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*And Jesus said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven." Luke 10:18*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter the month of February, many of the news stations and commentators are discussing the upcoming Super Bowl on Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup> where the Eagles will take on the Chiefs in what is being called a clash of the ages.

I bring this up because many in our world are looking forward to this clash to see who wins and that they may be crowned the champion.

The focus upon this clash brings another to my mind, the clash between satan and our Lord Jesus Christ. On paper it sounds like an epic clash, one that has the entirety of the cosmos, and their fate in the balance. The Father of Lies vs the Incarnate Son in a battle for the fate of the world.

The problem? This battle is not a battle. The fix is in. The victor has already been determined. How? Because a mere fallen angel cannot stand up to God in the flesh. Jesus says, I saw satan fall like lighting from heaven. Satan was defeated. His head was crushed when Jesus bore the sins of the world in His holy flesh and covered them with His holy and precious blood upon the cross.

Satan knows that he has been defeated. He has no power. That is why he tries his best to entice us away into temptation, that we may face the same fate that awaits him.

Yet, Jesus Christ has given us not only the victory over satan, but also the strength to resist. Whenever we hear or read God's Word, our faith is strengthened, satan flees, and we are constantly reminded of the great things our God has done for us.

Whether you are cheering on the Eagles, or the Chiefs, watching the Super Bowl just for the commercials, or not watching at all, always remember the greater battle that has been won on your behalf by Jesus Christ's death and resurrection from the dead.

Your Servant in Christ,  
Rev. Joshua Reinke

# J H A N K S JO

**Everyone** who donated baby items for the layettes that are taken to the hospital by Denise Combs.  
**Everyone** who made fleece and flannel blankets for Denise Combs' layettes.  
**Everyone** who helped take down the Christmas tree and decorations.  
**Val Martin, Tristin Reinke, and Gloria Creek** for playing the organ and piano during our worship services.  
**Kevin Aguiar** for overseeing the recording of our services each Sunday.  
**All those who volunteer to teach Sunday school and Bible class** on Sundays.  
**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

- ♥ **WOW!! Thank you to everyone who donated items** for the Baby Shower for Denise Combs who gives baby layettes to the mothers at Benefis who deliver babies but have no clothes in which to take them home. What a great number of gifts that were given! She is very thankful for our help and continued support of her endeavor!
- ♥ **We will have a planning meeting on Saturday, February 8 at 11 AM** to discuss the Parade of Tables. Please come and be a part of this exciting event!
- ♥ **The Parade of Tables is set for Saturday, March 8 from 11 AM to 1 PM.** It is a benefit for Echoz Pregnancy Center, with an ingathering and a tea party theme. If you want to host a table or help in anyway, please see Ruth Denning.
- ♥ **Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be Saturday, May 3 at 11 a.m. with a Bible study.** We need to establish a nominating committee for the elections at this meeting 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.

## 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 20**, and Fuddruckers will give 20% of your total ticket to Wee Disciples!

## Ash Wednesday and Lent Services

Ash Wednesday is March 5, 2025! Each Wednesday we will have potluck meals at 6 PM, followed by Lenten services at 7 PM. These services will be live streamed and interpreted. The theme is The Hand of the Lord. Lent devotion booklets will be available to enhance your Lenten meditations.



## Baptismal Anniversaries

February	4	Rebecca Gerard
	6	Aubree Mattson
	8	Jamie Franczyk
	9	Connie Juden
	11	Emma Doscher
	28	Charity Mattson
	29	Kim Bibler



### INCLUDE THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The following people are experiencing health problems:

**Ben Aagaard** – 12 year old with liver cancer  
**Marylan Dallum** – health issues - Fort Benton  
**Jody Decker** – health issues - Fort Benton  
**Michael Drummond** – Lupus  
**Rev. Mark Grunst** of Billings who has Lewy Body disease  
**Connie Juden** – Health issues  
**Rev. Erich Kaelberer** – ALS  
**Bruce Kempf** – health issues  
**Eloise Morehead** – health issues  
**Becky Schlund** - MS  
**Steven Schlund** – Parkinsons  
**Rev. John Vallie** – Alzheimer's Disease

### Ushers for February

2	Lyle and Andrew Onstad
9	Arnie Gidlow Kevin Aguiar
16	Jeff Blomgren Brian Mittledter
23	Mitch and Taylor Martin

### Ladies Friday Bible study Update

February comes with hearts, flowers, chocolates, and sweet sentiments. Snowclad mountains beckon those who enjoy winter sports to get out the sleds, skis, snowboards, and snowmobiles. Seed catalogs in the mail have gardeners thinking of spring in spite of the frosty days.

Ladies Friday Bible Class will resume, meeting at the home of Marge Johnsten, 3000 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue South from 1-3pm on February 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. The group will begin a new study of the book of Ecclesiastes.

Plan to join them for a warm afternoon of fellowship and study. Chocolates, too...

The Assisted Living Ministry will bring hymn singing and a devotion at the following locations. On Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> they will be at Highgate Senior Living, 3000 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, from 1:30-2:30pm.

Before the Highgate event the no host lunch will gather at 11:45am at El Comedor, 1120 25<sup>th</sup> Street South. Pastor Reinke will provide a worship service at The Lodge, 1801 9<sup>th</sup> Street South, on Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm. He will do a service at Highgate on Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm. Join the members from Trinity, Peace, and Christ Lutheran for the Deaf at these senior living facilities. They will be delighted to see you for worship!

For God so loVed the world  
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but havE everlasting life.

(John 3:16, NKJV)

THE PURIFICATION OF MARY AND PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD - (2 February 2025)

1 Samuel 1:21–28; Hebrews 2:14–18; Luke 2:22–32 (33–40)

God Gives the Gift of a Child to Destroy Death

The Lord opened the barren womb of Hannah and gave her the gift of the son for whom she prayed, and in grateful response she presented and gave the child, Samuel, to the Lord's service. "As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD" (1 Sam. 1:28). So, too, did Mary and Joseph present the Child promised from the fall, born of a virgin's womb. The true offering wasn't the turtledoves or young pigeons. It was the Child they carried. This Child has come to "destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery" (Heb. 2:14b–15). Set free by His advent in our flesh and the promise of what He would do "in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people" (Heb. 2:17b), Simeon and Anna rejoiced. We also rejoice, for we, too, can face death unafraid and "depart in peace" (Luke 2:29) when our time comes.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY - (9 February 2025)

Isaiah 6:1–8 (9–13); 1 Corinthians 14:12b–20; Luke 5:1–11

Jesus Comforts His People and Builds Up His Church by the Ministry of His Gospel

When Isaiah "saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up," he was overcome with an awareness of his sin and "unclean lips" (Is. 6:1, 5). But the Lord atoned for his sin, took away his guilt and sanctified his lips with "a burning coal" from the altar (Is. 6:6–7). Not only was he rescued from death, but he was called and sent as a prophet of the Lord's Word (Is. 6:8–9). Similarly, when Simon Peter and his companions "enclosed a large number of fish" at the Word of Jesus, he humbled himself and said, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man" (Luke 5:4–8). But Jesus comforted Simon, called him to discipleship and declared that he would be "catching men" (Luke 5:10–11). So in the Office of the Ministry, the Church remains the little boat from which Jesus teaches His people (Luke 5:3). Thus are we instructed in the faith, so that we say "Amen" and return thanks with heart, mind, tongue and life. For the preaching of Christ Jesus is a manifestation of the Holy Spirit, by which He builds up His Church on earth (1 Cor. 14:12–19).

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY - (16 February 2025)

Jeremiah 17:5–8; 1 Corinthians 15:(1–11) 12–20; Luke 6:17–26

Christians Live by Faith in Christ and Rejoice in the Promise of His Resurrection

"Cursed is the man who trusts in man," for all the strength of his flesh is like the grass that fades away (Jer. 17:5). The one who turns away from the Lord may have food for now, but he "shall mourn and weep" in the judgment (Luke 6:24–25). But "the man who trusts in the LORD" is blessed with all that he needs, "like a tree planted by water." When heat comes, he survives (Jer. 17:7–8). For the Lord has come in the flesh to heal the people of all their diseases, to cleanse their spirits with forgiveness, and to preach the Gospel of the kingdom of God to the poor (Luke 6:18–20). As all of this is by way of His cross, it is solely by faith in the promise of His resurrection that Christians "rejoice" and "leap for joy" (Luke 6:21–23). "If Christ has not been raised," our faith is in vain and we are most to be pitied (1 Cor. 15:14–19). But, in fact, just as "Christ died for our sins," so has He also "been raised from the dead" (1 Cor. 15:3, 20).

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY - (23 February 2025)

Genesis 45:3–15; 1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42; Luke 6:27–38

As the Son of God Is Merciful and Forgives Your Sins, You Also Be Merciful and Forgive Your inheritance as a child of Adam is sin and death, but in Christ you are made alive through His resurrection from the dead (1 Cor. 15:21–22). As you have died with Him in Holy Baptism, so are you raised with Him to newness of life. Therefore, "do not go on sinning" (1 Cor. 15:34). Instead of serving your desires and harming your neighbors, live as "sons of the Most High," and "be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:35–36). Deal with others as you would have others deal with you (Luke 6:31, 37–38). As Christ loved you when you were at enmity with Him, as He blessed and prayed for those who abused Him, and as He did good to those who hated Him and hurt Him, so also "love your enemies, do good" (Luke 6:27–29, 35). For God sent His Son to bear the cross and suffer death, not to condemn the guilty, but "to preserve life." So does He provide a place for you within His Church, where He is near and deals kindly with "you and your children and your children's children" (Gen. 45:5–10).