... [when] we confessed. We sang the liturgy together and we sang hymns together. We confessed Christ. When we fail to confess Christ, we fail to be who we are as Christians.” Harrison then noted that this confession results in love for the neighbor, adding, “Virtually every aspect of the faith leads us to compassion.”

Breakout sessions were offered throughout the conference. They addressed spiritual issues as well as medical and scientific topics, including “Prenatal Genetic Testing and Disability as a Life Issue”; “Walking Alongside Families Who Have Children with Disabilities”; “Reproductive Choices: Assisted Reproductive Technology”; “Why We Are Pro-Life: A Bible Study”; “... Still Here: Care for the Post-Abortive Woman”; and “End of Life Issues.”

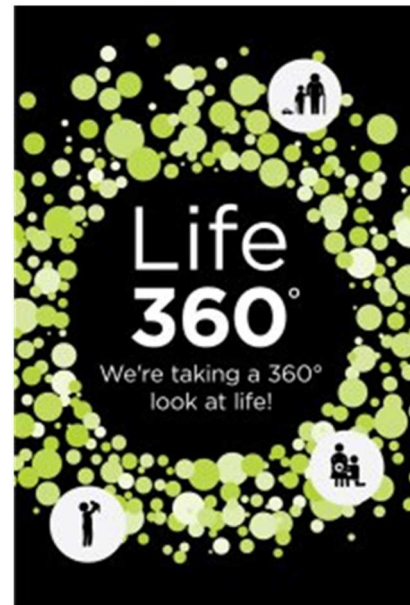
“I know several young women who have had an abortion or don’t value their own life, and

unfortunately these women are not Christians,” lamented Karle Embretson, from Concordia University, Nebraska, Seward, Neb., adding that she “had no idea how to go about even talking to them about it.

“So after attending the march and conference sessions,” Embretson continued, “I feel like I can now talk
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to and support young women I come in contact with in the future. They deserve to hear and be shown



forgiveness just like anyone else.”

During dinner on Jan. 28, Timothy Goeglein, vice-president for External Relations at Focus on the Family in Washington, D.C., addressed the conference.

“We are entering the 500th year of one of the greatest events in world history, the Reformation,” he noted. “It was a re-formation rooted in one thing alone: conscience,” observed Goeglein. “Just like Martin Luther, there is a moment in every young person’s life when you have to be able to stand and be counted. Continue to have the courage of your convictions.”

After dinner, singer Erin Bode and her band performed a brief concert, opening with the song “Right from the Beginning,” which Bode wrote for “Eyes of Life.”

Eyes of Life is the Synod’s entry into the conversation about life from conception to natural death, seen through Christ. Stories are shared at eyesoflife.org from people who have eyes of life. Such stories also are shared via social media with the hash tag *#eyesoflife*.

Bode included several hymns during her set, inviting the audience to sing along. Conference attendees were more than happy to oblige.

For the Jan. 29 closing Divine Service, Lutherans For Life Executive Director Rev. Michael Salemink preached on Matt. 7:24-29.

“Rain is gonna get you regardless,” Salemink noted in his message for that service. “We find our refuge upon the solid foundation of His apostolic promises and prophetic oracles with nothing else than Christ Jesus Himself, none less than the Son of the living God as both cornerstone and capstone.”

Conference participants also had numerous opportunities for fellowship and sharing mutual encouragement.

“The life conference was a tremendous opportunity for learning and encouragement as we talked about life from conception till natural death and how we support and strengthen that work in our everyday lives,” said the Rev. Bart Day, executive director of the LCMS Office of National Mission. “It was especially wonderful to have so many high school and college students present and actively engaged in the conversation.”

Dr. Kevin Armbrust (kevin.armbrust@lcms.org) is manager of Editorial Services with LCMS Communications.

Responding to the Loss of the Charitable Deduction

February 6, 2017 in Godly Stewardship, Leader Blog

Forbes, an American business magazine read by our nation's wealthiest people and their financial advisers, on Jan. 31 published an article with an ominous headline:

“This May Be The Last Year You Get A Charitable Tax Deduction”

Soon after the article by Ashlea Ebeling was released, experts in nonprofit philanthropy began organizing. E-mails went out to charities and philanthropy-related firms across the country. A rally in Washington D.C. was planned for Feb. 16 to culminate in meetings with members of Congress and their staffs.

The underlying fear is that the new executive administration of the United States, supported by a majority in Congress, will fast-track legislation that dramatically alters 100 years of giving. Charities that do good will suffer as a result.

The message to people like me, whose own livelihood depends on charitable giving, is clear: “You’re part of the nonprofit sector! Help stop this plan!”

So, what should I do? Should I jump on a flight to Washington? Sit with senators and congressmen/women (or at least a member of their office staff) and share my worries with them?

Should I beg them to stand with me, you and others to preserve the charitable tax deduction lest the fabric of our society come apart? Should I blast out a letter to every person in our database? Should I send e-mails to everyone I know with a valid e-mail account, spreading the news of this important threat to the future of the LCMS and its mission?

As I read the various pieces of information about this possible tax-code change, perhaps the wisest thing I can do with my time (and your donations, by the way) is to remain calm. I should take a deep breath of fresh air because there is plenty of that for all of us.

I should reflect on a very important question: Why do people invest in the work of any charity — and especially the work of our Lord’s church?

If people give because they can get a tax deduction, if that is the primary reason, what does it say about the true value of what any nonprofit does? Think about your congregation for a few minutes. Do you put the offering in the plate mainly because you can deduct the gift on your income taxes the following year? Is that it?

I don’t believe it is — especially for believers — and nearly every sound resource used to train me says the charitable deduction is way down on the list of reasons for why people give. Giving to get anything even goes against the concept of philanthropy (love for our neighbor). Will people give less if the charitable deduction is eliminated? Maybe.

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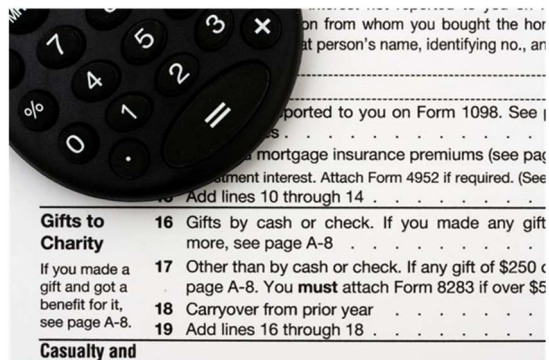
Will the loss of the charitable deduction ruin the fabric of the nonprofit sector and cause the end of the world? Only if getting something out of the act of giving is more important than the positive change that

happens through the church and its related nonprofits.

In the end, I encourage you to invest some time thinking about what is truly important to you and about what truly matters in the act of sacrificial giving.

Each contribution made by a Christian is, after all, a witness to the world about what truly matters. And if that is the charitable tax deduction, I strongly urge you to call your Senators and Congressmen.

Mark Hofman, CFRE, MBA, is the executive director of LCMS Mission Advancement.



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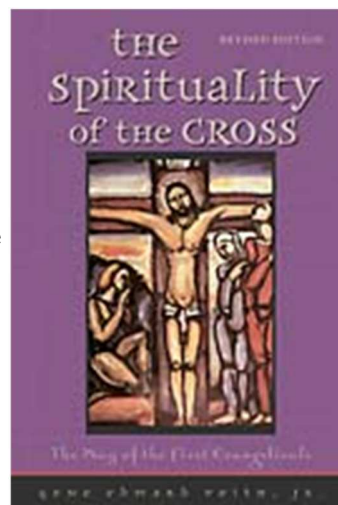
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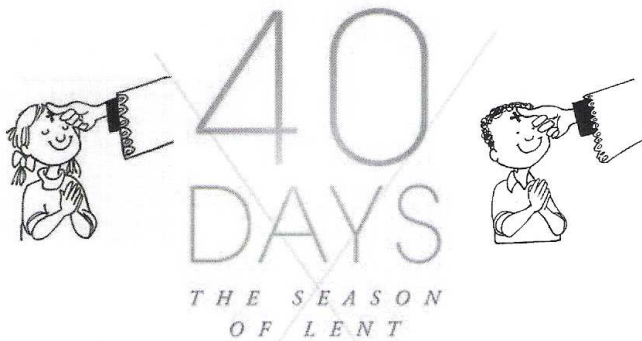
Veith goes into greater depth especially relating to the theology of the cross and vocation. More resources including Luther's Catechism, the Book of Concord, the rite of Confession and Absolution, and the writings of Martin Luther are included as invaluable resources for Christians living a life under the cross.


Gene Edward Veith is currently a professor of literature, a college administrator, and a writer. He has written over a dozen books on Christianity, culture, and the arts. He has a PhD in English Literature. He and his wife have three children and currently live near Washington DC.



SUNDAY SCHOOL MARCH

<p>Who? Sunday School: <i>All Pre-K - 8th Grades</i> Confirmation: 6th - 8th Youth Group: 7th-12th</p>	<p>What? Sunday School classes are on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each given month. On the 5th Sunday kids might sing or recite during Church.</p>	<p>When? Sunday School will run 10:15-11:30 am. We rotate lesson, craft, skit, snack and music. The 5th-8th graders will also be teacher assistants!</p>	<p>Why? Proverbs 22:6 <i>Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it.</i></p>
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 REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE DUST AND TO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN

Early Childhood/Pre-K: Paisley Nissen, Lucas Riemers, Brynlee Barnes, Miya Finnern, Kane Barnes, Xander Untiedt, Izzabelle Pohlman
K: Hattie Hintze, Leah Schuett
1: Bailee Barnes, Henry Hintze
2nd: Brock Nissen
3rd: Mason Ahrenstorff, Dylan Schuett, Roman Voss
4th: None
5th: Lucas Ahrenstorff, Kiera Ahrenstorff, Kamryn Meyer
6th: Gabriel Wolff
7th: Sadie Voss
8th: Jade Untiedt, Cole Ihnen, Grace Iverson, Jackson Voehl
Teachers: Amy Gauthier and Tricia Voss

Sunday Events

Sunday, March 5th

Jesus Heals a Man Who Is Paralyzed. Mark 2:1-2. The miracle of healing the paralyzed man confirmed that Jesus, the Son of Man, has authority on earth to forgive sins and to deliver all believers from death and the power of the devil.



Sunday, March 19th

Jesus Calms a Storm. Mark 4:35-41. Just as Jesus calmed the storm with His Word for the frightened disciples, so He calms and ends the storm of sin and its certain death by taking our sin on Himself and dying in our place so we may live eternally.



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This was a speaker we had at the Vine & Branches Conference in 2015! We must speak what God says despite the cost, silence only invites the Devil who seeks no good for life or salvation. St. Paul says, "For you suffered the same things from your own countrymen as they did from the Jews, who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out, and displease God and oppose all mankind by hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles that they might be saved" 1 Thessalonians 2:14-16

Students protest pro-traditional marriage campus talk, host LGBTQIA-only safe space to counter it

*NATHAN RUBBELKE - STAFF REPORTER • FEBRUARY 21, 2017
<http://www.thecollegefix.com/post/31304/>*

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — A Lutheran pastor’s talk at Washington University in St. Louis on Monday night on the goodness and importance of procreation and marriage between a man and a woman prompted two separate protests by students and professors who accused the event and its speaker of hate-mongering.



In response to the talk, titled “The Original Diversity: Man & Woman in Christ,” the College Democrats hosted “a demonstration of inclusion” on Monday night after denouncing Rev. Jonathan Fisk in a campus newspaper op-ed as “an unabashedly homophobic, ultra-conservative, transphobic, anti-choice fear monger.”

What’s more, a separate “**discussion space**” on Monday night was led by students and “only open to LGBTQIA-identified and questioning Wash U students.” It was held to respond and reflect on Fisk’s talk and the event’s flyers.

Fisk, a pastor with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, **was hosted** by Washington University’s Lutheran Student Fellowship.

The protest, titled “**Nothing But Love: A Demonstration of Inclusion,**” was held in the commons of the university’s student center and began about 45 minutes before Fisk’s talk started.

Members of the College Democrats announced the event in their **campus newspaper op-ed**, which condemned Fisk and his beliefs on homosexuality, marriage and abortion.

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Monday’s “demonstration of inclusion” began with a singing of Woody Guthrie’s “This Land is

Your Land,” and included a few dozen participants and multiple speakers.

A student speaker and member of Lutheran Campus Ministry said seeing the event’s flyers was “hurtful” and made her “angry, sad and frustrated.” She added that “these are some hateful voices that don’t represent most Christians and most Lutherans.”

Speaking with a backdrop of a rainbow flag, a member of the College Democrats said she was “in shock” when a fellow group member brought the event’s flyer to her attention.

Another speaker, Professor **Jeffrey McCune**, alleged opposition of Planned Parenthood is racist.

“I hope that I’m not supposed to let go of my refusal of a white Christianity that denies the ways in which certain modes of thinking, such as the removal of Planned Parenthood is racist,” said the professor of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. “For ultimately what is being said when people refuse Planned Parenthood, is they’re saying I care more about white fetuses than I do about the services to minority folk.”



Meanwhile, a separate **on-campus event** held a “discussion space” led by students and “only open to LGBTQIA-identified and questioning Wash U students” to respond and reflect on Fisk’s talk and the event’s flyers.

In his hour-long talk, Fisk said the op-ed was a misrepresentation, defending himself against its claims. The pastor also apparently took in a portion of the protest event, tweeting out a selfie.

While dubbed as “homophobic,” Fisk said he didn’t come to the private university to discuss homosexuality. Instead, he said his talk, “The Original Diversity: Man & Woman in Christ,” sought to encourage Christian attendees to embrace the Lord’s words “about two humans becoming one flesh, one more human, as a gift.”

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Fisk spent the majority of his **speech** stressing the goodness of procreation and highlighting the consequences of its worldwide decline.

Speaking in a room above the protest, clapping and music could be heard below at times as Fisk

talked. At one point, the pastor remarked “I feel like dancing,” in response to the music.

During his speech, Fisk responded to the accusations aimed at him in the campus newspaper op-ed, which targeted comments Fisk has made about an “anti-Christian crusade” and that homosexuality and abortion “might just spell the end of civilization as we know it.”

On the former, the pastor said it’s pretty regular that throughout the world Christians are being persecuted in one form or another with violence, citing Syria and Africa.

“Again, I found this very interesting that this was in an article that was trying to silence me. That somehow my warning against an anti-Christian crusade actually ran into one,” he added.

Regarding his comments on abortion and homosexuality, Fisk said he was referring to society’s “mass rejection of the value of procreation.”

“I want you to hear that as not having children to a level that we actually implode and disappear as a population might just spell the end of civilization as we know it,” he said.

Within his remarks, Fisk stressed the values of toleration and discourse.

“Christians are OK tolerating people we disagree with. We’re OK not hating people we disagree with. We’re OK not making them agree with us. We don’t insist on our way for others,” he said.

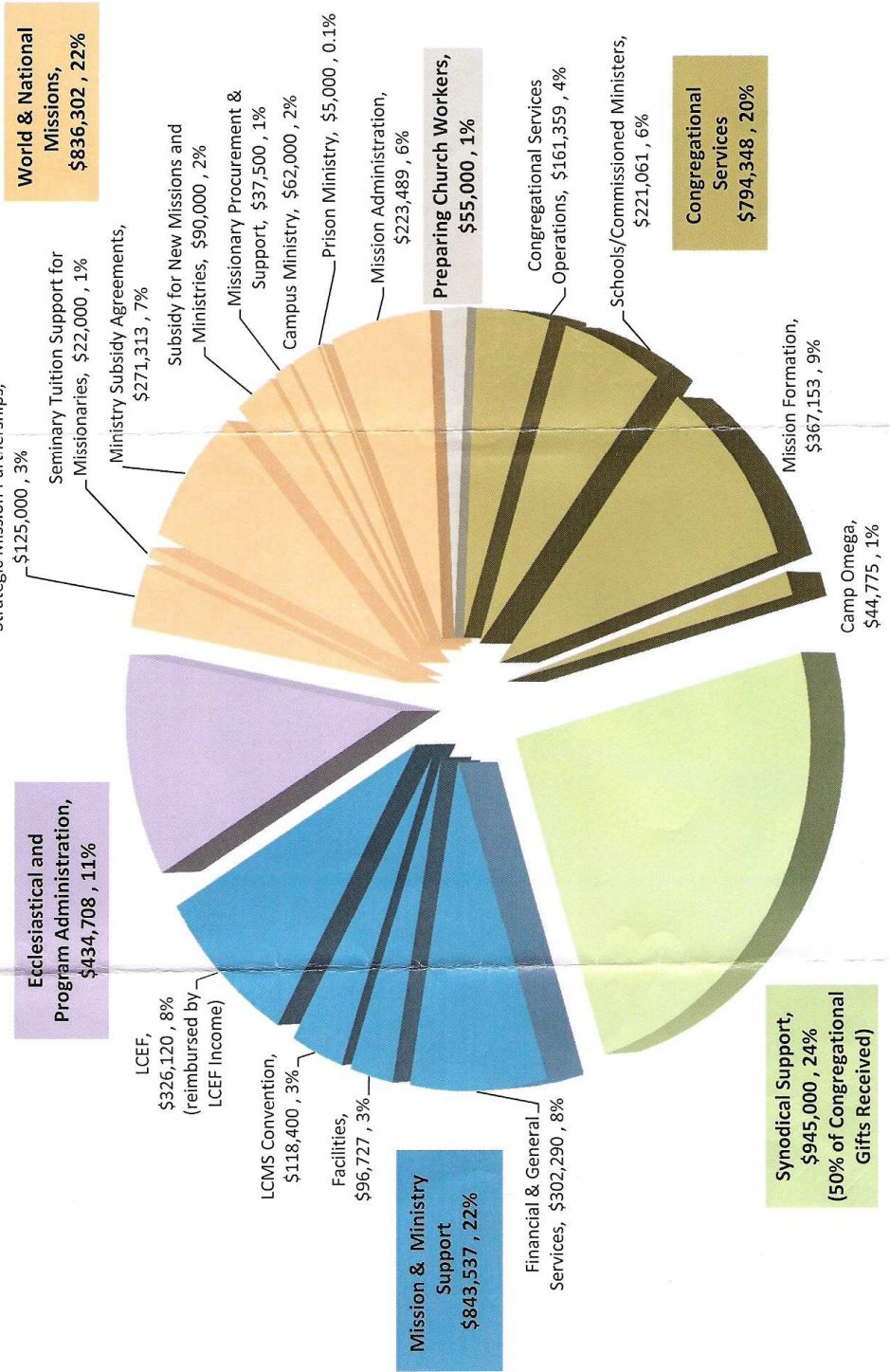
After all the events had ended, key members of both student groups agreed to meet for coffee to talk civilly about their differences, it was announced on the event’s page.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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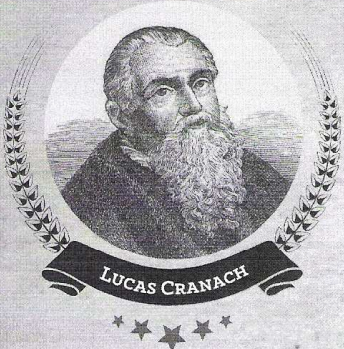

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Artist, businessman and friend of Luther

IN 1520 LUCAS CRANACH THE ELDER WAS, BY ALL ACCOUNTS, A SUCCESS. He had been serving the court of Frederick the Wise for 14 years. His works of art had become so famous that he moved his personal studio, with several apprentices, into the town of Wittenberg. He had expanded into pursuits of real estate and small business. Cranach was active in local politics, having just been elected to Wittenberg's city council the previous year. Things were, however, about to change for the artist-entrepreneur. In the wake of the death of Emperor Maximilian, which made the political climate for reformers more dangerous, Frederick and Court Secretary George Spalatin decided that Martin Luther's face needed to be presented before the people so that he might become a household name. Cranach was the man who brought Luther's face to the people. Most of the images we have of the reformer came from his brush.

While some reformers, like Zwingli, mistakenly believed that religious art and paintings were against the Ten Commandments, Luther embraced the responsible use of the arts in the church. While Luther, Melancthon and others led the charge of the Reformation with their writings, Cranach aided the cause through the use of images, specifically paintings and woodcuts. Cranach and Luther grew close when they became colleagues in the publication of Luther's writings and pamphlets, most notably his Small Catechism and German translation of the Bible. Be it children's textbooks or scathing propaganda against the papacy, Cranach provided visual representations of Luther's thought.

More than just a colleague, Cranach became an important part of Luther's personal life. When Luther required homes for refugee nuns, Cranach provided housing. Later, when Luther married one of the escaping nuns, Katherina von Bora, Cranach was a witness at the wedding. As time went on, Luther and Cranach served as godparents for each other's children.

Cranach's lasting appeal is multifaceted. Not only is he remembered for his pictorial contribution to the Lutheran Reformation, but he is also lauded by the art community for his late-Renaissance "Wittenberg" style of painting. He painted, for many patrons, a variety of subjects including Catholic saints and Greek myths. Today his paintings and altar pieces grace museums all over the world. He accomplished all of this while engaged in politics and enterprise. In addition to working under Frederick the Wise he also served the Saxon Court under John the Steadfast and John Frederick the Magnanimous. His loyalty was unquestionable; he followed John Frederick into exile in 1547. Painter, businessman and friend, Cranach was a man who exemplified Luther's doctrine of vocation: that all stations in life are necessary for society and are God-pleasing.

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD
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<p>1 Donkey (3)</p> <p>2 Jesus' Father (3)</p> <p>4 One of the twelve (9)</p> <p>8 Didn't believe in resurrection (9)</p> <p>12 One of David's warriors (5)</p> <p>13 First word of the Lord's Prayer (3)</p> <p>14 New Testament name for Noah (3)</p> <p>15 Wish harm upon (5)</p> <p>16 Hole in the ground (3)</p> <p>17 Adversary (5)</p> <p>18 Savour (5)</p> <p>19 First woman (3)</p> <p>20 Mother of John the Baptist (9)</p> <p>21 Family of priests (9)</p> <p>22 Third son of Jacob (4)</p> <p>23 Hates (8)</p> <p>26 Assurances (8)</p> <p>30 Endured pain (8)</p> <p>31 Return from the dead (4)</p> <p>32 Intercessor (8)</p> <p>35 Decorating (8)</p> <p>39 Old Testament book of the Bible (4)</p> <p>40 The prince of Rosh, Mesech and Tubal (3)</p> <p>42 A wise insect (3)</p> <p>44 Dwelling place of kings (6)</p> <p>45 Make bigger (8)</p>	<p>1 One of God's messengers (5,2,3,4)</p> <p>3 1940s archaeological find (4,3,7)</p> <p>4 Tread down (7)</p> <p>5 Father of Jonah (7)</p> <p>6 Very salty water bordering Israel (4,3)</p> <p>7 Defensive structures (11)</p> <p>8 Refuges (11)</p> <p>9 Dirty (7)</p> <p>10 Devout (7)</p> <p>11 Pieces of money (7)</p> <p>24 Used to listen (3)</p> <p>25 Used to see (3)</p> <p>26 Positions (5)</p> <p>27 Made available (7)</p> <p>28 Snake (7)</p> <p>29 Destroyed along with Gomorrah (5)</p> <p>33 Finish (3)</p> <p>34 Possess (3)</p> <p>35 King of the Amalekites (4)</p> <p>36 Last letter of the Greek alphabet (5)</p> <p>37 Almost sacrificed by Abraham (5)</p> <p>38 Present (4)</p> <p>41 Unfasten (4)</p> <p>43 Fish traps (4)</p>
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