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“Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord....Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.” Ephesians 5:22,25

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we gather this month, we celebrate Valentine's Day. This is a day when we remember St. Valentine and give thanks for what he did in marrying young Christian men and women during times of persecution. It is a day to celebrate love, both of husbands and wives, as well as every Christian's love toward Christ for His saving Death and Resurrection from the dead. How do you know that someone loves you? You know it, not only by the words they say, but also by how they act.

St. Paul writes in Ephesians that Husbands and Wives show their love for each other by fulfilling certain roles and responsibilities in love towards each other. They do this, not always perfectly (after all just ask the other about all of their faults!), but they do so reflecting Christ's love for one another. For Husbands, it is love their wives the same as Christ loves the Church. How much does he love the Church? Enough to give His very life so that she may be made spotless and clean through the shedding of His blood. Husbands are the head, when the chips fall, they are the ones who bear the responsibility. Now, does this mean that everything they say must be obeyed one hundred percent or else? No, they are the head and they use that headship to love and serve their wives. For example, when it comes time to buy a new car, what do they buy? That new Harley that they have had their eye on, or a new minivan to support their growing family? More than likely that minivan as that is what is best for their family and in love they postpone that Harley for a time.

Wives show their love by submitting to their husbands. This does not mean that they are a doormat and have no say. Rather, the opposite, they have a lot of say when it comes to making decisions, just not the final say always. For example, let's say they are at the supermarket. Do they have to call their husbands about every loaf of bread they have so that they pick the right one? No, they have bread on the list and they know that their husband has put money in the bank so in that security, they go and buy bread. They might even get an extra loaf of the kind he likes to show their love for him. In love, both serve and submit to the other, always looking out not for their own interests but for the best interests of their spouse.

The same can be applied to the Church. Men are the heads as Christ is the head. Does this mean that women can do nothing but be quiet and silent? No, just look at the LWML and Altar Guild for ways that women can serve and support the Church. Look at the acolytes and ushers as ways that even the youth can serve in the church. There are lots of things that everyone can do to support the church, each in their own ways, always in love for the others, reflecting back the love of Christ Jesus our Lord, and always within the limits that God has established them.

As we serve each other in love, may we always live in the grace, mercy, forgiveness, and love of Christ

Your Servant in Christ,
Rev. Joshua Reinke

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Everyone who donated baby items for the layettes that are taken to the hospital by Denise Combs.
Everyone who made fleece blankets for Denise Combs' layettes.
Everyone who donated diapers and wipes for Talitha.
Val Martin, Tristin Reinke, and Gloria Creek for playing the organ during our worship services.
All those who volunteer to teach Sunday school, Bible class, and midweek classes on Sundays and Wednesdays.
Elsie Huss for changing the banners and paraments.
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.
All of the quilters for the beautiful quilts you make all year.

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

- ♥ **Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Baby Shower** for Denise Combs who gives baby layettes to the mothers at Benefis who have babies but have no clothes in which to take them home. She is very thankful for our help and continued support of her endeavor.
- ♥ **Ash Wednesday Soup Supper** will be on February 17 at 6 PM. Two different soups will be served and ladies will bring bread and crackers. Please plan to attend and help in any way that you can. Ash Wednesday Worship Service will be at 7 PM.
- ♥ **Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be Saturday, March 13 at 10:00 a.m. with a Bible study.** All ladies of Peace are invited and encouraged to come and join us! We will establish a nominating committee for the elections in May. Remember your Mite Boxes!
- ♥ **Remember that Purple Pockets are due to Elsie Huss at the end of March.** This money goes to our missionary Rev. Eric Stinnett in Ethiopia. Thanks for your continued support.

Ash Wednesday and Lent Services

Ash Wednesday is February 17, 2021 and is just around the corner! Since Trinity Lutheran in Great Falls does not have a pastor currently, they will be joining us for our Wednesday evening soup suppers at 6 PM and worship services at 7 PM. If you or your group would like to host a soup supper, please sign up on the calendar in the Fellowship Hall. LWML is sponsoring Ash Wednesday's soup supper. These services will also be live streamed. Bulletins will be available on the website at the "Bulletin" tab. Services can be viewed by going to the website and clicking on the link at the bottom of the opening page. The theme is "Return to the Lord" based on Joel 2:13b, "Return to the Lord your God for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and He relents over disaster." During this Lent season, we will consider this "call to return", and how it played out for those who walked alongside Christ during His passion, and for us today.

Wee Disciples Fund Raiser

Every third Tuesday of the month, you can help raise funds for Wee Disciples by eating at Fuddruckers! Mention the coupon when you order and they will be sure Wee Disciples gets credit. Hours for the fund raiser are between **5 and 9 PM on February 16**, and Fuddruckers will give 20% of your total ticket to Wee Disciples!



Baptismal Anniversaries

February 4 Rebecca Gerard
 8 Jamie Franczyk
 9 Connie Juden
 23 – Kyrie Scott
 23 – Lydika Scott
 23 – Deklan Scott
 29 Kim Bibler



February Anniversaries

Feb. 4 Bernie and Phyllis Schaaf



INCLUDE THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The following people are experiencing health problems:

Michael Drummond – Lupus
Rev. Mark Grunst of Billings who has Lewy Body disease
Connie Juden
Rev. Erich Kaelberer – ALS
Gary Lindstrand
Ed and Sarah Ostlund, in assisted living in Billings
Becky Schlund, MS
Steven Schlund, Parkinson's
Christine Wallace, former LWML Montana District president, final stages of cancer

Ushers for February

7 Tyler Denning
 Arnie Gidlow
 14 Pat Lewis
 Kevin Aguiar
 21 Greg Franczyk
 Arnie Gidlow
 28 James Onstad
 Lyle Onstad

Life Quotes from Lutherans For Life

“God controlled your salvation from start to finish. He gave you faith in Baptism and strengthens faith through the Word. You can trust that He will continue to keep control of your life because you rest in the palm of His loving hand. Stand firm because God is in control.” *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

“If your boyfriend or girlfriend won't go to church with you while you are dating, he or she probably won't when you're married either. How long can you keep your faith life going if your spouse thinks praying, Bible reading, and churchgoing are stupid wastes of time? Abraham went to great lengths to find a believing wife for Isaac.” *Pastor Mark Jeske, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

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