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<sup>5</sup> For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, <sup>6</sup> and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, <sup>7</sup> and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. 2 Peter 1:5-7

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

How is your Lent fast going? Many people give up something for the season of Lent. Some people give up chocolate, soda, coffee, Facebook, Television, or a wide variety of other things. They wish to fast similar to how our Lord fasted for forty days and nights. They do this, in order to follow the words of Saint Peter, "To supplement their faith." To enhance their faith and knowledge with self-control. In order to depend, not upon the things of this world, but to focus their minds and hearts upon God.

This can be very hard to do! Giving up something that you do or eat on a daily or semi-daily basis is hard and difficult, both the start and end. It takes self-control and steadfastness to abstain from something for a prolonged period of time. We may at times see it as a trial and suffering, but it can be a good thing in the end.

This is a microcosm of what we are called to do as Christians. We are called to give up, not small things like Facebook or soda, but big things. We are called, as Christians, to give up sinning, to resist the temptations of the Devil. We are called to live in all godliness with brotherly affection and love.

This is not something that we can do on our own, under our own strength and power. It can be done only in and through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. He has paid the price of all of our sins by taking them upon Himself and living a perfect life in our place. He has taken all of our sins and nailed them to the cross, suffering, bleeding, and dying for us. Rising again from the dead, He gives to us new life. He makes it possible for us that we can have self-control, not give in to evil desires, to live lives of self-control, to love each other with love and brotherly affection.

As we continue our Lenten fasts, whatever they may be, let us indeed hold fast, that we may grow together as Brothers and Sisters in Christ, thought Jesus Christ our Lord.

Your Servant in Christ,  
Rev. Joshua Reinke

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**Everyone** who helps prepare, setup, and clean up after Sunday school and Bible study each Sunday  
**All of the ladies** who came and made fleece blankets for Denise Combs.  
**Everyone** who helps prepare, setup, and clean up after Wednesday Family Nights and Lenten potluck suppers.  
**Val Martin, Tristin Reinke, and Gloria Creek** for playing the organ and piano during our worship services.  
**All those who volunteer to teach Sunday school and Bible class** on Sundays.  
**Elsie Huss** for changing the banners and paraments.  
**Bob Fletcher** for cleaning the church.  
**Everyone on the Prayer Chain** for their time and prayers.  
**Everyone** who has donated treats for our fellowship time.  
**All of the men** who volunteer to usher.  
**Cheri Magnuson** for cleaning the Communion linens.  
This list is not inclusive. Please accept our apologies if we have missed giving you credit for serving the Lord in any fashion. We know that the Lord knows your service to Him.

## LWML

- ♥ **The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Parade of Tables will be Saturday, March 11 from 11 AM to 1 PM.** If you would like to host a table or just come and enjoy the time, please contact President Val Martin. Proceeds from this year's event will benefit Mercy Home/YWCA. Our guest speaker will be Tori Doe. More information is available in the church office or you may contact Toni Nivens. We will be collecting items from their Wish List during the month of March. Items include **break resistant tumblers (drinking glasses), Band-aids, paper towels, tactical flashlights, Honest Kids Applesauce pouches, Duncan Hines mug cakes (cakes that are made in mugs for individual size).**
- ♥ **The Spring Rally will be held at Trinity Lutheran in Great Falls on Saturday, April 29.** The speakers and program will be presented by those who attended the LWML Assembly of Leaders last October. It will be very interesting and informative! Please plan now to attend!!
- ♥ **Remember that Purple Pockets are due to Elsie Huss at the end of March.** This money goes to our missionary **Rev. Eric Stinnett** and the seminary there in Ethiopia. If you need a purple pocket, please see Elsie. Thanks for your continued support.
- ♥ **Our next meeting will be Monday, May 15 at 6:30 p.m. with a Bible study.** All ladies of Peace are invited and encouraged to come and join us! We will have the election of officers at the May meeting. Remember your Mite Boxes!

## Ladies Bible study

It's March! Let's think Spring, which begins on the 20<sup>th</sup> even if we get a snowstorm that day... By the end of the month people will be able to have freshly budded Montana grown pussy willows in their vases. March is also the month of enriching Lenten services. Don't miss the fellowship suppers on Wednesdays that precede these services!

The Friday Ladies Bible Class will have many opportunities for study this month of many Fridays. Feel welcome to join them in their study of the Gospel of Mark from 1-3pm on March 2nd, 10th, 17th, and 24<sup>th</sup> at the home of Marge Johnsten at 3000 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue South.

Open weather or snowstorm the Assisted Living Ministry continues with familiar hymn singing and a devotion. Join them at the Lodge, 1801 9<sup>th</sup> Street South, on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am, where Rolph & Lois Foster from Christ Lutheran for the Deaf are new residents. On Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:45am the monthly no host lunch will be held at Wheat Montana, 1116 9<sup>th</sup> Street South. Join the group as they enjoy sandwiches made from Montana grown wheat! Afterward come along to Highgate, 3000 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue South for more fellowship, where God's Word is sung and spoken.



Happy Anniversary!

### March Anniversaries

- Mar. 6 Gary and Tami Creek
- Mar 24 Jim and Brenda Lee
- Mar 29 Buck and Ann Goldhahn

### Baptismal Anniversaries

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|-------|----|-------------------------|
| March | 3  | Belinda Aguiar          |
|       | 3  | Stephanie Blomgren      |
|       | 10 | Arnie Wirth             |
|       | 17 | Kevin Aguiar            |
|       | 20 | Michael Drummond        |
|       | 20 | Leah (Huttinger) Taylor |
|       | 20 | Cheri Magnuson          |
|       | 23 | Hailey McPartlin        |
|       | 23 | Natalie Gill            |
|       | 25 | Alix Johnson            |
|       | 25 | Judy VanVleet           |
|       | 26 | Tyler Denning           |
|       | 27 | Janet Rubino            |
|       | 28 | Joshua Reinke           |
|       | 29 | Patrice MacDonald       |
|       | 30 | Stacie Jensen           |

**Designate Your Thrivent Choice Dollars by March 31<sup>st</sup>!!**

**Men's Wednesday morning Bible study** has moved to the A&K Diner each Wednesday. They continue to meet at 6:30 AM.

### Ushers for March

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|----------|-------|-------------------|
| March 5  | ----- | Arnie Gidlow      |
|          | ----- | Tyler Denning     |
| March 12 | ----- | Pat Lewis         |
|          | ----- | Kevin Aguiar      |
| March 19 | ----- | Darrell Greenwood |
|          | ----- | Peter Doscher     |
| March 26 | ----- | James Onstad      |
|          | ----- | Gary Link         |



### INCLUDE THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The following people are experiencing health problems:

- Ben Aagaard** – 9 year old with health problems
- Deloris Brown**, shut-in
- Marylan Dallum**, Fort Benton
- Jody Decker** – Fort Benton
- Michael Drummond** – Lupus
- Rev. Mark Grunst** of Billings who has Lewy Body disease
- Connie Juden**
- Rev. Erich Kaelberer** – ALS
- Ann Nimmick**
- Ed Ostlund**, has requested his membership be transferred to Trinity in Billings
- Pam Schaaf**, Ovarian cancer
- Becky Schlund**, MS
- Steven Schlund**, Parkinsons
- Richard Schottey**, The Lodge
- Ron Van Horn** – Fort Benton
- Van Oman family** – Fort Benton

The family of Darrell Greenwood whose mother Darlene died February 11, 2023.

### Wee Disciples Fund Raiser

Every third Tuesday of the month, you can help raise funds for Wee Disciples by eating at Fuddruckers! Just tell them that you want to be included in the fund raiser for Wee Disciples between **5 and 9 PM on March 21**, and Fuddruckers will give 20% of your total ticket to Wee Disciples!

### Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School dates have been set for **June 5 through 9, 2023 from 9AM to Noon**. Children through grade 6 are welcome to come and join us for crafts, study of God's Word, music, snacks, and play time! Children older than that are welcome to come and be helpers. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Linda Aguiar or Pastor Reinke.

# Lenten Midweek Series

Ash Wednesday was February 22.

We have our Wednesday evening potluck meals at 6 PM  
followed by Worship Service at 7 PM.

Plan now to join us!

## Chronicles of the King

1. Ash Wednesday: Count on It: David, 1 Chronicles 21:1–2, 7–19, 26–27
2. Lenten Midweek 2: Blood Money: Asa, 2 Chronicles 14:1–7; 16:1–13
3. Lenten Midweek 3: Strange Bedfellows: Jehoshaphat, 2 Chronicles 17:1–6; 18:1–3; 19:1–7
4. Lenten Midweek 4: Cleaning House: Joash, 2 Chronicles 24:1–4, 17–25
5. Lenten Midweek 5: Know Thyself: Uzziah, 2 Chronicles 26:1–5, 15b–21
6. Lenten Midweek 6: Our Last Hope: Josiah, 2 Chronicles 34:1–3; 35:20–27
7. Maundy Thursday: Prepared Food: Hezekiah, 2 Chronicles 30:1–5, 10–13, 22b–27
8. Good Friday: ~~WORST~~. BEST. KING. EVER.: Manasseh, 2 Chronicles 33:1–20
9. Easter Vigil: After the End, Ezekiel 37:1–14, 24–28
10. Easter Day: Long Lives the King of Kings!, Psalm 146

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Most Christians are aware that Jesus is the King of kings, but there is much to be explored in this aspect of Christology. The Books of Chronicles are focused on the kingdom of Judah, which is to say the House of David. Interpreters often miss that the goal of Chronicles is to illustrate, through the kings of Judah, the rule of the coming King—the Christ, who will sit on the throne of his father David forever. The goal of these sermons is to bring the kingdom of Christ into clearer focus through the lens of the good kings (mostly) of Judah as they are portrayed in the Chronicles. From this point of view, the focus is not on how we should learn righteousness from the kings of Judah, but on how each king is a shadow of the one true King, Jesus Christ. He is the fulfillment of the promise, which each king was unable to realize.