

## **The Messenger**

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### **Worship Services**

*Sunday: 10:00 am*

*Wed. 4:00 pm: at Flowers Wed.*

*6:30 pm: at White Cliffs*

*Worship at White Cliffs every*

*Fourth Sunday: 1:30 pm*

### **Communion**

*1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays and  
Wednesdays of each month.*

### **Bible Classes**

*Sunday: 9:00 am*

*Tuesday: 11:00 am & 1:30 pm*

*Wednesday: 1:30 pm*

*Thursday: 1:30 pm & 7:00 pm*

*Thursday 4:15 pm (Catechism)*

### **Men's Bible Class**

*Second Saturday: 9:30 am*

### **Sunday School**

*Sunday: 9:00 am*

~~ MARCH 2020 ~~

## **Message from the Pastor**

### **Push-ups and Donuts**

Prof. Berg was a legend at Calvary Lutheran Academy, the school for troubled teens. Prof. Berg could reach troubled kids like no one else. Steve, who had been kicked out of his high school, was sent to Calvary. On one of his first days, Prof. Berg asked Steve to stay after class. Prof. Berg said, "You think you're pretty tough, don't you?" Steve's answer was, "Yeah, I do."

"How tough are you?" Prof. Berg asked. "How many push-ups can you do?" Steve said, "I do about 200 every night."

"200? That's pretty good," Berg said. "Do you think you could do 300?" Steve shrugged. "Do you think you could?" again asked Prof. Berg. "Yeah, I can." said Steve defiantly.

"Good!" Berg replied, "I need you to do it on Friday." Steve bragged how he was going to teach Prof. Berg a lesson. As class began, Prof. Berg pulled out a huge box of donuts. That alone got their attention. Prof. Berg went to the first girl in the first row and asked, "Cynthia, do you want a donut?" Cynthia said, "Absolutely!"

Prof. Berg then said, "I just can't give it to you. Steve, would you do 10 push-ups for Cynthia so that she can have a donut?" Steve said, "Easy," and jumped down to do a quick 10. Prof. Berg then went to Joe, "Do you want a donut, Joe?" "Sure" was the reply. Prof. Berg asked, "Steve, would you do 10 push-ups so Joe can have a donut?" Steve did 10 push-ups, Joe got a donut.

And so it went, down the first aisle, Steve did 10 pushups for every person before they got their donut. Prof. Berg went down the second aisle. When Prof. Berg came to Scott, Scott's reply was, "Only if I can do my own pushups." Prof. Berg said, "No, Steve has to do them." Then Scott said, "Well, I don't want one then."

Prof. Berg then turned to Steve and asked "Steve, would you do 10 pushups so Scott can have a donut he

doesn't want?" Steve started to do them and Scott yelled, "Hey! I said I didn't want one!" Berg replied, "Look, this is my classroom, my class, and my donuts. Just leave it on the desk if you don't want it." He did.

By this time, Steve had begun to slow down. He just stayed on the floor between sets. He was starting to sweat. Prof. Berg started down the third row. Now the students were beginning to get a little upset. 'Yes' or 'No', Steve still had to do the pushups and he was really working hard. A small pool of sweat appeared; his face was getting red.

Prof. Berg started down the fourth row as some curious students wandered in. Prof. Berg did a quick count; 32 people in the room. Prof. Berg went on to the next person and the next and the next. Steve was really having a rough time.

A few moments later, Jason came to the door and was about to come in when all the students yelled, "No! Don't come in! Stay out!" Steve picked up his head and said, "No, let him come."

Prof. Berg said, "You realize that if Jason comes in you'll have to do 10 pushups for him." Steve gasped, "Let him come in." Prof. Berg said, "Okay". Steve did 10 agonized pushups for Jason's donut.

Prof. Berg continued to the other new arrivals. Steve's arms were now shaking in a tremendous struggle against gravity. Sweat was dripping off of his face and everyone was beginning to squirm. Prof. Berg went to the last two girls in the room and asked, "Linda, do you want a donut? Linda said, very sadly, "No, thank you."

Prof. Berg asked Steve, "Steve, would you do 10 pushups so that Linda can have a donut she doesn't want?" Grunting with each one, Steve did 10 more pushups.

Then Prof. Berg turned to the last girl. "Susan, donut?" Susan, with tears in her eyes, asked, "Prof. Berg, can I help him?" Berg said, "No, he has to do it alone. Steve, please do 10 pushups so Susan can have a donut."

As Steve very slowly finished his last pushup, his arms buckled beneath him and he fell to the floor, completing 330 pushups. He had accomplished all that was required of him.

Prof. Berg turned to the room and said. "Steve is like Jesus. He did the work for us. When Jesus had done everything that was required of Him, our Savior raised his head toward Heaven, and cried "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." He then collapsed and died—so we could go to Heaven.

Like some of you, many leave that gift God offers unused. Jesus gave us eternal life by paying for our sins. If we think we're tough, all we have to do is remember that we can't get to Heaven on our own. Jesus did it for us!" He paid our penalty with his blood, not push-ups. He did it all for us so we can benefit. Believe in Him and be saved—no push-ups required!

**Believe**  
in the Lord Jesus,  
and you will be saved,  
you and your household.

Acts 16:31

**Something to Think About..... Does God Exist?**

A pastor was getting his hair cut at a barber shop. As they talked, the barber blurted out that his wife was just diagnosed with cancer and that he didn't believe in God. He cried out that if God existed, there would be no cancer, no homelessness, no sadness. So, God did not exist.

As the Pastor's haircut was completed, they saw a long-haired, bearded man walk by the shop. The Pastor turned and said that barbers didn't exist. The barber scoffed. He had just given the pastor a shave and haircut. Oh no, the Pastor replied. If barbers existed, there would be no long-haired, scruffy-bearded men walking around.

The barber replied "That's because people don't come to me." The Pastor replied, "the same is true with God".

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)** for kids ages 3-10 will be held June 15-19<sup>th</sup>. The theme is Rainforest Explorers.



**TREE OF LIFE BIBLE CAMP** will be held July 12-18<sup>th</sup> in the Sierra Nevada foothills in California for 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. Contact Pastor for details.

**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY!** God has blessed Cross of Christ with 50 years of grace. We have been and will continue to proclaim that Jesus died for us and that by faith in Him we will go to Heaven. On **MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup> AT 4:00**, we will have a special service to celebrate that. Pastor Dave Fleischmann from Kaukauna, Wis. (son-in-law of Zeke & Laura Jarcik) will be our guest preacher. A meal will be served after.



Sunday 9:00 ..... He Took the Nails (video)  
 Tuesday 11:00 .....Lessons for us from Samuel  
**Tuesday 1:30** ..... **Bible Basics**  
 Wednesday 1:30 .....Roadmaps to Reading the Bible  
 Thursday 1:30.....He Took the Nails (video)  
 Thursday 4:15..... Youth Bible Study (Catechism)  
**Thursday 7:00** ..... **Bible Basics**



**RUMMAGE SALE**

*We are accepting donations for our Spring sale. Contact Leena Meza (928-377-6244) with questions.*

## **EASTER SERVICES APRIL 12**

**8:00 'SUNRISE' WORSHIP**

**9:15 EASTER BREAKFAST**

**10:00 RESURRECTION WORSHIP**

### **Bible Quiz... on Jesus' sayings from the Cross**

Which of the following did Jesus **not** say from the Cross?

- A. Father Forgive them for they don't know what they are doing.
- B. Love your enemies for My Father loves them too
- C. I Thirst
- D. My kingdom for a cold coke
- E. Today you will be with me in Paradise
- F. Today is a day of infamy
- G. Father into Your hands I commit my spirit
- H. Go and sin no more
- I. It is finished
- J. My God, My God, why have You forsaken me?

## **– HUMOR –**

### **Something to Ponder**

Is it shallow to pray that somebody will bring the really good pie to a potluck supper?

### **Fun Things to Say at Church Potlucks-**

"Is it cool for me to designate who I'd like to be Heimlich'd by, just in case?"

"Is there a vegan meal available?"

"What, exactly, are the rules about gluttony?"

"So, I guess 'drinking the Kool Aid' is OK now?"

## **Atheism**

The belief that there was nothing and nothing happened to nothing and then nothing magically exploded for no reason, creating everything and then a bunch of everything magically rearranged itself for no reason what so ever into self-replicating bits which then turned into dinosaurs.

Makes perfect sense.

*Answers to Bible Quiz: B, D, F and H do not belong here. Jesus also, from the cross, asked John to take care of His Mother*



**MARCH  
FELLOWSHIP  
MEALS SCHEDULE**

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MAIN DISH</u>	<u>HOST(S)</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	SLOPPY JOES	Laura
8 <sup>th</sup>	ITALIAN	Bill & Jeanne
15 <sup>th</sup>	CHILI	Gene & Shari
22 <sup>nd</sup>	FAVORITE RECIPE	Mark & Rhonda
29 <sup>th</sup>	SANDWICHES	Christine & Peggy

**FEBRUARY**

<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>Fellowship Meal Attendance</u>		
2 & 5	99	2	44
9 & 12	85	9	24
16 & 19	90	16	37
23 & 26	146	23 & 26	55



**MAR BIRTHDAYS**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Judy David
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pastor Mueller
5 <sup>th</sup>	Marilyn Brault
5 <sup>th</sup>	Stephanie Coffin
11 <sup>th</sup>	Marie Huxtable
16 <sup>th</sup>	Shelley Barnes
21 <sup>st</sup>	John Taylor
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Arlene Hetrick
29 <sup>th</sup>	Johannah Brotsch
29 <sup>th</sup>	Gale Dom



**MAR ANNIVERSARIES**

6 <sup>th</sup>	Don & Wilma Nomann
18 <sup>th</sup>	Bill & Jeanne Neal
19 <sup>th</sup>	Bill & Petrina Bigford
27 <sup>th</sup>	Terence & Erin McMilon
30 <sup>th</sup>	David & Stephanie Coffin
31 <sup>st</sup>	Tim & Gel Brotsch

*We are always in need of the following items for our Sunday morning meals:*

- Lg. & small dinner plates (heavyweight paper)
- Dessert plates (heavyweight paper)
- Dessert/Soup bowls (heavyweight paper)
- Forks, knives & spoons (heavyweight/plastic)
- Coffee (regular & decaf)
- Powdered coffee creamer
- Rolls of paper towels

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Providing a dish to share at the Sunday meal or kitchen supplies & food items are greatly appreciated.



**MAR USHERS**

- Michael Coffin
- Gene Bishop
- Leo Galvan
- Mark McCoy
- Tim Woods



Thank you to all the ladies who attended February's monthly meeting on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### FEBRUARY DEVOTION

#### 2019/2020 Series - Virtues of a Proverbs 31 Woman

Marriage - She is a faithful Bride. (*Proverbs 31: 11 & 12*)

Motherhood - She is a loving mother and her children call her blessed. (*Proverbs 31:28*)

#### ***LOOKING FOR A FEW LADY VOLUNTEERS***

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#### **TEA PARTY COMMITTEE**

We are in the planning phase of our "annual" tea party in May and need a few more ladies on the planning committee. If you are interested, please contact Rhonda Hutchins, President.

### ***March Meeting Info***

***Date: Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>***

***Time: 9:30 am***

***Where: Education Building***

***Devotion series: Virtues of a Proverbs 31 Woman***

***All ladies of the congregation are invited to our monthly meetings. We look forward to the Christian fellowship, planned activities and the missions we support!***

#### ***FUTURE ACTIVITIES:***



- ***Spring bake sale (fundraiser)***
- ***Ladies tea party in May***





# MARCH 2020

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Mon                                             | Tue                                                                                                                      | Wed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Thu                                                                                                                           | Fri       | Sat                                                                         |
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| <b>1</b><br>9:00 am Bible Class & Sunday School<br>10:00 am Worship Service<br>11:15 am Fellowship Meal                                                                                                | <b>2</b><br><br><br><br><br><br>6:00 ELDERS MTG | <b>3</b><br>8:00 am Work Day<br>11:00 am Bible Class<br><br>1:30 pm Bible Basics Class                                   | <b>4</b><br><br><br>1:30 pm Bible Class<br><br>4:00 pm Worship Service at Flowers<br>6:00 pm Soup Supper<br>6:30 pm Worship Service at White Cliffs<br>7:00 pm Worship Service                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>5</b><br><br><br>1:30 pm Bible Class<br><br>4:00 pm Worship Service at Flowers<br>6:30 pm Worship Service at White Cliffs  | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>                                                                    |
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| <b>15</b><br>9:00 am Bible Class & Sunday School<br>10:00 am Worship Service<br>11:15 am Fellowship Meal                                                                                               | <b>16</b>                                       | <b>17</b><br>8:00 am Work Day<br>10:00 am Fellowship Committee Mtg<br>11:00 am Bible Class<br>1:30 pm Bible Basics Class | <b>18</b><br><br><br>1:30 pm Bible Class<br>4:00 pm Worship Service at Flowers<br>6:00 pm Soup Supper<br>6:30 pm Worship Service at White Cliffs<br>7:00 pm Worship Service                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>19</b><br><br><br>1:30 pm Bible Class<br>4:00 pm Worship Service at Flowers<br>6:30 pm Worship Service at White Cliffs     | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b>                                                                   |
| <b>22</b><br>9:00 am Bible Class & Sunday School<br>10:00 am Worship Service<br><br>1:30 pm Worship Service at White Cliffs<br><br>4:00 pm Worship Service<br>5:00 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner | <b>23</b>                                       | <b>24</b><br>8:00 am Work Day<br>11:00 am Bible Class<br><br>1:30 pm Bible Basics Class                                  | <b>25</b><br><br><br>1:30 pm Bible Class<br><br>4:00 pm Worship Service at Flowers<br>6:00 pm Soup Supper<br>6:30 pm Worship Service at White Cliffs<br>7:00 pm Worship Service                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>26</b>                                                                                                                     | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b>                                                                   |
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