



The Dual-Parish Review

Message from Pastor

THE LION AND THE LAMB

Many of you have heard the old saying that “March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb.” For the most part it refers to the weather of this month of transition. Winter is supposed to be winding down and coming to its end, and spring is set to begin by the end of the month. At least that’s what is supposed to happen according to that old saying.

Here in Northern Wisconsin that old saying doesn’t seem to have much truth to it most years, and as I sit here writing today that’s pretty much the truth. We had a string of nice days in February. Most of the snow and ice had melted to minimal levels, and the weather was fairly mild for this time of year. But as I write today, the 23rd of February, we just endured the snow storm of Ash Wednesday, and we’re back to the days of cold weather, winter coats, boots, and shoveling snow. After all, this is Northern Wisconsin, and we all know too well that winter can always strike again in these next couple of months.

That’s the reality of life here as far as the weather goes. No matter how bad Spring fever might hit you early in the year, there’s always the chance of a late season freeze to put a quick end to the nice temperatures. There’s always a chance to go backwards, to end up right back where we were in the middle of January or the end of February.

Your faith-life can be the same way. You identify a particular sin in your life that is causing a constant struggle for you. Let’s say it’s something that you don’t think is all that big of a deal, like misusing God’s name as the Second Commandment forbids. So you decide that you’re going to make more of an effort to eliminate that sin from your life during this season of Lent. For the first day or two your efforts seem to make a difference. You catch yourself from blurting out an exasperated, “God damn!” like you knew you did too often, and you don’t even say, “Oh God!” as much as you normally do.

You start to feel pretty good about yourself, but then something happens at work or home and sure enough you slip up. It’s just one time though so you become more vigilant about it. You put a swear jar into place, and decide to pay in a dollar every time you catch yourself breaking the Second Commandment. That seems to help for a few more days, but then you start having to pay into the till more than you care to admit, especially when you remember that thinking it is just as bad as saying it out loud. By the time the jar is half-full you realize that the progress you thought you had made wasn’t all that good, and you have to face the fact that you’ve gone right back to where you were when you started this whole thing.

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2025

Bethlehem

Lutheran Church

233500 County Road E

Milan, Wisconsin 54411

Sunday Worship at 8:00 a.m.

Sunday Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Michael Mathey

Pastors Office Hours @ BETH.

Tues. 9am-5pm

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715-330-5599

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lcmsrevmike@gmail.com

Office Secretary Email:

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St. John “High Steeple”

Lutheran Church

119415 Huckleberry Road

Edgar, Wisconsin 54426

Sun. Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Sun. Bible Study at 11:45am

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9am to 5pm

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You're discouraged. You're disgusted with yourself and you give up. What's the point anyway? It's not that big of a deal. It's not as though you're a serial killer or a thief. You're a pretty good person overall, and it's something that everyone is guilty of anyway. You're right back to where you were when you started this whole thing. You're at the mercy of a lion.

In the book of Revelation, Jesus is portrayed as two kinds of animals which fit nicely into that old saying for the month of March. The most commonly known one is Jesus as the Lamb of God, but the other one is Jesus as the Lion of the tribe of Judah who has conquered. Conquered what? The sins of the world – including yours, the death of the body – including yours, and power of the devil. This Lion is powerful, and He can be dangerous to those who are His enemies. But thankfully this Lion is also merciful and gentle as a Lamb to those who fear Him and have faith in Him.

As the season of Lent draws to a close, we will see Jesus going to His cross as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, but His work doesn't end there. He will rise when the next month begins, as the powerful and victorious Lion of the tribe of Judah who has defeated all of His enemies and ours, especially those enemies that keep dragging us back into their clutches, sin, death, and the devil. They are no match for this Lion who went out like a Lamb. Amen. Until next month when the Lion rises! –

Pr. M

Lutheran Hour Broadcasts: a blessing! We only have 10 available dates for 2025 to sponsor a Lutheran Hour broadcast on our local radio station WDLB-1450AM/98.7FM. Please consider inserting information from the attached letter into your bulletins/newsletters.

May 4 & 25

June 29

July 13 & 27

September 7 & 14

November 9 & 23

December 14

A full sponsorship is \$94 for the half-hour broadcast. Please contact Lisa Snortheim at Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spenser, @ 715-659-4006 or send an email to

trinity.spencer.wi@gmail.com to request a date. Mailing address is

Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church

PO Box 109

Spencer, WI 54479-0109

Thank you all for your continued support in spreading the Word of God to those in our communities and reaching out to your members for the sponsorships. God's blessings to you all.

Buckets O'Blarney Silent Auction

Along with the trivia contest, we will also have a silent basket auction. For the gift baskets, we are asking for small donations that would fit the following basket themes:

Chocolate, Coffee and Tea

Gardening and Tools

Cooking and Kitchen

Sports and Packers

Bring items that would fit one of the themes. For example: The Cooking and Kitchen basket might include kitchen utensils, food mixes, etc. We will use them to make gift baskets for the silent auction. Items can be given to Deb Mathey or Cathy Schneider. They can also be left on a table in the Parish Hall.

Please have donations to church by Sunday, March 9th. For more information, contact Cathy at 715-660-1718 or cathy_schneider2@yahoo.com.

LWML February Mission:

National Grant # 2

Lutheran Heritage Foundation-
\$100,000

Lutheran evangelism efforts are being intensified in countries like Dominican Republic, Chili & Uruguay, The need for Spanish language Bibles, Luther's Small Catechism, children's materials, devotions, and other resources is continuous. New pastors who are being trained to be missionaries and evangelists need to be equipped with materials to help share the good news.

This grant will provide for the translation and printing cost of approximately 25,000 books free of charge to people in Central and South America who live from week to week and who have little to no savings. Even though, economic or political conditions may force missionaries to come and go in these countries, they leave behind Lutheran books which continue to teach for generations.

We want to feature a mission grant each month:

Thank you to every one who helped with the Sub sandwiches for Lutheran Hour/ Super Bowl Sunday. We were able to purchase 2 Sundays of the Lutheran Hour \$118.00 and sent \$ 729 to the Lutheran Hour. Lloyd S

FYI!! Issues to be decided at the April Voters Meeting

- ♦ Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School has given our church a gift of \$5000.00. At the January Voters Meeting we did discuss ideas on how to use the money.
- ♦ Suggestions included getting a Robotic vacuum cleaner.
- ♦ Missions
- ♦ Giving some to Paul & Courtney Mrozczenki

We ask that you give this prayerful consideration and attend the Aprils Voters Meeting with any suggestions. Thank You

Thank you to Oscar Held family for donating the two bouquets of flowers in our chancel at St. John.

Thank You Notes: St. John Sunday School received " Thank you" notes from our local food pantries. Thanks to all who donated, sorted and delivered these items. Blessings

Dual Parish Secretary Position Open

The position is approximately 12 hours per week, flexible scheduling is possible. Candidates should have some secretarial and computer knowledge, but training will also be provided in Microsoft 360 and

Lutheran Service Builder. Submit resume to secretary@stjbeth.org



FRIDAY
March 14, 2025

St. John Lutheran Church-High Steeple
119415 Huckleberry Rd, Edgar

Doors open 5:30P
Trivia begins 6:00P

Call 715-216-6634
for ticket reservation.

Cost \$10 each

or

Table of 8 for \$70



Appetizers

Desserts

Beverages

Silent Auction!

Prizes available!

All proceeds go toward the youth's mission projects.



VanDerLeest, Ryan	3/01
Wolff, Perry	3/07
Rodman, Cindy	3/12
Murkowski, George	3/13
Schulz, Micah	3/17
Wolff, Rhonda	3/17
Thompson, Michael	3/18
Schulz, Kaleb	3/20
Pehlke, Nicholas	3/21
Koepke, Mark	3/22
Mathey, Timothy	3/26
Hartwig, Ben	3/29
Werner, DuWayne	3/29
Apfelbeck, Kristina	3/30
Becker, Daniel	3/01
Kunze, Melanie	3/01
Gumz, Alexis	3/02
Gumz, Dawn	3/09
Niemi, Lois	3/11
Reinhart, Blake	3/12
Schmitt, Alan	3/12
Cook, Christina	3/13
Weiler, Amber	3/15
Solchenberger, Donna	3/17
Bender, Tayler	3/18
Gumz, Susan	3/19
Wittlinger, Darlene	3/19
Strack, Emanuel	3/20
Thielman, Bradley	3/21
Thurman Braxton	3/21
Timothy Mathey	3/26
Empey, Roger	3/27
Schreiber, Brittany	3/27
Parker, Scott	3/30



Wade & Raegene Rodman	3/15
Doris & Peter Scherr	3/31

Ash Wednesday Services

March 5

Beth: 1:00pm

STJ: 7:00pm

Lenten Services

Wed. March; 12, 19, 26

April: Wed. 2, 9,

Beth: 1:00pm

STJ: 7:00pm

Maundy Thursday

April 17

Beth: 1:00pm

STJ: 7:00pm

Good Friday - April 18

Beth: 1:00pm

STJ: 7:00pm

Palm Sunday April 13

Beth: 8:00am

St. John: 10:30am

Easter Sunday April 20

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St. John: 10:30am

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Lutheran Hour Sermon Schedule

March 2

"It's Best to Be with Jesus"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
Life was not meant to be a do-it-yourself project.
We need God's help, His strength, His gifts.
(Luke 9:28-36)

March 9

"Unless a Grain of Wheat Dies"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Do you want a life that amounts to more than a hill o' beans? Hear how Christ's death and resurrection gives us life with God that can't be measured.
(John 12:24)

March 16

"Light of the World"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Jesus is the Light of the world. However, He sometimes keeps that light out of the visible range. We can't see it, but it changes what we see.
(John 8:12)

March 23

"Even Me, Even You"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge
Jesus the Good Shepherd invites all to be His sheep and find pasture. His words of promise will amaze some but anger others. (John 10:1-21)

Lutheran Hour Radio Broadcasts

Lutheran Hour Ministries ~ God has called all laypeople to be powerful witnesses for Christ to their families and communities. At LHM, we strive to create convenient ways for you to connect with Jesus and share your faith with others. Our products are free, easy, and digital so that you can use them in your home, on-the-go, or wherever you may be.

In this time of uncertainty, don't find yourself feeling isolated. HE is always with you! Discover FREE resources for your entire household and continue enriching your faith even when we can't gather together. Visit lhm.org/covid-19 and explore all of the ways you can hear God's Word, equip yourself in outreach, and provide Gospel-centered activities for the kids!

Internet Resources:

Worship Anew is an online ministry put out by Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne available to view on the Internet. The current week's program can be found on their homepage at Worshipanew.org/program.

Moments of Comfort is an online video ministry of Worship Anew which speaks to the sufferings we face in this life with the comforting message of God's Word.

They have a list of archived programs listed on the site.

Station City, State Freq. Day Time

WDLB	Marshfield, WI	1450 AM	Sun	8:00am
WRVM	Marshfield, WI	91.3 FM	Sun	10:00am
WRVM	Medford, WI	98.7 FM	Sun	10:00am
WRVM	Wausau, WI	101.3 FM	Sun	10:00am
WSAU	Wausau, WI	550 AM	Sun	8:30am
WSAU	Wausau, WI	99.9 FM	Sun	8:30am
WAXX	Altoona, WI	104.5 FM	Sun	6:30am

You can also go on line at www...lhm.org or download the free App @ LHM.ORG/APPS



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SUNDAY	MON	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Come Join Us Wednesday @St. John @6:00pm For A Youth Bible Study						1
2 BETH Worship 8:00am w/ Holy Communion SUNDAY School 9:15am Adult Bible Study 9:15am STJ Worship 10:30am w/ Holy Communion	3 St. John Bethesda 10:00am	4	5 Ash Wednesday Beth: CWIA 1pm Beth: Lenten Service 1pm STJ: Youth Bible Study STJ: Confirmation 6pm. STJ: Lenten Service 7pm	6 STJ: LWML 9:30am Life Light' Bible Study Beth: 10:30am St. John: 6:00pm	7	8
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