



The Saltshaker

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Sunday Worship Service Schedule

Postponed due to Covid-19.
Check our website for updates.

Pastor's Office Schedules:

Vicar Rex Watt: Monday—Friday
9:00—1:00 pm

May Newsletter deadline is Wednesday,
April 15, 2020

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From the Vicar's Pen



Dear saints, while I am not necessarily a fan of CBN (Christian Broadcasting Network), a parishioner sent me a link to an article by Tré Goins-Phillips that I do think is worth considering. There will be other information elsewhere in *The Saltshaker* on the steps Redeemer is taking during these unprecedented times.

What C.S. Lewis and Martin Luther Would Say About Our Coronavirus Panic

It's easy to panic in times of great uncertainty, like with the growing concern over the novel coronavirus, formally named COVID-19. We should all take necessary precautions, following the instructions given to us by medical experts.

We should also remember that, no matter the situation, nothing happens outside God's control or care. Scripture calls the Lord our "rock," our "fortress," and our "deliverer" (Psalm 18:2). Some 72 years ago, the great C.S. Lewis reminded his readers of those truths, calming fears over an atomic bomb. Those words are just as appropriate now, regarding COVID-19. The following is an excerpt from an essay Lewis wrote in the 1940s, which is now found in a collection of his works called "Present Concerns."

In one way, we think a great deal too much of the atomic bomb. "How are we to live in an atomic age?" I am tempted to reply: "Why, as you would have lived in the sixteenth century when the plague visited London almost every year, or as you would have lived in a Viking age when raiders from Scandinavia might land and cut your throat any night; or indeed, as you are already living in an age of cancer, an age of syphilis, an age of paralysis, an age of air raids, an age of railway accidents, an age of motor accidents."

*In other words, do not let us begin by exaggerating the novelty of our situation. Believe me, dear sir or madam, you and all whom you love were already sentenced to death before the atomic bomb was invented: and quite a high percentage of us were going to die in unpleasant ways. We had, indeed, one very great advantage over our ancestors—*anesthetics*; but we have that still. It is perfectly ridiculous to go about whimpering and drawing long faces because the scientists have added one more chance of painful and premature death to a world which already bristled with such chances and in which death itself was not a chance at all, but a certainty.*

This is the first point to be made: and the first action to be taken is to pull ourselves together. If we are all going to be destroyed by an atomic bomb, let that bomb when it comes find us doing sensible and human things—praying, working, teaching, reading, listening to music, bathing the children, playing tennis, chatting to our friends over a pint and a game of darts—not huddled together like frightened sheep and thinking about bombs. They may break our bodies (a microbe can do that) but they need not dominate our minds.

Lewis is not the only one with wise words in the middle of a panic.

In the 16th-century Martin Luther had this to say during the bubonic plague, offering his thoughts in a letter titled "Whether One May Flee From a Deadly Plague" on how best to practically and spiritually overcome:

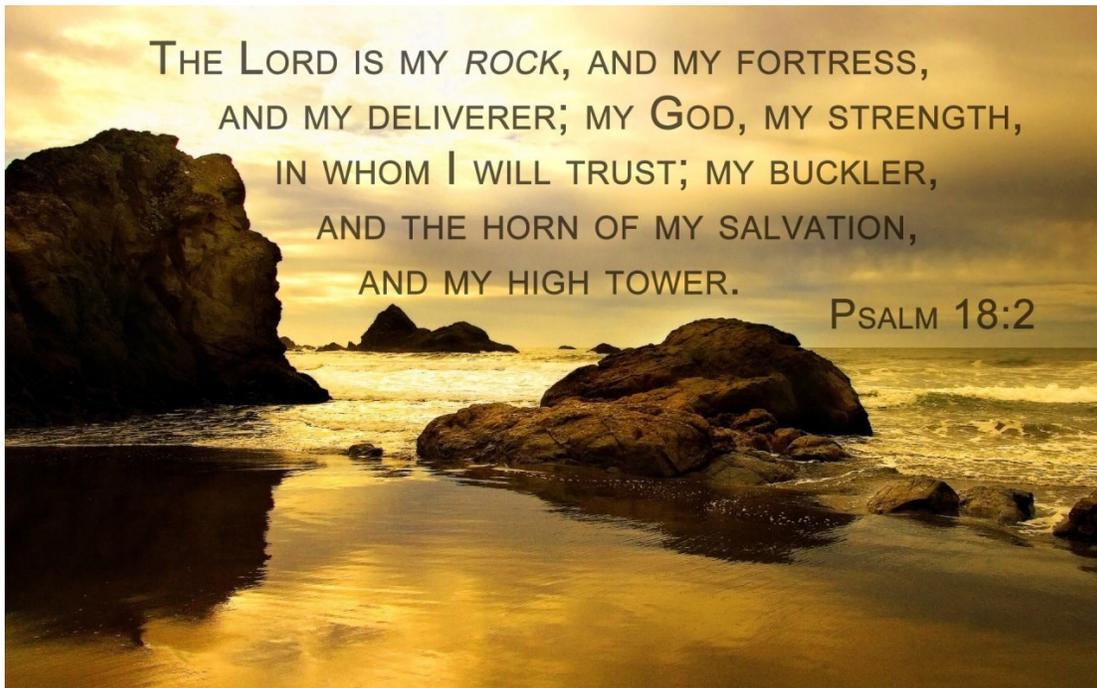
You ought to think this way: "Very well, by God's decree, the enemy has sent us poison and deadly offal. Therefore, I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine, and take it. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perchance infect and pollute others, and so cause their death as a result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me, he will surely find me and I have done what he has expected of me and so I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others. If my neighbor needs me, however, I shall not avoid place or person, but will go freely."

As Christians, it is OK to be concerned, particularly if we are in an at-risk class or love someone who is, like the elderly and those who are immunocompromised.

But we don't need to be gripped with fear, because the Lord has given us a spirit "of power, love, and self-discipline" and has encouraged us to "pray about everything," telling him what we are scared of, worried about, and dwelling on (2 Timothy 1:7, Philippians 4:6).

<https://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/cwn/2020/march/what-c-s-lewis-martin-luther-would-say-about-our-coronavirus-panic>

Peace +
Vicar Rex E. Watt





March 6, 2020

Treasurers Report:

- January and February budget indicated a few large yearly expenses causing \$856.16 over budget in February.
- Corinne will be speaking with Suzanne (auditor) to resolve the best Profit & Loss Statement format and discrepancies.

Vicar's Report:

- Vicar Rex visited Virginia, Ken, Irene, Milo and Al.
- Plan is for Adult Catechism student, Suzanne Martinson to be confirmed Palm Sunday.
- We provided worship services for Cordata Court 2 times in February.
- Vicar Rex received a solid "B" in last course of SMP & started course #3.
- Children's Worship time is going well.
- Vicar Rex attended Winkel @ Oak Harbor March 10th.

Elder's Report: Elders studied Small Catechism, the meeting went well and the Elders accepted their assignments. Elders are still planning to have update meeting with Ushers.

Stewardship Report:

- March 21st is Spring Indoor cleaning.
- Easter Breakfast will be April 12th at 9:00-10:00 am.
- Outdoor Yard Cleaning will be April 18th.

Property Report:

- The outside lights and boys bathroom fan have been repaired.
- The emerald green trees will be trimmed
- 3 chancel lights will be changed.
- We will seek bids for repair of soffit boards and painting.

Education Report:

- The Sunday school will be hosting the Lent soup supper on April 8th.
- Preschool is going well and good increased interest for next year.
- Enrollment Sign to be put up with enrollment fees brought current and a discount for 2nd child in the family. There will be a discount for pre-paid tuition for next year. (old amount)

Evangelism Report: Patrick is studying perspective concepts.

Old Business: Regarding Voters meeting on February 23rd we reviewed "Old Books" work sheet for confirmation. One 2019 budget item "Software"#5220 went over \$300.00 over budgeted amount of \$900.00.

- Council voted to pay \$2,280.00 SMP tuition from the Endowment Fund.
- Redeemer Web page is updated to a server called "WIX" and will give complete control and management to Redeemer.

New Business:

- We received 2 maintenance calls on the broken alarm system and we are asking the maintenance company to come back as it is still not repaired.
- Kurt Onken LCMS Northwest Circuit Counselor sent a bulletin "Response to issues surrounding Coronavirus in our community". See bulletin board.
- Council recommended the Elders begin nomination recommendations for new church officers.
- Wooden play set in play yard needs to be replaced-Louis & Heidi will research.
- Heidi Kuljis announced VBS planning meeting for March 30th.
- Crafts and expenses a suggested "wish list" item.



LIVING A STEWARDSHIP

It is all about your heart...

Everything we have is a gift from God that we are to use to help others.

Life

On the topic of stewardship, one of the most common questions a person might ask is *not* whether a Christian should give to their church. Everyone knows this. Of course, Christians should give to their church.

The most common question: “How much should I give?” But what they really mean is this: “Should Christians give a tithe of their income to their local congregation?” So, let’s look at why you should or should not tithe.

Following are some reasons often offered for why Christians *shouldn’t* give a tithe to their church.

Some say you shouldn’t tithe because it isn’t expressly commanded in the New Testament. Lacking that command, there is no “Thus saith the Lord” and no “should” for giving a tithe to your congregation.

Others say that Christians give to their congregation in ways much broader than money. They give of their time and their talents, and these, together with treasures (money), add up to more than a tithe.

Still others say they give of their treasures to other things besides their congregation, and they want to support those things alongside their church.

And there are those who think Christians shouldn’t tithe because of fear. If they tithe, they are afraid their gift will be misused, and they are afraid they won’t have enough to get the things they use, want, or need.

Following are some reasons for why Christians *should* give a tithe to their church.

Even though the New Testament doesn’t specifically command Christians to give a tithe, the Old Testament people were commanded to tithe and did. On top of this, St. Paul often describes the giving Christians are to do in similar terms as a tithe: a regular and generous proportion of the first fruits of their income (1 Cor. 6:1–2; 2 Cor. 8:7–23; 2 Cor. 9:2–7).

But here’s another way to think about it. What was the point of the tithe in the Old Testament? Where did it go? The reason for the Old Testament tithe was to support the full ministry of the Levites. They were not given any land because they had no time to farm; their full-time job was the ministry.

What does it say in the New Testament? “The Lord has commanded that those who preach the Gospel should make their living from the Gospel” (1 Cor. 9:14). This is the verse that Luther put in the *Small Catechism’s* Table of Duties to cover what Christians owe to the support of the ministry.

It seems clear from both the Old and the New Testaments that the tithe is the goal of Christians in their giving. But what if we’re not there yet? How should we handle this? What are we to do?

Let’s answer this by asking a different question about something entirely different. What would you say to your adult children who only attended church quarterly or once a month? There, is after all, no passage in the New Testament that requires Christians to go to church weekly. Hebrews 10:25 is the closest we have, and it states simply for Christians to not neglect gathering together. Even though there is no passage that commands Christians to gather weekly, that is the implicit expectation throughout the Old and New Testaments. It is the goal.

So, what would you say to that son or daughter? I’d expect that conversation would be something like this: “I’m glad you’re still going to church. It is a wonderful blessing to hear God’s promises of forgiveness, life, and salvation, and to receive His gifts in the Word and the Sacraments. But you can do better, and it will only be a blessing to you. There is a better way, and I’d really like you to try to attain it.”

This same conversation is how we should approach the topic of the tithe. It’s not specifically commanded in the New Testament, but it sure seems like the implicit expectation of both the Old and New Testaments. So, the church is ecstatic that you’re giving when you’re giving in all these ways – time, talents, and treasures.

From LCMS Stewardship

Coronavirus (Covid-19) Updates for Redeemer

- ◆ Preschool is closed until further notice.
- ◆ All activities at Redeemer Lutheran Church have been suspended until further notice.
- ◆ The office (Tara) is on limited office hours until further notice.

Below is a list of online/streaming and/or services that are recommended for you during this time of separation.

Messiah Lutheran Church, Marysville, WA

Pastor Kurt Onken, our Circuit Visitor for the Mount Baker Circuit. Pastor Onken is providing Matins live streamed at 10:45 am on Sundays. You can also go to the link and watch previously recorded services.

<http://www.messiah-lcms.org/>

There is a link at the bottom right of the home page for “Live streaming & videos”

Messiah Lutheran Church, Seattle, WA

Pastor Trevor Mankin is providing Divine Service 3 (without Holy Communion) live streamed at 8:00 am Sunday's and Vespers at 7:00 pm Wednesday's for Lent. You can even download a full worship bulletin as you watch/listen.

<https://www.messiahseattle.org/media/live-stream>

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA

Pastor Mike Von Behren also serves as the third vice-president of the Northwest District. His sermons are available at the link below.

<https://www.holycrosslcms.net/sermons-video>

The Lutheran Hour

Dr. Michael Zeigler hosts the flagship program for Lutheran Hour Ministries which has been broadcasting since 1930. A wealth of devotional materials can be found at:

<https://www.lutheranhour.org/>

KFUO Radio

The radio station of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod this resource has an absolute wealth of programming. Highly recommended.

<https://www.kfuo.org/>



ASSISTING US IN WORSHIP – APRIL

Altar Care

Lynnata Marttila

April Birthdays

04/06 Jake Potvin
 04/08 Lisa Montgomery
 04/12 Reece Kuljis
 04/12 Dylan Watt
 04/13 Dee Watt
 04/16 Patrick Heaviside
 04/18 Allen Reinikka
 04/21 Kelsey Heaviside
 04/23 Lynnea Flarry

May Birthdays

05/04 Sherie Cobb
 05/08 Val Mossman
 05/10 Samantha Haugen
 05/11 Alex Haugen
 05/25 Ron Willand
 05/25 Jamie Dupuis

April & May Anniversaries

04/13 Richard & Pam Hallmark

*As the angels sing heavenly praises for our God above,
 As the dawn touches the Earth with its soft rays,
 As another chapter of your life starts anew,
 I wish that God will grant you your heart's greatest desire
 And your presence endows peace to others
 as refreshing as the morning dew.
 Have a blessed and wonderful birthday or anniversary!*

Note: If your birthday or wedding anniversary is not listed on this page or if it is incorrect, please contact the church office so we can make the correction.

Shut-ins: Virginia Blackmore, Ken Hindman



Elder Care List

A—Gra:
 H—Lu: Ross Abbe (c) 360.908.2545
 360. 734.9088
 M—Sch: Kari Marttila 360.318.5298
 Sm—Wri: Patrick O'Connor 515.707.3928

10:30 am Worship Service

April 05 PALM SUNDAY

Usher: Louie Kuljis
Reader: Corinne Thorsen
Counters: Linda R. / Kari M.
Coffee Hostess: Lynnea Flarry
Sound: ???
Nursery: Parental Supervision
Elder on Duty: Kari Marttila
Children's Worship: Heidi Kuljis

April 12 EASTER SUNDAY

Usher: Roger Granger
Reader: Rex Watt
Counters: Barb A. / Peggy H.
Coffee Hostess: Easter Breakfast
Sound: Dylan Watt
Nursery: Parental Supervision
Elder on Duty: Patrick O'Connor
Children's Worship: Sally Pinski

April 19

Usher: Patrick Heaviside
Reader: Ross Abbe
Counters: Ron W. / Kelsey H.
Coffee Hostess: Sue U. / Val M.
Sound: ???
Nursery: Parental Supervision
Elder on Duty:
Children's Worship: Kelsey Heaviside

April 26

Usher: Louie Kuljis
Reader: Rex Watt
Counters: Barb A. / Micah P.
Coffee Hostess: Peggy H. / Linda R.
Sound: Dylan Watt
Nursery: Parental Supervision
Elder on Duty:
Children's Worship: Micah Potvin

May 03

Usher: Roger Granger
Reader: Joe Dupuis
Counters: Cheryl K. / Annie T.
Coffee Hostess: Barb A. / Deanne B.
Sound: ???
Nursery: Parental Supervision
Elder on Duty:
Children's Worship: Micah Potvin

The Bulletin Board

PLEASE NOTE: THE EVENTS BELOW MAY ALL CHANGE AS NEW DEVELOPMENTS ARE ANNOUNCED REGARDING THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATES...

WITH LOVE AND SYMPATHY...

- we offer our condolences to the family of Milo Hallmark, who passed away March 9. A memorial service will be scheduled for a future date.
- we offer our condolences to the family of Al Reinikka, who passed away March 9. A memorial service will be scheduled for a future date.

May God give you the comfort and peace that you seek during this difficult time.



ALTAR GUILD HELP NEEDED: We could use a few more ladies (or gentlemen) from the church who would like to volunteer for this ministry. For more information contact Lynnata M.

REDEEMER'S EASTER BREAKFAST — EASTER SUNDAY,

April 12th 9:00-10:00 AM Ham will be provided. A sign-up for other breakfast items will be available in the fellowship area starting March 22nd. Family, friends and neighbors are welcome to join us for this special time of fellowship prior to our Easter Sunday Service at 10:30 am. HE IS RISEN!!!!!!! Please contact Barb Abbe if you have any questions.



SPRING OUTDOOR CLEANING ON APRIL 18TH 10:00 am - 12:00 pm (changed from March 21). Our goal will be to spruce up the front of the church and perhaps the automatic side door area, weather permitting. If you have questions or are unsure of whether or not the spring cleaning is taking place, contact Ross (360.908.2545 or Barb (206.799.5308). If you would like to start earlier that's fine. Bring garden tools and gloves. Donuts and coffee will be provided. If we don't have enough help on April 18th we will meet again on April 25th.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER – May 7th – Save the Day, more news coming in the upcoming weeks. The National Day of Prayer is an annual day of observance held on the first Thursday of May, designated by the United States Congress, when people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation". Should you have any questions, please contact Lynnata Marttila .

ADDRESS UPDATE: Niko Marttila PSC 560 Box 862 APO AP 96376-0009

BULLETIN BOARD CONTINUED...

2020 ALTAR FLOWERS SIGN-UP SHEET is posted on the bulletin board by the office. This is an opportunity for you to have flowers placed on the altar in honor of a birthday, anniversary, memory, etc. If you would like to place flowers on the alter for a special occasion, please place your name and phone number on the line corresponding with the date on the alter flower sign-up sheet. If you would like Lynnata to purchase flowers for you, please contact her - 360-318-5298.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY NOTES:

- ◇ **There is also a small box** for the Lions Club who collect your out of date prescription glasses.
- ◇ **We will still collect** clean socks and underwear as well as personal hygiene items for the Light House Mission.
- ◇ **Ferndale Foodbank ingathering is on going,** and not knowing if there will be school closures maybe items for children's food items would be good. There is always bread available, but jam, pasta's and snacks would be good.
- ◇ **Thank you** for your generosity in these areas. We continue to serve the people using some modifications in distribution.



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Redeemer Lutheran Preschool



Ages 3 1/2 to 5 YRS

Call 384-5923



SPREAD THE WORD REDEEMER LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL IS NOW ENROLLING ...

It's that time! We are now enrolling for the 2020-2021 school year. If you would like to register, you can download the registration packet from our website (www.redeemberbellingham.com) or call the office and we will have one ready for you or we can email you one! 360-384-5923





HOLY WEEK

Sunday, April 05

Palm Sunday

10:30 am: Worship

Thursday April 09

Maundy Thursday /

Communion

7 pm: Worship

Friday April 10

Good Friday

7 pm: Worship

Sunday, April 12

Easter Sunday /

Communion

9-10 am: Easter Breakfast

10:30 am: Worship

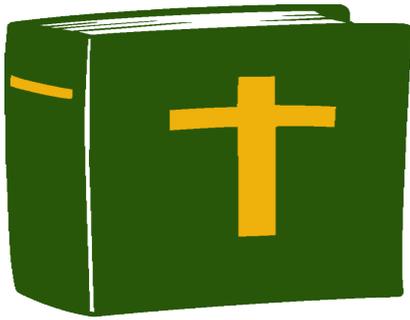
Please note that the above services are all pending at this time. Our hope and prayer is that we will be able to gather together as God's people once again on April 05 in worship, praise, prayer, communion and fellowship.

May God be with you all until we meet again!

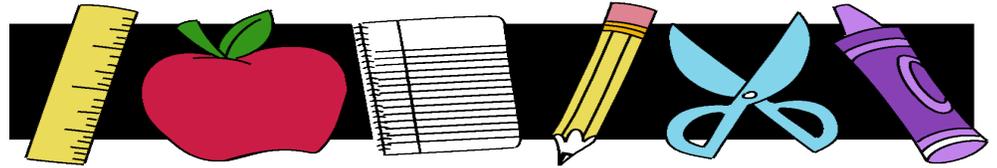
HOT CROSS BUNS AND FELLOWSHIP

Has been cancelled due to the current Covid-19 situation.





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Sunday School Newsletter — April

Well it's going to be an interesting spring and possibly summer as well. With all the closures and advice to socially distance yourself from others I pray you are all focusing on precautions to stay healthy, enjoying quiet time reading your Bible, "Portals of Prayer" and taking time out for God. I encourage the young families to read the Easter Story while there is no Sunday School, or take time for family devotions!

Prayers are needed that our community will get through this time of unknowns and that we will be able to provide our ministry to young children through Vacation Bible School this summer!

I want to give an outpouring of love and honor to our dear saint, Al Reinikka. 

He will be extremely missed and there have been so many moments that I am reminded of him— coming into preschool seeing his daffodils blooming, we had a huge tree branch fall and I knew he would be down right away if he were able to come clean it up, with this COVID-19 and preschool situation it would be his expertise to know how to handle it! I would not be teaching preschool or on the Education Board if it was not for him! He was my mentor, my coach, my support, my strength, and I will miss him dearly! I know he is up in heaven listening to the angels singing, playing 18 holes of golf every day, eating lots of sweet treats and visiting with old friends! Love you for always Al!

I want to leave you with a verse to cling on to during this challenging time!

*"Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will hold on to you with my righteous hand."*

Isaiah 41:10

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April 2020

Dear Redeemer Family,

Our March was starting out well and then the mandate to close school happened and we made the difficult choice to close preschool. These times are really making my emotions go all over the place but I'm trying to see the silver lining in all of this that maybe it's God's way of bringing families close and to spend quality time with one another! Our world needs this time to spend with our loved ones and for parents to teach their children life skills and what's important in life.

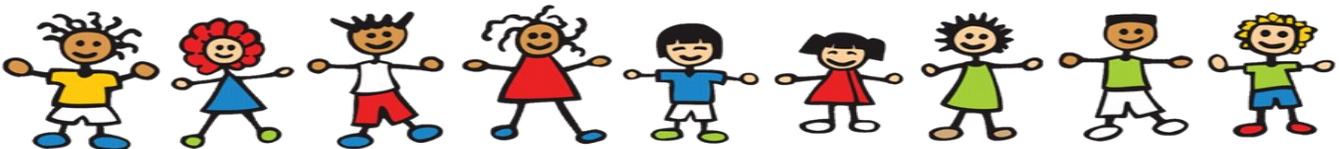
I miss our preschoolers and making memories with them. I would love for us to be able to come back after spring break but I'm not sure what God's plan in all of this is. I have to trust in Him and his timing with all of this.

Melissa and I have done a deep clean in the preschool room, helped Tara clean the nursery, and plan to work on projects for the end of preschool!

Please pray for Melissa, myself, our preschoolers and families that God provides special times with each family and that He will provide an ending to our year and a celebration! Please take care of yourself and your families! Prayers for all!!

With love,
Heidi

Preschool registration forms are posted on our website. If you prefer, you may call the office and they will e-mail or mail you one.



FROM:

A Patchwork of Promises

30 Devotions for Quilters

Day 10

Fresh Bread

Jesus is the Bread of Life

“The bread of God is he who comes down from heaven.” John 6:33 (The Message)

The aroma of baking bread pressed into my senses like a seam beneath a hot iron—warm and unforgettable. Crisp, cotton cloth lined a basket holding more fresh-baked bread. Irresistible!

What could be better than a gathering of friends meeting together to bake bread, to talk up a storm, and maybe to exchange patterns or fabrics? You supply the ingredients for bread baking, and your friends can bring add-ins and a good family recipe (or box mix). Afterwards, in a semblance of a modern-day quilting bee, everyone can exchange quilting tips and materials as well as share recipes and friendship.

Sometimes all it takes to bring a community together is to break bread together or sew a quilt to be donated to a family who has lost their breadwinner.

The apostle John identifies the bread of God as “...he who comes down from heaven,” Jesus Christ. Luke 11:3 instructs us to pray for God to give us this day our daily bread. A hearty, nutritious, full loaf of fresh-baked bread lies waiting in the written word of God.

Feast on the Bread, which is full of life. Choose a thick, rich, mouth-watering, hunger-slaking slice. Don't go for the crumbs under the table. God sends an open invitation to taste and see that He is good.

Bread of Heaven*

Taste and see that he is good

He offers you celestial food.

He fills your hunger quenches thirst.

Accept his love...his blood.

From *Faith Lifts: When Life Lets You Down* ©2010 Gayle Ottemiller

Promise: Jesus is the Bread of Life.

QUILTS

In grandma's day so long ago
Quilting bees were women's passion,
Together loved to sit and sew,
Patching quilts was all the fashion.

How truly lovely their design,
So close, so fine, the stitches there;
I'm sure that neither yours nor mine
With those will ever quite compare.

Each quilt a story seems to tell,
Their names a meaning carry, too;
Our thoughts on faded colors dwell,
Shades that once were bright and new.

The old "Log Cabin"—out today—
Stood wear and tear of many years;
In reverence we fold away,
Wipe from our eyes the falling tears.



The "Sunburst" and "Around the World,"
Fine "Dresden Plate"—are all quite new.
The "Morning Glory"—colors curled
Around our heart with their bright hue.



The "Flower Garden" in its place
Brings memories of French bouquet,
All wrapped around with paper lace
In lavender we lay away.



Of lovely quilts there are a score;
Just which to choose is hard to know.
Time passing brings us many more;
Our children these some day will show.

We follow where grandmother led,
And always will I humbly pray;
For when at last our lives have sped
Our grandchildren perhaps will say:

You see the quilt that grandma made,
With pride I claim it as my own.
Fond thoughts of her will never fade
Though many years have long since flown.

And now The News, first in the race,
Of many quilts a show will give.
How fine if all could win first place.
This contest will in memory live.

Poem From: <https://i.pinimg.com/originals/31/29/11/31291145c465a6863dacc80c54c1d653.jpg>

Submitted
by 

Lutherans For Life Quote: April 19



“Did the soldiers wonder about Jesus in years to come? Surely, a Man of such power could have avoided the cross. But that wasn’t what Jesus was doing with His authority. He was in charge that night, because He was about the business of saving us. And now that He has risen from the dead and ascended into heaven, we know that He is in charge of everything in heaven and earth—and we are safely His forever.”

Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

Stay connected to the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

IF YOU WANT HELP UNDERSTANDING the world from a Lutheran perspective:

The Lutheran Witness (lcms.org/witness)

IF YOU LIKE HEARING directly from the president and other members of the president’s office: Witness, Mercy, Life Together blog (wmltblog.org)

IF YOU WANT TO CONNECT with other LCMS Lutherans: LCMS Facebook (facebook.com/thelcms), Twitter ([lthelcms](https://twitter.com/thelcms)), Instagram ([thelcms](https://instagram.com/thelcms)) and Periscope

IF YOU WANT TO HEAR from LCMS leadership: Leader blog (blogs.lcms.org, category/leader-blog)

IF YOU’RE SEARCHING for stories of the Church in action:

Lutherans Engage the World (lcms.org/lutheransengage)

IF YOU’RE LOOKING FOR NEWS: *Reporter* (blogs.lcms.org/reporter)

IF YOU CAN’T GET ENOUGH of all things mission:

Journal of Lutheran Mission (lcms.org/journaloflutheranmission)

IF YOU WANT IT ALL: LCMS News and Publications (blogs.lcms.org)



Free Cards



SHARE GOD’S WORD BY USING FREE GIDEON CARDS

How would you like to extend the missionary outreach of our church to some 200 countries around the world? You are encouraged to use Gideon cards to send the Word and Change a Life!

Every time you send a Gideon card, your donation for Bibles will send God’s Word to someone who desperately needs it—perhaps in your own neighborhood or somewhere else around the world.

Gideon cards can be given in the memory of someone special (sympathy cards) or for any special occasion, and that’s a life-changing difference!

Check out the display of free Gideon cards in our church. Where are they? They are on the wooden shelf at the back wall in the fellowship room. Help yourself. Then, let these cards acknowledge your gift in memory or in honor of someone, and provide Bibles, helping fulfill the Great Commission. Thank you for sharing God’s Word around the world.