



The Eagle MARCH 2017



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*May we continue to be used by
God and share the Gospel
with A Heart for Hamilton
County and the World!!*



Exodus!

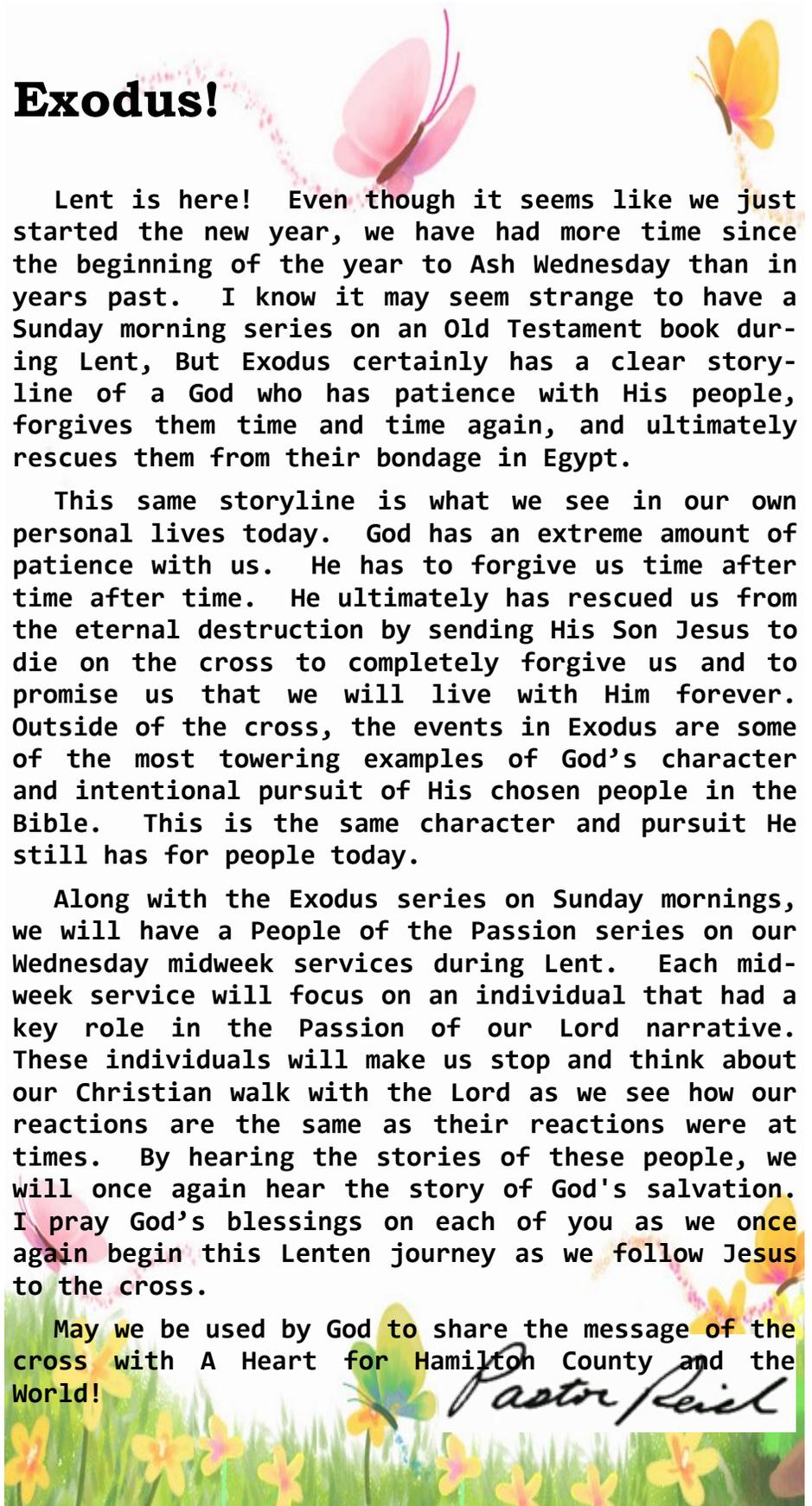
Lent is here! Even though it seems like we just started the new year, we have had more time since the beginning of the year to Ash Wednesday than in years past. I know it may seem strange to have a Sunday morning series on an Old Testament book during Lent, But Exodus certainly has a clear storyline of a God who has patience with His people, forgives them time and time again, and ultimately rescues them from their bondage in Egypt.

This same storyline is what we see in our own personal lives today. God has an extreme amount of patience with us. He has to forgive us time after time after time. He ultimately has rescued us from the eternal destruction by sending His Son Jesus to die on the cross to completely forgive us and to promise us that we will live with Him forever. Outside of the cross, the events in Exodus are some of the most towering examples of God's character and intentional pursuit of His chosen people in the Bible. This is the same character and pursuit He still has for people today.

Along with the Exodus series on Sunday mornings, we will have a People of the Passion series on our Wednesday midweek services during Lent. Each midweek service will focus on an individual that had a key role in the Passion of our Lord narrative. These individuals will make us stop and think about our Christian walk with the Lord as we see how our reactions are the same as their reactions were at times. By hearing the stories of these people, we will once again hear the story of God's salvation. I pray God's blessings on each of you as we once again begin this Lenten journey as we follow Jesus to the cross.

May we be used by God to share the message of the cross with A Heart for Hamilton County and the World!

Pastor Reich





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Birthdays, Baptisms & Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 2nd Elaine Polster
- 3rd Misti Polster
- 5th Branson Armstrong
Elissa Crouch
- 6th Karah Niemann
- 7th Mark DeLoach
- 8th Boofy Mishnick
Tootie Schoen
- 9th Liz Graves
Nolan Zschiesche
- 11th Ray Cassens
Dorothy Hoermann
- 12th Gene LeLoach
Robin Massingill
- 13th Michelle Cantara
Glenda Peace
- 14th Quin Hanson

- 15th August Gaydos
Aaron Hungerford
- 16th Mildred Bottlinger
- 17th Anna Beber
Emery McElroy
- 19th Alanda Tyson
- 20th Mary Ellen Kielly
- 21st Jason Clark
- 23rd Juanita Bushee
Caleb Niemann
- 24th Kara Chorenziak
James Surley
Clayton Tyson
- 25th Emma Polster
- 26th Todd Mishnick
- 28th Scott Williams
- 29th Britley Balzen
- 30th Mildred Kautzsch
Gary Schoen

- 31st Joe Cathy
Billy Lawson



Baptisms

- 1st Jason Seider
Marshall Stork
- 3rd Kerry Kensing
- 4th Alice Pietzsch
Owen Tyson
- 8th Pat Bottlinger
- 10th Brodi Mishnick
Carson Wolff
- 13th Bea Coble
Sheldon Coble
Krystal Stanford
Kim Tyson
- 14th Savannah Johnson
Raymond Krueger Jr.
Simona Smith
Tammy Wagner
- 17th Morgan Nolen
Payden Nolen
Weston Nolen

Anniversaries

- 6th Joe & Elsie Sommerfeld 36 yrs
- 10th Martin & Bonnie Wenzel 27 yrs
- 22nd Luther and Simona Smith 48 yrs

- 18th Avery Hall
- 19th Marliessa Clark
Frances Donahoo
Betty Hardin
Alex Odom
- 21st Kyle Krueger
Brenna Payne
Addley Yates
- 22nd Eugene Jeschke
- 24th Jennifer Niemann
Elaine Polster
Betty Senger
- 26th Juanita Anders
Branson Armstrong
Shelby Knoll
- 27th Jonathon Reich
- 28th Elissa Crouch
Kolton Kunkel
- 30th Robert Dellaughter
Laurel Friedrich
Mildred Kautzsch
Dayle Squyres





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Opening/Breakfast
Sundays 8:30am

Sunday School
Sundays 9:00am

Church Worship
Sundays 10:00am

B.L.A.S.T.
Wednesday 3:30
Pre-K thru 2nd

Pre-Confirmation
Wednesday 3:30
3rd thru 5th

Jr. Confirmation
Wednesday 5:30
6th thru 8th

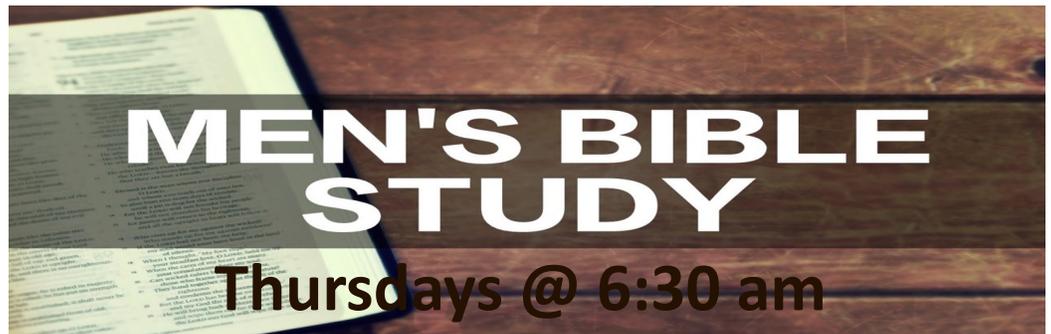
Men's & Ladies' Bible Studies
Wednesday 6:30



Mark
Your
Calendars

Saturday, March 4th

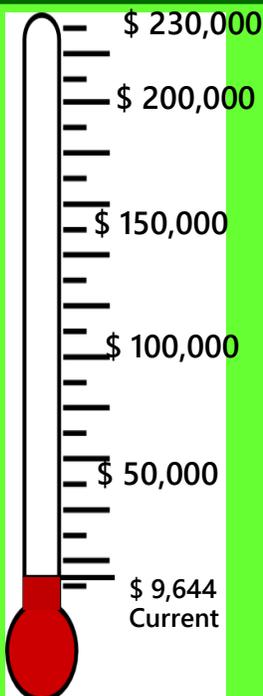
TIME 6PM-9PM
BRING A SNACK TO SHARE!



At the Voters' Meeting on October 25, 2016, Charles Jahns presented the building plans that the Planning Committee has been working on. We are still very early in the planning stages, but it was decided to start a Building Fund that members can start contributing toward as we go forward with the planning stages. The current plans can be seen in the narthex outside the church office. Additional input that anyone has is welcomed and encouraged.

The Building Fund currently has \$9,644. It was reported at the Voters' Meeting that the concrete work and insulated outer structure would cost approximately \$150,000. This does not include the plumbing, electrical, heating/cooling, interior walls and finishing. A goal at this point has been set at \$250,000.

The expansion project would give our youth a large room to meet in, another nice size meeting room and the preschool the space they need to have everything contained on one side of the building. Also included in the plans for expansion is the plan to remodel our current kitchen. If anyone has any questions or ideas do not hesitate to share your ideas.





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Ladies

Bible

Journaling

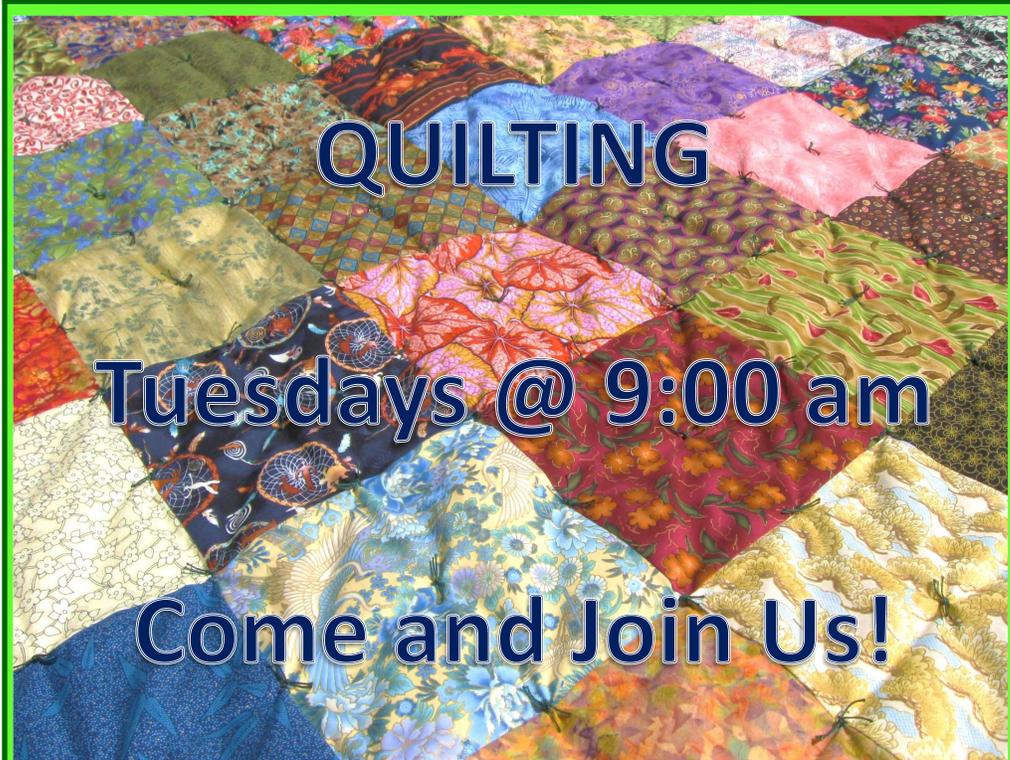
On Wednesdays is postponed until after Lent.



The Education board will be accepting donations of candy for

Easter

through out the month of **MARCH.**



QUILTING

Tuesdays @ 9:00 am

Come and Join Us!



Choir Practice

Sunday Mornings @ 8:30

Come and join us!



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Do I have to give something up for Lent?

The practice of giving something up for Lent is completely an [adiaphoron](#) in the LCMS. Some people do not get into the practice of giving something up, while others do. The following excerpt from the LCMS website explains our Lutheran perspective on this:

Q: Do Lutherans have to give up something for Lent as some other denominations require?

A: From the perspective of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, “giving something up for Lent” is entirely a matter of Christian freedom. It would be wrong, from our perspective, for the church to make some sort of “law” requiring its members to “give something up for Lent,” since the Scriptures themselves do not require this. If, on the other hand, a Christian wants to give something up for Lent as a way of remembering and personalizing the great sacrifice that Christ made on the cross for our sins, then that Christian is certainly free to do so—as long as he or she does not “judge” or “look down on” other Christians who do not choose to do this.

From <http://www.lcms.org/faqs/worship>

What are some examples of things people give up during Lent?

There are lots of things that people choose to go without during the Lenten season. Some people forgo a sweet treat. Others give up a social media site like Facebook or Twitter. (Let's be honest, we all could probably do with some time away from these things!) I've spent a long time giving up food items that are almost daily habits, such as salsa or meat.

Over the last three years, though, I've given up something else during the Lenten season, and that is time. You could give your time daily during the Lenten season to a local charity, like a food bank or homeless shelter. I have been choosing to sacrifice time to read.

Two years ago, I read through the Bible in forty days following a reading plan that I found online. Last year, I read the Book of Concord, and [several of you joined me in that!](#) This Lent, join me in learning forty hymns. Pull out your hymnal, read through the text, listen to the music, and feel free to sing! Meditate on the words and the truths that our beautiful hymnody proclaims.



Written by [Joe Willmann](#)



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Ninety-five Theses



The **95 Theses**, a document written by Martin Luther in 1517, challenged the teachings of the Catholic Church on the nature of penance, the authority of the pope and the usefulness of indulgences. It sparked a theological debate that fueled the Reformation and subsequently resulted in the birth of Protestantism and the Lutheran, Reformed, and Anabaptist traditions within Christianity.

FACES OF THE REFORMATION

Faithful Teacher of God's Word and Luther's Closest Friend



JUSTUS JONAS

Born: June 5, 1493 | Nordhausen, Germany

Died: Oct. 9, 1555 | Eisfeld, Germany

A TEACHER OF GOD'S WORD: this was the life's work of Justus Jonas. He is not famous for prolific writing, nor does history remember him as a great leader, swaying the masses. He was, instead, Luther's closest friend and colleague. He shared Luther's fiery personality and possessed a strong command of Greek, Hebrew and Latin. His translation skills and ability to think theologically made him a unique combination of Luther and Philipp Melanchthon.

These three men were close both professionally and personally, but it was Jonas who was Luther's closest companion. He was at Luther's side when he stood up to the Emperor at Worms, he was one of the few witnesses to Luther's marriage, and he was at Luther's bedside as the reformer took his last breath in 1546.

God used Jonas mightily in organizing churches in Germany that reflected the outcomes of the Reformation, most notably in Naumburg, Halle and Regensburg. His dedication to the cause of the Reformation never wavered — even when he was forced to become a wandering preacher from 1546 until his death in 1555 — because of Jonas' faithfulness to the gracious Christ rediscovered by Luther in the Holy Bible.



REFORMATION
2017 It's Still All About
Jesus

LutheranReformation.org

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD
ConcordiaHistoricalInstitute.org

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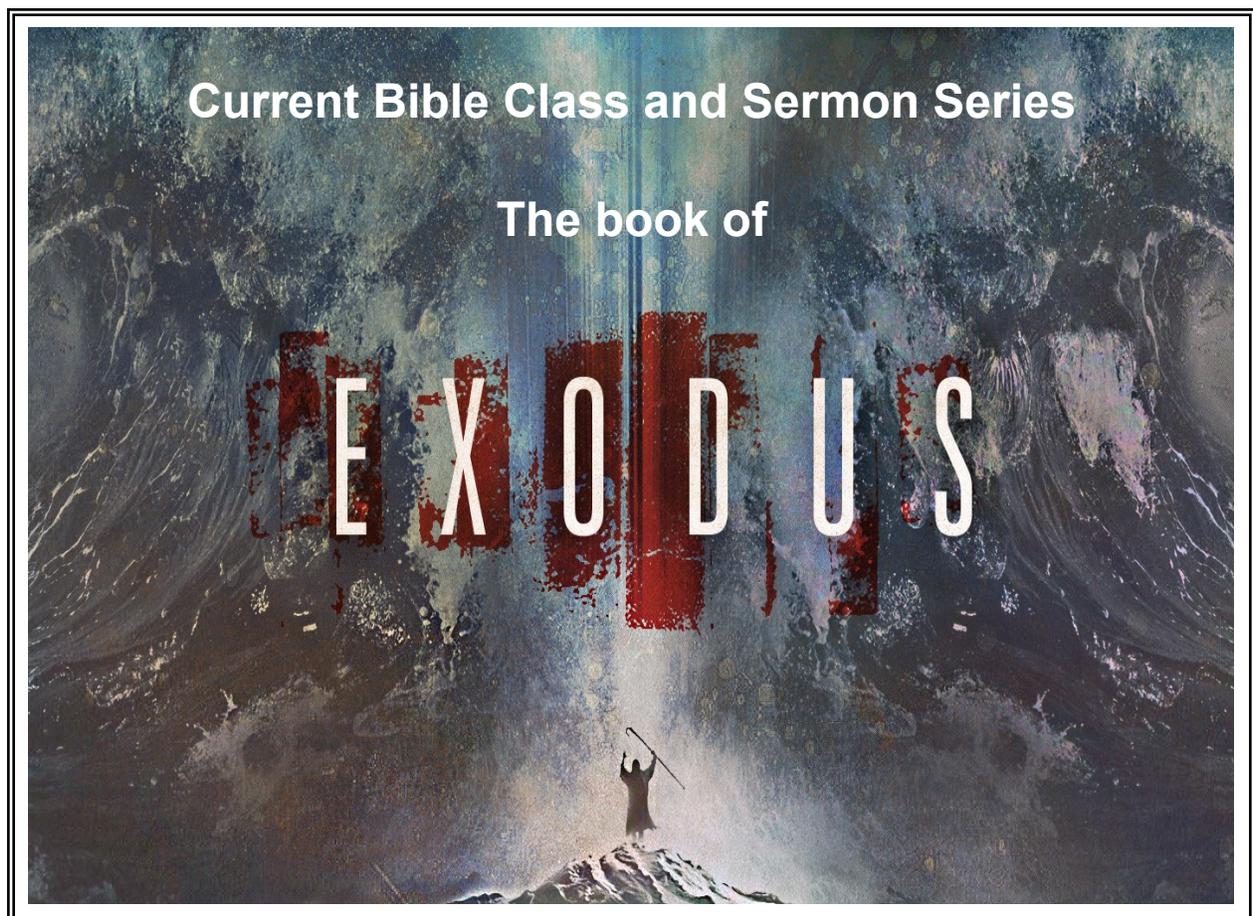


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FROM THE BOARD OF FINANCE

The Board of Finance is considering a change in procedure for listing loose plate checks put in the offering plate. There are a number of envelopes waiting to pick up and there are members who pick up their envelopes but choose not to use them. On Sunday mornings, the counters have been listing each loose plate checks including member name and amount given.

The committee is considering depositing all loose checks without recording the member name and amount given. If a member wants the church to record their giving, then their numbered envelope must be used. IF anyone has any questions or comments regarding this consideration, please talk to a member of the Finance Committee or the Church Treasurer. This policy will be active as of **March 1, 2017**.



PRESCHOOL NEWS

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Parent News

Thank you for all of your help and involvement this month! All of the classes had spectacular Valentine's day parties! We enjoyed celebrating with everyone!

Important Dates

- March 6th: Easter Ham Fundraiser begins
- March 13th – 17th: Spring Break
- Week of March 20th-March 24th: Pre-school and Kindergarten Roundup
- March 21st – Family Night from 6pm-8pm

A Note from the Director

Spring is knocking at our front door and with it comes a busy schedule at St. John Lutheran Preschool & Kindergarten. Be on the look out for information regarding our ham fundraiser, family night, and early registration. The next two weeks are dedicated to celebrating Dr. Seuss. Parents are invited to come read a book to their child's class. If you haven't signed up yet, we still have open time slots. We would love for you to come share the love of reading with our classes. Let me know if you have any questions.

Blessings! - Tiffani Logan



Ham Fundraiser

Annual Preschool Easter Ham Fundraiser:

- Hams \$35 each
- April 4th – Orders Due
- April 11th- Dads needed to help cook
- April 12th – Volunteers needed to pass out hams
- April 12th – Ham Pick up

Preschool and Kinder Round Up

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year

- The week of March 20th – March 24th
- Forms can be submitted from 11am–1pm Monday-Friday
- Registration tables will also be set up at Family Night.
- Forms are available online to print

Family Night

A fun night for the whole family!

- Tuesday, March 21st 6pm-8pm
- Hot dog dinner (donation per plate)
- Pickle themed activities
- Dad's pickle eating contest!
- Reading of the book, "Stop that Pickle"
- Chapel and Prayer led by Pastor Reich



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CLASSROOM NEWS

Little Lambs • Mighty Lions • Kinderroos

What's
Happening
This
Month

Spotlight On... Self-Regulation

Teaching young children self-regulation by managing their thoughts, emotions, and actions is one of the most important skill sets they can develop.



QUICK TIPS:

- Children need sufficient sleep and food to meet their energy needs for practicing new skills
- Consistent routines and clear expectations to help children understand what to expect
- Learning a new skills set is better acquired when emotions are calm
- Create a calming place for when emotions get big
- Once a child has calmed down follow up with how better choices could be made

Little Lambs



Some of the fun and learning the Little Lambs had included...

- Celebrating Valentine's by learning about how to share love with others
- Creating and writing their own cards in the literacy center
- Learning different ways to travel & interacting with maps of Hamilton
- Producing unique artwork with shaving cream and liquid watercolors

Mighty Lions

Learning took place for the Mighty Lions this month when they...

- Focused on developing their social/emotional skills along with problem solving – these skills build their foundation for their future education
- Built with shaving cream and blocks, used real hammers and nails, and enjoyed playing in the mud.
- Our themes focused on rocks & soil, construction, and transportation



Kinderroo

The Kindergarten adventures included...

- Our Valentine's Social was a blast and we especially enjoyed celebrating with our families and the Ladies Quilting Group
- Our field trip to the Studio on the Square was full of science experiments
- We celebrated our 100th day of school
- Shirley Meissner & Lisa Schrank shared their experience from their Africa mission trips such as food, relics, and lessons on the spoken language





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Music Notes

by:

Gary

Gromatzky

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all. Psalm 34:19

It is Well with my Soul

It Is Well with My Soul (When Peace, Like a River)

Horatio G. Spafford

1873

When the great Chicago fire consumed the Windy city in 1871, Horatio G Spafford, an attorney heavily invested in real estate, lost a fortune. About that time, his only son, age 4, succumbed to scarlet fever. Horatio drowned his grief in work, pouring himself into rebuilding the city and assisting the 100,000 who had been left homeless.

In November of 1873, he decided to take his wife and daughters to Europe. Horatio was close to D. L. Moody and Ira Sankey, and he wanted to visit their evangelistic meetings in England, then enjoy a vacation.

When an urgent matter detained Horatio in New York, he decided to send his wife, Anna, and their four daughters, Maggie, Tanetta, Annie, and Bessie, on ahead. As he saw them settled into a cabin aboard the luxurious French liner *Ville du Havre*, an unease filled his mind, and he moved them to a room closer to the bow of the ship. Then he said good-bye, promising to join them soon.

During the small hours of November 22, 1873, as the *Ville du Havre* glided over smooth seas, the passengers were jolted from their bunks. The ship had collided with an iron sailing vessel, and water poured in like Niagara. The *Ville du Havre* tilted dangerously. Screams, prayers, and oaths merged into a nightmare of unmeasured terror. Passengers clung to posts, tumbled through darkness, and were swept away by powerful currents of icy ocean. Loved ones fell from each other's grasp and disappeared into foaming blackness. Within two hours, the mighty ship vanished beneath the waters. The 226 fatalities included Maggie, Tanetta, Annie, and Bessie. Mrs. Spafford was found nearly unconscious, clinging to a piece of the wreckage. When the 471 survivors landed in Cardiff, Wales, she cabled her husband: "Saved Alone."

Horatio immediately booked passage to join his wife. En route, on a cold December night, the captain called him aside and said, "I believe we are now passing over the place where the *Ville du Havre* went down." Spafford went to his cabin but found it hard to sleep. He said to himself, "It is well; the will of God be done."

He later wrote his famous hymn based on those words. The melody for "It Is Well," titled *Ville du Havre*, was written by Philip Bliss who was himself soon to perish, along with his wife, in a terrible train wreck in Ohio.

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Lenten Reading Plan 2017

Hymns and Scripture Readings

Hymn numbers reflect those in Lutheran Service Book

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When peace like a river, Attend-eth my way
When sorrows, Like sea billows roll;
What ever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, It is well, with my soul."

It is well, with my soul, It is well, It is well, with my soul.

My sin, O the bliss Of this glorious tho't,
My sin not in part But the whole
Is nailed to the cross And I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, O my soul!

It is well, with my soul, It is well, with my soul.

O, Lord haste the day When my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound And the Lord shall descend,
"Even so" it is well With my soul.

It is well, with my soul, It is well, with my soul.

Ref: Then Sings My Soul, Thomas Nelson Publishers, Nashville

**MAY THE
LORD BLESS
AND KEEP
YOU THIS
COMING
MONTH.**

**REFRAIN:
IT IS WELL
WITH MY SOUL,
IT IS WELL,
IT IS WELL
WITH MY SOUL.**





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2017 Lenten Schedule

Meals 5:30 pm (no meal Maundy Thursday or Good Friday) — Services 6:30 pm

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Theme</u>
Mar. 1 st	*Ash Wednesday	"Judas, the Opportunist"
Mar. 8 th	St. John — Hamilton	"Caiaphas, the Schemer"
Mar. 15 th	St. Paul's — Aleman	"Nicodemus, the Silent Believer"
Mar. 22 nd	St. John — Hamilton	"Peter, the Born Leader"
Mar. 29 th	St. Paul's — Aleman	"Pontius Pilate, the Thinker"
Apr. 5 th	St. John — Hamilton	"One of the Mob, the Follower"
Apr. 13 th	* Maundy Thursday	"The Apostles, the Servant Leaders"
Apr. 14 th	* Good Friday	"The Centurion, the Astonished"

* Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be held at both locations.



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