

News of Peace



Peace Lutheran Church, Camdenton, MO

March 2021

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Ready for Lent?

A Message from Pastor Brandt

Wow! What a day! We had to cancel our Worship Service this morning due to a “0” temperature and three inches of snow; it’s Transfiguration Sunday; and it’s Valentine’s Day! So what’s the connection? God’s **love** is much greater than St. Valentine! The words “love” or “loved” are used more than 600 times in the Bible. His love for us is unfathomable. In fact, so great that He would die for people like you and me 2,000 years before we were even born. And yet He knew us then and He knows us today. He knows all about COVID-19 and all our other issues, pains, and worries. Yes, He knows and He cares!

How did He show us or prove that He cares? Well, you know, and we’re about to celebrate the 40 day Season of Lent which culminates with Easter. (By the way, 40 days is arrived at by multiplying six days a week—excluding Sundays—times six weeks = 36 days plus four from Wednesday to Sunday. Simple math). The death and resurrection of Jesus truly gives proof that our salvation has been completed and that our hope for eternal life with God is secure.



So let’s talk briefly about some Lenten practices and traditions. First, Ash Wednesday begins the observance of Lent. Ashes on the forehead are a sign of penitence and a reminder that we, too, shall die and therefore we need forgiveness from Jesus. The church is decorated in violet, the color of royalty and repentance. This period of repentance is marked by a purposeful turning away from our sin and turning toward Christ for His mercy and forgiveness.

Alleluia is the Hebrew word for “Praise the Lord.” It is a joyous expression of faith in God. During Lent, we forgo using this joyous response in order to focus on our need for repentance and faith. In addition, we do not sing the **Gloria in Excelsis** in the Divine Service. We do this to focus our worship on repentance.

Remember when we were young and our Roman Catholic friends couldn’t eat meat during Lent and were to “give up” something they really liked. Of course, we never mandated anything like that. But **fasting** is giving up eating at a particular meal or time in order to devote that time to prayer and meditation on the Word of God. Thus, fasting, is not required, but it is an exercise of devotion to God. Which, by the way, maybe you take an extra five or 10 minutes a day to read a Lenten Devotion. There is one for this Lent written by Pastor Erik Rottmann from Grace Lutheran Church in Versailles. It’s titled,

Happening This Month



Mar. 1	Elders Mtg.	9:30 a.m.
Mar. 3	Lenten Service	6 p.m.
Mar. 7	Worship	9 a.m.
	Bible Class	10:30 a.m.
	Mites Sunday	
Mar. 10	Lenten Service	6 p.m.
Mar. 8	LWML Mtg.	9 a.m.
Mar. 9	Council Mtg.	6:30 p.m.
Mar. 14	Worship	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class	10:30 a.m.
Mar. 17	Lenten Service	6 p.m.
Mar. 21	Worship	9 a.m.
	Bible Class	10:30 a.m.
Mar. 24	Lenten Service	6 p.m.
Mar. 28	Palm Sunday	9 a.m.
	Bible Class	10:30 a.m.

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Finally, many churches observe Lent by gathering for midweek services. These additional times of worship and gathering around God's Word help us prepare to observe Holy Week and celebrate Easter. Our Midweek Services



will begin on Ash Wednesday at 6 p.m. and continue for the next five Wednesdays. Our Holy Week Services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will all begin at 6 p.m. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper on Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday. The other services shouldn't last more than 40 minutes so I encourage to attend. I will be leading them with the theme, "Yearning for Home!" All eight services will come from 1 Peter. That's a very short Epistle (letter) written by Peter that shares the true GRACE of God. He exhorted his listeners to be steadfast in faith and to increase through all kinds of suffering and good works. He has much to say about Christian life and duties.

I hope you'll join me and your fellow brothers and sisters from Peace Lutheran for these special services. And if possible, bring a friend! In spite of COVID, we'll REJOICE in the LORD! Be at peace!

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Gary Brandt



The **deadline** for the **April** newsletter is **Mon., March. 22 at 9 a.m.** If you have an article you want published, or information you want to get out to the whole congregation, prepare it and send it to church email plccamdenton@gmail.com or Sheryl Bald at countrygalsf@gmail.com.



Thank you for your **continued support** of the Pocket Change for Mites. We collected \$62.21 in February. Our next Mites collection will be Sun., March 7. You can bring your pocket change anytime during the month. The box is located in the back of the church.

LWML members



Lenten Worship Services

Wed., March 3, 10, 17, 24

6 p.m.

the theme

Yearning for Home

based on 1 Peter

by Pastor Gary Brandt

MARCH Birthdays & Anniversaries

Mar. 4 Carol Croft
Mar. 11 Rachel Sosnowski
Mar. 16 Kristina Bennett
No wedding anniversaries this month.



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Our Mission: "We the members of Peace Lutheran Church gather and grow together as God's children and rejoice in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, proclaim His word, and reach out with his love to: each other, our community, and the world."

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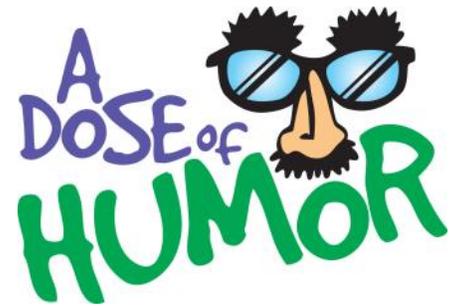


Spring Ahead

Don't forget to change your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 13.

Hospitalized?

If you or a loved one is hospitalized, have experienced a death in the family, are home bound, or scheduled to go to the hospital, please call Pastor Brandt (580-421-8108). Please keep in mind that privacy laws also limit the information hospitals can share with us. Both Pastor Anderegg (573-528-4597) and Pastor Brandt are available for any emergency, or any issue you and your loved ones might be having. Remember, our two pastors are here to serve you. **Our Elders** Charlie Gifford (816-565-1636), Jeff Hedberg (573-819-4446), Joe Stauch (573-347-2903) will also assist in getting one of the pastors to follow up on any issue, not just hospitalization for you, a loved one or a death in the family. To find out which Elder you are assigned to, please see the bulletin board in the Narthex.



Sunday school teacher asked her class, "What was Jesus' mother's name?" One child answered, "Mary." The teacher then asked, "Who knows what Jesus' father's name was?" A little kid said, "Verge." Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did you get that?" The kid said, "Well, you know, they are always talking about Verge n' Mary."



A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."

Where is **The Apostles Creed** Found in the Bible

I believe in God, the Father almighty
 Maker of heaven and earth,
 And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
 Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
 Born of the Virgin Mary,
 Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 Was crucified, died, and was buried
 He descended into hell;
 On the third day He rose again from the dead,
 He ascended in heaven,
 And sits on the right hand of God,
 The Father almighty
 From thence He shall come again
 To judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 The Holy Christian Church,
 The communion of Saints,
 The forgiveness of sins,
 The resurrection of the body,
 And life everlasting.

Answer:

Mt. 5:45
 Gen 1:1ff; Rom 1:20
 Mt 3:17; Phil 2:12
 Lk 1:35
 Lk 2:7
 Jn 19:16
 Jn 19:29-42
 1 Pet 3:19-20
 Mt. 28:1-10; Jn 20:11-18
 Lk 24:51
 Heb. 1:3
 Mk 24:36
 Mt 16:27; Acts 10:39ff
 1 Cor. 15:51ff
 Jn 14:15-20; Acts 1:7-8
 Mt 16:18-19; Eph 5:26-27; Col 1:24
 Mt. 28:19-20; 2 Cor 11:13; 1 Cor 15:33
 Jn 20:22-23
 1 Cor 15:51-54; 1 Thes 4:13-18
 1 Jn 5:20



from the internet



Easter Lily Orders

It is not too late to order an Easter lily. The cost is \$10 each and must be ordered by March 4. The sign-up sheet is located in the narthex. Please make the check payable to the church, place the money in an envelope marked "Easter lily" and place in the offering plate. If you have any questions, please contact Penny Hansen.

Anne Frank's Diary



You are a hiding place for me;
You preserve me from trouble;
You surround me with shouts of deliverance. Psalm 32:7

In our high school German class at Concordia, Milwaukee, we had to translate The Diary of Anne Frank. Back then, as I concentrated on the intricacies and subtleties of the language, much of the emotion of the young lady's book escaped me. It was only much later that I grew to appreciate the deep feelings and thoughts of a young woman who, along with most of her family, died in the Nazi extermination camps of World War II. In truth, I haven't thought about Anne Frank for years. That changed last week when I read an article. The story spoke of a newly posted Internet video -- a video that showed the

video -- a video that showed the 12-year-old girl. Curious, I took a look at the black-and-white, silent film. For just a second or two, it showed her leaning out of a window so she might be able to watch the wedding of a couple who lived in her building. That short bit of movie saddened me. It touched me because I knew the rest of Anne Frank's tragic story. Looking at the movie play, I knew what was going to happen to her. And I also knew that when this film was shot, there would still have been time for her family to escape the Nazis. It saddened me I couldn't warn the girl, that I couldn't help her family escape the coming holocaust. For Anne Frank and her family, the time of warning had come and gone. Of course, it is not too late to tell the millions of unbelievers in this world how they can escape the holocaust awaiting them if they die without faith in Jesus. There is still time to tell them hell's holocaust is far worse than the most terrible of Nazi concentration camps. There is still time to tell the lost about the Savior who gave His life so they might live. There is still time to speak of the Christ, who alone has paid the price that rescues sinners from the law's condemnation. But this time to give warning will not last forever. The time will come for them, as it did for Anne Frank, when it will be too late for us to speak, or for them to believe. This is why we must share the Savior's story today. Today, we must tell others of the Lord's birth, His life, and of His suffering, death, and

story today. Today, we must tell others of the Lord's birth, His life, and of His suffering, death, and resurrection. We must let them know that in Jesus there is salvation and life.

Prayer: *Dear Lord we are only given so many opportunities to tell others of the salvation Jesus offers. Bless those opportunities. This I ask in Jesus' Name. Amen*

A devotion from Pr. Ken Klaus
Speaker Emeritus, LHM

Russ Schulz, *Evangelism Chair*

New Additions to Facebook Page

Information on our beliefs, staff, elders, office hours, church history, and additional Lutheran websites have been added to the Peace Facebook page. Below the picture of the church select "more" then "additional information" from the dropdown menu. Also, a list of area social services has been pinned to the top of the page.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Gary Brandt, Jane Ann Brandt, Pat & Peggy Callahan, Mary Cordry (Greg's passing), Bob and Penny Hansen and family (death of Dorothy Jost), Jim Janssen, Chuck Kral, Lilyann and Tristan Lewis, Bob Mueller, Carol Murrell, Barb Powell, Mark & Rita Riemann, Delores Roach (Shelia Hartenstein's sister), Rodney Schulz, Russell Schulz, Diana Schwab, Joe Stauch, our visitors, those celebrating anniversaries, birthdays, those in the nursing home and care facilities, the peacemakers and protectors and their families, and all others who are troubled, lonely, ill or recovering from illness. We pray that our loving God will bless and comfort them.

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Article Apologetics and General Revelation

“I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.”
In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.” (Gen. 1:1)

Is there evidence to believe that God even exists at all? Philosophers and theologians have pondered this question for millennia going back at least as far as Socrates. We have already seen how “special revelation” gives us the answer in Christ Jesus. The next group of arguments is called “general revelation”, that is, revelation in His handiwork, that which gives evidence for the eternal God. We’ll first take a look at the cosmological argument (aka the first cause argument). It is simply stated by this syllogism called the Kaalam Cosmological Argument:

1. Everything that begins to exist has a cause. (The Law of Causality)
2. We know that the cosmos began to exist.
3. Therefore, the cosmos must have a cause.

We know that we live in a universe of “cause and effect.” Every cause has an effect and every effect has a cause. If we follow all the causes and effects backwards into history, it appears to funnel back to one point in time – “In the beginning”. Scientists call that point a “singularity” and assume that it was brought about by some natural (?) means billions of years ago. We, on the other hand believe it points to something else, or rather someone else. Before Einstein scientists believed that the universe was static and eternal. But Einstein’s theory of relativity is proof positive for a beginning of the universe. It demands an actual beginning for time, space, matter, and energy, all of which cannot exist without each other. It accounts for the expanding universe, the radiation afterglow, and galaxies that were designed with precision. The beginning of the cosmos brought into existence all the Laws of Physics: of gravity, weak and strong nuclear forces, electromagnetism, thermodynamics, and dozens more – all of which there is no physical or natural explanation and all of which the universe could not exist. It would take an astronomical number of coincidences – too many to be possible - to get us to this point in time. We know that the universe could not have created itself. Therefore, it must have been created by a conscience being that is all powerful (omnipotent), intelligent (omniscient), purposeful (moral), thoughtful (conscientious), and eternal (no beginning or end). And that is a wonderful description of a creator – that is the description of God, our Father.

Next month – the teleological argument – the universe has been designed with extreme precision.

Russ Schulz, *Evangelism Chair*



Spring Rally Ingathering St. Louis Seminary Food Bank Items Needed

The LWML would like your help in gathering food items, paper and cleaning products for the St. Louis Seminary food bank. Please consider purchasing these items for the seminary students and their families. Beginning March 1, you can bring your donated items to the church and place them in one of the containers in the narthex. We will be gathering these items for the whole month of March and up until Sunday, April 11. These donated items will be taken to the rally on April 13.

The following items are in high demand: condiments (salsa, peanut butter, pickles, mayo, mustard, catsup, olives, syrup, jams/jellies, hot sauce, BBQ sauce), boxed/bag meals (rice), paper products (paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, foil, plastic wrap, trash bags, ziplock bags), cleaning products (dish soap, dishwasher & laundry detergent.) **Canned goods are not needed.** Thank you for supporting this project.





As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged Him that he might go with Him. And He did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how He has had mercy on you." And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled."
Mark 5:18-20

Every One His Witness Witnessing is about Jesus and What He Has Done for Us

It's understandable that the healed man wanted to go with Jesus. The man owed Him everything. Jesus delivered him from a hopeless and desperate situation from which no one else could set him free. But, instead, He told him tell others what He had done for him. He wanted him to share the good news of the love, mercy, and grace that had been shown to him. Jesus desires to deliver everyone from their hopeless and desperate situations. Sending is an important part of witnessing. Jesus came to His first disciples on the night of His resurrection to send them into the world to proclaim the good news of the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation through His victory on the cross. "As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you." (John 20:21) He sends us today! Have you ever tried start a conversation about Jesus but found it difficult to break the ice? The Every One His Witness program shows how to relate to people, how to go about beginning a conversation about Jesus, how to be actively involved in what others have to say and how they say it. Designed by LCMS Pr. Mark Wood at www.eohw.org, this instructive and inspiring program gives pointers, insights, and guidelines on how to tell others of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Using LASSIE (listen-ask-seek-share-invite-encourage) you will learn three kinds of people that you may encounter- people of the head, heart, or hands - and how to interact with them. Whether it's a friend, fellow worker, people of other faiths or no faith at all, even family members, you will find this program helpful in bringing others to faith in Christ Jesus.

Russ Schultz, *Evangelism Chair*

Know God's Holy Word

Hudson Taylor, a Nineteenth Century British missionary to China, is reported to have said, "God's work, done in God's way, will not lack God's supply." To know God's way, we need to know His Holy Word. Or to say it another way: you need to know your Bible.

St. Paul, before he spends two chapters on giving, wrote that every thought is to be taken captive to the obedience of Christ (2 Cor. 10:5). Doctrine matters. And doctrine matters because the Scriptures matter. And the Scriptures matter because this is where we learn the teaching of Christ. Our thoughts must be brought into line with the teaching of Scripture so that our work is what God wants done and so that we do this work in His way.

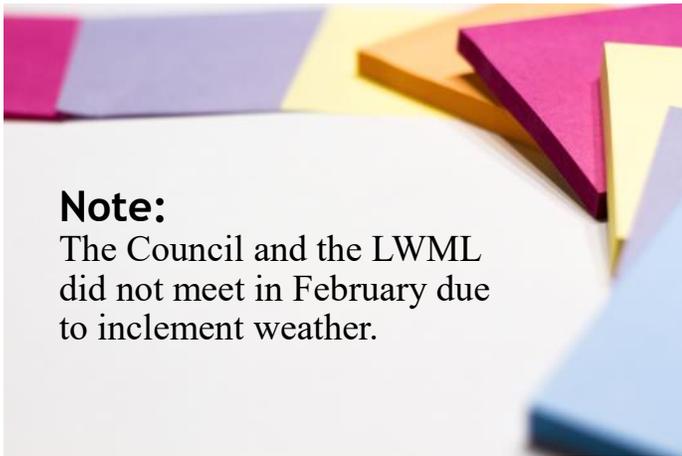
A good tree bears good fruit. A bad tree bears bad fruit. We have been made good trees in holy baptism. We are fertilized and pruned for bearing good fruit by constantly hearing God's Word preached and taught in sermon and Bible Class and in receiving the life-giving, faith-sustaining food of the Lord's Supper. Remember your doctrine, hold on to the Lord's teaching, and your thoughts will be taken captive to the obedience of Christ.

Bringing every thought captive to the obedience of Christ is recognizing that God does provide. The Lord's Prayer teaches us to pray for daily bread. Praying this day in and day out reminds us that the Lord is the giver of our daily bread, and that we are to give thanks for His daily provision of it. God is rarely early and never late in His work, as Abraham learned on the mount of the Lord it will be provided. The Lord's generosity forms our generosity in return.

Thus, we set aside for the work of God a generous, first-fruits, proportion of the daily bread that God has given to us. This act of trust in the Lord's provision is the working out of our faith in Him. When budgetary discussions pop up our natural reaction is to point fingers. But remember your doctrine, and what your mother taught about pointing fingers. Our first natural reaction is not always right. In fact, when our thoughts are brought into captivity of Christ, our first reaction should be repentance. It should raise questions in our own lives. As good trees in Christ who are to bear good fruit, we should ask whether our thoughts have been taken captive by obedience to Christ. Have we given generously? Have we given our first-fruits? You know. And God knows. "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him" (2 Chron 16:9).

God will provide. He always has and He always will. He gives His meat in due season. He has not left you as orphans but has grafted you into His own family. You belong to Him. Remember this, letting this thought dwell in you richly. And you will then be rich toward others.





Note:

The Council and the LWML did not meet in February due to inclement weather.

Special Voters Meeting February 7, 2021

President Jeff Emery called the meeting to order. There were 19 members present. Jeff presented a proposal from Pastor Matthew Harrison President of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

- The proposal asked that congregations allow their districts to hold their conventions in either 2021 or 2022.
- The second part of the proposal asked congregations to approve moving the National Synod Convention from 2022 to 2023.

By changing the dates the triennium cycle will continue in three year increments. District conventions will be held in 2025, 2028, etc. Synod Conventions will be held in 2026, 2029, etc. Peace Lutheran voters passed both proposals. Respectfully submitted,
Susan Kral, *secretary*



"Let's give 'em a good start with some holy water!"

March **Worship Schedule**

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| March 7 | Third Sunday in Lent |
| Presiding Pastor: | Pastor Gary Brandt |
| Liturgy and Creed: | Divine Service 1, Nicene Creed |
| Hymns: | 435 (1-2), 555 (1,2,9,10), 437, 435 (3-4) |
| March 10 | Lenten Service |
| Presiding Pastor: | Pastor Gary Brandt |
| March 14 | Fourth Sunday in Lent |
| Presiding Pastor: | Pastor Richard Anderegg |
| Liturgy and Creed: | Divine Service 1, Apostles' Creed |
| Hymns: | 402 (1-4), 436, 571, 420 (5-7) |
| March 17 | Lenten Service |
| Presiding Pastor: | Pastor Gary Brandt |
| March 21 | Fifth Sunday in Lent |
| Presiding Pastor: | Pastor Gary Brandt |
| Liturgy and Creed: | Divine Service 1, Apostles' Creed |
| Hymns: | 425 (1-2), 606, 642, 425 (3-4) |
| March 24 | Lenten Service |
| Presiding Pastor: | Pastor Gary Brandt |
| March 28 | Palm Sunday |
| Presiding Pastor: | Pastor Richard Anderegg |
| Liturgy and Creed: | Divine Service 1, Apostles' Creed |
| Hymns: | 422, 441, 451, 427, 443 |

Servants of God for March

- Elder:** Charles Gifford
Altar Guild: Jaccy Heinlein
- March 7**
Organist: Diana Schwab
Ushers: Robert Hansen, Penny Hansen, Paul Bartels, Mark Riemann
Counters: Joe & Vicki Stauch
- March 14**
Organist: Diane Schwab
Ushers: Earl Hartenstein, Shelia Hartenstein, Jeff Emery, Paula Emery
Counters: Bob & Diane Borgmann
- March 21**
Organist: Diana Schwab
Ushers: Bob Borgmann, Sheryl Bald, Diane Bormann, Mic Carlson, Rodney Schulz
Counters: Mic Carlson
- March 28**
Organist: Gary Brandt
Ushers: Jeff Hedberg, Dawn Hedberg, Bob Mueller, Russell Schulz
Counters: Ed & Jaccy Heinlein
Flowers: Bob & Penny Hansen, celebrating Penny's daughters Krista and Kayla's birthdays.



MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Elders Meeting 9:30 am	2	3 Lenten Service 6 p.m.	4 Carol Croft	5	6
7 Worship 9:00 Bible Study 10:15 Mites Sunday	8 LWML Mtg. 9:30 a.m.	9 Council Mtg. 6:30 pm	10 Lenten Service 6 p.m.	11 Rachel Sosnowski	12	13 Turn your clocks ahead one hour tonight before bed.
14 Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:15 am Daylight Saving Time Begins	15	16 Kristina Bennett	17 Lenten Service 6 p.m. 	18	19	20 
21 Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:15 am	22 Newsletter Deadline 9 am	23	24 Lenten Service 6 p.m.	25	26	27
28 Palm Sunday Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:15 am	29	30	31			





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Worship Schedules

Sunday Worship* 9:00 am
 Bible Class/Sun. School 10:30 am

Wednesday Evening Services:

- Ash Wednesday 6:00 pm
- During Lent 6:00 pm
- During Advent 6:00 pm

Holy Week

- Maundy Thursday* 6:00 pm
- Good Friday Service 6:00 pm

Easter Sunday* 9:00 am

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday Evening 6:00 pm

Christmas Eve

Evening Service 6:00 pm

*Holy Communion

The Lord's Servants at Peace

- **Elders—Monday before Council Meeting** 9:30 am
 Jeff Hedberg—*Chairman*; Charlie Gifford, Joe Stauch

Council—2nd Tuesday 6:30 pm
 Jeff Emery—*President*; Bob Hansen—*Vice President*
 Susan Kral—*Secretary*; Vicki Stauch—*Financial Secretary*
 Rita Riemann—*Treasurer*

- **Stewardship** As announced
 Dawn Hedberg—*Chairman*

- **Evangelism** As announced
 Russell Schulz—*Chairman*

- **Education**
 Sara Anderegg

- **Trustees** As announced
 Chuck Kral, Rodney Schulz, Mark Riemann, Pat Callahan

LWML—2nd Monday of each month 9:30 am
 Sheryl Bald—*President*

- **Altar Guild** As announced
 Diane Borgmann

- **Bible Studies** As announced
 • *Elected Offices*