



# The Monthly Herald

## March 2025

*Nevertheless I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory.*

*Psalm 73:23-24*

*What a bold statement Asaph makes in this Psalm, he is always with God and God is holding his right hand. What a wonderful sentiment, what a wonderful feeling to know that God is always around. It is comforting to know that God is ever present guiding and leading us. Now there are multiple ways that this statement is true. In the one sense, of course God is always with us for he is everywhere. The confirmation kids had to learn the Greek word for this- omnipresent. He is so great and vast that no one can hide from his presence he is there no matter where we are. This is true of the believer and the unbeliever alike. However, I am not sure that this is what Asaph had in mind when he wrote this. Rather he wrote of God being more intimately with him.*

*When you get on a plane with your family you are with a lot of people. However though you are on the plane with them, you are not with them in the same way you are with your family. You may, and should, help the person put their luggage in the bin, and be cordial and polite with the other passengers. But the moment you get off the plane those other people you are with are out of your mind, even though you were going to the same destination. But the family that you boarded with is still with you. You make sure that your kids are entertained and their needs are taken care of. You make sure everyone in your family gets off and on the plane carefully. You journey from the plane to your next destination together. You have conversations and you laugh together, they are the ones that you are with even if there are other people around. This is the relationship Asaph was speaking of with God.*

*We are with God far more intimately than just him being around like strangers on the plane. We are with him as members of his family. Though even family members become separated through moving, different activities and the like, God is always with us. We receive him in the Lord's Supper, and he dwells in our hearts wherever we may go. He guides and counsels us with his word, and he holds us when we need a moment of comfort. Romans 8 tells us that nothing can separate us from the Love of the Lord our God. This Psalm shows us that not even death can separate us from him. For after the time of walking in this earth is over, he will still receive us into his glory. Then we will see him with our own eyes, and we will never doubt his presence again.*

*Therefore no matter what you are doing, or where you are journeying, trust that the Lord is always with you. He is not just present, but actually with you giving you all that you need. And he always will be.*

*Pastor Josh*





## **LENT BEGINS MARCH 5**

**OUR THEME: THE HAND OF THE LORD**



Whether tightening a bolt, crocheting, or typing on a computer, there is so much that we do with our hands. The Greek physician Galen called them the instrument of instruments. Indeed, hands are instruments that can do a great deal of things. Hands can be used to heal or hurt, work or wreck, build or break, seize or surrender, and on and on. Hands are so often central to the ways we interact with the world that they have also become figurative symbols of power, control, craftsmanship, and possession. We daily speak of hands in many phrases, such as “Lend a hand,” “Things are out of hand,” “Working together hand in glove,” and “Close at hand.” Moreover, in our modern era of robotic, machine, and computer processing, adding “hand” as a prefix to many words can often communicate something that is personal and intentional. It is no surprise that mentions of hands appear all over the Bible as God’s Word speaks to us in ways that we can understand. All things are the work of the hand of the Lord (Psalm 102:25). The Lord’s hand is referred to over two hundred times in the Old Testament. The Lord’s hand is active in creation, power, control over happenings of the world, judgment, and salvation. The hand of the Lord was upon Ezekiel when He gave him a vision (Ezekiel 3:22), and the hand of the Lord was against the Philistines in the days of Samuel (1 Samuel 7:13). The hand of the Lord is both Law and Gospel. Plan to join our midweek worship services to grow in knowing, trusting, and believing all that has been done by “The Hand of the Lord.”

### ***Wednesday Lenten Worship***

***10:00am & 6:00pm***

*March 5: The Hand of the Lord Who Freely Gives*

*March 12: The Hand of the Lord Who Creates and Saves*

*March 19: The Hand of the Lord Who Casts Out Demons*

*March 26: The Hand of the Lord Who Heals the Sick*



Join us as each Wednesday in Lent for Dinner!  
Beginning March 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:45pm in the Fellowship Hall.

March 12

Homemade Chicken Soup  
Assorted Rolls w Butter  
Hotdogs  
Fresh Veggies  
Dessert

March 19 (Spring Break)

Sloppy Joes  
Fritos/Chips  
Fresh Veggies  
Dessert

March 26

Brats, Hotdogs  
Macaroni and Cheese  
Baked Beans  
Fresh Veggies  
Dessert

April 2

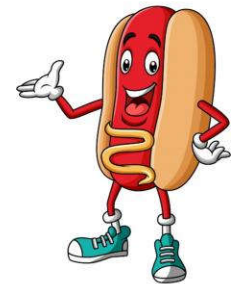
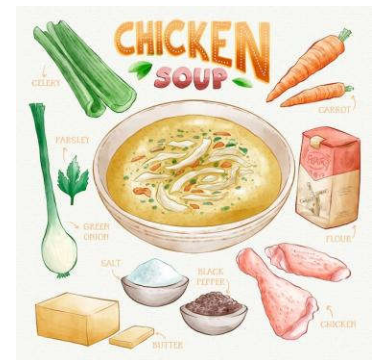
Chicken Enchilada Soup  
Nachos  
Fruit Salad  
Dessert

April 9

Cheeseburgers/Hamburgers  
Pasta Salad  
Fresh Veggies  
Dessert

Kids meals available weekly .  
All meals served with milk and juice.

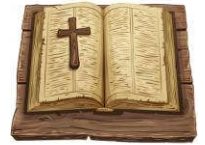
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# Bible Studies

## Sunday Morning Bible Class: 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall

How do we live together in Christian community? Is there clear guidance in the Holy Scriptures? The answer is: "Absolutely YES!" In the month of March we will continue our sessions on "Nurturing Your Faith: Life Together," which gives us focus and clarity on how we are to live together as the family of God. After we finish the Lutheran Hour Ministry sessions, we will have a couple of Bible study sessions to wrap up the topic. We meet in the fellowship hall at 9:15 each Sunday. Please come and invite others to come with you. Hope to see you there.



## Thursday Morning Bible Class: 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall

Thursday Morning Bible Study- We are continuing the book of 1 Corinthians. March will begin with an examination of Chapter 13 which speaks of the importance of Love in all that we do. Then Chapter 14 is a further examination of the gifts of the Spirit, particularly of prophecy and tongues. Finally in Chapter 15 we will see how the Resurrection is the center of the entire Christian life. Please join us at 10:00 if you are available!

## Men's Bible Breakfast

"The he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.'" "On the third day . . . ." Have you ever pondered why the third day? There are several "third day" passages in the Scriptures and in a deep, sublime way they connect to the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. So, for the next three months we will be having a study of these "third day" passages, growing our faith and giving us greater appreciation of Jesus' resurrection and all that it means for us.

In March we meet on the 8<sup>th</sup> and the 22<sup>nd</sup>. All men are welcome to join up with the class at any time, but starting a new study is a great time to join us. We meet shortly before 7am, have some great fellowship, a wonderful breakfast, and then a time of prayer and study of God's Word. The 79<sup>th</sup> street doors are the entrance to use.



**Youth**



**March Youth Event**

March 23rd Lord of the Rings Movie Day! We are continuing the Lord of the Rings trilogy with the Two Towers Sunday March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 at Pastor Josh's house! Boys bring snacks, girls bring drinks. Let Pastor Josh know if you can make it!

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## Ladies Groups

### Widows Lunch

All widows in the congregation are invited to lunch at Mo's Irish Pub (10842 W. Bluemound Rd – Wauwatosa) on March 12<sup>th</sup> after our 10:00am Lenten service.



### Quilter's Patch

The year just marches on and so does our little band of sewers. We can always use another set of hands to help us. Our group meets on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Mondays at 9:00am until 11:30am. Below are the dates during March thru May we will meet in the fellowship hall.

March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>

April 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>

May 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

If you have any questions regarding the quilting group, please contact Dawn Ziolecki at 414-841-6097 or via email at [dzwolf2012@gmail.com](mailto:dzwolf2012@gmail.com)

### Ladies Guild

*God Bless You.*

I am totally blown away by the generosity of the folks in our congregation. A total of \$2,466.52 was collected for A Place of Refuge (Baby Bottles). This far exceeds our goal of \$1,700. You also donated lots of hats, scarves and mittens for Hope Lutheran Church.

Our next meeting will be March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. We will be discussing the zone spring rally, and the other exciting things happening with LWML.

For additional information you can contact Dawn Ziolecki at cell, text, 414-841-6097

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# Sharing God's Bounty

## What Have I Done for Him?

Lent is a season in the church year during which we particularly focus on the sacrifice Jesus made for us to pay the debt we owed for our sin. We know there is no way we can pay the debt ourselves. Only the sinless Son of God could do that. We have access to heaven only by grace through faith in Christ Jesus.

While we cannot repay Jesus for what he has done for us, his love does require a response. Paul, speaking of our ministry of reconciliation, wrote, *"For Christ's love compels us . . ."* (2 Corinthians 5:14). We remain on earth to carry out the tasks which Christ left for us to do: to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and visit the prisoner, (Matthew 25:31-46). James admonished us that *". . . faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead"* (James 2:17). We provide the funds that support our pastors, teachers, and missionaries. Again, we can quote Paul writing in 1 Corinthians 9:11-12. *"If we have sown spiritual seed among you, is it too much if we reap a material harvest from you? If others have this right of support from you, shouldn't we have it all the more?"* Certainly each of us is addressed by the Great Commission: *"Go and make disciples of all nations . . ."* (Matthew 28:19). The following words from Frances Ridley Havergal are a poignant reminder that Christ's love and sacrifice for us require a response:

*Thy life was given for me, Thy Blood, O Lord, was shed  
That I might ransomed by, and quickened from the dead.  
Thy life was given for me, What have I given for Thee?  
And Thou hast brought to me Down from Thy home above  
Salvation full and free, Thy pardon and Thy love.  
Great gifts Thou broughtest me, What have I brought to Thee?*

We are saved by grace through faith for works. Let us pray for the desire to be good stewards of the gifts of salvation, health and wealth, and time and opportunity which God has given us that we might have a part in the furthering of God's kingdom.

*We need not give up the pleasures and luxuries of this life. God does not call us to be ascetics, but he does call us to a right sense of proportion in administering our substance.*

*The question is: "If I have this for myself, then what should I do for God?" This is the question into which the whole matter of stewardship resolves itself.*



The counsel of the LORD stands forever,  
the plans of His heart to all generations.  
Psalm 33:11

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### **South Wisconsin District Financial Aid applications are due May 15.**

Anyone attending a Concordia University or Seminary, is a member of an LCMS congregation in the SWD and is preparing to be a full-time church worker (pastor, teacher, deaconess, DCE/DCO, DFLM, DPM, lay minister) is encouraged to apply. There are two applications required (District Financial Aid Application and Personal Aid Application). Both are available on the SWD website – [www.swd.lcms.org/AID](http://www.swd.lcms.org/AID).

## Music Notes

I love the hymns of Lent. They're so rich, reminding me of the sinner I am in need of mercy and how great is the love and sacrifice of Jesus. They help me to focus on what's really important.

One of my former pastors suggested that instead of giving up something for Lent, to adopt a new practice. How about this Lent getting to church just a little earlier and reading through a Lenten hymn as a prayer, as preparation for worship? You may discover riches in the hymnal you didn't even know were there. In any case, this practice will surely bless you. Below are just a few hymns to consider.



**A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth** (LSB 438) shows a beautiful conversation between the Father and the Son about their love and plan for us. So often in Lent we think of all that Jesus has done for us, and rightly so. But it's good to also consider the love the Father shows for us in Lent.

We can never thank Jesus sufficiently, but in **Christ the Life of All the Living** (LSB 420) we acknowledge that He deserves "thousand, thousand thanks." Let your heart overflow with thankfulness for all He has done.

**On My Heart Imprint Your Image** (LSB 422) is short and could be used as a daily prayer.



**O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken** (LSB 439) has 15 beautiful verses. You could meditate on one each morning and evening for a week and still have an extra one for Sunday.

There are so many hymns with so many meaningful verses that we fill up a whole newsletter with just them. Take the time to sift through the Lenten section of the hymnal in the next six weeks and find some of these treasures.

To close, I love verse 5 of **O Sacred Head, Now Wounded** (LSB 450), which makes a great prayer:

What language shall I borrow To thank Thee, dearest Friend  
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?  
O make me Thine forever! An should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never Outlive me love for Thee.



**Many thanks to the musicians from Martin Luther High School for the wonderful music they provided on March 2!**

*Deaconess Carole*

**Lutheran Schools Night**, Saturday, April 5

Join us for a night of family fun as the Milwaukee Brewers take on the Cincinnati Reds, 6:10 PM. You can use the link below to order tickets online, selecting the sections/seats from the Loge Outfield/Infield Box, Field Infield Box or Terrace Box/Infield. Tickets range from \$17.50-\$67. They can also purchase a parking pass in advance. General Parking is \$16 and Preferred Parking is \$21, in advance. For groups of 10+, please contact Teddy with the Brewers at 414-902-4657.

<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Lutheranschools25>





Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ, you are invited to join me (on my 27<sup>th</sup> tour of the Holy Land Nour Tour.) A native of Israel, born in Nazareth, on a Journey to the Holy Land for an experience of a lifetime to visit Israel for a spiritual NOUR-ishment. **We will depart from Chicago on August 4 and return on August 16, 2025.**

During this 13-day NOUR TOUR, you will experience the life of the land in new ways – sounds, smells, and sights of two civilizations the and the new. You will stand at the crossroads of history- HIS STORY and know the vibrant influence of how this land shapes all other lands; but more importantly your heart will be renewed, refreshed and rejuvenated with the love and truth of Holy Scripture.

Along the way you will....

- Walk where Jesus walked
- Cruise the Sea of Galilee
- Climb the Mount of Olives
- See the Old City of Jerusalem
- Visit Tabgha, the site of the miracle of the Loaves and Fishes
- Visit the Mount of Beatitudes
- Visit the site of the Sermon on the Mount and where Jesus chose the 12 disciples
- Walk the Via Dolorosa (Road of suffering) to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.
- Stroll the Garden of Gethsemane
- Visit Bethlehem and the Church of the Nativity – the birth place of the God-Man Jesus Christ.
- And much, much more!

On this journey you will learn of the three “Cs”: *Context* is **king**, 2. *Culture* is **queen** and 3. *Christ* is the **CENTER!** We will do more than just visit sights. We will go off the beaten path and have personal and daily devotions and be spiritually NOUR-ished. The Bible will be our map and guide. Experience the Holy Land – a place like no other. Please join me on this blessed adventure. The **price is \$5,190.00** p/p including: air fare from Chicago to Tel Aviv and back to Chicago, hotel accommodations (for double occupancy) tips, entry fees and all meals.

For further information contact:

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**OKLAHOMA AVENUE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD**  
5335 W. Oklahoma Ave.—Milwaukee, WI 53219



**JOB TITLE: Church Secretary**

**GENERAL JOB DESCRIPTION:** A part-time position in which one is responsible in general, regarding the church, and in particular, through coordination with the Pastor(s), for matters pertaining to: communication to the church, scheduling, preparing approved worship materials, attendance, church membership, the office setting, and other miscellaneous needs from the Pastor(s) or church officers.

**MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Format and print all regular and special worship service bulletins
- Copy and print large print hymns
- Create and print monthly calendars
- Update online calendars
- Record weekly attendance at the worship services and Bible studies
- Answer phone calls, respond to voicemails, check church email
- Order office supplies (ex. paper, pens envelopes, etc.)
- Update Shepherd's staff and membership information (birthdays, anniversaries, deaths, addresses)
- Provide information from Shepherd's staff to the Elders (changes in membership due to transfers, deaths, confirmations, moves, total number of members, etc.)
- Be on call and collect money for hall rental

**MINOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Print sign-up sheets for the bulletin boards
- Organize and mail donation and hall thank-you letters
- Call shut-ins to schedule visits
- Any calls, mailings, or other miscellaneous needs falling under this job description and as needed by the Pastor(s) or church officers
- Proofread any church documents as requested by Pastor(s) and/or church officers

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

Must be a practicing Christian who submits to the authority of the Scriptures as the inerrant and infallible Word of God.

**KEY COMPETENCIES**

- Familiar with Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod worship resources (LSB, Altar Book, Agenda/Pastoral Care Companion, etc.)
- Understands the pattern of worship and activity in this congregation
- Able to use Word and QuickBooks proficiently
- Able to operate phone lines and email accounts proficiently

**SUPERVISION:** Any questions concerning the duties of the Church Secretary should be directed to the Pastor(s) of this congregation.

**HOURS:** Must hold office hours as listed in the bulletin and approved by the Pastor(s). In the event of an emergency, the Pastor(s) and/or President must be notified.

**TERMINATION:** Employee's employment pursuant to this document may be terminated due to repeated failure to perform the duties and responsibilities of this position.

**PROCEDURE FOR GRIEVANCES:** The Church Secretary would report any grievances in the following order: Pastor(s), President of the Congregation, Parish Planning Council, Voters' Assembly.

**APPROVAL:** Since this is a paid position of the church and many duties of this position pertain to matters concerning worship, any applicant for this position will be approved by the Voters' Assembly, the Parish Planning Committee, and the Pastor(s).



# TRINITY EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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