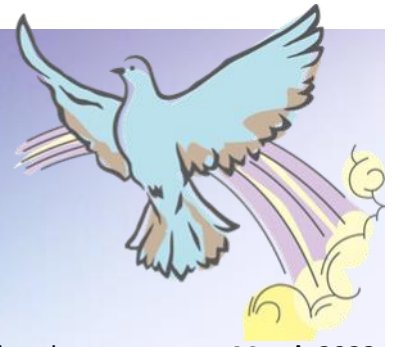


# News of Peace



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## Christian Symbol



**Valley**—Valleys symbolize life's dark or low points; for example, Psalm 23:4 refers to "the valley of the shadow of death" (ESV). But valleys also symbolize people who find God's favor because they're lowly and meek. As a result, valleys can be places of blessing. God lifts his people out of despair and rewards their faithfulness. He also promises to "level" conditions by raising up valleys and bringing down mountains (see Isaiah 40:4).

## Glittering Vices

### A Series of Services for the Season of Lent

Vices are habitual dispositions of the sinful heart that show forth the reality that we, as people of God, fail to fear, love, and trust in God above all things. In place of God, vices cling to the self, or the things of this world, in an attempt to secure our own good. We seek justice, and don't trust God to provide it, so we take justice into our own hands and lash out in anger at our enemies. We want status, but instead of seeking our worth in knowing Jesus, we envy others and tear them down. Indeed, vices "glitter" with the appearance of providing "do-it-yourself" short-cuts to happiness. But while they look good on the surface, in the end, they turn out to be idols that fail us every time.



In the passion account of our Lord, we find these vices manifesting themselves time and time again as broken people live their sinful lives. The disciples show their greed when the Lord is anointed with expensive perfume and they label the money as "wasted." Judas betrays our Lord for the false security of silver he can hold in his hands. Proud Peter boasts his faith is so strong he will never betray the Lord. *Slothful* disciples slumber in Gethsemane, unable to watch with our Lord even a single hour. Scripture says it was out of envy that the Pharisees and the Sadducees delivered up Jesus for crucifixion.

When we do endeavor to fear, love, and trust in God above all things, we increasingly free our hearts from the grips of idolatrous vice, and are enabled to pursue holy habits—habits that run intentionally counter to our unholy penchants. Instead of being greedy, we strive to be generous. In place of pride, we learn humility. Rather than to be slothful and lazy, we pursue the tasks of the Kingdom with diligent zeal. Instead of hating our enemies in anger, we forgive them, pray for them, and even serve them in Christian love.

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As we journey through the passion account once again this Lenten season, we invite you to peer into the story through the lens of virtue and vice. As you do, examine your own sinful heart to recognize the vices that dwell deep within. Then, listen in for how you might learn holy habits, the virtues that grow and bear fruit from hearts that trust in the reality that the Lord provides for every need of body and soul.

## LENTEN *Schedule*

Date	Theme	Passion Story
Feb 22	Gluttony and Fasting	Giving, Praying, Fasting
Mar 1	Greed and Generosity	Jesus Anointed and Betrayed
Mar 8	Pride and Humility	Peter's Denial
Mar 15	Sloth and Diligence	Jesus Prays in Gethsemane
Mar 22	Envy and Kindness	The Crowd Chooses Barabbas
Mar 29	Anger and Forgiveness	Jesus' Crucifixion with Criminals

I hope you'll join me and your fellow parishioners to take advantage of these special Lenten Midweek Services. We worship at 6 p.m. for six Wednesday evenings prior to Holy Week.

In Christ,  
Pastor Gary Brandt



### New Phone Number



Do to unfortunate circumstances we had to change the church's phone number. The **new number** is **573-836-8141**.

### Phone Tree

Pastor Anderegg has set up an automated phone tree to communicate information to members about our services during the inclement weather. If you are not receiving the information via phone call and text message, please let Pastor Anderegg know.

### Reminder

When you come to the church, please remember to lock the door behind you. Before you leave, please make sure the lights are off, the alarm is set and the door is locked.



Mar. 4 Carol Croft  
Mar. 16 Kristina Bennett  
No wedding anniversaries

### 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:** Jeff Hedberg (573-819-4446), Jeff Emery (816-745-0229) & Earl Hartenstein (573-691-7117) 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.





# Devotion of the Month

**“Many are the plans in a man’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.” (Proverbs 19:21)**

Years ago, it was one of the highlights of the summer for a family to go to a state or county fair. Of course, very few of today’s local fairs have the significance and importance of London’s Crystal Palace Exhibition which opened in 1851. It was the golden age of steam. On display were steam plows, steam locomotives, steam looms, steam organs, and even a steam cannon. Among all those wonderful exhibits, the first-prize winner was a steam invention composed of 7,000 parts. When the machine was turned on,

its pulleys, whistles, bells, and gears made a lot of noise. Unfortunately, the steam contraption didn’t do a thing! Really. Nothing. This all goes to prove noise and movement don’t always equal accomplishment.

When I look at our expressways I wonder if some of our comings and goings might not fit under that same category: movement without accomplishment. Look at the people, all rushing from place to place, many of them impatient, frustrated. People-like



the moving parts in the contraption above-can move about a lot but not necessarily accomplish much in terms of merit, importance, or lasting quality. All too often noise and movement have taken the place of purpose and accomplishment.

Those of us who know the Savior should be thankful Jesus has given our lives a little fuller aspect. Because we have a God who cares for us and a Savior who has redeemed us, we have been given a direction, a purpose, a job to do: our job is to share His great grace and sacrifice with an unbelieving world. That’s not to say I’m going to change the world. I can’t. That is the Holy Spirit’s job. My job is to put myself into the hands of the Maker and do what

He wants me to do. And what He wants is for Christians to have spiritual children.

(From a devotion originally written for “By the Way”)

**The Prayer:** Heavenly Father, show me the plans You have for me and help me be loyal to You. For saving my soul and giving a great purpose to my present life, I give thanks. May I be made into a blessing for others and an honorable witness to Jesus. In His Name. Amen.

Pr. Ken Klaus, speaker emeritus

Submitted by


Russell Schulz, Evangelism Chair



Once again we will be decorating our sanctuary with Easter lilies for Easter Sunday. A sign-up sheet is located on the credenza in the Narthex.

Make a separate check payable to the church and write in the memo Easter lily and place the check in the offering plate in the back of the church. If you have any questions, about ordering a plant, please contact Penny Hansen.

“Prayer is climbing up into the heart of God.”



~ Martin Luther

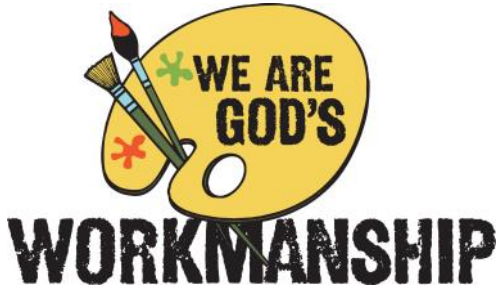
Every One His Witness

## God Has Created Us for Our Vocations

“We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God has prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

(Ephesians 2:10)

**T**here’s a terrible lie in our culture regarding people’s success in life. This lie claims that some people are “self-made” men or women. The idea behind this lie is that people are in control of their lives and have made their way from little or nothing to great success by making the best



of every opportunity and persevering against the odds. While it’s true that some people make better use of opportunities than others, and there are some very inspiring stories of people overcoming difficult circumstances to succeed in life, no person can claim to be self-made.

Like everything else in life, our vocations are given to us by God. He has chosen our vocations and then crafted us and our circumstances to fit them.

The Lord determined when we would be born, where we would live, what education opportunities we would have, our families, social-economic levels, and everything else. He wove into us our interests, abilities, passions, and desires. As the Psalmist said:

“For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise You for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in Your book were written every one of them, the days that you formed me, when as yet there was none of them.” (Psalm 139:13-16)

We may think we’ve chosen our vocations. We may consider ourselves self-made. The truth of the matter is that God has created and sustained us according to the vocations he chose.

by Mark Wood director, LCMS Witness & Outreach Ministry

**Next month:** Witnessing through your vocations – the purpose of your life.



Set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 11.

## Reverence for God

Reverence for God includes showing due respect for things set apart especially for worship of God.

The altar is a symbol of the presence of God. Every time the altar guild members pass it, they show reverence to God by bowing their head. The consecrated bread and wine left over from the Sacrament of the Altar have participated in the sacrament presence of the holy body and precious blood of Christ. The sacred vessels and linens used in the administration of the sacraments come into direct contact with Christ’s holy presence. When members of the altar guild clean them and handle them, they do it reverently. They express their reverence by the care they give all things used in the worship service.

If you would like to be a part of the Altar Guild, please let Dawn Hedberg know or let the pastors or elders know.

## Valentine's Day Brunch

Thanks to everyone who attended, decorated, brought wedding pictures, a variety of other pictures, quiche, and dessert. Everyone in attendance had a great time.



## Spring Rally

Join us for the Spring LWML rally to be held at Peace on Tuesday, April 18. We are hosting the rally along with Faith, Warsaw, and St. Paul, Stover. Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. followed by the meeting at 9:15 a.m. until noonish.

Our speaker will be our own Sara Anderegg.



## First Meeting of the New Year!

Monday, March 13 will be the first LWML meeting of 2023 beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Pastor Anderegg will begin a new Bible study. The roll call word is “rich.” Ladies, please join us as we begin a new year. Reminder to mark your calendar for the Spring rally which will be held here at Peace. See information else where in this newsletter.

## Thanks!

Thank you for your continued support of the **Pocket Change for Mites**. The total dollars for January was \$6.14 and February was \$16.02.

Our next Mites collection will be Sunday, March 5. Bring your mites anytime in the month and place in the LWML box in the back of the church.

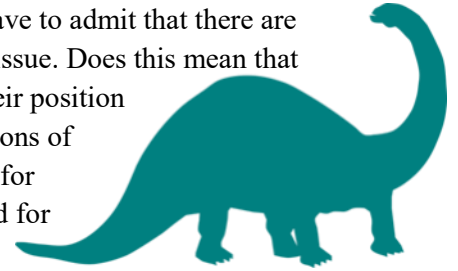
Answering Objections to the Faith

## Soft Tissue In Dinosaurs

### Fossil Record Continued

It should be mentioned that scientists now admit that “soft tissue” is frequently found in dinosaur bones. Soft tissue is all the tissue in the body that is not hardened by the ossification or calcification like bones and teeth i.e. muscle, tendons, ligaments, fat, fibrous tissue, lymph, blood vessels, and membranes. It’s existence is beyond dispute because it can be seen under a microscope.

In the past evolutionists have maintained that soft tissue could not survive beyond a few thousand years, but now have to admit that there are indeed dinosaur bones that contain soft tissue. Does this mean that evolutionists are willing to reconsider their position that dinosaurs have been extinct for millions of years? Not at all! They are now looking for reasons how soft tissue could’ve survived for that long. At this time they have no solid explanations other than a few unproved theories.



But it’s really a perplexing mystery to them. Soft tissue in dinosaur bones runs contrary to their predictions that dinosaur bones cannot contain soft tissue.

**Next Month:** Are there written records that may depict dinosaurs and other creatures that were their contemporaries?  
from: [The Reason I Believe](#) by Allen Quist  
Russell Schulz, Evangelism Chair

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## Membership Updates

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### New Members

Sunday, February 5, **Will & Rhonda Stalcup** became members of Peace by transfer from Faith Lutheran, Jefferson City, MO.

**Cindy Kaminski** became a member of Peace also by transfer on Sunday, February 19. Welcome to our church family Will, Rhonda and Cindy!



### Transferred Out

**Ed & Jacy Heinlein** requested their membership be transferred to Holy Trinity Lutheran, Grandview, MO.

**Charlie, Teresa Gifford & Carolyn Hyser** requested their membership be transferred to Trinity Lutheran, Alma, MO.



## Lenten Discipline: Denying the Self

We are at the beginning of Lent. During the Lenten season, the church calls to our attention the sufficiency of what God gives. It points to the sufficiency of God's grace in the atoning work of Jesus. It shows us the sufficiency of faith in Jesus' work for us. It makes known the sufficiency of God's Word in faith and life.

But Lent doesn't just remind us of the sufficiency of God's spiritual gifts — the gifts that pertain to our redemption and salvation. Lent also reminds us of the sufficiency of the physical, temporal gifts of God which pertain to this body and life. In other words, it reminds us of the importance

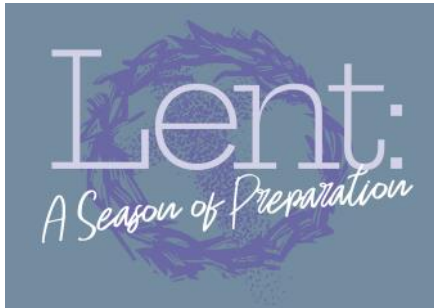
of godly contentment and of outward discipline and training of the body.

This outward training of the body teaches us not to give in to every desire

of our flesh, but to learn to say no to them. And it does this in such a way that if you fail, it is no sin. It is a way to practice without putting yourself into a compromising situation.

Fasting is a good example of this outward training. When you fast, you are practicing saying no to the desires of your body. But if you fail in this, if you break your fast, you have not sinned. But you have learned something about how your flesh works, how difficult it is to fight against it, and how you need help from above to discipline the desires of your body.

Another example is almsgiving. An increase in giving to the church and its mission during Lent is also a form of outward training. We all know that our flesh finds security in money and stuff. By committing to give more to the church, you are training your flesh. You are, by this outward discipline, training yourself to be content with what God gives. You are practicing saying "no" to your desires. Again, if you fail, you have not sinned. But you've learned just how powerful your flesh is — it leads you instead of you leading it. You've learned how you need help from above in being content with what God gives.



This is why St. Paul instructs young Pastor Timothy in this way:

But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. (1 Tim. 6:6-10)

Our sufficiency is not of ourselves; it is in God. Let us learn this without sin by training our flesh this Lenten season.

— reprinted from the LCMS Stewardship Ministry

## The Lord's Servants at Peace

- **Elders—Monday before Council Meeting** 9:30 am  
Chairman: Jeff Hedberg, Jeff Emery, Earl Hartenstein
- **Council—2nd Tuesday of Each Month** 6:30 pm  
President: Bob Hansen, Vice President: Brock Kliewer, Secretary: Susan Kral, Financial Secretary: Brett Niebur, Treasurer: Peggy Callahan
- **Stewardship** As announced  
Dawn Hedberg
- **Evangelism** As announced  
Russell Schulz
- **Education**  
Sara Anderegg
- **Trustees** As announced  
Chuck Kral, Rodney Schulz, Pat Callahan
- **LWML—2nd Monday from March—November** 9:30 am  
President: Sara Anderegg
- **Altar Guild** As announced  
Dawn Hedberg
- Bible Studies** As announced
  - *Elected Offices*



# 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

Wednesday Evening 6:00 pm

## Christmas Eve

Evening Service 6:00 pm

*\*Holy Communion*

## Council Meeting February 21, 2023

Vice President Brock Kliewer called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Pastor Anderegg opened with prayer.

The following board members were present: **Pastors:** Pastor Anderegg, **Pres.:** Bob Hansen, **Vice Pres.:** Brock Kliewer, **Treas.:** Peg Callahan, **Sec.:** Susan Kral, **Trustees:** Chuck Kral, **Board of Elders:** Jeff Hedberg, **Board of Education:** Sara Anderegg, **Cemetery:** Diane Borgmann, **Stewardship:** Dawn Hedberg, **Evangelism:** Russell Schulz, **Member at Large:** Paula Emery, and **Church Member:** Pat Callahan **Absent:** **Financial Sec.:** Brett Niebur, **Pastor:** Gary Brandt

The minutes from the January 2023 meeting were approved as printed.

**Financial Secretary:** A written report was accepted and approved.

**Treasurer:** Peg presented the following:

- Bills are current and paid.
- Mic Carlson assisted in the preparation of 1099 forms for pastors and office staff.
- Mic Carlson will assist in the preparation of church taxes in early March.
- Weekly accounting sheets will be updated.
- All signatures on bank accounts at The Bank of Versailles have been updated to reflect current council membership.
- The Missouri District Convention Assessment bill reflects church membership: we are charged 53 cents per member per year.
- It was agreed that Wednesday evening collections be counted on Sunday mornings so that counters will not stay late on Wednesdays. Deposits will reflect both services.
- Peg requested that a second computer be provided so that work proceeds more efficiently. The council approved the purchase.

The report was accepted and approved.

**Elders:** Jeff had no report.

**Trustees:** Chuck reported the following:

- Chuck contacted Central Mo. All Service Plumbing for major work. All flush valves on urinals were replaced. The urinal in the upstairs men's room had to be removed from the wall because a seal was leaking. The charge for the work totaled \$865.00.
- Chuck replaced the tank seals in the toilet in the upstairs ladies room. The narthex was flooded. Don Springer cleaned up the water.
- Don Springer and his daughter re-vacuumed all the pews. They cleaned the wood on the pews and the altar railings. Don cleaned the carpet on the altar stairs and the carpet in the communion room.

His report was accepted and approved.

**Education:** Sara reported that the LWML will meet in March. Pastor Anderegg will begin a new Bible study. Her report was accepted and approved.

**Evangelism:** Russell reported the following:

- Lake Media will be charging \$9.45 per week to run our ads.
- 180 outreach cards were sent in Jan. The cost was \$160.20.
- Life Line Screening is scheduled for our facility on Thursday, June 22, 2023.



- Russell has made Facebook posts and has submitted articles for our monthly newsletter.

His report was accepted and approved.

**Stewardship:** There was discussion regarding budgeted donations to worthwhile causes. Pastor Anderegg suggested that the lion's share be donated to district.

**Member at Large:** There was no report.

**Cemetery:** Diane will request two Thrivent cards for the purchase of new flowers and for lawn supplies. Her report was accepted and approved.

**Pastors' Reports:**

Pastor Brandt submitted a written report.

- He visited Irma Trego on Feb.6 at Lake Regional Hospital. He took communion to her on Feb. 8. He and Linda visited Irma on Feb. 12.
- He visited and took communion to Sam and Sharon Gilliam on Feb. 8.
- He visited with Tammy Snell and Kyle Wright after the Feb. 12 service. They plan to take a New Member Confirmation Class.
- On Feb 7 he attended the Jefferson City/Columbia joint Circuit Pastors' Conference at Christ the King.
- He participated at the Annual Witness Workshop in Jefferson City. Approximately 24 pastors attended.
- On Sunday, Feb.19 he represented Peace Lutheran at the installation of Rev. Stephen Rutherford at Zion Lutheran in Lincoln. MO.
- He is preparing six sermons for Lenten Midweek Services beginning with Ash Wednesday.

Pastor Anderegg reported the following:

- He attended the Jefferson City circuit conference at Christ the King.
- He and Brock worked on the sound system. They checked out the board. It seems to be working properly. Pastor replaced a microphone.
- Our church secretary, Pudge, has requested guidance regarding the procedure for assisting walk-ins requesting financial assistance.
- We now have the setup for a telephone voice system. Pastor Anderegg will try to obtain the churches former telephone number.
- He would like to see increased attendance at Sunday Bible classes.

Both reports were accepted and approved.

**President's Report:** Bob Hansen addressed the following issues:

**Continuing Business:**

- The replating of the Common Cup has been tabled.
- Our LCMS ballots for President and Vice President have been submitted.

**New Business:**

- The church insurance policy is being cancelled on 5/23/23. Bob contacted Deco Insurance Brokers to find new coverage. Bob welcomes input from any member regarding new coverage.
- An acceptable bid has been received from John and Sons Tree Removal to remove and clean up debris from the large oak tree by the parking lot light. The total cost will be \$800.00. The council approved the expenditure.
- Mic Carlson is pleased with the progress Pudge has made in learning her new position. She's doing very well. **The council requests that members respect her working hours and not ask her to perform tasks on Sundays. Her office hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.**
- A pay increase for Don Springer was discussed. The matter will be finalized at the next council meeting.
- A new sign will be posted on the front door reflecting the new office hours.

Pastor Anderegg closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Kral, Secretary



# March



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Midweek Lenten Service 6 p.m.	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 a.m. <b>Mites Collection</b>	<b>6</b> Elders Meeting 9:30 a.m.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Midweek Lenten Service 6 p.m.	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	<b>13</b> LWML Mtg. 9:30 a.m.	<b>14</b> Council Mtg. 6:30 pm	<b>15</b> Midweek Lenten Service 6 p.m.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	<b>20</b> Newsletter Deadline 9 a.m.	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Midweek Lenten Service 6 p.m.	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Midweek Lenten Service 6 p.m.	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	



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