



The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are the most significant events in the history of the world. These moments comprise the salvation of mankind. For this reason, we do well during Lent to think about not only Christ's death and resurrection, but on all the events that led up to holy weekend.

To that end, our Lenten theme for our evening services will be "An Explanation of the History of the Suffering and Death of our Lord Jesus Christ." This series will be loosely based on sermons given by the great Lutheran theologian of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, Johann Gerhard. We will have our regular Ash Wednesday service, and then for the next five weeks we will explore our theme in five acts:

- Act I:** The history of the matters which took place in the garden on the Mount of Olives
- Act II:** The history of the matters which have to do with Jesus before the council at the house of the high priest Caiaphas
- Act III:** The history of the affairs of Christ before Governor Pilate
- Act IV:** Encompassing the history of the crucifixion of Christ
- Act V:** The history of the burial of Christ

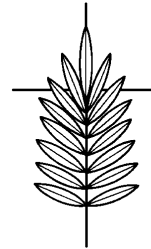
With each successive week, we will look deeper into each phase than we have previously, fleshing out the significance of each story and what role it plays in the history of our salvation and our lives as Christians.

I encourage you to use this time to dig deeply into the Word of God this Lenten season, and join us for both Sunday and Wednesday evening services this year. Make this a time of spiritual renewal by hearing God's call to repentance, and surrendering everything to the mercy of God in Jesus Christ. In Him, there is peace, and life, and joy. My family and I look forward to seeing you there!

**Pastor Killian**

***Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Christ Alone, Scripture Alone, and to God Alone be the Glory!"***

**Worship Schedule: *Sundays @ 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.***  
Holy Communion is served every Sunday.



**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**FEBRUARY 10, JOIN US FOR WORSHIP at 7:00 p.m.**  
Every Wednesday after Ash Wednesday will be Lenten Worship at 7:00 p.m.

**Chili supper on Ash Wednesday:** As the season of Lent begins, midweek services and congregational potlucks will also begin. Services will be each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. till Holy week. Meals will start on Ash Wednesday, February 10 at 5:30-6:30 p.m. The first week the menu will be chili. Please sign up for food and talk to Kie or Jill if you have menu ideas. We may just have a potluck each week if no one suggests ideas. Join us each week for food, fellowship and worship as we follow the road of suffering our Lord endured out of great love for us----- sinners

### Bible Study Schedule

You are encouraged to join us for Bible study on:  
**Sundays 9:15 a.m.:** Join us for something new in the adult Bible class this winter!  
**Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.:** Isaiah  
**Office hours:**  
 Monday- Friday 9:00 a.m. to noon  
 Pastor's hours Tuesday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

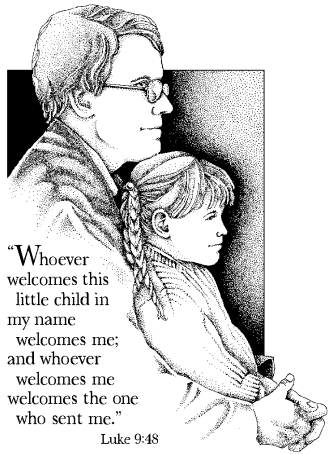
**Pastor's phone # 269-0336**

**Web site:** [www.faihtupontherock.com](http://www.faihtupontherock.com) Check it out. If you have ideas of things you would like to see on it, send them to Kie.

**CANCELLATIONS DUE TO BAD WEATHER** will be on KWWL TV. If the weather is bad and you wonder if we are having church, watch for it on KWWL or [www.KWWL.com](http://www.KWWL.com) click on weather then cancellations. If church is cancelled, both services will be cancelled. Wednesday night classes are cancelled if schools close.

## CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

We know children can be a handful in a worship service. We believe God wants your children to be part of the worship time and so do we.



"Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me."

Luke 9:48

You can begin training them as soon as they can sit by themselves. To help you, here are some suggestions. First - Worship with them, teaching them the pattern of worship. Folding hands during prayers is a good place to begin and standing when the congregation does. As they get older teach them to follow the service in the hymnal or with a large print bulletin. Teach them the hymns so they can sing with you. During the sermon, let them color or play quietly.

And finally – they are children and will not be perfect. We expect an occasional "melt down" so hang in there. There is a cry room where you can sit and listen to the service till your child calms down. You can take your bulletin with you and follow along and you can even see the service through the large window looking in to the sanctuary.

**VOTERS' MEETING:** At the January Voters' meeting, the 2016 Budget was finalized and passed and the Financial Secretary and Treasurer's report were presented and reviewed. We are supporting our obligations and mortgage and will be working on other Stewardship areas in the coming months. Pray and consider how you can help with VBS this year, themed Barnyard Roundup. The Trustees have completed the new floors in classrooms and are reviewing continuing issues with our parking lot.

We will be celebrating Pastor Killian's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination on July 24<sup>th</sup> with a special afternoon service and guest preacher, Rev. Harold Senkbeil. Fellowship and potluck will follow the service.

**HOSPITAL STAY-** Pastor Killian does make it a priority to visit the hospitals. However, the hospital will not call us to let us know when one of our members is admitted. If you know ahead of time that you are going to be hospitalized, please indicate that on your record of fellowship or speak with Pastor Killian. If you are admitted suddenly, call or have a friend or relative call the church office for you.



## Choir Continues to prepare for Easter!

Choir practices to prepare for Lent/Easter are on Thursdays at 6:30. Anyone interested in singing with the choir is welcome to join us!

- Pam Woolery

## OFFICIAL ACTS in January

**Births:** to Rachel Clark, baby boy, M.J. on December 25;  
to Rhonda McBride, baby girl, Grace, on January 23

**Profession of faith:** Audrey Hilmer and Randy Hakes, 1/22

**Release:** Rob & Katrina Klingenberg family, at their request 1/14

## Remember Our Shut-Ins:

Steve Boyken and Kathy Boyken,  
Sunset Nursing, 235 N Mill St., P.O Box 383, Denver, IA  
50622, Kathy: 984-5092

Rande Galle, 425 Allen St. #215, Waterloo 50701

Jennifer Holman, 2204 Rainbow Dr. Waterloo, 50701

Leona Jeanne Perkins, 203 Lake St., Cedar Falls 50613

Geneva Wardius, 707 5<sup>th</sup> St, PO Box 26, Dike IA 50624

## CHURCH LIBRARY and Cry Room

All the magazines that used to be on the table in the hallway are now on the shelves in the library.

There are also many pamphlets written by the late Dr. A.L. Barry.

These pamphlets cover many topics that you may have questions about. Please stop in and browse. You can take the pamphlets for yourself and

also to share with friends that may have questions.



**WOMEN OF FAITH** Did not meet in January. Our February meeting is on Tuesday, the 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The Hostess is Diane High and she will lead a Bible study, "Am I my Brother's Keeper?" on Genesis 4:9

## CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTER

### for the BLIND

Our dinner in January was on the 16<sup>th</sup>, a very cold day! We had the turkey dinner we had planned for November. It was delicious, thank you so much, Jill, for cooking. Jill had helpers in the kitchen, Ann Wiechert, Diane High, Noreen Purcell. Pastor and Kenny Maas did the driving. We are so thankful for everyone that stepped up to help as some of our regulars were not able to be there. Please contact Kie Maas, 231-5711, Jill Killian, 610-4148, or Noreen Purcell, 230-8786, if you would like to be a part of this outreach ministry.



Orphan Grain Train  
Central Iowa Branch  
302 Bevin St., Clemons, Iowa 50051

## ISLAM AND YOU

The Lutheran Laymen's League of Iowa District East holds an annual convention each year. This year, it will be held on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, at King of Kings Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids. Our guest speaker will be Cynthia Khan, a director at POBLO, the RSO that focuses its ministry to the Muslims in the Detroit area. She will be sharing the impact that ISLAM is having on our culture and how it is directly influencing Christians here in eastern Iowa.

**Who:** The speaker has requested that only Christian believers be invited to this presentation.

**What:** Speaker and Lunch, \$20 in advance and \$23 at the door

**When:** March 12 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Where:** King of Kings Lutheran Church,  
3275 N. Center Point Rd. Cedar Rapids

**How:** Register by March 5 with Dick at  
[rahoelz@imonmail.com](mailto:rahoelz@imonmail.com),

Or call 319-363-1214

See posters on bulletin board for more information



**YOUTH GROUP** All youth are welcome to join the fun in playing games, eating treats, laughing in fellowship, helping others, and reading/discussing the Word of God on issues that matter most to young adults. Youth Group will meet Wednesdays the 10<sup>th</sup> and the 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m..

## CONFIRMATION AND WEEKDAY CLASSES

Confirmation classes continue as usual in their catechism study and preparation for confirmation in the spring. The younger classes resumed the end of January. A review and continued study of the Lord's Prayer will be the focus as well as memorizing the books of the New Testament. Class time will be the same: 5:30-6:45 p.m. and Lenten services will begin at 7:00 p.m. starting with Ash Wednesday, February 10. We will also be learning about the season of Lent, Palm Sunday, Holy Week and the events leading to Easter. Join the students as they learn about the changes seen in the church during this season; colors, banners, music, liturgy, readings. Prepare together and understand the faith we believe and confess.

*"O Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells." Psalm 26:8*

**If you are interested in a meal before classes during Lent**, (February-March) **please let Vickey Smith know**. Volunteers will be needed to do this: prepare, serve and clean up.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

February brings our focus on our next church season, Lent. Ash Wednesday, on the 10<sup>th</sup>, will begin the journey to the cross for Jesus. We look at our sin and the great love He has for us. The promised Savior from Bethlehem is sacrificed for our sins. What greater love can there be? Much more than the love that is simply expressed by many during another more advertised holiday this month. Let our hearts and minds dwell on Jesus' love, given freely and willingly to us undeserving, miserable sinners. Now that is **real love**, unconditional!

*"... Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friend." John 15: 12, 13*

### Lessons for Pre-K through Middle School:

February 7: Moses and the burning bush, Exodus 2:11-4:31

February 14: Moses and the Plagues, Exodus 5-10

February 21: The Passover, Exodus 11-12

February 28: Crossing the Red Sea, Exodus 13:27-15:21

Join us for openings or class each Sunday at 9:15 as we praise God in music and learn from His Word the faith we confess and believe. Classes are offered for the youngest to adult.



We continue to uplift **three missionary families** spreading God's love and forgiveness to the world. Please pray and consider financially supporting the Rev. David Preus and family in the Dominican Republic, Rev. Micah Wildauer and family in Togo, and David Federwitz and family in Ghana.

**Also check out their Websites:** [lcms.org/Wildauer](http://lcms.org/Wildauer), [lcms.org/Preus](http://lcms.org/Preus), and [LBT.org](http://LBT.org) (Federwitz)

There are newsletters from all three Missionary families on the bulletin board.

*"Whoever serves Me must follow Me, and where I am, My servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves Me"*  
John 12:26

## "The First Rosa" movie

In early 2016, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is releasing a complimentary DVD copy of "The First Rosa" to each LCMS congregation, along with downloadable Bible study and Sunday school lessons available at [lcms.org/thefirstrosa](http://lcms.org/thefirstrosa).

Born to an ordinary life in an ordinary town in rural Alabama, Rosa J. Young was anything but ordinary. She played an instrumental role in the founding and development of 30 Lutheran elementary schools and 35 Lutheran congregations throughout Alabama's Black Belt region. With a passion for helping others, educating children and sharing the Gospel, she accomplished extraordinary things for her community and the kingdom of God.

## So many people do so much

around our church that may go unnoticed. Here are some things that have been noticed:



- John Dalluge, Jim Dalluge, Kenny Maas, and Mike Smith for installing new flooring in the classrooms.
- Thank You to everyone that helped with the Blind Outreach.
- Thank you to Bobby Hinz for hanging pictures in Pastor's office.
- Thank you to Deb Smith for ordering and watering the poinsettias.

If you have noticed something or someone that should be recognized, please notify Kie in the office, [faithluth@aol.com](mailto:faithluth@aol.com)

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR DECEMBER

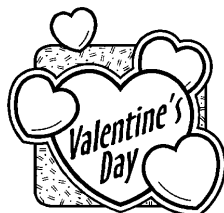
### Giving back as we've been blessed!

Total undesignated income	\$25,069.21
Required to meet budget	\$13,875.68
Status (offerings compared to budget)	+ \$11,193.53
Year To Date	+\$24,421.24

**Do you have information** that you would like to share with the congregation? Please bring it or e-mail it to the office, **Faithluth@aol.com**, by **February 19** to be included in the March Newsletter.

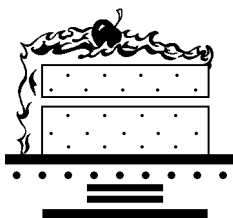
## February Anniversaries

- 3 Sandy & Joe Warmuth
- 7 Rande & Sandy Galle (46)
- 14 Dennis & Toni Hilmer (6)
- 20 Danny & Heather Galle (23)



## February Birthdays

- 3 Aaron Elbert, Megan Galle, Katie Mason
- 5 Don Wiechert
- 7 Danielle Reiners
- 8 Charles Klima, Violet Wynstra
- 10 Jeremy Goebel
- 11 Sophia Killian, Trinity Killian
- 12 Paul Collins
- 13 Tina Chidester, Malina Chidester, Carter Goebel
- 16 Christine Preus
- 18 Skip Smith
- 20 Peter Beck
- 23 Tim Chilcote
- 27 Geraldine Mahnke
- 28 Jacob Hewitt



## The Lutheran Hour-

The Lutheran Hour can be heard each Sunday morning on the following stations:

- 6:30 a.m. on WMT 600 AM
- 7:30 a.m. on KCHA 1580 AM
- 8:00 a.m. on KWAY 1470 AM
- 5:30 a.m. on KXEL 1540 AM
- 7:30 a.m. on WHO 1040 AM

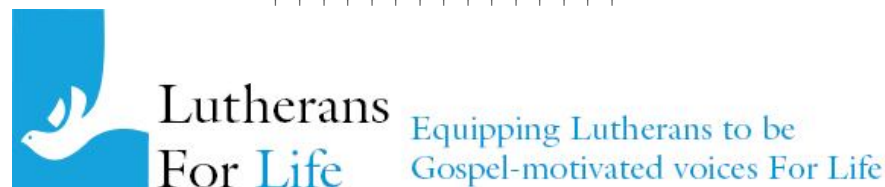
The Lutheran Hour also podcast their broadcast. For more information go to <http://www.lhm.org/podcasts>

February 7, "**It's Best to Be with Jesus** "  
 Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz  
 Life is not a do-it-yourself project. To live life to its fullest, we need Jesus. (Luke 9:28-36)

February 14, "**Call on Him** "  
 Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz  
 Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Everyone? Yes! (Romans 10:11-13 )

February 21, "**Body and Soul Salvation** "  
 Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz  
 In Christ, we have a "Body and Soul" Savior for "Jekyll and Hyde" sinners. (Philippians 3:17-4:1)

February 28, "**Follow Him** "  
 Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus  
 Is your life is headed in the wrong direction? Jesus says, "Follow Me!" (Matthew 9:9)



**ESSAY CONTEST** on SANCTITY of LIFE: For Students in Grades 6-12 (Any Lutheran Student or student in a Lutheran School) See contest Guidelines on the bulletin board. Cash prizes will be awarded!

**LIFE TEAM: Matthew 25:40** *"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'*

We are all "the least" in some ways and at some times, but the unborn, the sick and the elderly are at high risk every day! Please consider joining the LIFE TEAM. Contact Kie, 231-5711, for more information.

Our Life Team works together with Black Hawk Lutherans For Life and plans and organizes events to educate Lutherans on Life issues.

The FAITH LIFE TEAM will meet on February 3 at 6:00 p.m. to plan Trivia Night. Everyone is invited to join us.

